October 2017
Chair Preview

At our September **A**rea **C**ommittee **M**eeting (ACM) three housekeeping motions passed with no objection. Two were related to increasing the amount for food and coffee budgets at assembles, which will go into effect immediately. Please see Erica, our Assembly Coordinator, for details and assistance if you have already bid and/or to discuss any upcoming bids. The third was to fund a display board for our Area at the National AA Archives Workshop, not to exceed $100.

We also passed the Web committee's motion to have a hotspot for secure internet access at the ACM and assemblies. This is for official Area business only, such as processing electronic contributions, working on the web site, registering members with GSO, etc. Those of us doing our personal stuff will not have access, but we can rest assured that our data is more secure and our trusted servants are not coming out of their own pockets to perform their service.

A highlight of the day was hearing wonderful, heartfelt reports from two of the workshops we funded members to attend: The Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Bloomington, MN and the National AA Technology Workshop in Sacramento. The sharing of ideas and enthusiasm from these events benefits the whole Area. Note that reports from the Summer Assembly Workshops are also inside this issue.

I look forward to hearing all of your thoughts at our Fall Inventory Assembly. What is our Area doing well? What needs improvement? The discussion questions are below, and I encourage you to think about them broadly and be creative and fearless in your responses. Our inventory facilitator, Bob W., served as a Trustee-at-Large for four years, traveling around the world for A.A., so be sure to stick around for his presentation at the end of the day.

Love and service,
Jennifer B. Area Chair

Inventory Questions for Fall Assembly on November 4:

1.   What is the basic purpose of CNCA (Area 06)?
2.   How effectively are we using technology to inform and connect with members, groups, and GSRs in our Area?
3.   Are we open-minded to all voices and ideas brought to our Area?
4.   Are we doing a good job of supporting our subcommittees, standing committees, and sharing sessions? *
5.   How do spiritual principles play a role in our financial decisions?
6.   What barriers are preventing people from participating at our Area meeting and assemblies?

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* *Area Subcommittees:* Archives, Bridging the Gap, and Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community (PI/CPC) ▪ *Area Standing Committees:* Finance, Web, and Interpretation & Translation ▪ *Sharing Sessions at the ACM:* DCMC, DCM, Literature/Grapevine/La Vina, and Accessibilities