

Delegate's Corner: November 2024

Congratulations to all the newly elected trusted servants for your Districts and for CNCA. I am sure that Chitra will do an amazing job, and I want to thank everyone who made themselves available for service at our Election Assembly. AA is well cared for.

As we wrap up Panel 73, I am so grateful for all the friends I made along the way. I shared this at the Election Assembly, but it bears repeating. The greatest gift of this service commitment is the love that I have received from all of you. And I know that this love is not necessarily because of anything I have done (although I am quite lovable) but because everyone in service seems to love AA so much, and sharing that love with a thing is hard, but sharing that love with a person is easy. So, I get to receive all the love that you all have for AA. It has filled my heart.

We express love for one another in AA through service. It is one of those many paradoxes in AA. Just like I had to surrender to win, I had to start giving to receive. I cannot wait to sit on the sidelines and see what comes next.

But we accomplished so much this panel. And I feel so satisfied with my time in General Service. My cup is full, and I feel complete. This was our first fully-hybrid panel, and I think we did an amazing job. Jackie, the Tech committee, and the Hybrid team set us up for long-term success. The input from people – both virtually and in-person – helped refine our process.

Miguel was an incredible support. The alternate delegate position is hard – you are learning, supporting, but often in the shadows. Because Miguel and I have served together for so many years – we were Alternate DCMCs, DCMCs, and Area Officers together for the past 12 years – we have an incredible bond that will keep growing beyond our General Service work.

Your CNCA officers worked cohesively as a team. They helped keep me informed as I went to the Conference and were able to ensure our Area ran smoothly. We had our ups-and-downs as an Area, but we had an excellent two years.

I have a decent idea of what I might do next – if my home group lets me. But I know I will stay involved. Many years ago, someone told me that service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around the world. And I love all of you, so you will see me walking.

Service gladly rendered, obligations squarely met,

Eric Lee, Incoming Past Delegate