



Panel 65 Chairperson Report September 11, 2016

As we grow closer to the end of this panel, I find myself looking back on my own service within my District and Area 59. In the process, I found a presentation I gave a few years ago on service inventory. I believe these questions are of ever vital importance to share with you on your own service journey.

An Inventory on My Service Work

DCM

1. Do I reach out to all the groups in my area, especially groups who do not have a GSR?
 - Do I attend groups' AA meetings and business (or home group) meetings and talk about the responsibilities of general service work?
2. What additional steps could I suggest to the District to help the GSRs become familiar with the AA Service Manual, Box 4-5-9, the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, the Guidelines from GSO and other Conference approved books and pamphlets?
3. How can I improve my communications with my alternate DCM?
 - Do I delegate work and authority to my alternate DCM?
 - If I were no longer able to serve as DCM have I adequately informed my alternate and shared enough information with him/her to he/she could easily step into the position?
4. How do I report back to my District the issues discussed at the Area Committee Meeting?
 - Am I reporting back in an even-handed manner, presenting the pros and the cons on the issue (to the point that no one in my District would be able to guess where I stand on the issue)?
 - Or do I present my position on the issue in a favorable light and down play other positions?
 - Do I take the time to orient new GSRs on their position, responsibilities, role in District and Area meetings and to bring them up to speed on the issues which will be discussed at the next Area meeting?
5. What else can I do to help the GSRs make interesting reports to their groups about District and Area's work?
 - Do I encourage them to bring members of their group to District meetings?
6. When I leave this position will I be able to say that the District is more unified, more active in carrying the message, more informed in AA's history, current Conference topics and service structure than it was when I first took the position?



Since we last met, I have continued to:

- Keeping close contact with Area Events Planners, DCMs, and Officers
- Preparing Pre-Area Meeting Agenda and AQM Agendas
- Helping the DCMs with the selecting of facilities for all Area Events
- Obtaining the services of Spanish Interpreters, and ASL, as needed
- Advising the Treatment/Special Needs and Literature Subcommittees
- Liaison to District 68

Items of Importance:

- We are looking for additional translators in both ASL and Spanish for future events. If you know someone who may have interest, please have them contact me @ chairperson@area59aa.org
- Reminder: All Sub Committee Reports are to be sent in English and Spanish, to Officers 48 hours prior to the Pre –Area meeting, as well as to PI Subcommittee Chairperson, **ASAP** after the Area Quarterly meeting so the reports can be posted on our Area website.
- Subcommittees please list **all** members on your subcommittee on your report
- Please remember to submit your District minutes to all Area Officers, and our archivist

I would like to take the time to thank all of the Districts for the invitations to Workshops, and also for the opportunity to visit your Districts to share my experience, strength, and hope, as an Area officer. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything I may do to provide assistance or if you would like for me to visit your District.

Yours in Fellowship & Service,

Melanie M.
Panel 65 Chairperson

*The fruit of Silence is prayer. The fruit of Prayer is faith.
The fruit of Faith is love.
The fruit of Love is service. The fruit of Service is peace.*