

Delegate's Report Pre-Assembly Workshop 2015

Rena H.:

Dear Friends, I have a very full heart today for each of you, and have so much gratitude for my sobriety and the gifts that you, and being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous have given me. I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Utah Area 69 Fellowship! I'm sure it has been a very busy summer for all of us and I hope that this report finds you all well, happy, joyous and free! Since we met in May of this year at the Post-Conference Assembly in Moab (District 9), I have had the pleasure of visiting most of the area districts sharing highlights from the annual week long 65th General Service Conference held in New York City this past April. The purpose in doing so, is to share with and inform GSR's (Group Service Representatives) and DCM's (District Committee Members) that were unable to join us at the Post-Conference Assembly, so that they may continue the chain of communication to the groups and A.A. Members. In June I traveled to Districts 10, 3, 11, and District 2, and in July I visited District 1. I also had the opportunity of attending the 2015 International Convention to celebrate A.A.'s 80th birthday celebration held July 2nd-5th in Atlanta Georgia where approximately 57,000 attendees gathered together from all over the world---all of whom share the same love for Alcoholics Anonymous as you and I! This convention is held every 5 years and the 2020 International will be held the first week of July in Detroit, Michigan. It was truly a spiritual experience as well as an A.A. playground of informative and thoughtful presentations on Service, Fellowship concerns, Traditions, Concepts, Committee work, Public Information, Internet and Technology etc., and very, very importantly, a strong emphasis on our Tradition of Anonymity. In August I had the privilege to attend a District 5 Traditions Workshop and BB-Q in Price that was most excellent! From there I traveled to District 8 and enjoyed their annual district BB-Q and GSR meeting where information, reports and fellowship were shared. I plan to attend the National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in September, and have also scheduled with District 7 to attend the District meeting, share Conference highlights, and to facilitate their District Elections. I want to thank you all for the invitations to serve your districts, and for all of the hospitality and support that you have shown and given me as your Area 69 Delegate!

Thursday, August 13th, I participated in a conference call facilitated by the Pacific Region (PR) Trustee Joel C., along with the 14 additional Delegates that make up the PR. Joel shared his report with us following the July/August 2015 quarterly General Service Board (GSB) Weekend he recently attended in New York. The following are some of the highlights of the GSB Weekend shared in his report.

GSO (General Service Office)

Phyllis H., our current GSO general manager, will be retiring in October, and this was her last board weekend as GM. Her parting words expressed her gratitude for having had the opportunity to serve, and she encouraged us to look to our GSO as the reservoir of our A.A. history and shared experience. Phyllis plans to return to the West Coast next year. Jim M., GSO staff member currently serving on the Public Information

desk, will be leaving the office soon to pursue a career in screenwriting. He was one of the speakers at the A.A. meeting held on Saturday night during the board weekend, and his message focused on the transformation power of A.A. and the importance of identification. Eugene O., AA Grapevine controller, will retire soon, as well.