
HOW GROUPS, DISTRICTS, AND AA MEMBERS CAN HELP US

We rely on donations to pay for interpreting services. We can accept

either cash or checks made payable to Portland Deaf Access Committee.

You can send your donations to **Portland Deaf Access Committee, PO Box 68173, Portland, OR 97268.** We appreciate donations large or small.

Some groups and districts send a monthly donation by group conscience. We appreciate regular donations as they help us maintain a stable budget.

Some groups chose to pass a separate PDAC donation box. That way every member who puts money in the box knows exactly where his or her dollars are going.

To get a PDAC Donation Box contact us at our email address, pdxaccess@gmail.com.

OUR GOAL

We are working towards having 90 meetings in 90 days accessible for Deaf and Hard of Hearing alcoholics. We currently provide 6 – 10 meetings per month.

GET INVOLVED

Your support is wanted and welcome.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW SIGN LANGUAGE.

How: Join us at our Business Meetings or contact us at our email address.

When and Where: Please contact PDAC to find out more about Business Meeting schedules and locations.

Note: Meetings are interpreted and accessible to all.

[PDXACCESS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:pdxaccess@gmail.com)



PORTLAND DEAF ACCESS COMMITTEE

*Supporting AA Groups
and Members in Carrying
the Message to Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Alcoholics*

Responsibility statement:

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

WHO ARE WE?

The Portland Deaf Access Committee (PDAC) is a group of AA members who work together to help make AA in the Portland Metro Area accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing alcoholics. We follow the 12 Traditions of AA and are not affiliated with any other organization. Our primary purpose is to support AA groups and members in carrying the message to Deaf and Hard of Hearing alcoholics. Our work is in keeping with the guidelines from the General Service Office (GSO).

See:

www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/en_pdfs/mg-13_carryingtheaa.pdf

and

www.alcoholics-anonymous.org/en_pdfs/mg-16_servingalcoholics.pdf

WHAT WE DO

We help AA groups carry the message to the Deaf alcoholic who still suffers. We do this by hiring professional sign language interpreters for your meeting and paying those interpreters for their service. We make sure that the interpreters who work for you are skilled, familiar with AA, and committed to anonymity.

We maintain a list of Deaf members available to speak at or chair your meeting. When you request a Deaf speaker we can also send an interpreter for your meeting.

We maintain a list of people willing to be sponsors to Deaf alcoholics.

We keep an up-to-date calendar of interpreted meetings and keep the sober Deaf community informed of changes. View the calendar at <http://pdacaa.org/meetings.htm>

We work in cooperation with all AA Access Committees and groups in Oregon/Vancouver to provide up-to-date ASL accessible AA meeting information.

From time to time, we also host special events like Deaf speaker meetings and workshops for hearing people who want to learn sign language.

HOW WE DO IT

We are the liaison between Deaf AA members and AA groups. PDAC pays for interpreters by accepting donations from AA groups, districts and individual AA members. In keeping with the traditions, we have no other affiliation and accept no outside contributions.

Our service positions include a chairperson, alternate chairperson, secretary, treasurer, interpreter coordinator, interpreter recruitment and development coordinator, and liaisons to each regularly interpreted meeting. We observe rotation of service and hold monthly business meetings that are open to all. We also provide regular treasurer's reports and cooperate with AA as a whole through regular attendance at Portland Intergroup and on-going communication at the District and Area levels.

Our monthly treasurer's reports are available to anyone who wishes to see them. They are available through Intergroup, your DCM or from PDAC directly. Just send us an email and we will send you a copy. Don't hesitate to ask. We appreciate your support and want you to know where your dollars are going!
