

Chair Preview: March 2020

Much of General Service revolves around the annual General Service Conference in New York – and these next two months here in our Area focus on preparing our Delegate to represent us at the Conference. The Agenda Topics this year include a number of consequential proposals, and I am expecting substantive sharing at the microphones at the Pre-Conference Assembly this April in San Jose.

The Assembly will include our regular morning business meeting on Saturday, where we might vote on a proposal to create an Area technology committee and another proposal to request the creation of a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. We will also keep discussing other proposals, hear reports from area officers, and meet our new Area Accessibilities committee, which was formed as a result of a vote at our last assembly in November.

Starting in the afternoon, we will hear group consciences on many of the agenda topics; the order of sharing is on the flyer, and time at the microphone will be limited to 75 seconds (the yellow light will turn on at 60 seconds).

At our most recent Area Committee meeting, we approved a proposed budget for 2020. While our financial situation remains less than ideal, we have been able to replenish the prudent reserve and cut expenses in a way to ensure that – barring some unexpected new challenges – we will be able to continue to fund the services we have been asked to provide.

We also passed a number of motions – to write letters of support for two young people committees who were bidding to host conferences next year, to contribute the minimum Delegate contribution (of \$1800) to the General Service Conference, to participate in a Pacific Region hospitality suite at the International Convention (at a cost of no more than \$200), and, most excitingly, to accept the rotation to host PRAASA in 2024.

We heard a wonderful report back from the National AA Technology Workshop and finally heard a report back from our Area Structure ad hoc committee. That final report, which is available from your DCMC, includes a recommendation to incorporate as a non-profit 501 (c)(3). We will be hearing a lot more about this over the course of the next few months as motions are presented at the Area Committee meeting.

I look forward to seeing what happens next.

Thank you for your service,
Eric L.
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