

January 2022 Orientation Assembly

Delegate's Report

It is an honor and a privilege to serve San Diego and Imperial County as your Delegate. I am very grateful that so many of you are here in person and online. This is our first Assembly of 2022 and the new panel, Panel 72. If you are unsure about what is happening or have never attended an assembly, its okay. We were all in your shoes at one time or another. We will try and make this as fun and comfortable as possible.

It has been a long customary tradition to orientate the GSR at the beginning of each assembly. Our Alternate Delegate, Richard O. conducts the GSR School/Orientation. I hope that you attended this morning. If you would like to more information, please see Richard.

The role of the Delegate is very large and time consuming. Reading through piles of letters and reports is only 1\5 of the job. Its very encouraging to shake hands, listen to the issues, feel the enthusiasm, and be able to listen for the collective voice. I am just as scared about doing some of the work as you are about the GSR role. The program has taught me to have faith and hold on. I know that my higher power didn't bring me to this moment to drop me on my head. With your help, we will get to walk this journey together.

My duties as Delegate started shortly after being elected. I have attended and spoken at several events around the county. Whether it's been for Seniors in Sobriety, a committee or districts visits, I have been welcomed with open arms and smiling faces.

As the Delegate, I will be assigned to a committee. I have been selected to the Policy and Admissions committee. We had our first committee meeting earlier this week. I didn't know what to expect but do know that I have surrounded by a wonderful group of people.

That first group of people for me have been the Delegates from the Pacific Region. The Pacific Regional Delegates are a band of humans that has made this process so easy so far. I am very grateful for them. I mentioned that I was scared and how I felt at our last meeting. Come to find out, I wasn't the only person that felt the same way. Several have reached out and let me know that they have my back.

One of the additional duties as a GSR will be to join a standing committee. I would like to encourage each of you to join one of the 13 committees. This is where most of the work that is done in our area is conducted. Some of you will have certain skills that will land you a perfect position to help out. Some will have the willingness to do the job which will lead to future committee chairs or DCMs.

Each committee will be present today to share a little about what they do. Being on a committee will foster a kinship and build ideas of what will be best for the newcomer who has yet to make it to the rooms of AA. Together there is nothing we can't do.

We were informed that PRAASA (which is Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) was scheduled to be in person in Oregon will now be via Zoom. Area 58 is working to put together a wonderful program. They would like to see everyone in person, but the committee wanted to act on the side of caution.

The committee looking for members to participate in the program. The committee is putting together a program of diversity. If you would like to participate in this year's PRAASA, please let me know. You can let your DCM or Committee Chair know as well. They will email me your name and information. If you speak more than one language, this is important to know. If you have a hidden talent, please submit your name.

Attending an assembly can be fulfilling with information and lots of questions. Today you will get to hear different topics that should have already been discussed in your groups. You will also hear items that you never thought of before. Therefore, items get mention and go to the groups for discussion. We are here to get your group's conscience on various items to establish a proper protocol or make it possible someone else to do the position that you are currently holding.

There will be a lot of information shared today. We hope that you will stay to the end to get everything possible. If you need help or have a question, please turn to your DCM and ask or email them.

Thank each and every one of you for being of service.

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