

Area 31 Meeting Minutes June 13th 2018
Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Mike S.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Paul H.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
AREA CHAIR *	Mike B.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
AREA TREASURER	Karl H.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
AREA SECRETARY	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sonja P.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	N						
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P.</i>	Y	N	Y		Y	Y						
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Moira E.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Bob R.	N	Y	Y		Y	N						
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Carl G.	N	N	Y		N	Y						
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Sarah F.	N	Y	Y		Y	N						
CPC CHAIR	Frank M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
CPC CO-CHAIR	Chris O	Y	Y	N		N	Y						
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Michael C.	Y	Y	Y		Y	N						
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Tania H.	N	Y	Y		Y	N						
P.I. CHAIR	Peg C.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Carol L.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
WEBSITE CHAIR	Ben E.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Amy G.	N	Y	N		N	Y						
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Andrew B.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
BERK. IGP CHAIR		N	N	N		N	N						
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Eric P. M.	Y	Y	N		N	Y						
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>		N	N	N		N	N						
ROUND UP CHAIR	Lee M	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
<i>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</i>	<i>Marion B</i>	Y	N	N		N	Y						
WMYPAA CHAIR	Tatiana S	N	N	N		N	Y						
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Alyssa F</i>	N	N	N		N	N						
District 1 DCM	Lynne S.	N	Y	Y		Y	Y						
District 1 CO-DCM	Yolanda R.	N	Y	N		N	Y						
District 2 DCM	Rick W.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						

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District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y						
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y	Y	N		Y	Y						
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y	N	N		Y	N						
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y	N	N		Y	Y						
District 4 CO-DCM	Anthony D.	Y	N	Y		N	Y						
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y						
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y		N	Y						
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y	Y	N		N	N						
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	27	24		24	27						

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

- Please have all receipts for NERAASA reimbursements into the treasurer by March 31st – Expect to have checks ready for the Spring assembly.
- Please put group name or number on donations
- Motion was made and seconded to “Cancel the Area Meeting in April due to the Spring Assembly”. Discussion. Motion carries

New Business

- Renting a van for NERAASA 2019 in Maryland?
- Area committee will meet downstairs for the summer.
- Keys- archives and Grape Vine committee chairs do not have keys to their meeting places.
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 - There was an issue because no one with keys showed up for committee meeting
- Hospitality basket for the Delegate at the GSC
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Treasurer's Report:

Beginning May Balance:	\$ 1,699.49
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,392.16
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 1,605.10
Closing February Balance:	\$ 1,486.55
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 9,986.55

Further comments:

- Contributions in May 2018 have decreased by \$1,114.06 from contributions in May 2017.
- There were 24 contributions made in May 2018.
- Contributions May 2018 YTD have decreased by \$1,862.24 from contributions May 2017

YTD.

- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted
Area Treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- Visited District 4 last month
- Visiting District 6 this month
- Visiting District 5 in July
- If you would like the Registrar to visit your district please call the Registrar at the number listed in the Area Contact List.
- All districts please call in meetings that no longer meet in your district so that the data base can be updated.

Area Archivist Report:

- Thank you for the opportunity to be of service as your Archivist in Area 31.
- I would like to "Thank" Carl for making himself available to serve as Archives Chair for the remainder of the year.
- I had the opportunity to spend a few hours in the Archives Office this past month. Kim who is on the Western Mass Intergroup Steering Committee and Paul our Alternate Delegate were both looking for Western Mass Intergroup history for the upcoming Western Mass Intergroup Anniversary Dinner.
- Paul borrowed a few CDs about Doc D. One of our earliest members.

Webmaster:

- Flyers to be posted for upcoming events should go to webmaster@area31aa.org and can be in pdf format provided they contain no personal information.
- The website now has 4 MP3s of the PI/CPC radio available but there have been struggles with the streaming technology.
- The website is in the process of moving over to a mobile friendly version.

Accessibility:

- 8 members in attendance
- Attended the Mass State Convention planning meeting and are getting ready to gear up. Once the program is finalized, we will submit for Spanish translation.
- We have a new weekly commitment to a woman at Wingate West Springfield which has been going well – Thursdays at 6pm.
- We have a woman in need of rides to meetings from High View Nursing Home in Northampton. We don't have any escorts available as of today but hope to meet the need. If anyone is interested, let me know.
- Large Print meeting lists are available. See accessibility chair person.
- No new calls so far in June.
- As always looking for support, please announce at Districts meetings. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm 474 Pleasant St. Holyoke.

Archives:

- Carl G. will serve as chairperson for the remainder of the year

- 114 messages in the archives email inbox since 2014.
- Cleared out inbox of old emails.
- The archives boards went to the Here and Now group in East Longmeadow on May 30th, going to the Cold Spring group on June 14th.
- There were no group representatives at the meeting.
- Old-timers event has been tabled until next year.
- Trying to build up the committee through outreach.
- Looking to enhance the Archives Committee page on the area website.
- Plan to reemploy a new representatives introduction letter.
- Looking to purchase an affordable printer/scanner.

CPC:

- Attendance was light but the committee has a core group of people available for presentations.
- The Chair and Co-Chair will be attending the District 3 meeting on June 15th to explain what the committee does to carry the message to professionals.
- Presenting at the Timbelyn Heights Nuero-Behavioral skilled nursing facility in Great Barrington on June 18th.
- Presenting at the Hillcrest Commons skilled nursing facility in Pittsfield on June 26th.
- Thank you to the AA member who set up the initial contacts at these facilities.

Grapevine:

- No Report

Public Information:

- Alt Delegate Paul attended to give Area report
- PI participation at the Round-up went very well.
- We have discontinued our commitment with Liberty Prep Academy. A meeting with the Director and head Counselor determined that PI is not a good fit for their needs.
- PI Co-Chair Carol visited District 5. Chair and Co-Chair will each visit 3 of the 6 Districts
- We were able to fill all 13 commitments for July due to dedicated committee members and former members who show up when needed.

Website Committee:

- 5 people in attendance
- New group representative from Suffield men's group
- Tri-fold pamphlets are finished. First printing will be for 250 copies.
- The Co-Chair will be visiting District 5.
- The Webmaster will be visiting District 1.
- The Chairperson will be visiting District 4.
- Please send meeting minutes to webpost@area31aa.org.

Western Mass Round Up:

- Held May 11-13
- pre-registrations-109, on-site registration-267. Total registrations for weekend: 376.
- 80 people attended the Friday night CPC/Ala-non meeting: 60 professionals and 20 AA/Ala-non
- 50 people attended the dance
- Round Up will be held on May 17-19 2019
- Prepaid audio CDs of the Round Up will be available for pick-up at the intergroup office on June 24th. Extras are available for \$10.

Invited Committees

Institutions:

- Will meet on July 11th due to the fourth of July holiday coinciding with the normal meeting day
- Attendance has been great
- Four meetings had people roll into the commitments
- \$1300 was spent on literature
- A letter is requested from any institution looking for an Institution committee commitment

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Mike M. is the new Co-Chair of Berkshire Intergroup
- The remaining positions are in flux at this time.
- The Intergroup is doing well financially. \$4603 in their account and a \$3000 prudent reserve
- An ad hoc committee has been formed to plan an intergroup picnic in September
- There was no quorum at the last meeting
- The Co-Chair has offered to take the Chairperson position if necessary

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Thank you to the groups for their donations
- Meet on the second Thursday of the month
- The standing committee chairs are invited to the Intergroup meeting to report on their activities
- Phone coverage, 27 calls received, 21 were informational. 6 were twelfth step calls, took 7 dial outs and totaled 96.55 operator minutes
- The online meeting list is always up to date
- There are two new Grapevine books available at the intergroup office, AA for the Woman and AA in the Military
- The Intergroup Anniversary meeting will be held on June 23rd with food and fellowship from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and speaker meeting that includes past Intergroup chairpersons sharing their experiences
- The Intergroup Family Picnic will be held on August 26th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Moose Family Center on Fuller Rd in Chicopee. Food will be available at a nominal cost. Events include Softball, Horse Shoes, and Live Music. Groups or individuals can donate items or money for the raffle. Please see Bobbi P (Archivist) or Lee M (Round Up Chairperson) about raffle donations.

WMYPAA

- The attendance at the meetings has been good
- The attendance of WMYPAA members at the Round Up was also good and funds were raised by selling T-shirts.
- Upcoming events include a bonfire and a game night. More information will follow
- Meet on the second Saturday of the Month at 5:00 pm at the Serenity Club located in the Monkey Wrench building in Springfield.

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- The committee did not meet last month
- The committee will meet next month on the last Sunday at 3:00 pm at Providence Hospital in Holyoke
- The Dodgeball tournament was a success

- A kickball tournament is a possibility for the future
- The committee attended EACYPAA
- The committee has started a young people's meeting on Saturdays at 7:00 pm at Providence Hospital.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 11 people in attendance
- Group reports indicated that the attending groups were all self-supporting
- An Intergroup officer and the Webmaster made reports to the district
- The district is in the process of picking a workshop topic and a date
- The district put on a well-attended workshop at the Round Up on the topic of Rule #62
- No new business was introduced at the meeting

District 2:

- Meeting was well attended.
- The district plans on buying service manuals for new GSRs
- The GSR for the Daily Reflections meeting in Holyoke reports that the church has raised their rent by \$25 to cover insurance and that the meeting will be moving back to the United Congregational Church on July 1st
- A discussion was held about "The God Word" pamphlet
- There was a question about removing people from group member lists
- The combined Districts 2 and 4 workshop has been rescheduled for September

District 3:

- Our last meeting was May 18th with 14 GSRs present.
- Mike B., Area Chair, gave a brief talk describing Concept 5 and the Minority opinion. Then Mike answered questions. Great presentation!
- All GSRs reported that their Groups were doing well.
- Tom and Will reported on their experience at the Round Up .
- After a discussion of the topic for Workshop, an Ad Hoc committee was appointed to come up with topic for Sept. Workshop.
- CPC Chair will be presenting what CPC Committee does at our next District Meeting 6/15/18.

District 4:

- The district has a new Co-DCM, Anthony D
- The delegate's report was discussed
- The District is trying to inspire the GSRs to own the workshop experience

District 5:

- District 5 workshop will be held on June 2nd from 10 am – 1 pm at the Devine Mercy Church 2267 Main St Three Rivers. Good speakers.
- Some groups in the district are struggling
- Groups reminded that they need to practice the spirit of rotation in service
- The Chicopee 1,2,3, step meeting may have to relocate
- A GSR asked about the safety card and its lack of mentioning weapons, knives specifically, at AA meetings
- A group is planning on taking ten dollars per meeting from its seventh tradition collection to use for next year's anniversary celebration. It was suggested to the group that they should be

transparent by letting people know this before passing the basket

District 6:

- Meeting attendance was down
- A new GSR from Enfield Young People's group attended.
- A representative from the Intergroup committee visited.
- The district is searching for a secretary
- The attending groups did not report any problems or issues
- The district discussed anonymity in relation to personal assessments
- The district will be hosting a workshop on July 28th at the United Methodist church on Brainerd Rd in Enfield CT from 12:00 to 3:00 pm. The topics will be "Clarity of Purpose" and "Anonymity". There will be a raffle, pizza, and refreshments.
- The district will be holding two workshops again this year

Delegate's Remarks

- The latest issue of BOX 459 is available
- Thank you all for the gift basket
- The delegate's report is available online at area website www.area31aa.org
- 2019 GSC Theme: "Our Big Book 80 years 71 Languages"
- Discussion Topics for 2019
 1. Yesterday's World- Our Legacies Begin
 2. Today's World- Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service
 3. Tomorrow's World- Courage to be Vigilant
- Workshop topic is "Clarity of Purpose"
- AA is looking for two class A trustees, please reach out to the delegate by email at delegate@area31aa.org if you know of anyone who might be interested
- AA is also looking a class B trustee for the north east region
- GSO is seeking recovery experience Spanish speaking women in AA
- GSO is seeking stories with experiences relating to the three legacies

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- The General Service Conference took no action on the censure of or the reorganization of the General Service Board
- The allowable annual donation amount from AA members has increased from \$3000 to \$5000.
- The General Service Conference voted to change the name of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman" to "Experience, Strength, and Hope: Women in AA."
- The conference approved allowing AA in the U.S. and Canada to publish the pamphlet called "The God Word" rather than produce a new pamphlet directed towards the atheist and agnostic
- The conference recommended that the draft pamphlet "Experience, Strength, and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Issues – and those who sponsor them" be approved.
- The trustee's committee agreed to develop language stating that anonymity is not a cloak for protecting criminal behavior
- Weapons were not specified above
- The General Service Conference report will be available at the end of the summer
- The next Mass State Convention planning meeting will be held on July 31st. The carpool will depart the parking lot at the bowling alley on Burnett Rd in Chicopee at 6:00 pm
- The next Service Manual meeting will be held on June 20th at 7:30 pm
- The next Concept Meeting will be held on July 5th at 7:30 pm

Area Chair Remarks:

- Gratefully serving as Area Chair
- There is an Area Commitment at the Berkshire group in Pittsfield on June 27th at 6:00 pm
- The Spring Assembly will be held in District 3
- Fall assembly will have workshops on group service positions
- Have begun discussing adding the capability of making donations on the area website

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- Determine the location of the Fall assembly at the next meeting.

New Business:

- The archives committee keys have been found
- The Fall Assembly will be in Springfield or Chicopee

Closed at 9:23 pm.