

Report of the Area Chair
Spring Assembly – March 29 2014

My time has been spent putting together the appointed Administrative Committees, which you have approved today, and putting together the agenda for today.

I have answered questions about my using the 3rd Step Prayer instead of the Serenity Prayer as the opening for the assembly and several requests for motions to be placed on the agenda despite their not being on the agenda for the Winter Committee Meeting.

Regarding motions – the appropriate way to present a motion is to first present it at a Committee Meeting so that the Committee can discuss it and take it to the local districts and groups to discuss. In that way we can have an “informed” discussion at the next Assembly prior to voting on it. Unless it is an unanticipated immediate need, all motions will be presented this way. In the event that it is an unanticipated immediate need the motion would go to the Operating Committee, via Steve Miller, and will be dealt with there or referred to the Finance Committee if needed.

I am obligated to send out the preliminary agenda for all Committee Meetings and will do that several weeks prior to the meeting. I will accept motions until the Saturday prior to the meeting to be included on the agenda, which is when the final agenda will be sent out. Motions not received by then will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting. In reality the earlier you can send me your motion the better so that I can give it to the Service Committee that would be responsible (if not coming from one) and the Finance Committee, if it involves using area funds.

Today we will be having abbreviated Service Committee breakout sessions. The purpose of these is to allow the members to talk to their Service Committee Chair person about the actions they want the chair person to take for them such as doing workshops, providing literature, etc. This is your opportunity to tell them what you expect from them as your trusted servant. It is my hope that over the next two years we get really good at providing the service that the members want – not just what we think they want. So, DCM's, GSR's and group members please take the time to go to the Service Committee Chair Person's designated table and spend the 30 minutes talking to them before we adjourn.

Thank you.
Robert Snipes
Area Chair