

Oregon Area Inventory Results - September 2009

Inventory Topic: All Area Committees in General - How Can We Make them Better?			
Number	Comment / Response	Vote	Agreement Percentage
18b	Translation earlier for Assembly preparation.	75 / 90	83%
18a	Need new head sets / equipment.	72 / 89	81%
6	<p>Mini monthly email report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent to Area Secretary. • Area Secretary sends one combined monthly report to all DCMs. • DCMs may use this report to better utilize our Area committees more often. • Report from each Area committee includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's going on. • Do you need help. • What are you doing in the next few months. • How are you carrying the message. 	61 / 88	69%
13	<p>Would like an ad hoc committee to research how other Areas integrate Spanish speaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to groups • Groups to Districts • Districts to Areas <p>for unity and cost effectiveness.</p>	59 / 88	67%
26	We could investigate to see if there is a need to broaden the scope of Translation / Interpretation Committee, i.e., other languages including ASL.	60 / 94	67%
14	Discuss funding for translation needs so, for example, Spanish speaking or hearing impaired can participate in broader fellowship activities.	58 / 92	63%
16	<p>Encourage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area to Area Committee brainstorming • Area Committee to District brainstorming and sharing of info. <p>Example: California Areas with more Spanish speaking Districts. What is the Translation Committee doing, what have they done previously?</p>	53 / 91	58%
17	All service committee in general should visit our Districts on a yearly basis, each for once a month. In general, be part of District duty to motivate GSRs for a true service work experience. Just a suggestion, not a motion.	44 / 93	47%
23	Supply committee members with workbooks. Keep people informed on what's happening with committees. Have better communication between Area / District / Group / AAs. A committee is not one person.	42 / 91	46%
8	Area committees can hold regional / state-wide workshops on their committee.	37 / 90	41%
20	More opportunities to attend each committee's workshop. Get them spreading the message to the Districts.	36 / 92	39%
11	Increase focus on establishing relationships and performing the actual duties of the committees. Regular contact with Districts and COs is great and cooperation is vital. However, launching into this work is often the most challenging part of it. If Area committees helped begin more of this work, then cooperate with Districts to transfer and help maintain relationships, we might greatly increase our usefulness.	34 / 90	38%
4	The committee chairs should have the qualification of having experience in the committee they stand for / get appointed to.	31 / 86	36%
9	We need more wheelchair access. Simplify requirements for taking AA into corrections facilities, same thing for State hospitals. Need more involvement in getting meetings into treatment facilities.	32 / 90	36%

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3	I'd like to see the committee chairs filled by a vote from the body rather than appointment by the Area Chair.	28 / 85	33%
21	Meetings are the Oregon State hospitals are not happening, and people are not being approved (people at the facilities are not allowing AA people in). What can be done about this?	28 / 91	31%
15	As a District Committee Member, how effective is my committee if we only meet once a year? What can we do to meet together, as committees, more often?	27 / 92	29%
22	Make better use of the committees at the Assemblies (roundtables).	25 / 91	27%
2	Review specific need for each committee now that new media and communication is available. We could reduce cost by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce \$ per Assembly for funding to / travel • Reduce printing • Reduce space / time needed at Assembly (reports) Example: Area Newsletter - All info in it was available on-line.	20 / 100	20%
7	Less emphasis on Delegate issues at Assemblies, more on service panel workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Delegate issues on web or mail prior to Assemblies for group review to streamline process and get group input • Add service workshops for the Assemblies. 	16 / 86	19%
1	Create activities that utilize all disciplines of service, i.e., District 37's "The World of AA" service fair and District 26's "Urban Jungle."	15 / 88	17%
19	Improve communications between District and committee members - no email responses, no phone calls returned. Improving cooperation between committees and DCM. DCM or committees too busy?	13 / 92	14%
24	Service to State facilities seem to be priority. Link between District and Area could be improved. Question could be - will committees be of more service to District, i.e., county corrections, small treatment and hospitals without alcohol ward?	11 / 89	12%
5	We should not allow Area committee members to solicit "travel donations" from Districts when visiting them.	10 / 87	11%
25	Do Area committees function more within AA structure rather than interfacing with the "outside world?" Frustrations were noted re: slip signers (forced attendance), business meeting attendance, Seventh Tradition contributions, AA serving slip signers from courts or especially T.F. (they make \$ off us). Area - how best to frame the interface messages.	5 / 94	5%
10	Just talk. How do they work? How do we get involved?	4 / 90	4%
12	On any given topic, the experience of the committees could be accessed so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Your DCM / Alt DCM have contact info (Area Roster).	4 / 91	4%