Area 93 News

Area 93, Panel 67

Delegate's Welcome to Panel 67!

I would like to start with a friendly greeting and welcome, and thank each and every one of you for all of the support that you gave us in Panel 65. I want to thank you for the honor and privilege of electing me as your Panel 67 Delegate. I know that I am compromised and responsible that the voice of your groups, districts and the Area, be heard in our next two General Service Conferences for Panel 67 and I am willing and at your disposal to do so. I'd like to remind you that the only way that your voice is heard is through participation, from the individual member, to the group, district, and area, we have to participate.

The Area Committee makes it possible for our membership to have the right of participation, from the location of our Area Committee Meetings (ACMs), to the rotation of our Area Assemblies and workshops of our various Committees throughout the geographical areas of our districts, to providing translation in both languages, as well as financial support to our trusted servants.

Our primary objective is to carry the message of A.A. to the still suffering alcoholic who still suffers beyond the doors of our groups. It is our responsibility as members of this great fellowship, and General Services is here to help make that possible.

More about participation and communication. Our attendance is very important to our Area events. Apart from the responsibility that we have with our groups to attend Area assemblies, to assist our Delegate, we also have the participation of each one of us in the different events of General Services. At these events, we are offered the opportunity to inform ourselves about our different commitments and share our experiences with our fellows who are serving at this level. One of these events is PRAASA. This year we will have it in our state. Area 7, Northern Interior California, will be the hosting Area on March 3rd, 4th and 5th of 2017 in Sacramento. I encourage all of you to attend and participate at this event. During the weekend, you will be exposed to different points of views of what will be discussed during the 67th General Service Conference and we will listen to many members from the Pacific Region share on topics and experiences of service. You'll be able to hang out with lots of your old friends and will have the opportunity to make a lot of new ones. Registration for this event is very important. You can register by snail mail, or online at praasa.org .

Another important event is the Pre-Conference Workshop. This is where the Delegate will get a sense of the Area's groups conscience. I encourage you to attend and participate at this Workshop. It will take place on March 19th in the city of Palmdale and District #7 will be hosting it. The Member/Group Opinion Polls will be available by mid February, the deadline to return them to your Delegate is April 20th of 2017. The General Service Conference will be held on April 23rd to 29th of 2017 in Rye Brook, New York. Again, I thank you all for the hard work that each one of you do for our Area to continue to make the Primary Objective possible. I ask you to please support your Trusted Servants, either at the District or Area level. I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you that we are here to help you. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to approach one of the officers or chairpersons of the various committees. Better yet, get a Service Sponsor, our Area, has the best.

More will be revealed.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Melvin M. Area 93 Delegate, Panel 67

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2017 General Service Conference Committees Preliminary Agenda Items
Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 67th General Service Conference committees
as of November 8, 2016. During the February 2017 meetings of the trustees' committees,
additional items received by the December 15th deadline may be assigned to appropriate
Conference committees.

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

I. Agenda

- Review suggestions for the theme of the 2018 General Service Conference.
- Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2018 General Service Conference.
- Review workshop topic ideas for the 2018 General Service Conference.
- Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form and 2016 Evaluation Summary.

II. Archives

- Consider a proposal for a new publication, Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970 (working title).
- Review the Archives Workbook.
- III. Cooperation With the Professional Community.
- Consider addition of footnote to the pamphlet "Problems Other Than Alcohol" (P- 35).
- Consider retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." (P-6).
- Consider development of a LinkedIn page for C.P.C. committees.
- Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

2 IV. Corrections

Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

V. Finance

VI. Grapevine

- Review Audio Strategy status update.
- Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2018 or later.
- Review Grapevine Workbook.
- VII. International Conventions/Regional Forums.
- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

VIII. Literature

- Consider request for revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" (P-15).
- Consider development of a pamphlet and media reflecting the recovery experiences of Deaf A.A. members.
- Consider retiring the pamphlet "Too Young?" (P-37).
- Review plan for the annual review of A.A. recovery literature.
- Review draft language for inclusion in the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." (P-4) informing members about young people's conferences.

2017 General Service Conference Agenda (cont.)

IX. Policy/Admissions

- Review the final report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- Review dates for the 2020 General Service Conference.

X. Public Information

- Review 2016 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan:
- 1. Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 2. Review 2017 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- Consider draft revisions to the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings" (P-40) that add website information and better identify the source of membership information.
- Review 2016 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.
- Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

XI. Report and Charter

The A.A. Service Manual, 2018-2020 Edition:

- 1. Review list of editorial updates.
- 2. Review a request to add a footnote to Concept VIII to accurately reflect the current ownership of the service corporations.
- Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International).
- Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

XII. Treatment and Accessibilities

- Review the revised draft pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" (P-83).
- Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XIII. Trustees

- Discuss voting procedures for electing Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. East Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southeast Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

Area 93 - 2017 Calendar of Events

January 17, 2017 — ACM: Fillmore Veteran's Memorial Building,

511 2nd Street, Fillmore, CA 93015

February 4, 2017 — Four Area DCM Sharing,

Encinitas Community Center,

1140 Oakcrest Park Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024

February 19, 2017 — Area Assembly:

Golden Valley High School,

801 Hosking Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93307

March 3, 4, 5 — PRAASA (Sacramento, CA)

March 19, 2017 — Pre Conference Workshop:

Palmdale's Elk Lodge,

2705 East Ave Q, Palmdale, CA 93550

April 23, 2017 — ACM: Fillmore Veteran's Memorial Building,

511 2nd Street, Fillmore, CA 93015

May 21, 2017 — Area Assembly, Location TBD

July 16, 2017 — ACM Fillmore Veteran's Memorial Building

511 2nd Street, Fillmore, CA 93015

August 20, 2017 — Area Assembly: Location TBD

October 16, 2017 — ACM: Fillmore Veteran's Memorial Building,

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November 19, 2017 — Area Assembly: Location TBD

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