

Chair Preview: January 2020

Welcome to a new decade. Thousands upon thousands of people will stumble into the rooms of AA in this new decade, seeking out a solution for our common problem and hopefully finding amongst us camaraderie, fellowship, and hope. We in AA have found a solution. And here in General Service, we are entrusted to make sure that the message of AA remains accessible to all who seek it out.

Consider that if one person gets the gift of sobriety as the result of your service work, you will have saved a life. So now, in 2020, I hope that we remain mindful of the very important task we have, especially as we enter the Agenda Topics season.

At the Area Committee meeting in December – our first meeting since September – we processed a backlog of housekeeping motions and heard a presentation from our Finance committee regarding the 2020 budget. As many of you may know, our finances are tight because not all of the contributions that were sent to the Area last year were processed during the transition to a new Treasurer. Area Officers are cutting back on District visits to save money, and we have dipped into our prudent reserve.

Two housekeeping motions involving money were both objected to – so we will keep discussing whether to increase the rate to which we pay translators at the Officers' meeting and how much to contribute for this year's Delegate's Conference contribution. In January, we will also keep discussing our contribution to the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite at the International Convention this July. Two motions about our continuing participation at the Hispanic Women's Workshop – through contributions and by sending liaisons –are also on our agenda.

In December, we also approved a bid for the Pre-Conference Assembly in 2020 – just four months away. I encourage everyone to bring their FM radios to all assemblies and Area Committee meetings. Simultaneous interpretation is always available – and it is not made available just so that Spanish-speaking members can understand what is being said. To encourage radio use, this March, the Area Committee meeting will be held entirely in Spanish. It should be pretty exciting – and a new first for our Area.

Aun tenemos dos meses para prepararnos.

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