

San Diego Imperial Area 08 Delegate's Report

Note To GSRs

Bold type is information for you to consider deliver to your groups.
Non-bold type is additional, background information.

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PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Please share copies of the Pre-Conference Workshop flyer and announce the schedule to your group members. Attendance to a Pre-Conference Workshop to collect information on this year's General Service Conference is one of the most important actions assigned to a GSR; the other vital actions are delivering the information to the group and collecting their informed group conscience on the agenda items to deliver to the Delegate. These interactive workshops are a great way for all A.A. members to experience the spirit of general service and participate in the Conference. Please stress that, all A.A. members are welcome at any general service meeting; this includes our standing committees.

I have confirmed all Pre-Conference Workshops and asked for the flyer to be posted on the Delegate's Corner page on www.area8aa.org. I urge you to check the Delegate's Corner page in the event any of this information needs to be changed. Roxane, our Alternate Delegate, and I look forward to meeting with you and preparing GSRs for informed group conscience discussions with our groups.

AREA 08 GROUPS 2015 CONTRIBUTIONS TO GSO

Please extend a thank you to your groups for their generous financial support to GSO! Please check your group's GSO registration with our Area Registrar, Alicia at aliciadletjacm@yahoo.com.

GSO reports detail the Area 08 groups from which they received \$80k in contributions during the first 11 months of 2015. These reports have been sent to Area 08's DCMs. All national, international, and local 12-Step work is only done through the 7th Traditions funds delivered by A.A. members and groups. Please thank your groups for their generosity in supporting A.A. nationally and internationally through GSO. Please thank them for their financial support to local service boards and committees in carrying the message in our own backyard by Area 08, their district, H&I, and their local central office. Excellent work!

I have sent the reports to our Registrar because the initial pages of the GSO report displays many groups without assignment to one of Area 08's districts. Your DCM has received a copy of the report with a message asking the GSRs to review the listing of unassigned groups. If a GSR recognizes one of the unassigned groups, please notify our Area Registrar, Alicia at aliciadletjacm@yahoo.com

with the district information. She will update GSO records. This information helps Area 08 provide your district with updated records on its groups and perform our key function — communication to and from the groups through the General Service Structure.

GRAPEVINE / LAVINA

Please tell all General Service Representatives (GSR) about the Grapevine online subscription and ask them to pass the information on to our groups. The online Grapevine has an article detailing the Advisory Actions (the key decisions) made at the 2015 General Service Conference.

As a Delegate, the Grapevine has gifted me a two-year online subscription to the Grapevine. I did take advantage of the \$20 online subscription price that was offered in July 2015. The online Grapevine subscription is a great resource for anyone in service because of the access to the article archives. You can search on any topic and get the benefit of the voice of experience in all A.A. history — especially the writings of Bill Wilson. The articles are available in print and audio download. There is a lot to learn here and each of us has something to contribute to A.A. history. Please encourage each A.A. member to contribute his/her service experience as a story to the Grapevine. We don't hear enough about the spiritual growth that is available to all of us in the work in our 3rd legacy.

PACIFIC REGION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS SERVICE ASSEMBLY - PRAASA

I hope you have made your plans to attend PRAASA in Spokane, WA. Attending PRAASA and sharing it with your home group members is a highlight of being a GSR. It helped me to understand a great deal in a relatively small amount of time about how general service works to serve our Fellowship. Sharing your PRAASA experience with your home group helps to attract more A.A. members to service. <http://www.praasa.org>

Attending PRAASA is a highlight of general service. There I have met many A.A. members from all over the Pacific Region. The key benefit is sitting in the roundtables and hearing the experience, strength, and hope of others who hold a common service position. This information exchange is vital to the growth of each A.A. area as it is easy to become complacent with a single way of doing things. Understanding and experiencing the how and why each area does what it does opens up my mind to new perspectives for Area 08 and most importantly, my individual growth. As I grow in open mindedness, I have more to contribute to A.A. as a whole. Please take the time to share your PRAASA experience with anyone who will listen.

AAWS BOARD NON-TRUSTEE VACANY

This is short notice. Resumes for a A.A.W.S. Non-Trustee Director vacancy are due Monday, February 1, 2016. Please review the letter for detailed information. Please see the section, "Choosing Nontrustee Directors for A.A. World Services and A.A. Grapevine" on page S77 in *The Service Manual*.

Copies of the letter and resume submittal instructions were placed on the tables in the lobby. Contact me if you need it emailed to you - area8contact@gmail.com.

GSC INVENTORY REPORT

The General Service Conference Inventory Report is now available. A review of this document will give you a great overview of the workings of the General Service Conference.

Copies have been delivered to your DCM.

AREA HIGHLIGHTS

Things About Area 08 You May Know – Or Not

Each first-year Delegate is asked to step up to the microphone at the Conference and deliver a 2-minute report profiling his/her area. I am sharing my statement with you for two reasons: 1.) You may not know some of this information (Remember, each year at least half of us are in new positions.); and 2. You may see something I have omitted. If you see an omission, please let me know.

Here it is:

California (San Diego-Imperial): By communicating the countless ways to participate in general service, we are working to attract San Diego-Imperial Area 08 A.A. members to experience our 3rd legacy. We have 13 standing committees; several of them mirror those serving the General Service Conference (GSC). Our two self-funded H&I Committees are voting members of our assembly. One of our districts has a budding CEC Committee that is interacting with the Area's CPC Committee. Each year we connect with Areas 5, 9, and 93 for our 4-Area DCM Sharing Session. New in 2016, we are planning a 4-Area Spanish-speaking Women's Workshop. We hope this will become an annual 12-Step event for an underserved A.A. population. It may also attract participation on our Translation Committee. We benefit from active participation of our Spanish-speaking population. Members of the Fellowship in Tijuana, Mexico connect to our Spanish-speaking meetings and districts. We are fortunate to have great participation from our deaf community, which may develop into a linguistic district. The deaf are currently served by our highly active Accessibilities Committee. We are discussing our financial guidelines regarding the inclusion of all A.A. service boards and committees with which we liaise. Our three YPAAs have enthusiastic and mature leadership. We are urging our Districts to interact with the Area's Registrar after visiting unrepresented groups. We are currently in need of a Remote Nation's Liaison to serve in communicating with the 12 Reservations in our Area. - Jane G.