

Report from the December 20, 2015 Area 55 General Service Assembly

Karen M. is reading this report in my absence today. I am at Ohio State University in Columbus, attending the graduation of my daughter's youngest daughter. My decision to choose my family occasion over being here for my final GS Assembly as Delegate was not made without discussion with other Panel 64 officers. By the grace of God and AA, I am sober and am invited and able to participate in important family occasions.

I very much looked forward to thanking you all for helping to make my term as Area 55 Panel 64 Delegate a truly rewarding and awesome spiritual experience. I have formed some new friendships with officers and committee chairpersons in Area 55 and other Areas in our Region. I also have contacts through the US and Canada as a result of representing you at the 64th and 65th General Service Conference.

Well, on with my small report.

Last month, I was absent from the GS Assembly because I was representing our Area at the EC Regional Conference in Milwaukee, WI. Unfortunately, I was the only one from our Area able to attend. I moderated a panel on AA history. Greg T., our new G.S.O. General Manager, was there and informed me that G.S.O. will not be sending a staff person to our Mini Conference in 2016. Unfortunately, his explanation was not well heard by me, something about time and expense. I am currently writing a letter to Greg, requesting he reconsider, as our Mini-Conference is perhaps the only time many of us will have the opportunity of meeting and getting to know GSO staff and hear about day to day business in our NY Office. I will have Panel 64 and Panel 66 Officers sign the letter when it is complete.

News from New York: G.S.O. construction is coming along and should be completed very soon. Two new staff were hired in October: Jeff W. is serving on the Corrections assignment and Sandra W. who is serving on the Literature Desk. I recently responded as a Conference member to a request for vote to suspend a workshop at the next Conference in order to have time to review and discuss the results of a feasibility study done by the G.S.B.

That is it folks. It has been a great pleasure and an honor to be of service as your Delegate. I know I will see most of you as we continue on this road of happy destiny.

Happy Trails!

Nancy M.