

Delegate Report: January 13, 2024- Orientation Assembly

Good morning Area 8,

Welcome to all new GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs and guest who are here today for the first time and welcome to those returning on a second-year service commitment or to those who are here supporting our area assemblies, your participation is vital for our area. It is wonderful to have you here this morning. Some of you might already know me, for others it could be the first time but there will be plenty of time to get to know each other. My name is Richard Ortega, your elected area delegate, serving on panel 74 for a wonderful two-year service commitment. I am honored and privileged to serve area 08 which is the San Diego and Imperial Counties, thank you so much for this great opportunity. As your Delegate I will keep you as informed and communicated with what is going on with the Conference, GSO and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. I am privileged to be part of such a fine group of fellow area officers who also serve and contribute to the same matter, along with our standing committees and the twenty-three district (DCMs & GSRs). I cannot do this service alone, yes, I will need all your help and the help we can receive, please, please help us out when asked for your help.

Some of my **Delegate duties** within the area will be; Prepare and conduct the pre-conference workshops usually in march with the help of our alternate delegate Adrian O. Conduct the Conference portions of the Pre and post conference assemblies. Provide leadership in solving local problems with AA Traditions. I do have the responsibility to prepare an annual budget for this service position. I will attend as many area events and workshops throughout the year. I will have two area liaison activities to two standing committees such as literature and YPAAC and will also be visiting groups and districts as invited throughout the year. Very importantly I will meet regularly and communicate to inform Adrian our alternate delegate for just in case of any emergency he needs to replace the delegate.

Some **out of area** delegate duties will be; prepare and attend the week-long General Service Conference in Brooklyn New York in April, this year the conference will start April 14th through April 20th. Maintain contact with AA as a whole through GSO, with our Pacific Regional Trustee and other Delegates. Typically, the Pacific Region Delegates will be meeting on the first week of every month, there as needed our Pacific Regional Trustee will be part of the agenda as needed, these meetings are held virtually. I have been assigned to the Conference Trustees Committee, where as a committee will be working on related topics throughout the year and have scheduled meetings before each Board Meetings. There will also be Delegate only meetings with our Delegate Chair and some sharing sessions with the Conference Committee. I will attend invitations to other areas including our pacific region events such as PRAASA and Pacific Regional Forum, I have already been contacted by the organizing committee of La Viña Regional Event to mark my calendar and be up in Utah the first week of August this year. For now, this is what I have on my radar as fun service activities, now I will share some information with you.

Area 8 Pre-Conference Process- Very important for everyone in the room or virtually today, especially you GSRs, DCMs and group members, you should have signed onto a "conference committee" which was the other registration table as you came in or as you

logged onto zoom and received a colored square piece of paper which assigns you to a committee. If you didn't do that or don't have the small square please go over and sign in to a committee and for the online participants email myself and Adrian our alt delegate so we can randomly assign you to a committee. Keep these squares and remember to which committee you are assigned to for when you come back to our pre-conference assembly on April 6th, this will be vital as you will group up in conference committees during the assembly and work as a committee with the conference agenda items related to that committee. This process mirrors with how we the delegates are randomly assigned to our conference committees. To clarify, this committee assignment is different from you being a representative or being blindly pick onto an area's standing committee. There is a timeline published today with the pre-conference process dates, carefully go over it and please reach out to us if you have any questions, it will give you an idea of how to manage your time from the moment we receive our finalized agenda items and their background material until when we will meet for the pre-conference workshops, the date we will be attending our pre-conference assembly and also our post conference assembly. Make sure you also receive the Area 8 Pre-conference process packet, this will present the plan for the pre-conference assembly day process.

PRAASA- Our annual Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly will be in San Francisco this year on the first week of March (March 1st -3rd), we highly recommend that you attend, GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Officers and members from our area can and should attend. This service assembly will enrich our service and recovery lives with the three days of sharing from general service servants within nine states and sixteen different areas, which does include our honorary area from BC/Yukon Canada. Collectively we will be sharing on a variety of different topics. GSRs, talk with your groups or even your districts and get some financial help in getting to PRAASA, DCMs should also get some financial help to be up there.

- There is some very helpful information as far as transportation from the airports of Oakland & San Francisco over to the hotel and if you will be traveling by vehicle, there is some information on these links in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to save some money with the parking.
- **PRAASA Volunteers:** The PRAASA organizing committee needs four volunteers from each to be Panel Presenters, Panel Moderators, Panel Readers and Round Table Moderators from our area (a total of sixteen volunteer). The names will be randomly selected from the different areas by them to cover these commitments. A couple things as they have informed us that they expect from me as I submit the names to them; **1)** you should have attended at least one PRAASA previously, **2)** Upon the submittal of the volunteer names you need to be registered to PRAASA in order to be eligible, and **3)** If you participated in last year's PRAASA, you are not eligible this year. The deadline for me to revive your full name, email, phone number and service position will be January 20th by noon. This is a good way to be of service during the PRAASA weekend and also represent our beautiful area.

2022 Membership Survey Pamphlet- Earlier this week I did email to our ACM list this newly published pamphlet in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) (select either language to view the pamphlet) with updated information of our current membership. The last membership survey was published back in 2014. This new pamphlet has some great updated information of the membership in our fellowship and meetings. Please go back and

share this information with your groups, it good to know who is with us and who is still missing in our rooms or where we can perform more twelve step outreach.

Appointed Committee Member (ACM) for Trustees Committee on CPC /Treatment and Accessibilities- Our CPC and Treatments and Accessibilities Trustees committees are requesting help from those who have some military experience for a military outreach project, unfortunately there is a short deadline on this matter and that is January 15th. Click on this link for additional information and requirements. Please let me know if you need any help submitting your resumes, I will be more than happy to assist you in making sure your resume reaches their desk. accessibilities.cmail20.com/t/y-e-xjihl-tl-dipkrhijt-x/

How to Contact your Delegate: There are several ways to contact me at any given time you need something from me. You can email me directly to the email below my signature of this report. You can also log onto our area website (area8aa.org), go to area information and scroll down to delegates corner, there you will find an envelope icon, select it, and type in your question, when you hit submit it will be emailed to me directly, and/or you can always call me or text me. I usually return my calls, texts or emails within a very short period of time, unless I am out of reach. There are some pens at both registration tables and up here with me that do have my contact information, please take one.

In closing, I do want to thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our area and Alcoholics Anonymous, I am truly honored in representing such a fine area, to be included in those privileged ones serving down the triangle going on for seventy-four years. I will not have all the answers to your questions but I will work in getting those answers to you. Thank you for saving my life!

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

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