

Area 31 Meeting Minutes August 15th 2018
Called to order at 7:40 PM

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

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District 2 CO-DCM	Tim G.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N				
District 3 DCM	Tom L.	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	N				
District 3 CO-DCM	Will H.	Y	N	N		Y	N	N	N				
District 4 DCM	Lisa W.	Y	N	N		Y	Y	Y	N				
District 4 CO-DCM	Anthony D.	Y	N	Y		N	Y	N	Y				
District 5 DCM	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N				
District 5 CO-DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
District 6 DCM	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y				
District 6 CO-DCM	Brian M.	Y	Y	N		N	N	Y	N				
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	25	27	24		24	27	22	21				

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

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

New Business

- Motion made to add Bob B. as our first webmaster to the area history section of the area handbook on page 20 below 2013 after the paragraph stating the webmaster being voted in.
- Motion carries

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning July Balance:	\$ 2,610.44
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,554.41
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 2,322.89
Closing July Balance:	\$ 1,841.96
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 10,341.96

Further comments:

- Contributions in July 2018 have decreased by \$1,048.44 from contributions in July 2017.
- There were 29 contributions made in May 2018.
- Contributions July 2018 YTD have decreased by \$3,530.96 from contributions July 2017 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted
Area Treasurer

Registrar's Report:

- Visited districts 5 and 2 making 4 of the 6 districts visited
- Still need to visit districts 1 and 3

- There is an issue with GSRs not getting their packages
- Addressed 5 or 6 cases of this issue this month
- Posed the question of what to do about this to the “Registrar Google Group”
- The belief is that things will get better when the new GSO database goes live

Area Archivist Report:

- Not a busy month
- Some sorting at home
- Missed the Archives Committee Meeting
- The Website Committee is looking to update the Area 31 History
- If any of you think there is something that should be added let us know
- Working on archival tree with groups listed by district and start date

Webmaster:

- The GSO will be purchasing the licensing for the “Meeting Guide”
- Have been receiving notices that we need a security certificate for our website

Accessibility:

- 8 members in attendance in July
- Attended the Mass State Convention planning meeting
- Once the final program is received, it will be submitted for translation into Spanish
- Translators have been contacted and booked for the convention
- Deaf members who plan to attend the convention are encouraged to request interpretation as the convention is now on the calendar with MCDHH
- The weekly commitment for Betty has been going well
- No new calls so far in August
- Always looking for help

Archives:

- 3 in attendance
- The Archives board went to the district 6 workshop
- The Archives boards will be going to the East Mountain Group on 8/17
- The Archives boards will be going to the Amherst Monday Night Group on 9/24
- Visited Intergroup and five of the districts, still need to visit district 3
- The co-chair has the first draft of the Archives pamphlet completed in word format
- Attended the website committee meeting to enhance the Archives page on the website, provided an image of the Archives boards for addition to the webpage
- The delegate requested information regarding the conference reports

CPC:

- 3 members in attendance
- Reached out to probation department of Springfield court, will present to them next month
- The committee is looking for help

Grapevine:

- August Edition is Available
- Article on pg20 “Crazy About Service”
- Article titled “Enraged” an item on the 8th step
- Flyers for the Grape Jam on 9/22 from 5:30 to 11:30 pm are available
- WMYPAA collaborating on the Grape Jam, will put on a dance that has a five dollar suggested donation

- The committee will need help with setup at 4:30pm prior to the event
- The committee is looking for donations of Grapevines and AA books
- The Grape Jam will have Spanish and ASL translation available
- The speakers are members from our area that have been published in the Grapevine
- The Grapevine chair has attended two district workshops

Public Information:

- 3 new members- all of whom signed up for commitments
- PI visited to District 2 this month
- Discussing adding info about sponsorship to PI presentation- participants often have questions about that
- Still looking into putting a PSA on Patch – they currently don't serve western MA but they said they will be adding western MA to the expansion list. Patch is an independent local news and information platform. They operate in over a thousand hyperlocal locations in all 50 states.

Website Committee:

- All members present including two group representatives
- The archives committee visited
- Webmaster unable to attend the AA technology workshop – co-chair will attend
- Attended district 6 workshop and discussed online anonymity
- The handbook editor suggested that some changes be made and has been authorized to make the grammatical edits

Western Mass Round Up:

- No report

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Office is doing well
- Mike M. elected to the chairperson position
- The committee has a new treasurer and secretary
- Workshop in district 3 on 9/8 from 9 am to 12 pm

Institutions:

- Great attendance
- Contributions were low due to a late meeting the month before
- Will next meet on 9/5 at Providence hospital
- There is a scheduling issue with one of the facilities
- The 2018 Corrections Conference will be held in Maine from November 2nd through the 4th

Western Mass Intergroup:

- No report

WMYPAA

- No report

NECYPAA Bid Committee

- Working on a kickball tournament- it has been moved to September
- ICYPAA 8/29-31 in Baltimore

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 10 in attendance
- The groups report that they are self-supporting and doing well
- District 1 workshop is tentatively scheduled for 9/29 but may be moved back
- A theme still needs to be chosen for the workshop

District 2:

- 15 in attendance
- There is a group that has its service positions rotating every three months
- The district 2 workshop has an ad hoc committee and is tentatively scheduled for 12/1

District 3:

- No report

District 4:

- 9 GSRs from 8 groups in attendance
- The district 4 workshop is tentatively scheduled for 9/29 from 10am – 12pm the location is to be determined

District 5:

- The area registrar visited
- The archives chairperson visited
- The districts new GSRs are not getting their packages
- 11 GSRs were present
- The district will meet on the Labor Day holiday in September

District 6:

- 9 GSRs in attendance
- The archives chairperson visited the district
- The East Mountain group celebrated its anniversary
- Discussed the Mass State Convention
- Discussed upcoming district elections
- The district has received good feedback on the “online anonymity” workshop topic
- Next meeting 9/20

Delegate’s Remarks

- The General Service Conference will be held on May 19th through the 25th
- The Round Up committee is trying to book the hotel
- Board of Trustees report – Literature sales are down- Contributions are up
- Smart Phone App will be available in September
- The General Service Office is updating its databases- initially focusing on finances
- Concept 8 page 33 paragraph 3 and concept 11 page 52 last paragraph and page 53 first paragraph should be referenced with respect to “Attempts to merge AAWS and Grapevine”, the reading suggests that they should be kept separate, the conference took no action on this issue, believe this should be discussed in area 31

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Mass State Program Committee
- Have tentative schedule complete
- Will meet on 9/15 to finalize the schedule
- Speakers and Facilitators are being assembled
- Next State Convention planning meeting to be held on 9/25 at 7:30 pm – meet at the bowling alley on Burnett Rd at 6 pm to carpool to the meeting
- Online registration is open and paper registration forms are available
- The service manual meeting will be held on 8/29 at 7:30 pm
- The concept meeting will be held on 9/6 at 7:30 pm
- The CPC and PI committees are invited to have a table at the 2018 western mass recovery day at the Springfield recovery high school on 9/21 from 10:45 am to 2:00 pm
- The Mass State Convention Program Committee met last Saturday

Area Chair Remarks:

- The fall assembly agenda handout is tentative- it will be finalized for the next area meeting

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- Motion carries

New Business:

- Motion made to have the area meeting meet on the second Wednesday of the month
- Motion carries