



## South Florida Area 15 2019 General Service Committee 2020 Panel 69

South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten & Cayman Islands

Fellow Trusted Servants,

Welcome to Panel 69 and your new positions, I hope the Holidays and New Year were joyful. As your Delegate my goals are to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous, to achieve a flow of open conversations and to be inclusive - which will hopefully enable us to better inform our membership of what is “happening” and what “needs” we may have to better help the suffering alcoholic in and out of the rooms. I will keep you informed by posting information on our website to the “Delegates Corner”, and via email where I will include links for easy access.

Some of the news I will share with you today have to do with my Conference responsibilities, World Services Communications, and information which we would like you to share with your District Committee Members, General Service Representatives and your Committees and groups.

As your delegate I serve the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, “Our Big Book – 80 years, 71 Languages”. It is my pleasure to inform you that I have been assigned to the Public Information Committee which is responsible for creating a greater understanding of the Fellowship of A.A. by carrying the message through public media, electronic media, public information meetings, speaking to community groups, and to assist in the prevention of misunderstandings of the A.A. program.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Finder ([link](#)) is a great tool that may help groups and districts understand where and what our contributions are used for. The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition in 2018 Area 15 had approximately 37% of our 2200 groups contributing to GSO. What can we do to better inform the groups of the needs of AA as a whole?

I will summarize and paraphrase the letter from our General Service Office General Manager “We are pleased to announce that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., has licensed the Meeting Guide technology” This will offer a platform for local A.A. entities (Areas, Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts, etc.) to post their local A.A. meetings. “Participation is, of course, voluntary, but the more connected the service is to the Fellowship as a whole, the more powerful a tool it will become”.

Further information can be found at <https://meetingguide.aa.org> . This is the image on the app - .

Area 15 District and Committee Chairs,

Welcome to the ride of your life, should you have any needs, someone to share your concerns with, suggestions and/or ideas, feel free to call or email.

- I will be communicating with you through our designated Area 15 email address. If you choose to utilize your own, please let me know a confidential email address you check often.
- Do you know when you would like me to deliver the conference report? If not, maybe you can discuss with your district members and be ready to provide this information in the Conference Report Form (link below), I will have these forms available next week at the Assembly.
- In addition, I forecast posting the Conference Agenda Items and other confidential communications on our Website under the Delegates Corner, scrubbed and password protected. I will keep you informed via email and will provide links for easy access.

Your Panel 69 Officers are here to be of service to you and the members of Area 15, feel free to reach out to them if you have any needs. I want to also invite you to stay in touch with both myself and Tom W. our Alternate Delegate, he will be an integral part of my service to Area 15 and we will always be available to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to reach out via email or cell if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. it is a privilege to serve you.

In fellowship, your trusted servant,

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