

August 2017
Chair Preview

We passed two motions at our July **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)**. The first you've probably all heard about, regarding the disbursement of \$10,000 of excess funds to the General Service Board. As the saying goes, the check is in the mail. The second motion was time sensitive so we fast-tracked our usual procedure and it was presented and voted on all in one day: "That CNCA fund the participation of two liaisons to the **Hispanic Women's Workshop (HWW)** in Pasadena, December 3, 2017, at a cost not to exceed \$2200."

I try to connect everything we do here in General Service either to Tradition One or Step Twelve, which is a guiding principle I learned from our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. (and something you can use to help inspire group participation). And I have been moved to tears a few times in the days since the July ACM with love and gratitude for the unanimous decision you made on the spot to support the HWW. That was one of the most beautiful examples I've ever witnessed of our Area business being "all about unity and saving drunks." So thank you.

We also had a presentation of new business from our Web committee which we will start discussing next month: "That CNCA contract with a service provider determined by the Web Committee, to obtain a 'Hot Spot' for Internet access. Hot Spot to be available at all CNCA committee meetings, assemblies and other CNCA events. Internet access to be used by Standing Committees and Sub Committees and Area Officers to conduct CNCA business, committee work and presentations requested. Cost of provider not to exceed \$50 per month, plus initial set up fee not to exceed \$100."

And we will have two discussion topics on our August agenda that need your input:

- Pros and Cons of using both volunteers and professionals (as available) for simultaneous interpretation at our Assemblies
- Translating the *Comentarios*: Is our process effective? If so, how? If not, why not?

By the time you read this, our Summer Assembly will be over and that means it's now time to start thinking about our Fall Inventory Assembly. Please submit your suggestions for inventory questions to any Area Officer before September 23, 2017.

Have a great summer of love and service,

Jennifer B., Area Chair