

Chair's Preview

What a weekend! The Pre Conference Assembly was held for the first time with full hybrid participation. We had sharing and voting by members online and in-person. My heart is so full from watching the amazing efforts of so many trusted servants who put on this two-day event. District 20 and District 8 hosted, with amazing food and a beautiful set up. Our hybrid subcommittee handled logistics seamlessly. Our past delegates and past trustees did not disappoint, entertaining us in costumes, and don't forget about our Sunday morning impromptu dance party. Our GSR's were the highlight, braving the microphone as they spoke directly to our Delegate, sharing their group's conscience about agenda items.

Now our Delegate Eric L. will take our collective voice and represent us at this year's General Service Conference in New York. We will gather together on May 13th in San Francisco to hear about his experience. Please join us at the Post Conference Assembly – the flyer with details are in this newsletter.

At our last Area Committee Meeting, in March, we accepted a bid from District 15 Humbolt/Del Norte to host this year's Summer Assembly on August 12th. We will all be chanting EUREKA! in preparation for the 'fun assembly'. We passed a motion to pay the full cost of our delegate to this year's General Service Conference, in the amount of \$9000. We will continue to discuss voting participation, the election assembly, and equity between online and in-person participants.

GSRs, you have homework! Now that you know how to take a group conscience, please bring us your group's voice. Before the Post Conference Assembly in May please take a group conscience on the following topics to bring to the Saturday morning business meeting on May 13th:

That the Conference Literature committee consider producing literature combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

That the phrase "cómo nosotros los concebimos" (as we conceive it) on Step Three of the Third Edition of the Big Book in Spanish be corrected in future editions to; "como nosotros lo entendimos" (as we understood him), the correct translation from the English version of the Big Book.

As we practice taking group consciences, we build our leadership skills. We learn how to motivate participation, practice our listening, put aside our own opinions, express our group's thoughts clearly and concisely, and create a safe space for equal voices, encouraging the quiet voices to share equally to those who are more practiced. We learn courage, bravery, walking through fear, and patience. Not bad for a group of drunks.

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