

Accessibility Summer Quarterly Report

Greetings!

The Area Accessibility Committee Spring Quarterly was held on April 20th and hosted by District 46 in Oak Harbor. Because it was Easter weekend, only about half of the district committee chairs were in attendance. But that didn't keep us from having a lively and productive quarterly!!!

We discussed goals for the rotation which include:

- Babysitting/child care meetings – researching state and legal ramifications, safety, and different options that will allow single parents to attend meetings.
- Mobile meetings
- Good communication with districts who have no Accessibility Chair.
- Revising the group meeting place accessibility questionnaires to include all areas of accessibility.
- The possibility of reinstituting the ad hoc committee pertaining to funding of group meetings requiring ASL or language interpretation.

One of our action items for the July quarterly will be working on the meeting place questionnaire.

On June 8th, along with several other Area Committee Chairs, I was asked to participate in a service roundtable hosted by District 43 in Port Orchard. This was similar to the committee roundtables we have had at Area quarterlies – lively discussions and lots of questions about service asked and answered.

Also in June, on the 15th, I rode the ferry from Anacortes to Lopez Island with others from District 46 to attend their district meeting. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for a ferry ride and an outdoor meeting. Members of the Lopez group opened one of their beautiful homes and gardens to us, not to mention the homemade pizzas for lunch which were cooked in their outdoor pizza oven. It is always a privilege to be able to share how we can make as many meetings as possible accessible to as many alcoholics as possible.

A huge thank you to Cowboy Steve from District 43, and Linda and Michelle from District 46 for providing these opportunities to be of service.

Our Fall Quarterly will be hosted by Districts 2, 12 and 19 in Snohomish County on October 19th. Yes, there is life after the Assembly!!! The Winter Quarterly will be on January 18, 2020 and hosted by District 33 in Maple Valley. There are opportunities to host quarterlies in 2020 on April 18, July 18 and October 17. It would be awesome to travel farther south to make it easier for our southern districts to attend. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I hope that we will all keep in mind ways we can make our meetings welcome to all alcoholics.

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