

November 2017
Chair Preview

Our October **A**rea **C**ommittee **M**eeting (ACM) was almost cancelled due to the fires, but we were able to hold it after all and it was an emotional day for many who were directly affected, myself included. The unity of our Area is always noteworthy, but in times of crisis we really pull together. And we had a very productive meeting.

The Interpretation and Translation Committee (ITC) brought a housekeeping motion which passed with no objection: "That the CNCA Interpretation & Translation Committee bring the Area's FM equipment to PRAASA 2018 in Sparks, NV (Area 42) so that it can be used to interpret Spanish to English and English to Spanish and also provide assisted listening at PRAASA." There will be no cost to our Area and we are working with the PRAASA committee to help ensure that a more sustainable solution is reached for the future. We also approved an update to the ITC's guidelines to include a section in the job duties of the equipment tech to oversee the library of lendable radios.

District 90's bid to host the 2019 Post-Conference Assembly on May 18, 2019, at the Ulatis Community Center in Vacaville was approved unanimously. And the Web committee's motion to purchase a projector and a screen passed without any opposition. We also heard a fabulous report from the 21st Annual National AA Archives Workshop in Winnipeg, Canada, highlighting the importance of preserving our history in AA.

Finally, we got an update from Bridging the Gap (BTG) on the Pre-Release Contact Service. Expect a housekeeping motion next month to extend that a little longer in the pilot stage while more information is gathered from the districts. And if you have any feedback on the literature currently provided or the needs of the Area in this regard, please share it with the BTG committee.

A week after the ACM, we held our last Assembly of the year where we took our Area Inventory. What a wonderful process, guided so well by our visiting facilitator, Bob W. When we get the notes back, I encourage all of you to review them and see if any action items pop out to you for further discussion and possible motions.

Our next ACM will be held as usual on the fourth Saturday (Thanksgiving weekend), but both our December and January meetings will be moved up a week to the third Saturday.

November is often thought of as gratitude month here in Alcoholics Anonymous, and I always like to point out that service is gratitude in action. Thank you all for your service this year and for the opportunity to learn and grow.

Jennifer B., Area Chair