

CNCA 06

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER SHARING SESSION

December 19, 2015

Chairperson: Michael Q

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer
Thank you to Tony for translating
Introductions
Secretary Announcements: None

Presentation:

Area Motion to CNCA 06 expand Officer Eligibility to include Alternate DCMC's and Chairs of Standing Area Committees: Paul W and Ed G

NOTE: This is an informational presentation meant only to educate DCM's on the issue so that they can educate their GSRs in an unbiased manner. The DCM Sharing Session is not a voting body.

Pro: Paul W

To currently be elected you must be a sitting DCM or DCMC or a sitting Area Officer.

- Current DCM vs prior DCM experience? How important is for it for candidates to be on the current panel?
- Will election assemblies take too long? We should be more concerned with qualified officers not the length of our assemblies.
- How to implement this to insure eligibility?
- What is more important? Doing things quickly or making sure we have all qualified candidates?
- Spirit of Rotation? Does the current policy force candidates who have already done a job to do that again simply in order to be elected?
- Tradition Two: Existing restrictions are too restrictive.

Con: Ed G

- Current requirements are small t tradition, and is not in any rules. In Area 07 they have larger eligibility but have a nominating process. In Area 65, do third legacy. Do not have DCMC's as they do not have subdistricts. This shows that every Area can do things differently.
- How broad do we want to make the qualifications.
- Do we need to add a rule?
- AA is based on suggestions and traditions.
- Do we need a rule?
- Concept 9: We want the best people possible to serve all positions.
- Current experience... we know these individuals. We can evaluate their qualifications.
- Need to follow the guidance of your higher power

Discussion:

- We don't have to have a motion that makes people perpetually eligible. We could bring a motion that would limit eligibility that would be more tasteful.
- This motion could cause us to lose experience in our districts
- Will bring to my sub-district as a guide for discussion.
- Maybe bring it back as a different motion.
- Maybe need more help for current officers. Expand the current number of officer positions.
- Person should be in a current position, not in a previous position.
- I think current committee chairs should be available.

- I am hesitant to add alternate DCMCs and past DCMs. I can imagine election assemblies might take too long if there are too many people who can be available.
- If this were to pass we would reformat the way the assembly is conducted.
- The process is self-limiting in and of itself.
- Alternate DCMCs may lack experience needed to be Area Officers
- Many of the positions in the last elections went to the hat. There were a lot of people available.
- Is the current system serving us well? If it is are we changing just to change?
- I feel the idea of limiting officer eligibility is somewhat restrictive and artificial, however in my district it wasn't until a few weeks ago that we were able to fill all of our district service positions. I worry that this motion might rob talent from the district.
- We already have a good pool of talent.
- In some smaller districts we get Alternate DCMCs who have never served as a DCM.
- Need to look at the entire motion and see if it will serve the needs of the area or create more problems. Will this bring us to unity and capable leadership.
- We have to look at this motion on its own merits only.
- Do committee chairs have a vote at Area? If not, maybe that is the first step here. They should be able to vote at Area.
- Concerns about Alternate Committee Chair: Many probably do not have experience running a meeting. They are more distanced from the activity.
- Motion needs to limit the time someone can be away from active service for the Area.
- A vote isn't necessary to have a voice. It taught me to listen.
- In our district we have had our Alternate DCMC position filled by people who had not even served as a GSR.
- There are many positions that I have entered and not known how to do it, but it was an opportunity to grow.
- Waiting a few years is something I get to do. I've served before as a District Officer and am now a DCM and I GET to do that!
- Our Area hasn't folded because we do not have enough people to step up.
- We have a small district and have several people who are officers who have not been GSRS. When new people come in and the people who are leading are not experienced it can drive people away.
- When I was drinking I had to manage everything. A higher power was not an option. It took a while for me to trust a higher power. Its always a tricky decision what to manage and what to turn over to a higher power. Is this something we have to put our hands on or can we turn this over? I am naturally suspicious of this motion. What we do in service is up to a higher power.
- I came in favor of this motion because our alternate DCMC is very qualified. Now I understand that is not always the case.
- Why do Area committee chairs not have a vote? Maybe we should start with that and see where it goes.
- The committee members do not have to be a member of the area committee. They do not have to be a GSR, DCM or have any general service qualifications. They are members, but not necessarily in general service.
- When you go back, make sure you are not projecting your opinion, but be even in relaying information.
- The real question is "Are you available?"

Topics for Next Month:

- DCM experience of visiting groups
- A DCM's experience with Sub-District meetings
- How Does an Agenda Topic become an Agenda Topic
- Preparing GSRs for Agenda Topics
- PRAASA: How to encourage GSRs to attend

Richard W and Sherrie W to present

DCM experience visiting groups & A DCM's Experience with Sub-District Agendas

Respectfully Submitted in the Spirit of Love and Service,
Linda T, Recording Secretary
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