

REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

After a full year of meetings, the Service Structure VII has completed the redrafting of the Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference. Today we will present to you the version we have worked on. We decided that it was best to take a running start and go through the entire process from beginning to the end. Numerous occasions we had to make a notation to come back to an item after we discussed a portion that was later in the document. Often we had spirited debate on what we have been doing to date, what we hope to be doing in the future, and how best to express that.

It is always a privilege to work with people in AA who are passionate and who want the best for AA. To be able to sit with a group who are not only willing to serve, but also willing to state their thoughts and beliefs in a committee environment without hesitation is a learning experience for me. I have grown immensely from committee work and encourage all of you to give it a try. I had to learn to work with others. It didn't come naturally to this alcoholic. I have had to practice this for years in service work, and it has paid off with great dividends in the rest of my life.

I also had the special privilege of working on a motion within my District (District 10) that will be presented today. The GSR from Spiritual Kindergarten attended the Winter Assembly where we discussed various motions regarding how the Area spends its fund. One of the things she heard and brought back was the idea of an Advisory Committee for Conferences. Three members of that group crafted a motion to submit to District 10, which District 10 then approved to present to the Area. They have done a good job trying to think of the many facets of this idea.

At the Committee Meeting I will be presenting two or three service topics. The Area Service Guidelines outline Orientation Workshops that are hosted within Districts and supported financially by the Area. These orientations workshops are suggested to be held 4 to 6 times a year, mostly in the spring and fall to help "educate" newly elected service members and inspire election consideration. There seems to be a hesitation to bring you these events. One of the discussions within the DCM breakout meetings at Assemblies was the idea to provide short topic related presentations that DCMs could take back to use within their Districts. The idea is two fold; first, it gives them an opportunity to engage with the members within their District. But perhaps it will also inspire some interest in hosting workshops.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Service? WooHoo!

Respectfully submitted,

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