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Chair Preview

At the January **Area Committee Meeting (ACM)**, Joann L. reported that she expects to receive the final list of agenda items for the 68th General Service Conference by mid-February. As soon as she gets the English background information (usually around the same time), the Area officers will begin working on the 2018 Agenda Topic Summaries and we aim to have those done and translated into Spanish by the first weekend in March. The General Service Office will also be translating the Conference background information into Spanish and French for the first time this year, which is very exciting!

Fun fact: Our Area 06 Agenda Topic Summaries originally began as a way to provide some of the background information about the agenda items in Spanish when no translation of the background was available. (It's a lot easier to translate a shorter document!) Over the years, the purpose of the summaries has expanded to include helping the delegate communicate to the GSRs which topics we will hear group consciences on at our Pre-Conference Assembly, and "what the delegate needs to know" in order to be fully informed before heading off to the General Service Conference in New York. The summaries are the Area officers' best attempt to filter what can be hundreds of pages of material into a digestible chunk for translation, and to make it easier for all GSRs to present information to their groups and gather feedback. They are not an official document; they are simply a service the officers enjoy providing to help the process. The full background material will also be made available to all the districts, so be sure to ask your DCM or DCMC if you would like more information on any particular topic(s).

Many districts brought flyers for their upcoming Agenda Topics Workshops to the ACM, and I strongly encourage you to attend one in your district or a neighboring one. The process can be daunting, and the experience, strength and hope you will get by hanging out with other GSRs and people who have done it before will make it much easier and much more fun. See Joann's Delegate's Corner in this issue for more suggestions on what you can be doing now to prepare.

Business was light at the ACM last month, and we left feeling inspired after hearing reports from Emma M. and Maria Luisa S. about the workshop for Spanish-speaking women that they attended last year in Pasadena. They will continue to keep us updated as planning progresses for the 3rd annual event to be held this year somewhere in CNCA.

Preliminary flyers for our Pre-Conference Assembly (our only two-day assembly) on April 7-8 are available at www.cnca06.org. When we get closer to the date, a more detailed flyer will be circulated showing which agenda topics we will hear group consciences on each day. I hope you will plan to attend both days. The business meeting Saturday morning is sure to be lively and fun with old and new business and Past Pacific Regional Trustee, Madeleine P., leading our orientation.

In service and gratitude,
Jennifer B., Area Chair