

**Presidents Report**  
GSA Board Meeting

15 September 2024

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Hi everyone,

Welcome back after what feels like an age since our last meeting!

During our time apart, an executive meeting was called to approve, in principle, the contract for the printing of the ABA Book in South Africa. The contract was thorough yet succinct- an excellent job by the literature committee! It was unanimously approved by the executive, and will need to be ratified at this board meeting. Please read the attached copy before the meeting.

I was reminded that we don't pay for the website and related services provided. This prompted me to review Tradition Seven, which clearly states, we are "fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions". "Outside", in my view, is outside the fellowship, therefore we cannot accept contributions from non-members i.e. people who don't consider themselves to have an eating disorder, who don't attend ABA meetings, and who aren't part of the ABA 12 Step Fellowship. The fellowship is not the GSA. If my understanding is correct, we will need to pay Tammie for her services. I'll add this to the agenda for discussion.

As a follow on from our last meeting, where we briefly discussed our GSA task of tracking the growth of ABA, I enquired how AA does it. Apparently they do a Membership Survey every 5 years. Thankfully we don't need to reinvent the wheel! We can simply do what our Grandfathers did. On Sunday, we can discuss any other ideas you may have for tracking growth.

There is much to discuss. As always, please read the committee reports before the meeting, so we can only look at questions put to the board. It will be lovely to hear about committee updates if there is time.

I look forward to meeting with everyone on Sunday!

In service,  
Kathryn