

June 15, 2013

## REPORT OF THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

At the Spring Committee Meeting in May the Service Structure VII committee presented the redrafted version of the Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference. Discussion followed regarding whether the Assembly is an open or closed event and who is permitted to participate. Two friendly amendments later, and the Area Committee approved these Procedures. These amended Procedures were sent to all DCMs and Area trusted servants. During the business portion of the Summer Assembly we will ask the body to give us a “sense” of whether they approve them or not.

As I reported at the Committee Meeting, I was a member of that committee, and it was a year of thoughtful work. Every line of the Procedure was reviewed in light of having a full Assembly with breakouts embedded in to the event. I applaud the work of the rest of the committee; they worked hard. Me, I just typed what they were saying and played devils advocate upon occasion ;-)

As I also reported at the Committee Meeting, I participated with my home District on the motion regarding an Advisory Committee for Conferences. Little did I know when we started that I would be helping Districts 10, 11 & 12 with the hotel negotiations for the 2014 Spring Assembly Conference. I can personally attest now to the need of having people who have some experience in hotel negotiation and contract review available. I couldn't have been of service to the planning committee had I not had the help of the knowledgeable people we have who help without any recognition for their services.

Two presentations have been placed on the NIA web site that we offered at the Committee Meeting. These can be found on the “Information” tab under “presentations.” There are 4 versions of each presentation, one in PowerPoint format so that people can edit if they wish. The other 3 version are pdf files which anyone can download and use with the free software from Adobe. One version is a full sheet page, a second is two pages per sheet, and the final is a handout version with 3 pages per sheet and lines next to the slides for notes. The hope is that Districts can use these to bring a short service session to their GSRs. The presentations are on the Role of the GSR and on Self Support.

I've been asked to speak at District 61 on service at the end of June. Additionally the Flying Geese from District 11 have requested a service opportunity in fall. They are looking to have presentations to increase interest in their elections in October. We're hoping to find a slot in August that will also help generate some interest in Area elections in September.

Speaking of elections, hopefully you DCMs who are rotating are giving consideration to moving “down” the chain to Area Service. It's a wonderful opportunity, so please consider it.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Service? WooHoo!

Respectfully submitted,

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