

Fellow WSEA 92 Members,

Well here it is...my last Assembly as your Panel 58 Delegate. It's hard to believe that it's been two years; time really gets scrambled around with me these days. Did my rotation seem long? No. Did my rotation seem short? Nope. I guess we serve for just as long as our Higher Power sees fit for us to do so which must be just about right.

Since my last report to you I continued to have the opportunity to travel our wonderful and beautiful Area meeting newcomers, and reacquainting myself with familiar faces and old friends. Traveling to the Spring Canyon Campground just east of Grand Coulee on Aug 2nd, Spokane's South Hill Comstock Park on Aug 8th and finishing up with a wonderfully engaging report in Kennewick for our Hispanic Dist 24 on Sept 26th with Area 92's Alternate Delegate Mauro P providing the translation and most of the report.

On Sept. 20th I had the privilege to help with Dist 05 District Elections where I picked up a new nickname. I on

I would like us to especially appreciate Mauro at this time for his courage and participation during this challenging time. He has beyond a doubt shown me the true meaning of Service to this Fellowship

In news from Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS):

There have been a couple of AAWS Board meetings since the Quarterly one on July 30th and one Sept 18th and here are some of the highlights.

- The Points of Light Institute in Washington DC bestowed the honor of recognition to AA's Co-Founders. Class A Trustee Emeritus Elaine McDowell accepted the award on behalf of AA and spoke of our worldwide Fellowships growth and reach.
- Work on the Online Contributions project continues with a "go live" goal of the end of April 2010. There will be a complete review by the AAWS Board at the October meeting with a showing to the GSB in January and then to the members of the 2010 GSC.
- July 24-26, Phyllis H. and Valerie O'N traveled to Bangkok, Thailand for the 8th Asia-Oceania Zonal Meeting.

AAWS Finance Committee un-audited results (1/1-8/31 2009):

- Sales: \$252,500 over budget due to the increased demand for literature before the July 1st price change.
- Contributions: \$297,000 under budget. Only 2 of the last 8 months have exceeded budget
- Net revenue (gross profit from literature sales, contributions and interest earned on cash flow): \$44,500 under budget

Publications reported the following un-audited results (1/1-8/31 2009):

- Total distribution of all books: 1,734,512 units up 20.1% FSP 08 (due to large purchases prior to the July 1st price increase).
- Total AA purchases: 1,274,681 units
- Total non-AA purchases: 459,831 units or 26.5% of total purchases due to large order from Hazelden
- Gross sales for August: \$703,049 - 30.6% under budget

Kindle Project

On July 30th the Board approved the cancelation action to remove the 4th Edition of the Big Book from the Kindle website for the following reasons:

1. Contract did not allow us to have control over consistent pricing
2. Advertising and referrals displayed on website prior to purchase gave the impression that AA was affiliated with other titles and authors
3. Functionality built into the Kindle website did not allow for any adjustments to meet our requirements

It is felt that if AA is to have control of our message distribution would need to utilize our website but the Board is taking no further action at this time.

Capital Projects

- The lighting and Archive renovation projects have been given the go ahead after finding out that the original bid would no longer be in force after the end of this year.
- The Archives will be closed to visitors and researchers for about a month.

Special Needs Committee

- The committee is looking for story submissions from members for the newly requested pamphlet. Example submissions would come from deaf, blind, wheel-chair bound but these should not be limiting members who have autism, brain damage, learning disabilities or others will be accepted. Suggested deadline for submissions is 12/15/09.

Young Peoples Videos Update

- There will be a delay in the production of the videos while documentation difficulties are worked out by the new management team at GSO

Hope Video

- A Concept V appeal has been made in regard to the Conference action to go ahead with the production of the video. The GSB will review all item concerning the release of the video at their next meeting at the end of this month and when the results of that meeting are known I will let you know.

International Convention (July 1-4, San Antonio TX)

- By the time the registration server was up and running around 10 AM on Tuesday Sept 1st it became quickly overwhelmed but by Friday morning over 9,500 people had registered and as of Sept 30 over 20,000
- I am looking for 4 suggestions for speakers from our Area to participate with the meetings that will be held during the IC
- I am also looking for an attendee to volunteer to be the Area 92 Hospitality Suite Coordinator. As it currently stands the Pacific Region will be rotating 5 Areas at a time at 2 hour intervals.
- There will be no fun run during the International because of declining interest and heat concerns.
- Pre Registration Deadline is May 14th 2010

In news from the General Service Board:

The GSB met August 1-3 and the following is a summary of the report provided by our Pacific Regional Trustee Madeleine P. for the first half (1/1-6/30) of 2009. Duplicate information has been removed between the two reports.

- The AAWS Board accepted the recommendation from the 2009 (59th) GSC and will begin annually reviewing the AA Service Manual and forward necessary updates to the Report and Charter Conference Committee.

AA Grapevine (GV)

- Average monthly circulation was 104,571 (103,211 print/1360 audio)
- Distribution of books, CDs and other items was up 13.5% FSP 08
- The website averaged 43,000 visits/month
- A limited run special GV will be printed commemorating the 75th anniversary of AA and will be priced at \$4.00
- Total GV income was \$920, 835 and total expenses were \$947,973 yielding a loss of \$27,138.

La Vina

- Average bimonthly circulation was 9,620 down 1,022 FSP 08
- Total income was \$46,877 and total expenses were \$69,001 resulting in a net loss of \$22,124.

General Service Conference (GSC)

- Accepted request for two observers from the General Service structure of Venezuela to attend the 2010 GSC.

International Conventions/Regional Forums (IC/RF)

- A Local Forum was approved for the Spanish speaking Districts in Area 08 San Diego/Imperial CA to be held on August 22nd 2010.
- It was recommended and approved that online hotel registration for Regional Forums will be available on the GSO website with page break disclaimers.

Nominating

- The committee this year will be choosing two new Class A Trustee candidates to replace Bill C and Jeanne W. As of the Sept 7 deadline 51 Class A candidates' resumes were on file.
- Committee will participate in choosing two new Regional Trustees - Eastern Canada and Pacific

Upcoming Events

Nov 13-15 - East Central Regional Forum – Kalamazoo Michigan

Mar 5-7 - PRAASA 2010 – Los Angeles CA - Host Area 05 SoCal

Apr 18-24 – 60th GSC – Rye NY - Practicing AA's Principles-the Pathway to Unity

May 14-16 – Western Canada Regional Forum – Saskatoon SK

July 1-4 – 2010 International Convention – San Antonio TX

Aug 27-29 – Pacific Regional Forum – Torrance CA – Host Area 09 Mid SoCal

Yours in the Fellowship,
Rad M.
Delegate 58/92