

Area 31 Committee Meeting – December 10, 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 | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Nov | Dec |
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| AREA DELEGATE | Anne F | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ALTERNATE DELEGATE | Mark N | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| AREA CHAIR * | Paul H | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| AREA TREASURER | Beth C | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| AREA SECRETARY | Sue A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>AREA REGISTRAR</i> | <i>Jack A</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| <i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i> | <i>Bobbi P</i> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR | Michael B | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR | Karl H | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ |
| ARCHIVES CHAIR | Keith M | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| CPC CHAIR | Tye O | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| CPC CO-CHAIR | Mike S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| GRAPEVINE CHAIR | Neal N | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | ✓ |
| GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| P.I. CHAIR | Steve R | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| P.I. CO-CHAIR | Mark C | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| WEBSITE CHAIR | Carl G | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| WEBSITE CO-CHAIR | Mary | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>WEBMASTER</i> | <i>Bob B</i> | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| W. MASS IGP CHAIR | Eddie K | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| BERK. IGP CHAIR | Mark P | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| INSTITUTIONS CHAIR | Chuck M | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i> | <i>Andy D</i> | | | | | | | ✓ | | | |

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| ROUND UP CHAIR | Betty N / Bill R | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | |
| <i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i> | <i>Bill R</i> | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| WMYPAA CHAIR | Tom H | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i> | <i>Joseph</i> | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| District 1 DCM | Pat S | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |
| District 1 Co-DCM | Katherine T | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| District 2 DCM | Steve F | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| District 2 CO-DCM | Mike R | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>District 2 LCM</i> | <i>Joe</i> | | | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| District 3 DCM | Anthony T | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| District 3 CO-DCM | Connell | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | |
| District 4 DCM | Tiffany | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| District 4 CO-DCM | Patti K | | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| District 5 DCM | Pauline D | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| District 5 CO-DCM | Robert W | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>District 5 LCM</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| District 6 DCM | Carl H | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| District 6 CO-DCM | Wayne | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>District 6 LCM</i> | Wendy | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Quorum =18 | Wayne * only votes to make/break a tie | 25 | 24 | 24 | 30 | 23 | 24 | 21 | 25 | 24 | 27 |

Secretary's Report:

- ⌚ Secretary read the old and new business from the November 12, 2014 Area 31 budget meeting minutes.
- Motion:* To accept the secretaries report- passes.

Mileage Rate for reimbursement in 2015
 Treasurer opened the discussion to the floor.
 -Keep reimbursement rate the same
 -2nd
 Vote: Passes unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

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- ⌚ Beginning November Balance: \$8,349.71; Group Contributions: \$22,424.48; Total Area Expenses: (\$2,165.56); Closing November Balance: \$8,608.63 plus Prudent Reserve: \$6,000 = \$14,608.63 Total Funds Available.
- ⌚ Further comments:
 - Contributions in November 2014 decreased by \$127.47 from contributions in November 2013. Contributions for YTD 2014 increased by \$1,009.70 over contributions for YTD November 2013.
 - There were 39 contributions made in November 2014. There were 45 in November 2013.
- ⌚ December contributions to date are \$440.80; December expenses to date are \$608.50.
Motion: To accept the treasures report- passes.

Registrar's Report:

- ⌚ No report

Area Archivist Report:

- ⌚ 11/29 held a Service Day. Archivists' indentation is to have a Service Day one Saturday a month.
- ⌚ Budge for 2014 was depleted. Archives will be requesting money to purchase a table to organize Archives items from 2015 budget.
- ⌚ Request to forward District and Committee Meeting Reports to archivist@area31aa.org

Webmaster:

- ⌚ Stated there was not much going on. If interested in viewing the statistics, visit the area website.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibility:

- ⌚ No report

Archives:

- ⌚ Archives had 7 members in attendance.
- ⌚ Activities include transferring tapes to CD's. Looked into having someone else do this, but it was too costly.

CPC:

- ⌚ Discussed how to pass on the responsibilities of Chair to Co-Chair, and to new CPC members.
- ⌚ CPC members will work on inventory (CPC information) next month.

Grapevine:

- ⌚ Grapevine interested in getting out to District meetings in the coming year.
- ⌚ Poor turnout of Grapevine from groups.
- ⌚ Interest in making the Grapevine boards more presentable.

Public Information:

- ⌚ Four new members to PI
- ⌚ New PI commitment to Baystate Health for 8 consecutive weeks. Possible start date 1/5/15 @ 2pm.
- ⌚ Possible bi-monthly commitment with Girls Inc. in Holyoke.
- ⌚ Discussion about making announcements at meetings or otherwise trying to get more people, especially women to become involved in PI as we have so many commitment opportunities.
- ⌚ Discussion about sponsoring more racks and using the literature as a way of making information available to the public.

Website Committee:

- ⌚ Did not meet due to snowstorm.

Western Mass Round Up:

- ⌚ No report

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- ⌚ No report

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Berkshire Intergroup (BIG):

- ⌚ No report

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Western Mass Intergroup:

- ⌚ New When & Where's should be available as of 12/11.
- ⌚ Annual Christmas Alkathon slated for 12/24 6pm-12/25 6pm.
- ⌚ A children's Christmas party is to be held on 12/20 at 475 Pleasant St. time to be determined. Donations welcome.
- ⌚ If your group participated in the phone coverage, please be available for your time slot. Always looking for members to help, call the office at (413)532-2111 if interested.
- ⌚ WMIG officers/staff are available for an incoming commitment to your home group or your business meeting. Contact the WMIG chair. (413)237-6667 if interested.

WMYPAA:

- ⌚ Elections to be held in January.
- ⌚ Banner made for \$60 to be used for AA events.
- ⌚ MYSCPAA is forming a bid for Mass State Conventions. They might request support from the Area.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- ⌚ 8 GSR's, DCM and Co-DCM in attendance
- ⌚ GSR's reported on group activities.

District 2:

- ⌚ 14 GSR's present, 4 new GSR's. Groups uploaded to GSO's database via registrar
- ⌚ GSR's reported on group activities.
- ⌚ Problems other than alcohol pamphlet handed out to GSR's who heard a speaker talk too much about drugs.
- ⌚ District 2 actively looking for past GSR's to step up as DCM, LCM. Also looking for a secretary.
- ⌚ District 2 participated in 3rd legacy voting.
- ⌚ GSR's reported back on groups visited who have not been represented in GSO database.

District 3:

- ⌚ No report

District 4:

- ⌚ 10 GSR's present
- ⌚ Discussed how to make business meetings better. Members thought this would make a good workshop topic.

District 5:

- ⌚ 11 groups represented at District meeting with 1 new GSR and 1 new alternate
- ⌚ Chicopee Step Group has had a bad year financially
- ⌚ GSR's reported on group activities.

District 6:

- ⌚ There were 9 groups represented at District meeting.
- ⌚ GSR's reported on group activities.

Delegate's Remarks:

- ⌚ GSO General Manager is retiring next year. Deadline for submission for ideas for GSC is Dec. 15th. Also due are suggestions for themes and workshop topics for the GSC/2016. At the most recent General Service Board weekend minutes the idea of a comprehensive feasibility study of the current business model corporate structure and two operating corporations. Translation- Remember about 4 years ago the discussion/ idea to dissolve the AAWS and the AA Grapevine distinction and the Trustee Committee at the General Service Conference decided to take no action. It's coming up again.
- ⌚ December issue of the Grapevine is "The Gift of Sharing" feature section is about Sober Holidays. The Grapevine is issuing a challenge for 2015. They so enjoyed the 70th Anniversary celebrations. They are challenging the state or province which shows the highest growth of new subscriptions to Grapevine will be featured in the issue.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- ⌚ Reminded everyone of the Concept Meeting. Need to educate ourselves and others of the Concepts. Question "Am I doing all I can?"

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- ⌚ 2015 Mass State Convention planning meeting to be held 1/27/15. If interested in attending, join the car pool from the Plantation Inn in Chicopee.

Area Chair Remarks:

- ⌚ Mini conference to be held 3/28-29/2015.
- ⌚ Area Service Commitment 1/19 to the Early Sobriety Group at 6pm. Also on 4/6 to Greenfield (Monday evening) at 6pm. More to follow.

Old Business:

- ⌚ none

New Business:

- ⌚ Reviewed the 4 proposed budgets for 2015 by the treasurer.

Motion: to accept Scenario B

Discussion:

1. Archives needs a computer and scenario B does not honor request.
2. PC will become a reality at a later time.

All in favor-13, Opposed-8, Abstaine-1

Speak to the opposition-

All in favor-12, Opposed-9, Abstaine-1

Motion: To accept-Motion passes

- ⌚ Proposed Updates to the 2011 Edition of the Area 31 Handbook: (20 minutes only for discussion continued)

Cover:

Replace text which currently reads: "2011 EDITION CONFIDENTIAL"

With: correct year

(-this was tabled initially with the thought of only changing the year but leave confidential. Thought were to do hand book on the Website which would no longer be confidential. Last names will remain off it.) (Do you want your handbook on the website as a non confidential document?)

Conversation-

1. Even with first names anything questionable can be edited out.
2. Why put it on the Web? – The idea is to have a rolling document, when changes are made, the website committee can make those changes. In addition copies can be easily made. Maybe every 10 years review via an AdHoc committee.
3. Like the idea of it being on the website. Not sure if Confidential is required anymore.

Retract this motion: Change with correct year, to remove CONFIDENTIAL and put correct year.

Motion: Replace text with current year and remove CONFIDENTIAL

Motion on floor, 2nd

Discussion:

If it doesn't say CONFIDENTIAL and on the Web, and updated every time there is a change, why have a date at all?

Friendly amendment: Under Area 31 Handbook & Guidelines, ADD "REVISED and date of last revision". REMOVE the box in lower right hand corner (year Edition Confidential).

Motion: Under Area 31 Handbook & Guidelines, ADD "REVISED and date of last revision". REMOVE the box in lower right hand corner (year Edition Confidential).

All in favor - passes

Page 10:

(-this was tabled initially)

"David E[*] (Area 17) 1991 & 1992

Grapevine non trustee Dir AAGV 1997-2001 / trustee 2001-2005

Tanya E[*] (Area 17) 1997 & 1998

[* last name removed]

Discussion:

-In favor of not being put in handbook, but remain in the Area 31 Service Directory.

-Incredible additions to this Area as Past Delegates.

-Could there be a separate listing/title in the book?

Motion: All in favor of adding to HANDBOOK & GUIDELINES

20 in favor

4 opposed

Open for discussion from minority

-This is our Area handbook and by putting someone in our handbook based on their service resume and qualifying why they

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should be in there goes against what they believe. If someone moves to our area, do we put them in our handbook. I believe only our Area Delegates should be in. They did not serve this area as Delegates.

Motion: All in favor of adding to HANDBOOK & GUIDELINES

8 in favor

14 opposed

All in favor – motion does not pass

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 9:56PM with the Responsibility Declaration.
The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 01/14/2015 at 7:30pm.