

Report from the July 19, 2015 Area 55 General Service Assembly

I had some things I wanted to bring up but I cannot get on the web site so I will have them next month. I will be sending the GS report to the web site because there is nothing in the report that cannot be put there. I attended the International Convention this month I was not there as an official representative of our Area however I did spend some time in our Regional Hospitality Room which was very well attended and very nice. The people in charge of it from Area 33 had bottled water with a label on it from our Region as something people could take away. We did have coffee in the morning. Several people from our Area spent time there to host. I would like to remind you there are some flyer I copied on the table for the regional Form in November which is in Milwaukee Wisc. the Regional form is put on by the GS Office. The office staff and General Manager will be there. There is no registration and the only cost is getting there and lodging. The other one is the next Delegate Past Delegates in February 2016 anyone can attend. By the year end, John and I have talked about this this morning of updating the Area guidelines. We need to include the Area Web Site, Liaison to Intergroup and other things that need to be updated. The plan is to have all the Officers review the guidelines and then have a meeting put together to revise the guidelines. Also I had a call from an AA member the day before yesterday requesting a sharing session. I was not aware of this so I read up on it in the Service Manual on pg. 40. He wants to have a sharing session on groups signing attendance slips. I talked about each group is autonomous and each group makes a decision whether they are or going to or not and he is well aware of that. He currently is not a member of a group because he won't join a group that sign slips. He has several other people that want to talk about this on a larger scale than just a few people getting together complaining about groups signing slips. I told him I would bring it up at the Assembly Meeting. So if anybody here is interested would raise their hand if you would be willing to spend some time in a sharing session, which according to our Service Manual is a session that can be called to talk about a topic that is going on in our Area. We will not make any decisions about the topic, because it is a group decision. But maybe people can gain some information about how it got started, way we do it and is it beneficial or not. I am going to ask for a show of hands of any one that would be interested. Question, when would it be held? We would have to make a decision about that to see if there is enough interest. Eight people raised their hand. By the next Assembly Meeting I will set a date, maybe right after the next Assembly Meeting. Question, is that an old timer? Yes it is someone who has been in the program a while.