I have been involved in getting background material out to all the area committee members. Getting the CD's from our Delegate, printing copies of the Final Agenda and mailing them took a fair amount of time but more importantly cost. The total cost for buying mailing envelopes, labels and postage was \$606.48. In the process of doing this I was asked to place a digital version in my cloud storage file and email a link to a few people because the CD they received was blank. I did this and they were able to access the material – and only the background material – which cost us nothing. I believe that next year that ought to be the primary way of passing the material out to the committee members and only mail out to those who do not have internet access. Therefore, I will be talking to our Web Administrator about and presenting a motion for the Area to establish a private and secure cloud storage account that can be used for this purpose. More to follow on that.

I appreciate your consideration on the motion I presented earlier, the discuss we had and I look forward to working with the committee as we continue to define what this event will look like in the coming years.

April 8th we will reconvene in order to go over all of the agenda items for the 2017 General Service Conference. There are copies of the Final Agenda and a few CD's of background material here for anyone that wants a copy. Please come see me before leaving if you want one.

DCM's you will need to provide copies of background material to your service committee chairs for their committee. Whether you do that by digital or hard copy is up to your district but they should bring those with them to the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. You will need a copy of the Report and Charter Background material for our breakout session.

Area Committee Chairs, you will need to have a copy of your committee's background material for your breakout session also.

DCM's and Area Committee Chairs, if you didn't get a copy of the background make sure you see me immediately after we close this meeting so that I can give you a CD before I give them to other people.

GSR's, please get a copy of the agenda, pick out two or three items that you find interesting, get the background on those two or three items, from your DCM, and go over it with your group so that you can come to the workshop with your group's conscious.

For those of you that are attending the Spring Conference this afternoon, I hope you enjoy the program, speakers and banquet.

Robert S. Alternate Delegate