

## 2022 Winter Committee Meeting

### Delegate's Report

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Panel 72 Delegate to the General Service Conference. I look forward to working together to fulfill our primary responsibility of helping the alcoholic who still suffers and will as your Delegate strive to carry with me, the collective group conscience of all in Northern Illinois to matters before the General Service Conference (GSC). I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all new DCM's and any other new members to the Area committee. We are glad you are all here and hope you all enjoy the Service Orientation Workshop later this morning. As Area committee members, your input and participation are greatly appreciated. Throughout my term I will seek Area-wide participation and will ask that all who are interested keep me informed of your thoughts on matters I present or issues or concerns that are of importance to you and your group.

It will be my intention to use this reporting time to keep you abreast and informed on issues that are brought to my attention or for which your input is requested. The main communication channel preferred by the General Service Board seems to be email and I receive several emails on a variety of topics (almost daily at this point). I am still working on the best method to synthesize all the information I am provided so I can present it in a concise and simplified manner. Please let me know if you have any suggestions that you feel might work better, however for the present it might seem as though we are all drinking water from a fire hydrant!

#### **Introductions, Correspondence and Meetings**

Six days in and this is what happening. I received my committee assignments and have been assigned to the Conference **FINANCE COMMITTEE** and have also been appointed to serve on the **ARCHIVES COMMITTEE** as a secondary committee assignment.

I have been contacted by both Conference Committee Delegate Chairs (Finance and Archives) and Zoom calls are scheduled for next week for both committees. Zenny M. (GSO Assistant Director of Finance) and Michelle M. (AA Archivist) have taken the lead in scheduling these calls and welcoming us to the committee(s). They have both provided me with documents relevant to the preliminary agenda items for both committees (at this time only one item for each committee). These meetings are intended as both a meet and greet for the committee delegates, as well as an opportunity for us to become acquainted with possible agenda items which will be discussed and finalized at the January board weekend later this month.

Additionally, I have been contacted by our East Central Regional Trustee and a call between the East Central Region Delegates is being scheduled within the next couple weeks.

I have also been provided with sign on credentials for both the Conference Dashboard and Fellowship Connect. The dashboard is a repository of conference documents including

information on proposed agenda items, background materials, past advisory actions, conference manuals, board meeting minutes and other reference materials. I've only had access for a few days, so I still have much to learn about what's there and how to use it. The access for Fellowship Connect allows me to have access to the GSO database of group contact information that our registrar maintains. Thanks to Chris for the quick lesson!

I also have received the Delegate Communication Kit (via email) and have also been (electronically) introduced to my Conference buddy, Anne M. from Quebec City, Canada. Although she is French speaking, her understanding of English has allowed us to communicate rather effectively.

### **The General Service Conference, PGSCW & Background Material**

As of today, the GSC is scheduled to be held in person on April 24-30, 2022 in Brooklyn, New York. I have not heard anything that would suggest a departure from those plans, although circumstances could certainly arise that might affect that approach. I will, of course, keep you informed if I hear anything different. In preparation for me attending the Conference, we (Area 20) will be conducting a Pre-General Service Conference Workshop (PGSCW) in early April, which will likely resemble last year's format. The final agenda and background material is due to be distributed from GSO sometime around February 15, 2022 and will be forwarded to everyone on the Area committee by our Alternate Delegate, Erik. While he will be the point person responsible for the distribution of the agenda items and background material, I have taken the liberty of including an updated agenda item list that I received yesterday. This replaces the previous version which was dated December 3, 2021. There will be more discussion about the PGSCW next month as the background is distributed as well as at the upcoming Spring Assembly in March.

### **Financial**

I do not have any updated financial information from what was presented last month but will normally provide an update in this section.

### **2022 Reimbursement Requests**

I have not incurred any reimbursable expenses at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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