

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Have you ever been at an AA meeting or the meeting after the meeting or at an AA event and overheard someone talking about PICPC, with such enthusiasm and excitement, assuming that *everyone* knows what PICPC is? And yourself having no clue whatsoever what they are talking about? Well, that was me about 5 years ago when I attended the nominations for new service commitments at my home group, in Mesa, Az. The only position that had no nominees that year was PICPC, so reluctantly, I posted my name. By default, I was granted the opportunity to represent my home group to the PICPC committee and I was urged to go forth and conquer. Little did I know that I would find my calling in AA service.

At my first committee meeting I learned that PI and CPC are not one, but two separate but integrated committees. PI is Public Information and CPC is Cooperation with the Professional Community. Furthermore, I learned that CPC came into being as a distinct entity in 1970 when the Alcoholics Anonymous trustees' committee was formed as an outgrowth of the Public Information Committee. In 1971, the Conference CPC Committee was established.

The purpose of CPC committees is to inform professionals and future professionals about A.A. — what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating.

Cooperating with nonalcoholic professionals is an effective way to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Such people often meet the alcoholic in places where A.A. is not present. Through professionals, alcoholics may be reached who might otherwise never find the program, or they may be reached sooner with the help of informed non-A.A.s.

Fast forward to today, I'm grateful to be a member of AALV's CPC committee, helping to foster relationships with Las Vegas professionals who work with active alcoholics. In that vein, we are hosting a CPC Workshop on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 3PM to 6PM at AALV Central Office. We will host a panel of seasoned members of AA as well as an array of Professionals who work with active alcoholics. The purpose is to share the mission of CPC, and information about its origin, its history as an AA trustee committee, and history here in Las Vegas. Furthermore, our partners in the professions dealing with alcoholics will share their stories, the mission of their organizations in recovery and those success stories resulting from a partnership with AA.

Please take this as an invitation to join us, to learn more about this little-known but highly effective committee in AA and to meet some of the Professionals who help AA carry the message to those who still suffer here in Las Vegas.

CPC Workshop: Saturday, September 10, 2022, 3PM – 6PM

In-person at AALV Central Office

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Via Zoom: ID 832 7216 2985 Passcode: CPC

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Yours in service,

Chris H, CPC co-chair