

Area 31 Meeting Minutes August 14th 2019
Called to order at 7:32 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	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
AREA SECRETARY	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sonja P.</i>	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Bob R.	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y				
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Joe K.	N	N	Y		Y	Y	N	N				
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Frank M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	N				
ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR	Sue S.	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N				
CPC CHAIR	Chris O	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N				
CPC CO-CHAIR	Dawn T.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Tania H.	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	N				
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
P.I. CHAIR	Carol L.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
P.I. CO-CHAIR	Michael C.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N				
WEBSITE CHAIR	Amy G.	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y				
WEBSITE CO-CHAIR	Jax M.	Y	N	N		N	N	N	Y				
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Charlie R.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Mike M.	N	Y	N		N	Y	Y	Y				
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Jim R.	N	N	N		N	N	N	N				
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Charlie M.</i>	N	N	N		N	N	N	N				
ROUND UP CHAIR	Marion B	N	Y	Y		N	N	Y	N				
ROUND UP CO-CHAIR	Mary D.	N	Y	N		Y	N	N	N				
WMYPAA CHAIR	Alyssa F	N	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y				
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Kyle G.</i>	N	N	N		N	N	N	N				
District 1 DCM	Yolanda R.	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N				
District 1 CO-DCM	Joe B.	N	Y	Y		N	Y	N	Y				
District 2 DCM	Tim G.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				

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District 2 CO-DCM	Suzanne L.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
District 3 DCM	Tim M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y				
District 3 CO-DCM	Joan P.	N	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
District 4 DCM	Anthony D.	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	N				
District 4 CO-DCM	Emily C.	N	N	N		N	N	N	N				
District 5 DCM	Andy D.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y				
District 5 CO-DCM	Bill H.	Y	Y	N		Y	N	N	N				
District 6 DCM	Cathy S.	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	N				
District 6 CO-DCM	John M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	N				
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	26	28	26		26	24	24	20				

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

- The delegate will send a letter to area 48 Hudson, Mohawk, Berkshire to ask them to drop Berkshire from their name

New Business

- None

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning July Balance:	\$ 1,740.00
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,825.23
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 2,102.53
Closing July Balance:	\$ 1,962.80
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 10,462.80

Further comments:

- Contributions in July 2019 have increased by \$1,270.92 from contributions in July 2018.
- There were 48 contributions made in July 2019.
- Contributions 2019 YTD have increased by \$4,661.94 from contributions 2018 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted
Area Treasurer

Area Archivist Report:

- Bus trip to GSO on hold, perhaps it will happen in the spring

Webmaster:

- Have received bit and pieces of information for posting that has included incorrect information
- Need the flyer for the Grape Vine event

Registrar's Report:

- Have the updated forms
- The new database is up and running, GSO is shifting registrars to the new system, the old system is still available
- GSR packages have been going out
- Please add apartment numbers to addresses if applicable
- Lost access to the MELISA database

Accessibility:

The Accessibility Committee held its monthly meeting on July 24th. Three members attended. The Delegate updated the committee including fundraising initiatives and status updates on the Mass State Convention. No new requests for accessibility services were received in the month of July nor since the meeting was held.

Chair introduced a motion for consideration: to change the December meeting date of December 25th to the 3rd Wednesday of December.

Archives:

- No report

CPC:

- There were 3 group representatives in attendance
- Discussed reaching out to nursing schools
- The committee will be attending an event at American International College in August

Grapevine:

- Grape Jam 75th Anniversary of the Grape Vine celebration will be held at the Beckett Congregational Church located at 22 YMCA Rd. in Beckett, MA on September 14th from 12 to 4 pm.
- Grape Jam flyer is on the Intergroup website

Public Information:

- 12 members in attendance including 1 new member from the East Mountain Group
- A Wilbraham Group member attended the meeting and is considering joining
- The committee filled all of its commitments
- A commitment to Palmer High School is being set up
- Discussed the idea of combining CPC and PI
- There is a possible commitment coming up in District 3
- The website has not been able to get the PI/CPC radio shows for the last two weeks

Website Committee:

- There were 6 people in attendance
- The committee has a new co-chair
- The committee has a new member from the Suffield Monday Night Group
- District 5 talked about their upcoming workshop and requested the website boards
- The committee will be visiting District 1

Western Mass Round Up:

- The audio recordings of the Round Up are available
- The next meeting will be September 11th at 6 pm

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup:

- Started a Speaker Exchange (bookie) meeting and had twelve groups attend, the next meeting will be on September 9th at 7 pm at the Berkshire Intergroup Office
- Berkshire Intergroup is planning a bus trip to the GSO date to be determined
- The office manager is stepping down

Institutions:

- No report

Western Mass Intergroup:

- The Intergroup Picnic will be held on August 25th at the Moose Family Center on Fuller Rd in Chicopee from 11 am to 6 pm featuring games, softball, and a bounce house
- Created an Ad Hoc committee to investigate a “Point of Sale” system for the Intergroup office
- The Intergroup has decided to reinstate the steering committee
- Intergroup will be holding its elections in November
- The Christmas Alcothon will be held in December as usual

WMYPAA

- Meetings are on the last Sunday of each month at 3pm at Providence Hospital
- Attended a NECYPAA cookout was held by the Area 11 NECYPAA bid committee
- Will be holding a talent show at the United Congregational Church in Holyoke on November 2nd
- Will be holding a “Friend Giving” event at the United Congregational Church in Holyoke on November 27th
- WMYPAA currently maintains five service commitments
- Working on the bid for 2020 NECYPAA
- Will be attending ICYPAA in Boston
- WMYPAA has T-shirts and tank tops for sale

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- 5 GSRs attended the meeting
- One of the GSRs in attendance has stated that his group would like a group inventory
- A group reported that their attendance and membership are down
- District 1 will hold its workshop on October 26th at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield
- The workshop topic will be the focus of the next district meeting
- The district discussed having the co-DCM visit non-represented groups and extolling the value of having a GSR

District 2:

- 15 GSRs and 1 Alternate attended the meeting
- There were no issues during the GSR discussion
- The Mulberry St group is getting back to normal after much turmoil created by a hostile group member
- Discussed the district workshop and had four GSRs volunteer
- District 2 is looking to work with another district on the workshop

District 3:

- 11 GSRs and 1 Alternate attended the meeting
- Representatives from WMYPAA visited the district
- There were some group concerns that came up during the discussion
- The district requests a Public Information presence at an event in Pittsfield, there is a question concerning “affiliation”
- The district will hold a workshop with a CPC theme in October that will include Berkshire Intergroup, the tentative date is October 26th

District 4:

- No report

District 5:

- 13 GSRs attended the meeting
- GSRs are complaining about attendance at group business meetings
- Two GSRs have stepped up to assist with LCM work due to a medical issue with the current LCM
- The district 5 workshop at the Hitchcock Academy in Brimfield on September 21st from 10 am to 1 pm

District 6:

- No report

Delegate’s Remarks

- The Mass State Convention registration flyers are out
- The General Service Conference report is out and is available online on our area website
- The Mass State Convention is still searching for a hospitality co-chair
- District please consider holding your elections before the fall assembly
- Registration opens for the International Convention in Detroit on September 9th at 10 am Eastern Daylight Time
- The “Meeting Guide” application should be out this month, remember that the old version must be deleted before downloading the new version

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- The registrations were mailed out recently and if you didn’t get one, you can see me or Ray.
- As the result of last year’s evaluations there are going to be several changes in this year’s MA State Convention related to the program committee and the entertainment committee.
- There are plans to have the program less service related and have them more focused on people talking from the heart. Part of this will be having a time slot for a home group celebration (more info to follow). Also, several new activities are planned for the entertainment committee including a comedian one of the nights.
- I have a flyer that shows many of the additional event that will be taking place throughout the weekend. Please come up to the table after the meeting if you would like a copy of the flyer.

Area Chair Remarks:

- The area has a commitment to the Making Progress group in Hadley on September 19th, 2019 at 7:30 pm
- The area has a commitment to the Hand in Hand group in West Springfield on September 27th, 2019 at 7:00 pm
- The area has a commitment to the Grape Vine Meeting in Suffield CT on September 30th,

2019 at 7:00 pm

- Past trustee has asked the committees to have an understanding of your statement of purpose in preparation for the upcoming area inventory at the fall assembly

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- The area chair can set up an Ad Hoc committee, if necessary, after the inventory at the fall assembly
- The Public Information request by District 3: The Crane Center Living in Recovery peer recovery group is holding a workshop and fair and would like Alcoholics Anonymous to attend, the area's conscience is the Public Information committee should attend
- The area will support co-sponsoring a hospitality room at the International Convention with Area 30

The meeting closed with the unity declaration