

Area 31 Meeting Minutes, June 14th, 2023  
Called to order at 7:30 PM

		Jan	Mar	S/ A	May	June	Aug	Sept	F/ A	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 B	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>	Bruce V	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>ACCESSIBILITIES CO-CHAIR</b>	Renee	N	N		N	N					
<b>ARCHIVES CHAIR</b>	Melissa G	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>ARCHIVES CO-CHAIR</b>	Chris K	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>CPC CHAIR</b>	Steve A	N	Y		N	Y					
<b>CPC CO-CHAIR</b>	Cindy F.	Y	Y		Y	N					
<b>GRAPEVINE CHAIR</b>	Jenny A	Y	Y		N	N					
<b>GRAPEVINE CO-CHAIR</b>	.	N	N		N	N					
<b>P.I. CHAIR</b>	Mark H	N	Y		Y	Y					
<b>P.I. CO-CHAIR</b>		Y	N		N	N					
<i>WEBMASTER</i>	Tom H	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<i>Assist Webmaster</i>	Bob B	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>W. MASS IGP CHAIR</b>	Bob M	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>BERK. IGP CHAIR</b>	Courtney	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>INSTITUTIONS CHAIR</b>	Matt F.	N	Y		N	Y					
<i>INSTITUTIONS Co-CHAIR</i>	<i>Jax M.</i>	N	N		N	N					
<b>ROUND UP CHAIR</b>	Steve A.	N	Y		Y	Y					
<b>ROUND UP CO-CHAIR</b>	Tom H	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>WMYPAA</b>	vacant	N	N		N	N					
			N		N	N					
<b>District 1 DCM</b>	John P	Y	Y		Y	Y					
<b>District 1 CO-DCM</b>	Nancy R	N	Y		N	Y					
<b>District 2 DCM</b>	Lynne S	Y	Y		Y	Y					

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District 2 CO-DCM	Janet B	Y	Y		Y	Y					
District 3 DCM	Brian W.	Y	Y		N	N					
District 3 CO-DCM		N	Y		Y	N					
District 4 DCM	Adam B	Y	Y		Y	Y					
District 4 CO-DCM	Dan B	Y	Y		N	N					
District 5 DCM	Kate V	N	Y		Y	Y					
District 5 CO-DCM	Lara C.	Y	Y		Y	Y					
District 6 DCM	Justin C	Y	Y		N	Y					
District 6 CO-DCM	Ryan W	Y	Y		Y	N					
Quorum =18	*Only to make/brea k a tie	25	31		25	27					

**Secretary's Report:**

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

**New Business** – explanation from treasurer about current status of 501c3- in good standing.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Area 31 Treasurer's Report June 2023  
(May 2023 Financials and Contributions)**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning April Balance	\$ 19,428.97
Group Contributions	\$ 2,953.72
Total Area Expenses	\$ 3,449.06
Closing May Balance	\$ 18,933.63
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$ 8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$ 27,434.63

Further Comments:

\*Contributions in May 2023 increased by **\$1,168.88** from contributions in May 2022

\*There was a total of 35 donations made in May 2023 totaling **\$2,953.72**

\*See Treasurer's spreadsheet for more detail

**Registrar's Report: - Numbers:** The total number of registered active groups is 302, which includes 298 regular plus 3 virtual groups.

**Group ID Lookup:** An updated list of Group ID Numbers is on the Registrar's page of the area website. There is also a link on the home page under "featured pages." This alphabetical list of groups shows the newer 9-digit numbers, along with the old numbers for reference. GSO will eventually phase out the old numbers.

**Group Lists:** Every six months or so, I print lists of groups by district, for DCMs and Co-DCMs. This time I included a column showing "history date," which is the group's start date. Most groups define their start date as the date of their first meeting.

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## **Report of the Handbook Editor**

Sally S.

In response to a question at the May meeting, I reviewed the paragraph about incorporation at the bottom of page 1 of the *Area 31 Handbook and Guidelines*. The paragraph was out of date and confusing. Here is the new paragraph, written in consultation with Area Officers and Area Committee Members, and after reviewing Massachusetts and IRS records.

Western Massachusetts General Service Area 31 of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 3, 2006. An amendment on August 29, 2007, shortened the name to Western Massachusetts General Service Area 31, Inc. The Area is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)3 (tax exempt) nonprofit. The Area's official address is 30 Carew Street, South Hadley, MA. Our mailing address is PO Box 6818, Holyoke, MA 01041.

I will submit a revised edition of the Handbook, the 34th update since an Ad Hoc Committee produced the 2016 version, and the Area began maintaining a web version. Once the revision is posted, the editorship will move from me to Janet B. My thanks to Janet for agreeing to take this on, and my deep thanks to the Area for allowing me to serve.

## **Area Archivist Report:**

Not a lot to report. Continuing sorting. Had 1 request from a member about who was the second group to start in the area. It was nice to have information to provide. Received a few things tonight, will add to the collection.

## **Webmaster:**

- Delegate's Report from the General Service Conference is posted on the area website. This can be accessed from the front page of the website. The report is in audio format for the first time. Slides are available to go with it.
- I met Wednesday, May 31st with Bob and Jenn T to discuss some possible improvements to the website. We'll be meeting every few weeks to share ideas and review content.
- As always, please continue to share any Area service events that you would like posted to the website.

**Accessibilities -** Progressing very well. Next meeting is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Have 5 new commitments. Vantage, Linden Manor, In home visit, Care 1, Chestnut Hill nursing home. Giving assignments to the 13 members of committee to find new commitments.

**Archives-** We met on 6/6 and had 7 reps in attendance, including the chair and co-chair. We decided on the date of our next event, which will be a "Listening Party," same format as the event Archives hosted in March. The event will be on 7/29/23 from 7 to 9pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley. During the meeting, we listened to various tapes and decided on the 2 we will play during the event. The format will be: food & fellowship, followed by listening to archived speaker tapes and a discussion. The next meeting of Archives will be 7/4 at 7:30pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley and we will finalize any needed details for the event.

**CPC-** Met last night, 7 in attendance. 1 person reached out about being brought to a meeting. Members saved and found all old contacts. We will be reaching out to pre-covid contacts. Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30

**Grapevine** – NO REPORT

**PI** – 7 people, 4 in person, 3 on zoom. New Business. 1 new commitment- opportunity house, tried on Zoom- Now able to go in person. Reaching out to other places. Schools will be back in motion. Regional High & Springfield College. The radio show is still going, we will take more contacts to record. Next meeting is July 11.

**Round Up-** We had a very successful Round Up, 201 Attendees, our treasury is over \$7000. Our feedback forms were all positive. Hospitality was a big hit. Everyone had fun @open mic. Alanon went well, asked to have only Friday & Saturday moving forward.

**Berk IG** – Met past Monday. Looking at By-Laws- Revisiting. Trying to get bookie meeting back-up. Planning on having a spiritual retreat in September, New office manager. Bus trip cancelled.

**Institutions** Not able to make meeting last week. Had \$2476 in donations. Paid rent and bought books. BTG going to conference in Texas. QR code for link BTG & person in custody (where located, How far & what meetings). Open commitment- Franklin- all women's.

**WMIG** – Met last Thursday. Not much to report, office is stocked well. Prices going up 20%, bought extra to prolong increase for local members. Old- none. New – Moved \$ from prudent to budget, in case of doing where and when. Picnic 8/20 Moose Lodge 12-6:00pm. Looking for phone coverage, looking for kore volunteers to help set up, call intergroup office, Joy will take calls. 8/25 golf tournament, come early to get registered. Is on website- flyer or email me.

**WYPAA-** NO REPORT

**District 1** – All groups doing well. 3 Anniversary's coming up. BYBB, Fireside&. Attendance is growing in all groups.

**District 2** – We meet at the AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 745 MAIN ST. AGAWAM MA. We had 16 in attendance; Mike, our Area Delegate was present.

All GSRs reported their groups are doing good and all but two are self-supporting.

Mulberry St Group looking for support, Not So Young needs support.

Our District GSRs discussed ways to bring more newcomers into both Pioneer Valley group and Mulberry and Sat Vets group that meets at the Alano Club 7pm. Mulberry Grp may go back to Feeding Hills.

Joy of Living Group May have a Grapevine workshop June 10<sup>th</sup>, if not rescheduled.\_

**NEW BUISNESS:** subcommittee\_Workshop members met after meeting to discuss, date for workshop. Topics, Speakers, Time slots, food. We are calling this event “CELEBRATION FOR SERVICE WORK “. DOORS OPEN AT 5PM FOR FOOD & FELLOWSHIP, PAST DELAGATE SPEAKERS, ETC. AUGUST 25, 2023.\_

**District 3-** NO Report.

**District 4** – Met on 5/16 7:00 on Zoom. 11 in attendance, 9 groups represented. Not much new going on except 1, the attitude adjustment group voted to let the chairperson decide when reading the preamble, to use “men and women” or “people”. Old business – workshop on 8/12 10:30 am to 1:30 pm @ Holy Family in Deerfield, will by hybrid. 3 speakers, 20 minutes each- topic is “Keeping the triangle balanced.

**District 5**- Good meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month. 7 groups live and 3 on Zoom. The only online group was present. Had a panel at the round up, "giving it away to keep it" (how to help the newcomer) was fun, did with district 2, Sobriety countdown was a blast, looking to get involved with the Mass State convention, meet again on 7/3/23.

**District 6**- Attendance was down last meeting. We got the hybrid going, no one was on- too new. Had commitment at the round up. No issues to report, most groups say attendance is growing. Workshop in September on traditions. The delegate gave a summary on concept, due to absent GSR.

**Delegate's Remarks**- Everything was already said. Doing site search for future Mass State conventions. Ad-Hoc committee picking by lot for GSO trustee. NERF workshop was well attended by Area 31.

**Alternate Delegate Remarks:** Mass State convention planning is in full swing. Takes place last Tuesday of Odd months. The carpool leaves at 6:15 sharp. Look for a big orange truck. At end of 291 Burnett Rd. Chicopee. Rooms are \$129.00 per night for the event. Make sure to book through the event to assure we get room credits- through hotel to help us stay fully self-supporting. Good opportunity to meet other AAs in Area 30.

Respectfully request that when giving your reports, to only give information from your actual committee, not what other visiting committees, or area officer reports. Request standing committees to show up at intergroup meeting to report what is going on at your committee, it does not have to be the chair or co-chair, can be any member of the committee.

**Area Chair Remarks:** Concept meeting each month on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. Thanked Sally for all her hard work and time spent on area guidebook as editor. For transparency, informing the area that we gave an extra \$50 to the church for being extra accommodating to us.

**Old Business** -explanation from treasurer about current status of 501c3- in good standing.

**New Business** No New Business

Motion to close 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting 7/12/2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ray M.

Area 31 Secretary

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