



PORTLAND DEAF ACCESS COMMITTEE

*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*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

PDAC really needs some help to continue providing services for the deaf/hard of hearing community. A number of key positions are vacant:

Secretary-take meetings of minutes and publish them to yahoo group, respond to email contacts, maintain contact list of PDAC members, write letters as requested by committee

Fund raising chair and committee members-organize and carry out fund raising activities, maintain contacts with funders

Outreach coordinator and committee members -make sure deaf people, AA community and service providers know how to connect with PDAC to request services, offer them, or provide contact information to people in need

Who we are

A free standing committee of AA serving a special need. As such we must abide by the 7th tradition, and decline outside contributions. Our funding comes only from AA members. We have no unpaid interpreters who are not AA members. Our service area is defined by need and our ability to serve, not geographic boundaries

Our mission

To break down barriers that limit deaf and hard of hearing people's access to AA

How we do that

Find and/or train interpreters that can interpret AA communications without garbling the message

Outreach to the deaf/hard of hearing/hearing communities to connect to people in need of services and people who want to serve this need

Work with members of the deaf/hard of hearing community to identify meetings that should be interpreted

Schedule interpreters for AA meetings

Raise money to pay for interpreters and pay them

Maintain relationships with current and potential funders

Much more can be done, but only if people step forward to do it

How to contact us:

Send an email to pdxaccess@gmail.com

Call contact person- get current contact phone number from Intergroup (503-223-8569)