

**Area 31 Website Committee
Meeting of October 26, 2016**

Attending:

Chair—Sally
Co-Chair—Terri
Webmaster—Bob
Group representative—Jim from Florence I-Opener
Alternate Delegate—Mike

- The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- The Committee reviewed minutes from the September meeting and agenda items for tonight's meeting.
- Reports:
 - Group rep: AA members may still be unclear about what the Website Committee does, and about the differences between the Area 31 website and the Intergroup website. The Committee discussed various ways of spreading the word about what we do. We also returned to an idea that has come up a few times this year: maybe committees and districts, and not just groups, should have representatives on the Website Committee.
 - Webmaster: Bob will soon attend the November meeting of NAATW (National AA Technology Workshop).
 - Chair and Co-Chair: No reports other than the agenda items below.
 - Alternate Delegate: Mike talked about the Mass State Convention, the online Handbook, and contributing online to GSO.
- Discussion:
 - We discussed our budget request for 2017.
 - We confirmed that we will meet on our regular November date, November 23, the day before Thanksgiving.
 - We discussed the Area History section of the Handbook, and decided to consult with the Area Archivist and then return to this topic at a later meeting.
 - We reviewed the 2014 description of the Website Committee's position of backup webmaster. The Committee expects to fill this role for 2017 after some further consultation.
 - We decided to begin discussion at the Area Committee level—probably in December—of the idea of paying the Webmaster for special projects that require an unusual number of hours and a high level of professional expertise. Examples are the NERAASA 2016 website, and recent work on the Handbook. A major upcoming project will be the migration to Drupal 8, which requires rebuilding much of our site.
- The meeting ended with the Responsibility Declaration.