

## Delegates Area Committee meeting report August 18, 2018 District 7 Orillia

Hello Ladies and gentlemen, it is my Honor to serve you as the Area 86 western Ontario Panel 68 Delegate. I am a member of the Thursday night group in Milton Ontario, I am an Alcoholic and my Name is Dale S.

I trust everyone is enjoying their summer and hope you all keeping warm. Welcome to District 7 and thank you to Steven and the district committee for hosting us today. Also thank you for all the volunteers setting up the acm today.

I gave my first Conference report on May 12, 2018 at the Area Committee Meeting in Georgetown Ontario. I will be giving another at the fall assembly, to hear my report come and join us. Our website chair has also posted the written report on the area website. If there is something you want to know about ask me or send me an email I will provide you with the info I have. Also, at the fall assembly we will have Scott H, Our Trustee at Large Canada, who will be giving a presentation about his upcoming trip to Africa where he will be attending the world service meeting. It is in south Africa for the first time.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum was held in Victoriaville Quebec this year on July 20-22. What a wonderful weekend of service and fellowship area 86

was well represented with around 20 members in attendance. Most of the members participated some way over the weekend. Jan did a bang up job chair the forum for her first official duty as Trustee.

CERAASA 2019 will be held in Laval Quebec. February 22-24, 2019. You may go on-line to register and book your hotel at CERAASA 2019 website. Please consider attending, it is proving to be a worth while assembly promoting unity and service throughout the eastern Canada region. The organizing committee has been discussing the possibility of changing the translation devices currently being used. The devices being used have some issues with the quality of reception and sound. The devices used for the regional forums are much better. Translation is so important at these events as they allow everyone to understand each other whether they speak French or English. Of coarse with the upgraded devices would come a price. Which is approximately \$4000.00. The committee is asking if the areas would consider a contribution of \$400.00 each to make this happen.

As you all Know Ken G. our area 86 Treasurer has stepped down due personal reasons. I would like to thank Ken for his service to Alcoholics Anonymous in area 86 and district 10. I know this was a hard decision for him to make we have served together for many years.

I wish him well and to a speedy recovery. Thank you to Sandi for stepping up and taking care of our finances. And thank you to everyone here today to let their name stand for interim treasurer.

The 2019 General Service Conference Dates have been changed. The General Service Office has discovered a mistake with our signed 2019 hotel Conference dates. Our current contract is for April 21-27, 2019. The approved Conference dates, as voted on during the 2016 Conference, are April 28-May 4, 2019. The urgency of this matter was discussed with the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions, along with the trustees' Committee on the Conference.

It was recommended that all Conference members be polled as soon as possible. Following discussion, including the necessity of altering some post-Conference assemblies and our continued attempt at being mindful of major holidays, it was recommended that: The dates of the 2019 Conference be moved to the first week available to hold our Conference, **May 19-May 25, 2019.**

If the motion passes, the expected result will be to incur no additional charges or penalties and would allow more time for translations. (If we must otherwise walk away from our hotel contract, there will be a penalty of \$142,000.)

If the motion fails, Conference members would need to agree to change the dates of Conference to April 21-April 27. Again, without additional charges or penalties but falling on major holidays. (Note that in this case, the dates would need approval by polling the General Service Conference).

The polling was done, and it was agreed to move the dates to **May 19-25, 2019**.

The final conference reports should be here with a couple weeks, I will get them to you as soon as I can.

We will be having an election to choose a candidate for Trustee at Large Canada at the fall assembly. All Past delegates from area 86 are eligible to allow their name to stand. The successful candidate will be forwarded to the 2019 conference along with the members from the other 13 areas of Canada.

I have been asked to be part of the opening ceremonies at the 3<sup>rd</sup> by-annual International Conference of Secular Alcoholics Anonymous (ICSAA) 2018 August 24-26 In downtown Toronto.

If I can be of service to you, your Group or District please do not hesitate to contact me. If you would like to have me or Sandi attend your District functions, please

let me know as soon as possible so we can schedule our time accordingly.

District Committee Members please add me to your distribution list to receive district minutes and announcements I always read them and enjoy keeping up to date with all the districts. Please remind the incoming committee that most of us have new email addresses.

When we're taking a group conscience, Tradition Two helps us remember to take the time and let God in, the "informed group conscience" is a topic that I love to talk about. I believe it is one of the most important things we strive for as a Fellowship. Tradition One reminds us that personal recovery depends upon AA unity. The informed group conscience is one of the main building blocks of that unity. Tradition Two states that our single, ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. So, the group conscience is how God has a voice in our decisions. In other words, if there is no group conscience, God can't get a word in edgewise.

I will be attending the Archives workshop in Chicago Sept. 20-30, 2018.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and thank you for my sobriety.



Yours in Love & Service

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