

# Invitation <sub>To a</sub> Sharing Session

For the purpose of

### Setting up a PROCEDURE

for

Summarizing the 2011 61<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference <u>Agenda Items</u> for study by our area members

Who: Area Officers, Standing and Coordinate Committee Chairs, District Committee Member Chairs (DCMCs) and District Committee Members (DCMs), Past Delegates and anyone else interested in participating.

When: Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 11:30 a.m. - Free lunch 12:30 p.m. - Sharing session begins (see reverse side of this flyer for review of Sharing Session Guidelines)

Where: MSCA Archives Repository 7111-B Arlington, Riverside (next to Riverside Airpark)

## <u>Please respond to this invitation before January 16<sup>th</sup> at 949/548-3731 so we'll know how much food we need...thanks!</u>

#### Procedure for this Sharing Session

The delegate will act as chairperson, will present the topic to be discussed, and will then ask for comments and suggestions.

Participants respond, going around the room, speaking for no longer than 2 minutes, after which the chairperson will indicate that the time is up with a bell or other indicator.

A participant may speak again on the same topic only after all others have shared once. He or she may then speak again, in turn. The sharing continues until all have said what they need or want to share. Remember, there are no "stupid" ideas.

While the sharing is taking place, a volunteer recorder takes down the essence of what is shared. This write-up should be both brief and informal.

As the sharing continues, hopefully a group conscience will begin to emerge about developing and documenting a procedure for summarizing the Conference Agenda Items so that it can be accomplished in a timely and interesting way.

#### The general topic is:

## How to select and summarize appropriate Conference Agenda Items and background material to be useful and informative to our area members?

Items to be discussed in turn:

- 1. Which items should be included in summary? All? Only those of interest to our members? Who will decide?
- 2. Who will read and summarize the items? Will there need to be a person (or committee?) who coordinates the whole project? If so, who should that person (or committee?) be?
- 3. When will the summaries need to be finalized and in what format? Where, when, and how will the summary be distributed?