

Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
April 6, 2017
474 Pleasant St.
Holyoke, MA

Meeting started at 6:18 pm

Moment of silence

Serenity Prayer

4 members in attendance

Sally
Steve
Mary
Sonja

Purpose of committee was read

Passing it on and job description for members of standing committees

Responses to Questionnaires

1. What information was helpful when you started in this position?

DCM- Own Experience, Sponsorship, Other AA members, Literature
Committees- Same

2. What do you wish you would have known when you started in this position?

DCM-Guidelines, Meeting Formats
Committees-How to give an area report

3. What AA resources have you used during your term as committee chairperson/DCM?

DCM- DCM Roundtable, Service Sponsor, Literature, NERAASA
Committees- Service Sponsor, Literature, NERAASA

4. What works best in your committee/district to keep your members involved?

DCM-Work Shops, Giving the DCMs something to do
Committees-Giving the group representatives jobs

5. Do you wish there was a way to exchange resources and best practices between standing committees on a regular basis? What might that be?

DCM-DCM Roundtable

Committees-No consensus

6. What part of your job as committee chairperson do you feel you could have done better?

DCM-Reaching out to inactive groups

Committees- No consensus

7. What materials do you plan to pass on? How is this going to be accomplished?

DCM-Passing on material, Wrap up meeting with the incoming DCM.

Committees-Inclusion of the co-chair before their term as chair begins.

-Quarterly DCM Roundtable prior to area meeting (biannual), chair should have been a former DCM

-Hold Roundtable prior to the February, May, August, and November area meetings

-District elections should be held early enough so that the newly elected Co-DCM can be introduced at the fall assembly, time to learn the job.

Vote on "Recommending that the district hold their elections before the fall assembly" Yeah 2 Neah 1

Recommendations:

1. The area inventory ad hoc committee recommends that the area hold a DCM roundtable meeting prior to the area meeting in March and November and as requested by the current DCMs, that the roundtable be facilitated by a former DCM.
2. The area inventory ad hoc committee recommends that the district elections be held prior to the fall assembly to allow the new Co-DCM to be introduced at the fall assembly and further time to familiarize themselves with their upcoming responsibilities.

Closed the meeting with "I am responsible".