

Delegate's Corner
February 2017

Hi Folks, Panel 67 is now officially started with our first Area Committee meeting on January 21st. What a wonderful sight to see all the new DCMCs, DCMs and committee members that I have the privilege to serve with. The next few months will be packed with lots to do to prepare for the General Service Conference in April.

Already we have received some exciting news. AAWS released some new service material on January 27th called Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare. You may check it out on G.S.O. website at http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-209_en.pdf

We are all anxiously awaiting the release of the 2017 Agenda Topics and background material about February 15th. The Area Officers plan to meet the following day and start the work of creating the Agenda Topic Summaries. We will work hard to have these done for you by the end of February. CDs with all the background information for the Agenda Topics will be given to all DCMCs.

I hope you have already made hotel reservation for the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly on March 3, 4 and 5 at the McClellan Conference Center in Sacramento. For more information about hotels and registration go www.praasa.org Thank you to all of you who volunteered to be of service at PRAASA.

If you are a new GSR this panel, ask if there is an Agenda Topic Workshop in your district. Information about all the Agenda Topic Workshops within the Area is available at the Area Committee meeting. Many Districts invite neighboring Districts to attend theirs. Ask your DCM or DCMC for information about these. If you are feeling a bit overwhelmed right now, just know you are not alone. Yes- this all seems like a lot to do, but somehow every year it all gets done. When I get overwhelmed, I like to read S20 in the service manual, "Why do we need a conference?" This short piece by Bernard B. Smith written in 1954 reminds me that I am part of a greater whole and that my work has special value. I received the message of hope from someone who received it from someone before them. I believe the work we are all doing is to ensure that this wonderful message of hope is carried on for years to come. When I read S20 in the service manual, it doesn't feel overwhelming anymore. It all feels right.

With Deep Gratitude,

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