

SRI Liaison April 2024 Report

Hi everyone,

I attended PRAASAA as your representative in March. The stated purpose of PRASSA is: *To develop greater unity among members, groups, and areas of the Pacific Region; encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences. To provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and The PRASSA Committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity, and service legacies of AA.*

I brought back a thumb drive of PRASSA and left it at the SRI office, so it is available. I also have it downloaded on my computer for reference so if you want to hear more in-depth goings on for the whole weekend, it is available via the SRI office or by contacting me.

Some highlights

- Our Delegate Blas A presented the timeline history of the evolution regarding the publication of a plain language translation of the Big Book. This began in 2016 at the General Service Conference and has been discussed by the GSC since that time.
- I attended both the GSR and Intergroup Roundtables. The topics discussed that seemed to have the most interest was: How to best achieve an informed group conscience. When to use the right of decision. Methods to encourage GRP participation. Traditions and Concepts understanding and adherence or lack thereof. Intergroup funding. Intergroup organization via boards, charters, or bylaws.
- Grapevine/ La Vinia still have significant financial shortfalls.
- GSO is conscientious in their endeavors to serve us.
- The 2025 International Convention is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, July 3-6th. Information for people who may have difficulty attending because of their criminal record can find general information at <https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menue-eng.html>.
- The possibility of creating an additional area for Zoom meetings is being considered.
- Does AA really need to evolve/change and in what ways to meet the needs of the still suffering Alcoholic?
- Is our current service structure still effective?

My general takeaway from PRASSA was that AA is strong and members in general service are passionate about the welfare of AA and fulfilling our primary purpose. Communication and the flow of information with adequate transparency is unifying. Opposing views are normal and our discussion and vote method through representation works. The Traditions and Concepts of Service provides a marvelous framework for us to play in the sandbox together in service.

My other service endeavor was to attend the March district08 meeting. The main takeaways from the District08 meeting were:

- A fund will be created for up to \$100 per non-funded member of the distric08 committee or GSR with a cap of up to fifteen per year on a 1st come 1st serve basis to aid in attending PRASSA.
- District 08 will conduct an inventory during the 2nd yr. of each rotation in May. Participants will include district officers, coordinators, DCM's and GSR's. The result will be shared with the body at the next MCSM meeting following the inventory. The information can be brought back to the groups for discussion and input returned at the next MCSM meeting.
- A bid will be put in by District08 to host the 2025 state convention again at the Wigwam in Litchfield Park.

In Service,

Bud C/ Vice chair