Area 17, Panel 65

Inform the Delegate Assembly Topics 2016

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Building on the process of the last couple of years’ Inform the Delegate assemblies, we will use a format that mimics the General Service Conference in New York. Highlights of the process this year are:

* Each standing committee chair will receive an agenda topic at the February Committee Meeting.
* GSRs will prepare topics based on which area standing committee they have been assigned to at the assembly. Some GSRs who have not been to an area assembly may not have been assigned to a committee. Please check with your DCM for suggestions on which topic to prepare.
* All DCMs and standing committee chairs will be given a complete set of background information and a list of all topics. They will each receive two thumb drives with the information.
* Standing committee chairs are expected to contact GSRs and facilitate their obtaining background information and preparing for the assembly.
* DCMs have traditionally reviewed topics and helped GSRs access information. If some of the GSRs in your district are not assigned to an area standing committee, you will need to help them choose a committee and assist them in obtaining background material. The standing committee chair will not yet have their contact information.
* Standing committee chairs will help facilitate discussion groups at the assembly.
* Topics are numbered as found in GSO Agenda items and background. Bolded page numbers on the list of topics refer to page numbers on GSC Background Material found on the thumb drives. For example –
  + **VI. Literature - Group 1**

1. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **Pages 511 - 523**

* Have you experienced situations where you or members of your group have a hard time understanding the Big Book?
* Would a plain language Big Book be more welcoming to alcoholics who might not fully understand the current Big Book?
* Bulleted items below topic are suggestions and ideas for further consideration in researching topic.
* List of topics, with committee assignments, and references will be posted on the website after the February committee meeting.

Mahalo for all your hard work in helping with our preparation for the 66th General Service Conference. Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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