

Ad Hoc Committee on the Area 83 Inventory Review

Report to the Area Committee Meeting – December 3, 2016

Hi friends, I am an alcoholic and my name is Robb W.

I was asked by your Chairperson to head up an Ad Hoc Committee whose scope is: “To review the inventory and make recommendation to the Area Committee based on the inventory results”. Joining me on the committee are Darlene K. DCM District 54, Amy L., DCM District 26 and Dave B. Alt. DCM, District 14.

As a Committee, we have had a few meetings and several emails back and forth. We have noticed that, for the most part, the survey results were positive. Our general feeling was that Area 83 is in good shape and is a strong and vibrant Area.

The recommendations that we have put forth in this report should be discussed at this Area Committee Meeting as well as at all District Meetings in the Area over the next month. The Panel 67 Area Officers, Sub-Committee Chairs and District Committee members should then vote on the implementation of these recommendations at the Area Committee Meeting in January 2017.

There were several concerns noted about the flow of information throughout the Area. It seems evident that communication between the Area, the District and the Groups could use some work. Many of the concerns of GSR's was that they were not getting the information that they felt they should be getting. Ironically, much of the information that was being sought is on our web site. The solution to this challenge cannot, we believe, be mandated or forced. It must come from those currently in service and grow organically. To this end, the committee has no recommendation but does have an additional consideration at the close of this report.

There is some perception that positions at the Area are a different “level” of service than the GSR's. An Assembly should be a time for GSR's to be able to talk freely with Area Officers and Sub Committee Chairs. Part of the solution for this is the visibility of the Area officers and Sub Committee Chairs. Everyone should be encouraged to be visible and approachable at Assemblies.

There were several responses that mentioned the usage of acronyms. The Area has always suggested that service folks try to use the full text rather than acronyms. (Recommendation one)

There were many suggestions that the Assembly might be relocated elsewhere to allow more (or different) people to attend and perhaps save on expenses. The committee noted that the Area had just completed a review of the location and facilities and the recommendation was to remain at the Ambassador. This was last done approximately 6 or 7 years ago. Like an inventory, this type of thing should be planned as a regular task. (Recommendation two)

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the area create a poster sized version of Acronyms and their meanings that shall be displayed at each Assembly so that it will be visible by all who attend.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Area 83 Operating procedures be amended by adding, in Section III (Responsibilities) Sub Section 3 (Area Chairperson), the following wording:

The Chairperson shall strike an Ad Hoc Committee every 4 years to review the location and expenses for the bi-annual Area 83 Assemblies beginning in the year 2020.

As an additional consideration, the committee suggests that the area make a concerted effort to promote (yes, promote) the use of our Area website as a resource through all levels of the General Service Structure in Area 83. The Area 83 website could be the subject of a special workshop at an Area 83 Assembly.

This constitutes the final report of this Ad Hoc Committee. This committee would like to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving Area 83.

Yours in Love and Service,

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