

## Delegates Report, Area Committee Meeting January 11, 2020

Good Morning, I am an Alcoholic and I belong to the Fellowship Group, I thank you for the honour to serve as your Panel 70 Delegate and my name is Sandi W.

Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

Welcome to our first meeting of Panel 70. This is a very exciting time and busy as I am sure you are all discovering.

Thank you to Joe, the District 10 Committee and all the volunteers for hosting the first ACM of the Panel today. It does take a lot of work and your service is very much appreciated.

By now our Secretary/Registrar should have all your contact information. If you haven't passed this information on, please do so ASAP. We can not keep the communication flowing if we do not have the correct information.

Since our last meeting in December, I participated in the last Zoom call for the CERAASA (Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) Steering Committee of 2019. I am happy to report that we finished the review of the CERAASA Guidelines, and they will be presented at CERAASA, February 26, 27, 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 during the Business Meeting. Our next call will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> and the new Panel 70 Alternate Delegates will be participating for the first time.

We also held the Area 86 Orientation Meeting in Cambridge on December 28<sup>th</sup> with the Officers and Sub Committee Chairs. This was a great day with a lot of information shared, a delicious lunch with lots of time given for a question period.

I did receive my Conference Assignment from GSO just prior to the orientation meeting, however just after the meeting I was notified that the Assignment would be changed. There were a few Regions that they had to reassign. I am now assigned to the Conference Committee on Trustees.

**Conference Committee on Trustees:** Mainly involved in the qualifications and procedures for election of Class B regional trustees and trustees at large. Responsibility of this committee has also evolved to include the qualifications and procedures for selection of Class A trustees, General Service trustees, corporate board directors and appointed committee members. Members of this committee are part of the voting body for the elections.

The committee reviews the resumes of all the 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).

I have started to receive information and there will be a Conference call later this month. The 2018 Conference Agenda Committee report included an additional committee consideration requesting that each trustees' committee chair and Conference committee secretary participate in a call with the members of the corresponding Conference committee prior to the January Board meeting. The Board agreed to implement these calls, so I am waiting on the details.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> as promised by GSO I received the username and password for the "Dashboard". I have been spending time getting acquainted with it and the "Tip Sheets and Guide "GSO sent is very helpful.

The Panel 70 Delegates are assigned a "Delegate Buddy" and these are Panel 69 Delegates. My "buddy" is Jenny D. from Area 39, Western Missouri. Jenny sent a wonderful email offering her help where and when needed.

Rob M., Area 83 Delegate sent out the information for the ODC (Ontario Delegates Committee) that is to be held February 28-March 1st. I have forwarded the Agenda to all the Area Committee. Rob has asked me to let him know how many people will be joining us for dinner so he can make the appropriate number of reservations. If you will be joining us either the Friday or Saturday night or both evenings, please let me know ASAP.

It is a full agenda with the four Ontario Delegates presenting their Area Highlights as well as discussing their assigned Conference Committee and the Alternate Delegates will do a presentation on one of the topics for the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Jan L. will also be in attendance and will be giving a report. Past delegates will be sharing on their experiences at the Conference.

I hope you try to join us and see what it is all about. I attended my 1<sup>st</sup> ODC in Brantford when Dean was Delegate. It really opened my eyes to what happens at the Conference. The ODC's travel around the 4 Areas in Ontario and are held on the even years, opposite years of CERAASA.

Tim M., Past Delegate from Area 82, Panel 67 is chairing the Eastern Canadian Hospitality Suite for the International Convention in Detroit. He will be contacting me with more details regarding the need of volunteers. At the moment he is busy organizing displays so when people visit the suite, they will get a feel of who we are. He has asked the Areas to send in pictures that are of interest to us and others would enjoy. Please take this back to your Districts and ask the members to email me any photos that they would like passed along. Remember when taking the photos that we are anonymous.

Our Eastern Canada Regional Trustee, Jan, has reached out to all the Areas in Eastern Canada (10 Areas) with information about a Convention the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians (CAEP) is holding June 1-4, 2020 in Ottawa. There will be approximately 1200 attendees and they have invited Alcoholics Anonymous to participate. Bill C., the Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair for Area 83 has been in contact with Diana L., CPC contact at the General Service Office, as well as Dr. Gisele Leger from CAEP. There is a cost of \$3000.00 for registration so Jan was inquiring if any of the Areas would be interested in "kicking in" some funds to assist Area 83. I spoke with Bill earlier this week to see if there was anymore information. There was a motion presented at Area 83's ACM last Saturday to spend up to \$800 towards the registration, the motion did not move forward. I have copied our CPC Chair, Martin K. in the emails to Bill so I am sure they will connect in the near future.

I have begun receiving Invitations for Round Ups, Service Days, Inventories, etc. Thank you to everyone that has invited the Area to attend their event. Please remember if you would like an Area Sub Committee Chair to attend an event in your District you must go through our Chairperson, Janice. If you would like the Area message brought to your event, then please contact me directly. If I am unable to attend Jeff, our Alternate Delegate will hopefully be available and if not, another fellow Officer will gladly deliver the Area message. Please try to get these Invitations in as soon as you can so we can plan our calendars accordingly.

As the new Panel gets going and our members are making changes please take a moment to share the importance of Anonymity. It isn't unusual to see a website post a member's name, phone number or address. If you include an address for example for the District Treasurer or Area Treasurer in the minutes or in a Newsletter, please make sure these are not posted online.

What about your Round Up Flyers? Do they list home phone numbers or personal email addresses? Your email addresses, do they have your name or are you protecting your anonymity?

Congratulations to all of you in your newly elected positions. I hope you all enjoy every moment of this new journey that you are on. Please remember to have fun. Service is such an important part of our program and I am sad to see so many people miss out on this wonderful privilege and opportunity.

From the Service Manual, Chapter Five, S45.

### ***The Area Committee***

*Perhaps more than any other group of people in A.A., the area committee is responsible for the health of the Conference structure and thus for growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship. If G.S.R.s are lax, if there is lack of harmony in a district, if there are difficulties in public information or some other service area, the committee member knows it and can turn to the full committee for help.*

*An active committee deals with all kinds of service problems: Is experience being shared among groups? Is the A.A. message getting into hospitals, prisons, jails, and rehabilitation centers? Are news media and professionals who deal with suffering alcoholics well informed about A.A.? Are new groups and Loners being visited and helped?*

It is my wish that we can all try to encourage more members to attend our Assemblies so they can learn all about the services GSO provides and the need for their help.

Lastly, I hope to start receiving District Minutes from all 23 Districts. To date I have never received minutes from all the Districts. Could this be the Panel do you think? When you share your minutes with the rest of the Area, we get a chance to not only see what is happening within your Districts and perhaps get some new ideas, but we get to know you all a little better. Please make sure the person that sends the minutes has the new Panel 70 Contact Information.

Well that is it for the moment. Please remember I am here to serve you, the members of Area 86. If I can be of any help or service, please either email, [area86delegatep70@gmail.com](mailto:area86delegatep70@gmail.com) or call me anytime [REDACTED].

Area 86 as always, you rock!

Yours in love and service,

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