

# Area committee Spring Assembly meeting minutes

**March 24 2024**

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 followed by the Serenity Prayer
2. Bob read the Area Committee from the Service Manual.
3. **Secretary's report** of the last Fall Assembly

4. **Treasurer's report** (Justin C). This report will capture 6 months activity from the Fall Assembly 2023 to Spring Assembly 2024

Opening balance for September 2023 was \$24,109.79 Contributions for the past six months totaled \$17,205.16. Area expenses totaled \$11,261.97. The closing balance was \$38,205.13 plus Prudent Reserve:

\$8,501.00 = \$46,705.13 Total funds available.

\*NERAASSA numbers will be finalized today as last checks were written this weekend –we were under budget.

\*under budget on mini conference

\*both of these will be reflected on the March report as well as delegate expenses for GSO

\*next month will be our biggest hit of the year but finances are still very healthy

Thank you for your continued support/contributions to Area 31, and thank you for this opportunity to serve Area 31

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C.

Treasurer Area 31

5. **Registrar** My job is to maintain records of DCMs and Co-DCMs, GSRs and Alternate GSRs, and groups. These records are based at the General Service Office in New York, in a Netsuite database called Fellowship Connection.

NUMBERS: Area 31 currently has 301 registered active groups: 299 regular + 2 virtual.

GSRs are crucial in helping the Registrar keep group records up to date. An up-to-date group record means a record that has the name and contact information of current GSR, or an Alternate GSR, or a mail contact. A group without a current GSR (or alternate or mail contact) is not really a group in the eyes of Fellowship Connection, because the fellowship doesn't know how to connect with that group. It becomes an "unknown" group. And you don't want to be unknown to GSO, especially now that GSO is sending occasional updates by email, including to GSRs.

Please, if you're a GSR or an Alternate GSR or someone willing to be a contact person for your group, and you haven't already given your information to me or to your DCM, grab one of the forms on the back table, fill it out, and leave it with me. There's a red box around one section of the form---that's the only section you need to fill out. You can also find the form on the area website: fill it out, and email it to me. The address is on the form. And if you hate forms, just email me the name of your group and your contact info.

GROUP ID LOOKUP: If your group has lost track of your group ID number, there's a pdf on the website where you can look that up. Scroll to the bottom of the main webpage, under Resources. I've just sent Tom an updated version for posting.

VIRTUAL GROUPS: The 2 virtual groups I mentioned are the only 2 that specifically asked to be listed in Fellowship Connection as virtual. There are many more than 2 that are listed in the Meeting Guide as online meetings. At last check, there were about 30. I'm in the process of double checking the list, and then I will consult with the Area Committee about shifting all of them into the virtual category. That will make our records more accurate, and more in line with the way other areas handle this. It could also help the virtual groups take part, if they want to, in conversations about supporting such groups.

GROUP VS. MEETING: Groups are not meetings, and meetings are not groups. Groups hold meetings. Meetings are put on by entities that may or may not be registered groups. Meeting info is maintained by Intergroup. Group info is maintained by registrars on behalf of AA as a whole.

THANK YOU for the opportunity to serve.- Sally

**6. Archivist** Sorting of the archives will continue to be an ongoing process. There were donations of A.A. history news clipping books and group members lists from Randall group. Also, Mike B. donated some materials from his experience as Area Delegate.

I responded to several inquiries about group histories and origins as well as other similar inquiries. I enjoy researching things like this.

I added to the Area history for 2023 regarding the change of Webmaster and the Ad-Hoc committee recommendation of Tradition 8 payment to the Webmaster that was approved by the Area committee.

I will be adding to the Area history later in the year regarding the renewal of W.M.Y.P.A.A. Committee as well as the reintroduction of the printed When and Where meeting list after a 4-year hiatus from the covid pandemic.

Finally, I encourage all Committee Chairs and DCM's to provide hard copy for minutes and events, as well as posting these minutes to the website (which has become a de facto electronic archive). (Please include FULL dates on documents.) The one constant that has been, and still is, relevant is paper copy.

It is only if we preserve these minutes that they will be available to future generations for research, that we may continue to carry the message of our efforts of today. Sadly, looking at the website and past minutes this is an area for much improvement. Much of our past efforts are lost to time. We may do wonderful things now, but if they are not retained then the work ends at the year's end.

Respectfully submitted, Carl G.

**7. Webmaster** It has been an exciting few months for our area website! After several months of planning, our redesigned website launched on December 14th. The migration went well, and we were able to carry over all emails from the old server. Our new server, BlueHost, should provide quick load times and minimal downtime. WordPress is now much more responsive when making edits to the site. The last major task is to transfer our domain from the prior host, DNC Hosting, to BlueHost. This shouldn't cause any downtime or appearance changes to the website, and I will be working with our prior webmaster to get that completed in the coming months.

On January 14th, a month after the re-designed website was migrated, we integrated Google Analytics into the site to get a better understanding of how people are finding and using the website. Here are some statistics which I hope you enjoy as much as I do!

How much traffic are we seeing?

The website has 3,679 hits since January the 14th, with 2,056 unique users accessing the site. Prorated to 6 months, we are seeing a 61.5% increase in users with the new site.

How do people find the site?

48% of users access the site directly by either using a bookmark or by typing area31aa.org into their browser. 34% find the site by clicking on a result from a search engine (which is awesome!). 18% arrive by using a link on another website. Western MA Intergroup is the primary referral source to the area website

How quickly do people find what they need? The average site visit is 49 seconds.

Where are people going on the site? The calendar is the most accessed page. Considering this, and hearing feedback about the "Contribute" button that was front and center on the landing page, we made the decision to change this button from "Contribute" to "Calendar". The contribute button is still visible on the main page from the main navigation menu.

Committee Minutes is the second most accessed page. Thank you all for continuing to submit your minutes. I hope everyone finds this plug-in useful for finding new or old meeting minutes. It has made uploading minutes far easier for me, and writing HTML code is no longer a requirement to adding new minutes to the site.

What devices are used to access the site? 54% of users access the site using a desktop computer. 44% access the site using a mobile device. The other 2% access the site using a tablet.

What about storage? We are using 10% of our available disk space on BlueHost, where this had stood at 80% on our prior host. This is due to a combination of everyone's efforts to clean up email inboxes, and from launching a new site that didn't carry the content of a decade's worth of events. We do still possess these files, which are available to archive for an interested historian down the road.

A big thank you to Jenn, the Assistant Webmaster, who continues to bring new ideas and a laser focus on accessibility to the site. We've been meeting every few weeks to review feedback and evaluate usability on different areas of the site.

I consider these last few months to be a 'settling in' period for the new site. Jenn and I are learning as we go, but have found a nice stride. We would love to see committee pages take on unique shapes. If you're on a committee, please give consideration to how the website can better help your committee. If another area, or district within another area, is doing something

neat on their respective committee's page, please draw inspiration from that and reach out to get it done on your committee's site—Tom

## **Standing Committees**

**7 Accessibilities:**(Max S. Chair) Maintaining current commitments at:

-pioneer valley health & rehabilitation

- Linda Manor,Vantage one, Chestnut hill nursing home,Pauline commitment

Working on a new pamphlet for the area 31 Accessibilities committee and should be able to present it at the next Area meeting in April. We will use Accessibility funds to mass print it for distribution when finalized.

Currently getting about 6-7 people in attendance at the Accessibility committee meetings and hoping to grow that number and get more people at the meetings by visiting the District meetings.

Respectfully, Max chair

**8. Archives** (Chris chair) Rolled in from Co-chair in January '24, Melissa G.rolled out. New Co-chair is Joe L. from Sunday morning.Hybrid meeting is posted on [area 31 aa.org](http://area31aa.org).Attendance usually 6-11 between live and Zoom.

In the past 6 months we have participated at both the Fall and Spring Service assemblies as well as the Mass State Convention. Carried the message to various AA group anniversaries: October2023 Cold Springs, Suffield Grapevine Groups. November: Joy of Living and Haydenville Sunday Night Life Groups. March: After Work and Hand in Hand Groups.

Next Steps: Work together to put on 1-2 events, as was done last year, depending upon the consensus of the committee. Ideas include: a Listening Party (with food, fellowship and discussion after listening to an archived speaker recording) and/or Record a Speaker for our archives(potentially set up a speaker meeting with someone who has agreed to be recorded).

Urgent business: Discuss with Area 31 at Assembly the need for dedicated storage space. We simply do not have adequate storage for our supplies and equipment. The responsibility of maintaining these items, such as the Archive boards, party supplies, etc have been on Individual committee members.

Respectfully submitted, Chris O.,Chair

**9. Cooperation with the Professional Community** (Bruce V.) The CPC is doing well, having Increased its committee membership to 8-10 monthly. The committee appointed Caren F as the Co Chair for 2024. One goal of the committee is to increase representation from more groups to help us meet the committee's commitments.A second goal for the year is to increase the number of standing commitments to 12. Chair will meet with all districts at their monthly meetings to promote CPC and to explain what CPC does.

Bruce V attended NERAASA, In Hershey Pa, February 23rd - 25th and learned:

1) how CPC/PI can better communicate with people through technology to reach their targeted

areas: both private and professional.

- 2) We can improve our delivery by meeting and sharing with other Area committee chairs.
- 3) Shared ideas about new literature created by other Areas to help get the message out.
- 4) review how to present ourselves in a professional way when giving a presentation.

Commitments attended from October 2023- present

October 3-4. Mark C attended the International Conference of Lawyers Employment Assistance Program in Springfield MA. at the Marriott Hotel. The committee set up a display and made a presentation on what CPC does in the AA community.

(The previous committee set up the meetings for A Second Chance for the Berkshire County Sheriff's Dept. and Elms College )

January 22, Elms College Department of Nursing Chicopee Ma. Mark C, Mike C, Bruce V. Attended by 31 students and was recorded to be shown to two more classes.

January 26th Zoom meeting Presentation to 2nd Street - Second Chance Post Incarceration program to Staff. Mike H, Mark C. Steve F. Bruce V. Attended by 4 staff members.

March 21st Springfield College Department Of Counseling and Substance abuse Masters program. Locklin Hall, Room 201. Presentation to 8 students, 1 virtually. Time 7pm-8:30 pm. Attended by Seth T, Caren P, Bruce V.

Upcoming Commitments

March 25th Holyoke Community College Department of Human Services (Zoom),  
Lara A. Coordinating meeting

April 5th UMass School Of Nursing, Kathy Davis (Coordinator) Professor Maud Low,  
Skinner Hall 651 N. Pleasant St. Amherst Ma 8am - 8:50 am

Committee Contacted Targets, AIC School Nursing (Fall Semester) Westfield State U  
Nursing Department (Spring Semester 2025)

Targets still to respond: Elms College Psychology Dept & Dept of Social Work, Hampden  
County Sheriffs Dept section 35 staff

Respectfully submitted, Bruce V. Chair

10. **Grapevine** Not in attendance no report

11. **Public Info** Andrew 9-10 people 5 commitment Mill St. Gandara, ILiberty Prep, Asset house, Opportunity House, High schools Smith and Hampshire Reg.(in the works) And the Umbrella of wellness Table event

12. **West MA Round-Up** (Tom H.) Due to difficulty getting a committee together, the Round Up will be a One day event this year. June 1st 9 am to 9 pm. Last month we had 8 people in attendance for the first time in a long time. Location will be St. John's at 60 Broad St. Westfield, MA 01085

Flyers are in the back today and on the Area website. Saturday afternoon Steve M., our delegate, will give his report on the Gen Service meeting in New York.

## **Invited Committees reports**

**13 Berkshire Intergroup (Courtney)** Berkshire Intergroup sponsored an 11th step spiritual retreat in September with a great facilitator from California. It was well attended and a successful Intergroup event.

Berkshire intergroup also sponsored a Christmas Eve/Day alkathon which was hugely successful and actually generated income for BIG. We plan on doing another one in 2024.

Through a collaboration with District 3 and the Berkshire Institutions Committee, we had a Celebration of Service Workshop in January with 3 powerful panels of people explaining the importance of service at the level of the homegroup, in institutions, and at the district and area levels.

The intergroup had been struggling to meet expenses last year, and groups stepped up pie chart contributions and we are now meeting expenses and groups are no longer sending in larger amounts. It was a great example of asking for help and actually getting it.

We have had an increase in reps attending the BIG meetings each month. Many groups are represented and it is great to see so many joining us each month. We appreciate the efforts of our District 3 DCM Brian W. who asked GSRs to go to their business meetings and make sure service positions are filled, including intergroup. We are working with our reps to determine what our Intergroup sponsored event will be for 2024. We asked them to go back to groups and see what the groups would like to see us do. We have gotten great feedback and look forward to a fun event coming soon.

We have also asked groups for feedback on reinvigorating the bookie meeting which would be a speaker exchange between groups. So far the interest is strong.

We now have District 3 meeting lists available for printing on 8 ½ x 11" paper directly from the Berkshire Intergroup website. This is very exciting. It is something that people have expressed interest in for a long time. We want to thank Bob B for helping us make this possible. It makes it easy for people to print out lists on their way to a service commitment at an institution, or for groups that are located further away from Pittsfield. Meeting lists are still available at the office as well.

Our newsletter goes out to approximately 185 people, and is then forwarded on to at least 100 more. Our secretary recently did an interview with Vera F (who is here today) which is included in the February newsletter. It focused on her work with the literature subcommittee and the plain language big book project. If anyone would like to receive our newsletter, please give us your email address before leaving today.

We have established an AD HOC committee addressing IT issues as they arise within the Intergroup. We are working on issues such as what our options are regarding the 24 hour hotline, phone services, whether alternative forms of payment would help for purchase of literature and coins, and other issues as they arise. For example, with input from the AD HOC

committee, the full Intergroup committee recently voted to stay with a live receptionist answering the hotline rather than switching to a call-forwarding service.

We have no vacant positions at this time.

#### **14. Institutions (Matt F.chair)**

It was voted that Matt stay on as Chair of the committee. Month Contributions  
Expenses Books October \$2,491.39 \$77.00 \$2,414.39 November \$2,560.86  
\$129.06 \$2,107.02 December \$1,697.73 \$410.72 \$1620.73 January \$2,008.43  
\$77.00 \$1,931.43 February \$2,566.36 \$715.88 \$2,489.10 March \$1,213.08  
\$177.00 \$1,036.80 Total \$12,537.85 \$892.88 \$10,669.47 Our expenses include  
monthly rent \$75 And a \$2 bank Fee We also have PO box we pay yearly, have  
recently had printed copies of the committee guidelines printed to give to IGRs  
and set aside money to send chair and co chair to NERASAA and MA state  
convention per our guidelines All left over contributions go towards books for  
meeting sponsors to bring to their commitments, we have around 900 various  
books on hand which is down from the 1200 we had at fall assembly last year.  
We meet the 1st wednesday of the month on Carew St South Hadley We have  
had roughly 25-30 people in attendance. According to our master list there are 13  
facilities we bring meetings into on various nights. Open commitments include  
Mission Care in Holyoke, Osborne prison in Somers, and Stoneybrook, as well as  
Section 35 in Ludlow. Bridging the gap is all electronic now with "qr" codes to  
sign up for both a ride to a meeting and to bring people to the meeting We are  
continuing to try and remain in contact with each facility we hold meetings at and  
deal with any complications as they arise. We thank all the groups who are able  
to contribute to helping carry the message.

**15. Western Mass Intergroup (Yolanda R. Chair) 20 -25 reps Bob was**  
setting up for the Christmas alkathon. We had elections and filled all  
positions. We are ready to work. Golf tournament May 25th \$100  
Annual Picnic is in August.

**16. Western Mass Young People in AA (Jill F).** Made the report as a  
representative of the committee. Jill read the mission statement of WMYPAA. We  
have been meeting for about 4 months. Currently meeting in person at 35  
Chestnut St. Springfield at 6 pm on the 1st thursday of the month which will be  
changing soon. We have put on one event so far and are having a singo event  
Saturday April 13th at 745 Main St. Agawam. We are putting together a bid to

bring MSCYPAA back to Western MA. We will keep you posted on that. We are looking forward to growing and becoming more involved in the Area 31 service structure.

## **District Committee reports**

District 1: 1. Will is new to being a DCM and would like Tony to move to DCM and he will move back to Co-DCM. Primary issue has been getting representation from groups. We do need to drum up some participation from the other 24 groups in our district.

District 2: (Janet B.) Going to be Hosting a meeting on Acceptance at the Round Up. District 2 continues to meet on the second Monday of each month at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., Agawam at 7:30pm. We are also available virtually. We average about 12- 15 GSRs with some alternates participating. Since the 2023 Fall Assembly, District 2 can report that most groups have attendance that is steady or growing, meeting their financial obligations and contributing to the pie chart. The rest of 2023 brought elections of new GSRs, some new alternate GSRs and reports that the majority of groups were able to fill all the positions at the group level. It was of note that some younger people are taking on positions for the first time. A few previously vacant positions are just now being filled and I continue to send Sally new representative member information. Elaine H. was unanimously elected to Co-DCM. 2024 brought the newly elected to their service positions. Elaine moved into the Co-DCM position and I, (Janet B.) moved into DCM, as Lynne's term ended. I'd like to thank Lynne for all her hard work for District 2, I enjoyed working with her and I learned a lot. At the beginning of the year, Wild Cats made a change to their Monday format. They went from a 7pm-8pm beginner meeting followed by a 8:30pm-9:30pm speaker meeting to a 7pm-8:15pm beginner meeting with a dedicated 15 minutes of fellowshiping after the meeting, especially aimed at the newcomers. This is reported to be a huge success, some meetings with standing room only. The Holyoke Group that meets Thursday and Sunday moved downstairs, in the same building, due to a burgeoning attendance. Some other groups had made changes in early 2023 and they too are continuing to benefit from the modifications they have implemented. For the new GSRs, we have had Ray come and put on the GSR presentation in February. I would like to invite any committee who would like to speak at our District to please see me and we will schedule a visit. All are welcome, and a few of you are already scheduled and I look forward to having you at the District. February was NERAASA, which both Elaine and myself attended, and our District was fortunate enough to have two GSRs make the trip  
Janet B.

## District 3.(Brian W, D3 DCM)

District Meeting has shown regular attendance by 10 to 15 groups per month, as well as invited committees and typically a guest or two. Attendance is usually four to five in person and the rest virtually.



We have added eight new GSRs and alt GSRs in the past 6 months and one new group has been registered in District 3, the "Boiled Owls Group." There are two virtual-only groups meeting as of March 2024 including the Virtual Sober at Sunrise and the IDHAC (not listed as virtual only), as well as a Linguistic Meeting for Spanish Only Speakers, and a newly formed LGBTQ+ meeting (Alphabet Soup).

Currently the Groups in the District are supporting commitments to McGee, CSS, the BC House of Corrections, Mountainside, and a commitment to a women's jail in Hudson, NY.

The "I Dont Have a Clue Group" in District 3 hosted a Christmas Day Zoom-a-thon; the event was successful with up to 12 participants each hour from around the Area and outside the Area. The District collaborated with BIG and Berkshire Institutions to hold a Celebration of Service on Jan 20th at the First Congregational Church in Stockbridge in a hybrid format. The event included three panels and 9 panelists with 45 in-person attendees and 25 virtual, including a large show of support from the Area and Area Committee members who made the drive or joined via Zoom to show support for the event.

A hybrid Sharing Session and Workshop was organized by District 3, held on Zoom as well as in person at St Peter's Lutheran, to discuss the Conference Agenda Items to be "considered" at the 74th General Service Conference; there was also a presentation on the status of the Plain Language Big Book; 12 attended in person, 14 virtually, with participants from around the Area presenting and discussing.

District 3 continues to utilize BIG website, the Area 31 website, and the Berkshire County AA Facebook group to assist in keeping members informed about happenings in the District and the Area.

Lastly, the District is in need of a Co-DCM to ensure the spirit of rotation at the end of 2024

District 4. Dan continues to meet only on Zoom, Pretty wide Geographical range so it works well for us. Jenn co DCM. business as usual.

District 5. ( Lara A.) We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm at 30 Carew St. in South Hadley and online.

Over the past 6 months, we have continued to attend meetings in the district, encouraging groups that have no GSR to elect one and send them to the monthly district meeting. We have been successful with several new GSRs attending our meetings. We have averaged between 11-15 groups represented, and with some alternate GSRs attending as well.

The Hampden group had their anniversary in November, with 60 people in attendance.

Belchertown Saturday Night celebrated 32 years in December.

Do or Die and Cold Spring groups had slots at the Alkathon.

Wake Up Call, District 5's only online group, folded in January. It started when in-person meetings were closed down, holding 11 meetings a week. Participation decreased as people went back to in-person meetings, and they were down to 2 meetings a week with low attendance at the end of 2023.

Since the Church at 51 Center St. in Ludlow was sold, we are now down to 2 groups meeting in Ludlow, both at 859 Center St.

Ray M., our Alternate Delegate, gave the GSR presentation in January.

We purchased and distributed Service Manuals to the new GSRs in February.

Sally, our Registrar, joined us in February to explain the importance of new GSRs filling out the Group Information Change form, and we went over the Registered Groups list. She explained why it's important to have the name of your group and group ID correct.

We have invited the Committee Chairs to visit our district meetings to talk about what their committee does and why GSRs should encourage their groups to elect reps to serve on them. In March, Max from Accessibilities visited us. Bruce from CPC will visit us in April. Andrew from PI will visit us in May. Matt from Institutions will visit us in June. Any Committee Chairs who would like to visit District 5, please let Sharla or me know.

District 5 will be performing the Traditions play. We will assign parts and do a read-through at our April meeting. More information on date and location to follow. Next meeting is April 1st..

Respectfully submitted,

Lara A

District 5 DCM

District 6. (Paula DCM, Greg Co DCM, Secretary Annette) Switched to Southwick Location from Enfield (wifi Issues and too far for some) we have increased participation as a result. There are some Connecticut meetings in our district that are thinking they may go to Connecticut and we are investigating which groups are still District 6. District 6 meets 3rd Monday of Month at 7 pm at Christ Lutheran Church - Daily Grind 568 College Hwy, Southwick, MA 01077, Or on zoom.

Voted to keep/Make District 6 Meeting hybrid and also voted to get a laptop with speaker microphone and we purchased these.

Then we voted to make the venue change from Enfield to Southwick.

Our attendance at the district meetings has had a slight increase in the last 3 months, due to the new location and zoom ( with good wifi).

Our GSR attendance was around 5 to 7 and now it is 6 to 9. Also, more visitor attendance.

I have been confirming the area 31/district 6 meetings in the Suffield, Enfield, Somers towns.

We are hosting this Spring Assembly/mini conference event

Finally, District 6 is planning on hosting a workshop in September. We are going to confirm dates, times and the venue for the next meeting or two.

No major issues, meetings running smoothly.

Alternate Delegate Remarks (3/24/2024) Hello, My name is Ray Meunier, Gratefully serving as your Area 31, Panel 74 Alternate Delegate. Although my term did not officially start until January 1st, 2024, I hit the ground running in this new position providing the GSR presentation to all districts and again a second time in District 4 and 6 at their request. The presentation was well received, and I thoroughly enjoyed providing this critical information to the new class of GSR's, they are the future of the Area and AA as a whole. It has been such a pleasure to meet with the various committees, districts, and individual members to help provide the current and upcoming events in the area. I feel like the heart of AA is beating strong in AREA 31. I have been honored to represent this Area at many AA functions. I attended the Mass State convention in November, an excellent workshop in the Berkshires put on by district

3, NERAASA in February, and NERD in March. Although my prayers are that this won't need to happen, I am ready to step in if Steve, our current delegate, isn't able to attend the General Service Conference in April. Steve has been great at communicating with me the pertinent information I need to best serve in this position. I feel our area is in very good hands and we will be represented proudly as he Trudges that very long exhaustive week in New York. Items I would like to remind the area about for future events: 1)Mass State Convention Planning Committee Meets the last Tuesday every other month on the "odd" number months, the next one is this Tuesday at 7:00pm at the Best Western in Marlboro, Mass. I am the carpool for these next couple years, leaving the parking lot at the end of Route 291,Mercedes/ Bowling alley Lot at 5:30 sharp. 2) "What a Concept" meeting, every first Thursday. Live and Hybrid at 30 Carew St. South Hadley. 3) The Area provides group inventories, contact the area chair, a past delegate will facilitate. 4) Outgoing speaking commitments, we will come speak at your meeting, contact Bob M. for more info. Thank you again, all of you (Chairs, CO-Chairs, Groups & Members) for your service to Area31, and thank you for allowing ME to be of service to YOU. In love and Service, Ray

### Delegate's Remarks Area 31 Panel 72

Thank everyone for participating yesterday. If I do not vote your conscience I MUST explain to you about why. As a review of my last 6 months:

I attended NERASSA in Hershey PA. It was amazing!

I also attended the Northeast Regional Delegates reunion -while I was at NERD the chair of the committee I am on (the trustees Nominating committee) put out a poll to deal with Housekeeping issues Monday at Noon. I could not make it.

There were decisions made and I did tell the chair I didn't think that was appropriate as I was not included.

As we are working on the principle of Equal distribution of work. Our committee did review the pamphlet " Do you think you are different? "

I read about 500 pages of background information so I was ready..

#### *Questions for Delegate*

Lynne: Are you going to vote on the plain Language Big book?

Mike: I would be willing to bring back to my group these considered Items and give you their feedback.

### Area Chair's Remarks

Strong positive attitude in Area 31. 95 people attended the Workshop yesterday!

### **Business Meeting**

There is no old Business to Address so we can go right through to the New Business First we count the roll: 54 Voting members present 4 online

## New Business

Archive Chair Chris makes a motion to have a storage unit to keep all our boards and other committees have boards.

Can we clarify the motion to determine how much space is needed

Steve Delegate does recall we had about 90 sq. ft in our previous office

Justin treasurer said we have about 18,000 dollars in our budget

Steve (round Up) I have stuff in my house that is from the Round Up.

Ian (district 5) suggests that we can take a couple of months to work on the problem and see how much "stuff" we are talking about space for.

Karl said we could approve the motion and have the Area Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate.

Yolanda (WM Int group) We definitely need this we lost all our Round Up stuff when people died and the family threw it all out

Ray I think it is a good thing to get the storage space.

Steve I am in favor and think we should table this until we can determine what we need for storage.

Made a motion to table this motion to the next area meeting when we find out what we need. **In favor most Not in favor 3 Motion carries**

Motion : Area 31 is to find storage space for all our "stuff"

**Tabled motion to the next area meeting in April.**

Motion to adjourn at 330pm

Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted,

Kate V.

Area 31 Secretary