

Alt-Delegate Report / March 2024 ACM / PRAASA / SDIAA

To my Esteemed Servant Peers,

The Final Agenda items for Area 08 are out with the GSRs and DCMs to inform themselves about and prepare Group & District discussions. I will allow our Delegate to expound more upon that in his report. I have been asked to attend a couple of District meetings to help clarify the Pre-Conference process. Please don't hesitate to reach out and ask questions or invite myself or Richard to share with your GSRs if you feel there is still uncertainty around how this will work. We will also take a few minutes at the beginning of each Pre-Conference Workshop to summarize and answer questions.

My experience at PRAASA was very similar to what it has always been; unifying, informative, and inspiring. Most flights were delayed for those who left on Thursday because of weather, as was ours. This was the first year that I arrived on a Thursday so that I was available for an early Friday lunch with the Pacific Region Alt- Delegates. Prior to that lunch though, I was invited to breakfast with most of the Pacific Region Delegates (and a certain past Delegate from our Area with a familiar baritone voice...). Myself and others from our Area made a point of boisterously voicing our love for Richard during the Area Highlights Panel. Your astute Area Chair gave a rousing presentation on saying yes to A.A. service and if no can be a spiritual answer. She very eloquently related experiences from her own journey on both sides of that service coin.

I would like to share some other thoughts on obstacles facing A.A. reaching the suffering Alcoholic that I took from the panels over the weekend. The membership of Alcoholics Anonymous reflects a disproportionate percentage of racial and ethnic backgrounds compared to those same demographics within society that are afflicted with alcoholism. The data taken from the most recent Fellowship survey details one that is 87% comprised of Caucasians. Some questions (in statement form...) for us to ponder as we continue on our journey through service; A.A. is behind the curve on taking advantage of technology, anonymity is a safety matter, to be self-supporting we must not skimp.

Some statements that I heard from panelists that stood out. As It relates to accessibility issues; "We don't know what we don't know" and "Nothing about us, without us", "It was easier to get my master's degree than it has been to perform my service commitment", "Why don't we stop focusing on how we can change established traditions at the International Convention, and start focusing on how we can get as many felons as possible into Canada and to the International Convention", "A fine plan or idea can come from anyone, or anywhere". Of course, the most impactful moments are the coffee and lunch breaks with random members from your Area (or other Areas), getting to know your counterparts from around your region, or catching up with your servant peers in the hallway or lobby.

On a local note, the San Diego Imperial Institutional Committee (H&I) is in need of member and meeting support for Corrections and Treatment panels. Please share this with your GSRs to announce at their meetings. Contact the SDIAIC Chair, Lauren B., at lowlo619@yahoo.com. I will be attending my first SoCal H&I Conference in Bakersfield, CA during the weekend of May 3-5. This year's Conference will be a joint venture between Southern & Northern California H&I Committees. Stay tuned to my June ACM Report for details on this event. The C.P.C. Committee is still standing after 3 moths of being back up and running. The Committee meets every 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM on Zoom (Meeting ID: 869 9138 5599 / Passcode: [Wh@tAAi5](#)), and could still use GSR and member participation.

The Pre-Conference Workshops have been very well attended thus far. We will be holding one more English speaking Workshop and visiting linguistic Districts 15 and 18 over each of the next 3 days. I have been reminding GSRs to attend GSR School at 8 AM before the Assembly on the 6th. DCMs, please make sure that you include this reminder again in your pre assembly emails. Between now and the assembly, we are hosting a General Service Panel at the San Diego Spring Round Up on Saturday March 30th at 9 am in "Town & Country B". I understand that conference registration fees can be expensive, but if you plan on attending the Round Up, please make sure that you drop in and support our 4 panelists as they share their Experience, Strength, and Hope as it relates to their General Service experience.

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