

July 2018 Delegate's Report

Concept 7 says that the Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all the world affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

Having received dozens of emails regarding the changing of the date of the General Service Conference, I have, in my capacity as delegate to Area 08, voted "no" to the change. I want to believe that the Trustees and General Service Office staff have conducted themselves as recognized by Concept 7, but ultimately it has left many without a voice or choice. I will keep you posted on the outcome.

Area 64, Tennessee has submitted a proposal to the Panel 69 Conference regarding the agenda item selection process and to provide delegates an enhanced role in the vetting and selection of agenda items. I have included copies of the proposal at the end of this report.

I have been making reports in and around the area and I still have limited availability to come to your district or committee to talk. The GSRs I've met along the way have been inquisitive and engaged in the Conference process. The website does have slide presentations available in English only for those who are interested in sharing the Conference results.

We are ready to submit a proposal to make our Ad Hoc YPAA Committee a standing committee. I look forward to moving this item forward. The Policy Committee will be handling the draft for changing the structure and guidelines as the first step in this process. Having recently attended a regular NSDYPAA committee meeting, I am certain a YPAA committee will be the spark that will ignite service in our area.

If you are an "Old Timer" in A.A., you should be preparing your draft article for the Aug. 20 deadline for Grapevine. I will have mine ready as well.

Have you made your \$7.40 contribution to GSO yet? Remember that last year's \$7.27 challenge was the single greatest factor in increasing our revenue for 2017.

As you know, I will be attending the Regional Forum in San Jose in September. I hope that many of your districts will fund the DCM and others to attend. I look forward to moderating the topic, "Safety in AA."

I leave for Dallas on July 28 to visit my daughter and her husband. I leave for Alaska on August 14 for a "bucket list" cruise with my mom and siblings. I am missing the first 8 days of school but officially, it will be my last year of teaching. I notified my principal of my desire to retire next year. I have always said, "I can't wait to retire so I can really get busy in A.A." I will be available by phone or email the entire time I am gone. Please contact me if you have any questions or issues.

I return from Alaska on the morning of the first day of the Local Forum. I will be there. I am so honored to work with each of you on the program and activities. The weekend is shaping up to be a memorable event. Thank you to everyone involved.

As a response to the 7th Concept, I am grateful to God for giving me unlimited energy to be of service. I pray for enough humility that I will be spiritually responsive. I am careful not to be too sensitive to criticism but accepting in my responsibilities to my area and AA as a whole. Thank you for letting me be of service.

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