

Report from the May 15, 2016 Area 55 General Service Assembly

He told us that the case in California has been dismissed completely and that A.A. was found to have no liability in the case. He also told us that if your Committee wants to dress up its' presentation that there are tabletop banners they have in New York that your Committee can buy for about \$65.00. They are also working on QR codes and they talked about it extensively in New York and they think it would be great for the doctors. They can pull up information on their phones to help them deal with whatever case they happen to be working on at the time. He is going to give us his report next month as to what took place in New York. He said it was very grueling and he used everything the former Delegates told him about being there. He took their advice and found it to be very helpful. On May 7, he and Chris C. went down to the State Conference Planning Committee meeting in Columbus. He wanted to apologize to our Past Delegates as he was informed that he was supposed to invite them to this as they have a vote and he was unaware of that. One of the things they talked about was that we had to send our part of the loss for the State Conference last year to Cleveland for \$370.88. Part of the discussion was that they were thinking of combining some Areas for their State Conventions and John spoke up and said he disagreed with this. He said we are missing the boat—we need to get out and get the people who aren't coming to attend and ask them why are they aren't coming. He wanted to thank everyone in our Area for spreading the word and allowing us to have such a great turnout. He told them that instead of combining things and making things weaker, we should be focused on making things stronger. He said that was well received. He said that all the officers on Panel 66 will be on committees/panels at this year's State Convention in August. He said that next year, at the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference in February, that all four Delegates from the state of Ohio are going to get together a split up all the items on the General Service Conference Agenda so that all items are covered in our Mini-Conferences instead of us just picking out perhaps the easiest, least involved items. John is going to be on a panel at the Illinois State Convention/Regional Forum. If anyone is interested in attending with him, please see John. The panel that he is going to be on in Illinois was one that they talked about in New York and that is the feasibility study. He said the feasibility study is a look at where A.A. is going and how we are going to support ourselves financially. He said that Ohio is fourth from the bottom in donations to New York. We can take this back to our groups. He said the Birthday Club program is very good for us to take action individually. On your anniversary of your A.A. birthday you send in in dollars the number of years you have sober. This helps to support our General Service Office in New York or your Area 55 General Service Assembly. John said he is always willing to help with anything our Committees need. There have been problems in communication that he would like to get ironed out. District 3 is having a workshop and John heard from the DCM that he is stepping down so he is looking for someone to serve as DCM for this district. If you are interested, see John. He said he is going to meet with the Past Delegates and our current officers in Area 55 to discuss how we can make A.A. stronger in Area 55. John said he will report to us next month what happened in the committees at the General Service Conference and how they voted. He said it was an honor and privilege to have gone there. He will be Chairing the CPC/PI Committee at the Conference next year.