

Delegates Pre- Conference assembly report
March 24-25, 2018

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.

Welcome to the Western Ontario General Service Pre-Conference Assembly. I look forward to serving with and for you all on panel 68.

I have received my committee assignments for the 68th General service conference which will be in Manhattan. I have been asked to serve on the Reports and Charter and Archives Committees.

Report and Charter; (No corresponding trustees committee) Responsible for the AA Service Manual and twelve Concepts for world service, The Final Conference report, and the AA directories. The Report and Charter Committee reads drafts of the Conference Report and checks them for accuracy. The Committee reviews any Suggestions to the Conference Charter and makes recommendations on them.

Archives; The 1998 General Service Conference approved the formation of this committee as a secondary committee assignment to consider matters of practice and policy related to AA archives. Members, chosen by

lot, meet once during the conference at a dinner meeting with the Trustees' Archives Committee Wednesday. And at a Lunch meeting Thursday. Direct action may be taken by the Conference committee at this meeting.

I have been busy preparing for the conference reading, filling out forms, contacting Rick W. the conference coordinator with question and did I say reading. At the same time getting to know the Delegates dashboard. Which is the website the General Service Office uses to pass on information to conference committee members including Delegates.

I have sent information out to the Area 86 Officers along with our sub-committee chairs with agenda items and the background information to go with them. I hope you had a chance to participate in discussing some of these items in the various workshops through out the day. Most of the workshops were this morning with some after we finish here this afternoon. The feedback I receive from you will help me prepare for the conference next month in Manhattan. If there are any questions or concerns regarding any of the topics you heard about or missed because you may have been in another room at the time, please feel free to talk to me this weekend or contact me later via email or phone any time I will welcome you views.

I attended the Ontario Delegates Committee meeting in Thunder bay March 2-3-4 along with our Alternate Delegate Sandi W. After a delay in our flights we arrived safely in Thunder Bay.

The meeting opened Saturday morning. We heard all the Delegates give their area highlights and then give reports on their respective committees. The four alternate Delegates each gave a presentation on topic they were given. Sandi Gave a wonderful presentation on Participation-is my triangle balanced. Our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee Richard B. gave a report on his last board weekend and a bit of a goodbye as this would be his last ODC as our Eastern Canada Trustee. Our panel 62 past Delegate Percy G gave an in-depth power point presentation of what we as Delegates can expect to see and hear at the 68th conference in April.

Part of the business section the committee (which is comprised of the 4 Delegates and 4 Alternate Delegates) discussed our participation in both the Ontario Delegates Committee (ODC)and the Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (CERAASA) After some clarification of the current ODC guidelines we agreed in principle to continue with a rotation where in even numbered years we would have a ODC and then in odd numbered years we would participate in CERAASA. I will be meeting with the 9 Other eastern Canada

Delegates and our Eastern Canada Trustee Richard B. at the conference in Manhattan twice. Richard has agreed to have a sharing session on the future of CERAASA.

We in Area 86 have been encouraged to consider hosting the 2021 CERAASA as part of the developing rotation which has been so far. Quebec- Ontario- New Brunswick- Quebec. After I get back from the conference I will start the process of Informing you and getting any feedback from you.

The Eastern Canada Regional Forum will be in Victoriaville Quebec this year which will be July 20-22. I hope you will consider joining us there it is always a great informative weekend where you can learn a lot about a wide range of AA Service topic. You will not only have the opportunity to meet counterparts in service from all ten eastern Canada Area's but also staff from Alcoholics Anonymous World Service and Grapevine. Put a face to the voice and Emails. Registration is open via mail in, the online registration is not up yet I will let you know when that is available. You can get the information for booking the hotel off the Area or GSO website. If your planning on going or thinking of it, book your room it can always be canceled at no cost up to 24 hours before the start. If you are a district committee member or General Service Rep. and have informed our Area Secretary/ Registrar or

GSO of your contact information, the Forums committee will also be sending out an email reminder to everyone.

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.

I will leave you with this if I may. How can we foster Unity today and for the future? It is simple. Experience has shown me that if I work the steps of my program, if I support the spirit of the traditions and I practice the principles of our spiritual Concepts both within and outside my AA life I will be doing my part to foster unity and so help ensure the future of AA. Simple. But not easy.

My hope is to continue with all of you to carry this message during our panel. We will be together for the next two years get to know your committee and past Delegates. We can do it together.

Again, thank you for the honour to serve and Thank
you for my sobriety.

Yours in Love & Service
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