



		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Suzanne L.	Y											
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Tim M	Y											
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>	Joan P.	N											
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Anthony D.	Y											
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>	Emily	N											
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Andy D.	Y											
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	Bill H.	Y											
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	Cathy S.	Y											
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	John M.	Y											
<b>Quorum =18</b>	* only votes to make/break a tie	26											

**Secretary's Report:**

Old Business

- NECYPAA Bid Committee would like a letter of support for their bid from the area
- Motion made to "Write a letter of support for the NECYPAA bid Committee"
- Motion carries
- Motion made to "Reimburse the Accessibility Committee Chairperson for their expenses associated with the Mass State Convention"
- Motion carries
- Motion made to "Keep the mileage reimbursement rate at 32 cents per mile"
- Motion carries
- Motion made to adopt budget scenario "C"
- Motion carries

New Business

- Too many workshops

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning December Balance:	\$ 5,037.99
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,933.65
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 2,060.803
Closing December Balance:	\$ 5,610.84
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 14,110.84

Further comments:

- Contributions in December 2018 have increased by \$1334.49 from contributions in December 2017.
- There were 36 contributions made in December 2018.
- Contributions December 2018 YTD have decreased by \$1816.83 from contributions December 2017 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

### **Area Archivist Report:**

I would like to welcome the Chair Frank and Co-Chair Sue to the Archives Committee.

I have made folders for the 7 Standing Committees, 4 Invited Committees and 6 Districts.

Included in the folder are attendance sheets. They are intended to simplify that process. I have noticed a huge lack of information on the Committees and Districts in the Archives from the past few years.

What I would like you to include in the folder are:

- ~Attendance Sheets
- ~Meeting Minutes if possible
- ~Flyers from your events
- ~Any pertinent information from your Committee or District.

This is something I would like to try. You, as Chairs have the choice to use the folder or not.

### **Registrar's Report:**

Hello Area Committee, I am Sonja your Area 31 Registrar,

I regret not being present this month I am home with flu virus A.

I want to welcome all new committee members and say I look forward to working with you in the coming year. I am grateful to be able serve this committee and our area.

Please forward all new group and GSR info sheets to my Area email: registrar@area31aa.org, or take clear photos and send to 413-xxx-xxxx. I am available by phone for any questions or help you may need. I know this will be a busy time for all of us and am ready to do my best. If there are GSR's without packets and have been without packets for at least a month have them call me at home and I will fix them up in approximately 10 minutes or so. One GSR happened to call last month when I was in NH and I subsequently lost his number to call him back, a Mr. Mike L.? Please if you know him have him call me back. Otherwise, I have had 100% success in clearing up any registration issues when GSR's call me. I have fixed several various problems this way so far.

Please remember this is a very exciting time at GSO with a new data base and with it a new system for all registrars. Like all exciting things and changes, this means we will need patience. Mike has asked me to attend the DCM workshop on Feb 2nd and I will be there to give a detailed overview of what I do, the ways I can serve you, and answer your questions.

On to the issue facing me in regards to NERAASA. I intended to register and reserve a room for Amy G and I last month. I completely dropped the ball. This is unusual for me and it has me slightly panicked. The hotel and back up are booked full now. I am hoping God has a plan. I am looking for a room I can share? Or an alternative solution I haven't thought of yet? I appreciate any consideration in this matter. I feel it's very important that I be there especially this year with the database changes.

Thank you

### **Webmaster:**

- The committee and district minutes that have been sent to the “webpost” email address should now be sent to the webmaster at webmaster@area31aa.org
- The meeting list for area 31 on the General Service Office Application and the Meeting Guide Application is a big project but is moving along.
- It is important that all area email addresses including the committees and district be checked on a regular basis. They are listed on the website as a means of contacting the area committee members

**Accessibility:**

- 8 members present at the December meeting
- There have been no new calls
- There was a short presentation of the AA World Services video channel launched on YouTube. It provides an additional platform from which AAWS-produced videos can be easily shared with a broad audience. The new channel can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AlcoholicsAnonymousWorldServicesInc>

**Archives:**

- Discussed the mission of the committee
- Had a tour of the archives
- Archive boards will be displayed at the Randall Group anniversary

**CPC:**

- Bring boards to Randall Group February 17th 64th anniversary
- Planning on drug court commitment (no date set yet)
- Radio show commitment continuing
- 10 members at yesterday’s meeting. Hoping to continue to bring in members. Struggled with support last year.

**Grapevine:**

- 3 Grapevine representatives attended the meeting
- Have not received the January issue of the Grape Vine yet
- The Grape Vine boards have been requested by the Randall Group for their anniversary on February 17<sup>th</sup>

**Public Information:**

- The committee has had someone volunteer as secretary
- 12 members were in attendance with several being new
- Presented at Westfield High School and will be going back in September
- There are about 15 commitments each month
- CORI checks have been confirmed for members that will be going the Hampden County Jail in Ludlow
- The committee will be presenting at the Section 35 program at the Mill St. facility in Springfield
- Northampton High School and Minnechaug Regional High School are both interested in presentations

**Website Committee:**

- 4 people in attendance
- More website pamphlets will be printed
- The chairperson did not receive the keys
- No co-chair as of December

### **Western Mass Round Up:**

- No report

### **Invited Committees**

#### **Berkshire Intergroup:**

- No report

#### **Institutions:**

- No report

#### **Western Mass Intergroup:**

- The Christmas alchothon was huge success especially from 1:00 am to 5:00 am
- The new meeting list has gone to the printer and the hope is to have them by the end of the month
- The annual inventory has been completed and there will be a report in the future
- Donations are still light but intergroup is managing to survive

#### **WMYPAA**

- No report

#### **NECYPAA Bid Committee**

- Lost the bid for 2019 NECYPAA to Rhode Island
- Area 31 will bid on hosting NECYPAA again
- The bid committee meets monthly at Providence hospital
- Event are to be determined
- The committee may merge back with WMYPAA

### **DISTRICT REPORTS**

#### **District 1:**

- La Luz de un Milagro group has moved to 235 Chestnut St. in Springfield
- 9 people in attendance including 3 new GSRs
- New Co-DCM has been elected

#### **District 2:**

- No report

#### **District 3:**

- Elected New Co-DCM
- The GSR presentation will be given at the next district meeting

#### **District 4:**

- Made rounds of the district to check on groups
- Elected new Co-DCM

- Topic of discussion was the idea of having more exposure to the concepts at the district meeting

#### **District 5:**

- 13 GSRs in attendance with 3 new GSRs
- 4 GSRs have not received their packets
- Format for groups on a spreadsheet, it is available for other districts

#### **District 6:**

- Elected new secretary
- Elected new Co-DCM
- Will be visiting the district's meetings to get more GSR participation

#### **Delegate's Remarks**

- The delegate is the area's link to the General Service Office in New York
- Please ask questions, email [delegate@area31aa.org](mailto:delegate@area31aa.org)
- New delegates have received assignments
- Conference buddy is from Iowa
- GSO doing well with finances attributed to electronic donations
- NERAASA 2/22-2/24
- Expenses partially reimbursed
- Main hotel booked
- Communication audit available via a link on the area website
- The concern is that we need to improve communication with sick and suffering alcoholic
- There are 32 agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference
- The area 31 class B nominee resume' has been sent to New York
- The executive editor for the Grape Vine has left the position, someone from area 31 has submitted a resume'

#### **Alternate Delegate Remarks:**

- Alternate delegate is available to the districts for GSR presentation
- Workshop for DCMs, Co-DCMs, and GSRs on 2/2
- Going to district 3 for a GSR presentation
- "Impact Collaborative" report "Bringing Bill W.'s vision into the 21<sup>st</sup> century (Abridged)"
- "Assets designed for the Professional Community do not speak in a language that is germane to their respective professions, or delivered over the platforms that they use"
- The pamphlets need to be upgraded
- "The next step that AA takes have a profound implication and depend completely on how willingly AA acts on the changes needed to advance its reach"
- The next Mass State Convention planning committee meeting is on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in Framingham
- A carpool will meet at the bowling alley on Burnett Rd in Chicopee at 6:00 pm
- The planning committee will meet every other month
- The "Impact Collaborative" report has recently been released and can be found on our website [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org). It is called "A.A. Internal/External Communications Audit Report Bringing Bill W.'s vision into the 21<sup>st</sup> century (abridged)"

#### **Area Chair Remarks:**

- No venue has been secured for the Spring assembly yet
- Only one person attended the area commitment in Sunderland

- The area has a commitment to the Ludlow group at 7:30 pm on January 31<sup>st</sup>
- The area has a commitment to the Singleness of Purpose Group anniversary 6:00 pm for food and fellowship and meeting at 7:30 pm on February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Ad Hoc committee researching the combining of AA world service and AA Grape Vine has met
- The DCM, Co-DCM, and GSR workshop is from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 474 Pleasant St in Holyoke
- Rental van for NERAASA 12 people going

**Old Business:**

- Too many workshops

**New Business:**

- Motion made to rent a second van for NERAASA
- Motion made to cancel van if we don't have enough people
- Motion carries
- Archives looking for reimbursement of Mass State Convention expenses. It has been our precedent
- Idea brought up of putting some of our prudent reserve into a CD

The meeting closed at 8:54 pm with the unity declaration