

2023 September Election Assembly Delegate Report

As I look back over the last two years, I am completely amazed. My journey as your Delegate has been a wild ride. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to grow and extend my recovery. I have met some wonderful people during the work of AA in their own way. They have been willing to share their experience with me to make me better.

I was elected using the same process that we will use today. Our election happened on zoom. I was able to go camping and attend the assembly from my camp site. It was the most wonderful day of my life. I was asked to do the best job I could. Several people made themselves available to answer questions or help with different items. Some I called and some I didn't.

I was surrounded by the delegates from the Pacific Region. I am very thankful that I knew most of them. The panel 71 delegates passed along what they wished they knew when they started. I have gotten to share with some of the panel 71 delegates throughout the year. I have built new friendships that will last a lifetime.

What I really would like to share to everyone who is standing for positions today, Its worth it. Be willing to give a little and receive so much in return. You will never know the moment or time when these joyous events will happen.

For me, being of service is an overwhelming expression of love to help the suffering alcoholic. Being of service gave so much inspiration and motivation to keep moving forward.

Since our last assembly, I have visited several districts giving report backs and discussing the role for the delegate. I still have more districts to visit. Attended the YPAA Dodgeball and ICYPAA in San Francisco. I will be attending the Southern CA AA Conference and I will be going to Area 09 for their elections.

In the GSO world, many things are happening. There has been a call for more conference themes and workshop topics for the 75th GSC. This is an opportunity for your fellow members to share ideas that may be close to them that we should consider.

An inventory of the conference is being conducted. After being requested, actions are moving forward to complete the task asked of the board.

The Grapevine app was released over Labor Day weekend. Members from GSO were present at ICPYAA \and the LaVina conference in Washington. If you haven't downloaded the app, please do so. As a matter fact, take out your phones and download it right now. The app is free and open to all members. You can subscribe to the app also and get access to previous Grapevine issues and stories. The cost is \$2.99 monthly and \$29.99 for a year. I think this is a steal for what you get.

Many of your many remember that the 2026 Pacific Regional Forum will be held here in San Diego. I have been in contact with the METS team and different hotels to get them finalized. Once we have all the details, we will put out a call to getting committees together. We will need lots of help with this event.

I hope that you will be joining us in Area 42 Nevada in 2024. They are planning a wonderful event now. This will be your chance to meet and greet with members of the office in New York.

We were awarded ACYPAA earlier this year. I know many of you may think or say that you can't go. This can't be further from the truth. If you have never attended a ACYPAA or any YPAA event, you are missing out. Our area is very fortunate that we have a YPAA standing committee. Sign up today! You will not regret it.

I will be attending the Southern California conference in Los Angeles next week. If you have a chance to go, please join us.

I will be attending several elections throughout the rest of this year! Next is Area 09. Some of their members are here today. Thank you for coming out and helping. We will be up in a few weeks to do the same.

I would like to thank all of Area 08 for giving me this opportunity to serve. From the chair, DCMs, Committee chairs, liaisons and past delegates; thank you for believing in me even when I didn't believe in myself. The countless hours spent getting information to your groups and answering questions is a huge challenge that requires patience and understanding. My hat is off to you for being up to the challenge and not faulting on your duties. I know it doesn't get mentioned enough, but we appreciate everything you do.

As the delegate, I have gain some experience and skills that I am able to add to my resume. I never thought that I would be able to do this job! From the encouragement of you and the strength of my sobriety family, I am able to trudge this road of happy destiny.

If you are thinking about standing today, don't come with what you want to change but come with what you can bring to the table. The possibilities are endless with a little willingness and a desire to listen.

Thank you for my sobriety and my life.

Monty Cavalier

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