

August 2018
Chair Preview

We passed two housekeeping motions at our July **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)**: One to fund the travel of our new Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F., to facilitate our Election Assembly (not to exceed \$750), and one for Archives to buy hard drives for digital storage of our Area archival materials (not to exceed \$350). We also passed the two items of old business I mentioned last month, after much loving discussion, including minority opinions and motions to reconsider. It was a wonderful example of our spiritual process in action, where everyone's voice matters. See the ACM minutes inside for more details.

Our Delegate announced that the dates have changed for the 2019 General Service Conference (GSC), due to an issue with the hotel contract. The 69th GSC will be held May 19-26, 2019. Clearly, our original date for the Post-Conference Assembly will no longer work, and it has been moved to June 15, 2019. District 90 is still excited to host in the same location.

After consideration by the Area officers of the pros and cons, our Pre-Conference Assembly dates will not change. The ripple effect to the Districts who may already have Agenda Topic Workshops or other events planned, and the false expectation of "extra" time by new GSRs in subsequent years when we go right back to the usual schedule were deciding factors. Plus, we had a good bid in place which was just approved by the ACM! So, District 12 will be hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly on April 13-14 at the Veterans Building in Santa Rosa. The calendars have been updated inside to reflect all these changes.

As if all that weren't exciting enough, we also found out we will have some room shuffling at our next ACM on August 25th. The Community Center is redoing the floors in two of our meeting rooms, so many of the sharing sessions and committees and our main meeting will gather in the large auditorium, which is on the left as you enter the building, between the restrooms (yes, the same room where we held the Summer Assembly last year). A reminder will be sent to DCMCs and committee chairs and we will have signs to help direct you. Unfortunately, we won't be able to put up dividers during the committee meetings but we will make it work!

The silver lining is that August 25th is the date for the workshop on "Legal, Tax and Insurance Considerations for AA Groups," which is scheduled for 3-5 pm. (Our ACM will end early at 2:30 to allow some time to set up and fellowship.) It will be nice to have that large room, as we expect a larger crowd. All are welcome!

Jennifer B., Area Chair