

District 55 Elections will be October 18

Chairs of ten Standing Committees are part of our District 55 Committee. These people attend the monthly District 55 business meetings, participate in discussion, and vote on motions that help our District carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous®. (Read inside for Job Descriptions) At the District 55 Business Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month at 7PM, each Chair shares information about activities of their Standing Committee.

Three Officers and their Alternates are elected to serve District 55. These trusted servants are District Committee Member (DCM), Treasurer, Secretary, Alternate DCM, Alternate Treasurer, and Alternate Secretary. Our DCM guides our committee by preparing meeting agendas, conducting the meetings, and linking us to our Area Committee. Our Treasurer assures financial contributions are secured and expenses are paid. Our Secretary creates, shares, and maintains records of our effort. The Alternates serve by assisting, being prepared and assuming the primary position if needed.

Are you available to serve AA in District 55?

24th Annual Gratitude Dinner - Nov. 5th

Speaker is Peg M. from Bellevue, Nebraska

Service Opportunities at the Gratitude Dinner!!

Join us October 18 at 6PM at St Luke's Parish Hall or contact Rhonda at 55activities@olypen.com

October 7-9 - Area 72 Assembly

(Hosted by: District 07)

Downtown Vancouver Convention Center

at The Hilton at 301 W 6th St

Election of Area Officers & Discussion of Motions

Participation by all General Service Representatives in the discussion and voting is an important part of our Area Assembly. The Assembly includes panel presentations, reports from standing committees, and sharing from AA members around Western Washington Area 72.

DISTRICT 55 NEWSLETTER

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district55aa.com

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Our District 55 Election is October 18

All members of the D55 Committee are elected. GSRs, General Service Representatives, are, of course, elected by their home groups. Officers and Standing Committee Chairs for the next rotation are elected by the current members of the D55 Committee. The nominating and voting method used to elect these trusted servants is called "the third legacy procedure," and described in the AA Service Manual®.

The two-year service commitments of our newly elected District 55 Committee members will begin January 1, 2017, which coincides with the rotation of the Western Washington Area 72 elected trusted servants.

D.C.M Report for October 2016

We are quickly approaching the W.W. Area 72 Assembly which is election year at the Area level. This is always fun and exciting to watch and participate in. As for us here in Dist.55, we will be holding elections at our district in October at the regularly scheduled district meeting. The district meeting will be held on October 18th at 7:00 pm at St. Luke's parish hall. Preceding that will be the Activities Committee, and they will be holding elections for Activities Chair also. I would encourage all A.A members in Sequim, Blyn and Carlsborg who are interested in General Service to come and join us that night. You will get to see how the third legacy works. Come and watch. It's rather fun. We're not a glum lot. This panel is quickly coming to an end. I thank the community of alcoholics here District 55 for letting me be of service to you. This experience has truly enriched my life.

In Service, Jerry G. D.C.M District 55

Please send comments to dist55news@gmail.com

Accessibilities Chair follows guidelines of WWA 72 Area Handbook including varied responsibilities.

- ✓ Attend Area Accessibility Quarterly meetings
- ✓ Maintain a list of members willing to carry the message to other members

Archivist and committee collects and maintains district archives

- ✓ Attend Area Archives Quarterly meetings
- ✓ Provide or obtain safe housing/storage for district archives collection
- ✓ Arrange archives displays at AA functions as requested
- ✓ Obtain and follow Archives Guidelines from the General Service Office

Activities Chair and committee provides the AA fellowship with informational and social activities through the year.

- ✓ Obtain a large committee of volunteers including an alternate chair
- ✓ Secure locations for events as needed including necessary paperwork from facility management
- ✓ Maintain and disburse funds from the Activities bank account being accountable to District Committee regarding income and expenditures that keep this committee self-supporting.
- ✓ Hold regular committee planning meetings as needed.

Corrections Chair coordinates volunteers of a **combined committee of District 55 and 22** to provide regular AA meetings to Correctional Facilities. While this committee functions independently, it is accountable to both districts.

- ✓ Attend Area Corrections Quarterly meetings
- ✓ Attend joint District 22/55 monthly business meeting
- ✓ Provide literature to the correctional facilities served
- ✓ Cooperate with Bridging the Gap Coordinator in bridging inmates into AA
- ✓ Attend District 55 monthly business meeting

Literature/Grapevine Representative orders, maintains and manages Conference Approved literature, and makes it available to Groups and members.

- ✓ Attend Area Literature/Grapevine quarterly meetings
- ✓ Keep a literature supply of books and pamphlets
- ✓ Manage the literature and give an accounting at the monthly district meeting
- ✓ Be available to take literature orders and Grapevine subscriptions
- ✓ Be available to set up literature displays and sell literature
- ✓ Visit home groups to describe how literature can be obtained, in cooperation with the GSRs

Newsletter Editor provides the district with regularly printed newsletter to include scheduled events, updates and articles on current AA topics of interest to the District and AA as a whole.

- ✓ Gather information of interest to local AA groups and members in a timely manner
- ✓ Provide methods of distribution for the District Newsletter

Public Information /Cooperation with Professional Community, "PI/CPC," committee carries the message of AA by informing the public and professionals concerned with alcoholism about AA.

- ✓ Attend Area PI/CPC Quarterly meeting
- ✓ Organize a committee to disperse literature and information to the public and professionals.
- ✓ Be available to make presentations in conjunction with other Standing Committee Chairpersons.
- ✓ Use AAWS Guidelines

- ✓ Maintain contact with and provide literature to schools, TV, radio, newspapers, health fairs, hospitals, attorneys and predetermined literature holders locations like library, town hall, police stations, counseling centers, Dept. of Social & Health Services, hotels and motels, etc.

Schedules Editor/Answering Service Coordinator provides current meeting schedules to groups, and maintains contact with the professional answering service for the District.

- ✓ Obtain information on changes to current meetings and new meetings to be added to schedule
- ✓ Provide schedule updates in electronic format to District 55 Webmaster
- ✓ Provide updated meeting schedules to be picked up at District meetings
- ✓ Be computer literate
- ✓ Keep current list of members willing to accept calls via answering service
- ✓ Provide current meeting schedules to answering service
- ✓ Update District 55 meeting schedule on Area 72 Website

Treatment Facilities Chairperson carries the message of AA recovery to in-patient and out-patient treatment centers.

- ✓ Attend Area Treatment Quarterly meetings
- ✓ Provide AA contacts for treatment patients upon discharge, if requested ("Bridge the GAP")
- ✓ Offer programs, panels, speakers, workshops for patients' families and staff at treatment facilities

Web-Servant maintains the content and structure of the District 55 website, as directed by the the District Committee.

- ✓ Attend Area Web Quarterlies
- ✓ Update posted meeting information, as needed, on website.
- ✓ Follow guidelines of WWA72 regarding website policies.
- ✓ Review and comply with General Service Office Policies
- ✓ Review the AA Twelve Traditions® as applicable to public information and anonymity
- ✓ Use AAWS Guidelines for an AA website within Traditions of AA, particularly Tradition 12

Step 10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

"And **we have ceased fighting** anything or anyone-even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. **We react sanely and normally**, and we will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it. We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation. We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality—safe and protected. We have not even sworn off. Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky nor are we afraid. That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition."

Alcoholics Anonymous®, pp.84-85.

Tradition Ten - No AA group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate AA, express any opinion on outside controversial issues – particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever. (Long Form) Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions®, p 192.

Concept X - **Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority** -- the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws. AA Service Manual®, p 41.