AREA o5 SCAAN SUMMER 2018

Statement of Purpose: To inform SCAA members and the AA fellowship at large, of selected items from GSO, the Area and items of general interest from the Districts.

Enjoying the Benefits of Service

Shortly after my arrival in Alcoholics Anonymous and having begun to taste the sweetness that the program had to offer me, I found myself trying to take all my friends that I thought had problems with drinking, that they may similarly find a little rest. But they only laughed and tried to buy me a drink.

One of my friends had turn mustard yellow as it was twice that the doctor had warned him that if he continued drinking he would die. I invited him endless times to my homegroup but he always had something important to do. I held a BBQ so that those who were more astute than I would attend and could convince him. He avoided that gathering as well and in less than a year he had died leaving a beautiful spouse and a beautiful two year old red-haired son. I told my sponsor, I took it as a failure that "I could not save him."

"Unfortunately, some of us will have to pay the higher price to help others learn, the program is not for everyone, but for those who want it" he replied.

Today I keep busy helping and learning in Service. I realized that the best way to carry the message is supporting our many different committees of service such as, Hospitals and Institutions, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, the GrapeVine, and Internet. All are the AA arteries that carry this message of life to the corner where there is one who needs it.

Last year I attended the Chili Cook out of H & I in a park in Long beach CA, an event where you buy a small cup of chili for \$2.00. The idea is to try all the different chilis that the groups have put forth, and the donations are used to buy literature that will in turn find their way to prisons. There I was, enjoying a day full of games and joy celebrating our sobriety with our brothers and sisters, I still can't find any sacrifice in it.

In June of this year I went to the Picnic "We are not a Glum Lot" of Westside Combined in a park in Culver City CA, had lots of fun. Music, games, grilled food, speakers and an excellent variety of information tables reaching out to the community: the CEC Committee, GrapeVine, Outreach, CYC, PI and the





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CIH with its Committee of IP and La Viña. Having clean healthy fun with our brothers and sister, achieving our purpose of sharing that it is giving.

I have grown a little since I complained that the other AA's would not attend or did not want to listen to talks about service. I complained when a Chairperson did not pass a collection hat for our Committee after we had worked so hard on it; or when we were sent away due to an anniversary or business meeting; or the Group did not want to know anything about service work and did not let anyone hear. All those beautiful memories of service that make me who I am today. I now realize that the beneficiary has always been me. The satisfaction that I get by helping another is mine, and it is what motivates me to keep going.

This September, the Public Information Committee brings me the opportunity to give life to our Fifth Tradition. I want to thank AA for the opportunity to amend my mistakes, to celebrate my sobriety, and to see this life with different eyes. I am grateful to be of service. This invitation to serve at the Los Angeles County Fair, not only will I get to be of service, there will be enjoyment of a full day of activities for the entire family. More importantly, I get to experience our precious unity by putting our common welfare first, by donating my time at the AA booth just for 4 hours; these are our 12 steps in Action.





See You There!
Bill L.
District 33 DCM

_ Delegate's Report

Delegate's Report – Reflections on the 68th General Service Conference

Thank you for your wishes, prayers, and support during this year's annual General Service Conference meeting held in New York, April 22 -29, 2018. Your inspiring words of love and encouragement lifted and carried me. We came together for one purpose: to focus on how AA can improve our ability to reach and help the suffering alcoholic, to improve AA's ability to carry our message of recovery and to insure our Fellowship's growth and well-being into the future -- aided and guided by the informed consciences of our groups.

I am filled with awe as I reflect upon the historic productivity of this year's annual meeting.

Addressing some very difficult issues, issues of trust, overcoming barriers, and keeping the Fellowship united, we held steady to our purpose, undeterred from distraction. This year, through a Conference week that was long, intense and often arduous, the Conference members were truly a "Society of Alcoholics in Action" -- resulting in an astonishing 58 advisory actions and an equally impressive host of committee considerations and new initiatives. Acting together in substantial unanimity, we removed so many barriers preventing access to our program of recovery, vastly expanding and improving the scope, depth and breadth of A.A.'s reach, and ever widening our capacity to reach and help the suffering alcoholic --- all in fulfillment of our great and enduring responsibility to make the vital hope of A.A. visibly available, readily accessible and inclusively welcoming to anyone, anywhere who is reaching out for help -- a constant widening of our 12th step call to embrace ALL who suffer from alcoholism, and not just some.

Demonstrating our spiritual commitment to obtain the fully informed conscience of our entire Fellowship, it is entirely note-worthy that this year's Conference was also the first year all Conference background materials were translated, providing "equal access" to our Spanish and French speaking members.

At our May 20, 2018 Assembly, I reported on actions taken and decisions reached at the 68th General Service Conference. I also reviewed Conference Report Advisory Actions and Considerations in our Committee Meetings, and gave our Area a first-hand account of my personal and spiritual experience, "What I Saw and Heard and Felt", along with a Q and A session. And at our May 20 Assembly, we began a discussion on "Ways to Effectively Communicate the Actions of the 68th General Service Conference to Our Groups".

Due to limitations of space, I can touch upon only a few of some of the most important developments in this article:

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC). All of the recommendations of the Conference Committee I chaired, Cooperation with the Professional Community, became advisory actions – *including one which will vastly strengthen and expand our outreach to professionals who come into contact with alcoholics*.

- ü CONFERENCE ACTION: That A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LINKEDIN with the following goals in mind: To offer another digital resource, in addition to AA.ORG, where professionals can find accurate information about A.A.; To broaden the reach of the "About A.A." newsletter for professionals; To offer a platform where our professional friends may recommend us; To raise awareness of exhibits staffed by local C.P.C. committees at national and local professional conferences; To expand the network of our professional friends and deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates; and, By our presence on LinkedIn, to reinforce the continuing relevance and efficacy of Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals.
- ü Three (3) revised pamphlets: "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional", "If You Are a Professional", and "Members of the Clergy Ask About A.A.", now including information for professionals who come in contact with veterans and active members of the Armed Services, and information on how to contact A.A. worldwide. An ongoing

- active effort has been undertaken both in C.P.C. and Treatment/Accessibilities to reach out to suffering alcoholics in this vast and underserved community.
- ü CPC Workbook: The updated "peer to peer" sample guide letters in the C.P.C. workbook have now been rewritten to be more relevant and effective -- to the professionals to whom they are addressed, with utilization of these guide letters strongly recommended in the "Suggested C.P.C. Committee Goals and Projects" section of the workbook.

LITERATURE. The Literature Committee considered an astounding 23 agenda items this year, many for new literature. 15 recommendations were brought out of committee to the floor --- and an astonishing 12 of 15 recommendations were approved, including:

- Publication with minor edits of "THE GOD WORD" providing shared experience strength and hope from atheist and agnostic A.A. members, officially opening the doors of A.A. to welcome atheists and agnostics on equal footing and affirming A.A.'s enduring foundational principle: that of flexibility and acceptance of differing viewpoints on spiritual matters.
- Development of a pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies, with emphasis on the history of the Three Legacies, how they work together and including personal stories of members' experiences with the Three Legacies.
- Development of a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women alcoholics by gathering sharing from Spanish-speaking women in A.A. This is "*Third Tradition literature*" whose purpose is to provide shared experience and reach out to specific groups of people to let them know that they have a place in our A.A. Fellowship.
- Many long awaited publications in development got their final green light and will be available to our Fellowship this year: "Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A.," "Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.," "Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues and their sponsors"
- "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services", revised to greatly strengthen and secure the health and wellbeing of our A.A. Groups through Safety Literature.
- Living Sober. Text regarding A.A. Members' permitted use of prescribed medications, originally included in the 1998 edition of Living Sober following the section titled "Note to Medical Professionals" is now re-added to Living Sober.

GRAPEVINE – **LA VIÑA** approved sales to outside organizations that work with suffering alcoholics at a scale well beyond the scope of a local Grapevine committee or group Grapevine Representatives, thus making these life-saving publications available wherever they may be useful in helping the still suffering alcoholic.

LA VIÑA – Affirming the importance of "spiritual parity", La Viña will now be published in full color!

PUBLIC INFORMATION. The video PSA "Changes" was approved; the Young People's Video submission was approved; both are wonderfully effective. The pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" was approved with expanded content on Traditions Eleven and Twelve. We approved the proposal that a progress report, including website analytics, be undertaken to gauge and increase the usefulness and effectiveness of the **A.A.W.S. YouTube account**. A.A. is revamping our communications inside and outside of A.A. to carry the message of our A.A. program in ways which are more effective, more visible and more relevant to today's alcoholics and the society in which we live.

ARCHIVES. Approval of a new publication, Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970. This never-before-collected General Service Conference talks of Bill W. and key talks by important Class A trustees for historical context and perspective will provide A.A. Members with a fresh and inspiring view on the history of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement in the years leading up to and following "AA Comes of Age".

These are but a few items from *five of the 13 Conference Committees* - I am of course only scratching the surface. *We have looked to see who is not in our rooms and why, and made it possible to actively reach these underserved communities* – *and those with accessibility issues* - Active Armed Services & Veterans, Spanish speaking women, LGBTQ, alcoholics with mental health problems, today's women, the deaf community -- *all to ever more inclusively answer our twelfth step call*.

AS TO FINANCES: Through good communication and engagement of our entire Fellowship, A.A. has completely reversed its downward spiral of 7th tradition contributions to create a strong new upward trend of increased 7th tradition participation from groups and members. Because you informed your groups and members of the vital need for self-support of A.A.'s services:

- ⇒ 2017 Contributions established a historic record of 8.4 Million, up 6% from 2016.
- ⇒ Literature sales, declining everywhere else in the publication world, were UP 6%.
- ⇒ And the cost of services per member was \$7.40 leading to a new voluntary contributions campaign this year for \$7.40 on 7/04.

<u>6 Page Newsletter Report</u> - My complete six-page written report covering the historically productive work of the 68th General Service Conference is now available on our Area's website in English and Spanish. This report has been formatted as a

"newsletter", intended to be easily read and understood by GSRs -- and every member of our A.A. Fellowship. Please download and distribute the online Conference report to any A.A. member in or out of General Service. It is completely anonymized. The full list of advisory actions and additional committee considerations are also available for viewing and download in English and Spanish from our Area 5 (Southern California) website, www.Area05AA.org or www.aascaa.org. Go to the website and click on 2018 General Service Conference Information link just below the welcome banner.

What should we do with this information? In the end, when it comes to the challenges our A.A. movement faces, the need for our collective action always exceeds the limits of what we can do at the General Service Conference. While there's plenty that the Conference can do and must do, there's a lot that the Conference alone cannot do. And that's where active, engaged A.A. trusted servants like you come in. The GSR is the vital link. It does Alcoholics Anonymous no good whatever if communication stops and stays with the GSR, and is not reported or communicated to our Fellowship. Communication goes both ways: Once a Conference is completed, it is vitally important that GSRs become educated and informed as to what transpired, so that we may faithfully report back the results to our Fellowship. This reporting back - in turn - creates an informed Fellowship that responds with new and better ways yet to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous – and to better insure our common welfare, effectiveness and survival. This cycle of communication -- of which all of us in general service are each an integral part -- is how AA lives and breathes, and how AA grows and prospers. "Pass it on," and "help keep this thing together." As trusted servants of our groups, each of us plays a vital role in that endeavor.

For our founders, the success of A.A.'s experiment in self-government through the Conference process rested on engaging all our A.A. Groups and A.A. members in providing and supporting the services which makes 12th step work possible. So as we look ever forward to our future, what could more profoundly vindicate the vision of our founders than every A.A. Group and every A.A. member working together to support and provide the services required to carry our message of hope and recovery to the millions of alcoholics we have yet to reach – to grow our movement -- coming together to strengthen our common welfare and shape our Fellowship's course?

Reliable accurate and consistent communication is our key to understanding, wisdom and effectiveness. Enabling members of our Fellowship to connect with AA as a whole, to more effectively carry the message to other alcoholics, has been and continues to be the primary goal of our General Service work. It's how we will continue to meet the challenges of our time. That will bring about the kind of future our children and their children deserve.

For if we make such an effort, no matter how hard it may seem, we will grow our A.A. movement and strengthen our common welfare – and make sure that A.A. is always here for the many generations of alcoholics to come.

In closing reflection and as for myself personally, I am thankful these past two years to have been given the responsibility, with which you entrusted me, to serve our Fellowship and the A.A. groups and members of Southern California Area 5 as your elected delegate to the annual General Service Conference meetings. I remain especially grateful to each of you for your commitment and support, and for the continuing opportunity we have to work together as partners in a common effort to strengthen and secure and grow this amazing movement in reaching and helping alcoholics to recover.

Love & Service, Thomas B Delegate Southern California Area 05 - Alcoholic Anonymous



What The Twelve Concepts Teach Us

The interesting thing about what happened when Bill W recorded the "why" of our service structure is that what really comes through is the "how". We organize to provide services. We organize to do work together. We talk all the time about what we do together, and it is amazing. Translations of our literature, carrying the message into remote communities, reaching people in new ways, saving lives. But how we do this . . . a resounding theme that was echoed several times during the Trustees' panel at PRAASA this year was that it doesn't matter what we do together as much as how we do it together. What we do is full of triumphs and also full of mistakes. That's what we've always done. What is the how that the Concepts reveal?

The how is confidence in our groups. The how is groups on top, leaders below. It is equality and egality amongst AAs. It is the trust we give to our servants when we delegate authority and responsibility to them. It is how we don't give people responsibilities without giving them latitude to interpret and decide for themselves how to do it. It is how we are always empowered to act out of our own conscience. It is how all people are heard and each voice is equally valued and respected regardless of opinion. It is how no one has the authority to dominate another. It is

how we believe that there are no second-class AAs or second-class service workers. It is how we strive for harmony and how we believe that all who serve should also have the power to decide. It is how we value and defer to minority opinion and accept that the majority can sometimes be wrong. It is how we favor inclusion over exclusion. It is how we give each other freedom of thought and liberty of judgment and action.

It is how we protect ourselves from ourselves and constantly bring in new leadership. It is how we try to minimize politics, political friction, and personal ambitions. It is how we allow change to our structure to meet new conditions. It is how we value leaders that lead by example and value in them their qualities of humility, discernment, patience, tolerance, vision, prudence, responsibility, flexibility, and their abilities to listen and compromise.

Above all else, it is how we do it together. That is how we have chosen to take care of AA – together - doing our work together - making our decisions together.

All of these things, and much more is covered in our Concepts.

By Brian P – Area Registrar

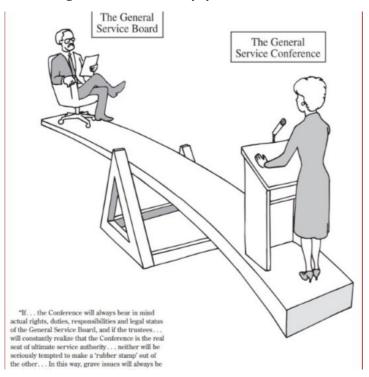
AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)



May - Concept 7:

The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and "balance of powers" between the Conference and the General Service Board. "This may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." On the one hand, "the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board. "Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members"; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. "Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need." The Conference "recommends" — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees "simply refrain from using their legal right to say 'no' when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say 'yes.



CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

- Do we act responsibly regarding the "power of the purse"?
- Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the G.S.B.?



Humility, Responsibility and Courage

A lesson in humility came to the forefront in my 7th year of sobriety. I had been struggling at a job with resentment of my superiors and other co-workers. I tried justifying being at this job by asking for more money - denied. The people I worked with were not bad, the boss was not asking me to do anything out of the ordinary, just to do my job which I did very well I might add...so humble am I.

In my home group I shared and shared about how I didn't want to be this person and how I hated the feelings of anger and jealousy I was feeling. My fellows kindly suggested that my job was not my identity and that it was just a job. It provided me with a paycheck for my services and that if I turned it all around and was only "of service" there my life would change. It was suggested that I do something for someone without them knowing and to look for ways to be helpful. It took months for these suggestions, repeated over and over, to sink in and for this self seeking alcoholic it was difficult to understand.

I knew about Step 7 and I felt I had "worked" it but as far as applying it to my life - I had no clue. It was just like the moment of clarity I had on the day I finally got sober, a revelation hit me one morning - "Today I should just try being of service at work". I walked in to the office and saw a paper on the floor next to the trash can and I picked it up and put in the can. There was a record book we all worked from and sometimes there were mistakes. Instead of yelling out to the person who made the mistake,"I fixed it for you" I just fixed it and continued on with my day. During the day I looked for ways to help people out when I wasn't doing my job - not by asking but just by doing. I felt so good, I felt so relieved, I felt no resentment and at the end of the day I was not exhausted and thinking about how horrible my job was. The truth is, those people wanted me to succeed, they wanted me to be happy and they actually liked me.

I ended up leaving that job soon after only because I had other dreams and career and creative aspirations which to this day I live and work in. Learning that lesson of humility was extremely valuable to me and to this day, when I feel myself slipping into that same behavior, I am able to remember that the universe is my employer and how I treat other people is more important than what I get from them or how I expect them to treat me. I think that

responsibility and courage both come from a certain humility and if I can keep my freedom from pride and arrogance at bay I will be more available for the service that a sober life inspires.

Lauren A. Area 05 Chair Panel 67



AREA 5 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday 06/23/2018—8:00 am - 1:30 pm Trinity Lutheran Church 997 E. Walnut St. Pasadena, CA 91107 Hosted by: District 3

8:00 Breakfast Fellowship & Registration

9:00 Call-to-Order, 1 Minute Silent Meditation, Serenity Prayer

Presentation on Concept Three – Susan P. District 2

Roll Call - Brian P., Registrar

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
District Committee Members	13	12		1
Alternate District Committee Members	4		4	
District Committee Member Chairs	1	1		
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	2	1	1	
Committee Chairs	11	9		2
Alternate Committee Chairs	7	1	4	2
Area Officers	7	7		
Past Delegates	6	6		
Visitors	8		8	
Subtotal	59	37	17	5
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple Roles*	-5			
Total Attendance	54			

^{*} These individuals serve in another area role (e.g. a Committee Chair that is also a GSR.) So that they are not counted

Motion to Approve the Agenda for June 23rd, 2018 Area Committee Meeting Seconded/Vote/Passed Unanimously
Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 25, 2018 Area Committee Meeting Seconded/Vote/Passed Unanimously

DCM and DCMC Reports

District 7, **Joe T. - DCM –** Thomas visited their meeting. They have about 15 people. Thomas will come back to visit again on July 2nd.

District 14, Sandra V., DCM – They just had their 15th year anniversary. Currently they have active GSR's. They are updating their list of meetings.

District 30, Bea D., DCM – They are very active and holding steady. They have a registrar who is reaching out to groups that are not represented. They have had visitors. Mary came out. Nikki came to visit. Then Nadine will visit. And one of the Young People will come out after that. Their website, which is aa-sca-district30.org. They're having a Traditions workshop soon.

District 3, Lisa M., Outgoing DCM – Thanked Area 05 for serving. Jane our alt DCM is moving to N. Carolina. Lisa is moving to Seattle. Mike, former secretary, passed away on his sobriety anniversary in a terrible accident. Jamie is the new DCM and our Alternate is Mataji. They have good attendance and are working on financial guidelines for their District. Jamie introduced herself and Mataji introduced herself.

District 35, Antonio A., DCM – Greeted the body. They are almost at the end of our panel. In August we will have elections for new servants. Time has gone by and we can look back and see that we have made advances in our District. We have about 19 groups and 14 are active in our District. There are 5 groups that do not have GSR's. Those are the districts that we visit and share news from the Conference. They know that their sobriety depends on this work.

They have various committees that have the same purpose to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. They celebrated along with the San Gabriel Central Office the AA anniversary in the Grupo Mexico. They all shared the joy of living in AA. They have in mind that AA is a community of action. They're trying to do the best possible. This is possible because of the fellow officers in District35. He is thankful for them, and thanked the Body.

District 4, Amy O., Alt. DCM – They are preparing the questionnaire for the group inventory. They are working on their Contributions which are low.

District 50, Francisco P., DCM – We continue to visit 2 groups a week and encourage their GSR's to attend all the area event. We completed the questionnaire. He received 5 of 10. He shared the information from the Conference with his District. They encouraged the women in his District to write their stories for the pamphlet. They discussed the 7/04 challenge. Their elections are coming up soon. On August 18th at the Group Alivio, they will celebrate their District anniversary.

District 37/38, Albert M.– DCM –They have an increased number of GSR participation. They have a new GSR for a Steps and Traditions meeting on Hilguard. They are going to reach out to the How It Works group which got D-listed about 1 yr. ago to see if they will come back.

District 34 – Theofilo S., DCM – They visit 2 meetings a month. We have 13 groups and each group has its own GSR. They are requesting stories for the pamphlets the Three Legacies and the Spanish Speaking Women. They talked about the challenge 7/40. The 18 of June, Thomas visited them to give a report back from the Conference. Now that he is getting a taste of his service it's time to rotate out.

CIH – Amado G., Secretary – CIH is working with the other DCM's in the Area and Committees. They are having their 4 Committee event on August 12th. They are supporting the meetings for the 2018 Forum. This year Area 93 will host the 2 area event in September. They have meetings every Tuesday with all the Committees to see how we can work together. They meet every 3rd Friday with all the DCM's and Alternates. They have their officers meeting every month. Thanked the body for allowing him to serve.

District 33, **Bill L.**, **DCM** – They continue keeping the groups informed. Their officers visit 3 groups a week to encourage participation and carry the voice of the Fellowship. They communicate General Service event information to their groups. They shared the Conference information from Thomas' report back and all the information for Area and Regional events.

Hollywood, Wilshire, Downtown Combined Districts, Daniel, Alt. DCMC - They had a survey. These are some of their findings. Their GSR's became GSR's because their groups needed one, not because they wanted to serve. Some of the good things they had heard about General Service were that it was great for their sobriety and spirituality and to be of service. Some of the bad things were that there were too many politics. They are a committed group. What they found most helpful were discussions about 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. They are doing a District inventory. They will have an experiential experience. They have been discussing splitting a District into 2. They have a Summer Camp Workshop in October. They have cabins with bunkbeds. They will have seminars and workshops, games, yoga and more.

Westside Combined District– Beverly M.– Alt. DCM – Will be hosting the Area elections. Thanked Thomas B for coming to districts to give his Conference report. Not a Glum Lot picnic is tomorrow. They will have 2 speakers, one of them is Zoraida. We will have games, raffles, and a DJ. One member, Franc brought an initiative to the Westside. She will announce it. Franc announced - the meeting will be interpreted in sign language by Timothy. They will have Gold Cans to collect funds for sign language interpreter at their meetings.

Officer Reports:

Alt. Delegate (includes Audit Subcommittee Report) - Thomas S.

Expressed appreciation for the activities that are happening in Area 5. He recognized our Delegate for continuing to set an unbelievable example. And thanked our Chairperson who has Guided us to the end of this panel

with exemplary work. He sees the amount of passion and work that has gone into the budget and calendar as well. He has some extra copies of La Viña. He received a few from the GSO to pass out. Wants to mention something about his regular AA meetings. It came to his attention that his meeting had not made a contribution to any of the service entities. They made a contribution to the Area today. As a regular member of any meeting you have the right and privilege to voice your concern if your group has not made a contribution. We can contribute directly to the GSO up to \$5,000 on an annual basis.

- Audit Report He distributes the bank statement to the Accounts Treasure for reconciliation and the other
 members of the Audit Committee for the Board. He sends a courtesy copy to the Chair. He wants to commend everyone involved in the Audit Committee. They have had no discrepancies so far, this panel.
- He invited WACYPAA to the Assembly to give a presentation. He also invited the Spanish Central Office to give a report. At the Assembly, he will give a report on the Pacific Regional Forum. On July 2nd, he will attend the District7 meeting and will talk about the history of General Service and its purpose. He will speak in Area 09 on Concepts 7-12.
- Miguel M., Corrections Chair Liaison to H&I They want to hear about Area 05; Miguel fills in on his behalf.
 He also goes to represents Area 05. He passed along the Highlights from Thomas B's Newsletter, the Grapevine subscriptions which went out to 2 inmates, passed along information on how to better serve inmates. He
 mentioned the Area sending them to Portland, Maine in November. He also invited everyone to visit the area
 website.

Registrar, Brian P. - There have been changes to the Area Committee. We got to meet Phranc, Christine, and David, and there have a few DCM changes. He sent out new Area Committee Rosters. The Area has a policy that anyone who is eligible to vote must be registered at least 72 hours in advance. He and Zoraida had the opportunity to speak to the American Psychiatric Association. It was a good experience. It's a huge convention. We participated in one of the workshops. He found that we have a lot of friends in the medical community and that's how it's always been. We had a wonderful experience getting support in preparation from our own CPC Chair, Delegate, the Area 49 local CPC Committee, and Jeff W. who is CPC staff at the GSO. So, whenever we do anything in General Service, there is a lot of support available.

Secretary, Zoraida R. -attended the 3rd Legacy Meeting. Went to the CIH and served as Interpreter for Jennifer, DCMC Hollywood, Wilshire, Downtown Combined & Sharron, DCMC Westside Combined. Also visited District3 meeting's first meeting after the loss of Mike B., Friend and District Secretary also wanted to be present to welcome the new officers. On her NY Trip, she had the opportunity to visit the GSO. She also had a phone call with Cristina in NYC who is starting a Spanish Women's meeting. She attended the Spanish Central Office Meeting in El Monte. She announced that the Registration for the Pacific Regional Forum will Open on July 9^{th.} Excited to speak at the Not A Glum Lot Picnic tomorrow.

Secretary shared the Highlights from last ACM.

- Hollywood Wilshire Downtown Combined District, Jennifer K., DCMC shared that they developed a new pamphlet on how they can help groups.
- Westside Combined Districts, Sharron S., DCMC shared that they booked a date for the Not a Glum Lot Picnic on June 24^{th which is t}omorrow
- District 49, Jose S., DCM shared they are hosting the 4 Committees event tentatively on August 12th.

Contributions Treasurer, Doug S. – He picks up the contributions from the mailbox. Compiles the Contributions Reports. His financial reports must match Terry's report. Reviewed the Report. Extended an invitation to visit Districts in the Area.

Motion: To Accept the 1st Quarter 2018 Contributions Report as presented.

Seconded by Finance Committee/**Passed** Unanimously

Accounts Treasurer, Terry C. – Report was distributed. Reviewed Report.

Motion: To Accept the 1st Quarter 2018 Accounts Treasurer Report as presented.

Seconded by Finance Committee/Passed Unanimously

Approval of 2019 Calendar Secretary, Zoraida R. made Motion to approve 2019 Calendar Seconded/Passed Unanimously

Chairperson, Lauren A. –

- Announcement about the Food Kitty for the ACM. We have the Rosemead Recreation Center for next year.
 Thanked new DCM and Alt. DCM for stepping up in District3. Went to the 15th Anniversary at District14.
 The new Ad Hoc Committee for Accessibilities is getting started. Anyone who is not on a committee please meet with Phranc at the assembly.
- Thanked Daniel for hosting the next Assembly which will be in Los Feliz by the Greek Theatre. The Election Assembly is coming up. The Committee Chairs will be recommending someone new for the incoming Chair.
- Even though it it's the end of the panel we still have a lot of work to do this panel. Christine has stepped up and is the new Literature Chair. The Foothill Round-up is coming up and we have been asked to lend our Interpretation equipment. We are now able to use the new Area website. The new area website is area05aa.org. Encouraged the body to attend the Budget Meeting after the event. Thanked Thomas B. for his hard work.

Delegate's Report - Thomas B.

- Love and Tolerance is our code. That's not a political statement. That's our spiritual heritage. It is also the theme of A.A.'s 2020 International Convention. Love and Tolerance is our code. That's our common welfare. When we turn not on each other or from each other -- but toward each other in love and compassion and we find we share a common solution that binds us to each other and that we do not walk alone. Love and Tolerance. That's where our strength comes from. That's where our courage comes from. That we of Alcoholics Anonymous achieve ourselves by giving and sharing ourselves in love and compassion with those around us. Love and commitment to this sacred task underlies all we do. That was the same spirit and love and compassion that was brought to him 19 years ago when he was a hopeless alcoholic, leading a miserable, wasted, desperate, suicidal life. It was A.A.'s spirit of love and compassion that reached out and saved his life.... If not for A.A. He would be dead today.
- Thomas expressed that he is forever grateful for the opportunity given to him to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and to represent the collective voice of the 1,500 groups and 47,000 members of Southern California Area 5 as your Panel 67 Delegate to the General Service Conference. It has been a huge and humbling responsibility, one that he has taken seriously.
- He went to the Conference his first year as a trusted servant of Area 5. He left the Conference as a trusted servant of A.A. as a whole. All of our past delegates here today know exactly what he is speaking about. The actions taken at the Conference and the decisions that we make are not games that we're playing. To the best of our ability, we're making the decisions that we think are right for Alcoholics Anonymous, our groups, our members, and the future growth and well-being of our movement guided by the collective informed conscience of our groups and members. And in that regard, his responsibility is a responsibility that he has worked hard to continuously share with each and every one of you here today.
- Expressed his most heartfelt thanks and great appreciation for your tremendous work and for your prayers, best wishes and support during this year's annual General Service Conference meeting held in New York, April 22 -29, 2018. Your inspiring words of love and encouragement lifted and carried me.
- He is filled with awe as he reflected upon the historic productivity of this year's annual meeting. Addressing some very difficult issues, issues of trust, overcoming barriers, and keeping the Fellowship united, we Panel 67s held steady to their purpose, undeterred from distraction. This year, the Conference members were truly a "Society of Alcoholics in Action." Acting together in substantial unanimity, we removed so many seemingly intractable barriers preventing access to our program of recovery, vastly expanding and improving the scope, depth and breadth of A.A.'s reach, and ever widening our capacity to reach and help the suf-

- fering alcoholic --- all in fulfillment of our great and enduring responsibility to make the hand of A.A. visibly available and inclusively welcoming to anyone, anywhere who is reaching out for help a constant widening of our 12th step call to embrace all who suffer from alcoholism, and not just some.
- Now at our May 20, 2018 Assembly, he reported on the actions taken and decisions reached at the 68th General Service Conference. he also reviewed Conference Report Advisory Actions and Considerations in our Committee Meetings, and give our Area a first-hand account of his personal and spiritual experience, "What he Saw and Heard and Felt", along with a question and answer session. And at our May 20 Assembly, we began a discussion on "Ways to Effectively Communicate the Actions of the 68th General Service Conference to Our Groups".

Focus on today.

- His complete six-page written report covering the important work of the 67th General Service Conference is now available on our Area's website in English and Spanish. The report has been formatted as a "newsletter", intended to be easily read and understood by GSRs -- and by every member of our A.A. Fellowship. It reflects many of the important agenda items that were addressed through our Conference Committee process and general sessions, resulting in numerous advisory actions and additional committee considerations improvements to A.A. literature, policy and finances.
- The Conference Report newsletter is accessible through the link at the top of Area 05's Welcome Page by clicking on "2018 General Service Conference Report" http://www.area05aa.org/gsc/. Clicking on this link takes you to the 2018 General Service Conference page, where the GSR can view / download pdf copies of <u>Delegate's 2018 Conference Report Newsletter</u>.
- Please encourage all GSRs to download and distribute the Delegate's 2018 Conference Report Newsletter in print, or by e-mail, or by link, to their group members and to any AA member in or out of General Service. It is completely anonymized.

Suggestions:

- Please Read the Report. Just as "A Vision for You" says: "Obviously, you cannot transmit something you
 haven't got". We cannot successfully communicate, knowledgeably discuss matters of importance, ask pertinent questions or make beneficial suggestions unless each of us first fulfill our duty as trusted servants
 to become informed. This report was designed to be readily read and understood by all GSRs and all AA
 members
- 2. Please Use the Report to Identify A.A. Service Opportunities and Matters of Interest to you and your Groups -- AND encourage all GSRs to report on the important actions taken at the 2018 Conference when making GSR reports: Every GSR now has 6 pages of accurate information that will provide material for many weeks of reports.
- 3. Please Print copies and make the Delegate's Conference Report available to all AA Group Members, either in print or digital form. The GSR is the vital link. We seek an informed and engaged Fellowship and a collective and informed "Society of Alcoholics in Action" if we are to actually make progress today in supporting our future. Our future begins now.
- 4. Start Gathering Feedback for the Next Conference Now. Distribute the Conference report to group members (either digitally or by print) and engage your group members in discussion on the Delegate's Report. The General Service Conference process was never designed by Bill W and our founders to be only a two or three-month sprint of communication with our groups. In order to be effective, the General Service Conference process of communication must be carried out throughout the year.

Top 7 developments from the 68th General Service Conference as follows:

- 1. Vastly expand and improve the scope, depth and breadth of A.A.'s reach reaching alcoholics where they are:
 - CPC: Shared about the LinkedIn developments.
 - Grapevine: Shared about outside sales to places like treatment centers and hospitals.
 - Public Information: Shared about Google ad words and PSAs YouTube page. Nielsen has ranked PSA "Doors" 26 out of the 1,855 PSAs monitored! That's the top 5% of all PSAs!

- 2. Our spirit of unity and inclusiveness and spiritual parity Love and Tolerance is our code. La Viña published in full color, --- in the spirit of unity and inclusiveness for the first time this year we translated all our Conference Background material to insure we actually have an informed group conscience and that no one is left out, The God Word reaffirming A.A.'s enduring foundational principle of flexibility and acceptance of differing viewpoints on spiritual matters.
- 3. Vision Vastly improved the effectiveness and relevancy of our communications to the public and within our Fellowship. We are revamp our communications make them and A.A. more relevant to alcoholics in the society in which we live. The Service Manual will be more direct and relevant so that a new GSR can understand it. CPC Mike P. suggested we have professionals to write letters and we now have those in our workbooks. Corrections is now doing the same thing. We went through a Communications Audit. How are we presented to the World and how do we wish to be presented to the world?
- 4. Vision Informing and engaging our Fellowship as we look forward to our Future. Great emphasis was placed on the importance of informing and engaging our entire A.A. Fellowship. We have made our Conference report widely available to all AAs in digital format. Your communications to your groups will reignite in each of us the embers of commitment and responsibility, of true caring and compassion for the suffering alcoholic, the coalition of conscience that found expression in our A.A. Movement 80 years ago, a matter of 12th step vision of what we can be as we look forward to our Future. GSR the link to AA as a whole. Moving away from a self-aggrandizing ego-based description ("may be the most important job in AA") to a functional description (the link to A.A. as a whole).
- 5. Actively reaching underserved communities we have been looking to see who is not in our rooms and why Active Armed Services & Veterans, Spanish speaking women, LGBTQ, alcoholics with mental health problems, today's women, the deaf community -- all to ever more inclusively make the hand of AA available to everyone suffers from alcoholism
- 6. Strengthening the health and well-being of our A.A. Groups through Safety Literature.
- 7. Support for services

AS TO FINANCES: Because you informed your groups and members of the vital need for self-support of A.A.'s services. In 2017 Contributions established a historic record of 8.4 Million, up 6% from 2016, literature sales, declining everywhere else in the publication world, were UP 6%, and the cost of services per member was \$7.40 – leading to a new campaign this year for \$7.40 on 7/04.

How should we use this information?

Please communicate with your groups. Start gathering feedback for the next Conference now. **Engage your group members in discussion on the Delegate's Report.** What do the members of your group think and feel about what happened? What else would they like to see occur that would further improve A.A. literature, policy and finances? What suggestions do your group members have to better reach and help the suffering alcoholic? To better aid the health and welfare of our groups? To strengthen the growth of our Fellowship, and to support the services required to carry AA's message of recovery?

The General Service Conference process is not a two or three-month sprint of communication with our groups. In order to be effective, it must be carried out throughout the year. Communication goes both ways: Once a Conference is completed, it is equally as important that we become educated and informed as to what transpired, so that we may faithfully report back the results to our Fellowship.

This reporting back creates an informed Fellowship that responds with new and better ways yet to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous -- and to better insure our effectiveness and survival. This cycle of communication -- of which all of us are each an integral part -- is how AA lives and breathes, and how AA grows and prospers.

For our founders, the success of A.A.'s experiment in self-government through the Conference process rested on engaging all our A.A. Groups and A.A. members in this work. Our unique strength as a movement - our 12th step focus on doing our best to carry the message of recovery to alcoholics, our values, our commitment, our inclusivity and diversity and reliance upon the collective informed conscience of our Fellowship as our guiding light — these things give us everything we need to ensure our growth and well-being for generations to come.

But while these values to us may seem self-evident, they are not self-executing.

Our AA Movement and the future of Fellowship is threatened whenever we take it for granted. A.A. does not have a money problem. Never has. What we have is a participation apathy problem. And that is entirely within our power to change, because the change we need starts within ourselves.

And that will happen only through your effort and good communication, strengthening and uniting all of us as partners in our common effort, reaching and engaging every A.A. group and member. And the alcoholics we will reach, and the quality of Fellowship we will grow — that's the kind of future our children and their children deserve. Our co-founders and early members knew it was imperative to seek the means by which we might carry the message of AA to as many as possible, as quickly as possible, so that others might be spared the destruction of alcoholism. If we want to honor their courage and commitment, then all of us are called to possess their moral imagination.

All of us will need to feel, as they did, the fierce urgency of action now. All of us will need to recognize, as our founders did, that we are indeed a "Society of Alcoholics in action", that our future of tomorrow depends on our actions today, on our commitment and on our efforts and our informed communications with each other. We must engage our Fellowship in supporting and performing this 12th step work. Because if we make such effort, no matter how hard it may seem, we will indeed grow our A.A. movement and strengthen our common welfare for the many generations of alcoholics to come.

He Share about 2 calls for stories. Manuscrits should be 500-900 words. The deadline for subissions Is Novembre 19, 2018.

- 1. The pamphlet for AA's 3 Legacies, Unity, Recovery, and Service.
- 2. The Spanish Women's Pamphlet encourage Spanish women in your meetings to write stories.

This is exciting. We are creating new literature.

Moved on to 7.40 on 7/04 Challenge. It costs \$7.40 to support all services the GSO provides each member of AA in 1 year. On July 4th, each member is encouraged to contribute \$7.40 to the GSO.

PRAASA in 2023 Area 05 He started the planning by chairing a preliminary committee made up of all Past Delegates. He spoke to each of them and is pleased to report that all of our past delegates have agreed to be on the committee, now and through PRAASA. Stand and be recognized. It looks like the best timetable would be for us to form the full committee after the Panel 71 Area Election in 2020, when we will know who is available to take the rest of the committee positions.

- October 2020: Mike and Scott agreed to be the PRAASA Committee co-chairs -- because there is more than enough work for two people to share the chair position. Their duties don't have to be defined ahead of time, they can decide later how to split the work, and he can't think of two guys better able to work with each other than Mike and Scott.
- When the final committee is formed in 2020, he will serve as 2023 Program Chair.
- We were talking about translation problems earlier today. Panel 63 Delegate Juan M. will serve as Spanish language translation and outreach liaison and Accessibilities chair.
- Mary T. has agreed to serve as PRAASA Archivist and Jim I. as Technical Advisor for the translation equipment.
- He has asked our Panel 61 Delegate, Marcus F (and he has agreed) to serve as 2023 PRAASA Secretary. The PRAASA Secretary has to be someone who pays attention to details and can record them accurately, and he think Marcus is absolutely the best person for the job.
- He knows that our panel 55 delegate Jim W was Hospitality Chair in 2010, and we discussed him taking on this position for the 2023 PRAASA and he has agreed to do so or take on any other important position as the need dictates and we see who is available.
- I've asked Mike, Scott, Mary and Marcus to be on the search committee to help find a venue. And anyone else who wants to can also join in.
- The first thing for all of us to do is attend the "Pass It On" meeting after next year's PRAASA in Irvine and take notes. We will be setting a time and place for our first meeting of the preliminary PRAASA 2023 committee soon, and he will keep you apprised of developments.

Pacific Region Forum – September 7-9, San Jose – He was selected by the GSO Forums Coordinator to be the sole presenter at the Full Forum Workshop. His topic is: "What can we do to assure AA will be here tomorrow?" He has also been asked to moderate a roundtable workshop: "Cooperation with the Professional Community: Being friendly with our friends at the local level."

What's new is AA for the military and Frente a Frente. Go to AA Grapevine.org. We have 5 new books coming out this year. The La Vina anniversary is coming up and he will be speaking on Sunday July 22 after our Assembly in Area 09.

He thanked the body for their service. What you and other GSRs are doing is precisely what Bill W was talking about when he called for "a Society of alcoholics in action". It's a vision that's changed and transformed the lives of millions worldwide, including yours and mine. Our work today is all about this precious thing that we've inherited and that we want to pass on, stronger, richer and more vibrant than when we received it. We are all part of a legacy of service dating back to our founders. And he is profoundly grateful for your commitment, and for the opportunity we all have to work together as partners in a common effort to strengthen and secure and grow this amazing movement in reaching and helping alcoholics to recover.

New Business

Lauren reviewed voting eligibility

Panel 69 Agenda Item Presentation/Discussion and Vote - David W., CEC Chairperson

Motion: that Area 05 develop a letter to send to the 2019 General Service Conference for an agenda item for the next panel to establish a Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee at the General Service Conference/General Service Office level; and develop a Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee Service Piece.

Seconded/Questions/Vote: 31 in Favor, 2 Opposed **Minority Opinion/No Reconsideration/Motion Passes**

Finance Committee Chair, Shawn A. announced and Unbudgeted Expense Request from Zoraida R., Area Secretary for \$670.00 to be fully funded to attend the Pacific Regional Forum.

Finance Chair, Terry C. announced that we have sufficient funds in the account.

Motion: To fund the Area 05 Secretary to attend the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum in San Jose for \$670.00./ **Seconded/Questions**

Friendly Amendment made by Terry C. to fund the Attraction and Outreach Committee member instead of Area 05 Secretary./**Friendly Amendment Accepted**

Read Motion with Friendly Amendment: To fund the Pacific Regional Forum Attraction & Outreach Committee Member to attend the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum in San Jose.

Vote: 23 in favor, 8 opposed/Motion Passes

Minority Opinion/No Reconsideration/Motion Passes

Finance Committee Chair, Shawn A. announced and Unbudgeted Expense Request from Christine L., Literature Chair for \$100.00.

Finance Chair, Terry C. announced that we have sufficient funds in the account.

Motion: The Literature Committee request \$100.00.

Seconded/Questions/Passes Unanimously

Motion made by Shawn A. Finance Chair to approve the items 4, 8, 11, and 15 of the Area Financial Guidelines. *I* **Seconded**

Point of Order by Terry C. to include the start date on Item 11.

Clarification by Shawn A. that the effective date for Item 11 is August 1, 2018.

Friendly Amendments made by Mike P. to include "**Hosting**" District Committee Member (DCM) or District Committee Member Chair (DCMC).

Friendly Amendment Accepted

Friendly Amendments made by Mike P. for Item 11 the Sound person, the person running sound for the Area meeting, shall be reimbursed for mileage "**roundtrip**"

Friendly Amendment Accepted

Motion: To approve items 4, 8, 11, and 15 for inclusion of the Approved Area Financial Guidelines with the 2 Friendly Amendments under Mileage to include Hosting and Roundtrip.

Seconded/Vote/Passes unanimously

Stump the Delegate

Good and Welfare

Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish and English)

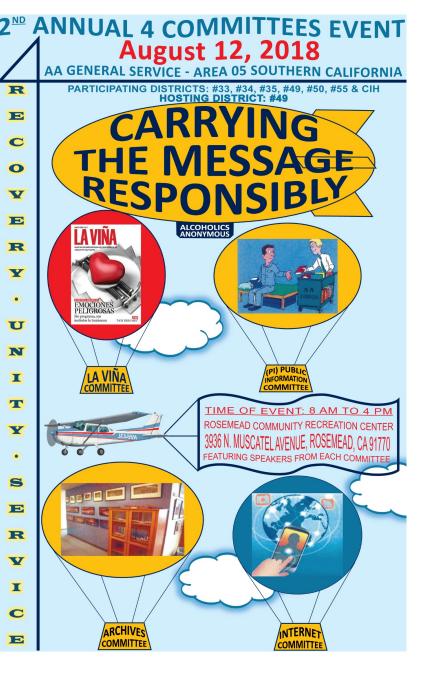


Others Important Dates to Note

8/18 Third Legacy Meeting—Arcadia 8/19 Area 05 ACM—TBD

9/7-9/9 Pacific Regional Forum— San Jose

9/22 Steering Committee, Pasadena



AREA 05 SPRING 2018 ASSEMBLY

John Adams Middle School

2425 16th St.

Santa Monica, CA 90405

Hosted by the Westside Combined Districts Sunday, May 20, 2018

9:00 Welcome and One Full Minute of Silent Meditation

Call-to-Order

AA Birthdays (January 20-May 20, 2018)

Roll Call - Brian P. - Registrar

	Total	Voting	Non-Voting	Secondary Role*
General Service Representatives	67	64		3
Alternate General Service Representatives	14	12	2	
District Committee Members	20	19		1
Alternate District Committee Members	10	3	7	
District Committee Member Chairs	3	3		
Alternate District Committee Member Chairs	2		2	
Committee Chairs	14	12		2
Alternate Committee Chairs	6	1	2	3
Area Officers	7	7		
Past Delegates	5	5		
Visitors	9		9	
Subtotal	157	126	22	9
Adjustment for Individuals Serving in Multiple	-9			
Total Attendance	148			

^{*} These individuals serve in another area role (e.g. a Committee Chair that is also a GSR.) So that they are not counted twice, there presence in this role is not being counted towards total attendance.

Motion to Approve the January 20, 2018 Winter Assembly Minutes – Secretary, Zoraida R.

Seconded/Approved unanimously

Motion to Approve the Assembly Agenda for May 20, 2018 - Lauren A., Chairperson

Amended Agenda: Moved the Cooperation with the Elderly Community Presentation before the Standing Committee Reports and will add a Presentation from the Central Office Archives Chairperson at 3:25 pm.

Seconded/Approved unanimously

Delegate report by Thomas B. - 68th General Service Conference Report

"What I Saw, Heard and Felt"

When he first started the panel in 2017 he wrote an article for the SCAAN called Building on Our Past and Supporting Our Future. It started out with a quote from Bill W. "We are deeply aware that we stand upon the threshold of a great door which opens wide into our future. Ours can be a destiny of ever-increasing promise and fulfillment. Our faith in this vision has never faltered. But the future would still lack its full use and meaning did it not bring us fresh challenges through which we can grow into true greatness of action and spirit."

He asked two questions. So — as we look back at the foundation on we have received from our past, and from our most humble of beginnings, we see that our AA Fellowship has come so far. Without the restless service work of those who came before,

none of us would be here now. But there is so much more to do. So today, let us ask ourselves — if our children and their children should live to see AA in the next century, what change in Alcoholics Anonymous will they see? What lasting progress will we have made? This is our chance to answer that call — by making progress on meeting the ever-present challenges facing our A.A. movement. Now it is our turn. This is our moment. Our future is a result of what we do now. We are responsible for our time. That was two years ago. For many years our progress in AA has been uneven. Out Conference process has been especially hard. It's been contentious. But the long sweep of AA has always been defined by forward motion. A constant widening of our 12 Step calls to embrace people who suffer from alcoholism. But If I told you a few years ago in AA through your engagement of our fellowship we would completely reverse its downward spiral in contributions and create an upward trend to increase in both the percentages of groups participating and the amounts given. Resulting in a historic high of 8.4 million dollars. If I had told you that AA Literature sales would reverse its decline and continue to grow despite worldwide decline in print sales. If I had told you that we would vastly improve the span of AA's reach through social media and other communication means. That we would be reaching alcoholics where they are and professionals on platforms that they frequent. If I had told you that we would greatly strengthen and secure the health of our AA groups through Safety literature. We are inclusive and never exclusive and honor spiritual parody. That La Viña would be published in full color. That in the spirit of unity we would translate all our Conference material to make sure we have an informed group conscience. If I had told you that we would better inform and engage our fellowship. Make the Conference report widely available to all in digital format and that through our efforts we would ignite the embers of commitment and true caring for the suffering alcoholic. If I had told you we would look and see who is not in our rooms and why and that we would be actively reaching these underserved communities. Active armed services and veterans, Spanish women, LGBTQ, alcoholics with mental health problems, todays woman, the deaf community, all to make the hand of AA available to everyone who suffers from alcoholism. If I had told you that we would open the doors of AA to welcome atheists and agnostics.

If I had told you that we would revamp our communications to make them more relevant to alcoholics in a society. That we in fact would grow our movement. If I had told you all that, you might have said that we were setting our sights a little too high. But that's what we did. That's what you did. You were the change. Because of you our AA movement is in a better place than when we started. It is up to all of us to make sure we can meet the challenges we have to face. Our success in our movement is to engage our AA members. Look around you. Everyone here today is part of that success story. He thanked the body and was filled with awe at the outcome of this annual meeting. This is an important part where he tells us what he saw, heard, and felt. This is for all the future delegates here. He heard his first delegate's report delivered by Mary T. He's sure Mary didn't know that she was giving a report to the Panel 67 Delegate. Likewise, he is giving the report to our Panel 69 Delegate, our Panel 71 Delegate, 73, 75, and perhaps 79. We all have an opportunity to serve. Sharing this is important. Preparation is essential to attend the Conference. He thanked the assembly for helping to prepare him to attend the Conference. We had 729 responses which is up from 400 from last year and that was a record last year. He had a chance to hear from you. He served as Chair for the CPC committee and was able to go to the Board weekend. He got to work with his Board members to make sure they were all ready to go to work at the Conference. He organized everything he needed for the Conference. He put everything in folders so he could refer to them quickly when needed. He took the redeye so he could arrive on time. His shuttle driver shared about his family members who were looking for help with their alcoholism. His room looked down to Time Square at the Crown Plaza. It is a circus. He focused on what he needed to focus on. He stayed focused. He had dinner with Jeff W. and went over the upcoming business. He also met with Steve C. from Washington. Saturday morning all the Pacific Region Delegates got together and took a bus tour given by George D. They went to 182 Clinton St. where Bill W lived. They saw Towns Hospital. On Saturday afternoon, they went to work. They had 3 meetings before the conference started. They had the 1728 meeting. 1728 is 12X12X12. They shared on Tradition 9 and Concept 11. He shared that Tradition 9 means we don't receive payment for service work. Our cofounders knew that we had to share the message of AA to everyone as quickly as possible to help them with their alcoholism. AA is organized because we need it to guide us through our service structure and that is where Concepts 1, 2, and 7 are applied.

The next meeting was the Remote Community meeting. Remote communities are remote by language, community and culture or anything that keeps a group of suffering alcoholics away from the rest of us. This year they focused on the Military. They have the Remote Community Communicator which Phil W. and Bob H. post. The military is a remote community. There is a rank and discipline culture in the Military which keeps people from getting the message of AA. People are afraid of exposing their alcoholism and there is a subculture of drinking. They talked about ways to reach the military actively. He had a chance

to share, our secretary and chair of the Hispanic Women's Workshop, Zoraida's report on the Hispanic Women's Workshop. She had submitted a report on Spanish speaking women as a remote community which he was able to share and talk about and give them information on. That became a topic of discussion. It was reported back and will go into the remote communities' report. It was valuable information and will help people to understand that there can be cultural issues which will make access to AA very difficult. Our job is to make AA accessible to everyone. Finally, there was the Delegate's only meeting where they learned such important concepts from the new delegates, such as Coffee is not Food! The next morning the Conference opened. He went over his Conference Service Manual. He shared about the first time he attended the Conference and how it was emotional for him. He realized he was now a Conference member. When they called his name at roll call he got emotional. He went around to the other delegates from the Pacific Region and shared with the delegates that they are conference members now. Everything they had done has prepared them for this moment. They are ready now. Some broke down crying. There were some initial presentations and went over the rules. And then somebody got up and said, "will the trustees and the members of the General Service Office obtain from any vote which talks about their conduct."

There was an undertone that they could see the entire Conference sidetracked with the possibility of the Trustees censure and

reorganization of the Board. Greg T. said that they would all be able to vote their own consciousness if and when our conduct is up for discussion or vote. They moved on from that. He met with his first joint committee, the CPC committee and the Trustees committee on CPC and Treatment and Accessibilities. There is a corresponding trustees committee for his committee. They help implement the Conference recommendations. He chaired the committee meeting. Most were all on board with the need for the LinkedIn page. A couple of people were not. They heard the minority opinion which moved another member to share about why LinkedIn was a bad idea and talked about everything that was wrong with LinkedIn. At the banquet, Jeff W. and Tomas B. sat together and knew that if they addressed the facts it would help get rid of the fear which he felt was the cause of the objections. Someone tried to subvert the majority opinion by sharing an outside report with them and tried to persuade them to change their vote. The next day, he took a moment and reminded everyone why they were all at the conference. He shared what the CPC committee does. The committee started to work on the 3 pamphlets. AA as the Resource for the Healthcare Professional, Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous, and If you are a Professional. Their charge was to revise them to include information about veterans and active military members to ensure that they have access to AA. They had to add language to the pamphlet. He thought they were wonderful as revised. Once member started to wordsmith the pamphlets. They spent the entire day on that which was ½ of the time they had. They agreed to meet early the next morning. They took a straw vote on LinkedIn at the beginning. His committee voted with a substantial majority voted in favor, 2 were strongly opposed, 3 were leaning oppose and 3 who were in favor. They went around the room and listened to everyone. He went last and that killed him. He made a suggestion that saved the day. They finally took the vote 5 in favor and 2 against. Area 1 said she hadn't made up her mind yet. She said that it was important to her area to have a statement that says we will not have any affiliation with LinkedIn. So, they included that and they voted, 6 in favor and 2 opposed. They assigned the order of committee reports. There are 13 conference committees that have to report back. They take an analysis of what's involved and decide what order they will report. Wednesday morning, they went to the General Service Office and he had an opportunity to introduce Mary T. as our nominee for Pacific Regional Trustee. In his 2 minutes, he went through her achievements that are not on her resume. Kathy Fowler is our new Pacific Trustee. She will come to conduct our elections in October. He was the first to go up and report on Thursday morning. He read the report, answered questions, and then the advisory actions are read, then he defended his committees' decisions. They started to wordsmith all over again. They didn't like certain wording and everyone was coming up with all kinds of suggestions. Greg T. reminded the audience to respect the committees work. All were passed with substantial unanimity.

These were our suggestions for LinkedIn. A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LinkedIn with the following goals in mind:

- 1. To offer another digital resource, in addition to aa.org, where professionals can find accurate information about A.A.
- 2. To broaden the reach of the "About A.A." newsletter for professionals
- 3. To offer a platform where our professional friends may recommend us
- 4. To raise awareness of exhibits staffed by local C.P.C. committees at national and local professional conferences;
- 5. To expand the network of our professional friends and deepen the pool of Class A Trustee candidates; and--by our presence on **LinkedIn**
- 6. To reinforce the continuing relevance and efficacy of A.A. to professionals

Encouraged everyone to visit aa.org and click on the section for professionals' link. After a lot of discussion. For every question that was asked he said, "Thank you for the Question." He was able to use other resources and asked other members on his committee to step in and answer questions. LinkedIn passed. They had their chance to say their goodbyes and say what these last 2 years has meant to them. These last 2 years have been one of the most rewarding and profound moments of his life. Thanked everyone for the opportunity.

Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings and New GSR Orientation led by Alt. Delegate-Thomas S.

Delegate's Report, Conference Advisory Actions - 68th General Service Conference with Q&A – Thomas B., Delegate Thomas gave the officers and his Conference pins and a few gifts from the Conference and to the Area archives.

They passed 58 Advisory Actions. In past years, they have had maybe 63 agenda items.

Cooperation with the Professionals: They updated "peer to peer" sample guide letters, now rewritten to be more relevant to the professionals to whom they are addressed, replace the guide letters currently in the C.P.C. workbook. Mike P., our Panel 59 Delegate, suggested last year that we should have letters written by professionals in AA to professionals about AA and what we do. They are phenomenal in their relevance and clarity. That when listing professionals whom C.P.C. committees should approach in the workbook, that list should include professionals who come in contact with active members of the military and veterans whenever possible.

Finance: The Conference-approved maximum *annual* contribution from an individual A.A. member to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The committee requested that when A.A.W.S. develops an A.A. app that *self-support information be easily accessible*. The committee also discussed having access to assignment folders containing literature informing our Fellowship of the vital services provided by A.A.W.S. Contributions set historic record of \$8.4 Million, up 6%, Literature sales up 6%, SEP Cost of services per member \$7.40 per individual per year. So, if every individual contributed \$7.40 to the GSO we would be fully self-supporting through our own contributions. We took care of 81% of our expenses with our contributions. We are sponsoring a new\$7.40 Challenge on 7/04.

Conference on Report & Charter: That committee oversees the revisions to the AA Service Manual and the Final Conference Report, as well as any changes to the Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W.

In the next few years you're going to see a revision of the Service Manual so it's more accessible to folks and relevant to today's society. The Service Highlights will be published in their entirety in both the printed Conference Final Report and the anonymity-protected digital version.

Agenda: Next year our theme is going to be our *Big Book 80 Years*, 71 Languages.

AA Grapevine: AA Grapevine, Inc. allow sales of Grapevine and La Viña books and single-issue magazines, and other products to non-AA entities, such as hospitals, treatment centers and book stores. Thus, making these life-saving publications available wherever they may be useful in helping the still suffering alcoholic. [STITITION]

La Viña will be published at its current frequency of six times per year as a service to the Fellowship, with perfect binding, at 68 pages, and in full color. It also has an income stream. There were Nine Committee Considerations, including 5 new Grapevine/ La Viña books and refinement of GV/LV social media strategy. In their workshop, the topics they addressed were about getting the A.A. Message Out These four questions were used to facilitate participation in breakout sessions on the Workshop Topic and could be used locally as well: (1) What role do individual members have in getting the A.A. message out and how does the service structure support efforts to carry the A.A. message? (2) How can the Fellowship overcome confusion about A.A.'s Anonymity Traditions to create better understanding and increase participation in getting the A.A. message out? (3) What misperceptions about A.A. held by professionals and the public prevent getting the A.A. message out? How have we overcome these in order to carry the message? And, (4) What more can A.A. do to reach suffering alcoholics? What is the role of technology / unexplored avenues?

Policy & Admissions: Recommended that the "Process for Polling the General Service Conference between Annual Meetings" be approved.

Public Information: The video PSA "Changes" be approved with the following revision: That the line "That's where A.A. came to my rescue" be replaced with "A.A. offered a solution." It's a marvelous video. It will be posted on aa.org. The PSA "I Have Hope" rated in the top 5% of all PSA's.

In addition, The Young People's Video submission be approved. The updated pamphlet "A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous" be approved. The pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity," with expanded sepecontent on Traditions Eleven and Twelve, be approved. A progress report including website analytics and the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account be brought back to the 2019 Conference Committee on Public Additional Committee Considerations. The committee reviewed the 2017 trustees' Public sepectory Information Committee Report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message and requested that the trustees' Committee on Public Information continue to develop information on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants including information on the cost of implementing a six-month trial and the cost of a full year's implementation and that a progress report be brought back to the 2019 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Corrections: No Recommendations. They did have Additional Committee Considerations which were that they suggested that the trustees' Committee on Corrections create a letter to corrections professionals to raise awareness about prerelease and Bridging the Gap volunteers. Suggested that the links displayed in the video "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" be updated. He made a newsletter to share with our area with more information.

Literature: They had 23 Agenda items. The revised pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman," retitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A.," be approved. The revised pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," retitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.," be approved with minor edits provided by Publishing regarding use of gender specific language. This was a suggestion from this Area. The revised pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services" be approved. The draft pamphlet "Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors" was approved. The title of the pamphlet "G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A." be changed to be a more functional title to "G.S.R. General Service Representative: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole." Text regarding A.A. Members' permitted use of prescribed medications, originally included in the 1998 edition of Living Sober following the section titled "Note to Medical Professionals" be re-added to Living Sober. That the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" be comprehensively updated to reflect a contemporary presentation of the General Service and AA Grapevine offices as well as a current portrayal of the General Service Structure. The pamphlet "The God Word" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain), providing shared experience strength and hope from atheist and agnostic A.A. members, be adopted by A.A. World Services, Inc. with minor editorial changes. We have officially invited atheist and agnostics to our fellowship. This will help us a lot with the professional community. Development of a pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies, with emphasis on the history of the Three Legacies, how they work together and including personal stories of members' experiences with the Three Legacies and bring back a progress report or draft pamphlet to the 2019 Conference. Development of a pamphlet for Spanish speaking women alcoholics by gathering sharing from Spanish-speaking women in A.A., and bring back a progress report or draft pamphlet to the 2019 Conference. That was a suggestion from our area. The committee recommended the trustees' Literature Committee develop a new book, combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service, and bring back a progress report or draft manuscript to the 2019 Conference Committee on Literature. However, this recommendation did not receive the required two-thirds approval from the Conference. He used Brian P., Area Registrar's, presentation from PRAASA when he spoke in favor of this agenda item and gave credit to the source when he did it. He said 12 Steps are our recovery. The 12 Traditions are the importance of our common welfare and unity. The Concepts show us how we do service. "The how is confidence in our groups. The how is groups on top, leaders below. It is equality and egality amongst AAs. It is the trust we give to our servants when we delegate authority and responsibility to them. It is how we don't give people responsibilities without giving them latitude to interpret and decide for themselves how to do it. It is how we are always empowered to act out of our own conscience. It is how all people are heard and each voice is equally valued and respected regardless of opinion. It is how no one has the authority to dominate another. It is how we believe that there are no second-class AAs or second-class service workers. It is how we strive for harmony and how we believe that all who serve should have the power to also decide. It is how we value and defer to minority opinion and accept that the majority can sometimes be wrong, and how we attempt to protect ourselves from those situations. It is how we favor inclusion over exclusion. It is how we give each other freedom of thought and liberty of judgement and action. It is how we protect ourselves from ourselves and constantly bring in

new leadership. It is how we try to minimize politics, political friction, and personal ambitions. It is how we allow change to our structure to meet new conditions. It is how we value leaders that lead by example and value their humility, discernment, patience, tolerance, vision, prudence, responsibility, flexibility, and abilities to listen and compromise. Above all else, it is how we do it together. That is how we have chosen to take care of AA – making our decisions together. Doing our work together. All of these things, and much more is covered in our concepts." Thanked Brian for that. That got someone to reconsider their vote but they still did not have the 2/3's majority. That was our area suggestion and he fought for it. Our goal was to make the Concepts widely aware to our fellowship.

Treatment and Accessibilities Committee: We are going to explore how to better serve the deaf and hard of hearing community with regards of the use of technology used in AA. We are making sure we work hard so that no one is left out.

The Scope of the Conference Committee on Sept Treatment and Accessibilities be expanded to include underserved or "Remote Communities" — communities difficult to reach because of geography, language or culture. The title of the pamphlet "Accessibility for All Alcoholics" be changed to "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers."

The proposed changes by the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities to the pamphlet "Accessibility for All Alcoholics" be approved with additional revisions.

Archives: It was recommended that: The proposed *new* publication, Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970 be approved. It's 269 pages. It's inspiring and informative.

Trustees Committee: The committee thoughtfully reviewed a proposal to censure the General Service Board and after seeking extensive additional input from the general manager of G.S.O., the chair of the General Service Board, and additional General Service Board trustees, agreed to take no action. The committee believes that the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most important treasure we have as a Fellowship. The committee also recognizes that the General Service Board and the Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Board have many legal responsibilities and must sometimes make use of the right of decision. The committee recognizes that the General Service Board, A.A. World Services Inc., and AA Grapevine, Inc. could be brought into litigation by other parties and in no way, wants to limit their actions required to protect these corporations. There was no self-serving involved. Greg T. and Michelle G. answered questions for an hour. Ordinarily these things are passed unanimously. Not this time. It passed by 125 to 9. They decided that the Committee thoughtfully reviewed a proposal to censure the General Service Board. Censure would send a bad message to the fellowship. The committee agreed to take no action. They believed that unity is most important. They also recognized that the trustees need to make use of their Right of Decision. They heard a presentation from David K.

There is an unofficial website of AA online. Which is a complete bastardization of our program and is an infringement of our copy write. What is our fiduciary duty to protect our message and the means by which we carry it. What is our responsibility when our message is placed in jeopardy. If others don't cease and assist to misuse our message what do we do? We have not answered that questions yet.

That's a quick summary of some of the business that we did. He reviewed what is on the discs he handed out to our Area. He only touched on 2/3's of what they did at the Conference. They knew that they had moved our Fellowship forward and helped secure our ability to reach and support the suffering alcoholic. Quoted Mother Teresa. "None of us does great things but we all do small things and together we do something wonderful with great love.' Sometimes you can see that by your being there you can make such a difference. When everybody shows up it's just like a choir. Together you can make music. Everyone has a part in it. He got a chance to see the effect of his own personal involvement in this year's Conference. He is grateful that we have given him the opportunity to do that. It is something he will cherish for the rest of his life. He thanked the Area for allowing him to be of service.

Lunch

Officer Reports:

Registrar - Brian P., He visited Districts 18, 50, 3, and 30. He attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session. He was invited and attended the officers meeting at LA Central Office to plan for the Census. They are attempting to visit all the groups in LA to allow for specific designations for each group to be updated. He participated at PRAASA. He has been involved with the TI-AA-forum.org which is a Registrar's virtual meet up. He attended the Preconference Workshop. He visited SENY, Area 49, and attended their workshops. He met with John W. in NY and went to the GSO. He also visited Area 11 and spoke at the

American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting. He attended the 3rd Legacy meeting. GSO is upgrading to new software called, CRM. He made an announcement about email aliases.

Secretary - Zoraida R. – Visited District 18, 35, 3, 30, and 50. Celebrated the Area's 1st Spanish women's meeting celebrated their 1 Year anniversary in Claremont. She attended the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session, 3rd Legacy Meetings, Preconference Workshop, Dist. 50's General Service event. She was asked to present at PRAASA on A Success Story of Reaching Spanish Speaking Women.

She went to NYC and got to visit the GSO and say hello to Jeff W, Steve S, and others. I was in NY on my Sobriety Birthday; so, Brian called a few of our friends at the GSO and arranged for me to celebrate my 8th birthday over lunch in the cafeteria with them. She had some special experiences while in NY which she will share more about in my committee report. One of the amazing thing that happened was that she was asked to serve on the La Viña Editorial Advisory Board. Her main concern was to know if it would affect her service to Area 05. Fortunately, her sponsor has served on Board and she assured that it would not. After spending some time in prayer, consulting with my sponsor and service sponsor...I felt encouraged to accept. She has been representing Area 05 on the Pacific Regional Forum Outreach Committee for Area 06. She was asked by their Alternate Delegate – Teddy in Early December – to be in this committee of 3. It was approved by our Area Chair and Delegate. They have Monthly meetings, had a table at PRAASA where we signed-up people to receive information about registration from the GSO. She is responsible for reaching out to the Spanish Speaking Fellowship in the Pacific Region and Areas 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 42, 69, and 93. m

Zoraida presented the 2019 Calendar.

Contributions Treasurers - Doug S. – He serves the area by collecting the contributions, sometimes from the PO Box and creates a report for the groups and contributions. Presented and reviewed the 1st Quarter Report. Encouraged the body to take the report to their groups and make sure it's accurate. If you find a correction let him know.

Accounts Treasurer - Terry C. – Presented and reviewed the 1st Qtr. 2018 Report that details the expenditures in January, February, and March. It is a prescribed format that has been used in the area for a number of years. One significant thing is that the inflow on page 1 has to match Doug's report. This is presentation only. Thanked Lauren who capably filled in.

Chairperson, Thomas S. – He is the CFO for the corporate structure and reviews the financial reports and is assisted by 2 Jim, Scott, Sean and Albert.

As Alternate Delegate, he attended the Central Office Intergroup. He invited Christie to come and attend the PI committee at the area to share ideas and to avoid duplication of efforts. He also invited Kim with Archives at the Central Office to attend today. Both of them were in attendance. They had about 15 Central Service Representatives at that Intergroup meeting. If the meeting that you represent does not have a Central Service Representative, please let your meeting know. He is hoping to have a Spanish Central Office and Young People's Intergroup attendance at an assembly in the future. He shared an article on alcohol awareness for the Department of Veterans Affairs to our Delegate before leaving to the Conference. He has not seen anyone been referred to AA. He attended PRAASA and the District 50 workshop, Brunch of Drunks, and 4th Step workshop. If you attend the Southern CA Convention, on Friday at 5:00 pm he will be presenting at the marathon. And the title is the General Service Structure.

Chairperson, Lauren A. Announced flyers she received for the Pacific Regional Forum. The Budget Request forms were emailed to the Committee chairs to fill-out the form for our next panel. Was at the 4 Area Sharing Session. She sent out a Google Doc with all the notes. Thanked the Translation Committee.

She chaired the Steering Committee. 14 out of our 34 districts were represent at the ACM. GSR's are welcome to attend the ACM's. Referred to the Area Guidelines which states that the DCM's responsibilities are to go to the Assemblies and ACM's, and other area meetings. Thanked Thomas S. for a great job on the Pre-Conference and all the presenters were well prepared. Went to Bunch of Drunks. Thanked the body for their presentations in preparing our delegate. She spoke at PRAASA. Congratulated Thomas B on his journey. Congratulated Area 05 for the literature items approved at the Conference.

Committee Report

Website Committee, Lauren: Working on getting a button on the area website. We're migrating over to area05aa.org from aascaa.org.

It will be more accessible and easier to contribute.

Presentation - Cooperation with the Elderly Community - David Wheeler, CEC Chair. Presented the following agenda item for consideration at the General Service Conference.

Propose the following agenda items for the 2019 General Service Conference.

- 1. Establish a Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee at the General Service Conference/General Service Office level; and
- 2. Publish a Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee Service Piece

He will be presenting this at the ACM in June.

New General Service Representative Introduction

Standing Committee Reports

Corrections Committee, Miguel M., Chair—5 committee members present. Gave a summary of the 3 services that area 05 is engaged in. A member of the committee is on the Watch List. She let us know what she does and shared some of her experience with the database. We are already addressing the transition to the new panel. We talked about getting Grapevine subscriptions to prisoners. We are helping an inmate who wants to start a new meeting in prison. He spoke to a staff member with the Ca Corrections and Rehabilitation and shared with her how she can help.

Archives Committee, Mary T., Chair – They had 2 new members in their meeting. Kim the archives person from Central Office was at her meeting and will be giving a presentation at the end of the day. They have been having sorting parties on the 4th Sunday of the month at Central Office. They finished their budget for 2019. They will spend their 2018 budget on supplies. They talked about what they want to collect. Let her know what you would like to see in our Area Archives. Please put the year on all of your flyers.

Translation Committee, Jose Q., Chair– He and his alternate, Arnulfo have been working hard with Lauren, Zoraida, and Susanne.

Public Information Committee, Nadine S., Chair – She is also filling in for the Cooperation with the Professional Committee Chairperson. They had 12 people in their meeting. They are doing outreach at High schools, Korean DUI classes, traffic schools, radio ads, churches, universities, libraries, and distributing La Viña at traffic schools and more. District 50 is going to the Jackie Robinson Park to distribute information at a public information table.

CPC needs your help. They are coordinating a booth at the American School Councilors Association Conference and need people to man the booth at the LA Convention Center on Saturday, July 14th through Monday, July 16th.

PI is coordinating the LA County Fair information booth. They need 105 people, both Spanish and English-speaking people from August 31st through September 23rd. We will be giving the public information about what AA is and what AA isn't. **Local Forum Ad-hoc Committee**, Ted C., Chair—The event is scheduled for July 12th – 14th, 2019. Had a great meeting including a past delegate. They are rebranding the Forum as a Unity Forum. Need to get people from the other local service entities involved. As the agenda evolves there will be more information. They are estimating about 500 people.

Literature Committee, Christine L., Chair – She is the new chairperson. She will bring back the literature display at the next assembly. They will also have a featured pamphlet. If you have ideas about new literature or revisions needed to literature, let her know.

Finance Committee, Shawn A., Chair - He sent out the paperwork for next years' budget. If you haven't turned it in, please bring it back to our Steering Committee Meeting on the 2nd. The finance committee will meet after the next ACM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Registration Committee, Chrystal, Registration Committee Member - If you are a DCM please make sure to register your GSR's at least 48 hours before the next assembly so they can vote. Remember you can register online. They are going to send out a list of inactive groups by email. Please reply to the email. They want to clean-up the meeting list so that it is accurate for the newcomer looking for a meeting and our area contributions are measured by how many meetings are listed.

SCAAN Committee, Suzanne W., Chair – Steps 7, 8, and 9 will be the focus of the next SCAAN. Bill W. outlined the principles behind each step; so, the topics for the next issue are humility, responsibility and courage. If you or a sponsee would like to contribute 500-750 words see her. Also, if your district has an event that happens after July 20th, send her the flyer.

Grapevine/La Viña Committee – Jesus A., Chair – He gave the committee information about increasing subscriptions. There is a new book, Frente a Frente. You can get it online for \$11.50. We have another one that's called AA and the Military. It has a collection of military alcoholics. Our book begins with stories of members who served in the 2nd World War. Frente a Frente has stories of sponsorship. Our calendar and other products are also available. He is happy that they gave 3 subscriptions to prisons. This was possible because of our Corrections Chair, Miguel. The calendar is available along with other items. We discussed our 2018 Challenge to increase subscriptions for 2018. It goes through December 29th. The prize is a special selection dedicated to the Area or State with the highest number of subscriptions. So far CA is ahead. The 22nd La Viña Anniversary is in Buena Park on July 20th-22nd.

Audio Visual Committee, Dago P., Alt. Chair – If your meeting would like to show AA conference approved videos let him know and they can schedule it.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Ad-hoc Committee, Zoraida R., Chair – She shared exciting news. The 3rd Workshop will be on Saturday, December 3rd in San Francisco, hosted by Area 06. They picked a logo. There will be participation from the California areas. Area 07 has not participated in the past 2 years. She is hoping that since the Workshop is close to them this year,

they will participate. They are the only ones missing from CA. She is hoping that other areas like Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Utah will attend since it will be closer to them than So. CA.

After reading the article in Box 4-5-9, the DCMC of Manhattan, NY, Area 49 reached out to her which resulted in him organizing their first Hispanic Women's workshop. She was invited to speak along with Mary Cummings and Amalia C. (past Delegate – area 11 Connecticut). She spoke about the issues Hispanic women are facing and the reason we are making such an effort to reach out to that remote community. She realized they have the same issues there. She wasn't sure how they would respond to the raw discoveries she was bringing them but they were very receptive. The DCMC of the Spanish groups there wants to help. They plan on having a 2nd HWW and want to send 1-2 women to our 3rd HWW. She was also invited to Orange County, NY to speak at a General Service event and speak about the needs in the Spanish Community. They want to get a Spanish meeting started there. She was invited to speak at the new Spanish Speaking Women's meeting in Connecticut which started as a direct result from the 2nd Hispanic Women's Workshop. That meeting was started by a woman who spoke at the event and she went home and started a meeting in Connecticut. She had a chance to meet the women there and had an amazing experience. Area 05 has been so supportive in helping to reach this community. This work is not possible without the support of Area 05.

She put together a directory of the 5 Spanish meetings in Area 05. They also want to start a website to put out information about women's meetings and other information. Valarie will be heading up the website.

It's a really exciting time. The pamphlet was just approved and what that has done is it has let the Spanish women know that they belong to this fellowship. That they are embraced by AA and that they matter. It has opened the doors for new women so that they can find hope. She hopes that this work continues on the next panel. Thanked the body.

Roundtables - Communicating the Actions of the 68th GSC Conference to Our Groups.

Old Business

Finance Committee Chairperson, Shawn A. - Presentation of revised language to the Area Financial Guidelines as recommended by the Area Committee Meeting -for the following items:

- 4. Unbudgeted Expenditure Requests
- 8. Advance
- 11. Mileage
- 15. Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Expenditures

New Business LEP

Area Corrections Committee - Unbudgeted request for funds – Miguel M.,

Motion for an Unbudgeted Requesting Area funds of \$2,780.00 for 2 people from the Corrections Committee to attend the 2nd Annual Corrections Conference in Maine on Nov 2-4th.

Seconded

Ouestions

Vote

Passes Unanimously

Area Registrar – Unbudgeted request for funds – Brian P.

Motion for an Unbudgeted request for funds requesting \$950.00 to attend the National AA Technology Workshop

Seconded

Questions

Amendment by Mary T., Past Delegate, made Amendment to add meals. The new amount including meals is \$1,150.00.

Amendment Accepted to increase the amount to \$1,150.00

Vote

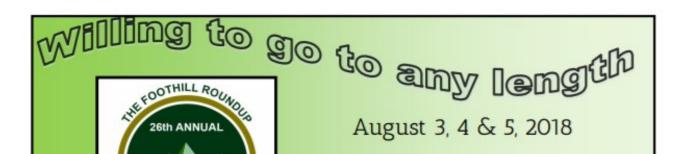
Passed Unanimously

Finance Committee Report - New Online Contributions link on Area Website Shawn A. Finance Chair. They are working diligently and are making progress with online contributions.

Central Office Archives Committee Chair, Kim – Gave report

Good and Welfare Announcements

Responsibility Pledge (Spanish and English)



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Saturday August 4th of 2018

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST HOSTED BY CIH





From 9:00am to 11:00am Film by Audio/Visual area 05

Director Blake Edwards became a non-drinker a year after completing the film. He said that he and Jack Lemmon were heavy drinkers while making the film. Lemmon and Remick sought help from <u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> long after they had completed the film. The film had a lasting effect in reinforcing the growing social acceptance of Alcoholics Anonymous.



From 11:00am to 12:00pm

Women Session by Dora C. area 05

From 12:00pm to 12:30pm

Round up Overview by Bob L. one of the founders

Room 31 Bruch 10:00am to 11:20am Hosted by Al-Anon

FROM 8:00AM TO 9:00AM



From 12:30pm to 1:15pm

Ego Resurgence by Mauricio T. area 09

From 1:15pm to 2:00pm

La Viña by Melvin M. Area 93

From 2:00pm to 2:30pm

CEC work by David W. Area 05

From 2:30pm to 3:00pm

IP Committee by CIH area 05

From 3:00pm to 3:30pm

Second Legacy by Javier F. area 05

From 3:30pm to 4:00pm

H & I by Francisco F. area 05

From 4:00pm to 5:00pm

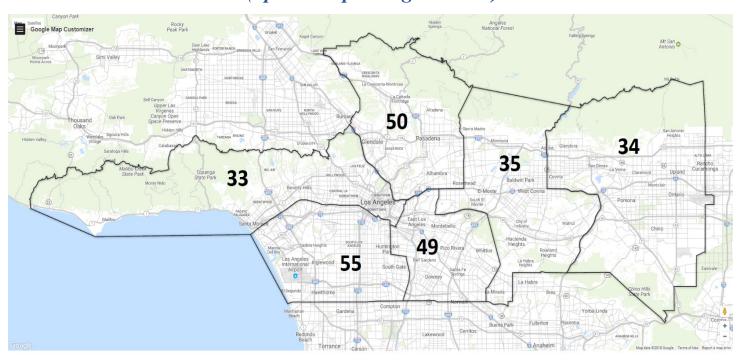
Security in AA by Karla Y. area 93

From 5:00pm to 6:00pm

General Sharing

AREA MAP

(Spanish-Speaking Districts)



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2018 PACIFIC Regional Forum

September 7 - 9, 2018

DoubleTree by Hilton San Jose

2050 Gateway Place San Jose, California 95110 (408) 453-4000 Group Code CDTPRF FRIDAY

Rate cutoff date: August 15, 2018

Hotel Reservations can be made by one of the following methods:

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- · Online: Click here.

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Sample SCHEDULE of Events

Friday: 6:30pm - 10pm Saturday: 9am - 9:45pm Sunday: 9am - 12pm

SATURDAY (Continued)

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2:00 - close	Registration	2:30-3:15 pm	Ask-It Basket		
6:30-6:45 pm	First Timer Orientation	3:15-3:30 pm	Break		
7:00-8:30 pm	Opening Session	3:30-4:00 pm	Finance Presentation		
8:30-8:45 pm	Break	4:00-5:00 pm	General Sharing		
8:45-9:15 pm	Video	5:00-7:00 pm	Dinner*		
9:15-10:00 pm	General Sharing	7:00-8:15 pm	Workshops		
CATUDDAY		8:15-8:30 pm	Break		
SATURDAY		8:30-9:45 pm	Workshops		
9:00am - close 9:00-10:00 am	Registration A.A. Grapevine	SUNDAY			
10:00-10:15 am	Break	9:00 - 10:00 am	General Sharing		
10:15-11:00 am	General Sharing	10:00-10:30 am	First Timer Sharing		
11:00-12:00 pm	Delegates' Presentations	10:30-10:45 am	Break		
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch*	10:45-11:30 am	Past Trustees' Sharing		
1:30-2:30 pm	G.S.O. Presentations	11:30-Noon	Closing Remarks		

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Southern California Area 05 Area Assembly Sat, 07/21/2018 8:00 am - 4:15 pm Our Mother of Good Counsel 2060 N Vermont Ave Los Angeles, CA 90027

Hosted by the Hollywood, Wilshire Downtown Combined Districts

8:00	Breakfast, Fellowship, Registration and A.A.Meeting
9:00	Welcome and One Full Minute of Silent Meditation
	Call-to-Order
	AA Birthdays (May 20—July 21, 2018)
9:15	Roll Call - Brian P Registrar
9:25	Approval of May 20, 2018 Assembly Minutes Zoraida R Secretary
	Approval of Assembly Agenda for July 21, 2018 Lauren A Chairperson
9:30	Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Meetings and New GSR Orientation led by Alt. Delegate-Thomas S
10:35	Introduction of New GSR's and Alternates
10:40	L.A. County Fair Participation Presentation-Nadine S. Public Information Chair
10:50	Literature Committee Presentation - Christina
11:00	Old Business
	1. Financial Guidelines - ACM Approved - Final Vote - Shawn A. Finance Chair
	2. Cooperation With the Elder Community - "The Boomers Are Coming" Final vote on ACM
	approved letter David W. Chairperson
11:20	New Business
	2019 Budget Presentation - Shawn A. Finance Chairperson
11:35	Finance Committee Report - New Online Contributions link on Area Website, Shawn A. Finance Chair
11:40	Delegate's Report - Thomas B.
12:25	LUNCH
1:10	YPAA Presentation
1:15	Spanish Speaking Central Office Presentation
1:20	Roundtables - "You've Finished Your Commitment - Now What?" (25 Minute discussion,
	15 Minutes - 2 Minute Report Backs)
2:00	Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports
2:45	Officer Reports - Alt. Delegate Thomas S.(includes Audit Subcommittee and Pacific Regional Forum
	Reports)Registrar Brian P., Secretary Zoriada R. (Includes approval of 2019 Calendar) Treasurers Doug S
	Contributions, Terry C. Accounts presenting 2nd Quarter 2018 Reports
2:55	Chairperson Report

3:10

Good and Welfare Announcements

Responsibility Pledge (Spanish and English)