

POST-CONFERENCE REPORT BACK ASSEMBLY WAS HELD JUNE 14, 2014

The assembly was held this past weekend. Thanks to Districts 14 & 19 for putting so much hard work into hosting. We welcomed guests from Area 5 Thomas S./Area Secretary and Cesar from Area 9/Delegate and Joe from Area 9/Alternate Delegate. Thanks also to everyone that supported me in my first opportunity to provide a full General Service Conference Report on what I saw, heard, & felt.

Additional discussion on specific agenda items of concern to you or your group or your District:

****My report mostly covered the whole picture before and during the conference, going all the way back to the Pre-Conference preparation. The purpose for that is to provide information that is hard to get from reading agenda item outcomes only. While I got many positive responses from those new to the assembly on how the general report “humanized” the conference for them, others wished I had covered more detail on the agenda item discussion. There are still opportunities to cover more detail of the agenda items during District Post Conference Visits. I welcome invitations to your District, group, or business meeting to share more in as much or as little detail as you wish.** Next year I will take all input into consideration while forming my assembly presentation. My hope is that aside from assembly content, that we understand how powerful sharing with groups why we have General Service (page S-20 Service Manual) will make anything else reported to them make much more sense than if they don’t hear that.

ACCESSING POST CONFERENCE BULLETIN – FULL REPORT – FULL ADVISORY ACTIONS

One thing we tried this year was use of a compressed report in a bulleting/news format. I highly recommend this as the primary sharing tool at the group level. **The corrected version of the bulletin is online at Area8aa.org along with other conference documents including my full personal report, Conference Advisory Actions** (things that passed), **Floor Actions** (none passed), and **Additional Considerations** (items that were not forwarded from committee for conference vote more information was offered). I am more than glad to assist you if you need help figuring out what to report to your Districts/Groups from the ocean of information available.

65th GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE THEME

The theme for the 2015 General Service Conference be: **“Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future”**

Presentation/discussion topics for the 2015 General Service Conference are:

“Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action”

- a. Diversity in A.A. - Our Heritage of Inclusion
- b. Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
- c. Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology
- d. Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

These topics are a great help to the conference and can be a great opportunity to stimulate interest and discussion in local sharing sessions and workshops. (hint hint). Please learn more about how our Agenda Committee participates in the choosing of the conference them by talking to Paul K./Agenda Chair.

2014 PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM – BOISE, IDAHO

JULY 11-13TH

HOSTED BY GSO - OPEN TO ALL AA MEMBERS

Forums provide an extraordinary opportunity for sharing experience and exchanging information among A.A. members interested in service, local trusted servants, and the General Service Board, A.A.W.S. and Grapevine. Also staff from both the G.S.O. and the Grapevine will be present. **I still encourage anyone that can to attend. More information can be found at Area8aa.org in the events calendar.** I will be attending on behalf of Area8 and will report on what happened.

AA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2014

An advisory action of this year's General Service was to conduct a membership survey in 2014. Several groups from Area 8 have been chosen to participate by providing answering some questions. In the next month I will be distributing survey packages and I will need help making sure they get delivered and get returned in a timely manner.

CLASS "A" TRUSTEE POSTIONS VACANT AS OF APRIL – 2015.

RESUMES REQUESTED BY July 25, 2014. Two Class A (nonalcoholic) trustee vacancies will occur on the General Service Board at the conclusion of the 65th General Service Conference, held in April 2015. In seeking applications for vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large file of qualified applicants that reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself. A Class "A" Trustee is a non-alcoholic member of the General Service Board. (Class "B" Trustees are alcoholic). I have been asked to forward resumes for consideration and welcome any suggestions from A.A. members in doing so. Please contact me for more information.

TRAVELS SINCE LAST REPORT

- I was asked by our local International Conference of Young People in AA (ICYPAA) to attend a meeting with them in District 4/Tijuana within the Mexican General Service Conference. They were attending to be of service to some local groups there trying to form a young people's convention in Tijuana. We were warmly received and I had a chance to meet their past Delegate Raul who was also on finance committee at the conference he attended during his service in Mexico. Our young people are doing great work and continue to amaze me in demonstrating leadership skills many of us have not yet experienced.

Please let your districts know I am glad to schedule group visits either in a group setting or business meeting setting. Just call me and we can work out the time and date.

Unconditionally in Service,



If I can be of help in any way, just call or email. I'm available to visit groups or districts if invited.

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