

## Chair Preview: September 2020

The Summer Assembly was incredible. As an Area, we were able to experience a vote, a minority opinion, and a second vote – resulting in the creation of a standing committee for Technology.

We are now seeking out volunteers to help start the newly-approved committee; at this point, the scope of the committee (or the number of members on the committee) is undefined. Members selected to serve through the rest of this panel (which ends in December) would help create guidelines and better define the role of this committee. Anyone interested can send me an email [through the Area website](#) to volunteer.

We now begin work on the Election Assembly in November. More information about how we will be voting will be shared soon.

At our Area Committee meeting in August, we rejected a proposal to lease a storage unit for use by the Area Officers, and we approved a request to financially support the Hispanic Women's Workshop on a yearly basis. With those motions now off of our agenda, we are now discussing business that originated after the pandemic began.

What amazes me is that we *really* did it. We have been able to transition to a virtual Area, and despite the challenges we have faced (and continue to face), we continue to carry on an 85-year legacy of one alcoholic reaching out and helping another. Service work at this level may not always be glamorous or exciting, but it has deep impact that we might not ever get to see ourselves. Consider that if one person gets sober because of the service you have done, you will have saved that person's life, and the lives of countless others.

On June 28, 1935, Bill and Bob went to Akron's City Hospital and brought the still-developing message of AA to the third sober member of our fellowship. A few days before, Dr. Bob had said to Bill: "If you and I are going to stay sober, we had better get busy."

We have been busy ever since.

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