

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

15 April 2021

Having made a report, at last Saturday's Pre-Conference Assembly, this one will be brief.

First, thanks to Jerry, Monty, Paul K., Karen P., Bill S., and all those who made the event technically possible. And thank you to the Spanish and ASL interpreters who enabled the message to reach the entire Area 8 family. And finally thank you to all those who presented and participated in the discussion of the Agenda Items. I thought the event went smoothly with the result that the conscience of our Area was clearly expressed. I, for one, certainly learned a lot from the proceedings.

The Spending Plan (Budget) is on the agenda again this evening. Please listen carefully and keep an open mind as our Treasurer and Finance Committee explain how they are attempting to have the Fellowship more involved in the decisions regarding how to spend the monies we receive from our groups. A.A. is a program of action. Please speak with the Treasurer or, better yet, plan to attend a Finance Committee meeting which occur on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. Information is available on the Finance Committee page of the Area website.

Most in this room (specifically those serving as Officers, DCMs, and Committee Chairs) have the eligibility to stand for our next election which will take place at the Assembly on Saturday, 9/25/21. All eight Officer positions (Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Registrar, and Alternate Registrar) for Panel 72 (service in 2022 and 2023) will be decided. The best source for position descriptions would be in the proposed update to the Area Structure & Guidelines, or by speaking to a current Officer.

Lastly, the Four Area DCM Sharing Session is an annual event coordinated by DCMs from Areas 5, 8, 9, and 93. A proposed date of Sunday, June 27th had been conditionally accepted by all Areas, however recently some of the DCMs wished to be more involved in planning including the selection of a date. Traditionally at least one English and one Spanish DCM (or Alternate) from each Area participate in the planning an execution of the event. I have all those from the other Areas, but am still lacking a Spanish representative from Area 8. Please let me know if you are interested. The first planning meeting will take place on Sunday 4/25 on Zoom.

Thank you for your service!