

Area 31 Committee Meeting – December 11, 2013

The Area Chair, Mark N., opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading from Chapter 5 of the Service Manual (p. S 44).

Secretary's Report:

- Ⓟ Secretary read the old and new business from the Fall Assembly Area 31 meeting minutes as well as the motion made at the November Area meeting.
- Ⓟ Motion to accept: passes.
- Ⓟ Asked new DCMs, Co-DCMs and LCMs to submit their contact info to her at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ⓟ Beginning November Balance: \$7,476.17; Group Contributions: \$2,561.96; Other Deposits: (\$122.15); Total Area Expenses: (\$2,323.44); Closing August Balance: \$7,581.53 plus Prudent Reserve: \$6,000 = \$13,581.53 Total Funds Available.
- Ⓟ Further comments:
 - Ⓟ Contributions in Nov 2013 increased by \$735.95 over contributions in Nov 2012.
 - Ⓟ Contributions Nov 2013 YTD increased by \$3,611.16 over contributions Nov 2012 YTD.
 - Ⓟ There were 45 contributions made in November 2013. There were 34 in November 2012.
- Ⓟ Motion to accept: passes.

Registrar's Report:

- Ⓟ GSO is currently updating their database, making it unavailable for updates to individual service position records. However, updates to group information can be made. GSO will complete its updates by next week making it possible for me to resume updating individual service position records.
- Ⓟ Please email Jack or call him with group information changes. His contact info is in the Area Directory.

Area Archivist Report:

- Ⓟ This month's new addition to Archives: "**A Partial Concordance And Reference Guide To The 'Big Book' (Alcoholics Anonymous) And The '12 & 12' (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions)**". It was written by Abe S. from Granby, it has a copyright. It is a revised 1996 copy.
- Ⓟ As they rotate on I would like to thank Ray & Paul for their service this year. There has been a surge of interest in Area 31 Archives. Not only are the display boards going to Group Anniversaries but we are also being invited as Anniversary Speakers as well. We are asked to share on the history of Area 31 along with our own stories. It has been very rewarding.

Webmaster:

- Ⓟ Highest # of hits from US, followed by China, Ukraine and Poland.
- Ⓟ PDF downloads were primarily MA State Convention registration information and Roundup registration forms in Spanish
- Ⓟ Bob asked all new chairs to contact him to access and change the password on the domain email address of their committees. He also mentioned that domain email addresses are already set up for Institutions and WMYPAA.
- Ⓟ He also reminded the Area Committee that he posts Statistics on the Area website under "Area Documents" for the Website Committee.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Handbook Committee: no report

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility:

- Ⓟ No meeting was held in November
- Ⓟ 2014 priorities will be updating the flyer to reflect a changed email address and to learn more about the equipment used for language translation and volume amplification.

Archives:

- Ⓟ Paul H. chaired December meeting. Seven present. Committee welcomed new member, Matt.
- Ⓟ Boards went to the following groups/events in the month of November
 - Ⓟ MA State Convention
 - Ⓟ Pioneer Valley Group

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- Ⓟ Easthampton Men's Group
- Ⓟ Thank You Thursday Group
- Ⓟ Archives Open House
- Ⓟ Haydenville Group
- Ⓟ Original Downtown Group
- Ⓟ Daily Reflections Group
- Ⓟ Listened to a tape of Dick D. discussing History of Area 31 AA. Since the second half of the tape was a Q & A, the group decided to convert the first half of the tape to CD.

CPC

- Ⓟ Commitments filled for January 2014
- Ⓟ Discussed CPC newcomer packets
 - Ⓟ Brainstormed ideas
 - Ⓟ Anne suggested not reinventing the wheel. The CPC kit is comprehensive.
 - Ⓟ Voted to use 2014 budget to purchase 5 CPC kits for new Reps.
- Ⓟ Performed a casual inventory of CPC committee
 - Ⓟ More doing, less planning
 - Ⓟ Clearer explanations in order to understand
- Ⓟ Elected new secretary for 2014
- Ⓟ Welcomed Mike as 2014 Co-Chair
- Ⓟ Discussed how we can smoothly acclimate new reps

Grapevine:

- Ⓟ Since the last report we have had a couple of sparsely attended meetings. This is not surprising for Nov but somewhat disappointing for Dec since we have seen good pick up at that meeting in past years. Clearly I could have done better promoting the rewards and relative ease of this service position.
- Ⓟ Also we brought the grapevine boards to the State convention but not after some drama getting them ready. The plastic covers were disintegrating and they were removed. While we attempted to clean out the case shells, the co-chair and I could not manage to remove the extensive use of adhesive to allow us the install of new panes without damaging the existing wood cases. I reached out to the area chair regarding replacing the boards and the urgency considering we were 10 days out of the convention and he concurred it should be done and gave some suggestions on ways to replace the boards. I opted for trade show style boards that should last many years and allow greater flexibility in content displays going forward. However the costs exceeded our budget. In new business I will put forward a motion to cover the additional \$134.91.
- Ⓟ Finally please make as many people as possible aware that the Grapevine has free shipping on orders from now until Dec 31. That means books boxes of back issues, calendars, day planners and etc.

Public Information:

- Ⓟ All January 2014 PI commitments were filled
- Ⓟ Group decided to keep Format Generally as is with exception of adding Group Representation introduction and any issue concerning PI within the Group.
- Ⓟ Jim W to Stay on as Secretary in PI to assist with Transition of Chair and Co-Chair
- Ⓟ New Commitment East Hampton High School Dec 18th 10:40am Garret to Run thanks to Sam for Getting Commitment. Will be placed in PI contact File
- Ⓟ New Commitment Dan W West Springfield PD Dec. 11th 7:00 pm Dan to Facilitate
- Ⓟ Proven that last minute Commitments can be full filled by PI Commitment
- Ⓟ Introduction of Steve R as New PI Chair Steve was Last year's Co- chair for 5 months
- Ⓟ Introduce Mark C as NEW PI Co- Chair appointed by Mark N current Area Chair
- Ⓟ Jim W thanks Group for the Honor and Privilege to serve as committee chair in 2013
- Ⓟ Reading of Tradition 12 from 12 Steps and 12 Traditions book, followed by brief discussion about humility and anonymity in service positions.
- Ⓟ **Mock** Non-AA Speaking commitment presentation given by Dan W.

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- Ⓟ Steve R introduced himself and mentioned his intentions as PI Chair, Mission Statement, Continued Committee recommendations and suggestions. New Committee Members Packet
- Ⓟ David S introduced himself and is looking forward to serving PI committee at his best capacity.
- Ⓟ Garret to get new Contact Info For Start Program in North Hampton Maureen no longer will be Program Facilitator

Website Committee:

- Ⓟ Attending were the Webmaster (Bob), Co-chair (Carl), The Step Group (Sarah), Area Chair (Mark)
- Ⓟ We finalized the Content Submission Guidelines.
- Ⓟ The committee proposal will be brought to the next Area meeting Dec.11 for area approval.
- Ⓟ It was decided that because this effects the areas site that it should be brought before them.
- Ⓟ Our next priority is to develop a web master back-up tutorial.
- Ⓟ Going forward, two ideas that came up are an introduction letter for new representatives, and a copy of an Area11 website pamphlet to help inform what their site is and does was brought. We will pursue something similar for our area.
- Ⓟ Our next committee meeting will be a week early December 18, 2013

Western Mass Round Up

- Ⓟ Roundup will be held June 7 – 8, 2014 at La Quinta Inn at 100 Congress St., Springfield.
- Ⓟ There will be a banquet and a Dance on Saturday night.
- Ⓟ AL Anon and Spanish Speaking AA meetings will be held
- Ⓟ Have learned we can bring in our own coffee and covered snacks (do not bring baked goods, please)
- Ⓟ Alcathon topic assignments for Districts are now available. Betty will distribute at the next Area meeting.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Ⓟ 3 New Institutions Reps (IGR's) received Institutions Committee handbook -The Guidelines and Job Descriptions along with Literature In Prisons document. (Oct/Nov/Dec combined = 8)
- Ⓟ \$ 1,468.77 available for A.A. General Conference Approved Literature - (Oct/Nov/Dec combined = \$4252.45)
- Ⓟ BTG - Total # of calls 3: 2 men and 1 woman. (Oct/Nov/Dec combined = 14)
- Ⓟ We received a letter from Eva S, the GSO Corrections Coordinator, asking Area 31 Bridging The Gap to contact an inmate who will be relocating to our Area upon release from prison. They asked someone to write and serve as a prerelease contact. The requester will be moving to the Enfield, Manchester or Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06082 area. The release date is January 4, 2014. She concluded her letter with "We appreciate all you are doing to help carry A.A.'s message. Please let us hear from you if you are unable to follow through on this request." Our Area 31 Bridging The Gap Coordinator has received this letter and is responding to the request.
- Ⓟ Another letter was received requesting 10 copies of the Big Book be mailed to a Counselor Supervisor at Carl Robinson Correctional Institution in Enfield, CT. The writer is an AA whose home group (Common Solution Group, Niantic, CT) has a member who is incarcerated at that facility and who chairs a Big Book meeting, but needs Big Books. The writer tried to get the books from Area 11, but then realized that Enfield, Suffield and Somers CT are actually part of Area 31. He asked if the Institutions Committee had the budget to supply 10 soft cover big books in English to the inmate conducting the meeting.
 - Ⓟ A motion and a 2nd motion was received and then discussed. A vote was taken, minority opinion expressed, another motion to reconsider passed. But then the group decided not to take further action at this time.
 - Ⓟ After the close of the meeting an individual approached the chair and offered to donate the 10 Big Books. The chair said that would be fine as long as it was made clear to the recipient that the books were not provided by Institutions.
 - Ⓟ Come and join us! Many opportunities to be a part of and share with fellow recovering alcoholics who continue to extend a hand to the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

Western Mass Intergroup: no report

Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):

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- Ⓟ BIG always wants to thank the area and district for attending our committee meetings and helping to keep us informed and providing some guidance.
- Ⓟ 13 people in attendance, 8 voting with 4 groups represented.
- Ⓟ All BIG shifts are covered by two volunteers.
- Ⓟ Group and individual contributions increased in October and November. The Operating fund is currently at \$1275.61. Still need support from other groups.
- Ⓟ Elections have been completed. Pattie is the new Co Chair and Katrina the new Secretary. Tony is rotating out of the Chair position and Mark P. is rotating in.
- Ⓟ 5th Holiday Alkathon location will be at the First Methodist Church with is on 55 Fenn St., Pittsfield, MA. Groups can reserve slots for meetings by calling 413 464-4521. Two Alkathons will be held. One starts at 5pm Christmas Eve and ends at 5pm Christmas Day. The other starts at 5pm New Year's Eve and ends at 5pm New Year's Day.
- Ⓟ The Pie Chart is under modifications – Adding “The 7th Tradition of Self-Support.”
- Ⓟ Institution Committee is looking for volunteers: Barton's Crossing for the 2nd Thursday and the 1st and 5th Sunday at 7PM, McGee Unit 4th Saturday at 8 PM and Sweetbrook nursing home in Williamstown, MA any day at 7PM.

WMYPAA:

- Ⓟ New Co-Chair Joseph reported that there is an outreach email address and phone number for people to use to contact WMYPAA – WMYPAA@gmail.com; (617) 800-YPAA.
- Ⓟ The Spice Up Your Program chili supper was a success.
- Ⓟ Elections will be held in January to fill all WMYPAA service positions
- Ⓟ WMYPAA hosted a booth at the CT State Convention and put on a meeting as well.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- Ⓟ Election held using 3rd legacy voting procedure
 - Ⓟ Pat S DCM
 - Ⓟ Kat T Co-DCM
 - Ⓟ Launa Secretary
- Ⓟ 7 GSRs attended
- Ⓟ All groups reported membership is normal and contributions remain tight.

District 2:

- Ⓟ Election held using 3rd legacy voting procedure
 - Ⓟ Steve F DCM
 - Ⓟ Mike R Co-DCM
 - Ⓟ Immer LCM
 - Ⓟ Janis Secretary
- Ⓟ Goal for 2014 is to develop GSRs by requesting Anne give GSR presentation and reading service manual at meetings to educate GSRs on Service Structure.
- Ⓟ Suggestions to attract more groups to participate
 - Ⓟ Hold a Pot Luck Dinner
 - Ⓟ Establish a Group Shepherd position
 - Ⓟ Send a District 2 rep to monthly WM Intergroup meeting
- Ⓟ District 2 conducted an Inventory in November. Jack B. facilitated. Seven people attended. Decide to visit as many business meetings of District 2 Group as possible.

District 3: not present

District 4: not present

District 5:

- Ⓟ REGISTERED GROUPS: 67; GROUPS REPRESENTED AT MTG: 10 GSR's present - 2 New GSRs.

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- ⌚ District Highlights:
- ⌚ District 5 continues discussion of the Service Manual/Tradition, which is taking place monthly at our meetings based on a 2 yr. rotation schedule. The District and the DCM ~ and Tradition 12 were December's topics. Gabriel - GSR led that discussion. Service Manuals continue to be provided to new GSR's along with our beginner's packet.
- ⌚ Visitors: Ann (Alt-Delegate) ~ Eddie (Intergroup) ~ Gabriel (Institutions) ~
- ⌚ Friday South Hadley Group continues to serve hot dogs after the second meeting – Group Inventory went well (Bobbi facilitated). Keep It Simple Group – Thorndike could use support ~ have been struggling, behind in rent, no raffle, lack of money (books). Morning Light Group – Chicopee has had some disagreement – strong personalities – they are trying to work their issues out in business meetings. The Chicopee Group is considering having a service commitment. The Belchertown Sat Nite Group will celebrate their Group Anniversary Dec 14th – Fellowship @ 6:30, Food 7:00-7:45 – Speaker Meeting at 8:00PM.
- ⌚ GSR's voted to have another GSR presentation for 2014 in Feb if that can be arranged ~ many of our GSR's have rotated (or are in the process of rotating) on to new service positions. Our Secretary did not return this month – the new Secretary will begin in Jan. GSR Steve volunteered to take notes and will forward to DCM. Our next meeting will be on January 6, 2014.

District 6:

- ⌚ Out of 43 registered groups in the District, 11 groups were represented at the November meeting.
- ⌚ District Highlights
- ⌚ Noble Hospital Anniversary
- ⌚ Enfield Women's Anniversary
- ⌚ Enfield Young People's Group is holding a New Year's Dinner
- ⌚ Much discussion about the differences between CT and MA AA. CT AAs often belong to more than one group. Joining more than one group is discouraged in WM AA. One Enfield, CT AA group is considering joining Area 11.
- ⌚ Discussed upcoming election. GSRs agreed to "bring a buddy" to the December meeting.
- ⌚ Also discussed Incoming-Outgoing commitments and the difficulty of filling service positions in the group.

Delegate's Remarks:

Delegate gave highlights of the General Service Board Report of November 2, 2013.

Grapevine Overview: September YTD Sales (cash) are ahead of projections. Total YTD cash inflows were \$2,374,069 vs projected inflows of \$2,134,494, that is a total of \$239,575 ahead of projections. Magazine sales (subs and BTM's) were ahead by \$120K. GV Online was ahead by \$9K and Other Publishing Products were ahead by \$38K. For this reason it has not been necessary to take any draw downs to date in 2013 .

Publications:

⌚ **International Licensing/Translations:** Currently, there are 70 Big Book translations, with 18 new translations pending. To date, requests for new translations of the Big Book and other literature continue unabated, including a recent request from a member requesting a translation of the Big Book into Somali – his native tongue.



EBooks Unit Distribution For the first nine months of the year, sales data through September 2013 reflect 1,815 Big Books and 1,698 *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* in eBook format have been sold.

CPC/Treatment/Special Needs – Accessibilities

⌚ Special Needs-Accessibilities Workbook: The committee agreed to insert into the *Special Needs-Accessibilities Committee Workbook* a memo containing text related to the gathering of information regarding local special needs efforts as suggested by the 2013 Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities . The committee noted that the text will be added directly to the *Workbook* at the next printing but will be added to the online *Workbook* as soon as possible.

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"If You Are a Professional": The committee reviewed the pamphlet, "If You Are a Professional. ..and agreed to forward to the 2014 General Service Conference Committee on C.P.C. the following changes:

1. On page 5 under the heading, *Proof of attendance at meetings* bullet one, change "have the A.A group secretary sign" to "**have an A.A. member sign**"
2. On page 5 under, *How to Make Referrals to A.A.* currently reads:

"Alcoholics Anonymous is listed in most telephone directories. (Some professionals call A.A while the person is in the office, thus giving the individual an immediate opportunity to reach out for help.) Or, you can contact the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous for help and information

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central
New York, NY 10163
(212) 870-3400
www.aa.org"

Revised to read:

"Alcoholics Anonymous **can be found on the internet and** in most telephone directories by looking for 'Alcoholics Anonymous '. (Some professionals contact A.A. while the person is in the office, thus giving the individual an immediate opportunity to reach out for help.) Or you can contact the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous for help and information. **G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site www.aa.org can aid in finding local resources."**

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Corrections

Subcommittee on Corrections Engagement Strategy: The scope of the subcommittee is to review available resources for carrying the message into Correctional Facilities and to take a strategic look at how the A.A. message is currently carried to incarcerated alcoholics. The subcommittee is reviewing available resources with a lens of engaging more members in Corrections service.

The committee reviewed with approval the proposed text to add to the Corrections Workbook in the section "Ideas to Stimulate Corrections Twelfth Step Work Within A.A."

The committee reviewed and approved the updated service piece, "Suggestions For Using the A.A. Grapevine Magazine (or La Vina) as a Tool in Corrections Service" that will be re-titled: "SUGGESTIONS FOR USING GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE AND LA VINA AS TOOLS IN CORRECTIONS SERVICE ." The committee noted with appreciation that the service piece was reviewed by G.S.O. Staff, publications and Grapevine staff and that the revisions reflect their collaborative work.

Finance and Budget

A.A.W.S. year-end projections and 2014 Budget: The committee heard a verbal report with information about year-end 2013 projections. Current expectations are that sales and Contributions will continue slightly more than budgeted through the end of the year, and that expenses may be slightly less than budgeted as well. The bottom line anticipates less loss than budgeted. Work on the 2014 Budget is progressing. Current estimates indicate a sizeable loss for 2014, before considering any literature price adjustments (last increase was 5 years ago on 7/1/2009), the results of the 75th anniversary edition or the impact of additional eBook sales.

Literature

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⌚ "Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated": The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2014 Conference Committee on Literature a suggested change to the first paragraph in the section on Concept XII in the pamphlet "Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated" which currently reads:

"...like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions- be changed only by 'written consent of three-quarters of all A.A groups' in the world!"

To read : (bolded text indicates added word).

"...like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions- be changed only by **written** consent of three-quarters of all **responding** A.A groups in the world!"

⌚ The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2014 General Service Conference a suggestion to remove the following text from page 5 in *Living Sober*.

"Many of us have come to believe that our alcoholism is an addiction to the drug alcohol; like addicts of any sort who want to maintain recovery, we have to keep away from the first dose of the drug we have become addicted to."

The committee agreed that the current text added to confusion regarding A.A 's Singleness of Purpose.

Public Information

⌚ Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s): The committee reviewed and accepted the report from the Subcommittee on Video P.S.A.s , and **agreed to forward** the Report on A.A. Video P.S.A.s to the 2014 Conference Committee on Public Information . The Report contains the following two suggestions :

- that a new Public Service Announcement be produced in 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000; and
- that the video P.S.A.s "Living in Chaos" and "We Know What It's Like" be retired, based on reasons specified in the report.

⌚ Membership Survey: The committee reviewed and accepted the report from the Subcommittee on the 2014 Membership Survey . The committee **agreed to forward** to the 2014 Conference Committee on Public Information the recommendation that the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted, including updated pre-survey communications and survey instructions.

⌚ Service piece on Anonymity: The committee reviewed with appreciation a new piece of service material developed by the office entitled "Anonymity Online ." The committee clarified for the staff secretary its request for a service piece addressing anonymity similar to the Self-Support "green" card and the Primary Purpose Statement "blue" card, that might be read by groups at A.A. meetings, and asked the secretary to bring back a proposal for such an item.

G.S.O. Financial Results

Six Months ended September 30, 2013
(figures are in thousands of dollars)

Summary			
9 Month Budget	9 Month 2013 Actual	9 Month 2012 Actual	Variance To 2013 Budget

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Revenue	\$10,603	\$11,009	\$10,621	\$406
Expenses	11,342	11,207	10,525	-135
Total Income	(\$739)	(\$198)	\$96	\$541

REVENUE

Net Sales	\$9,432	\$9,549	\$9,41	\$117
Manufacturing and	2,353	2,27	2,302	(77)
Shipping, WH, Supplies	1,256	1,13	1,167	{119)
	\$5,823	\$6,136	\$5,941	\$313
Total Contributions	\$4,779	\$4,973	\$4,679	\$94

EXPENSES

Personnel Expenses:

Salaries	\$4,392	\$4,372	\$4,14	(\$20)
Payroll Taxes	326	332	312	6
Insurance	863	815	775	(48)
Retirement	1,645	1,62	1,41	(21)
Total	\$7,226	\$7,143	\$6,64	(\$83)

Other Operating

Other Expenses	\$4,116	\$4,064	\$3,881	(\$52)
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General Service Board Sharing Session:

Two papers were presented to the Board on the topic "AA What is Our Vision for the Future"

⌚ "What is the Role of the General Service Board? Presented by Bob W. Trustee-at-large/U.S.

⌚ "What is the Role of the General Service Conference Structure?" Presented by Lynda B., AA Grapevine Director

If anyone would like a copy of either or both of these reports, email secretary@area31.org.

Alternate Delegate Remarks: No report

Area Chair Remarks:

⌚ No Service commitments for December

⌚ Encourage all to attend Concepts Meeting at 7pm on the first Thursday of every month. It made a big difference to Mark in both his service and sobriety.

⌚ Mark thanked the Area Committee for opportunity to serve as Area Chair. He remarked that even when the number of participants at Area events was not as great as we hoped for, the quality and enthusiasm of those who did participate was wonderful.

Old Business:

⌚ Treasurer presented 4 options for the 2014 Area 31 Budget.

⌚ After brief discussion the version that included all requested funding for each committee and district appeared to be feasible.

⌚ Motion was made and seconded to Accept Budget option D. The motion passed unanimously.

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New Business:

Area 31 Website Committee Content Submission Guidelines

(Proposal copy December 2013)

These are suggested as guidelines for review of materials being submitted for inclusion on the Area 31 General Service Website. Each submission should be considered on an individual basis, relative to its own context. If any material is found questionable, and or declined by the website committee, the submitter will be contacted with an explanation for the denial and offered feedback for revision. If possible we should try to resolve an issue at this level. If that is not possible, any submitter that has been declined, and cannot find resolution has the right of appeal to the Area General Service Committee at the next possible meeting under new business.

All material being submitted to the Webmaster should be in a suitable editable electronic format when possible. Contact webmaster with questions regarding formats. Material being submitted should be presented with as great a lead time as possible.

District and Committee minutes content are the responsibility of the submitting body and should be reviewed and edited for things like last names, personal contact information etc. before submission to the webmaster.

The webmaster will only overview minutes, and post appropriate minutes. Questionable minutes will be returned to the submitter for editing at the discretion of the webmaster. If resolution cannot be met at this level then minutes will be subjected to the following process, as for other materials.

Any material presented that is not AA and general service related will not be posted on the site. Also, in the spirit of anonymity no material containing last names, personal contact information, or face photos will be posted.

Guidelines

1) Is the material General Service related?

(Refer to the AA Service Manual or the Area 31 Handbook & Guidelines for specific details.)

If no, the material should be returned to the submitter, with explanation, and guidance if possible. I.e.

If yes, proceed to #2.

2) Material should be reviewed for adherence to AA principles, with particular emphasis on the 12 Traditions.

If the material is not in conformance to AA principles it should be returned to the submitter, with explanation, and guidance.

If the material seems to be in conformance with the above process the webmaster will post in the appropriate section of the website.

Any questions can be directed to the website committee chair at website_committee@area31aa.org, or the webmaster at webmaster@area31aa.org.

⌚ The question of why “suitable editable electronic format” was not defined in the guideline was posed . Carl explained that formats will continue to change as technology changes. Therefore, the Website Committee decided to leave that unspecified.

⌚ A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed Area 31 Website Committee Content Submission Guidelines as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Grapevine Committee requested \$134.91 to cover the over budget spending on new boards. A motion was made and seconded to cover the overage with Area funds. The motion passed unanimously.

Our new Area Chairperson, Paul H. closed the meeting at 9:30 pm with the Responsibility Declaration. The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 1/15/2014.