AREA 53 INVENTORY AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT
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The Ad Hoc committee reviewed the Area inventory and is providing this report to the Area Planning Committee. The committee found the inventory basically broken into two sections; Communication and Process. The following verbiage shows these two sections.

COMMUNICATION:

Technology: The area inventory leaned heavy in lack of communication(s). The Ad Hoc committee agreed that the Area newsletter would be an excellent vehicle for communication to the Groups and individual AA's. Below is a list of suggestions of possible change/improvement.

- o Send the monthly newsletter to all people that have a registered email with the Area regardless of position or status. This should be electronic (email) and possibly paper as there are still many that don't have access to the internet/electronic media.
- o At assemblies/mini-conference and through the newsletter, encourage DCM's and GSR's to promote general service work and update the area calendar with upcoming events.
- o Advise the Area to utilize Group Services and possibly the CPC committee to work in unison with the Website committee to facilitate the Area newsletter.

Training/workshops: The area inventory did show interest and some cases requested further training and workshops to help encourage and facilitate interest in general service. Below are details.

- Area Assistance:
  - o Area should continue to provide and develop geographical based traveling workshops (i.e., GSR/DCM schools). Some suggestions would be either online or in person workshop on traditions and concepts for world service.

- One on One Area Assistance:
  It was noted by the Ad Hoc committee that there should be sponsor involvement in the general service commitment at the individual AA level. The Area could help to facilitate this with the following suggestions.

  - o Area would announce to all members at assemblies/mini-conference and via the Area newsletter to "get" a service sponsor if their current sponsor is not active in general service for world services - possibly a dedicated section devoted to "service for the new member"
  - o Return to "Rap" sessions to facilitate open ideas being incorporated into the newsletter

__PROCESS__:

The second major item in the Area inventory is the actual process and processes that the Area has at its' disposal. The following bullets list the major areas and possible suggestions (actions) that could be pursued.

ASSEMBLIES

- Format:

  - From service manual page 19, we could redefine the Area Assembly process. We could use two assemblies for general service work (business of the area) and voting. The other 2 Area Assemblies could be used for area specific issues, concerns and group needs/requests

    Examples would be - topic based guest speakers from other areas, sharing sessions, group facilitated needs etc.

    To facilitate this, possibly develop and alternate agenda committee to plan the second/new Area Assembly

- Reports and Order

  - Have GSR reports first at Assembly –

    To efficiently utilize time the DCM's would mentor GSR's on the reporting format. This could include significant items like:

upcoming events, group needs or challenges asking area, lessons learned in their district, current activities (group conscience, workshops, safety etc.)

- o Committee reports need to be more specific

  Where is help needed? Stories of experience. How many facilities are being served? Upcoming activities?

- o Continue taking questions after the reports and hold to a 2-minute limit

  If the decision is made to change the assembly formats possibly provide printed and electronic version of the reports

  Committee reports focus on what GSRs need to know and how each committee is serving groups

- o To address the request of more sharing or group based needs from the inventory, the area should conduct business in an expeditious manner leaving a majority of the time for the requested sharing sessions, information panel etc.

- o To keep a timely Area Assembly, use a vote by acclimation for the Secretary and Treasurer's report.

- Assembly Location:

- o Rotate the location of Assembly possibly involving local districts to host the assembly
- o All Assemblies and Area meetings need to be accessible to all utilizing the available technology

AREA COMMITTEE

- Change Area Planning Committee meetings to monthly for one hour between assemblies to allow topic based planning as well as continued communications between Area Officer's

MISCELLANEOUS

- Continue to use exit surveys at Assemblies/Mini-Conference. Add exit surveys to the Area Planning Committee with a focus to refine the assembly and area planning committee processes. Provide a reports and possibly add these reports to the newsletter

- Provide education and/or development of the parliamentarian process (possible Area workshop).