

Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes September 8, 2021
Called to order at 7:30 PM

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

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District 2 CO-DCM	Chris K.	N	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
District 3 DCM	Lisa L.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N			
District 3 CO-DCM	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
District 4 DCM	Steve B.	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y			
District 4 CO-DCM	Leah D.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			
District 5 DCM	Cindy F.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	N			
District 5 CO-DCM	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	N	Y	Y			
District 6 DCM	Corbin R.	N	Y		Y	N	Y	Y	N			
District 6 CO-DCM	Megan T.	N	Y		N	Y	Y	N	Y			
Quorum =18	* only votes to make/break a tie	28	30		27	27	26	27	21			

Secretary's Report:

Old Business

- None

New Business

- none

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning August Balance	\$ 20,795.99
Group Contributions:	\$ 1,930.57
Total Area Expenses:	\$ 2,790.33
Closing August Balance:	\$ 19,936.23
Plus - Prudent Reserve:	\$ <u>8,501.00</u>
Total Funds Available:	\$ 28,437.23

Further comments:

- Contributions in August 2021 have increased by **\$1,205.07** from contributions in August 2020.
- There were 24 **total** contributions made in August 2021.
- Contributions August 2021 YTD have decreased by **\$981.78** from contributions August 2020 YTD.
- On-line (PayPal) had 3 contributions totaling \$133.22
- See Treasurer's spreadsheet for further detail. • Please continue to share these reports with your committee.

Registrar's Report:

- Announcement: an individual will be rolling into this position. I will maintain this position until the fall
- Assembly and provide my report. Requested the DCMs to contact her so the group sharing forms can be
- updated. Has physical forms to provide to DCMs if need be. GSRs may not have received their packets,
- because when submitted it was back dated. DCMs please share who has not received so one can be sent to
- the individual.

Area Archivist Report:

- Not a lot done in the last 6 months. Met up with secretary of the committee, to pick up boards. The boards have not been used for 2 yrs, due to Covid and no in person mtgs.

Webmaster:

- Slow for contact from committee, minutes have not been provided. There is some info on website for Mass State convention planning mtgs.

Accessibility:

- Oct 2nd 1 to 3 pm, virtual workshop, 2-3 outside people come in and talk about accessibility and how to provide the most for people.

Archives:

- Secretary will bring the boards to the Randall Group. Not an anniversary but the group would like to have the boards accessible for the group. Speaker to discuss history of AA, was supposed to speak at mtg this month, unfortunately was unable to attend. Will attend this month's meeting.

CPC:

- haven't met this month. Commitment 9/23. Could use someone to participate in CPC, with enthusiasm.

Grapevine:

- Photo contest; submit photos to submit to the grapevine. Send to the website or email. Send an email to the personal email of the chair of the committee. Believe it will end this contest by December.

Public Information:

- haven't met this month yet. Participation and reps are down. Still getting info out to libraries, senior centers. Found boards and will look into updating them.

Website Committee:

- DISSOLVED

Western Mass Round Up:

- met tonight. 9 people in attendance. Round up co-chair.
- Entertainment, 2022 movie night for Friday night, Comedian for Saturday night.
- Will occur in May (TBD)
- October 13th, next mtg.

Invited Committees

Berkshire Intergroup:

- haven't had mtg yet this month. Asked if the Fall Assembly will be hybrid. Response yes but unsure of the wi-fi availability in the location.

Institutions:

- 3 new group reps. \$852 in donations. Spent on books.
- An individual is working to contact agencies, 48 facilities, 7 want incoming. Reached out to 13; 2 stating good but have not heard back from other agencies.
- New co-chair and librarian. Still in need of a secretary.
- Franklin recovery center is in person.

Western Mass Intergroup:

- Office manager provided report. Family picnic was canceled due to weather, and unable to reschedule due to conflicting schedules with the facility (Moose Club).
- Christmas Alco-thon will be held at 474 Pleasant Street, more information to come.
- Intergroup mtg tomorrow and Bookie mtg before. Monday-Friday 9 am to 1pm. Mtg lists are being updated daily. Working together with the Webmaster with the mtg Guide.
- November Intergroup Elections. Any groups have flyers, can provide to the intergroup, so it can be

uploaded on its website.

NECYPAA

- Mourning right now, lost a member over this weekend.
- Registered 15-20 people and sold-out T-shirts.
- Weekend of the hurricane; had a kick ball event had to reschedule for the following weekend. Many showed and sold t-shirt. Following day went to the beach with Connecticut NEYPAA.
- Halloween dance end of October. Friends' giving in November. Sturbridge Hotel for NEYPAA in December More info to comedian

AdHoc Committee: Relocation

- 3 leads for possible churches and relocation.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1:

- did not meet last month.
- Want to make some sort of motion at the Fall Assembly; to dissolve district 1 into another district or ask Area to redistrict.

District 2:

- no report, haven't had mtg since last area mtg

District 3:

- Hybrid mtg,
- Great Barrington women's mtg, was meeting hybrid but has changed to virtual.
- Keep it Simple: had 2 separate mtgs; in person and virtual. Ray of Hope: hybrid using a members' home.
- Holding off with mtg in person, Southern Berkshire grp doing well. Subsidized rent being paid.
- Communication with new coming going better. Was going to go hybrid but decided not to, keep outside issues out of the room.
- St. Charles church, district decided to donate \$100 for the space for the workshop

District 4:

- 6 GSRs, groups doing a little bit of everything: hybrid, separate mtgs, on line mtgs.
- Conway mtg is still musing telephone mtgs but will be planning a picnic this fall.
- Workshop 12/4 11 to 1230pm: ways to reaching out to others.

District 5:

- 6 GSRs, in person mtg
- All mtgs in person; Wilbraham Friday night has hybrid mtg.
- Financially doing well. Longmeadow has Mask mandate. Belchertown fair is cancelled this fall so the Belchertown mtgs are being held.

District 6:

- No report

Delegate's Remarks

- General service final report is available in digital copy. If want copy email delegate. Hard copies also can be available, email the delegate for one. Agenda items to be accepted up to 9/15.
- New updated Service manual will be available 11/5 and print copy 11/26.
- Virtual mtgs will continue even though in person mtgs: new items that have policies regarding allowing

admissions and registrations of on line meetings be recognized.

- New grapevine book: Prayer and meditation: stories about the ways the pray and meditate.
- NERAASA 2022, Double tree Hilton in Pittsburg 2/25 to 2/27.

Alternate Delegate Remarks:

- Northeast Alt delegate mtg 2 times a month and 1 time a month North America Alt delegate mtg
- Mass State convention virtual, 11/13 8 am to 8 pm & 11/14 9 am to 12 pm
- virtual planning mtg 9/18, if interested in attending and participating contact Alt delegate. 28th
- of September virtual mtg.

Area Chair Remarks:

- Service Manual mtg zoom: 9/15 7:30
- What a concept mtg zoom: 10/7 7:30
- outgoing commitment: Suffield Grapevine Group Monday, 10/25 at 7 pm.
- Fall assembly Hitchcock Academy, Saturday 10/16 from 10 am to 4 pm
- Sunday 10/17 from 1 pm to 5 pm. Multiple workshops on 5 different concepts during the day and pizza
- lunch, 12 pm to 1 pm. Business meeting and area elections will be held on Sunday.

Old Business

none

New Business

- Motion to cancel October's regular Area Meeting. No opposition. Motion carried. No Area meeting next

month.

- Discussion had regarding the Adhoc committee's findings and questions were answered by one member.

Motion was made to have the regular Area Meeting to further the discussion about the new location. It

was seconded. Area Chair stated the discussion will continue discussion will continue at the Fall

Assembly; in the last few hours.

Vote for the motion: Have a special meeting on the night of the 19th

2 voted for, 17 against. Will not have a special mtg instead of the area mtg in October.

Motion to Close, 9:23 pm

Motion to close at 8:29 pm