

January 16, 2016

Hello NIA 20 Trusted Servants,

After our elections Cheryl send out an e-mail blast to the other areas letting them know of mine and Roberts election. I had received many e-mails of congratulations and many said, "hang on you are in for a ride of your life", "you are in for the time of your life", "incredible journey", "you've entered into the journey of a lifetime." I am guessing you are getting the point. I started getting information in December, like "Memo to a Delegate from a Delegate" and "The Role of the Delegate". On December 24th I received my communications kit from Mary Clare the Conference Coordinator at the General Service Office (GSO) so now the ride begins. I got a lot of information that I have seen before when I became alternate delegate, and at that time it really did not pertain directly to me. I have a checklist, timelines, a primary draft agenda of the conference and the preliminary agenda for the 2016 GSC, which I had e-mailed out and also printed some for today. According to my timeline all Conference Committee background is sent to conference members around February 11, 2016.

My committee for the next two years at the general service conference is the Grapevine. My conference buddy is from Hawaii. I already have my airline reservations and all the forms filled out and ready to be mailed. My Area highlights are completed, which is a two minute talk about our Area. If it is okay I would like to take an extra two minutes and practice it with all of you

I attended the State Conference and East Central Regional Conference planning meeting January 10th. I was the chair of the state conference policy committee in 2013. At that time it was only the State Conference without the Regional conference included. The planning committee is doing a great job working both conferences together. I have registered for the Delegates Past and Present Conference which is being held February 12-14th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Milwaukee WI, the same place the Regional Forum was held.

A reminder the completed resumes for the A.A.W.S. Non-Trustee Director vacancy are due Monday, February 1st. If you need more information I can e-mail it to you. I am still waiting to get access to the 2016 General Service Conference Dashboard. I will do my best to get the information and communications from GSO to the Area either in my reports, e-mails or both.

E-mail from Mary Clare at the General Service Office in regards to the BTG motion Cheryl sent for the 2016 General Service Conference agenda.

Dear Cheryl,

Warmest greetings from the G.S.O.! Thank you for sending in the motion your Assembly passed on Saturday, December 12th, for a proposal to be added to the 2016 General Service Conference agenda that: the pamphlet P-49 (Bridging the Gap) be updated to include treatment, correctional, or other institutions that a new member may be leaving.

You have asked that your proposal be sent to Conference Committees of Treatment, Corrections, and Literature but that is not possible because it needs to be directed to the committee whose scope encompasses this activity, the committee responsible for the pamphlet. Consequently, I am referring this proposal to the trustees' CPC/Treatment/ Accessibilities Committee, which happens to be a joint committee. I have forwarded it there because matters pertaining to the P-49 "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet and the topic of Bridging the Gap are the responsibility of the Treatment assignment and related trustees' committee. The Literature assignment handles recovery literature.

Please note that the trustees' committee will be meeting in January and will review this request. After the Board weekend, the Staff member will follow up with a letter to you.

We may include your email as background material for the trustees' committee, which may be widely distributed. If you object to the correspondence being distributed, or if you have any questions, please let me know.

In the meantime, we all join in sending our appreciation for your participation in the process, and we thank you for your service as Area 20 Delegate.

Yours in Fellowship, Mary Clare

Respectfully submitted,

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