

October 2018
Delegate's Corner

I was asked to help with a 3rd legacy election next month and so I started looking for my board, my ballots and my other 3rd legacy stuff that is needed. I couldn't find my board! So, I went to Staples and got a blank dry erase board and glittery black tape (that felt like Halloween) and I made one. It's not as professional looking as the one Phil gave me two years ago (the one I can't find), but I feel ready for the upcoming elections. I find this time of the panel to be very exciting. What will happen next?

But for me this year, I will not be having a discussion with my sponsor or family about my next service commitment. Both my sponsor and my family are waiting for me to rotate out. Not taking a commitment at General Service—that is new for me. My recovery sponsor has advised me to spend time with my family after I rotate out, especially after this last commitment which probably has been the one that has been the most demanding of my time. The spirituality of rotation for me is to open up the space by stepping out of the position I have been in and then seeing what my higher power has in store for me. For the last 14 years, November General Service elections have always given me a new job for the next panel. This year is the first time in a long time I will walk away not knowing what I will do next panel. That is scary and exciting, humbling, and relieving, and sad all at the same time. I have not been here before.

So I gather up my 3rd legacy elections stuff. I am preparing to help usher in the new panel of trusted servants. I can't wait to see what happens. I will enjoy my most favorite past time of all—watching others grow in service and sobriety. And then in January, I will get to watch all the proceedings from the back of the room with my other fellow past delegates sitting at the porch. I expect the view to be just as wonderful back there as it was from up front.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Joann L.
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