

## Area 31 Committee Meeting – March 12, 2014

The Area Chair, Paul H., 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).

		Jan	Feb	Mar	May J	July	Aug	Sept	Nov	Dec
<b>AREA DELEGATE</b>	Anne F	✓	✓							
<b>ALTERNATE DELEGATE</b>	Mark N	✓	✓	✓						
<b>AREA CHAIR *</b>	Paul H	✓	✓	✓						
<b>AREA TREASURER</b>	Beth C	✓	✓	✓						
<b>AREA SECRETARY</b>	Sue A	✓	✓	✓						
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A</i>	✓	✓							
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P</i>	✓	✓	✓						
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR</b>	Michael B	✓	✓	✓						
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR</b>	Karl H									
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Judy	✓								
<b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>	Keith M			✓						
<b>CPC CHAIR</b>	Tye O	✓	✓	✓						
<b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>	Mike S	✓	✓	✓						
<b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>	Neal N	✓	✓	✓						
<b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>										
<b>P.I. CHAIR</b>	Steve R	✓		✓						
<b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>	Mark C	✓	✓	✓						
<b>WEBSITE CHAIR</b>	Carl G	✓	✓	✓						
<b>WEBSITE CO-CHAIR</b>										
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B</i>	✓	✓							
<b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>	Eddie K	✓	✓	✓						
<b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>	Mark P	✓	✓							
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>	Chuck M	✓	✓	✓						
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Andy D</i>									

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<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Betty N	✓	✓	✓						
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Bill R</i>		✓	✓						
<b>WMYPAA CHAIR</b>	Tom H		✓	✓						
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Joseph</i>	✓								
<b>District 1 DCM</b>	Pat S	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 1 Co-DCM</b>	Katherine T		✓	✓						
<b>District 2 DCM</b>	Steve F	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Mike R		✓							
<i>District 2 LCM</i>	<i>Joe</i>			✓						
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Anthony T	✓	✓							
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>										
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Tiffany	✓	✓							
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>	Patti K			✓						
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Pauline D	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	Robert W	✓	✓	✓						
<i>District 5 LCM</i>										
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	Carl H	✓	✓	✓						
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	Wayne	✓		✓						
<i>District 6 LCM</i>	Wendy			✓						
<b>Quorum =18</b>	Wayne * only votes to make/break a tie	25	24	24						

### Secretary's Report:

🕒 Secretary read the old and new business from the February 12, 2014 Area 31 meeting minutes.

### 🕒 **New Business :**

Motion: To allow Archives to spend up to \$50 for materials to facilitate a meeting. There was interest in pulling together packets to be distributed. Vote – All in favor: motion passed

A motion was made in support of the idea that the Area hosts a Tradition Meeting monthly at 374 Pleasant St. Vote- All in favor: motion passes

*Motion:* To accept minutes as read- passes

### Treasurer's Report:

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- ⌚ Beginning February: \$9,124.54; Group Contributions: \$1,193.32; Total Area Expenses: (\$1,120.35); Closing January Balance: \$ 9,197.51 plus Prudent Reserve: \$6,000 = \$15,197.51 Total Funds Available.
- ⌚ Contributions in February decreased by \$739.63 over contributions in February 2013. However, 2014 YTD is \$564.20 over the same period in 2013.
- ⌚ There were 24 contributions made in February 2014. There were 31 in February 2013
- ⌚ Please submit receipts for reimbursement of NERAASA expenses to Treasurer.

*Motion:* To accept the treasurer report- passes.

### **Registrar's Report:**

- ⌚ In the Registrar's absence, the treasurer requested all new or updated group forms be sent to her. She will scan them and send to the Registrar in his absence.

### **Area Archivist Report:**

- ⌚ Archivist stated that 18-24 people attend the Archives Committee Roundtable at NERASSA. Packets the Area supported financially were well received.
- ⌚ The 18<sup>th</sup> National Archives Workshop will be held in Pennsylvania in October, 2014.

### **Webmaster:**

- ⌚ February's statistics from the website shows we had 959 unique visitors for a total of 2,216 visits, or roughly 2.3 visits per visitor. This includes 21,590 pages (9.74 Pages/Visit), 42,580 hits (19.21 Hits/Visit), with a total bandwidth usage of 882.50 GB (407.79 KB/Visit).
- ⌚ The majority of the hits came from the US, with China and Ukraine.
- ⌚ As for the search engines, by far and away Google again brought us the most traffic. AA.org sent us the most traffic from outside websites with westermassaa.org second. In past months I have mentioned the high number of links from Russia and in February they are again well represented on the list.
- ⌚ The complete statistics can be found at: <http://area31aa.org/docs/webmaster> and select the February statistics link.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Accessibility:**

- ⌚ 3 groups represented at meeting
- ⌚ Finalized the flier.
- ⌚ During the Spring Assembly the equipment for the hearing impaired and the Spanish translation equipment will be available.
- ⌚ The committee is working on a list of folks willing to pick people up and bring them to a meeting. This would be only for people who are disabled, not for people who just don't have transportation.
- ⌚ The Accessibility Hotline's number is (413)214-2365.

### **Archives:**

- ⌚ 10 in attendance
- ⌚ Archives boards went to the Forest Park group for its anniversary and will be going to the Scrambled Eggs anniversary.
- ⌚ Archives is having an Open House on 3/15
- ⌚ Discussion on transposing tapes to CD's one member is willing to do the work.
- ⌚ Discussion on bringing the CD's to Anniversary meetings, more discussion to follow.

### **CPC:**

- ⌚ 10 in attendance
- ⌚ CPC reps were encouraged to continue to get new contacts for presentations.

### **Grapevine:**

- ⌚ 7 Grapevine reps at meeting,
- ⌚ Informed GVR's the Grapevine statement of purpose and "What do GVR's do"
- ⌚ Subscription forms and 30 pack back issue order forms. By the month order forms can be found on the website.
- ⌚ GVR's shared what was or was not happening in their home groups to promote the magazine.
- ⌚ Groups are enjoying the new Grapevine boards and they are available on request for group anniversaries with a month's notice.

## **Public Information:**

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- ⌚ 17 members and 8 new members present, 2 members out on PI commitment to the Alcohol Education Class.
- ⌚ Filled March 2014 Standing Monthly Commitments and confirmed commitments to; radio, Phoenix House and ILP.
- ⌚ Discussion on what appears to be a fine line between Institutions and PI. A good resource for answers to this dilemma would again possibly be found in the PI workbook. Available on line or at the Western Mass Intergroup Office/ Book Store.
- ⌚ New PI secretary voted in.

### **Website Committee:**

- ⌚ 1 new Web member
- ⌚ The Webmaster presented the written instruction for the backup tutorial for website. Members of the Website committee went through the written instructions during the meeting. Edits were made.

### **Western Mass Round Up**

- ⌚ Treasurer has \$3,400.
- ⌚ Registration forms for the 45<sup>th</sup> Western Mass Roundup “Communicating our Legacies, Vital in a Changing World” are available on the AA Website. Announce it at meetings. Day registration also available.
- ⌚ Event date is June 7 & 8 at the La Quinta Inn 100 Congress St., Springfield, MA

The program is done. Visit the AA Website for the two-day event schedule and details.

### **Invited Committees**

#### **Institutions:**

- ⌚ 34 IGR's and 2 new IGR's
- ⌚ Treasurer's Report: Donations \$3,226.84, Expenses \$294.15 = Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$3,043.91
- ⌚ BTG Report- 2 calls, 1 man, 1 woman, both were helped
- ⌚ Liaison Report - A call was received from Carlson Detox saying that one group has been handing out cigarettes and other things with the clients, he said that cannot continue. Please tell your groups to follow the rules of each facility.

#### **Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):**

- ⌚ No report

#### **WMYPAA:**

- ⌚ Hosting a two speaker corned beef and cabbage dinner 3/16 from 6-8pm at 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke. MSCYPAA Bid (Western MA) will be co-hosting.

### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

#### **District 1:**

- ⌚ 7 GSR's present
- ⌚ GSR's informed of upcoming events in AA, Round-Up, MA State Convention planning meeting, and Spring Assembly. All were encouraged to attend.
- ⌚ GSR's reported on their groups.

#### **District 2:**

- ⌚ 3 new GSR's, 17 total GSR's
- ⌚ GSR's voted to co-sponsor a workshop with district 6.
- ⌚ GSR's volunteered to go to groups in district to update old and incorrect group information for the directory.
- ⌚ Next month's discussion will be “What does a developed GSR look like.”
- ⌚ Current LCM stepped down and a new LCM was voted in.

#### **District 3:**

- ⌚ No report

#### **District 4:**

- ⌚ New Co-DCM elected.
- ⌚ GSR's increased from 4-12.
- ⌚ Co-DCM will be going out to meetings in district to encourage more GSR's to attend.
- ⌚ There is interest in offering a workshop again this year on Service.

#### **District 5:**

- ⌚ 16 groups represented 2 new GSR and 1 new Alt-GSR.
- ⌚ GSR's were willing to go out to the “dark groups” to encourage GSR's to come to district meeting.

#### **District 6:**

- ⌚ 9 groups represented at the meeting

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- ⌚ LCM suggested contacting groups in district without GSR's to see if they could interest them in sending GSR's to district mtg.
- ⌚ All new GSR were encouraged to have their contact information in to registrar by 5/2/14 to be placed in the regional directory.

### Delegate's Remarks:

- ⌚ The GSO is in the process of contacting committee chairs to confirm or change their information as listed in FNV – if they don't hear from GSO; committee chairs should contact Delegate or Registrar. All current info must be in by 4/15/14
- ⌚ DCM's should soon receive info on group contributions in their district
- ⌚ For the 12 months ending 12/31/13 52.2% of groups in A31 contributed - that's up from 48.11% in 2012.
- ⌚ Contributions to the GSO in 2013 were the highest on record for any month over \$800,000!
- ⌚ In 2013 both AAWS and the Grapevine ended the year in the black!

### Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- ⌚ Mini conference/Spring Assembly reminder. Alt Delegate to give a GSR presentation. 8 break-out rooms will provide presentations with 8 past Delegates to assist. There will be a time to ask the Delegates questions.
- ⌚ Mass State Convention car pool. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> and car pools will be leaving the Plantation Inn at 5:30.
- ⌚ NEARRASA was a great time! Came back energized!
- ⌚ Delegate and Alt-Delegate attended NERD in Freeport, ME. 18 areas were represented with 98 attendees including past Delegates. Everyone came to share their experience and how they serve AA.
- ⌚ District 3 is putting on a workshop. Would another District be interested in joining them to put on a workshop?

### Area Chair Remarks:

- ⌚ Reminder to groups that the Area is available to do Service Commitments. No Service Commitment scheduled this month.
- ⌚ Past Delegates are available for Group Inventories.
- ⌚ The Website Committee has a vacancy for the Co-Website position.

### Old Business:

- ⌚ Follow up to "Could the Area sponsor a monthly Tradition Meeting?"  
Past Delegate who raised the interest is out of town. Follow up to happen once they return.

### New Business:

- ⌚ What information is the Website Committee looking for from the Districts for the Website?  
Website Chair- Each District is autonomous, make it what you want it, and make it your page. The Website Committee will make sure if it is ok with the Principles of AA.  
Note: Correction to the Website to be corrected on new printing of Service Directory. The correct address is [website\\_committee@area31aa.org](mailto:website_committee@area31aa.org)
- ⌚ In 2008 as the Area Archivist she attended the National Archives Workshop. As Archivist, she is interested in possibly attending this year's Workshop. If she is able to attend, she will bring a proposal to the Area to support her financially to attend.
- ⌚ *Motion:* To cancel the April 9<sup>th</sup> Area Meeting due to the Mini Conference being held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.  
VOTE All in favor: motion passes

Area 31 Chairperson, Paul H., closed the meeting at 9:00pm with the Responsibility Declaration. The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 5/14/2014 at 7:30pm.