

Chair Preview: May 2020

Earlier this month, our Area took a huge step into the digital world when we held our historic first-ever virtual assembly. While attendance was smaller than usual, participation remained robust– and the success of our first assembly will hopefully translate to more participation at the Post-Conference Assembly in early June. The flyer for this assembly is printed in this issue.

The Post-Conference Assembly is one of the highlights of the year in our Area. This is our first opportunity to hear from the Delegate about his experience at the General Service Conference. Prior to his report, we will hear presentations from three members of our Area on discussion topics focused on our three legacies from this year's conference.

In August, we will then hold our Summer Assembly. We aren't quite sure whether the assembly will be held in Napa (as scheduled) or held virtually. That decision will likely be made in June, and is contingent on the guidance of state and local health officials. The Summer Assembly is usually described as the "fun assembly," in part because of its interactive nature and the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops on different topics of interest to AA members.

Those topics are suggested by you – members of the Area – and are intended to open up discussion about important topics of relevance in 21st century AA, like anonymity, accessibility, finances, history, humility, humor, attraction, public relations, social media, and organization structure. I expect that this year, we might have some suggestions regarding technology as well. Any suggested topics are due by June 27, at the end of the Area Committee meeting.

This past month, we began discussing business at the Area Committee meeting – and even approved a housekeeping motion that has helped us launch an [online contribution page on the Area website](#). We continue discussing several other motions, and will likely hear presentations on new business this coming month regarding proposed changes to our Area structure.

Please read this month's issue of the Comments carefully. You will find flyers for the Post-Conference Assembly, and, because the issue is digital, you will find embedded hyperlinks in a newly-revamped Committees and Sharing Sessions page. Some of our committees are now meeting on different days and times, so feel free to check them out and see how our Area runs its business.

Area 06 remains vibrant. We remain committed to helping alcoholics find a life-saving message that helped us escape the loneliness of drinking and unite us with these new and wonderful ties that strengthen us during this pandemic. We continue to ensure that our message is clear and consistent, and that it resonates with the people who need to hear it. And we continue to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie that once seemed so impossible to find.

Thank you for my life.

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