

## **Suffolk General Service Alt-DCMC Report**

**September 2023**

Good evening, everyone, for all of you who attended the August Suffolk General Service meeting, you are aware that I chaired last month's meeting. In every DCMC monthly report, the DCMC (Kimberly) requests that motions and agenda items be presented at least 6 weeks prior to the Suffolk General Service meeting. I would like to apologize for not requesting that the item/motion concerning the bus transportation expense line be moved to workshops to be presented first in written form to the DCMC. There was a transportation ad-hoc committee formed in May 2023 to address the issue with bus transportation to the SENY Area 49 assembly. As we know, very few, in fact, no one was taking the bus to the SENY assemblies, and each trip to the assembly was over \$2,000, and twice I was the only passenger on the bus. The ad-hoc transportation committee presented several recommendations to the body in June 2023. If the transportation budget line is moved to the Workshop budget line, then there will not be any transportation funds available for GSRs and DCMs to go to the SENY Assembly. Of course, we will have to discuss this and vote as a body, the real problem is that the DCMC was not made aware of the motion in advance, not that it is not a thoughtful motion for unused transportation funds, but the ad-hoc committee's recommendations weren't discussed when we discussed the motion. It is clear whether the body wants to vote that GSRs and DCMs not be reimbursed or have alternate transportation for their in-person attendance at SENY Area assemblies. I was also informed that there were prior potential motions as to how to use those funds that I was unaware of that were already agenda items

presented to the DCMC concerning the use of the transportation budget line. I would like to commend the Suffolk GSR who wrote a Proposed Agenda item. Last rotation, Suffolk presented an agenda item that was successfully adapted. The difference in this proposed agenda item to change the 11th Tradition would take 3/4's written votes of all AAs in the US and Canada, at least and probably AA around the world. Changing a Tradition is huge.

There is AA literature A.A. Guidelines – Internet and Service Material from the General Service Office SM F-197 revised 02/19 called “Anonymity Online and Digital Media”. In 2013, the General Conference affirmed that “...the internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition 11 which reads “maintaining anonymity...at the level of press, radio and films.” I believe that the GSR who presented this proposed agenda item concerning personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, film, **social media, and the internet** has been effectively addressed in the guidance of the A.A. Guidelines on the Internet and SM F-197 “Anonymity Online and Digital Media. In retrospect, this proposed agenda item is also in line with Tradition 12, in that anonymity, is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. I believe that the GSR may want to consider making these resources available to the persons or groups who are encouraging the breaking of anonymity on social media and the internet. Please let me know if and how I can be of assistance. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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