

Chair's Report to the Assembly – November 4, 2017

Since we last met in September for our Panel 68 election we have held a number of successful workshops and gatherings including the Traditions Workshop in October sponsored by Districts 7 and 19, the Emotional Sobriety Workshop sponsored by District 12, and the SOCALYPA Conference last weekend at the Mission Valley Hilton.

And let's take a minute to again congratulate our new Panel 68 Officers:

Roxane R. – Delegate

Jerry S. – Alternate Delegate

Monty C. – Chair

Colin M. – Alternate Chair

Tanya T. – Secretary

Renee R. – Alternate Secretary

Julie M. – Registrar

Linda R.- Alternate Registrar

Efrain A. – Treasurer

Paul Ke. – Alternate Treasurer

Your Area Committee has formed a Structure and Guidelines Ad-hoc committee to review and provide us recommendations regarding our Structure and Guidelines and they have met monthly and will provide your Chair and ACM a report in December, the contents of which we will share with you in January. The information gathered at our Area Committee Inventory Workshop that was held in August has been divided into three topic areas that are being developed in a series of separate meetings - an Information Technology group chaired by Roxane, our Panel 66 Alternate Delegate and our newly elected Panel 68 Delegate, the How We Perform Committee Work group led by Jane, our Panel 66 Delegate, and a Communication group led by Jerry S., our newly elected Panel 68 Delegate. The groups continue to meet regularly and have been reaching out to your Districts and Committees to continue the discussion of how we work together, communicate, and carry the message. We seek every Area 8 member's input into this process, so if you have ideas or hear opinions and ideas from members of your groups, please communicate them to your DCMs and Committee Chairs.

Our newly elected Panel 68 officers have been shadowing and working with their outgoing Panel 66 counterparts to transfer valuable information, practices, and procedures that will assist them with their new jobs in January. The combined Panel 66 and Panel 68 officers will be meeting together after the Assembly today and again in December to continue to get to know each other better and to take time for knowledge transfer and discussion of ways to improve our communication.

At the suggestion of my fellow officers, I initiated a Monthly Update email that I sent out at the beginning of September and October and will send another at the beginning of next month for the remainder of Panel 66. My experience continues to teach me that the amount of important information

that needs to be communicated to ACM members and also our larger fellowship in San Diego Imperial continues to exceed our current traditional timetables. We currently email a distribution of about 120 members. It's up to each of you to resend this information to your Districts, your committee members, as well as other members in San Diego County. And it's important as well that we all continue to direct our fellows to the Area 8 Website, area8aa.org.

Our Webmaster resigned recently and we have published a document on our website that details the requirements of the position. So far we have had one member contact us to make herself available for the position. We will continue to reach out for other webmaster candidates as well as new IT Committee members to fill voluntary roles as Document Control and Web Content managers. Due to the Information and Communication demands of the Area, the IT Committee needs your help with these important service responsibilities to improve our website submission, posting, and editing capabilities. Any interested member with a computer and Internet access can easily be trained to do these ongoing jobs and if we get enough help, the task won't be too time consuming for any one person. Our new webmaster will coordinate these activities along with the IT Committee under Bill B.s able leadership.

I want to remind everyone that theme of the 2018 GSO Conference is AA Solutions for All Generations. In that spirit I have continued to be involved in Seniors in Sobriety and Cooperation with Elder Committees and was honored to present the Banquet Speech at the 11th Annual International Seniors in Sobriety Conference in Van Nuys California. We also voted to establish a YPAA ad-hoc committee to better integrate and involve our YPAAs and the voice of our younger members in Area Service. They will be asking for your support right after lunch as they are bidding to host next year's ACYPAA Convention.

As this is my last Assembly as your Chair I want to thank each of you for providing me the opportunity to serve our Area. As many of you know, it has been a tremendous growth opportunity for me personally and has contributed in immeasurable ways to my sobriety.

In Love and Service,
Colin M. - Chair