

Area 31 Meeting Minutes November 13<sup>th</sup> 2019  
Called to order at 7:34 PM

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>AREA DELEGATE</b>	Mike S.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>ALTERNATE DELEGATE</b>	Paul H.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>AREA CHAIR *</b>	Mike B.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>AREA TREASURER</b>	Karl H.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>AREA SECRETARY</b>	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sonja P.</i>	N	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N		Y	
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Bobbi P.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR</b>	Bob R.	Y	Y	N		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR</b>	Joe K.	N	N	Y		Y	Y	N	N	N		N	
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Frank M.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	N	Y		Y	
<b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>	John G.	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N	N		Y	
<b>CPC CHAIR</b>	Chris O	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	
<b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>	Dawn T.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	
<b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>	Tania H.	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	N	Y		Y	
<b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>	Renee K.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	
<b>P.I. CHAIR</b>	Carol L.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>	Michael C.	Y	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	N	Y		Y	
<b>WEBSITE CHAIR</b>	Amy G.	Y	Y	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	Y		N	
<b>WEBSITE CO-CHAIR</b>	Jax M.	Y	N	N		N	N	N	Y	Y		Y	
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>	Charlie R.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N		N	
<b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>	Mike M.	N	Y	N		N	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>	Jim R.	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		N	
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Charlie M.</i>	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		N	
<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Andy D.	N	Y	Y		N	N	Y	N	N		Y	
<b>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</b>	Yolanda R.	N	Y	N		Y	N	N	N	N		Y	
<b>WMYPAA CHAIR</b>	Alyssa F	N	Y	Y		N	N	Y	Y	Y		N	
<i>WMYPAA Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Kyle G.</i>	N	N	N		N	N	N	N	N		N	
<b>District 1 DCM</b>	Yolanda R.	Y	Y	N		Y	N	Y	N	Y		Y	
<b>District 1 CO-DCM</b>	Joe B.	N	Y	Y		N	Y	N	Y	Y		Y	
<b>District 2 DCM</b>	Tim G.	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N	

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

**Secretary's Report:**

Old 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 that the Public Information committee should attend
- The area will support co-sponsoring a hospitality room at the International Convention with Area 30

New Business

- Motion was made to include a line item for the area website expenses to be included in the area budget – The area will become responsible for expenses incurred for hosting and maintaining the website
- The item passed with substantial unanimity
- Someone had an issue with the WMYPAA flyer for the talent show that advertised a cash prize, no one attended the area meeting to speak out about the issue, WMYPAA offered to talk to the individuals involved
- A motion was made to "Cancel the Area Meeting in October due to its proximity to the area assembly"
- The motion passed with substantial unanimity
- The next area meeting is the budget meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Grape Vine committee requested an additional \$141.97 to pay for the Grape Jam
- The item passed with substantial unanimity
- Need to explain to the party who sent us \$100 why we cannot accept the money
- Every year eastern and western mass archives committees attend the Massachusetts State Convention, the person who attends in place of the archives chair is funded as long as they understand their responsibilities
- Motion retracted

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning October Balance:	\$ 4,343.91
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,008.67
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 1,964.81
Closing October Balance:	\$ 4,387.77
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,500.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 12,887.77

### Further comments:

- Contributions in October 2019 have increased by \$156.42 from contributions in October 2018.
- There were 29 contributions made in October 2019.
- Contributions 2019 YTD have increased by \$5,527.02 from contributions 2018 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

Respectfully Submitted  
Area Treasurer

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

- Taking new or updated group information but only sending emails to the General Service Office
- There is no access to the database until further notice
- The printing of the group information sheets will continue when access to the database is restored

### **Area Archivist Report:**

- Met on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to work on the archives for one and a half hours
- Will continue to meet every first Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the archives office to continue the work, everyone is welcome to assist

### **Webmaster:**

- The website has been moved to a new server
- The internet address to access the area email is <https://www.area31aa.org/webmail>
- The website is now secure
- The email inboxes are huge, the majority of the space being used for our website is now email

### **Delegate's Remarks**

- The Mass State Convention was a hit – good showing
- The comedy show at the convention was a big hit
- The first meeting of the planning committee is on January 28, 2020 – The carpool will leave from the bowling alley on Burnett Rd in Chicopee at 6 pm
- The areas need to increase the room nights we use at the hotel, if we don't meet the contracted number of room nights, we pay for the difference
- NERAASA 2020 is coming up in February on the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Nashua, NH
- A DVD of the big book in American Sign Language has been released by the General Service Office, in it, the book Alcoholics Anonymous is signed, spoken, and subtitled
- The General Service Office has rented 5000 ft<sup>2</sup> of space on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of their building- the space is not for the Grape Vine or La Vina, it is for publishing
- The Grape Vine and AA World Service should be kept separate
- There is a proposed agenda item to remove the words He, His, and Him from the twelve steps and twelve traditions and replace them with God

- There is a proposed agenda item to translate the book Alcoholics Anonymous into plain language
- There is a proposed agenda item to change the wording of the Preamble from “men and women” to “people”
- The recommendation to change the policy on changes to literature will be coming up at the General Service Conference as well

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

- Thank you to the people from Area 31 that accepted panel positions at the Mass State Convention
- There is a proposed agenda item to develop a book titled “AA Comes of Age II” to chronicle the history of AA from the end of “AA Comes of Age” until the present
- There is a proposed agenda item to consider an amendment to the title of “Living Sober” to “Living Sober: How Not to Take the First Drink”
- There is a proposed agenda item to develop literature that shares experience, strength, and hope on meditation
- There is a proposed agenda item to develop a pamphlet that describes how the AA Grape Vine can be used to carry the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic

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

- The area has a commitment to the Scrambled Eggs Group in Holyoke on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:30 am
- The area has a commitment to the Wild Cats Group in Agawam on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30 pm
- The area has a commitment to the Sunday Night Life Group in Haydenville on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:30 pm
- The District 4 meeting will be held in the educational building

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The budget meeting was conducted by the treasurer.

The treasurer will bring budget proposals to the December area meeting to be voted on.

**New Business:**

- Motion was made that the area supports a general service conference agenda item that was started and passed unanimously by the Southern Berkshire Group and passed unanimously by District 3 that AA World Services develop a piece of literature devoted to relocating in sobriety
- Motion passed unanimously and will be voted on again at the Spring Assembly

The meeting closed with the unity declaration