

## **Chair Preview: November 2020**

By the time you read this, we will have held elections for Panel 71. I am writing this a week before those elections, reflecting on the past two years of service – and the gratitude I feel for having been given the opportunity to serve as chair for our Area. These have been two years of tremendous growth for me. My spiritual life has grown, as has my ability to trust the process (even if the process feels too slow or the results are not necessarily what I would like). I look forward to seeing what is next for me and for my friends.

I have full confidence that the next Area Chair will experience similar growth and joy in this service. So thank you for letting me serve.

Now on to our Area's business...

Our new Technology Standing Committee has started meeting – and is in the beginning stages of developing a plan of action for what technology needs they will prioritize. At this month's Area Committee meeting, we will hear their second report – and job descriptions for the three other standing committees – Finance, Interpretation and Translation, and Website. The opportunity to serve on standing committees is available to all members of the Area (though there are some specific requirements to serve on the Finance committee). Interested members can contact me through the Area website (or via email) to make themselves available.

At the last Area Committee Meeting, the first draft of a proposed budget for 2021 was presented. This was a unique budget – in part because of the many unknowns (almost all related to the pandemic) next year. We will continue discussing the budget (and possibly approving it) next month. A motion to disburse \$25,000 to the General Service Board was presented; this motion, along with several others, is now under discussion.

We also heard a riveting presentation from Nancy H., the chair of the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2020, who described the role of PRAASA Chair. She did this because we will be hosting PRAASA in 2024, and we will elect a host committee chair at the November Area Committee meeting.

I look forward to seeing what happens next.

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CNCA Chair Panel 69