

# DELEGATE'S REPORT

We are coming near the end of the first year of Panel 69. I thank you all again for entrusting me with the responsibility as Trusted Servant serving as Area 05 Delegate. You probably have an understanding of what a Delegate does based on observation. It was my surprise to discover so many other than the obvious responsibilities and I want to share some with you. My hope is it will add an additional level of excitement and desire for you to continue in General Service in support of and to become an Area 05 Delegate.

Prior to the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference I started getting correspondence from the Fellowship in Southern California that had been sent initially to the General Service Office then forwarded to me to reply. When the General Service Office determines the inquiry would be better answered locally, it is forwarded to the Delegate. An example follows:

Hi Thomas,

My name is Katherine Peters and I am a grateful member of AA. My sobriety date is 10/15/78. We have a clubhouse in the Crenshaw area of South Los Angeles. We are renting the space and have been there for 2 years with a little over two years left in our lease. We lost our old clubhouse because they doubled the rent. The club is located in an area with lots of gentrification and we are afraid that the landlord will sell the building to a developer. Therefore, we are thinking of buying a building but are not sure how to go about it.

I wrote an email to General services and they referred me to you. Any ideas, direction or help will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks so much,  
Katherine P.

Dear Ms. Peters,

*Thank you for contacting me regarding your clubhouse. I will certainly do everything I can to help your group get settled. Please forward your original email to the General Service Office and their reply to you to me. Also send a copy of your lease. When you send those items to me, please include a phone number and the clubhouse address. After reviewing the previous correspondence, I'll set up an appointment with you and/or any other responsible parties.*

*In love and service,  
Thomas S., Delegate Panel 69 Area 05 Southern California*

At the General Service Conference, the Delegates vote for a Delegate to serve as Mailperson. The Mailperson distributes communications from other Delegates and/or anyone in the General Service Conference to all Delegates. Many of the communications from Delegates are inquiries as to what other Areas are doing to improve functions at the inquiring Area/Delegate. Here's an example:

From: **Marjorie Stanislaw** <mstanislaw2@gmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2019 at 8:59 AM  
Subject: VOICES AND VOTES  
To: Becky Parker <mailwoman2019@gmail.com>

Hello Becky and All!

Area 60 of Western PA is reviewing the structure of our Area Committee, our Guidelines, etc. and have a few questions for other Area Committees we are hoping you are willing to answer.

- 1) Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at your officer and coordinator meetings?
- 2) Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at your Area Assemblies?
- 3) We have quarterly business meetings--Do your past delegates have a voice and a vote at these meetings or something similar?
- 4) How many past delegates actively serve or attend meetings at your area level?
- 5) Do your past delegates chair any standing committees.

Thank you so much!

Margie Stanislaw, Delegate Area 60/Panel 69, Western PA

*To Those Concerned,*

*Area 5 has an Area Committee structure which works quite well. Past Delegates play a significant and effective roll in Area 5. Those who continue to live in the Area when they are in attendance at Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings are able to vote. More importantly to the Area is their accumulated experience and knowledge as they share, when asked, their experience, strength and hope as Trusted Servants. At times, when asked, they serve as Committee Chairs. As members of the Assembly, they generally serve as members of Committees and service sponsors. Area 5 currently has 8 Past Delegates that continuously make contributions to our welfare.*

*The Area additionally has 2 Past Delegates who live outside the Area but visit occasionally. They are loved and respected.*

*In love and service,  
Thomas S., Delegate Panel 69 Area 05 Southern California*

Similar inquiries are received almost daily. Additional topic inquiries include Service Workshop & Orientations from Area 70 Vermont, Policy Committee contact from Area 8 Imperial/San Diego, Ca. and Electronic Contributions from Area 73 West Virginia. There are so many more. Reading and answering them gives me an acute sense of what's going on in the North American Conference. I have referred some inquiries to persons in the Area more capable of answering the inquiry.

There is included in the inquiries and responses contact information of several members of our Fellowship throughout the North American Conference. **Please do not contact the mailperson or anyone else in this article.** This article was written to give you a sense of the work your Delegate is doing. Please do not break protocol and contact anyone herein referenced.

Area 05 continues to make meaningful contributions to the North American Conference and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. My work is fully facilitated by Area 05's Alternate Delegate and her willingness to be front and center in local matters so I can fulfill a leadership role in the General Service Conference. Thank you all for your trust and support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas S., Delegate Area 5 Panel 69