

Delegate Report
Area 08 Committee Meeting

5/20/2021

My name is Jerry, and I am alcoholic. I am currently honored to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area08 Delegate.

Alright alright!!! Well done Area 08!!! What a wonderfully transformative experience the Conference was. A few highlights:

1. Our financial situation is settling with all major projects either concluding or already well concluded. All major liabilities from the pandemic shutdown and cancelations of the International Convention have been settled and we are much better positioned to plan, budget and support our GSO and World Service activities.
2. We are still in a special position of need from the fellowship with literature sales still slumped and reopening efforts significantly thwarted. Please continue to encourage your groups to keep a special slice of their pie chart dedicated to our General Service Board.
3. We confirmed a LinkedIn Page for our CPC efforts, an Instagram Account for our Grapevine Media Creations, we confirmed significant activities in dozens of pamphlets, we are moving forward with a 5th Edition of the BB in English and a 4th Edition of the BB in Spanish, we gave our GV Board multiple options for change to the Preamble. And finally after years of discussion and debate we are proceeding with an Accessible Language Translation of the BB to help further carry the message to literacy challenged suffering alcoholics.

DCM's, a few notes on follow up activities:

1. Please be available to your GSR's as they begin their respective journeys of reporting back to their groups all things Conference related.
2. Please be familiar of the support materials available in the Delegates Corner. One item of particular note: I have updated the Quick Reference Guide by revising the final note at the end of the document. It now states that the General Service Board has since convened, and all items are formally confirmed as Advisory Actions. Sorry for any confusion that the old note might have caused.
3. I have confirmed and calendared visits with most of you to offer a summarized report at your district meetings. Thank you to all of you have been flexible and supportive! FYI, I have not yet heard back from: Districts 2, 9, 12, 13, 14 & 23.

Committee Chairs:

- Was there any topics or information shared during my report back that directly impacts your committee conscience and/or vision for the future? How can I participate and support you?

Please, let us all begin to draw the themes and topics for next years conference into our local upcoming workshops:

- AA Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love & Service
- The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World
- How do AA's go to any Lengths to Recover, Unify & Serve?
- Going Beyond Fear
- How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere

The more proactive we are in drawing these themes and topics into our shared and collective conscience over the coming months the more powerfully prepared our next Delegate will be and the more impactful our Area's conscience upon the fabric of our fellowship and worldwide services.

An All Points Broadcast:

The AA Grapevine, Inc. has begun the search for a new Publisher as Albin Z. retired in April 2021. We thank Albin for his years of service to the A.A. Fellowship. Consistent with our established Procedures, following Albin's April departure, our GSB Search Committee is releasing this vacancy announcement in order to help identify the best possible candidate for our AA Grapevine. Following are qualifications for the position:

- Exemplifies a history of leadership, innovation, and goal achievement in a multimedia company, including successful financial management.
- Possesses management experience that integrates creative and collaborative leadership practices.
- Demonstrates success working with cross-functional teams, at multisite locations, while building and maintaining strong, effective relationships.
- Functional experiences and skills in administering not-for-profit organizations.
- Communicates effectively in oral and written form, with good interpersonal skills.
- Holds a bachelor's degree level or higher.
- Has a minimum of ten years of continuous sobriety in A.A.

Interested members may forward their professional and A.A. service résumés, to Michelle Mirza, AAGV Publisher Search Committee Secretary, at mirzam@aa.org. The deadline for the submission of résumés is June 16, 2021.

- The formal announcement can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#)
- The Publisher Job Description can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#)

I apologize. However, the announcement and description are currently only available in English. Well, with the Post-Conference Assembly behind us and our Election Assembly ahead, we begin the process of dreaming into reality the servant leaders that will see us through the next major chapter of our fellowship's history: The Great Reopening! What an exhilarating time to consider our availability to serve, our sense of duty and of adventure. We will be challenged to look to all corners of our Area to ensure all persons who have a desire to serve are included equally and supported in the effort to stand for election by their peers.

For me, I begin the contemplative and spiritual journey of preparing to give away all that I have learned and experienced, all the mistakes I have made and the wisdoms I can share with our next elected delegate. If there is one thing I have learned in my journey in service to AA is that so long as I position myself to give away all that I have received, so long as I do so without reservation, then I become uniquely and powerfully available to the waters of recreation. I heal and I am changed. I pray that you might have such an experience and opportunity yourself!

Thank you for helping me change, God knows I need it and for the opportunity to serve.