

DELEGATE's Corner

Greetings Area 09

While we await the release of the final agenda items, I'd like to share with you a story. In the mid-90's, when I was first graced with lasting sobriety, a long-timer had taken me under his wing. He was called Doc. He had served in WWII aboard a ship in the Pacific for which I know few details. Several years prior to my arrival, Doc had helped start a popular Friday night speaker

meeting in the city of Orange. In the mid-90's, there were a few long-timers who attended this meeting on a regular basis. Doc never governed the meeting, but was quick to take control if ever a situation presented itself. Yes, I think it would be safe to say, we were afraid of Doc and the other long-timers there. Yet we respected them immensely. One Friday night, I remember

catching him near the literature table. He was quietly expressing the importance of Conference approved literature to me. I had no idea what 'Conference approved' meant, but I sensed that it was something important. In his manner of tone, I intuitively understood that this was literature, approved or endorsed by AA somehow.

I had begun to attend this Friday night meeting on my third day of sobriety, and over the course of weeks; many things began to impact me. One of those things was a G.S.R. report which was given once a month.

AREA 09 UPCOMING EVENTS

January 10 – Sunday
ASSEMBLY

Area Chair Elections
District 6

February 14—Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 22

March 13— -Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 21

April 10 — Sunday
Pre-Conference
District 12

May 15 —Sunday
ASSEMBLY
District 5

June 12—Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 8

July 10—Sunday
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District 10 & 24

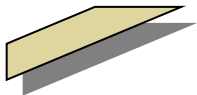
August 14—-Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 15

September 11—-Sunday
ASSEMBLY
District 20

October 9— Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 9

November 13—Saturday
SERVATHON
District 11

December 11—-Sunday
Area Service Committee
District 18



I had no idea what this was. The gentleman that gave the report seemed very humble in his composure, yet seemed to carry information that was delicate and important. I found myself beginning to look forward to his report every month. Something about it made me feel safe, even though I did not understand it.

A few years later, a friend of mine became a G.S.R. for a meeting, though it was not for this particular Friday night meeting. One Friday night, our G.S.R. was absent and my friend volunteered to give a report on their behalf. He spoke of a delegate going to New York to attend and represent us at a conference. This sounded vague to me, but something about the way he said it stayed with me. I knew it was something important, but yet I was confused. It would take several years of involvement for me to put two and two together; that the conference my friend spoke of was the 'Conference' in Conference approved literature.

Today I am a Delegate to the Conference. Doc is no longer with us. He has joined the big meeting in the sky. How I wish I could go back in time, to meet Doc at the literature table and to tell him, "Doc! I'm going to be a part of the Conference!" I cannot imagine how proud he would be. He would not be proud for status or power, as we have none. He would be proud to know that the Conference he revered so much, I will be a part of, doing my small but important part, that of carrying the message of hope to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Yours in love and service,
Joe C
Delegate
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Conference Committees

Preliminary Agenda Items

Below are some of the preliminary agenda items.

Please keep in mind that this is a *preliminary* agenda items may be added or subject to change by the trustees' committees at the February board weekend

II. Archives

- Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.

III. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
- Consider retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."

III. Grapevine

- Review Audio Strategy status update.
- Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.
- Review Grapevine Workbook.

IV. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

V. Literature

- Consider the development of a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Review a report on the lack of corresponding pagination between Conference-approved digital and printbooks.

VI. Policy/Admissions

- Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships.
- Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material, with the exception of digital media and works in progress.
- Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

VII. Report and Charter

- *The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:*
 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 2. Consider draft text for a new section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter 9.
 3. Review report on alternative publishing schedules.
- Consider removing "Endnote #4" of Concept XII on page 73 of *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International).
- Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
 - o Review report from the Publishing Department on the feasibility of producing a large print format.

VIII. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- Consider removing "Special Needs" from the committee name, Cooperation With the Professional Community! Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities and throughout their Composition, Scope and Procedure.
- Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

If you have any story to share in General Service or if you want to share on any Concept or Tradition, please write, send it to my email; cfmsca09@yahoo.com suggestions are welcome (submit your article in English or Spanish)
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