

## **Communications Committee Report – December 2022**

I assumed title of “Interim Communications Committee Chair” at the Area 09 Service Committee (ASC) in November 2022, although as past delegate, I felt (and still do) that it is better to have another member, new to General Service or seeking new commitments, serve in this position. Volunteering was in response to a motion to dissolve the Communications Committee. Although there are plenty of tasks that are now taken over by the new Technologies Committee (e.g., audio-visual support, website, auditory translations), the newsletter and translating written materials are two of the tasks of the committee that would not be supported by other committees, so I felt strongly that restructuring of the committee was a better idea than dissolving it. After Francine W produced the August newsletter, I’ve taken on the task of Newsletter Editor and subsequently produced monthly newsletters since September 2022. I was concerned when told that there was not enough budget to translate the newsletter. I subsequently learned that we are paying a professional translator \$0.06/word to translate materials, with an annual budget of \$10,000. I sincerely appreciate that Ivan G has been translating newsletters (for free) since September 2022. After assuming the interim chair position, I’ve produced draft guidelines for the committee. These draft guidelines will be introduced to the Area in February to be voted on at the May Assembly. No one joined the Communications Committee round table either in person or on Zoom at the December ASC.