

August 13, 2025 Area 31 Business Meeting Minutes
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 ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁	Y ₁				
Alt. Delegate	Ray M.	Y ₂	Y ₂	Y ₂	Y ₂	Y/O ₂	Y ₂	Y ₂	Y ₂				
Area Chair ***	Bob M.	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃	Y ₃				
Area Treasurer	Justin C.	Y ₄	Y ₄	Y ₄	Y/O ₄	Y ₄	N	Y ₄	Y ₄				
Area Secretary	Kate V.	Y ₅	Y ₅	Y ₅	N	Y ₅	Y ₅	Y ₅	Y ₅				
Area Registrar	Sally	Y	Y	Y	Y/O	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Area Archivist	Carl G.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
ACCESSIBILITIES CHAIR	Judy H.	Y ₆	Y ₆	Y ₆	Y ₅	N	Y ₅	N	Y _{6/o}				
CO - CHAIR Mark Aug	Dan R.	Y ₇	N	Y ₇	N	N	N	X	Y ₇				
ARCHIVES CHAIR	Joe L.	Y ₈	N	Y ₈	Y ₆	N	N	N	N				
CO - CHAIR(as of 1/26)	.Rick W.	N	N	Y ₉	Y ₇	Y ₆	Y ₆	Y ₆	Y ₈				
C P C CHAIR	Caren F.	Y ₉	Y ₇	Y ₁₀	Y ₈	Y/O ₇	Y ₇	Y ₇	Y _{9/o}				
CO - CHAIR (as of 1/15)	Danielle A	N	Y ₈	Y ₁₁	resigned	Still none	Tanya N	N	Y _{10/o}				
GRAPEVINECHAIR	Joe I..	Y ₁₀	Y ₉	Y ₁₂	Y ₉	Y ₈	Y ₈	Y ₈	Y ₁₁				
CO-CHAIR	Anisa	Y ₁₁	N	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₀	N	N	Y ₉	Y ₁₂				
PUBLIC INFO CHAIR	Brian W.	Y ₁₂	Y ₁₀	Y ₁₄	Y ₁₁	Y ₉	Y/O ₉	Y ₁₀	Y _{13o}				
CO-CHAIR	.John F.	N	N	N	Y ₁₂	N	N	N	X				
WEBMASTER	Tom H.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y				
Asst. WebMaster	Jenn	N	N	N	N	N	resigned	X	Y				
W.Mass IGP CHAIR	Yolanda	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₁	Y ₁₅	N	N	N	Y ₁₁	Y/O				
BERK IGP CHAIR	Dwayne	Y ₁₄	Y ₁₂	Y ₁₆	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₀	Y _{11 Co}	Y ₁₂	Y/O				
INSTITUTIONS CHAIR	Lena/JD	Y ₁₅	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₇	N	Y/O ₁₁	JD N	Y ₁₃	Y ₁₆				
CO-CHAIR	JD/Bruce	N	N	N	N	N	Bruce N	N	N				
ROUND UP CHAIR	Jack	Y ₁₆	Y ₁₄	Y ₁₈	Y ₁₄	Y ₁₂	Y ₁₂	Y _{JIL14}	Y ₁₇				
CO-CHAIR	JILL F.	Y ₁₇	Y ₁₅	Y ₁₉	Y ₁₅	Y ₁₃	Y/O ₁₃	X	N				

WMYPAA	Matt F.	N	N	Y ₂₀	Y ₁₆	Y ₁₄	N	N	N				
Position	Name	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
District 1 DCM	Carol L	Y ₁₈	Y ₁₆	Y ₂₁	Y ₁₇	Y ₁₅	Y ₁₄	Y ₁₅	Y ₁₈				
District 1 Co - DCM	Carrie	Y ₁₉	Y ₁₇	Y ₂₂	Y/O ₁₈	Y/O ₁₆	Y/O ₁₅	N	Y/O				
District 2 DCM	Elaine	Y ₂₀	Y ₁₈	Y ₂₃	N	Y ₁₇	Y ₁₆	Y ₁₆	Y ₂₀				
District 2 Co - DCM	Tamara R	Y ₂₁	Y ₁₉	Y ₂₄	Y ₁₉	Y ₁₈	N	N	Y ₂₁				
District 3 DCM	Chris D.	Y ₂₂	Y ₂₀	Y ₂₅	Y ₂₀	N	Y ₁₇	Y/O ₁₇	Y/O				
District 3 Co - DCM	Michael K	N	N	Y ₂₆	N	N	N	N	N				
District 4 DCM	Nancy P.	Y ₂₃	Y ₂₁	Y ₂₇	N	Y ₁₉	Y ₁₈	Y ₁₈	Y ₂₃				
District 4 Co - DCM	James C	N	Y ₂₂	N	Y ₂₁	N	N	N	N				
District 5 DCM	Chris K.	Y ₂₄	Y ₂₃	Y ₂₈	Y ₂₂	Y ₂₀	Y ₁₉	Y ₁₉	Y ₂₄				
District 5 Co- DCM	Corinna **	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N				
District 6 DCM	Greg R.	Y ₂₅	Y ₂₄	Y ₂₉	N	Y ₂₁	Y ₂₀	N	Y ₂₅				
District 6 Co- DCM	Caroline.T	N	N	Y ₃₀	Y ₂₃	N	N	N	N				
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	24	30	23	21	20	19	25				
Area Chair only votes to break a tie	**Elected Feb. 3rd												

Secretary's Report

OLD BUSINESS: 1. FALL ASSEMBLY will be Oct 18th & 19th A 300 Appleton St. Holyoke Sat 9-3 workshops Sunday 1-5 Business meeting & elections.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Tom, our webmaster, showed us the final options or the picture on the website (to replace the moving scene) We voted on the Berkshires.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate V. Area 31 Secretary

Treasurer's Report (August 13, 2025)

Beginning July Balance	\$	7721.50
Group Contributions	\$	3344.21
Total Area Expenses	\$	6643.39
Closing July Balance	\$	4422.40
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$	8.501.00
Total Funds Available	\$	12,922.40

Further Comments:

*Contributions are up 413.00 from last year.

*Overall, contributions are up \$1500. From last year to date.

*.Thank you all for spreading awareness of our budget.

Thank you for supporting Area 31 Western Mass General Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C Area 31 Treasurer

Registrar's Report (August 13, 2025)

Numbers: 304 registered active groups.

Correctional Groups: Thank you to the Institutions Committee for allowing me to talk about the 10 Correctional Groups listed in Fellowship Connection as active in Area 31. The Committee has copies of the list. I encouraged anyone going to those Institutions to try to find out if the groups need support or have become inactive. I also explained that it's always possible to form new correctional groups.

History Dates (aka Anniversary Dates, or Date of First Meeting): The Member Services department at GSO has changed 12 group history dates after Carl spotted odd patterns in the data and researched the groups' histories. Before the Fall Assembly I'll send Tom an updated list of Group IDs not given. Fellowship Connection has a separate behind-the-scenes field for the date the group is listed with GSO. Archives confirmed that in the mid-70s and early-90s, system upgrades assigned dates to groups with missing information. Archives is happy to work with Area archivists and registrars and individual groups to help find the correct first meeting dates.

Orange: The District 4 DCM, Nancy, and I have been looking for answers about the town of Orange, which is shown on the Area 31 map in our Handbook but which has no meetings listed. It turns out that Area 31 has no groups in Orange. But Area 30, Eastern Massachusetts, District 26 does have several groups in Orange. It looks like we should change our map and town listing (Handbook pages 21-22) to line up with Fellowship Connection. The Meeting Guide app, drawing from different data, shows the same thing: no meetings in Orange in the Western Mass Intergroup listings, but a couple of meetings in Orange in the Worcester Area Intergroup list. Before changing our Handbook, I plan to raise this at the Fall Assembly, in case there is additional information out there that we should know. There may have been times in the past when our area listed Orange meetings, and there may be current meetings in Orange that want to participate in Area 31 service. The actual group records, though, belong to Area 30.

Sally S. Registrar Area 31

Archivist's Report: (August 13, 2025)

Carl discussed the requests that came to him from Berkshire Intergroup regarding 501(C) info on loan

Also, he received a request from the current Wilbraham (friday night)concerning the actual group registration.When did this group start?

If you have a question —there is a button under the Registrar on our website. This is where you can find the Basic information that we have about our Groups.

Carl G. Area 31 Archivist

Webmaster: (August 13, 2025)

I reported on a website performance and accessibility tool called Lighthouse about a year ago. Our site suffered from a poor load time and lacked accessibility practices. With the recent change to the landing image, our load performance score has increased to 98%, meaning that our site is now better suited to most devices and connection speeds. Our accessibility score has increased to 84%, mostly through including embedded descriptions to various site content, for those using screen readers. It's my intent to work towards achieving a perfect accessibility score.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tom H. Webmaster

Accessibilities: (August 13, 2025)

Grateful to be serving as the Accessibilities Chair.We maintain meetings that were started in various Nursing facilities :

Mondays: Pioneer Valley Health and Rehab S. Hadley 7-8 pm

Fridays: Cedarbrook Village Assisted Living , Ware 7-8 pm

Second Wednesday, in home meeting S. Hadley 5:30 - 6;30 pm

Third Wednesday, Care One Rehab Holyoke 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Third Thursday, Linda Manor Assisted Living , Leeds 6:15 There are 4 meetings I must attend or send a representative to :

Institutions 1 st Wednesday, Area meeting on the 2nd Wednesday

Intergroup on the 2nd Thursday and the Accessibilities meeting on the 4th Wednesday

NEW BIZ We have a new Secretary. We need a new co-chair. Come get involved and learn the ropes.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Judy H..

Archives : (August 13, 2025)

Rick W., Archive Co Chair. The boards are going out to East mountain group and Chap St group .(sorry no written report received).

CPC (August 13, 2025)

CPC met last night at 30 Carew St., South Hadley, at 6:30pm. There were 11 total in attendance, in person and virtually. The CPC representatives gave their reports and updates. Reps. are following up with the not yet committed professional entities. Some new leads and contacts have been established and we have several requests for us to return to other facilities we've serviced previously. The new contacts include the Human Development department at CHD, possibly Service Net out of Northampton, and expanding into other departments beyond the psychology department at Westfield State. Requests for us to return have come from Bay Path and AIC.

CPC has upcoming commitments/ requests for us to be part of: • Westfield State University's Ace Program in October, the exact date is to be determined. • Westfield State's Psychology dept. is interested in us coming in September. The University holds a "Community Day" and we are likely invited. • Bay Path would like us to be part of a round table event on 09/09/25, 10am-12pm. • AIC on 09/03/25

Other business: Caren suggested establishing an Ad Hoc committee similar to Institutions' " Bridging the Gap". This committee would be entrusted to accompany and provide a ride to an open AA meeting for the interested students/professionals. The actual liaison will be the person who gave the professional entity the offer of the service. Tania is putting together a spreadsheet so we can best serve these interested students/professionals. The postcard that was in development has been presented to the committee and it was well received. There are some edits and additions to the card that need to be worked out. Most of these issues concern putting a QR code on the postcard and where the code will send the user. We narrowed the options down to the Area 31 website, the CPC video on the site or the Ad Hoc committee. It was decided that the CPC portion of the website has to be updated before we decide on the exact nature of the QR code. There were other minor fixes that were also discussed. Overall, it was well received. It looked great and read well. Thank you Brian for your help. A flier, to be posted at AA meetings, aimed at attracting new leads is still in development
Gratefully Serving as CPC Chair,
Caren

Grapevine/LaVina (Aug 13, 2025)

Good evening everyone! As always, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Area 31 Grapevine/La Viña Chair. We meet in this room, 30 Carew st South Hadley, in person and hybrid, on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. A reminder for districts and groups - any AA member is welcome to attend our committee meeting!

We are undergoing a Board Redesign, which should be completed by the Fall Assembly. With sufficient notice, the boards will still be available by request. Please email Grapevine@area31aa.org for further details.

Several groups in the area have reported that they are contributing to the "Carry the Message Project." Groups can also participate by purchasing group subscriptions, Grapevine literature (which can be found at the Intergroup office), or by purchasing merchandise at aagrapevine.org/store

We still have an ongoing scavenger hunt aimed at tracking down issues missing from our area archives. Details can be found on the Grapevine Committee page on the Area Website.

If you haven't done so already, it's time to preregister for MSCYPAA! The conference will be in Springfield this weekend at the Marriott. Our committee will be hosting a Creator's Retreat there on August 16th from noon-2 pm.

Our committee remains dedicated to helping the alkies of Area 31 get published in the Grapevine. If you are or know someone who has a great story, shared something powerful at a meeting, has a lot of gratitude, or if

you know someone who's gotten lax with service work, consider suggesting they write to the Grapevine! If they balk, encourage them to reach me by email. Myself and our committee members will be glad to help.

The Grapevine is always looking for submissions about the individual Traditions. Anyone with experience is encouraged to participate!

The theme of the April 2026 Issue will be "Getting into General Service." Ever been a GSR? DCM? A delegate? Have you worked on area committees? Share the joy of this type of service. It may inspire others! Submissions due September 1st. The May 2025 issue will be titled "how the steps changed my life." Submissions for this issue are due October 1st

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service
Joe I. Chair Area 31 Grapevine/La Viña Committee

PI (August 13, 2025)

The last meeting was held on August 12th and we had 10 participants.

The committee still has a standing commitment to Baystate to carry the message as needed; there were no calls during the month of July but post-meeting we did confirm they are offering and requesting a presentation and flier/business cards and other literature

A commitment in November at Hampshire Regional is still booked, details including date/time to be finalized in September.

Committee members continue to distribute postcards and business cards and have distributed more than 500 to businesses, groups, intergroups, bulletin boards, and all places where literature is available to the public. Another 200 business cards and postcards are ordered and are being distributed.

The ad hoc group researching a potential radio program met with WBCR-lp 97.7fm in Great Barrington at the radio station for a preliminary meeting with board members. The members learned more about the requirements and regulations. The station asks for a one hour committed slot weekly. The ad hoc group will meet one more time in early September to discuss format and approach and will bring it to the larger committee to present options and the overall commitment.

The committee is still looking at placing an advertisement for this year in holiday magazines.

We are still seeking a guest speaker from the Massachusetts board of libraries to discuss the changes from print literature to a facility focused on digital access and community spaces in Massachusetts public libraries.

We have one member reaching out to public safety officials to secure a commitment; we also have a member working on letter or email communications to nursing homes and senior centers. Lastly, communications are going out this month to public safety websites in about a dozen Western Mass towns/cities to get AA listed as a community resource for recovery.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian W. Chair PI

Round-Up: (August 13, 2025)

DCM's, and all committee chairs, please tell your committees and GSR's that the Roundup committee's next meeting is September 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM right here at 30 Carew St and on Zoom. Jill and Joe will be taking over and we will also need to get a new treasurer. The Roundup committee is a great way to get started in area service offering many opportunities for service from arranging the program, entertainment, hospitality, registration and finding a location. Please get involved to help make our next Roundup the best ever!

In Service, Jack A.

Berkshire Intergroup: (Aug 13, ,2025)

Our regular business meeting is the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Only online since 2020. We host a hybrid bookie/speaker exchange meeting at 6:30pm in the office at 152 North St Suite 30C before our monthly meeting. Our website, berkshireaintergroup.org links visitors to AA resources, meeting list, and our office via gmail. We have a 24 hour answering service for hotline calls. A list of local members willing to return calls is kept at the office and provided to the answering service. Our hotline number is on our website and on printed in-person meeting lists.

Volunteers answer phones, fold in person meeting lists, sell literature and acknowledgement chips/coins Monday through Friday 1:30-4pm. We encourage all to call before traveling. Interest in Bookie/Speaker exchange has dropped off since we re-started it in 2024. Berkshire Institutions Committee, originally a sub-committee of BIG that at some point stopped meeting in the office, meets the second Thursday of each month at 8:30pm online. The current BIC Chair regularly attends our monthly meeting and various ad hoc meetings. Attendance at our monthly meeting runs from 5-10 groups represented, we appreciate the attendance of Area Committee Officers. Our July Steps 6 & 7 Workshop was attended by 30-40. Thanks to the generosity of individual members and groups, we unknowingly crossed a financial line of income that needs to be reported a few years back. The process of deciding whether or not to incorporate and such is giving us all growth opportunities. Next Ad Hoc for this issue is Tuesday, September 2 at 5:30pm. The committee voted to fully fund our Office Manager's participation in the upcoming 40th Annual Intergroup Central Offices AAWS/AAGV Seminar September 18th-21st in Memphis Tennessee. Our Co-Chair for 2025 has stepped down. Our monthly newsletter has been on hiatus due to a combination of factors.

Respectfully submitted,
Dwayne, Chair of Berkshire Intergroup

Institutions: (August 13, 2025)

The purpose of the Institution committee is to bring a meeting into Institutions where otherwise the message of AA would not be available. We are able to do this by group reps either coming in and taking a group commitment or 'rolling in' as a personal commitment as long as they have a cosponsor. Then we supply them with literature to bring into their commitment. We purchase the literature thru Intergroup, through donations from groups in

Area 31. This month we distributed 173 books and spent 1904 buying 181 books and 300 pamphlets. We had four of our 37 open commitments rolled into. Bridging the gap is being addressed with new business cards that have a QR code on the back that signs you up to become a volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,
JD Chair Institutions.

West. MA Intergroup :(August 13, 2025)

Our last meeting was on July 10, 2025. We had a small turnout from the intergroup reps. Art, our temporary Treasurer, has to step down and we will be needing all positions filled, when we do elections in Oct or Nov. Mike is still helping in the background

Sunday will be our annual Intergroup Picnic and I'm happy to say things are looking really good: we have a band (Self steam), DJ Joe and face painting and recovery vendors and lots of fun things for the kids. We did get the word out that we needed basket and items for the Intergroup raffle (which we have had a great response to) trophies and ribbons have been picked up for both the tournaments that we are having this year (horseshoe and Cornhole) we will have a T.V again as our big raffle prize. Unfortunately, I was not able to have a steering committee meeting because I locked myself out of the account.

The Bookie meeting is slowing down, but anyone still interested in booking a meeting, we do have a bookie list. We are asking if anyone has any great ideas for intergroup events, please come join us on the second Thursday of the month and share with us.

We have the same spot as last year for this year's Thanksgiving Alcothon, same hours as last year. Our Christmas Alcothon is all set

Our next meeting is August 14 2025 @ 6:30 for bookies and & 7pm for intergroup reps. The next steering committee meeting will be on 08/28/2025 7pm on zoom. We are also putting it out there that elections will be coming up in Oct and if need be, Nov, if you have or know someone that would do great send them our way all positions are open for elections.

Respectfully submitted, Yolanda

West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA) (August 13, 2025)

No one was in attendance to make the report.

District 1 (August 13, 2025)

Carol focused her report on the upcoming workshop called AA around the World featuring Bob W. a former trustee at large, doing his slide show presentation of all the places he visited in his tenure. The workshop is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2025 at 100 pm. It will be held at the St. Catherine's parish hall on 10 23 Parker St due to the interest response to Carol's flyers and her going out to meetings to promote the workshop.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol L. DCM District 1

District 2 (August `13, 2025)

Attendance 12 including Steve -Delegate and Sally - Registrar

Group News - Groups are doing well with most groups able to contribute to the PIE chart

Business - Continued discussion about our Workshop:

Our ad hoc committee is working on details. We discussed the possibility of purchasing PLBB with our budget, having some for display, buying books and donating them, or displaying the relevant pages on the screen. Pros, cons, etc were discussed and the subject tabled.

Discussed attending groups that are using the PLBB as preparation for our workshops and GSRs are encouraged to do this.

Sally (Registrar) gave a presentation on the Registrars role and our role in registration of groups and GSRs.

Elaine H ,District 2 DCM

District 3:(August 13, 2025) Sorry, No written report received

District 4:(August 13, 2025).

July meeting sparsely attended.

Since the newer GSR's were not present, Ray did not give the gsr presentation.

He will return in August.

4 GSR's report no problems in their group. Samantha from Only Requirement group is going to MSCYPAA.

Conway Monday night group is growing-hybrid is working and they have a bookie

I reported to GSR's about what happened to outreach to Orange.

Suggested that we all try to attend the Intergroup picnic.

Also strongly suggested that all attend Fall Assembly and mentioned the Plain Language BB workshop

Starting in September, James, our co-chair will be attending the area meeting and do a re-cap of it at the district meeting for the remainder of the year. Thank-you James!

Thanks to Joe for letting us know about the Grapevine podcast. The first one I listened to had Jokes from Joe!

I would like to request a visit from Intergroup in September. I have been finding that some are confused about the committee reports received at the Intergroup meeting. Perhaps GSR's could help clear this up with their group's Intergroup rep. My homegroup's Intergroup rep also did not understand and it would be great to hear about all that Intergroup does for us!

We meet on zoom on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm. Thanks to Ray and Carl for great suggestions for district 4

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy P District 4 DCM

District 5: (August 13, 2025)

District 5 met on Monday August 4, 2025 at 7 pm in South Hadley at 30 Carew Street and online. We had 13 groups represented with 15 GSRs and alternates in attendance . Groups didn't report any new concerns and most have continued to contribute to the pie when they are able to.

A few groups reported upcoming anniversaries. The Sunrise Group are celebrating 25 years August 13th. Food served from 6-7pm followed by a speaker meeting 7-8 pm. The Green Street Group has an anniversary on August 21st. 6 pm will be food and a 2 speaker meeting to follow. Hitchcock Academy will celebrate 41 years on August 22 with food at 6:30pm and a speaker meeting at 7:30pm. The Wilbraham Men's Group announced a change from a closed meeting to an open meeting now.

District 5 held their 12 Traditions play workshop on July 26. It was very well attended with 65 plus in attendance. The GSRs did a fantastic job in preparing the event and performing the play. The total expense for the workshop came to \$458.59. We collected \$74 in 7th tradition contributions and voted to donate \$20 to the church for use of their facility which was no expense to us, and the balance of \$54 to put back in the budget. Therefore our total budget expense came to \$404.59. It was a success at providing an informative and rewarding workshop! Very positive feedback.

There was no new business this month.

JD, the Institutions Chair was invited to share and spread awareness about the Institutions committee. He informed us about the open commitments available at the surrounding institutions and the process and requirements to get involved and help. Bob, our Area Chair, came to visit as well. He informed us of the upcoming Connecticut State Convention in Area 11 and our own Intergroup picnic on August 17. He also brought to our attention that the Meeting Guide App has a news tab where we can search current job openings and other GSO news and messages. That was good to know! Thank you JD and Bob for your service

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Chris K D5 DCM

District 6: (August 13,. 2025)

Old Business: workshop on Navigating the area31.aa website. Greg reached out and confirmed with Tom. tonight. It is on September 27th. @ 100PM. Location not mentioned

New Business – No new business

Greg R. DCM District 6

Delegate's Remarks: (August 13, 2025)

I must comment on the last reports as in Area 31 we do not doublebook dates. The area officers cannot be in two places at once. (This refers to the two workshops that will be held on the same date in Sept) Secondly, at the International level, GSO will be closed for 8 -12 weeks for renovation of the 11th floor. All business is done as usual, just no visitors are allowed to come in.

2. Class A Trustee Deadline is August 31st.Contact Steve if you have a candidate. 3. AA Grapevine non trustee director Nov. 12th deadline.(on Board of Directors)

4. NERF is being held late this year due to the International Convention Dec 6-7 at the OMNI Hotel in Providence Registration opens in October. This is free for anyone who wants to get to know the GSO and all its moving parts. Quarterly report is out.

5. Mass State Convention registration is opening soon This year I serve as Treasurer.

Alternate Delegate's Remarks:(August 13, 2025).

. Good evening brothers and sisters from other mothers or other misters.

This past month has been fairly quiet as is typical for this time of year.

Since we last met, I have visited various districts and committees. Attended District 5 traditions workshop. Congratulations on a well planned and executed event. It was well attended & I had a great time.

Which brings me to something I have been contemplating ever since the International Convention in July. I would like to use this time to share it with you.

The last old timer speaker ended his talk with explaining the 6 things an AA needs to have a quality sobriety.

I will share the first, being a sober date, but number 6 was insisting on having fun IN sobriety. INSIST ON HAVING FUN.

So, with that being said, get yourself over to MCYPAA this weekend and insist on a smile, and when you're done with that, get ready for the Mass State Convention this November 14-16,2025. If you would like to join us for the final few planning meetings, I am still the carpool. See me for more info. (On that, and the 4 things in between for a quality sobriety).

3 things to share to your groups or committee;

1) concept meeting first Thursday every month

2 group inventories _ see Bob M

3) area will come speak at your group _see Bob M.

Love Ya & Like Ya.Service Gladly Rendered,
RAY M.

Area Chair's Remarks: (August 13,2025)

1 TRASH will not be tolerated by the church. You must bring out the trash you bring in. **Please this is a threat to all our meeting Space.**They have to sort their trash and don't need our screwing up the bins.

2.District 2 is hosting the Fall Assembly at 300 Appleton St. pkg lots on Maple St.

3. All of our standing Committees need support . Everyone should go back to their home groups and Announce this at their business meetings.
4. Thank you for all your reports. Your efforts to keep them brief and to the point have not gone unnoticed.
5. The Shed had a soda disaster. A couple of sodas broke and spilled all over. The bags that contained our boards were damaged but not the boards.
6. Leave the chairs where they are tonight —we need to put them back to where they were when we came in tonight.
7. September 27th is the Conn State Convention
8. Please remember to ask your groups to donate to the pie chart.

OLD BUSINESS: None

>>>**REMINDER 1. Fall Assembly** will be Oct. 18th and 19th at 300 Appleton St. in Holyoke Sat 9-3 Sun 1 - 5 **business meeting and Elections.**

- NEW BUSINESS: 1.** Joe I. wants to know if we should have a donation encouragement at MSCYPA Discussion ensued about how the area can collect money. Just not at MSCYPA because it is not our event. We have a Paypal account to make contributions directly.
2. CPC & PI are struggling to get their business done in the time allotted for their meetings. Grapevine said they just end their meeting at 50 minutes.
 3. Motion to adjourn at 9:15 The next area business meeting will be September 10th at 730 pm. Be there in person to help others get to know you.!

Respectfully Submitted,.

Kate V. Area 31 Secretary Western Mass General Service