

## Area 31 Committee Meeting – March 11, 2015

The Area Chair, Paul H., opened the meeting at 7:31 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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| <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>    | Karl H         |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR</b> | Pauline D      |     | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>         | Keith M        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>      | Dani P         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>CPC CHAIR</b>              | Mike S         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>           | Steve M        | ✓   |     | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>        | Ray L          | ✓   |     |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>     | Tiffany C      |     | ✓   |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>P.I. CHAIR</b>             | Mark C         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>          | Brennan M      | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>WEBSITE CHAIR</b>          | Mary M         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>WEBSITE CO-CHAIR</b>       | Sally S        | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <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>     | Andy D         | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>  | <i>Rich J</i>  | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |
| <b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>         | Bill R         |     | ✓   |     |     |     |      |     |      |     |     |

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| <i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i> | <i>Cheryl</i>                    |    |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>WMYPAA CHAIR</b>      | Tom H                            |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>   | <i>Joey L</i>                    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 1 DCM</b>    | Katherine T                      |    | ✓  |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 1 Co-DCM</b> | Bruce C                          | ✓  |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 2 DCM</b>    | Mike R                           | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 2 CO-DCM</b> | Janis A                          | ✓  |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>District 3 DCM</b>    | Connell Mc                       | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 3 CO-DCM</b> | Mike L                           | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 4 DCM</b>    | Patricia K                       |    |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 4 CO-DCM</b> | Steve C                          |    |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 5 DCM</b>    | Robert W                         | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 5 CO-DCM</b> | Angie Mc                         |    | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>District 6 DCM</b>    | Wayne M                          | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>District 6 CO-DCM</b> | Erick M                          | ✓  |    | ✓  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>District 6 LCM</i>    |                                  |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Quorum =18</b>        | * only votes to make/break a tie | 24 | 23 | 28 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### Secretary's Report:

- Secretary read the old and new business from the February 11, 2015 Area 31 meeting minutes.  
*Motion:* To accept the secretaries report- passes.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning February Balance: \$6,006.69; Group Contributions: \$1,965.77; Total Area Expenses: (\$814.81); Closing February Balance: \$7,157.65 plus Prudent Reserve: \$7,500 = \$14,657.65 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
  - Contributions in February 2015 increased by \$740 from contributions in February 2014. There were 39 contributions made in February 2015. There were 24 in February 2014. Contributions February 2015 YTD decreased by \$1,442 from contributions in February 2014.

### Registrar's Report:

- No report

### Area Archivist Report:

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- On Saturday February 14, from 9am-1pm a Archives Serve Day scheduled.
- DCM's and Committee Chairs can email their minutes to [archivist@area31aa.org](mailto:archivist@area31aa.org) and please be sure to put *who, what, when, where and why* on all documents that will be archived.

### Webmaster:

- Documents from the Area are posted on the Web. Reminder, all names and telephone numbers are too edited from the document.
- Webmaster encouraged incoming DCM's and Standing Committees to use emails associated to positions.
- If Area members would like to have anything posted to the web, send via a digital format to [webmaster@area31AA.org](mailto:webmaster@area31AA.org)

### Accessibility:

- Accessibility display boards to be created, similar to Area 30.
- Committee interested in getting more active on Area Website. Recently there was a hit on the web of someone interested in Accessibility.
- Working with PI to put information on the radio show to reach homebound folk.
- The new number to accesses is 413-378-3752.
- The deaf community was present at the meeting to address their concerns.

### Archives:

- 7 members in attendance
- Cassette transfer ongoing.
- CD, "Markings on the Journey" was shown at the meeting.

### CPC:

- CPC is looking to address the legal system as they continue to send people to AA. The committee is hoping to put their focus on the legal system this year.
- On 3/17 the committee will be doing a presentation at Elms College.

### Grapevine:

- No report

### Public Information:

- Revisit tabled motion from last month about sponsoring literature racks.
- Commitment to Girls Inc. is a no go.

### Website Committee:

- Reviewed the presentation of January edits to the Website Pamphlet and suggested more changes for edit, and review at the Area Meeting. Final draft, 50 draft versions to be printed for presentation at the Area Meeting. The committee is hoping if there are no typo errors, etc that they can move forward with printing.

### Western Mass Round Up:

- Event to be held at the LaQuinta on June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Dance tickets are \$10, Banquet \$25 and registration \$10. Registration forms are available now. Copies can be found at the intergroup office. The Area 31 Delegate will present her experience on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday night the speaker is from the General Service Office. 8-9pm. The dance is 10 on. The spiritual speaker will speak on Sunday. Each district and committee will participate in the Alkathon throughout the weekend.

### Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

#### Redistricting Committee Meeting:

- No report

#### Handbook Committee:

- No report

### Invited Committees

#### Institutions:

- 6 Institution Reps.
- Treasurers report: total donations \$1,173.82, expenses \$119.88 – ending balance for book purchase \$784.19.

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- BTG Report- There appears to be a shortage of women to take newcomers to meetings.
- Liaison Report- addressed Providence and Carlson not having people show up, Franklin County Corrections needs men's meetings and the Hope Center Thursday Women's meeting has not been covered.

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

- No report

### **Western Mass Intergroup:**

- 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. (###)###-#### if interested.
- Pay pal available if interested in purchasing literature.
- The AdHoc committee continues to toil away and the hope is to have a document in the bodies' hands in the next couple of months to begin the review process.

### **WMYPAA:**

- Joint presentation with WMMSCYPAA Bid and Area 31 Archives. "Western MA AA- The Early Years." Ziti /lasagna dinner with rolls, salad soda etc. catered by the Log Cabin. \$10 per person for dinner. March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm-8-45pm at the St. Andrews Church, 335 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA.
- Group inventory on 3/14.
- Assisting in the sobriety countdown at the Roundup

### **DISTRICT REPORTS:**

#### **District 1:**

- 11 GSR's in attendance.
- GSR's shared their groups' activities.
- Discussed District 1 hosting a workshop. This to possible happen in August or September not to coincide with the International.

#### **District 2:**

- Purchased packet for the new GSR's. It is hoped when they receive theirs in the mail, they will return the new one for the next new GSR.
- "Personal safety" in meetings was discussed at the meeting it was requested that DCM bring to the Area meeting for further discussion.

#### **District 3:**

- 12 groups represented.
- Reviewed information from the General Service Conference.
- "Wins and Concerns" – items discussed: getting newcomers involved, a long time AA member having anniversary meeting at the meeting and inclusion v/s exclusion of others, safety issues, sponsorship, 13 stepping (no rules about it), wet drunks in a meeting, and online meetings.

#### **District 4:**

- 16 GSR's (3 new)
- Purchased GSR's packets with hopes that when they receive theirs in the mail, they will return it to the District.
- For the number of meeting in District 4, it was noted that there are not enough GSR's.

#### **District 5:**

- 19 in attendance.
- Groups shared on their home group activities.

#### **District 6:**

- 30 in attendance.

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- District 6 would like to run 2 workshops, one in CT and one in MA, as District boarders CT. To do this, District 6 will need to obtain additional money from the Area.
- Updated group information forms.

### Delegate's Remarks:

- 2016 NERAASA update, the next planning meeting is to be held 3/26 @ 7pm at the Sheraton (one of the two host hotels for the event) in Springfield.
- For those who attended NERAASA 2015 in Somerset, NJ and joined the round tables and felt Area 31 was so much smaller that some of the larger areas represented, here is some interesting facts about Area 31: Area 31 has a smaller budget amazing communication and cooperation with Intergroup, we have a small treasury,, but 52% of our groups contribute to the GSO which puts us in the top 10 of the 93 areas in the US and Canada. We are in the bottom 23 in terms of size 24<sup>th</sup> smallest area out of 93, but 10<sup>th</sup> spot of participation. Strong CPC and PI Committees, accessibility well along the path of caring the message to the deaf members in our area and we are looking to outreach to others areas that are underrepresented. Our website is the last of the 93 in the country, but it's awesome.
- General Service Conference material. Box 459- news from the GSO. Information contained in box 459 great for discussion at the District meeting. Key topics currently in Box 459, Anonymity and the 2015 International Convention.
- General Service Office is searching for a general manager. Application through 4/15. In addition they are looking for candidates for GSO staff.
- Article in Box 459 of CPC Committee, great read.
- Round Up Committee,
- North East Regional Forum (NERF) will be in the Albany Marriot on 5/29-31<sup>st</sup>. the weekend before our roundup.

### Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- 2015 Mass State Convention-Save the date to be held 11/ 6, 7 & 8, 2015.
- 2015 Mass State Convention planning meeting to be held 3/31 at the Sheraton/Framingham.

### Area Chair Remarks:

- NERAASA planning meeting
- Concept meeting and Traditions Meeting, time and date can be found on the calendar.

### Old Business:

- none

### New Business:

- District 6 made a Motion to increase their \$200 budget to \$400 to hold two workshops – one in CT and one in MA.  
Discussion ensued  
Vote: 23-0  
*Motion:* Increase their \$200 budget to \$400 to hold two workshops – one in CT and one in MA.  
Motion passes

Area 31 Chairperson closed the meeting at 10:18PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next Area 31 meeting will take place on 04/15/2015 at 7:30pm.