Delegate's Corner March 2018

I am sitting here in my room at PRAASA and Jennifer reminds me of my Delegate's Corner being due. I knew that. Or at least I knew it a few days ago. But in the flurry (snow to be exact) of getting to PRAASA this year, I admit— it did slip my teflon brain. Once I got here I was caught up in the excitement of PRAASA. Meeting the Panel 68 Pacific Regional Delegates, seeing members from my Area and members who have moved away from our Area but still come to PRAASA, settling into the panels and listening to what are the topics that mean so much to us this year, my brain is off in another realm.

Just by the first three panels I am hearing the responsibility statement over and over again. Who is responsible? It is me, it is you, and it is us. We are the ones who need to step up and do the work of carrying the message. Sometimes it feels a bit overwhelming. There are so many people out there still suffering. But the message of this year's PRAASA is also: Just start somewhere, some commitment, some committee—do some sort of service. Together we can do it.

That is why I keep coming back to PRAASA. This is the place where I am reminded that we do not do General Service alone. We have each other. We have a wealth of help here. We can do this work. I feel so hopeful this morning. Even though there was a snowy mountain to climb, enough of us found a way in.

Thank you for letting me be of service, Joann L. Panel 67 CNCA 06 Area Delegate