

- Dean announced he would not have a written report tonight, and instead it would be oral. Please be prepared to take written notes for any key items you would feel are of interest to your groups, districts, and committees.
- Recent Trip to NY City to Participate at Board Weekend: As Chairperson for the Conference Committee on finance I am asked to attend the GSO Board Weekend held in NYC. There are 4 board weekends throughout the year, however Committee Chairpersons attend the first one in each calendar year because that is when the Trustees typically finalize the Conference Agenda. The conference will be held April 19-26<sup>th</sup> this year. Participating in these meetings was a wonderful experience. This was the first year the General Service Board had formally decided that Conference Chairs would be welcomed to participate fully at their respective Trustees committee mtg. They also formally decided chairpersons would be asked to review the final conference agenda with their respective Trustees committee secretaries. Although in many years the Trustees had invited committee chairs to participate in some respect, this to me was historic since it was a formal decision. I feel the Finance Trustees Committee exercised this option in full with me, allowing me to actively engage in all conversation, and basically doing everything except vote on final matters. I also believe my participation made a difference in the final agenda items, and the background associated with those items. I will be presenting a final report at the upcoming area assembly and possibly in the newsletter. Btw since the board weekend I have found out that I will be serving next to a delegate on archives committee that came out of the same small recovery program/home in NY state that I went thru in early sobriety. Two delegates that were once hopeless came out of that home within 3 years or so of each of us living in that recovery home. I find it to be a very small world and a testament to the power of this program of recovery. That person we are 12 stepping may just be a future trusted servant and experience changes they never thought were possible.
- Reminders about Pre-Conference Workshops: Remember final version of preconference workshop flyers have been emailed to you earlier this month by our Area Registrar. This is the first year workshops in both languages Espanol and English will be completed prior to PRAASA. Workshops are will be occurring between Feb 27 and March 2. An overview of the preconference process was discussed. Importance of good level of attendance by GSRs was stressed and how these workshops are a great opportunity for group members who are not in general service to attend and find out what it's all about. Thanks to my Alternate Delegate Jane G. for helping with preparation on the Pre-Conference Summaries in such a short amount of time.
- Pre Conference Assembly will be held April 11 at Encinitas Community Center. Delegate is encouraging a "Bring a Friend" day at this assembly. Another good way for group members to get a glimpse of the process our founders gave us in what is called "The Conference Process". They gave us this structure to preserve the future or AA as I understand it. AA members can attend and participate with views if they wish, without making a long term committee before they know what it's all about.
- Various Updates for GSO were provided: Some updates were provided regarding the general service office. Information was taken from the Trustees Report and my experience at the board weekend. These updates will be available in written form when the quarterly "highlights" come out around April.