

Alt-Delegate Report / 2024 Orientation Assembly / SDIAA

To my Esteemed Servant Peers,

I am happy to be here with you again in a renewed capacity as your Alternate Delegate. It is my honor to embark upon this new experience with you all by my side. My new service position is going to offer me the opportunity to liaison to San Diego Inter group and Hospitals & Institutions throughout Southern California. I will be able to work closely with our Delegate, Richard O., throughout the General Service Conference process (which is year round by the way ;)). Most importantly, I feel that I will get to spend a little more time with all of you and perhaps get to know some of you on a more one on one basis. The primary engine of this relationship will be the GSR Orientation that takes place prior to each Assembly.

To all of the new General Service Representatives and returnees, WELCOME (in all caps!). By now, we have completed our first GSR School and have covered the basics of the position. Hopefully, most or all of you are a little more familiar with the General Service Structure, why it exists, and the role that you play in it. We are going to have a chance today to touch briefly on most situations that you will encounter during your participation at Area Assemblies; an Area Motion, an Election, and a Sharing Session, The agenda has been tailored so that you hopefully won't leave too overwhelmed at the end of the day. You are going to be asked for your attention, time, and commitment to your service duties right off the bat.

I have mentioned the General Service Conference several times today already. You may not realize it yet, but you started taking part in it before you sat down in your seats. All of you, minus the Delegate and myself, should have collected a little colored card and signed in on a registration sheet after you visited the Registrar's table this morning. If you have not done so, please make sure that you do by the end of lunch time today. That little card will be referenced again many times before our Delegate leaves for New York in April. We will be explaining what this means and answering any questions that you may have in the first half of the Assembly. We have designed this process to be as immersive as possible and help you experience a little of what our Delegates do throughout the Conference.

I will touch briefly on registration because we cannot overstate it's importance to our overall effectiveness as Trusted Servants. If the chain of information from the Delegate to the Groups and the Groups to the Delegate is broken, we may miss an opportunity to provide or receive a service that is vital to our collective Recovery, Unity, and World Service affairs. Our local General Service Structure also exists to, effectively, directly or indirectly, carry a message of Recovery to Alcoholics where our local members and Groups otherwise cannot. The first step in doing this is knowing who to contact and how to be contacted. Please do your part in this regard so that our unification in Spirit and Service is sound and strong.

Lastly, there will be several service functions that are strongly suggested we all attend over the next 85 days. Districts will be asked to plan and host three Pre-Conference Workshops throughout the County in mid March. These are held so that you can be more informed on the topics that you will be asked to collect your Group's conscience on prior to the April Pre-Conference Assembly. PRAASA (Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly) will be held in San Francisco from Friday March 1st through Sunday, March 3rd in San Francisco, CA. This event is vital to all of our growth as servants. It is a chance to meet, spend time, and share notes with your counterparts from Hawaii to Idaho to Arizona, and many more. To let you in on a little not so well kept secret, your Group is responsible for funding your trip to, from, and during this conference. If you are able to attend, please discuss this with them at your next business meeting. As a couple of very closely related side notes, ACYPAA (All California Young People in A.A.) will be taking place here in San Diego between February 8th and 11th. Our young people need and deserve our support. During the same time and place, a Trustee's Workshop on "A.A. Literature and the Power to Change It" will be held between 12 noon and 4 pm on Saturday the 10th. The subject matter will be very relatable to topics on literature that have dominated A.A. for the last few years and will most likely continue to do so.

In closing, and to quote someone that has taught me much about this life that we lead, to all of you that are here for the first time, or have been here for a long time, and everyone in between; Come all the way in, sit all the way down, and stay a while.

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