

Area delegate report/update for 3rd May 2025

Area delegate report/update: There hasn't been too much happening as the topics have not been released yet, and the deadline to submit topics is May the 1st, 2025. Also, a good suggestion is if you want to submit a topic, to have a group conscience on the topic first, or even take the topic to an area meeting for a discussion if you aren't sure about submitting it and it can always be sent next year.

We did have a delegate meeting online for a discussion and vote about increasing the conference for an extra half day. The additional cost of this was estimated to be \$5553 representing an additional conference levy amount of \$277.65 per area. It was pretty much a unanimous vote, with twenty people voting yes and one person abstaining. Since it is only once a year and the time needed to be extended to cover everything appropriately, I voted yes. It was also recommended based on the experience of others at the conference.

I was at the Sydney AA Convention and got to meet some of the other delegates and trustees and chatted with them. I also meet some people in PI and lots of people from WA. It apparently was the largest convention in Australia so far.

I want to mention this announcement through AA Australia and let members know to fill out the survey as it is important. It is a topic from last year. (See below) (I also have a written/printed version of the topic if anyone needs to know what it was again):

In response to Topic #015/2024, the Conference passed a motion that the Board investigates the appetite, mechanisms and potential implementation of uniting the general service and central service structures in Australia to uphold our primary purpose' and that a working group be created to begin this process.

The working group convened in January 2025 and has created a survey as its first measure in 'investigating the appetite' of the fellowship for unifying the two service structures.

In order to get an accurate representation of the conscience of our fellowship, it is important that this survey reaches as many people as possible. We are calling on you as trusted servants and as the mediators between our membership and the Board of AA, to distribute this survey as widely and effectively as possible.

I have completed the survey last week, and it was very easy. I also have the weblink if anyone would like it. <https://members.aa.org.au/have-your-say-today/>

There are a lot of AA volunteer positions available to help the suffering alcoholic, such as volunteer IT positions if you are good at IT and other positions. Go to AA Australia members if you would like to be of service and learn a lot at the same time.

There is also an alternate delegate position still available if anyone wants to learn a bit about it.

That is about it for now, and when the topics come out, they will be sent out to everyone. Hopefully we get a lot of groups to have their say, and thanks for letting me be of service.

Thanks, John R