

Delegate Report 4.11.15 Inform the Delegate Assembly Hawaii Area 17, Panel 65

Aloha and mahalo for allowing me to serve as the Panel 65 delegate for Hawaii Area 17. This seems to be a particularly busy time of year (I might say this every report.) and I have lots of news to share with you.

But first, I want to give you a progress report on Area 17's request to ask the General Service Office to investigate the possibility of holding the General Service Conference on the West Coast every other year. The A.A.W.S. Board considered this item as well as a request the GSO management, whenever possible, select a site outside of NYC in which to hold the General Service Conference. After a full discussion, the A.A.W.S. Board voted unanimously to take no action on the requests since both fall outside A.A.W.S.'s jurisdiction and require Conference Action. The A.A.W.S. Board will forward both requests to the Trustees' Committee.

Other news from GSO, Pacific Region and Area 17:

- International Convention –
 - Over 36,000 registered, 90% of whom registered online.
 - ASL/Deaf community
 - Given the large number of deaf members who have registered, the number of ASL interpreted meeting has been increased.
 - The Big Meetings held in the stadium on Friday and Saturday evenings and the closing meeting on Sunday will have ASL interpreters.
 - Some meetings will be completely in ASL – the sharing of deaf members' experience, strength and hope will be translated by a voice interpreter into English so all members can listen.
 - The deaf community requested a Hospitality Suite for the first time, so one will be held in a hotel close to the Convention Center.
 - An advance program with info about Convention and list of AA and Al-Anon meetings will be sent to registered attendees and posted on GSO's AA web site, www.aa.org.
 - Area 17 Pacific Region Hospitality Suite coordinator needed. The Pacific Region will be hosting a hospitality suite at the Omni Hotel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 2 – 4 from 8 AM – 6 PM. Each area will have three, two hour time slots. See blog posting for more detail on www.area17aa.org, <http://www.area17aa.org/category/delegate>.
- Recruitment for an additional GSO staff member continues with a deadline for applications by May 1, 2015.
- Corrections
 - New service piece on “Engaging AA Members in Corrections Work” coming soon.
 - Working with AA Grapevine, Inc. to address the unmet request for Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions.

- Technology/Communication/Services
 - That the three titles currently produced in audio format in English, French and Spanish, Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and the pamphlet “A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs,” be made available via audio streaming from G.S.O.’s A.A. website.

- Publishing
 - January sales are 11% below the estimate but were 6% higher than last year’s total.
 - Unit sales in all major print book categories (e.g., Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) were lower than budget and lower than last year.
 - Total ebook sales were \$28,084, with 7,001 units sold. Big Books account for 2,071 units, Twelve and Twelve 2,017, and Daily Reflections sold 1,105.
 - Progress on the Navajo translation of Alcoholics Anonymous continues; and it is anticipated that the draft translation (in audio format) may be completed no sooner than the fourth quarter of 2015.
 - The ASL translation of Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is progressing with project completion projected for late 2015.

- Finance
 - Area 17 donations to GSO:
 - GSO reported an increase in groups in our area making donations for the calendar year 2014 to 57.23% from 50.94% in 2013.
 - Total contributions to GSO from Area 17 during 2014 was \$36,639.77
 - Unaudited G.S.O. financial update for the one month ended January 31, 2015:

Net sales	\$1,095,998
Gross Profit (Literature)	\$ 887,636
Contributions	\$ 625,886
Total operating expenses	\$1,117,504
 - The A.A.W.S. Board approved the following recommendations brought forward by the Finance Committee:
 - That a transfer to the General Service Board General Fund of \$2,827,106.68 to cover the 2014 General Fund deficit from operations and \$132,026 to cover the funding of La Viña be approved.
 - That a transfer to the General Service Board Reserve Fund of \$1,200,000 representing excess Working Capital needs be approved; with the understanding that as funds may be needed for Construction, they will be withdrawn from the Reserve Fund.

Mahalo for the opportunity to be of service.

Cheryl N.
Delegate