

Delegates Corner, Panel 69, January 2019

As your delegate I am your servant and the human agent of a higher power.

I've started asking my higher power to make me a smooth and rapid channel for the flow of conscience and information up and down our upside-down triangle of service. After all, that will become an ever-larger aspect of how I can be of maximum service to my higher power and you, my fellows, over Panel 69.

If you're reading this and you're a new General Service Representative, I salute you for reading the Comments! Welcome to what will be a steep learning curve... Now is the time to prepare for what we call the Agenda Topics, aka large matters of policy and finance that affect A.A. as a whole, upon which your group may form a conscience (opinion). Your responsibility is to inform me of your group's opinions so that when I attend the annual General Service Conference in New York in May, I will know how your group and, when your group's conscience is added to all the others, how our Area feels. Your District Committee Members (DCMs) and District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs) are there to help prepare you for this. Use them. My email in-box is also always open.

Each of the 93 Area delegates to the annual conference is assigned to a specific conference committee. Mine is *Treatment and Accessibilities*. The purpose of the committee is to coordinate our message in treatment settings and in "bridging the gap" from those facilities to A.A. We also serve those who encounter barriers to access and participation, including those from underserved or remote communities. Serving on this committee means that our Area's voice will be amplified somewhat in those discussions. It's a great opportunity to increase our cooperation with H&I and to draw upon our shared commitment to access and diversity.

As an added surprise, I have what is known as a *secondary* committee assignment: *International Conventions/Regional Forums*. Want to know more? Page S57 of your A.A. Service Manual reveals all! Needless to say, our recent experience hosting the Pacific Regional Forum will enrich our participation.

Thank you for your trust and the opportunity to serve.

In love and service,

Teddy B-W
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