

# Committee Reports

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

Happy Summer everyone!

I have just a couple of things:

- 1) Contributions are down (please see the Treasurer's Report for greater detail). From what I've garnered from the Groups, donations at the Group level are down and that's translating to fewer and smaller contributions to the Service entities. Several yearly expenses come due during May and June, such as insurance and CPA fees, which affect our bottom line.

We are not at the point yet where we must cut the hours the office is open, but I am having to decrease our ordering from AAWS. When I cannot reach certain order minimums at AAWS, it decreases our profit from the literature which, in turn, lowers our budget/income even more.

How we members can help:

- a) Purchase literature, chips, medallions, etc. from Intergroup rather than online (Amazon). We strive to have the least expensive prices on our stock, so it actually saves you money in the long run.
  - b) Making regular contributions to the Groups you attend. Many of you have seen the AA poster that states members in the 1950's put \$1 in the basket and how many of us still contribute \$1. Since we are all aware how much the cost of living has risen, shouldn't my donations also increase with the times, if I can afford it?
- 2) I was informed that we will be losing our lease in January 2028. We will need help in finding a new location for the office. If anyone knows someone who deals in commercial real estate for non-profits, and if anyone knows of a space themselves, it is never too soon to begin the search.
  - 3) The new edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* is slated to come out in early 2027. For the very first time, the number of members has decreased (I believe it is now 1.7 million as opposed to the last estimate of 2 million). I am sure this fact has had an effect on contributions. If I want to be sure this Program is here for those who need it, I must support it in every way possible.

I just want you all to know that I appreciate every single one of you. I appreciate the opportunity to work at Intergroup, and I love the fact that I get to see and talk to other members every day. The AA community saved my life when I came in, and it continues to do so daily.

Ann J.