

Delegate Report  
Area 08 Committee Meeting

2/18/2021

My name is Jerry and I am alcoholic. It is my pleasure and humble honor to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area 08 Delegate to the General Service Conference.

Okay... here we go! The Conference Agenda Items are published and immediately available on the Delegates Corner along with the Background Information in ENGLISH. The SPANISH translated document is expected in early March. I will be discussing coordination's and shared efforts of support during the New Business section on our agenda tonight. So more will be revealed... like in an hour. So, our Board had its January Board Meeting which was attended by all Conference Committee Chairs and a variety of guests and possible new Class A Trustee Candidates. I have heard from multiple sources that it was a tremendous experience overall and spiritual on all fronts! Its defining quality: UNITY. Here are some highlights:

- There is a slew of new hires and new candidates for hire from office staff up to Board members.
- The Remote Communities Service page will soon be available on aa.org. The page will include relevant literature and access to useful links for service work.
- Out of Corrections: The Winter version of "Sharing from Behind the Walls" was distributed to prisoners across the U.S. and Canada, along with requested books and pamphlets. Over 560 male inmates were matched during the period January - December 2020; 105 females were matched for the same period.
- Contributions revenue in 2020 reached an all-time high of \$10,304,185, which is \$417,930 greater than the reforecast. Great gratitude was expressed to the Fellowship for contributing \$1,442,421 in December to propel Seventh Tradition contributions past the \$10 million mark for the year.
- The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 G.S.O. budget, which reflects total revenues of \$15,594,000, total expenses of \$14,952,613 and a bottom-line surplus of \$641,387. The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 Grapevine budget, which reflects total revenues of \$1,358,481 and a bottom-line deficit of \$354,225. The committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the 2021 La Viña budget, which reflects total revenues of \$62,968 and a bottom-line net cost of \$401,790.
- We have coordinated with Ingram CoreSource Plus to support our literature being made available on 38 major ebook platforms and initial sales are progressing month on month and hopefully will add a much-needed revenue stream to our struggling Grapevine & La Vina.
- The committee reviewed a memorandum from the senior manager of the Communication Services department regarding the "Does Alcoholics Anonymous Work?" video produced by Stanford University. The committee requested that the staff secretary craft a memorandum to the Ad Hoc working group expressing their appreciation for their work thus far and requesting that the working group continue exploring ways to use the video "Does Alcoholics Anonymous Work?"
- Update on Audio interviews with Military Professionals: The committee listened to one final draft of an audio interview by the appointed committee member (ACM) and an A.A. member in the military. The committee expressed appreciation for the work being done and noted the effectiveness of the interview format for carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics in the Armed Services.
- Regarding Literature Agenda Item-U regarding "The Big Book: Researching Issues, Possible Tools and Access (70th General Service Conference 2020)," a presentation video has been made available to the fellowship. You can access the video here:

<https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/big-book-riptab/video/500617913>

We will surely be discussing its content further as we prepare for Conference. Btw, I have created a user-friendly time slotted notes to help navigate the video relative to specific topics discussed. Do you want my notes? Shoot me an email, and I'll attach it in my follow up.

- Creating a podcast seems to be gaining some steam across multiple departments. This too will come up as we prepare for Conference.

As I will be discussing all things Conference related later in the evening, I will offer my report as submitted and complete. Are there any questions?