

Area 31 Zoom Meeting Minutes MAY 11th, 2022  
Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Feb	Mar ch	Apr il	May	Jun e	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>AREA DELEGATE</b>	Mike B.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>ALTERNATE DELEGATE</b>	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>AREA CHAIR *</b>	John G.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>AREA TREASURER</b>	Steve	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>AREA SECRETARY</b>	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<i>AREA REGISTRAR</i>	<i>Sally</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<i>AREA ARCHIVIST</i>	<i>Carl G.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR</b>	Mike C.	N	Y	N		Y							
<b>ACCESSIBILITIES CO-CHAIR</b>	Bruce V.	N	N	Y		N							
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Immer C.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>	Kellie C.	Y	Y	Y		N							
<b>CPC CHAIR</b>	Charlie	Y	N	Y		N							
<b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>	Steve A.	N	N	Y		N							
<b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>	Jack A.	Y	N	Y		Y							
<b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>	John	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>P.I. CHAIR</b>	John M.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>	Mark H.	N	N	N		N							
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	<i>Bob B.</i>	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>		N	N	N		N							
<b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>	Susan B.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>		Y	N	Y		N							
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>		N	N	N		N							
<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Yolanda R	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</b>	Steve A.	N	Y	Y		Y							
<b>NEYPAA Liaison</b>	Michael R.	X	X	N		N							
<i>NEYPAA Co-Liaison</i>		O	O	N		N							
<b>District 1 DCM</b>	John P	Y	N	Y		Y							
<b>District 1 CO-DCM</b>	Vacant	N	N	N		Y							
<b>District 2 DCM</b>	Chris K.	Y	Y	Y		Y							

		Jan	Feb	Mar ch	Apr il	May	Jun e	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	De c
--	--	-----	-----	-----------	-----------	-----	----------	------	-----	------	-----	-----	---------

<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Kerri O.	Y	N	N		N							
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Tom H.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>	VACANT	N	N	N		N							
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Leah D.	Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>		Y	Y	Y		Y							
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Tom H.	N	Y	Y		Y							
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	KATE V	Y	Y	Y		N							
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	Megan T.	Y	N	N		Y							
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	Jodie	N	Y	N		Y							
<b>Quorum =18</b>	* Only votes to make/break a tie	25	22	26		22							

**Secretary’s Report:**

**Old Business**

Motion made to cancel the April Area meeting due to being close to spring assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Area Chair asked who has keys to church, did a roll call to confirm. District 2 DCM asked about costs to AA members to attend round up. Discussion, questions and answers. Delegate informed that there will be an online version via Zoom for any members that want the report after the round up. Also will be posted on area website.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Beginning April Balance \$ 23,136.93 Group Contributions \$ 3,524.06 Total Area Expenses \$ 2,138.13  
 Closing April Balance \$ 24,522.86 Plus – Prudent Reserve \$ 8,501.00 Total Funds Available \$ 33,023.86  
 Further Comments:

\*Contributions in April 2022 have increased by \$1,903.42 from contributions in April 2021 \*There was a total of 31 donations made in April 2022 totaling \$3,111.96 \* Online PayPal contributions totaled \$412.10

**Registrar’s Report:**

**NUMBERS**

- 305 active registered groups
    - 303 of those are regular groups
    - 2 of those are virtual groups, up by one
- [Better Safe Than Sorry in District 4 and Sober at Sunrise in District 3]

**PROJECTS**

- Continuing to look at groups marked “unknown” in any column.
- Looked first at “district unknown” and resolved almost all of them.
- Looking now at “status unknown”
  - status options are active / inactive / unknown
  - the status unknown list has 12 groups
  - handing that list to DCMs (emailing to those on zoom)
  - please let me know which are active and which inactive
  - GSO will not accept a group as active without a GSR or mail contact. Best way to provide this info is to send me the Group Change Form. I can also take it via email.

**GROUP NUMBERS**

- Common confusion between two ways of identifying groups

OLD	FNV (Fellowship New Vision)
	6 digits
	will be phased out

NEW	Group ID
	9 digits, including zeros(a NetSuite feature)
	most groups in Area 31 are already using

- I can find your group using either number, but eventually we should all be using the Group ID.

### **Area Archivist Report:**

- Not too much to report.
- Encourage posting of minutes, keep copies of paper minutes for area history.
- Emails from committees are not being saved- Need in paper.
- Continue unpacking, about half dozen boxes left. Making good progress.

### **Webmaster:**

\_Sending your minutes for posting helps keep the Area updated about what you have been doing. Please submit your minutes to [webpost@area31aa.org](mailto:webpost@area31aa.org). Make sure that the minutes are submitted in an editable format such as 'Word' document format or similar. Even a text email works. Thanks to Ray R. for continuing to help with posting of your committee and district minutes. For special events, send your flyers to [webmaster@area31aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area31aa.org). These submissions should be in PDF format to maintain the content in its original formatting. No personal information can be included, no personal email or phone numbers. Please remember to check your committee or District email addresses, some appear to be getting pretty full. Any questions relating to email access and sending minutes or flyers, please contact me by email at [webmaster@area31aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area31aa.org). Presently I am reviewing all documents relating to the maintenance of the website. Guidelines for posting information and how to access email accounts are also being looked at

### **Accessibilities**

4 members & alt-delegate, had good meeting. Will be doing a workshop. Agenda of contacting assisted living facilities. Looking forward to commitment to round up. Looking into some racks and brochures for facilities. Bringing up issue with nonworking cell phone, can't get password, asked committee if they can get phone, they have a budget for it.

### **Archives**

• This month we talked about details of what the Archives committee was contributing to the round up. We had discussed recording interviews with fellows during the round up. We have one member, Melissa, who is available to do interviews. We still need to touch base with Yolanda to see if there is a space where we can do this. Immer will be bringing the Archives boards to the Round Up as well as copies of the Group History forms. Immer and Melissa will be chairing the 4-4:55 meeting as part of the alcathon. We also asked for a volunteer to bring the boards to the Agawam anniversary meeting, Immer will be bringing those as well.

### **CPC**

- No Report

### **Grapevine**

• 3 Group reps attended last meeting; all groups report the news is getting out there. Possible new subscriptions. Grapevine INC has opening for a controller in NY. AA.Grapevine.org can be downloaded. Looking for stories about dealing with the holidays & relapsing. AA.WS is conducting interviews about Armed Forces. Release of new book- Fun in sobriety. Wild Cats anniversary bringing boards, slots at round up.

## **PI**

Two meetings have been held since Spring Assembly, our last one was yesterday.

Attendance at both meetings has been down some but P I activities have picked up.

Committee Reps have contacted various locations including High Schools, Baystate Hospital, Springfield College and Adcare, an outpatient addiction program.

The Adcare Director said she would love to have us in to do a presentation but shared that most of her clients are still zooming in, in their Jammie's! We let her know we are able to do a virtual visit.

Early April Matt, one of our Reps. visited his old High School. He went to Longmeadow high and did a partial presentation and made some contacts.

April 26th, we did a commitment at Hampshire High in West Hampton. Chair John M, Co-Chair Mark H and Matt P attended. We did our presentation and Mark, and Matt shared their stories. It was very well received, and Sarah the SAAD Groups Coordinator said she will have us back in the fall.

April 27th our ongoing commitment was scheduled and zoom was opened. Our Chair and speaker came on but Mill St. Did not.

April 28th, we had our presentation to the Springfield College Class for Addiction Counseling requested by their Professor.

Marc and Matt attended and were extremely well received. Matthew their professor sent a very nice email thanking us and said his students shared it was their favorite class.

On the same date John M met with Matt Peterson of Audacy Radio to be interviewed and record our first new AA Radio Show. Information on Radio Show is also attached to this report.

## **Round Up**

•Tying up loose ends. Went to spring assembly. Round up is READY TO GO. Smaller area for boards this year. No virtual.

## **Berk IG**

• Met on Monday, 4 Reps. Intergroup office is open, not busy. Selling more medallions than books. Met expenses. Net of \$750. Planning retreat. Big thing is streamlining the meeting info. Found on too many places. Info not completely accurate. Berkshireaaintergroup@gmail.com

## **Institutions**

• No report.

## **WMIG**

## **NEYPAA**

• NO report.

## **AD-HOC Committee (to find new webmaster, possible paid position)**

Spoke about Tradition 8, non-rotating position, Concept 11 as a paid position. Spoke about workload and website refresh.

## **District 1**

• Met April 21<sup>st</sup>. Area chair visit. All groups doing well. Talked about round up commitment, has 5 people to present. Meets next week the 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **District 2**

• Met 2 days ago. 16 in attendance. Area chair visited. Scrambled eggs is now hybrid. No old business-DCM given task to ask about cost to round up- will be addressed as new business.

### **District 3**

- The district continues to meet in a hybrid format with the physical location at the Lee Court house. We've had 7-8 groups at recent meetings - our largest attendance in a couple of years. We've only had 1 group represented in person and the rest have joined online.
- The Mens 12th Step Group announced a Unity Dinner that will be on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:30pm. There will be a 2 speaker meeting starting at 7pm. The group will pass a basket in the normal course, but theres no fee to join and eat.
- Co-DCM and LCM remain vacant.
- We continue to have our Traditions meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm on Zoom. The meetings have had solid attendance - about 15.

### **District 4**

#### **Old Business:**

- GSRs attend meetings in District 4: Reflection
  - Send 2-3 people to a meeting together, which may be more enticing to a group
    - Will communicate via email for attending meetings now until March 2022 District 4 meeting
- GSR Presentation: Steve would be willing to come and present
  - Reach out to other groups who don't have GSRs and they could attend a District 4 meeting with the GSR presentation
  - Donna makes a motion that Steve presents his presentation at the District 4 meeting; 2nded; passed.
- Workshop ideas for 2022
  - District 4 Thanksgiving Alcathon

#### **New Business:**

- David E to present on Tradition 5 at May's District 4 Meeting
- Western Mass 53rd Annual Round-Up
  - District 4 is assigned a workshop on Steps 10, 11, & 12
  - Saturday, 5/21/22, from 3:00 - 3:55pm
  - Chairperson for workshop - Terri
- GSRs attend meetings with multiple people which are not represented in our District
  - Adam attending 7am Grapevine meeting in Greenfield
  - Terri attending Friday Night Grapevine meeting in Greenfield
  - Leah attend Women's Meeting on Weds Night in Hadley

## **District 5**

• Met on 5/02/22 @ 7:30 PM at 51 Center Street, Ludlow

We had 4 GSR's present, one was new.

The groups that reported are doing well, most are still working on filling one or two last service positions.

John G. was our guest with announcements.

We are moving! We will be here @30 Carew Street as of 6/06. We are excited to offer our District meeting hybrid from now on. A motion was made to move our Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.

There is a good energy at our meeting, we stayed a bit longer than usual with discussion and closed at 8:40 P.M.

## **District 6**

•

Delegate visited, Workshop June 11<sup>th</sup>- AA for Dummies, service structure, working on getting a speaker.

## **Delegate's Remarks**

Went to conference, on day 11 of covid. Round up next week. Mass state convention planning committee, leaving bowling alley at 6:15. Has bigger room now. Will be giving report at round up.

**Alternate Delegate Remarks:** No report

## **Area Chair Remarks:**

- Service Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month, 730pm, at 30 Carew Street
- Concept mtg, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month at 730 pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley
- Area will do in coming commitment & group conscience, contact the Area Chair.

## Old Business

Motion made to cancel the April Area meeting due to Spring assembly/Business meeting being close. Motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

Area Chair asked who has keys to church, did a roll call to confirm. District 2 DCM asked about costs to AA members to attend round up. Discussion, questions and answers. Delegate informed that there will be an online version via Zoom for any members that want the report after the round up. Also will be posted on area website.

Motion to close 8:48 p.m.

Next meeting 6/8/2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M

Area 31 Secretary