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| District 2 CO-DCM | Janet B | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 3 DCM | Chaula H | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 3 CO-DCM | Brian W | N | | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 DCM | Adam B | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 4 CO-DCM | Dan B | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 5 DCM | Kate V | N | | | | | | | | | |
| District 5 CO-DCM | Lara C. | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 6 DCM | Justin C | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| District 6 CO-DCM | Ryan W | Y | | | | | | | | | |
| Quorum =18 | *Only to make/brea k a tie | 25 | | | | | | | | | |

Secretary's Report:

Old Business- Motion was made to accept the recommendations of website ad hoc committee recommendation to pay webmaster on case-by-case basis. Discussion and vote took place. Motion passed.

New Business – None

Treasurer's Report:

**Area 31 Treasurer's Report February 2023
(January 2023 Financials and Contributions)**

Treasurer's Report:

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| Beginning January Balance | \$ 32,867.79 |
| Group Contributions | \$ 2,439.14 |
| Total Area Expenses | \$ 8,975.10 |
| Closing January Balance | \$ 26,331.83 |
| Plus – Prudent Reserve | \$ 8,501.00 |
| Total Funds Available | \$ 34,832.83, |

Further Comments:

*Contributions in January 2023 increased by **\$495.43** from contributions in January 2022

*There was a total of 27 donations made in January 2023 totaling **\$2,439.14**

*See Treasurer's spreadsheet for more detail

Registrar's Report: -

Numbers:

Active regular groups: 305
Active virtual groups: 2
Total active groups: 307
Unknown groups: 10

Regular vs. virtual groups:

- Virtual groups are online only. Not hybrid.
- Need help with that number. 2 is almost surely too low. By a lot.
- Meeting Guide lists 19 active, registered groups as meeting online only. Asking for any of those groups to confirm, either through their DCM or directly with me, that they are virtual and plan to remain virtual.

Unknown groups:

- No GSR or group contact

Thank you to DCMS and Co-DCMs for their contact info, for forwarding GSR change forms (keep them coming!), and for invitations to visit district meetings.

Area Archivist Report: - Please post minutes to the website, (DCM's & Committee chairs) It has become a good source of information, it is useful. Not a lot is being posted. Please save hard copies, give to me when you can. This does help carry the message. Over the last month, I have gone through cassettes, now on the area only. Working to get translated to digital only. Had a request from a member doing presentation at NERAASA.

Webmaster: Addressing webmail

- each committee has an email address...
- if anyone is having trouble accessing webmail, or if you'd like to access it on your phone or computer through a Gmail or outlook client (or something similar), please let me know and I can help out.

I made brief mention last month of starting to consider a redesign of the area website.

- Intent is to get some practice with website maintenance to get closer to Bob's ability.
- Also not intending on announcing as a formal project with cost to the area, though approval to accept any redesign would go through the area.
- Expect this to take several months.
- I'm asking for feedback from the area on what you would like to see on the website.

Accessibilities - Met the 25th. Currently doing 3, Vantage, Lynden and an in-home commitment. Looking for volunteers. Co-chair is going into districts and committees and sharing volunteer sheets. Last year we did a survey, only got 4 back. Doing it again, printable, for groups to fill out to show if meeting is accessible. Going into districts, will be giving presentation. Reprinting how to access a meeting. Will be at NERAASA.

Archives- Had meeting last night, had 5 member's total. Talked about what archives is. Interviewing members, how AA has changed. Digital recording. Next meeting will have format. Doing a workshop-Speaker.

CPC- Last month we had 1st meeting, 12 members. We talked about previous experiences & what we do. Gave homework to reach out and get commitments. No new commitments currently. Getting acclimated.

Grapevine – There were 9 GV reps in attendance and the area chair.

As my first GV committee meeting here was the format -

Serenity Prayer and GV Statement of Purpose

Area member as visitor made area announcements.

Read the GV Quote of the Day

Reviewed the upcoming GV editorial calendar so GVRs can share those topics and respected due dates with their groups to help share the message that AA members are welcome to sending in articles and provide content to our meeting in print.

Created continued awareness of the Podcast, this month's GV magazine topic, and subscription cost.

GVR's provided group reports - Inspiring takeaways- Lending library's, Group GV subscriptions where a monthly magazine is raffled, new GVRs where their groups either have not had a Rep in many years or since pre covid. Groups even sent back up GVRs to ensure participation.

Discussed the website link to the grapevine where reps can access GV material to support them in their role. We'll walk through these items little by little throughout the year to bring those materials to life and foster the GVR's use of the material available to them.

Vision for 2023 for GV -

1. GV writing workshop. This was discussed last year and the idea is still exciting to members and new members communicated their desire to host. Next meeting, we will talk through what the agenda/process might look like for the workshop, what we will need to execute, determine a date (ideally before summer gets under full swing), we'll create a flyer and begin outreaching. Outreach and flyer distribution lightly slotted for April to provide the area details on the event. Goal- help area 31 AA members put pen to paper in a supporting environment, opportunity for members to simply connect in the spirit of our meeting in print, support those that like the idea of submitting an article yet feel blocked in how to go about doing it or getting started, no expectation for anyone who attends the workshop to submit an article however, we may have some that do, will do, or are future inspired to do so, and help carry the message of their experience to inspire others.

2. Area archives is missing hard copies of some older Grapevines. We'll review this list after our workshop and discuss how we can create a communication and outreach plan to potentially help uncover if any of our area AA members have these and willing to donate. Could be like a 'Grapevine Scavenger Hunt' During our next meeting our area archivist will have archives open for those in attendance to visually see the GV archives, pervious members grapevine archive manuscripts, and those who are online bring out some of the old GVs and how they are archived. The goal is to help further create a connection to our meeting in print and its valued lifeline it provides.

Reminder- GV boards are available for group anniversaries. Email or text. 860-841-4106 (Jenny McA)

GV Chair will be at NERAASA to connect and network at the GV round tables to bring back ESH in how other GV committees support the GV Statement of Purpose and if other GV committees have had writing workshops; tap into that experience.

GV Chair other 2023 priorities - From April and on; will make the round at least once to each district, attend the MA State Convention planning meeting (online until we get closer to conference) so area 31 GV committee is participating in our state conference, and will attend Round Up meetings to see how the GV committee can be of service.

PI- Not too much to report, met over a month ago. Now have a solution with the radio show Audacy. To make it easier for members to record. Matt will introduce for 5 minutes prior to the speaker starting (20 minutes). Show is Sunday's 5am to 7am, Very small window to come record. Monday-Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm. Still have Mill Street commitment, Springfield College (twice a year) and the Highschool. Going to NERAASA.

Round Up- We have landed a venue for the event, the Clarion again. Looking at May 19th to the 21st. 15 room block, room rate \$129.00 per night, mention the event for special pricing. Looking to get entertainment, we have a signup sheet. Lost all our stock, looking for donations of everything, IE: books, coffee, and other stuff for the raffle. \$25 registration for the weekend, 3 days. NO banquet. Will have social hour instead like last year.

Berk IG - No report.

Institutions Getting organized, good committee, out of date commitments are being addressed. Liaison going through list to get it all straightened out. Bridging the gap starting back up again. Now using QR code to help members sign up to give rides to a meeting, to link up the member with the person in need of find a way to a meeting. Meets 1st Wednesday every month.

WMIG – Big news, we are going live, excited about going hybrid for the next meeting. It will be here at 30 Carew Street. Bookie meeting is an hour before 6:30. It was a problem before, doing it online. Looking ahead, The big picnic in August at the Moose Club & maybe another event in June, possibly Golf. Things are getting back to pre-covid, Its fantastic. Possible where and when's, but things change so quickly, may not need a paper one.

WYPAA- NO REPORT

District 1 – We have seen an increase, 8 groups represented. Alt Delegate gave GSR report, the New GSR's really enjoyed it, it was great timing. Women's BB meeting needs support, don't want to lose the spot. After work group asked a question about an audit of the area budget, but after discussion, it was decided against. Coffee at meetings is back, Covid restrictions are gone.

District 2 – Already gave report, because we haven't met since the last Area meeting. Next meeting is coming up. We are in person only, but voted to go hybrid, looking into it. Possible phone conference. March 13th is next meeting.

District 3- Still looking for secretary. Had a meeting on the 20th. 10 GSR's in attendance, Hope they are registered, I don't have a clue. Gave description of virtual vs. Live groups. After the meeting I found out we can use a large screen to do Zoom. Looking to plan a pre-mini conference early march. Feb 17th is the next meeting. Another thing we went over was the accessibilities survey. Hoping to get it going. Had the GSR presentation. Also had lively discussion about how agenda items start and work through the area to GSO. Also, a lively discussion on Google analytics A past delegate from Oregon spoke to the issue and had discussion. Looking for a date on when the agenda items will come out.

District 4 – Met on 3rd, Tuesday on Zoom only. January 17th had 14 attend, 10 groups, 1 new GSR. Nothing to report for groups. Discussion was had about the tradition meeting in the district. Had GSR presentation, was good, very informative. Workshop carry over from last year. Lively discussion on how to have input from new GSR's Hybrid, possible will meet at 30 Carew St. Not a rush to have workshop. Still in discussion. Will have representation at NERAASA.

District 5 - Lively meeting, record turnout. 13 groups, seems like AA is coming back. 2 visitors. Accessibilities survey was handed out. Also a signup sheet to get volunteers to go to meetings. Looking for help. Reene is coming back. The delegate gave a report, and we want the registrar to come to the next district meeting. Looking to possibly change to 7:00 PM. Meets 30 Carew St. Hybrid. We still read the tradition. March 6th is next. 1/2 of us going to NERAASA.

District 6 – Had GSR presentation. District 6 is healthy and growing. 9 groups, 13 total in attendance. Talked about NERAASA and NERF & new Webmaster. Big push to start planning the next workshop. Lots of buildings don't have meetings. We are looking for new GSR's, looking forward to the mini-conference, and discussed going hybrid, working on it. Getting a PC.

Delegate's Remarks – I am Happy! Looking for agenda items, gave description on how an agenda

items makes it to GSO. It will always be considered, it works, no matter who sends. GSO thanked the area for the \$8000.00. Friday is the date items will be out. Will be setting up on google drive, anyone who asks for access will be given it. Full background to follow. The 15th is typical. Last year at the conference it was voted to wait till it was translated to hand out to any language to be fair to all. (Spanish & French) If you want a hard copy of an agenda item, ask. I am on the policy committee. Some agenda items will be discussed at NERAASA as is typical. NERAASA Feb. 24, 25 & 26.

Alternate Delegate Remarks: Described how NERAASA plans & does panel item for hot topics.

Thanked Lynne for allowing him to give GSR presentation, (unannounced).

Mass State convention. Get ready to start carpooling again. Room for 5. Meet end of rt.291. 6:15 sharp. Mass State convention planning committee meets every odd month, last Tuesday, at the Sturbridge host hotel. Thanked Kate. Consider joining the Mass State committee. Plenty of openings. This year is our year to host. Committees are expected to bring boards and will be reimbursed per handbook.

Area Chair Remarks: NERAASA- a good place to learn more about your position. Brainstorm about how to do the job.

Concept meeting is 1st Thursday every month. Transportation for NERAASA, call or email if going. Van will leave Friday after discussion with those that are going on best time to leave. Spring assembly date in the works. Will firm it up for the first week of April.

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New Business None

Motion to close 9:10 p.m.

Next meeting 3/8/2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M

Area 31 Secretary

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