

## Delegates Report January 18, 2014

Hello everyone, I am an Alcoholic, a member of the Paradise Group on Hamilton mountain, your Panel 64 Delegate, Area 86 Western Ontario, and my name is Jim W.

On December 6<sup>th</sup> I received an advanced communication from Mary C., Conference Coordinator on the General Service Conference via email which included:

### 2014 Theme and Presentation Topics

The theme of the 64th General Service Conference, April 27 – May 3, 2014, is “*Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World*” and presentation/discussion topics will include:

Living in the Heart of A.A.:

- a) Recovery, Unity and Service – Our Responsibility
- b) Passing it on through Sponsorship
- c) Participating In Our Common Welfare through Contributions
- d) Inventory – A Guiding Tool to Our Future

These are wonderful and important topics that can be talked about and discussed throughout the Fellowship – at assemblies, district meetings or service events, Intergroups /central office gatherings, and in groups.

### DECEMBER

**Dec 20:** \_ The 64th General Service Conference (G.S.C.) Communications Kit is mailed to all 2014 Conference Members. The kit contains the following:

- \_ Checklist and Forms A – G (*Various on Hotel Reservation, Travel Expenses, Final Conference Reports, Spouses/Guests, etc.*).
- \_ Advance Information and TIMELINE
- \_ Letter on delegates’ fees from Don M., C.F.O.
- \_ Documents: “How the General Service Conference Operates”; “On Trust–The Spirit of the General Service Conference”; “Guidelines for Use of Personal Electronic Devices at G.S.C.”; “Information and Suggestions for Conference Committee Chairperson.”
- \_ Makeup of the G.S.C.
- \_ *Preliminary* schedule for Conference Week.
- \_ *Preliminary* list of Agenda Items.
- \_ List of Conference Members; Alphabetical List of Panel 63 and Panel 64 delegates.
- \_ List of Conference Committee Members.
- \_ List of Inventory Group Members and Questions; Conference Inventory Plan.
- \_ Memorandum on Buddy System and Buddy List.

At this year's General Service Conference I have been assigned to serve on the Trustee's Committee. This Committee has been mainly involved in the qualifications and procedures for election of Class B regional trustees and trustees at large. Members of this committee are part of the voting body. The responsibility of this Committee has evolved to include the qualifications and procedures for selection of Class A trustees, General Service trustees, corporate board directors and appointed committee members.

The committee reviews the resumes of all newly-nominated Class A and Class B trustees of the General Service Board and nontrustee directors of the corporate boards (A.A.W.S. and the A.A.Grapevine). The committee reviews the slates of the members and officers of the General Service Board and the slates of corporate board directors, before the conference meeting and expresses disapproval if any.

The committee also reviews resumes of appointed committee members recommended to serve on trustees committee, i.e. Corporation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities, Corrections, Literature, and Public Information.

I have also been assigned to the 2014 Conference Committee on Archives.

In past assemblies I have heard many times in workshops or from group members that you wish you could know ahead of time some of the agenda items from the General Service Conference so that you may have District, Committee or Group discussions. I have here today an advance copy of the Preliminary Agenda for the General Service Conference. Remember it's only preliminary and can be change or amended, but it's something to get you started and keep you informed. I have also included along with the agenda a summary of Conference Procedures such as Substantial Unanimity, Minority Opinion, Tabling a motion, Calling the Question, Reconsideration, Floor Actions, and some General Rules of Debate and Voting. I hope that this will help you to understand terms used at Assemblies, and ACM's and may help you at your Districts.

I will also attach to my report today an information flyer which was sent out in December on the upcoming ODC in Toronto that many of you received. March 1-2<sup>nd</sup> is the date for the Delegates meeting. Come out and listen to presentations made by the 4 Ontario Delegates and their Alternates to help them to get ready for the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. I will also attach the ODC final agenda for you as well which I have just received this past week.

At the 2014 General Service Conference we will also begin phase 2 of its 3 year inventory plan. I will also send to Pat our Secretary/ Registrar a copy of the inventory questions for distribution to you.

In closing we are here, elected by you to serve you in any way we can, we are a resource for you and the Districts that you represent. In order for us to do our jobs we need you to do yours. We need your commitment and support not only through service but we need your financial support as well. If you need a few sub-Committee Chairs to help you with your Service Days, for workshops, presentations etc. just ask, all inquiries should go through the Chair. If you're requesting that I attend your service function or round up then contact me directly. If I am unavailable to attend then I assure you that I will send a trained professional to fill in.

I believe that Panel 64 consists of the best of the best. We have acquired the cream of the crop. Our sub-committee chairs are brimming with info, suggestions and ideas. They are anxious and eager, please use them. I have heard my friend Sandi say on many occasion that Area 86 rocks and today I truly believe that we do.

Yours in Love and Service  
Jim W.  
Panel 64 Delegate  
Area 86 Western Ontario



## ONTARIO DELEGATES COMMITTEE MEETING 2014

Hosted this year by  
Area 83, Eastern Ontario (International)  
February 28 - March 2, 2014

*"The aim of this committee is to foster a unified effort, equality of opportunity and participation for all groups in the four Ontario Areas of Alcoholics Anonymous."*

*"To provide, where required, a blended voice for the four Areas;  
To serve as an orientation vehicle for Alternate Delegates;  
To be a discussion platform for Delegates on General Service Conference issues;  
And to cooperate with the Ontario Archives Committee."*

ODC Guidelines March, 1991

### The Meeting will be held at:

The O.I.S.E. Building, U of T.  
252 Bloor St. W., Room #5250  
Saturday Mar. 1, 2014 - 8:45 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday Mar. 2, 2014 - 8:45 am to 12:30 pm

### Hotel

Participants will be staying at the Holiday Inn Toronto Bloor-Yorkville, 280 Bloor St. W., Toronto, On. We have secured a number of rooms there at the rate of \$149.99 / night + taxes. If you would like to overnight at this hotel, please confirm availability by calling 1-877-660-8550 referencing the A.A. Ontario Delegate's Committee (ODC) Meeting.

Meet the Delegate's and Alternate Delegate's of the four Ontario Area's and our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

All are welcome to attend as observers; attendance is free

For more information, please contact the Secretary at  
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