# Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes April14, 2021 Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
AREA DELEGATE	Paul H.	Υ	Υ	IVIAICII	Y								
ALTERNATE DELEGATE	Mike B.	Υ	Υ		Y								
AREA CHAIR *	Steve M.	Υ	Υ		Υ								
AREA TREASURER	Ray M.	Υ	Υ		Y								
AREA SECRETARY	Renee F.	Υ	Υ		Y								
AREA REGISTRAR	Sonja P.	Υ	N		Y								
AREA ARCHIVIST	Bobbi P.	Υ	Υ		Y								
ACCESSIBILITY CHAIR	Jerry K.	Υ	Y		N								
ACCESSIBILITY CO-CHAIR	Emily C.	Υ	Υ		Y								
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Carol L.	Υ	Υ		Y								
ARCHIVES CO- CHAIR	Immer C.	Υ	Υ		Y								
CPC CHAIR	Mike R.	Υ	Υ		Y								
CPC CO-CHAIR	Craig C.	Υ	Υ		Y								
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Jennifer E.	Υ	Υ		Y								
GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR	Joe B.	Υ	Υ		Y								
P.I. CHAIR	Tamara P.	Υ	Υ		Y								
P.I. CO-CHAIR	John M	Υ	Υ		Y								
WEBSITE CHAIR	Carl G.	Y	Y										
WEBSITE CO- CHAIR		N	N										
WEBMASTER	Bob B.	Υ	Υ		Y								
W. MASS IGP CHAIR	Mike R.	Υ	Y		Y								
BERK. IGP CHAIR	Karen S.	Υ	Υ		Y								
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Michelle C.	Υ	N		Y								
INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR	Andrew M.	N	N		N								
ROUND UP CHAIR	John G.	Υ	Υ		Y								
ROUND UP CO- CHAIR	Yolanda R.	N	N		Y								
NEYPAA Liaison	Michael R.	X	0		X								
NEYPAA Co- Liaison		0	0		О								
District 1 DCM	Aaron P.	Υ	N		N								
District 1 CO- DCM	Michael R.	N	Υ		N								
District 2 DCM	Anne M.	Υ	Υ		Y								

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District 2 CO- DCM	Chris K.	N	Υ		Y								
District 3 DCM	Lisa L.	Υ	Υ		Y								
District 3 CO- DCM	Tom H.	Υ	Υ		Y								
District 4 DCM	Steve B.	Υ	Υ		N								
District 4 CO- DCM	Leah D.	Υ	Υ		Y								
District 5 DCM	Cindy F.	Υ	Υ		Y								
District 5 CO- DCM	Tom H.	Υ	Υ		Y								
District 6 DCM	Corbin R.	N	Υ		Y								
District 6 CO- DCM	Megan T.	N	Υ		N								
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	28	30		27								

# **Secretary's Report:**

**Old Business** 

Website committee dissolved. .

# **New Business**

- Seeking guidance form area committee how to at the Grp level of introducing idea around inclusive, diversity, equity and accessibility to get grps to welcoming as possible.
- Motion If we every get over \$6000 from prudent reserve we send it to GSO. Second this motion.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Beginning March Balance	\$ 18,135.87
Group Contributions:	\$ 2,069.51
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 452.86
Closing March Balance:	\$ 19,752.52
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available:	\$ 28,253.52

#### Further comments:

- Contributions in March 2021 have **decreased** by \$1,019.91 from contributions in March 2020.
- There were 18 total contributions made in March 2021.
- Contributions March 2021 YTD have decreased by \$4,785.38 from contributions March 2020 YTD.
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail.

## Registrar's Report:

Have been attending district meetings, need to continue so all districts have had a visit from the registrar. Wants
to provide reports regarding all active meetings in the districts. Requested the districts to assist with reaching out
with grps to find out if they are still active or closed. New grps were provided last month, none this month. GSRs
can call registrar directly to provide their contact info. It takes bout half the time to register groups now with the
new database.

## **Area Archivist Report:**

 Had 1st old timers recording last week. Productive mtg and taping. Looking forward to future taping, every other month. Still waiting to get into the office

### Webmaster:

 Working on back log, has spoken to someone who may be interested in helping the webmaster with tasks. He stated he could help a few hours a week.

## Accessibility:

Closed caption on zoom meetings was discussed, easy setting on zoom to access the closed captions. Groups
can reach out to the Accessibility's committee or google it.

# **Archives:**

 Same report as Archivist. Wanted to thank the co-chair who helped out with all the technology with the recordings.

# CPC:

 Met last night. No commitments to go to. Have been looking into setting up a PSA. 4 different leads for actual commitments.

### Grapevine:

 Met last Tuesday. Few new members. Discussion about the Round up coming up and how the committee will be hosting a meeting.

## **Public Information:**

• Last night mtg, 4/5 members. 1 commitment every month. Working on 1 more through CSO in Northampton. Still working on reaching out to radio stations. Will reach out to DCMs and attend to ask GSRs to deliver information to local libraries. Some contacts are overlapping with CPC. Might approach CPC to inquire about doing a workshop together.

# **Website Committee:**

DISSOLVED

# Western Mass Round Up:

Just met an hour before mtg. Final draft of the program. Will be held on May 15, 8 am to 9 pm, n 1 zoom
account, on 2nd zoom account, 5 standing committee will be hosting mtgs, for a few hours. Anyone tech or zoom
savey, reach out to round up committee to help out.

## **Invited Committees**

#### **Berkshire Intergroup:**

• Met Monday night. 13 attendees. Need to cut down hours on Monday due to volunteer has conflict in schedule. Reaching out to 12 step lists to inquire if still interested. Building prudent reserve, Literature rack in public places, helping grps with things replaced (with literature), putting funds aside for Spring workshop and alchothan.

#### Institutions:

• Surplus of books, money coming in to buy books but not getting out to the institutions. Will be calling out to institutions to inquire about providing literature; delivering it to them and getting them in the hands of alcoholics. This will happen will be going on for the next few months.

# **Western Mass Intergroup:**

- Thanked Grp for continued support.
- Intergroup will be moving to the United Congregational church, no definite date, expecting to move the end of may beginning of June.
- Agreed to spend \$3K from the prudent reserve to help with move.
- M, W, F up to 11 am. No foot traffic in the building.
- Any changes to groups need to provide group change form to the intergroup, so changes can be reflected on the website.

 Everyone is invited to the steering committee meeting, 11 voting members but everyone is welcomed to participate.

# **NECYPAA**

- 20 in attendance
- \$1,718.47 in bank account, \$84 in 7th tradition contributions, \$30 came in for registration \$15 of it donation registration
- Have checks ordered \$9.99 for 25 to give towards rent each month. Treasurer has full access to online account
- \$10 sold in sweatshirts
- Hotel Chair: Having trouble getting in contact with hotel people.
- Area Chair: No meeting due to spring assembly. Ideas: Increasing timeline, assign pen pals using P.O.
   Box to keep anonymity. Literature changes and policy changes.
- Program Chair: Got all the stuff from Brittany that was needed. Needs everyone's email to email out speaker tapes so we can vote on speakers.
- Events: We have Comedy Jam May 1st, Speaker meeting after. 3\$ buy in.. Calling Mittenaug park to see if we can do BBQ. Campout: June 11,12,13, at Emerald Lake State Park North Dorset Vermont. Sites 21\$ total plus 8\$ per registration. We would have to put in 712.50\$. Also thinking about tables, pre reg, Energy drinks, etc? Our Profit (without the tables) \$534.50
- Outreach: Went to meetings in Pittsfield, GETTING PEOPLE FIRED UP. Try to get people who are willing to go to Sober in the Sun, table with registration, merch, etc? Sober festival Camp Half Moon
- Registration: Swag Bag,vote on chapstick; includes: key chain, matches, lanyard, pens, sharpies, magnet
- East Otis Massachusetts July 24th and 25<sup>th</sup> & April 11<sup>th</sup>, Hike.. Mount tom? Campout. Voted on June 10th to June 15th being the dates for the camp out.
- No longer have cash app, technical issues. Snail mail or venmo is our other option.

# **DISTRICT REPORTS**

#### District 1:

no report

#### District 2:

- · April 12th, 7 GSR, 4 Alt GSRs
- Lively conversation about grps transitioning to in person and hybrid meetings. Alano Club has been contacted to inquire if the Dist mtgs can be held there.

#### District 3:

 Lenox groups, Some groups are interested in how the area s going to spend the surplus of money, many are interested in having more technology.

#### **District 4:**

- March 19 first anniversary, for a Grp made through zoom.
- Are grps paying rent for a meeting space/ physical space?

#### District 5:

- 6 GSRs attended.
- Church in Wilbraham, Wilbraham Men's and beginners mtg are holding live mtgs. Many of the other grps are all mixed.
- New GSRs, do not have a service manual. Couldn't order new books but will need to get the digital copy through aa.org
- Will need to look for a new mtg place when in person mtgs resume.

## **District 6:**

Hybrid mtg, Hazardville united Methodist.

- 10 GSRs present.
- Planning a workshop for September.

# **Delegate's Remarks**

- General Service Conference. Small agenda for this year
- Video recording for military personnel, 1 as little as 2 minutes to 9 and half minutes.
- 5 staff slowly transitioning back in the GSO in May.
- Service manual, 2021-2022 new version. Will be reviewed at this year GSC

# <u>Alternate Delegate Remarks</u>:

- Mass State Convention, program committee, mtg Saturday at Noon via zoom.
- Email alt delegate if interested in serving on this committee.
- Mass State Planning April 27th via zoom. If the Mass State Convention is held it will be virtual/hybrid.
- More information to come at this month's mtg.

# **Area Chair Remarks:**

- Service Manual mtg Zoom Wednesday, April 21st at 730 pm. What a concept mtg? Concept 5 on May 6th at 730 pm, via zoom all log in information is on website.
- Outgoing commitment to the Suffield Grapevine Group, Monday 10/25 at 7 pm. This is a hybrid mtg.
- Sale of 474 Pleasant Street in Holyoke. Archive and committee material will need to be moved. Will need to find a new location.
- Past Delegate will led a AdHoc committee to secure a new location for Area 31. Anyone interested in participating in this committee.

#### **Old Business:**

none

#### **New Business:**

Motion to offer the Western Mass Intergroup, \$3K to assist with the move of the office, so they would not have to
use money from their prudent reserve. Motion was 2nd. Motion was tabled until June when get a response from
WMIG.

25 voting members. 22 voted to table motion until June

• Dist 3 would like to ask area for a person or committee to assist with technical needs of a group, committee, etc. Last summer grps of Dist 3 reached out to he DCM requesting assistance. DCM needed to reach out to Area 58 to get assistance. So if there was a technology support in our Area would not have to reach out to another committee. Webmaster presented technological assistance on the Area website. What things are we doing and not doing to continue to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers. Technology is our present and future, there is a need for it in AA.Requesting an AdHoc committee. Chair stated will not agree to this until there is an individual that will stand up to be this individual for this position. Willing to bring this to district mtg to present to GSRs who will then bring it back to their home groups. And then get that info and bring it back to the area.

Motion to close at 9:29

May 12th next meeting

Closed with the Responsibility Pledge.