

Position	Name	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
District 1 DCM	Carol L	Y18	Y16										
District 1 Co - DCM	Carrie	Y19	Y17										
District 2 DCM	Elaine	Y20	Y18										
District 2 Co - DCM	Tamara R	Y21	Y19										
District 3 DCM	Chris D.	Y22	Y20										
District 3 Co - DCM	Michael K	N	N										
District 4 DCM	Nancy P.	Y23	Y21										
District 4 Co - DCM	James C	N	Y22										
District 5 DCM	Chris K.	Y24	Y23										
District 5 Co- DCM	Corinna **	N	N										
District 6 DCM	Greg R.	Y25	Y24										
District 6 Co- DCM	Caroline.T	N	N										
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	24										
Area Chair only votes to break a tie	**Elected Feb. 3rd												

Secretary's Report

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Steve (Delegate)_seconded by Ray (Alt. Delegate) to move the monthly Concept meeting to 700 pm von the first Thursday of each month.**Vote: 15 Y/0 N 4 Abstentions MOTION CARRIED.**
2. Motion made by Ray, seconded by Steve that we add the International Convention (happens every 5 years) to the list of events of required attendance by the Delegate and Alt.Delegate in the area handbook. **Vote: 15 Y/0 N 4 abstentions MOTION CARRIED.**
3. Motion made by Justin seconded by Kate, that we cover the amount that District 1 Went over budget for their workshop in December. (amount \$ 257) Justin pointed out that District 1 budget was considerably less than the other districts.**Vote:15Y/ 0 N 1 Abstention. MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report

Beginning January Balance	\$	9,661.09
Group Contributions	\$	2,422.22
Total Area Expenses	\$	2,079.90
Closing January Balance	\$	10,003.41

Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$	8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$	18,504.41

Further Comments:

- *Contributions in January 2025 increased by \$152.27
- * There was a total of 26 donations totaling \$2422.22
- *Expenses rose \$626.01
- *insurance was paid

Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin C. Area Treasurer

Registrar's Report (Jan.8, 2025)..

The January report, as always, was a big one. This will be shorter. Area 31 is still holding at roughly 300 registered active groups—303 to be exact.

Thank you to the DCMs who have arranged District visits. I visited District 5 last week. Districts 2, 4, and 6 are scheduled, and I will get in touch with 1 and 3.

A reminder to DCMs that the form for GSRs, Alt GSRs, and Mail Contacts is on the area website. Having a Mail Contact can be a good strategy for groups that are between GSRs.

Some comparisons with nearby areas that might interest those of us going to (well, zooming to) NERAASA: Area 31 has 6 districts. Area 11 CT has 33, Area 30 Eastern MA has 28, Area 70 VT has 11 (with the same number of groups we have), and Area 48 Northeast NY has 20 districts.

Sally R., Registrar Area 31

Archivist's Report: (Feb 11, 2025)

Thank you for the Margaret Letters from GSO. Then returned the deed of Ownership to them. Research for CPC to find past commitments. District 4 asked me to visit and did a small presentation with the mini boards. Dist 4 had a question about where Round Up got its name. Started in 1970.

Carl G, Archivist

Webmaster: (Feb. 8, 2025)

There are no major changes to report for the website this month. I continue to post event flyers, minutes, reset email passwords, and update calendar events as needed.

My project for the remainder of the year is to continue optimizing the website's accessibility score. This concept was presented at last year's NAATW and running the analysis on our site revealed a poor accessibility score.

Starting with load time, we will need to address the landing video on the front page. I'd like to put out the request for a new image to replace the video. I'm thinking along the lines of

landscape photography and something unique to Western Massachusetts. The area can choose between a few submissions at a later business meeting – like 3 or 4 months from now. Other changes for the accessibility score are primarily improved practices for people accessing the site with screen readers or other adaptive equipment.

Tom H Webmaster

Accessibilities: (Feb. 12, 2025)

Commitment Updates:

Mondays: 7-8pm Pioneer Valley Health & Rehab (PVR)

2/3/25 Anniversary Celebration for Dian V 41 years! 25 in attendance, thank you to all who showed up!

*Movie showing the next 2 Mondays at Dian's request, 7-8pm PVR 2/17 & 2/24, lots of space for many attendees!

Wednesday in home meeting: no meeting in January at Member request, this month we will meet 2/19/25, 5:30-6:30pm Lathrop Apartments South Hadley, we have 2 seats available!

Wednesday 2/19/25 Care One Holyoke 7/30-8:30, Carol has a speaker, several seats available!

Thursday 2/21/25 6:15-7:15 pm meeting at Linda Manor in Leeds, it's been many months of really good attendance!

The Accessibility Committee welcomes all, please let Judy H know if you're interested in joining any of our current commitments!!

New Business:

Setting up 2-3 more meetings in-house at area facilities where our members reside

Spanish interpreters for Area 31 events

Connecting with Deaf Communities

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in Area 31 Service!!!

Judy Hubeny,

Chair Accessibilities

Archives (Feb.10, 2025)

No one was present to give report

CPC (Feb. 11, 2025) CPC carries the message of AA into the Professional Community and educates Professionals on what AA is and is not. There were 13 people in attendance, New Leads for CPC - Contact info (name, number, email) and try to get a time frame for a presentation to staff.

Leads from last months discussed:

- 1) Tim B. will follow up with VA Central Western Mass (Leeds, also clinic in Springfield) contact is Public Affairs Sarah Robinson 413-584-4040, ext 3000 or can also go to VA CWM Facebook Page to connect with Public Affairs or website.
- 2) Don F. - reached out to contacts at Westfield State University by email and phone Nursing and Sociology Departments. No call or email back he will follow up again this month to try and schedule something and set up a presentation.
- 3) Mark H. - Cooley Dickinson - no local Human Resources office, only in Boston because they are part of Mass General now. Will work on a lead at Smith College Dept of Social Work.
- 4) Laura - HCC (Zoom) Foundations of Health no response from Ernie
- 5) Danielle will develop a Lead at Holyoke Medical Center for next month.

The Committee watched the CPC Video that is on the area website www.area31aa.org. The video is used when going out to give presentations to Professionals in the Community.

No New Business Everyone was asked to continue to develop new leads. Also, we should set up a presentation. You show the video, share AA preamble, talk briefly about how you knew you were an alcoholic, what brought you into AA. Just remember you are not at an AA meeting; be more general and give an overview. You are talking to professionals. Steve the Delegate in attendance.

Caren F., Chair

GrapeVine/LaVina (Feb.11, 2025)

The area 31 Grapevine/La Viña committee is grateful for the support of all the local groups with Grapevine Reps! As a reminder we have an outstanding Cooperative project with the archives committee. We are on a scavenger hunt for old Grapevine magazines. Any members throughout the area who have issues dating back to 1993 are encouraged to contact either myself at Grapevine@area31aa.org or the archivist if you are willing to pass them along to the area.

. Currently, the Grapevine is looking for stories from atheist and agnostic AA members for the upcoming August 2025 Edition. Submissions are due January 15th. Also, to celebrate the release of a new book on gratitude, submissions on stories of gratitude will be accepted until February 15th for the September 2025 issue.

Please remember that the Grapevine is self-supporting through subscription sales, literature, and other merchandise. Since the Grapevine does not accept contributions from Individual members or AA groups, sales of these materials keeps this vital piece of the Fellowship alive.

This month we discussed possibilities for the location for an upcoming winter writers' retreat. More details to follow in March at the Spring assembly on March 29th and 30th.

We also have two Major events this coming year, the western Mass Roundup and MSCYPAA, where the Grapevine committee will have a table with boards but also be able to host workshops or events. Stay tuned for further details!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Joe I Area 31 Grapevine

PI (Feb 7, 2025)

Last meeting on February 11th had 8 committee members in person, 3 online, and four visitors from the Area. Committee discussed areas of focus for the next few months including: looking to radio stations in the Area for PSA's or "radio show" like opportunities; providing information to recovery centers; researching advertising and where we can spread the message to Spanish language speaking community; research into how we can share the message through alternative social media options; creation of flier from the PI/CPC service cards or business cards or bookmarks, etc.; and how we can get our message on Public Safety websites or university/college websites and intranets.

The committee is also beginning outreach to K-12, universities, community colleges, nursing/care and senior centers, and religious communities; we are taking a divide and conquer approach to getting key points of contact and commitments for the committee. A shared Google Drive was created for collaboration and storage of key documents and we are building a database as we perform our outreach.

In Love and Service,

Brian W. Area 31 Public Information Chair

Round-Up: (Feb 11, 2025)

This is happening: June 6,7,8 Holiday Inn Pittsfield MA .There will be a banquet and a dance.This year's theme is "Working together– Building Trust ". Every Committee (Chair or designee)and District DCM will have a job to do or a workshop to run. We are working on getting the registration out there and on the street. Pay with cash, credit card or to make it easier to register we are working on getting Venmo.

We're ahead of the game in that we have the contract signed.The registration for the Whole weekend is \$30. There will be a Saturday night Banquet (tix 35)

If you are on the Area committee you are all responsible for the Round Up.The Primary purpose is for Steve (our delegate) to give his report back from the New York world conference.The rest of the weekend is a celebration of Western Mass AA!.Banquet, Dance, game room and many workshops throughout the weekend..

Coffee is a good deal at 20 per gallon. We, on the Area Committee, need to promote the event by passing out the save the date flyer and talking it up at any meetings we go to. We have a commitment to book a certain number of rooms each night.We can get the group rate for the hotel room.\$ 229/night Alanon will have their own room and meeting lists.

Next meeting March 12, 2025, at 6:15.

Jack, Chair

Berkshire Intergroup: (Jan 8,2025)

Good evening our business meeting is next week, but we did have a steering committee meeting to start off the year. We have a new secretary that just rolled in. I just rolled in as chair and am excited to see what 2025 brings. Next week at our business meeting we are

hoping to fill the other positions that few people showed interest in. The Christmas alkathon was a success with around 270 attendees.

Dwayne Chair

Institutions: (Feb. 4, 2025)

. New Business: (Larry/Victor) \$200 in donations from group donated. (Steve) - motion to give \$1756.74 for books passed (Jason) - raised ?s how to allocate funds per librarian. (Larry) - VA interested in putting on a new commitment. Advised follow up w/Erika. ? On if institutions will donate funds to Grapevine in Greenfield. Suggestion to raise funds within groups. Discussion tabled. (Madison) - requested reimbursement \$200 for Berkshire Intergroup. Unanimously passed. Closed Meeting 8pm w/ The Responsibility Pledge The next meeting will be at 7pm first Wed. of the month, 3/5/25. 30 Carew St, South Hadley Your 2024 Institutions Committee Chair Lina - email: Institutions@area31aa.org (Personal: Linamendez@protonmail.com
Lina, Chair Institutions

West. MA Intergroup :(Jan. 9, 2025)

We had a very big turn-out from the new intergroup reps and Bookies. We did get to have elections, where we voted: Art P. is our new treasurer (Just for the rest of this year.) Ray R. is our new Intergroup bookie Coronado (to finish out this year.). Ruth C. elected to one year position on the Steering committee.

We have set up the workshop with the Berkshire Intergroup on:March 22, 2025 @1:30-4:30 pm
60 Broad Street, Westfield, MA.

Steering Committee met on Jan 30,2025

We talked about the great turn out for both the Alcothon and that we will keep the Thanksgiving Alcothon as a yearly event.

We talked about the upcoming workshop and how we need more participation from Intergroup reps. We will also be partnering with the Berkshire Intergroup at the Round-Up for a workshop (topic will be decided by Jack)

Happy to say that all is going well for our annual Intergroup picnic. Wee are six months away, we do have the date and will be reaching out to group for raffle donations and any donation will be welcome (thanks to Kerry our Coordinator)

The Golf tournament date has also been set for May 24th, 12:30 pm shotgun start at Agawam Municipal..(Thanks to Bob M. and Bruce V.)

Our next WMIG meeting is tomorrow Feb 13,2025 @ 6:30 for bookies and & 7pm for intergroup rep. Steering Committee meeting will be Feb 27 @ 7pm zoom only

Yolanda, Chair

West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA) (Jill F. reporting)

We are hosting MSCYPAA (Mass State Convention for Young People in AA) It is August 15-17 2025 at The Marriott (Downtown Springfield) You can pre register now for \$20 until December 15 then it will go up to \$25. You can register at MSCYPAA.com Our biz meeting

is the first Sunday of the month at the Serenity Club in Springfield. At 4pm we were holding a Traditions meeting using Grapevine material. However, that is not conference approved literature so ***we will now be holding an AA Comes of Age meeting at 4pm and our biz meeting to follow at 5PM. We are hybrid.*** You can find all our info at area31aa.org. The link is under the calendar. Come check us out!! You don't have to be young to be a part of this. Just young at heart and have room to grow spiritually and emotionally.

We will be holding events throughout the year and we have some good ones coming up. December 21st at 6PM (meeting) is our ugly sweater party. There will be karaoke, a contest for the ugliest sweater, and raffles for last minute gift ideas(Pizza).Being held at OmniPoint Internet Cafe in downtown Springfield. In January come learn your YPAA games! January 26th at 2PM (meeting) Pasta meatballs garlic bread. \$10 There will be a rotation of games like..Secret Hitler, Mafia, Love thy Neighbor, Therapist , and Paranoia. We will kick off a raffle for a room and 2 pre registrations for MSCYPAA. Tickets are 5\$ each. Being held at The Alano Club in Agawam. * flyers are on the back table for both.

Jill F. Co Chair

District 1 (Jan.16, 2025) There were 7 GSRs present. The groups reported all doing well and no problems were discussed. The Alternate Delegate gave the GSR Orientation presentation. Then we talked about GSR responsibilities. Delegate Steve was also present and filled in the gaps in Carol's area report.

. Carol L.DCM

District 2 DCM (Feb.12, 2025)

Our January and February District meetings have occurred since the last area meeting. In January there were 15 in attendance. All GSRs reported groups are doing well, contributing to the pie chart, no big issues. The Daily Reflections group is increasing their allocation to the area. The Wildcats group is scheduling a group inventory. Elaine reported on events and Area News. The District GSRs are thinking about holding a workshop. Alternate Delegate Ray M gave the new GSR presentation. February had 15 attendees. All attending GSRs reported on their group, most reporting going well and contributing to the pie chart. For groups at Mira Vista in Holyoke were happy to report that the elevator is fixed! A New Freedom group in Holyoke is having their group anniversary celebration on February 26th. They will hold their meeting followed by food and fellowship. The Wildcats meeting is now from 7-8. Elaine reported on events and Area News. The District GSRs are thinking about holding a workshop. We have a proposed topic and will revisit it in March. Carl from Archives gave a great presentation and brought boards and items to look at. Our area Chair Bob updated on Area information. The GSRs expressed concern about getting the Conference Agenda Items in a timely manner. Bob explained the challenges of the process. District 2 GSRs are looking forward to the Spring Assembly and giving input and are concerned about being able to get their group conscious on items prior to the Spring Assembly.

We are having a NERAASA District 2 watch & participate party. With NERAASA online we have a great opportunity to participate in the event without the expense of travel. By having a watch party we can add fellowship to the experience. Our watch party will be on Saturday

Evening with food followed by watching the evening programs together. I have been in contact with Andrew L., the 2025 NERAASA chair who is providing guidelines for watch parties.

Submitted by Elaine H. DCM

District 3:(Feb. 2025)

No notes sent to Secretary

District 4:(Jan 21, 2025) Our District 4 meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month Nancy P is the new DCM, and James C. is rolling in as the Co DCM. Filled out the form and sent it to Sally. Kris, a new GSR, shared that Sally was very helpful in assisting her with the signing up process.

We are planning a Workshop with the Topic: "Working Together, Increasing Trust" There will be three 3 Speakers. We would like to have all committees that have display boards to bring them. I will be checking locations and possible dates before we meet again on Jan, 21st. James will scout out the availability of GV in Greenfield. I will be calling the Holy Name church in South Deerfield. Hopefully, we will have a plan for the workshop after the January meeting.

Nancy P. DCM

District 5:(Feb 5, 2025)

District 5 met on Monday February 3, 2025 at 7 pm in South Hadley at 30 Carew Street and online. We had 13 GSRs and 3 Alt. GSRs present, representing 14 groups. 13 in person and 3 online. I would like to welcome Corrina from the Tuesday Night Step Group as my new Co-DCM. She was unanimously voted in at our meeting. Thank you Corrina for stepping up and taking on this role! I am looking forward to working with her throughout the year.

The Here and Now Group has reported taking on a new commitment to Section 35 Ludlow on the first Thursday of the month. The Way Out Group reported a very well attended anniversary meeting in January. The Wilbraham Monday Night Step Group is considering a time change for their meeting due to low attendance for their second meeting. The Hampden Group continues to report group members leaving after their Step meeting resulting in low attendance for their next meeting. The Tuesday Night Step Group has reported a significant increase in attendance after changing their start time to 1 hour earlier. All other groups reported business as usual.

We, as a district, are still looking into conducting a workshop this year but have not come up with any ideas yet. Steve our area Delegate and Sally our Registrar were our invited guests.

Chris K., District 5 DCM

District 6: (Jan. 20. 2025) Met at the Daily Grind 10 in attendance plus 2 visitors from the Area: Steve (Delegate) Ray (Alt.Delegate) 3 zoom attendees, 7 in person attendees. . All groups reported no issues and decent numbers in attendance.

Ray the Area Alt. Delegate gave the GSR presentation online and on screen for the room. DCM Greg gave the summary of the Area report . It was completed and expounded on by Steve the Delegate giving further details about:

Mass State Convention, NERASSA, NERF.(.please read the Area report when it comes out on the Website for those details)

We voted and now have a secretary, her name is Bonnie.

We scheduled Sally our Registrar for our next meeting on Feb 17th,we scheduled Judy from Accessibilities for our May meeting.

There will be no district meeting in March due to the Spring Assembly On March 29 & 30..

Greg R. DCM

Delegate's Remarks: (Feb. 12, 2025)

The General Service Conference has already begun preliminary meetings online.On the 2nd wed of the month, there is a national service meeting online. It happens at this time right now. Steve will give Zoom info to anyone interested in sitting in.

1. NERASSA (online only) registration is open. www.NERASSA.com redirects you from the page to the registration. They need 800 registrations.

2. NERF GSO Road show. 2025 Omni in Providence RI Dec 5-7 2025 Every two years a different area hosts it. There is no fee to attend. It's a fun time.This is a very good meet and greet party for any AA interested in service.

3. There is an opening for a non-trustee Director. See Steve if you are interested.

4. Steve rolls in to the Treasurer position on the Mass State Convention.

5. Someone reached out to Steve from Spanish Speaking groups to say “ We are not happy. With the Area.” We may want to investigate why that is.

Steve M. Area 31 Delegate

Alternate Delegate's Remarks:(Feb 12, 2025)

Greetings Fellow Area Servants,

Since we last met in January, I have visited each district providing the GSR Presentation.

This was well received in my humble opinion. If your district has any new GSR's, since it was presented, I would be glad to do a repeat. Shoot me an email, call or text, I will be glad to return.

The Mass State Convention Planning committee met on the last Tuesday of January. We are ramping up to bring you the most exciting and informative Convention yet!. It is my duty, and pleasure to be your planning committee carpool provider. We leave the parking lot of the Bowlero at the end of RT. 291 at 5:30 sharp on the last Tuesday of every odd month (except October, where we stuff the envelopes and have pizza). Get ready for the agenda items to be released and gear up for the spring assembly coming to a district near you.

Thank You for allowing me to serve. God Bless.

Ray M.,Area 31 Alt Delegate

Area Chair's Remarks: (Feb. 10, 2025)

1. Spring Assembly will be held on MARCH 29 & 30TH at The Holy Family Roman Catholic church 28 Sugarloaf St. South Deerfield, MA. Sat. 9-3 Sun 1-5 business meeting.
2. Complaint from our landlord the church about the room being left messy .
3. Standing committees' participation is getting better.
4. NERASSA 2025 virtual is Feb 21-23. Bob is moderating a panel on Friday at 4pm.
5. Area 29 is asking if we want to help host a Hospitality suite. Jack was able to describe what this looks like. Western Mass Pins. attendees exchange pins from their areas. We will email back that possibly we can put bodies in their schedule but have no money to donate at this time.
6. WE, the Area Committee do Service Commitments, just ask anyone on the Committee. Bob will announce and organize these.
7. If you are in need of Area handbooks, they are online, and we have some hard copies in the new area closet at the back of the Area meeting room.

Bob, Area Chair

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Justin made motion to not have an area meeting in March due to the Spring Assembly on March 29th and 30th. **Vote: 16 Y /0 N oNE ABSTENTION.**
 2. Motion by Steve(Delegate) seconded by Ray(Alternate Delegate) to move the monthly Concept meeting to 700pm on the first Thursday of each month. **Vote: 15 Y/ 0 N Abstentions 4 Motion carries.**
 3. . Motion to close at 9:24 pm by Kate, seconded by Jack. Vote **Unanimous.**
- Next Area meeting will be on April 9th at 730pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kate V. Area 31 Secretary
Western Mass General Service