

DCM Sharing Session September 23, 2017

10am - Meeting Opened with the Serenity Prayer by Erica S.

Translation by Nicholas. Thank you for your service!

DCMs, GSRs and visitors attended. Erica S. facilitated.

Welcome to two newcomers.

Presentation – Discussion on Technology – James, Sonoma

- Presenter has 20+ years of technology in his profession
- Part of AA ad hoc technology committee
- What technological needs are not being met at the Area and District levels?
- What technology is the Area using that is working well?
- What would our needs be in the next 5 years?

Members Share

- There is a concern for members that live in rural areas as well as those living in poverty because they do not always have reliable access to the internet. She doesn't want everything to go online due to lack of resources for rural and impoverished members.
- We should have an option if we want electronic or paper.
- A member wanted to do a word search in our literature, example the General Service Manual. Other members answer to say all the literature is available at AA.org, upon opening phones have a built-in search feature.
- Technology for senior citizens is a topic to keep in mind. This member enjoys voice control and would hope to utilize this feature in the future.
- A member expressed how access to digital 7th tradition is extremely valuable option and has proven to increase contributions.
- “Living Cyber” article suggested from *Box 459* Fall 2017
- Would like to have projectors with images, one for English and another for Spanish.
- A member would like to keep close contact with the ad hoc committee, allowing many opportunities to give continued feedback.
- She would like a website that includes more attention to smaller events in our Area. The way things are now, lots of attention is given to events but she would like to see small events across the Area for all members to see
- “Department for Deletion,” a way to clean up once a year. This member is asking for regular archiving of documents.
- Take pictures of documents, convert to text, such as Google Keep.
- Make direct payment to area electronically to save work for treasurers or intergroups
- A member doesn't like people on the internet announcing how long they have been sober.
- Member says *Grapevine* subscription are down, even though they have digital they still like hard copy.
- A member expressed a need to be cautious about anonymity, concerned that we protect anonymity.

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- A self-proclaimed "dinosaur" battling the computer wishes there is a way that the area could teach members that aren't very computer literate how to access all the information needed. Workshop possibly
- When viewing the South-East Texas website, she thought they had a great way to see all the resources.
- Some people don't want to change a system that is currently working for them.
- A member learned lots of valuable information at the National Technology Workshop. She wished there are a way to share information for those who could not attend, in turn getting for people involved/interested in the subject.
- Is it possible to find an interpretation app instead of radio, live translation, to replace the radio and use phone instead because most everyone has a phone to use.
- For the hearing impaired, this member wishes we consider using the resources we already have to help these members hear what is going on.
- Member checks the app store and finds that current technology still needs to be hard wired.
- Web community member, concerned that the area, as the tech moves quickly and it is hard to keep up. How do we create continuity and last longer than two years from panel to panel?
- How can we keep up to date and access real time data on meetings and update them? Some meetings that are not connected to the intergroup - how do we reach them? She gets two mailings from NY and wishes there was a better way to communicate and update registration.
- Another member was getting double mailings and realized her name was misspelled. Issue now remedied. She supports the desire to streamline registration.
- He is from a rural area and internet is patchy. Keeping awareness that not all members have access to technology.
- Registrar, loves the position, she experience troubles with her system, printing, and communicating with NY. Open to the idea learning a easier way.
- Young People's use Slack. You need to be invite into the group and you can post documents, send notification to the group, make comments, etc. Might be a good way to post documents, protect anonymity
- Would like CNCA Comments minutes online. They are available.
- Newsletters are the most effective way for the information to be communicated said one member.
- Personal comment, "There is no anonymity online"
- She receives large packets in the mail from GSO, some of which is most likely out of date soon after printing.
- If we increase the use of our personal phones, this will increase the need for phone charging stations. This has proven problematic in the past. Is it feasible to provide electrical outlet access to all the people that may them at ACM's or assemblies?

Next Month's Topic - Recruiting New GSR, Jacob

- ALL - Please bring radios. We need everyone to have an opportunity to share.
- Thank you, Nicholas, for translating.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny M., Acting Recording Secretary