

Area 31 Meeting Minutes November 13, 2024
Called to order at 7:30 PM

Position	NAME	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
Area Delegate	Steve M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y	Y ₁	Y	Y ₁	
Alt. Delegate	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y ₂	YY	Y ₂	
Area Chair ***	Bob M.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ₃	Y	Y ₃	
Area Treasurer	Justin C.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y	Y ₄	Y	Y ₄	
Area Secretary	Kate V.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ₅	Y	Y ₅	
Area Registrar	Sally	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y/O	Y	N	Y	N	Y	
Area Archivist	Carl G.	Y	Y	Y	Y/3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR	Judy H.	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y/Y	Y/O	Y/O	Y/O	Y ₆	Y	Y ₈	
CO - CHAIR	Jarrold L.	N	Y	Y	NO	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Chris K.	Y	Y	N	Y/Y	Y	Y/O	N	N	Y/O ₇	Y	N	
CO - CHAIR	Joe L.	NONE	NON	Joe	N/y	N	N	N	N	N	?	N	
Coop Pro Comm CHAIR	Bruce V.	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/O ₈	Y	Y ₉	
CO - CHAIR	Caren	Y	N		Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y ₉	Y	N	
GRAPEVINE CHAIR	Joe T.	NONE	N		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ₁₀	Y	Y ₁₀	
CO-CHAIR	Anisa	NONE	N		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ₁₁	Y	N	
PUBLIC INFO CHAIR	. Andrew-	Y	Y		N	N	Y	N	Y	ADA MY/O ₁₂	Y	Y ₁₁	
CO-CHAIR	Adam B.	Y	Y		N	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Non e john?		N	
WEBMASTER	Tom H.	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Assistant WebMaster	Jenn	N	Y		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
W.Mass IGP CHAIR	Yolanda	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y	N	Y/O	Y/O ₁₃	Y	Y ₁₂	
BERK IGP CHAIR	Courtney	N	Y		Y/O	Y	Y/O	Y/O	Y/O	Y ₁₄	Y	Y ₁₃	
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Matt F.	Y	Y		Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y ₁₅	Y	Y ₁₄	

CO-CHAIR	Lena	N	N		N	N	N	N	N	N	?	N	
ROUND UP CHAIR	Tom H.	N	Y		N	Y	Y	N	N	N	jackY	Y15	
CO-CHAIR (Apr)	Sean D.	AS OF	APR		N	N	N	N	N	N	N	jILL16	
WM YOUNG PEOPLE AA	Kaitlyn	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	Y	Y	N	bRIAN Y16	JILLY	Y17	
CO-CHAIR	NONE	N	N	S/A	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
District 1 DCM	Nick/Tony	N	Y	Y	N/T	Tony	Y	Y	Y	Y17	Y	Y18	
District 1 Co - DCM	/Nick	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	N	N	N	N	N	?	N	
District 2 DCM	Janet	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y18	Y	Y19	
District 2 Co - DCM	Elaine	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y19	Y	Y20	
District 3 DCM	Brian W.	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y21	
District 3 Co - DCM		NONE									N	N	
District 4 DCM	Dan	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y/O ₂ ₁		Y22	
District 4 Co - DCM	Nancy	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	N	N	N	Y	Y22	Y	Y23	
District 5 DCM	Lara	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y23	Y	Y24	
District 5 Co- DCM	Sharla	Y	Y	Y	Y/Y	Son N	N	N	N	N	Sonn y Y	N	
District 6 DCM	Paula	N	Y	Y	Y/Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y/O ₂ ₄	Y	Y25	
District 6 Co- DCM	Greg	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y26	
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	26		22	23	25	21	24	24	38=6=4 44	26	
**Chair only votes to break a tie													
Shaded folks do not vote.													

Secretary's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Steve brought and showed two short video stories of two young people in recovery. And followed up the showing of it with a motion that we put the videos on our website. It was seconded and discussion ensued.

Karl is against posting on our website. Joe I asked where we would put it on the website?. Steve envisioned it on our front page. Karen "it really spoke to her." but that being said I wondered if it

might be helpful to Young People's group. Kate also felt it was not appropriate to put it up on our website..I think it would be more effective if it went to a committee(like PI). Bruce V. also agreed that PI would make sense.

After a few more people shared, a motion was made to TABLE this motion so we can hear input from wmypaa and the PI committee. Considering the fact that no one online could hear the video this passed with only 5 N.

2.LARA District 5 went over budget \$80.57 Motion to fund the overage passed 19 Y 0 N

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bob brought up the tabled motion from last month. We decided to listen to the two Videos again. The original motion was that we put the videos up on the website, although it was discussed and clarified by Joe's question: where did you envision this on our website? Steve responded that it would be on our front page.

Then the discussion ensued. Are these videos approved by the Conference?

Karl's concern was that it would be more appropriate to have a link on our website. Bob doesn't disagree with Karl's position, I don't see a problem with putting a link up on the website. As far as the content itself on our website, there may be an issue of copyright. Anise asked Where would this go on the Website?

Move the question to vote on the original motion. All in favor of calling the question? Motion Y 5 N 14
Steve point of order: do we know what $\frac{2}{3}$ is? Recount of people present we had 24, but now we have a new total =20 ,we have 14 no and so it was voted down.

Steve: I would like to make a motion that we post Links of these wonderful videos on our website. Seconded by Ray. This vote was Unanimous. We will add the links to our Website.

2. Kate had flyers for the Mass State Convention for every member of the area committee and asked them to come pick up a pile to bring to your committees and your district meetings. Bob offered to bring some flyers to Intergroup at Adam's request.

3. Justin Made motion that we cancel the Area meeting as we are having the Fall Assembly. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report (Nov 13, 2024)

COVID money is gone. There was an increase in our rent. International convention \$190
Registration Rooms are \$895 per day. Presentation of three possible budgets (premature according to Steve) If normal contributions continue we will level fund , or a 10% decrease, or a 10% increase. We will discuss and vote on these in December. Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C. Area31 Treasurer

Registrar's Report (Nov 13, 2024).

Area 31 is holding steady at 300 groups, with the addition of one new group in the "pending active" category. The new group is the Primary Purpose Group in Westfield (District 6).

At the Area's December meeting, I'll be asking for contact information from incoming DCMs and Co-DCMs. Reminder: DCMs have access to Fellowship Connection.

Submitted by Sally, Area registrar

Archivist's Report: (11/13/24) Karl was not prepared to give a report will send it to Kate
Submitted by Karl, Archivist Area 31

The following is a record of what each committee or district requested for their next year's (2025) funds from the area. No committee reports were given this month.

Webmaster: (11/13/24) .Request not necessary as his Website is an Area expense.

Accessibilities:(Sept 13, 2024) Requested; \$800 the revised to \$400

Archives: Not present

Cooperation with the Professional Community: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$250

Grapevine: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$700

Public Information: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$400

Round-Up: (Nov. 13, 2024)No request made as they have their own budget

Berkshire Intergroup: (Nov. 13,2024) Same as above

Institutions: (Nov. 13, 2024) Same as above

West. MA Intergroup :(Nov. 13, 2024) Same as above

West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA) Same as above

District 1 (Nov 13, 2024) Requested \$300

District 2:(Nov. 13, 2024) Requested increased from \$600 to \$1000. They want to buy a computer. A discussion ensued, started by Steve,our delegate, who said we should rethink the idea that every district has its own computer.

District 3:(Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$600

District 4: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$600

District 5: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$600

District 6: (Nov. 13, 2024) Requested \$500

Delegate's Remarks: (Nov. 13, 2024)

World General Service Conference starts April 23, 2025 but we have already started work.

NERAASSA is coming Feb. 21 —23. It will be virtual, but please register for it as the Delegate in charge is getting nervous.

NERD Providence RI Dec 5,6,&7,2025 The central office traveling road show.A really good time and an informative workshop if you have never been, you should go.

Alternate Delegate's Remarks:(11/13/24)

Since we last met in September, I have had the pleasure to visit various districts and committees as well as The Fall Assembly and Mass State convention. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of this amazing spiritual journey with you all. My heart is full. I believe the AA message is being carried with Love and Passion and I thank you all for the time, effort and energy you all put into this spiritual enterprise. Bill and Bob would be pleased to know this fellowship is moving forward and will be available for generations to come.

The Mass State convention planning committee put on a great convention and the new location at the Marlboro, Mass Best Western was a big hit. A big thank you to those that filled a spot as a panelist or chair and to all of you who showed up to support the 60th anniversary convention.

We will be starting again in January,on the last Tuesday every odd month. I will continue to drive the carpool, leaving at 5:45 sharp from the end of Rt. 291 at Bowling alley. Please come join the gang as we get ready for number 61.

Please join us at the next concept meeting, first Thursday every month. And as always, contact Bob, our area chair, for group inventories and outgoing area speaking commitments.
Ray Meunier

Area Chair's Remarks: (Nov. 13, 2024)

1 Fall Assembly was a success.

2. Past Delegate Mike B. was elected our area's Trustee Candidate

3. Committee work is hard to do without enough bodies.

4. Round Up Committee has a new Chair

5. WMYP convention committee had its first meeting

6. Grapevine is having a Listening party. Watch for dates, times and location.

7. District 1 workshop Dec 14, 2:00 pm @ Holy Name Social Center

8. INTERGROUP is asking for a representative from all our Area committees to show up and find out what is going on with the groups who attend Intergroup. It doesn't have to be the Chair of your committee, you can delegate the visit to a committee member or co chair.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS None

.Next Area meeting will be on December 11th at 730pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate V.

Area 31 Secretary, Western Mass General Service

