



		Jan	March	s/a	May	June	Aug	Sept	F/ A	Nov	Dec
<b>District 2 CO-DCM</b>	Janet B	Y	Y								
<b>District 3 DCM</b>	Chaula H	Y	Y								
<b>District 3 CO-DCM</b>	Brian W	N	Y								
<b>District 4 DCM</b>	Adam B	Y	Y								
<b>District 4 CO-DCM</b>	Dan B	Y	Y								
<b>District 5 DCM</b>	Kate V	N	Y								
<b>District 5 CO-DCM</b>	Lara C.	Y	Y								
<b>District 6 DCM</b>	Justin C	Y	Y								
<b>District 6 CO-DCM</b>	Ryan W	Y	Y								
<b>Quorum =18</b>	*Only to make/brea k a tie	25	31								

**Secretary's Report:**

**Old Business-** None

**New Business** – Motion was made to cancel the April Area Business meeting due to the proximity to the Spring assembly, motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning February Balance	\$ 26,331.83
Group Contributions	\$ 1,950.77
Total Area Expenses	\$ 1,258.07
Closing February Balance	\$ 27,024.53
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 35,525.53

Further Comments:

\*Contributions in February 2023 decreased by **\$360.07** from contributions in February 2022

\*There was a total of 23 donations made in January 2023 totaling **\$1,950.77**

\*See Treasurer's spreadsheet for more detail

## **Registrar's Report: - Numbers:**

Active regular groups: 305

Active virtual groups: 2

Total active groups: 307

These total numbers don't change much from month to month, but below the numbers there are a few groups shifting from active to inactive, and a few new groups registering for the first time.

The number of virtual groups is about to increase by 50%, rising from 2 to 3.

## **District Visits:**

In the last month, I've been to meetings of Districts 2, 3, 5, and 6. Thanks to the DCMs, Co-DCMs, and GSRs for welcoming me, and for all the work they are doing to help me keep Fellowship Connection up to date.

## **Spring Assembly:**

I plan to be there both days, with my folders full of forms and with Fellowship Connection on my laptop. Hoping for internet.

## **NERAASA:**

Great to meet with fellow New England registrars at NERAASA. Then a week later we had our regular monthly virtual meeting of Registrars from across the US and Canada. I always like hearing about how other areas do things. The best part is solving common problems together.

**Area Archivist Report:** Not a lot for you tonight. Cassette tapes finally got done. Kept a few, like Bill & Bob. Listened to several recordings, gave some to Mellissa. Received 2 group new histories tonight.

## **Webmaster:**

NERAASA was excellent. Attended round table. Keeping it simple, will remember that as I go forward with any changes. Looking to switch to WordPress as a tool. More people are familiar with it. Attempting to go through other area websites to get ideas. Lastly, thank you everyone who sent in documents in editable format to make changes.

**Accessibilities -** Great meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Now up to 10 people- BIG increase. Still have commitments in house monthly meetings. Member joined from Pioneer Valley. Taking a list to bring speakers up to Care One. D5 has surveys to get volunteers. Will be visiting all districts in March and April.

**Archives-** Had meeting last night, 7 total in attendance, 6 on Zoom. March 18<sup>th</sup> event. Listened to tapes and discussion. Brought flyers in to bring to groups. Talked about future group histories, Bringing boards to Randall.

**CPC-** Thanked mike for chairing last month meeting, thank you to Area people for standing in front of camera. We have things going on. Mark reached out to Elms college to get commitment. Berkshire community coalition. Might be on zoom. Also Granby fire and police. Went to NERAASA. Meet next week.

**Grapevine** – Went to NERAASA. Dedicated to having an event, writers' workshop in June, taking time to prepare for that. NERAASA allows us to network with other service members to help us in AREA 3 become better. Will collaborate with Area 11, Launching APP. Grapevine, will have all articles, past and present months. Its helpful to listen with sponcee. Spiritual maintenance checklist. sobriety countdown. Saw a decrease in subscriptions during covid. But did better than the industry (industry lost 48%, Grapevine lost 41%. App launch in September, Podcast was super cool. Recovery jokes. New one every Monday. AA Trivia Podcast is in top 5 in all USA- relevant. There will be a job posting, hiring 2 or 3- outreach, submit resume.

**PI**- institutions or facilities, had 6 reps including self. Old business about radio show Co-Has contacts. New reps informed to reach out. Read old report, & new business. Monday going to high school with pamphlets,

looking to get commitments, give out kits. Looking to get into libraries, went last Wednesday to record for Radio show. They are busy with Baseball. They are looking to do 2 members per month. Text direct to programmer WMAS AM Sundays 5:00am, FM 6:00am. Old shows can be found on intergroup websites. Went to NERAASA, was great. Went with other Matt to western mass college, helps them out a lot. Professor is member of AA. Had a group vote for Mill Street., they did not show up, will continue to try.

**Round Up-** Most categories/ departments of the Round Up has been on hold due to slow response from the venues investigated to host. The good news is that we finally got confirmation from the Clarion in West Spfld. at 1080 Riverdale St. Save the date fliers were sent out as soon as we got the confirmation and Yolanda quickly got yo task and got paper/ mail-in registrations printed and many have been distributed to groups. It's official- May 18-21, 2023, Clarion, West Spfld.

The February meeting itself was small in attendance.  
 -Tickets for the 3-day event was voted, unanimously, to be \$25.00.

-The hotel will be charging

\$129/nt. a room for those who decide to stay overnight.

-Plaques will be ordered to give to those whom we owe our appreciation for their service and support. The recipients will be our Delegate (reason for the event and for his service in representing our Area's voice), Key Note Speaker, Spiritual Speaker and the Round Up Committee Chair (for their participation and leadership). The plaques were \$20 each last year.

-Alkathon, District "guest" chaired meetings TBD.

The topics to choose from will be from MA. State Convention program.

May have some committee workshops/ meetings.

AI-Anon is set to not be scheduled during the Delegate's report & to be scheduled to have more visibility as best we can.

**Berk IG** – This Monday is next meeting. 16 in attendance, have new webmaster, looking for job description, also a new treasurer. Looking to fill office manager. Trip to GSO in June.

**Institutions**

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE**

**P.O. BOX 1391  
 HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

**BUSINESS MEETING  
 Wednesday March 1st, 2023**

26 members were in attendance.

Matt opened the meeting at 7:00 and read the article of purpose:

In agreement and cooperation with the Responsibility Pledge of Alcoholics Anonymous, the primary purpose of the Institutions Committee is to coordinate the work of the individual AA members and their groups who are interested in carrying the AA message of recovery to all alcoholics who might benefit from a meeting brought into their facility and to facilitate a means of Bridging the Gap from the institution to the larger AA community.

Introductions of the committee members; Chair Matt, Secretary Urygen, Librarian JD, Treasurer Steve. John BTG.

**Reports**

**Secretary's Report-** Urygen read minutes from February meeting  
**ACCEPTED**

**Treasurer's Report-** Steve

• Ending Balance from Prev.	\$650.00
• Total donations	\$1,844.58
• Expenses	\$75.00
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$1,519.58
• To Next Month	\$900.00

**ACCEPTED**

**Bridging the Gap (BTG)-** John

Volunteer list got a little bit bigger from last month... scan QR code and fill out the form. Nothing so far from people who need a ride, we're working on it, we're doing our part. John has registered for the conference, waiting on booking tickets to get the best price

Q- is there a form/QR code for people who *need* a ride, that we can bring to institutions we're going in to?

A- yes, Carla has that.

**Librarian-** JD

168 assorted books distributed in February  
 Purchased \$2,575 in books and 800 pamphlets  
 Grapevines and spanish general service pamphlets  
 As of April 1st, World Service books also going up in price, will find out price  
 Will invest in BB, 12x12's, living sober until we know what we need

**Liaison-** Carla couldn't make it, nothing to report

**Berkshire Institutions:** Hedley, chair

Meeting 2x a month, will be going down to once a month when the commitment list is up to date and things are a bit more clear. More and more reps are showing up every month. Lots of groups are re-engaging and doing in person commitments. McGee, Jones, CSS and Jail (only men). Main place for commitments to be filled-CSS.

Get in touch (contact info at the end of these minutes) if you are in the Berkshires and want to go on commitments.  
 Committee meeting 8:30 on every other Thursday on zoom, come check it out!

**Issues with Current Commitments**

None

**Invited Committee Reports**

**Area-** None

**CPC-** None

**End Reports**

Have a good list of places with open commitments, please share with your groups & other areas. We have lots of books. Bridging the gap has QR Codes to get commitments to give rides from

institutions to meetings. 1 for inmates, 1 for members.

**WMIG** – Met on FEB 9<sup>th</sup>- first live meeting. 25 people in attendance. 3 new steering committee members. Donating totes for intergroup, also a flat screen T.V. to church for all to share to use for Zoom. Planning Picnic in August- Starting early. Possible golf tournament, more details to follow- to get together for fellowship. Next meeting right here. Went to NERAASA. Found we are in good shape compared to other areas. Looking into bylaws. HOTLINE is still hopping. 6:30 is bookie meeting immediately before committee meeting.

#### **WYPAA**- NO REPORT

**District 1** – Met Thursday 7:00, 9 GSR's, much better. Gave reports, went to NERAASA. Round up attended. All groups seeing an increase in attendance & contributing to PIE Chart. Outgoing commitments. Young Peoples have rent increase. A Better World having 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. NERAASA was amazing- creating enthusiasm.

**District 2** – 19 in attendance. Had archives, registrar & area chair, GSR's gave reports. Not so young needs support. Alano Club. Read report about Webmaster position. Next meeting accessibility. Vote on Spring assembly. New business- WiFi access discussed, location won't give codes. Motion made to investigate new church- then Alano club gave us the code. CO Attended NERAASA, will give report. Spoke about spring assembly, round up. Please register groups. Handbooks will be given out at spring assembly. New open date for intergroup Talked about agenda items.

**District 3-** Had meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> of February, hybrid, 13 total, 4 live. Area chair attended, spoke about spring assembly, GSO, round up, Registrar, invited Berk intergroup doing well, as well as our institutions. Looking for women to go into institutions. 8 GSR's in attendance. Meeting attended well. 1 new GSR, got them registered. Groups asked for background info for spring assembly, agenda items. Had workshop on agenda items. 6 groups did presentations on items and shared, had open debate 7 dialog. Good presentations.

**District 4** – Had 9 total 4 GSR's Doing well, healthy. Hosting spring assembly. Sub Committee for hospitality. We are prepared and have coffee pots. Meeting closed at 8:05

**District 5-** Delightful meeting. 15 groups in attendance, Registrar very helpful. 2 new GSR's came. Cooking with Gas in District 5. The agenda was to learn about to get GSO agenda items. Have it on email now Laura downloaded it and sent to GSR's in district. Making progress, psyched about going to spring assembly, looking forward to it. 1 group asked how to shut down long winded speakers and cross talkers, was a good meeting.

**District 6** – 7 groups represented March 25<sup>th</sup>, Westfield nooner having dance. The church asked for pamphlets for their church members. Reaching out to P.I.. Talked about mini-conference, Suffield men's GSR gave Concept 2 report. Will be meeting again prior to spring assembly.

**Delegate's Remarks** – 12 agenda items. everything is on the area website. If anyone wants to discuss other items, that is ok. I read 1000 pages of background material information. NERF registration is available Chair of the GSO- trustee was asked to resign, then another resigned after that. No real information available. NERAASA was EXCELLENT ! Around 1,400 people EXCELLENT! Was great, good stuff. NERD- next Great Alt. and I are going to prep for GSO. NERF is in Burlington, Marriott. IS free, called the 'GSO road show'. Trustees will be there.

**Alternate Delegate Remarks:** Mass state convention planning committee is back up and running, last Tuesday odd months. Plenty opportunities for service. Highly recommend attending Carpool, Orange truck

leaving 6:15 pm sharp (end of 291) room for 5. Mini- Conference/Spring assembly, we will break into subgroups to discuss the items, will be moderated by a past delegate. 3 groups, 1 virtual., will have a report back and open mic after lunch to discuss. 1 group will be hybrid, hosted by David E. Will have info on website. Apologize to Grapevine and PI for saying that they weren't at NERAASA.

**Area Chair Remarks:** Mini conference will be March 25 & 26- Sunday will be the business meeting. GSR's can vote at assembly. Area does outgoing speaking commitments, next one will be the Wake-Up Call group, on Zoom only. 3/15 7:00pm. Attended NERAASA- was awesome, had a lot of fun. AREA 31 showed up strong, we had a LOT of people- Learned our area is doing very well compared to most. We talked about timing the reports to 3 minutes each.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** Motion was made to cancel the April Area Business meeting due to the proximity to the Spring assembly, motion passed unanimously.

Motion to close 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting 5/10/2023 (spring assembly March 26<sup>th</sup>)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M  
Area 31 Secretary  
Western Mass General Service