

February ACM Delegate's Report

The time has come! The conference agenda items came out last week. If you haven't received them, please let me know. They are located on the Delegate's corner on the website. I am hoping that we receive the background information by next week. Once received they will be posted to the Delegate's corner on our area website.

The items will be split up small groups for the committees to discuss. Each committee will be able to discuss their items and another item they chose if time permits. There will be an opportunity for anyone to voice their group's opinion about any of the topics. I look forward to hearing the discussion.

Please plan on attending one of the pre-conference workshops. We will have several of them in March to ask questions about the items. Any of your members are invited to join us.

Most you should have received the Quarterly report from GSO. Here is the link in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The Pacific Regional Trustee gave a report after board weekend. The full report is in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Some highlights from the report. A letter was sent to AA members from the GSB regarding the resignation of the Board's Chair. We are not sure why or what happened to lead to this.

The last GSC asked the conference desk to provide translation in all three languages at the same time when distributing the conference background. The department reported they are ahead of schedule. The Literature desk continues work on draft of the fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, draft fourth edition of the book Alcoholicos Anonimos, and updates for the pamphlets AA for the Black and African Alcoholic, AA for the Native North American and Do You Think You're Different?

Data collection for the 2022 AA Membership Survey has been completed. There will be a 10% literature price increase effective April 1st, on all English, French and Spanish books and rounding up prices to the nearest 10 cents on all other miscellaneous items. A 20% literature price increase rounded up to the nearest 50 cents with some minor adjustments effective April 3rd on all English, French, and Spanish books and miscellaneous items. A 30% price increase rounded up to the nearest 5 cents on all English, French and Spanish pamphlets, effective April 3rd. The Finance and Budget Committee agreed to adjust funding of subscription liability to 69%, withdraw of 34% from the fund.

Gross literature sales year for 2022 are \$11,999,441. This exceeds the 2022 budget of \$11,000,000 by nearly \$1,000,000 (8%) and is \$287,249 (2.5%) more than last year. This is the highest annual gross literature sales since 2019. December 2022 gross sales did not have the usual holiday spike. December gross sales were \$732,189 compared to \$1,223,830 in December 2021.

Contributions for 2022 are \$10,557,295. This is 96% of the 2022 budget of \$11,000,000 and is \$218,576 (2%) less than last year. 2022 is the first year since 2018 that contributions did not exceed the previous year. Over the last ten years, contributions have increased in seven of those ten years. 23% of 2022 contributions were received online, which is the same percentage

as in 2021. December 2022 contributions were \$1,399,695, \$40,895 more than December 2021.

2035 International Convention Site Selection: The committee reviewed the Delegate and City and Visitors' Bureau Bid Questionnaires submitted for site selection of the 2035 International Convention. Two of the six Convention Bureaus approached (Anaheim, California and Las Vegas, Nevada) declined to participate in the bid process. It was discussed that the remaining four cities presented excellent options. • Indianapolis, Indiana • New Orleans, Louisiana • Phoenix, Arizona • Toronto, Canada.

There is a small portion of the full report "Participation of Online Groups in the US/Canada GS Structure. If you would like the full report, let me know and I will email to you.

PRAASA will be coming up in a few weeks. If you haven't booked your room or registered for PRAASA, the time is now. I would love to see a very large contingent from Area 08. If you are going, please check in with us. For the volunteers and presenters, you should have received your topics by now. The agenda should be coming out soon. If you check the PRAASA website which is praasa.org for more information.

At the beginning of the month, I got to attend ACYPAA 50. You may recall that I mention that I attended last year and had a blast. NSDYPAA submitted a bid package but didn't get it. There was some hurt and disappointment. The committee got together and submitted another package together this year. Most of you will not have any idea what it takes to put together a bid package. It was very detailed about their experience and what it took to gather all the information. There were letters of support from Adrian and myself. We were present when the committee talks begin and ended with each of the advisory board members. NSDYPAA laid out a plan of action that captured the bid. The room was full of excitement and joy. Yes ACYPAA 51 comes home to San Diego. I am so proud of the work the committee has done to make it this far. Now the real work begins. I would assume some of you will be asked to do certain task at the event next year. Let's show our support for NSDYPAA for bringing home the prize.

This brings me to the Pacific Regional Forum. After the Pacific Regional Forum last year, I asked for the package to host the event. I finally received the package. We have an opportunity to put in a bid for 2026. In 2024, it will be in Las Vegas. I have asked a really close friend to help and check out hotels and get me cost for rooms. I will ask the Chair to create an Ad-hoc committee to help complete a package to be submitted. According to the list that I received; Area 08 last hosted in 1990. I don't know how you feel, but I believe its our time. I look forward to participating in and gathering information for our future. If you have input, reach out to Richard or myself.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

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