

Alt-Delegate Report / February 2024 ACM / SDIAA

To my Esteemed Servant Peers,

I am almost acclimated to my new position, although I have come to find out that I need to devise a new process for reporting to the Area Committee and Assembly. I was experiencing somewhat of a “writer’s block” and a “report burnout”. I am writing this literally at the last hour tonight. After sharing my frustration with my wife this morning, she was able to provide some constructive feedback. She reminded me that one of my assets in writing was conveying my personal experience as it relates to my Area Service. Here is my try at that for tonight.

A couple of my favorite experiences from the Imperial Valley Round-up that Richard and I attended together (aside from seeing Blaine) was meeting 103 year old Jimmie with 66 years of sobriety, and making a God Box for my wife. Archives and Grapevine also joined us in Brawley. It was a very intimate experience and it gave us an opportunity to spend a little more one on one time with some District 9 members. Our discussion also led us to a commitment to hold the March ACM as a hybrid event in El Centro.

Not to steal the Committee’s thunder, but the post Assembly C.P.C. Committee Meeting was productive to say the least. There was a Chair, Co-Chair, and literature coordinator elected. We are still experiencing an over representation of already elected, non-GSR servants on Committees. The participation is awesome, but often times many committee members or volunteers are precluded from filling needed Committee positions because they already hold commitments of great responsibility. Please convey this message in your Districts next time you meet.

All of the Pre-Conference Workshops have days, times, and locations. Thank you to the sponsoring Districts for putting these together so quickly. If you are not hosting a workshop, please communicate with your GSRs on which workshop may work best for your District. I have always found it helpful to GSR attendance to take a consensus amongst yourselves and secure somewhat of a commitment from the group. One thing that is lacking from our Pre-Conference schedule is an online component. If sponsoring Districts prefer not have this component, Richard and I would be open to participating in a virtual workshop. Perhaps we can have a brief conversation tonight and decide on a date and time for this.

I, of course, attended ACYPAA and the Trustee’s Workshop on Literature. First on the workshop, our Pacific Regional Trustee Riley K. did a fantastic job on her presentation of the history of changes in our Literature. The founders words have been changed over 90 times in the history of our Fellowship. Many of these changes took place early on in our history. There is nonetheless a precedent for when the Group Conscience determined the message could be adapted to increase it’s “receivability”. I appreciated the neutrality of the information presented. There were strong opinions at both ends of the spectrum and some in between. All in all, I think it proved to be the safe place for conversation on this subject that it was intended to be.

The main meeting speakers at ACYPAA were all spectacular and carried a solid message. My voice just recovered yesterday from yelling during the pre-meeting festivities on Saturday night. My sponsee attended and it was interesting to see the look of bewilderment on his face at the methods of YPAA, and how it changed to just surrendering and losing himself in the experience. There too went I at my first ACYPAA experience last year in Orange County. I experienced a feeling of jubilation and pride at seeing the members of the Host Committee fulfill their roles throughout the weekend. The Conference was the culmination of a divinely inspired yearlong effort in planning. An experience which started by sitting with, then NSDY PAA, at bid cities while they pitched their proposal, to the most diverse conference program that I have ever laid eyes on. Thank you to our Delegate for letting me shack up with him in his hotel room so that I could really immerse myself in the activities and Fellowship.

Low and behold, I find myself at the end of the page and it is time to wrap up this report. I appreciate everything that you all contribute to keep this Service train chugging along. Until most of us see each other again at PRAASA in two weeks. May God bless you and keep you until then.

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