

**AREA 31 WESTERN MASS INSTITUTIONS  
COMMITTEE  
P.O. BOX 1391  
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**BUSINESS MEETING  
Wednesday, January 2nd 2019**

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35 members in attendance.

Jimmy, our new Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Jay read the traditions and Freddy read the concept of the month.

Introductions.

**New Institution Group Reps (IGRs):**

Welcome!

- Tim D., Easthampton Monday night group
- Andrew D., Monday night step group

Jimmy read the articles of purpose.

**Secretary's Report:** Read by Nicole; Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Charlie was present gave a report.

• Total donations	\$1797.38
• Expenses	\$1600.38
• Ending balance for book purchases	\$750.00

Report accepted, seconded, and passed.

**BTG –**

Please welcome our new Bridging the gap coordinator Sean. Bridging the gap is always looking for volunteers to help with the service. Please see Sean.

**Liaison** – John was present and gave a report.

There was no activity this past month... no report from either Chuck or John

**Librarian** – Kristina was present, new book orders came in!!

Come get some books!

**Area Chair** – Mike was here and gave a report.

A monthly Concept Meeting is held the first Thursday of the month at 474 Pleasant Street at 7:30 PM.

A monthly Service manual meeting is held on 3rd Wednesdays of 2018 at 7:30 PM, also at 474 Pleasant Street.

Send postings to [webpost@area31aa.org](mailto:webpost@area31aa.org)

The area committee is available for outgoing commitments to interested groups. There is an outgoing commitment to the Northern Berkshire Group this weekend.

Group inventories can be facilitated by past delegates for interested groups. Lists of available facilitators are available from the Area Chair. Contact Mike at [Areachair@area31aa.org](mailto:Areachair@area31aa.org) (413) 531-7945.

**Alternate Area Delegate** – Paul was here and gave a report.

The Impact Collaborative did a communications audit with the General Service Office (on pamphlets, website, and literature). The audit report is available at the Area website, if you are interested.

Box 459 “Myths and Misconceptions”: A 2014 survey showed 12% of AAs were introduced through the Judicial System. Healthcare, addiction, and the law are the primary conduits to AA for new members.

“Sharing from behind the walls”: Testimony from an incarcerated alcoholic relays his story of gratitude for AA from within prison.

Alcoholics are not the only ones who carry the message. Both accounts highlight the importance of professionals and other non-alcoholic friends of AA who have helped AA grow. Also included is the story of Dr. Clinton Duffy of San Quentin and his impact on AA.

**Berkshires** – Please welcome Connell as the new Berkshire institutions chair!!

Jimmy 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 – No rollouts this month ☺**

**ROLL INS**

- Mitch K., BYOBB/Mixed nuts – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Mill st/section 35

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole W.  
Secretary, Institutions Committee

**OLD BUSINESS-**

Charlie – Has been elected chair of Intergroup. Two things coming up: 12/15 Christmas party with Santa, kids 12 and under will get a gift, there will be food. Christmas Alcathon 6:00 PM on the 24th to 6:00 PM on the 25th. Food, hourly meetings lots of fun. A workshop for GSRs is planned for Feb. NERAASA in Hunt Valley, MD, 2/22, 2/23 and 24th. The Area will rent a 15 Person van.

Chris – Runs a meeting at Soldier On using AA In the Military as one of the texts. Looking to request Institutions support for the literature. Institutions will support the purchase and use of this text for verteran-oriented commitments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Communitcate with the ludlow jail about what meetigns are open and available

Jimmy Will be attending NERASSA \$300 a piece  
Steve- pamphlets

BERKSHIRE INSTITUTIONS CHAIR CONNELL MCGRATH

**ADDITIONAL MOTIONS:**

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

**Your 2018 Institution Committee**

Chair	Jimmy	institutions@area31aa.org
Co-Chair	Charlie	
Secretary	Nicole	
Treasurer	Kathy	
BTG	Sean	
Liaison	John S.	
Co-Liaison	Chuck	
Librarian	Kristina	