

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTION COMMITTEE**  
**P.O. BOX 1391**  
**HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1391**

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Wednesday February 4, 2015**

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The Committee Chair, Andy, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, and read the Articles of Purpose from The Western Massachusetts Institution Committee Area 31 – Guidelines and Job Descriptions (p.1) as well as guidelines for Institution Group Reps.

Tradition of the month and Concept of the month was read by Bill.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):** Dave from Joy of Living Group, Craig from Haydenville Sunday night, Tom from Sober Saturday, Bob from South Hadley Friday night, Mark from Forest Park Group

**Secretary's Report**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Total donations \$
- Expenses \$
- Ending Balance for Book Purchase \$

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

**BTG Report**

No Report this month

**Liaison Report**

Rich reported this month that he made a few calls to institutions, things are going well. It was brought up to vote about not attending meetings after 3 consecutive months, decided to talk about in new business.

**INVITED REPORTS**

**Area Delegate** – No Report for this month. If you would like more info about Delegate activity or to contact people on the Area Committee go to [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org).  
July 2 to July 5 is the International Convention in Atlanta, GA.

**Area Chair** – Paul H let us know that the area web site is [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org) and the area calendar is available on the site. He also reminded everyone that the Area Committee is

available to come to your home group to share their experience, strength and hope as it pertains to service. Go to the website and send an email to him or call him directly at ###-###-####

- Mini Conference Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm and Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> everybody's welcome. Question and issues will be brought up @ Second Congregational Church Maple and Appleton Street in Holyoke
- Anyone can attend any of the committees if you're interested.
- 2015 Roundup will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Springfield
- What A Concept Meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at Intergroup @ 7:00pm.
- Check out the calendar on the area site [www.area31aa.org](http://www.area31aa.org) for info about activities
- The next NERASAA will be February 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, in Somerset, NJ
- 2016 NERASAA will be in Springfield, MA, there will be lots of opportunities for service at that conference
- The area website has information about all the area committees.

**CPC** – no report

**Berkshires Institutions** – Jen reported that meetings are going well, some meetings need to be filled.

**Andy gave definitions of “Roll Ins” and “Roll Outs”, it is suggested sponsors have one year of sobriety, and alternates have 6 months of sobriety.**

### **ROLL OUTS**

- Chicopee Beginner Step 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday @ Carlson Detox
- Tom Franklin Medical Center Monday @7pm

### **ROLL INS**

- Ben into Carlson 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday
- Christen into Hampden County Woman Jail 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed
- Mark into Opportunity House Thursday 5pm
- David into Providence 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday
- Tom into Franklin Medical Center Tuesday

### **ROLL CALL**

Updated several meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Bridging the gap position open. (read job description)
- Liaison position open. (read job description)
- Say terms in full, not by abbreviation

**ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

- A motion was made to vote for treasurer by 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy, motion was not passed. Vote was in favor to nominate someone
- Jon was nominated and accepted position for treasurer
- Motion was made to spend what money will be available on books
- A motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

**Your 2015 Institution Committee**

Chair	Andy	email:
Co-chair	Rich J	email:
Secretary	Holly W	email:
Treasurer	John R	email:
BTG	Open	email:
Librarian	Victoria	email:
Liaison	Rich	email:
Berkshires	Darren M.	email:

Respectfully submitted,

Holly W

Secretary  
Institution Committee