

Delegate's Corner
November 2018

I'm not sure if this is my last or my second to last time I write the Delegate's Corner. I know it is three days before the election assembly. By the time you read this, we will have chosen our trusted servants for Panel 69. And I will be wearing my "Incoming Past Delegate" pin with pride and a little bit of sadness.

I am quite certain that next panel of Area Officers will serve our Area well. My certainty comes my own experience of making the decision to serve at the Area level. I was told that the ten years I served at the District level had prepared me for this. I was told I had experience, strength and hope to offer at Area. I had served at the District level out of my love for Alcoholics Anonymous and my desire to give back to A.A. what had been given to me. After all I had received from sobriety, how could I not try to give back.

All the people I have met along this journey of service have had that desire to serve. We all know that the more you give, the more you receive. What does the Big Book say? It's an endless lode in the mine that continues to give as long as I work it and give the entire product away. It is a joyful experience. Along the way I have met some bright-eyed people with the best laughs ever. Even better than mine.

So by the time you read this you yourself will have had the opportunity to decide what job you will do next Panel. You may be thinking like I did "Will I be able to do this job?" (Or maybe even the next thought which for me was "OMG how can I get out this gracefully?") Don't worry. We all felt like that at first. By the time you feel comfortable means it is time to rotate out. You will be learning new skills to add to your confidence. You will be allowing your Higher Power to you to places you never dreamed of. Enjoy your amazing journey. I have enjoyed mine!

Thank you for letting me be of service,
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