

Chair's Preview

When you tell a room of alcoholics they can't get something done, be prepared for a group of overachievers. We had a packed agenda this past month at our June Area Committee Meeting, and I had said my prayers and let go of the idea of needing to get through the entire agenda. When I let the group know of my concerns, I was in for a surprise the rest of the meeting, as we tackled one motion after another, and even shared on a discussion topic. Here's what we accomplished:

We have elected a new PRAASA 2024 Host Committee Chair – Congratulations to Past Delegate Jennifer B. for stepping up to be of service. Thank you to Teddy B. for chairing the committee thus far. This election was held using electronic voting, and we successfully used a text-to-vote system that was both expedient with the results, and also let each voting member know via a return text that their vote had been counted. A special thank you to our current Delegate Eric for facilitating, and our Assembly Coordinator Jackie for organizing the text-to-vote platform.

We approved a bid for Districts 18 Spanish North and 12 Sonoma to cohost the 2024 Pre Conference Assembly, so we will all be attending our two day assembly next Spring in Petaluma!

The Area agreed to have our Delegate write a letter of support to the La Vina Anniversary Host Committee to host the 28th Anniversary in our Area in 2025.

We passed three housekeeping motions, distributing budgeted funds to Bridging the Gap, Archives, and the Web Committee for a member of each team to attend a National Workshop Weekend for each Committee. The same motion for our Tech Committee will be discussed next month as new business as it is not yet a budgeted line item, as the Technology Committee is new to the Area.

Please make sure to take a district or committee group conscience on each of our three items of old business for next month (they are listed on the Motions page later in this newsletter). We really got to witness the process of the group conscience shifting as we voted on the motion to hold a linguistic sharing session on the day of the ACM: the room felt it was ready to vote, and the motion passed. A member spoke their minority opinion, and a motion to reconsider was made, and seconded, and we will be discussing the motion again next month as old business.

I am excited to continue the pace and energy of our Area's willingness to conduct business with such thoughtful discussion. It keeps me coming back, and I am honored to be a part of.

See you all in July!

Chitra S.