

Presidents Report
GSA Board Meeting

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Hi everyone,

May felt like a busy time as I was finding my feet with this new service position. June brought in a natural hiatus and a welcomed space to breathe, contemplate and smell the roses.

I had the pleasure of several email exchanges with the GSR. I'd like to attend one of their upcoming meetings to get a better understanding of the good work they do and if or how I/we could support in any way.

Approving the book printing project in South Africa felt like a major step forward in carrying our message to those still suffering. This project could well be the spearhead to get literature into countries that face similar difficulties to South Africa.

I'd like to end with an invitation to ponder new ways in which we could carry our message. Tradition Five states, "We gather together for one purpose only: to provide a wellspring of hope for the hopeless." Are we sharing this message of hope? Are there new avenues we can explore to reach those still suffering?

Our Memorandum of Understanding outlines that part of the GSA's activities include "tracking the growth of ABA throughout the world... and ensuring the unity required for ABA's continued survival." Are we tracking the growth of ABA throughout the world? Are we growing as a fellowship? What's worked well in ABA and what areas we can improve on? What have our grandfathers in AA done that's worked and could we learn from their invaluable experience?

Food for thought.

I look forward to meeting with everyone on Sunday!

In service,
Kathryn