

Area Committee Quarterly Report Form

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Experiences from the past quarter. [Experiences from your district or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

During this time of social isolation (Gratefully for us, the spiritual connections are thriving!), and even though we don't get to set up the sound system for this Quarterly, I'm still grateful to be here, that I have this great excuse to stay connected with so many of my wonderful Western Washington Area 72 friends.

Special thanks to Courtney for her Finance and Purchasing prowess, for the portable sound system and translation equipment connector cable.

Purchased a portable sound system – a glorified Karaoke sound system. Alan has it. Others will be able to use it also. Don't know whether we've really had a chance to use it yet given that we've gone virtual zoom, etc. In the longer run, should improve our ability to do more, better service, provide higher quality sound more easily to more and smaller venues. Also save \$ travel and lodging, etc. and time/energy – don't have to have me or a sound system person there as much. So, it's an improvement in sound services and should save money!

Special shout out to Lupita. Meeting with Language Chair Lupita. High Hopes to Improve quality of sound and ease of translating for translators and the Spanish language community. This little investment up front, will surely result in tons of improvement to sound and translation!

Strengths from the past quarter. [What new strengths did your district/committee discover in the past quarter? This could be a unique solution to a problem, or the unity of the groups in your district]

Inspired by the translation services at the General Service Conference and Pacific Region Assembly Levels. Progress not perfection. Lupita will probably also mention that we're considering booths as one of many of our next improvement considerations for Spanish Language translation.

Your Hope for the future in your district/committee. [This could be goals, personal achievements, hopes for the Area, etc.]

Would like to do a better job at providing better sound access options for the hard of hearing and other communities as well. Will need help doing this.

Question for discussion at some point maybe. Will the Zoom Meeting format have any lasting impact on area sound, and how we conduct our area meetings? Or will we return to our regular meeting formats? We'll see.

And hey! Hope you will consider putting in your resume and consider being the Sound Guy for the next 2-year 2021 to 2022 rotation. Please consider. We've made some improvements - progress not perfections - The Sound Job and the Sound System should be a little easier and better - with plenty of room for further improvements. And I'm always willing to continue involving, orienting, teaching, mentoring, training etc.

Another shout out. I appreciate all the help I've received, including most recently at our last Quarterly in Kent. Our Ad Hoc Sound System Crews wherever and whenever we set up is always awesome. Maybe this might be where people get a taste for the Sound job, and will like it and apply for it, and I'm willing to support and train starting now. Maybe Come over to my home in Southeast Seattle when this little Corona thing blows over and I'll show you the system show you all the ropes that this rank amateur has figured out.

And yeah, the wireless mikes still tend to be temperamental but all the mikes, even the infamous blue mike, are working again for now. One of my theories is that the airwaves are filled with all sorts of wireless interference these days, and our mikes are touchy that way, especially Mr. Blue.

Ideas about the Sound System are always welcome.

Love, "Baab!" Sound
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