

## District 46 DCM Report April 2024

What's on my mind this month? Well, this month is the Annual General Service Conference. Our Delegate will be representing us well, no doubt. She has been a real educator for me; her example of service, knowledge, experience and willingness has been fun to walk with her during this rotation. As a matter of fact, the whole Area 72 Committee has been wonderful.

The Area 72 Business Quarterly was earlier this month, April 5-6, in Mountlake Terrace. I was going to attend zoom, and Dave J, (Alt DCM) was going in-person. We made a quick switch at the last minute, so he "zoomed", and I went in-person. Boy, was I lucky! Besides a good meeting, hearing reports, catching up with DCMs, and Area members we were treated to a home-made Mexican food buffet, AND a live mariachi band – it was hosted by District 57 – one of our Spanish-speaking Districts. What a treat.

As far a business, there was 1 motion to vote on, and two discussion topics – needing feedback.

**Motion** – “That Area 72 submit the following Proposed Agenda item for consideration at the General Service Conference: That the General Service Board create an online Area serving online districts.” The motion we were voting on at the Quarterly was **whether to add this motion the Area Assembly in October**. But this **motion failed**, so it will not be on the Assembly Agenda this fall. It was interesting hearing the pros and cons of this topic, but to sum it up, I sounds like most members feel it's too soon to request the Conference Structure to be changed YET. We are still getting the on-line Districts set-up and involved in the service levels, and too much too soon seems to be the common feeling at the present time.

**Discussions topics** – which we will be talking about at the next several District Business meetings.

- 1) **GSC Submission ad hoc group** – the deadline for the General Service Conference - Motion Consideration submissions -changed from Dec 15<sup>th</sup> to Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Since our Area's Voting Assembly (which would vote whether to submit a Motion to the upcoming Conference) would not be entered because our Assembly is past the deadline cut-off. It would have to wait until the next year's conference, since the date submitted would be October. This ad hoc committee's final recommendation is to change our Area Assembly date to September, the weekend after Labor Day. We'll be discussing this more at the District 46 meeting.
- 2) **Assembly Excess Funds** - What should Area 72 do with excess funds leftover from Assembly? (if any) There has been several years where there are funds in excess of costs from our Area Assemblies. Previous years, we've sent excess funds to GSO, but the Area wants feedback on this topic from the Districts/groups. We'll be discussing this topic at the District 46 meeting.

Lastly, what's also on my mind is.... What will your next service position be? Do you have a replacement for your current service position? What can we do to encourage members to get involved in a service position they haven't tried before? (more talk at the meeting.....hint: workshop?)