

Delegate's Report – 2025 4th Qtr Assembly

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 67.

Grapevine reported a net loss of \$240,908 for June 2025, with total circulation down by 2,492 compared to budget. Cost-cutting measures were implemented, including reduced print runs and fewer promotional mailings.

The GSO's unaudited financial results for May 31, 2025, showed total operating revenue of \$8,116,067, about 3% less than budgeted. Operating expenses were \$7,470,100, about 7% less than budgeted, resulting in an operating surplus before depreciation of \$645,967.

General Service Board approved a Reserve Fund drawdown of up to \$2,100,000 for the GSO retrofit and a drawdown of \$350,000 for Grapevine operations. The Reserve Fund is currently at \$11,941,173 with 6.42 months coverage of operating expenses. The impact of the drawdown would leave the Reserve Fund balance at \$9,491,173 with 5.10 months coverage of operating expenses.

The financial summary for the IC initially showed a surplus of approximately \$90,000, but a \$168,000 correction to literature sales resulted in a deficit of about \$78,000. Final invoices may slightly adjust the bottom line, but no material changes are expected.

The IC convention saw a substantial increase in GV app subscriptions, with 723 new active subscribers added.

On page 329 of the IC souvenir book the name Jerusalem appears with its corresponding flag. The correct country listing should have been Israel along with its flag. The original draft of the souvenir book from the 2020 International Convention included the same error, however, it was noticed and corrected before final publication. Unfortunately, when preparing the book for this year's convention, the writer began with the template from the original draft of the 2020 souvenir book rather than the final copy and our editors missed the error during their review. The GSB met with the Israeli structure and made direct amends. A replacement page can be ordered free of charge from the GSO if you would like to update your book.

The IC/RF committee discussed the inclusion of sovereign states' flags in the Flag Ceremony at international conventions. A subcommittee was appointed to explore the request for adding the Lord's Prayer back to the closing prayers for the International Convention.

The PI committee is exploring the possibility of a texting platform to enhance communication with members. There is a recognized need for a communication platform beyond email. The committee requested preliminary research on developing a texting platform from the GSO Technology Services Department.

Two subcommittees were appointed to focus on content and methodology for the 2026 Membership survey.

The Sharing from Behind the Walls newsletter will discontinue third-party printing due to high costs but will continue to produce physical versions for incarcerated members.

Any questions?