

Delegate Report
San Diego Imperial Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Meeting

9/17/2020

So our 3rd all virtual assembly has come and gone. I'd like to applaud all those that developed and participated in the event this past Saturday. A special nod to our Chair for designing and running a very challenging logistical experience and for keeping us on time. And I would be amiss if I didn't say a special thank you for bringing Al Mooney to our day together. His pitch was the single most dynamic share about Alcoholics Anonymous I have ever heard... the threading of history, personal experience, scientific knowledge and medical perspectives was bar none! And he's a non-alcoholic to boot!!! Bravo Blaine... thank you for that experience!

So my schedule has been busy since then. We had a Pacific Regional Trustee report back this past Monday and received a wealth of current information:

1. We have a new online literature webstore... check it out:
 - a. <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/>
2. We have a new contributions web experience available... click the link below:
 - a. https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout&lang=en_US&#login-register
3. Our Grapevine e-publication link has been added to the Meeting Guide App in hopes to increase awareness and support subscriptions moving forward
4. GSO is coordinating x2 Regional Forums. An all Eastern and all Western Forum. The soft dates for these events are as follows:
 - a. Eastern Forum on Dec. 5th
 - b. Western Forum on Dec. 19th
5. I am excited to report that the GSO has hired a new CFO who has a strong career as a CPA with non-profits.
6. Finally, we saw a total of just over \$1M in contributions for the month of August.
Approximately...
 - a. \$550K from Groups
 - b. \$300K from Individuals
 - c. \$150K from "Other" – Intergroups, Districts, Area's, etc.

Yesterday the General Service Board held its first of 4 Strategic Planning Sharing Sessions with our 93 Delegates with questions like:

1. What is your concept of inclusivity, acceptance, and participation, as it relates to Tradition Three... at the group level and within the General Service Structure?
2. When considering how to improve effective communication to remain relevant, what elements are the most important towards progress?
3. What are some creative ways you think Class A trustees might be able to convey the message of AA?

I can assure you shared with enthusiasm tying efforts from within our home Area to better serve our diverse populations, our newly formed committees, and local professional communities. Would you like to review the Strategic Planning Summary and questions? Please send me an email directly, and I will forward it to you.

Finally, we are looking toward the last few months of the year... only 3 more ACM's after tonight. As such, get ready to hear from me on the topic of rotation. Fundamental to everything we do in AA, is the required health of participation. How we pass the torch and help the next servant leaders gain access to an experience they can plan and prepare for during a virtual, pandemic, semi-isolated shared experience will truly be unique and new for all involved. So, let's start meditating on the effort and discussing the hurdles and challenges now.
Any questions?