

August 2018 Delegate's Report

I have not missed an ACM in over 2 years and I apologize for my absence tonight. When you hear this report, I will be in the Pacific Ocean somewhere near Alaska. I will be missing you all.

I'm excited about the upcoming Local Forum and I think Jane's efforts, especially in the last 2 months, have been exemplary. I hope to see many of you over the 3-day Forum weekend.

Our Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F., has just returned from her first board weekend and these are the written highlights. We had a conference call on 8/9/18 and my questions and answers are in boldface print:

AAWS Report highlights

- YouTube Subscriptions up to over 1500, with more everyday
- New website design continues along with an App that promises to really deliver.
- There were 200 pre-registered in first week of registration for the Pacific Regional Forum
- New dates for 2019 Conference are May 19-25 -done through polling with 100% participation
- Staff rotation will be completed the day after Labor Day
- Several translations are underway (***I asked for some languages being translated and they are: Albanian for Kosovo, Bambara for Mali, Haitian Creole for Haiti, Mayan for Guatemala and Serbian for Serbia.***)
- Barcodes are being added to all AAWS literature (***I questioned this. Kathi said Intergroups have been interested in tracking sales for years.***)
- Sales for first 6 months are down with contributions being up and expenses are up/\$141,000 shortfall for first 6 months
- **AA Grapevine report highlights**
- GV net income is \$45,118
- LV service is at a shortfall of \$68,230 which is ahead of projection of \$72,904
- Atheist and Agnostic Book set to release in September
- Traditions Checklist has been updated (***and is now available on aa.org.***)

Trustees' committees

The focus of the trustee's committees at this board weekend was to review and follow-up on Conference advisory actions and additional committee considerations, as we carried out our role in the yearlong Conference process. Here are selected highlights from some of the committee reports. I'm not touching on every single committee, but you'll be able to see full reports when the final board minutes are distributed:

- Archives
 - Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970 will be complete early in 2019 in all 3 languages
 - The video that you saw at Conference of Bill, Lois, Anne and Bob is being discussed on ways to share this with the fellowship
- Conference
 - The staff secretary will be communicating with the Trustee Committee Chairs to make sure they have a conference call with the corresponding Conference Committee prior to January Board Meetings

- A subcommittee was formed to investigate equitable distribution of the Conference workload and items from conference with simple majority vote being considered on Trustee committees (***I questioned this and wondered why NO DELEGATES served on this committee since it would affect Delegates directly. Kathi said she would find out why.***)
- Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/ Accessibilities
 - Secretary will be requesting experience from Deaf and Hard of Hearing members regarding technology used for participation in A.A. (***Please pass this on to members you know.***)
- Finance
 - Literature sales down 101,000 from 2017
 - Contributions are up 139,000 over 2017
 - Expenses are up \$928,000 over 2017, due to eight new employees; many arose from previous retirements or temp. positions, editorial services primarily from ASL project up \$142,000 over 2017, Manuscript settlement of \$135,000, and audio-visual costs for conference in each breakout room along with higher costs for being in NY rather than Rye from previous year. (***Large amounts for Manuscript Litigation were also paid in 2017.***)
 - 7th Tradition Challenge contributions are still coming in and can be sent in anytime, not just on 7/4 (as a reminder). It looks like we may receive about the same as last year
 - The Reserve Fund had a balance on June 30, 2018, of about \$15.9 million, which represents about 10.4 months of operating expenses.
- International
 - Upcoming trips for the balance of the year are the 1) 25th World Service Meeting in Durban South Africa and a record number of countries will be attending; 2) The 30th anniversary of Latvia, and 3) Mexico's National Convention
 - Newton Pritchett will be attending our Regional Forum with the interactive Data Map (***I asked about this and Kathi said it is a map that can show you where all the world conferences are being held as well as show other data related to Intergroups around the world. It will be digital.***)
- International Conventions/Regional Forums
 - Local Forum request from Area 05, Southern California was approved (***Topic: Unity among various service entities and getting more people involved in service.***)
 - The site selection team for the 2030 International has made site visits to St. Louis and Indianapolis and will be making a recommendation in October.
 - Detroit is on schedule with no issues
- Literature
 - ***Still in need of many stories from Hispanic Women*** and the 3 Legacies for new pamphlets
 - The committee is looking for a new ACM, preferably female bilingual to help with the Hispanic Women's Pamphlet
 - Publishing is exploring video/written pamphlets

I was recently on the AA Grapevine website, sending in my article for "Old Timers," (there is still time for you,) and I noticed this poll, which I thought you should see, because it tells us

very quickly why the new pamphlet, "The God Word," passed so quickly. I have pasted it below:

Grapevine I-Poll

What is your favorite type of AA meeting?

Steps	10%
Tradition	2%
Big Book	17%
Speaker	11%
Topic/Open Discussion	19%
Anniversary	1%
Women's or Men's	6%
LGBTQ	2%
Newcomer's	2%
Atheist/Agnostic	28%
Meditation	1%
Spanish Language Mtgs	1%

Total votes: 515

We must never underestimate the power of a group of people who are so dedicated to a single cause. I will be excited to follow our Area's work on creating a new standing committee as well as the recommendation of an agenda item for next year's General Service Conference. Besides sharing your experience on the revision of an old pamphlet or the creation of a new one, please continue to encourage your members to send us ideas for Themes, Topics, and Workshops for the 2020 Conference. To date I have received none.

There is still time to register for the Regional Forum in San Jose. Don't forget--I can visit Districts and Groups upon request and I remain privileged to serve each of you.

Love and service,

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