

Called to order 15 March 2017 7:30 PM

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AREA DELEGATE	Mark N.	•	•	•									
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mike S.	•	•	•									
AREA CHAIR *	Sue A.	•	•	•									
AREA TREASURER	Mary M.	•	•	•									
AREA SECRETARY	Mike B.	•	•	•									
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Jack A.</i>		•	•									
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P.</i>	•	•	•									
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Marc C.	•	•	•									
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Moria E.		•	•									
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Wayne J. M.	•	•	•									
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR													
CPC CHAIR	Carol L.	•	•	•									
CPC CO-CHAIR	Rich J.			•									
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Nancy P.	•	•	•									
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Michael C.	•		•									
P.I. CHAIR	Chris O	•	•	•									
P.I. CO-CHAIR		•		•									
WEBSITE CHAIR	Terri S.	•	•	•									
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Steve M.	•	•	•									
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	•		•									
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Tamara P.	•	•	•									

Area 31 Committee Meeting-March 15, 2017

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BERK. IGP CHAIR		•											
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Holly W.			•									
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Eric P. M.</i>	•	•										
ROUND UP CHAIR	Marc Gonneville		•	•									
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Lee M.</i>	•	•	•									
WMYPAA CHAIR			•	•									
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>													
District 1 DCM	Derek W.	•	•	•									
District 1 CO-DCM	Lynne S.		•	•									
District 2 DCM	Mark B.	•	•										
District 2 CO-DCM	Rick W.	•	•	•									
District 3 DCM	Tom L.			•									
District 3 CO-DCM		•	•	•									
District 4 DCM	Ben E.	•	•	•									
District 4 CO-DCM	Lisa W.	•	•										
District 5 DCM	Jerry K.	•	•										
District 5 CO-DCM	Renee K.	•	•	•									
District 6 DCM	Sonja P.	•		•									
District 6 CO-DCM	Jenny A	•	•	•									
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	26	27									

Secretary's Report:

- Old Business
Discussion regarding contribution from Berkshire Intergroup.
- New Business
- Motion to cancel April business meeting in lieu of the Assembly passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Beginning February Balance: \$7,011.29; Group Contributions: \$1,358.56; Loan to ad-hoc committee payback and contribution from event \$1,105 Total Area Expenses: (\$1,215.95); Closing February Balance: \$8,258.90 plus Prudent Reserve: \$8,500 = \$16,758.90 Total Funds Available.
- Further comments:
 - Contributions in February 2017 decreased by \$445.20 from contributions in February 2016. There were 26 contributions made in February 2017. There were 25 in February 2016 . Contributions in February 2017 YTD decreased by \$1,076.01 from contributions in February 2016 YTD.

Registrar's Report:

- Enjoyed Neraasa
- Group turnaround time depends a lot on complete information including full name, address, phone number and email and sending it in as soon as possible.
- New directory will be printed soon.
- Group information can be sent to me via e-mail at registrar@area31aa.org or by phone at (###)###-####.

In Service,
Area Registrar

Area Archivist Report:

- Archives still has space issues
- Old paperwork that there are more than 2 copies of we will be shredding.
- Finished the Neraasa 2016 filings...YEA!!
- Q/A regarding an Archivists Seminar and support for it from the area.

Submitted by
Archivist/Area 31

Webmaster:

- A lot of interesting stuff going on.
- Going ahead with the update since the calendar issue seems to have been solved. The platform will be built separately from the existing website. Access will not be available until it has been finished.

Accessibility:

- Keystone Common commitment being taken care of.
- 2 commitments a week at Mt Marie.
- MCSC facility. After a CORY check people are being taken out.
- Neraasa roundtable was helpful regarding handicap and other issues. Bathrooms not meeting the standards set by the government are issues at many meetings in other Areas.
- Area 31 seems to be ahead of or better funded regarding (CART) services and ASL as well.
- Short on long term facilities that have AA meetings coming in.
- Beginning to update the web page.
- The voice mail feature on our hotline is now working.
- Pamphlets are on the back table.
- Discussion regarding accessibility and cart as well as handicap accessibility.

Archives:

- Estimated completion date for the boards is mid-summer.
- May 5th will be the trip to the Wilson House. \$20 per person. Will be stopping on the way up for food. Will have 4 15 person vans leaving Western Mass Hospital at 7:30AM and returning at around 6PM.

CPC:

- March meeting was canceled due to weather is rescheduled for march 21st.
- Will hav a table at the substance abuse forum at Westfield State University March 22nd.
- Chair has been asked to do a one on one with Dr.Mateen.
- Will be meeting with the priest from St. Mary's in Longmeadow.
- Having difficulty reaching father Mark from the Elms.
- Continuing to work with the Round-up.
- Have had a dialog with the Institutions Rep from the Berkshires about a workshop.

Grapevine:

- Great attendance 6-6 new reps and around 12 or 13 peoples in attendance.
- One member shared their 7 minute presentation.
- Planning on looking at the past grapevines.
- Linguistic District from Connecticut is trying to set up a Spanish grapevine Meeting and will be having a workshop. More to come.

- Will be attending the Website committee meeting.
- Look for book price increases.
- Apps are available. Visit the Grapevine website.

Public Information:

- March meeting postponed until March 21st due to weather.
- Found out at Neraasa that our area PI committee is healthier than many other areas.
- Remind reps that when they make a commitment to the committee to cover an event that they show or advise the Chair that they cannot make it.

Website Committee:

- We all did our respective roundtables at Neraasa and got to hear what other areas websites are up to. I learned a lot and enjoyed the fellowship.
- We have been invited to visit District 5 and will be there on April 3.
- We are available to visit the districts to explain what the website Committee does.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Visited the hotel this week.
- Banquet and dance tickets are out and available.
- June 9,10 and 11 at la Quinta in Springfield.
- Hospitality will have their own room this year.
- Will not have meetings scheduled during lunch this year.
- \$115 per night this year for the hotel.
- Alanon has a rep at the committee.
- We will have a registration table at the Area Assembly.
- 7:30 Friday evening start.
- We are accepting donations for coffee, books, and cash.

Ad Hoc Committee's Report(s)

Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee

- We ask that the area secretary send out reminders prior to the next area meeting.
- The committee would like to have a recommendation ready for the fall assembly. There for the recommendation needs to be ready for May or June. Is this too soon?
- Need a DCM and standing Committee recommendation for the April Ad-hoc committee from each ad-hoc committee member.
- Results will be compiled after the March area meeting and be ready for dissemination by 3/20

Invited Committees

Institutions

- Treasurer's report: none due to the absence of contributions caused by an issue with the

PO box.

- BTG reports 3 calls and 2 received rides one was a BHN rep who did not understand and it was explained..
- Liason reported. New Liason stated thank you for the opportunity to serve and no other report.
- Chair gave definition of roll outs and roll ins.
- Old Business.
- None.
- New Business.
- Motion to talk about distribution of books. Berkshire commitments need more books.
- Discussion regarding % of and how they are currently being distributed and that the purpose of contributions from groups is for books being brought into institutions that cannot get out.
- Made a motion to have an ad-hoc committee created to look into the book distribution issue.
- Motion was made to use whatever money there is after they figure it out to purchase books.

Berkshire Intergroup:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- If possible give a month notice of event for flyers.
- Deadline for When & Where's is March 31st at 12:30 PM

WYYPAA

- Planning on putting in a bid for New England Conference.
- Speaker dance April 21st \$10 suggested donation.
- Committee is going strong with many participants.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

District 1:

- GSR presentation went well.
- Many new GSR's.
- Planning a workshop.

District 2:

- The Tuesday Women's group had their treasury taken by the treasurer who went back out. Made arrangements with their landlord to pay the rent off.
- Another group reported concerns with a newcomer harassing a female member and the 3rd tradition and how to proceed with that issue.
- The DCM attended the DCM workshop prior to the February area meeting and was pleasantly surprised by the result. Was skeptical prior to attending.
- Discussed Neraasa and the use of 7th tradition money to send a GSR to it.

District 3:

- The DCM discussed the DCM workshop she attended and shared her thoughts about what her job is and how to move forward.
- The LCM continues to attend groups and talk about the importance of a gsr and from the attendance level rising it seems to be working.
- There was a discussion regarding The Institutions Committee and how literature is dispersed.
- 2 groups reported inventories taken and another has one coming up.

District 4:

- Low turnout 7 GSR's.
- Trying to be inclusive and will be using the group information forms at the district meeting.
- Planning a workshop.
- Had 3 GSR's at Neraasa
- 2 groups had inventories.
- One of our groups moved to a different District.
- Attended the DCM round table at Neraasa and came away with many ideas.
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District 5:

- Hear and Now struggling with contributions and rent.
- Another group reports having difficulty with singleness of purpose. Do we allow people who only identify as an addict.
- GSR presentation was shown.

- 1 new GSR showed up.
- Still visiting active groups.
- Motion was brought to the floor to change district meeting time. Some GSR's were told by their home groups that a time change was ok.

District 6:

- Voted to have their first workshop in May.
- Fire code is an issue at one group and moving is not an attractive option.
- A groups treasurer drank and no money lost but an group inventory was suggested.
- GSR presentation was given at the meeting.
- Need a new secretary.
- A miscommunication found regarding sending in GSR forms. Problem resolved immediately upon discovery.
- Extra GSR packets and service manuals will be available at the next meeting.

Delegate's Remarks

- The agenda items are the reason for Neraasa and not the roundtables. The roundtables were an add on. This was information given at the Neraasa business meeting regarding a committee or 2 not having a round table at smaller venues because of a lack of rooms.
- Attended NERD with Alternate Delegate and trustee gave a report.
- Had a vote to have next year's conference in RYE NY instead of NYC at the conference last year but the GSO General manager decided to have it in NYC at a \$200,000 swing of money in the cost. Delegates not pleased.
- Explained the difference between the round-up and the mini conference.
- NERF topics, around the world and what they do. June 2-4th Mars Pa.
- Went to High watch at Nerd and saw a history of Highwatch.
- Discussion about renting a van
- Q&A about wasted money at GSO.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Attended NERD and Neraasa and attended the Delegate and Alternate delegate roundtables.
- Mass state convention Nov 11,12 and 13th.
- The next meeting for it is the last Tuesday of March.
- Went to districts 1,5 and 6 to give GSR presentations.
- Districts 2,4 next month.
- A delegate has summarized the 1000 pages for the conference into a 40 page document.
- The mini conference will be April 1.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Area Assembly is April 1 and 2.
- A reminder that we have a Traditions and Concepts meetings sponsored by the Area each month.
- Handbooks are being printed next week.
- Recap of reports.

Old Business:

Discussion about contributions.

New Business:

- Motion to cancel the April Area Committee Meeting passed.

Meeting closed at 9:50 PM