

My name is Colin and I'm an Alcoholic.

Since our last ACM my world has been relatively quiet. We finally made contact with Area 17 in Calexico and they continue to work on connecting to our ACM with the Video Conferencing equipment that we gave them. But they have not accepted our invitation to hold the Budget Assembly there in November. So tonight will consider another option.

The qualification letters were prepared, emailed, and posted to the list of qualified members for our Panel 68 Election which will be held on September 23rd at Machinist's Hall in Kearny Mesa. I also participated in the Area Inventory Planning meeting hosted by Jerry Miller earlier this month. More from Jerry later tonight. The initial meeting of the Structure and Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee was held Tuesday July 11th. Ginger S was elected Chair, Paul Ka. Alternate Chair and Ernest D. was elected Secretary. Their meetings will be held on the First Tuesdays of the Month at 7:30 p.m. following the Policy Committee monthly meetings. Ginger has more for us on that later.

I was approached by one of our Committee members with an offer to provide a timer for our ACM meetings. The purpose is to improve our use of time at ACMs. I need a sense of the meeting to proceed with this proposal.

Sense of the meeting?

I met with the representative of our Storage Unit and extended our lease through November 2018. Paying that bill of approximately \$1500 - which would normally be due in September- helped us manage our June cash on hand according to our Treasurer Paul.

Otherwise at the moment I am wearing Life more like a loose garment as is suggested. The Principles of our program and lessons of General Service continue to be extremely important and valuable. I doubt that I could manage much of anything without them. They are both a compass and a means for walking through challenges and avoiding the pitfalls of my alcoholic thinking.

I am grateful, so very grateful.

In Service, Colin M. – Area Chair