

## Report of the Delegate

January 13 2018  
Winter Committee Meeting

Since being elected as your delegate I have been invited to participate in a conference call that happens once a week. This Call includes a past Regional Trustee, our current Regional Trustee, past Delegates, current Delegates from our region and beyond. We have discussed the concepts and some pertinent topics that are related to A.A. today. This has been very informative and provides things for me to ponder as I have prepared to serve you as delegate.

I have begun receiving information, from the General Service Office related to being the new Delegate. This includes a packet of information for new delegates, my committee assignment, which is Public Information, and my login information for the Delegate's Dashboard, which is the main form of communication with the General Service Office and Board of Directors. This is how I will receive copies of the General Service Board's meeting minutes, the final agenda and background information for the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

This year's conference is April 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> in New York City. I plan on arriving by Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> so that I can attend a special "Hospitality Room" to meet with both second year and new delegates as well as the Delegates Only meeting that night.

The final Agenda will be posted by February 15<sup>th</sup> following the first General Service Board meeting which happens the last weekend of January. Our Alternate Delegate is responsible for getting copies of this and the accompanying background material out to our area's Committee members as soon as possible after that. Please make sure that we have a good mailing address for you as this is how the material will be sent.

We will be deciding a location for the 2021 East Central Region Forum, which will be hosted by Area 54 North Eastern Ohio. I feel a road trip coming on fellow motorcyclists.

As I said I will be serving on the Public Information Committee. Our responsibilities include

1. Create greater understanding of the Fellowship of A.A. by carrying the message through:
  - a. Public media
  - b. Electronic media
  - c. Public information meetings
  - d. Speaking to community groups
2. Prevent misunderstanding of the A.A. program
3. Serve as an advisory board to help the Trustees' Public Information Committee implement approved policies

Now to the important part:

As your delegate it is my responsibility to take the group conscience of northern Illinois to the General Service Conference. This involves getting copies of the Agenda and Background Material to you so that you can discuss it within your home group and bring your home group's group conscience to our area's Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. This is where you will discuss the Agenda Items with other GSR's and Service Committee people and form an Area's group conscience that you will give to me. That is the only way in which I can truly represent you at the GSC.

Concept One, which I talked about earlier this morning, talks about how our whole fellowship has the final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Services.

Tradition Two talks about how for our group purpose there is only one authority – a loving God as expressed through our group conscience.

Our fellowship expresses its responsibility and authority by talking about, in your groups, and then bringing your group's group conscience to the district, area and A.A. as a whole levels.

Those of us here today and all the GSR's, DCM's, District Committees, and members in general that aren't here today are responsible for the future of A.A. We are the protectors of the Steps, Traditions and Concepts that have preserved this fellowship since they were first written.

Please hold me to my responsibility, as your servant, as you fulfill yours.

Respectfully submitted:

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