

Alternate Delegate Round Table

Discussion Notes

PRAASA 2011

4 March 2011 – Friday Night

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The following topics were discussed:

1. Should members of the Pacific Region do a summary of “Conference Agenda Items” whether than members of each Area?
 - a. Some Areas arrange meetings to discuss and summarize Agenda topics.
 - b. Some Area’s Delegate Choose topics for the Area to discuss.
 - c. Summarize everything your Delegate will be responsible for.
 - d. Delegate responsible for choosing what gets discussed.
 - e. Some Areas get feedback and some get a sense of the meeting or Consensus of topics.
 - f. Summaries could be bias. The Areas should be careful when summarizing Agenda Topics.
 - g. Why do a summary? So GSR could use it to discuss with his/her group.
 - h. Would be useful to hear other Area’s summaries (maybe place on Google Group).
 - i. Do GSRs understand the relationship of group and the conference? Generally no; especially new GSRs.
2. What responsibility do you have as alternate Delegate for the Pre-Conference Process and how do you do it? The responsibilities of the Alternate Delegate vary with each Area. In some Areas the Alternate Delegate is responsible for the Pre-Conference process (setup and run).
3. What is your Area doing for ASL?
 - a. Some Areas provide/ some do not provide interpreters.
 - b. One Area has a large deaf community.
 - c. Some Areas recommend that deaf members bring their own interpreter and the Area will pay for it.
4. What are the hot Agenda Topics in your Area? The members discussed the topics that were discussed with passion in their Area.

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The other topic we discussed was how much of the conference structure is covered in GSR School. We have the following experience:

GSR School ranges from 1.5 to 6 hours.

Dreigh: Has a workbook including conference structure, glossary with acronyms, district and linguistic district structure.

Joanne: Each Alt-Del re-write has brought in more of the conference structure.

Chase: Collects a feedback form and has just gone multi-media with the workbook, four sessions that build on each other.

Sharon: Distributes past editions of service manuals and reviews the agenda of assembly (who/what)

Dave: Has an audio/video power point focused on the AZ structure. Many do district level orientations first.

Astri: Introduces officers

Juan: Received good information at the District level on conference structure as a GSR

Padee: Solicits topics from GSRs for summer workshops.