

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

<b>WMYPAA</b>	Matt F.	N	N	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	N	N	N	Y			
Position	Name	Jan	Feb	S/A	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
District 1 DCM	Carol L	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>14</sub>	Y <sub>15</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y			
District 1 Co - DCM	Carrie	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y/O <sub>18</sub>	Y/O <sub>16</sub>	Y/O <sub>15</sub>	N	Y/O	O			
District 2 DCM	Elaine	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	N	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>16</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	N			
District 2 Co - DCM	Tamara R	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	N	N	Y <sub>21</sub>	N			
District 3 DCM	Chris D.	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	N	Y <sub>17</sub>	Y/O <sub>17</sub>	Y/O	O			
District 3 Co - DCM	Michael K	N	N	Y <sub>26</sub>	N	N	N	N	N	N			
District 4 DCM	Nancy P.	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>27</sub>	N	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>18</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	O			
District 4 Co - DCM	James C	N	Y <sub>22</sub>	N	Y <sub>21</sub>	N	N	N	N	Y			
District 5 DCM	Chris K.	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	Y <sub>28</sub>	Y <sub>22</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>19</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y			
District 5 Co- DCM	Corinna **	N	N	N	N	N	N	NY	N	N			
District 6 DCM	Greg R.	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y <sub>24</sub>	Y <sub>29</sub>	N	Y <sub>21</sub>	Y <sub>20</sub>	N	Y <sub>25</sub>	Y			
District 6 Co- DCM	Caroline.T	N	N	Y <sub>30</sub>	Y <sub>23</sub>	N	N	N	N	N			
QUORUM = 18	voting	25	24	30	23	21	20	19	25	<b>23</b>			
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** (Sept. 10, 2025)

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning August Balance	\$	4,422.40
Group Contributions	\$	1,865.01
Total Area Expenses	\$	1,366.30
Closing August Balance	\$	4,921.11
Plus – Prudent Reserve	\$	8,501.00
Total Funds Available	\$	13,422.11

Further Comments:

\*Contributions in August were flat.

\* There was a total of 23 donations totaling \$1865.01

\*contributions are up 1.5 percent for the year

Thank you for supporting Area 31 Western Mass General Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin C Area 31 Treasurer

**Registrar's Report** (Sept. 10, 2025)

Sally was on a well-deserved vacation so no report was given.

**Archivist's Report:** (Sept. 10., 2025)

Carl researched Young People Info for a member doing a presentation at Young People's group. Group History is coming along.

Donations received: From Hitchcock Academy Group 1984-85 Service Manual

Berkshire Intergroup : Sent minutes from 2023, 2024, and 2025

MSCYPAA Donated a bunch of memorabilia from the recent International Convention.

Carl G. Area 31 Archivist

**Webmaster:** (Sept. 10, 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:** ( Sept. 10, 2025)

*In person 30 Carew St South Hadley, MA 7pm or online at <https://area31aa.org/calendar/>*

**Standing Commitments**

**Mondays: 7-8pm Pioneer Valley Health & Rehab (PVR) 573 Granby Rd, South Hadley**

**2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in home meeting 5:30-6:30pm Lathrop Apartments South Hadley**

**\*ON HOLD\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Care One Holyoke 260 Easthampton Rd, Holyoke 7:30-8:30pm**

**NEW MEETING Wednesdays Care One Northampton 548 Elm St, Northampton 6-7pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6:15-7:15pm meeting at Linda Manor in 345 Haydenville Rd Leeds**

**Fridays 7-8pm Cedarbrook Village 73 South St, Ware**

**Fourth Sunday of the month 1:30-2:30pm Chestnut Hill 32 Chestnut St. East Longmeadow**  
Old Business: Secretary/Co-Chair Setting up more meetings in Enfield and Northampton SNFs – members are setting up meetings soon! Spanish interpreters for Area 31 events – a local member has offered to provide this support Connecting with Deaf Communities - waiting to hear back from member looking into this

New Business: MA State Convention Planning Meetings 9/30, 10/28, 7pm  
<https://www.aamastateconvention.org/>

CT Area 11 66th Annual **Convention** September 27 and 28. Sheraton Hotel 100 Capitol Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT <https://ct-aa.org/>

Judy H. Chair Accessibilities

**Archives :** (Sept. 10, 2025)

There was not much new business to report..  
Rick, Co Chair

**CPC** (September 10, 2025)

CPC met last night, 09/09/25 at 300 Carew St., South Hadley, at 6:30pm.

There were a total of 11 CPC members, in person and virtually.

CPC had a recent commitment at AIC, on 09/03/25 and it is reported that it went well.

CPC is following up with possible leads at Massability, Elms College's Criminal Justice, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work departments, the Dean of Students at Bay Path, and Valley Medical Group of Greenfield.

Upcoming scheduled commitments are:

09/19/25 from 10am -12noon at Bay Path College. CPC will be participating in a Round Table with a member from the psychological field and an addiction specialist.

10/04/25 at 9am. for the Ace Program at Westfield State University's Wilson Hall, in the Wilson room, #109.

The Area 31 Webmaster, Tom, and Caren, the CPC Chair, have been working on updating the CPC page on the Area website. The goal is to make it more attractive and informative to the Professionals CPC is trying to collaborate with. Much has been accomplished, however there is some finalization to be done. The items still in development include a QR code on the Post Cards that will bring the scanning person directly to the CPC web page, a Grapevine link, and some varied aesthetic items. CPC voted to add a new position to the committee entitled "CPC Committee Liaison". The individual who takes on this responsibility will be the care taker of a Commitment Spreadsheet, similar to what the Institutions Committee uses. They will be responsible for the CPC webpage incoming contact request form, helping aid CPC arrange rides/accompaniment for students to open AA meetings and to keep a list of Professional contacts updated for current and future use. This position will help streamline the CPC's responsibilities and ensure better organization. The Committee agreed Tania would be ideal for this position and she accepted the role.

Tania has had to step down as CPC Co-Chair. We thank her for her service as Co-Chair and we are excited to have her as the new CPC Liaison. CPC co chair is now vacant and needs to be filled.

Caren

## **Grapevine/LaVina** (Sept 10, 2025)

Good evening everyone! Thank you 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 - our committee could always use more attendance. This month we had 4 in attendance. Any AA member is welcome to attend our committee meeting, commitment is not required. Come check us out!

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](mailto:Grapevine@area31aa.org) for further details.

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.

On Saturday November 15, our committee will be hosting a Creator's Retreat at the MA State Convention from 9-11 am in Marlboro, MA. Come check us out!

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.

We currently have an opening on the committee for a co-chair. DCMs, please bring this information back to your districts. The co-chair position will rotate into chair at the beginning of the year, so it will be a short commitment for anyone who wants it!

The theme of the May 2026 Issue will be titled "how the steps changed my life." Tell us how the steps enriched your sobriety. Give some examples. What's your favorite step? Which one surprised you most? Submissions for this issue are due October 1st. The June 2026 issue will be titled "Young & Sober," so anyone with experiences with YPAA is encouraged to share!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service

-Joe I.

## **PL** (September 10, 2025)

Last meeting was held on September 9th and we had 10 participants. The committee still has a standing commitment to Baystate to carry the message as needed; there was one call during the month of August; the committee provided postcards and business cards to the wing and will be setting up a collaborative presentation with CPC. A commitment in November at Hampshire Regional is in progress; the school's SADD committee meets on the 17th and will finalize the date afterwards.

Committee members continue to distribute postcards and business cards and have distributed more than 600 to businesses, groups, intergroups, community bulletin boards, and all places where literature or news are available to the public.

The ad hoc group researching the radio program with WBCR-lp 97.7fm in Great Barrington recommended moving forward with the radio show opportunity; the committee members in attendance voted in favor of the motion to host the show for at least one year. Format and timing will continue to be discussed, the intent is to begin recording in October/November.

The committee is obtaining pricing for advertisements over the holidays including placemats in restaurants, Spotify, or holiday magazines. Lastly, Multiple members have finalized the draft email/letter to nursing facilities and public safety websites to provide information to the public via literature, postcards, or links to WMIG or BIG hotlines or websites

Brian W - PI Chair 413 841 2235

**Round-Up:** (Sept. 10, 2025)

Jill made a report that consisted of the new co chair Joe I. and the date will be decided when the venue is chosen hopefully this will be decided at or before the November meeting.  
In Service, Jill F. Chair.

**Berkshire Intergroup:** (Sept. 10, 2025)

My name is Dwayne , alcoholic, serving as Berkshire Intergroup Chair 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, [berkshireaaintergroup.org](http://berkshireaaintergroup.org) links visitors to AA resources, meeting list, and our office via email.

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 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. 6 of our local groups were represented on September 8th. After input from group reps last month, I invited reps to report before Area and old/new business. Stockbridge Tower group is hosting a tailgate pot-luck Sept 23, all are welcome. There is a desire for more workshops.

Our next Ad Hoc meeting regarding how to get our financial filings in order for this issue is Tuesday, September 23 at 5:30pm. If anyone here has experience or expertise, we'd welcome it. In both August and September a past BIG Chair attended the monthly meeting to suggest:we "do nothing ". That led to a member moving to disband the ad hoc. That motion failed.

Our 2nd Chili (plus Mac & Cheese!) Cook off will be Sunday October 12, at the Pittsfield State Forest Ski Lodge. The event committee is working on a flyer and further details. The next event committee meeting is September 17th at 5:30pm online only, as the office manager will be preparing to fly to Memphis for the 40th Annual Intergroup and Central Offices of Alcoholics Anonymous Seminar.  
Dwayne Chair

**Institutions:** (Sept. 10, 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** : (Sept. 10, 2025)

Our last meeting was on Aug. 14, 2025

We had a small turnout from the intergroup reps

Sunday, Aug 17 we had our annual Intergroup Picnic and I'm happy to say things turned out great and the tournaments were really good but we will not do another Cornhole as we did not have as good of a sign up for it. The band (Self steam) DJ Joe and face painter and recovery vendors said this was a great turn out and a great event.

We are sending shout outs to all the groups and people that donated basket and backpacks items for the Intergroup raffle.

We had a small and very quick, steering committee meeting

Bookie meet is slowing down, but anyone still interested in booking 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. Same spot in Holyoke

Our next meeting is September 11, 2025 @ 6:30 for bookies and & 7pm for intergroup reps. The next steering committee meeting will be on 09/25/2025 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 be interested or “voluntold” send them our way. All positions are open for elections. We will be having flyers for all to bring back to their home group. Respectfully submitted, Yolanda

**West MA Young People AA (WMYPAA)** (Sept. 10, 2025)

No one was in attendance to give a report.

**District 1** (Sept 10, 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** (, 2025)

No one in attendance to give report

**District 3**: (Sept 10, 2025)

District 3 meets for its monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month at 7pm with around 15 attendees last month, 11 virtually, 4 in person

Most groups with a GSR are donating regularly to the pie chart. The monthly virtual Tradition meeting is held on the second Saturdays of the month, with speakers from the Area sharing on the tradition coinciding with the month.

I'm currently working with Maureen the secretary, and Mike the co-DCM with the area registrar, to update the list of registered groups in our district, and the GSRs for those groups.

There has been an active bookie exchange, where speaker exchanges are happening between groups within and outside the District.

Additionally, we have regular attendance from Berkshire Institutions and Berkshire Intergroup.

The current date for the Plain Language Big Book workshop is November 20th, at the Congregational Church in Stockbridge.

Yours in Service, Chris D (District 3 DCM)

**District 4**: (Sept. 10, 2025).

Yolanda will visit us in September to speak about our Intergroup

On September 19th The Amherst Friday Night Group is having an Anniversary Celebration, four speaker meeting,

Food and fellowship. It's the first one in quite a while and they are excited to have it.

In August the Sunday Night Life group (Haydenville) changed its time to 7pm

I visited another Orange group which is not meeting. I wrote an email to area 26 DCM. I included the registrars for area 30 and 31. I have copies for Carl and Sally.

Yolanda will be visiting our district meeting in September. We look forward to seeing you!

We talked about re-starting our group outreach. I was glad to be able to get a list of meetings with

addresses through [westernmassaa.net](http://westernmassaa.net). We also have Sally's list of groups. I have agreed to send these lists to all. I will include the outreach page created by D-4 members last year and a page to give to the chair or secretary of their business meeting that explains how to become GSR or group contact. Each person will visit a group in their comfort zone this month and report back.

At the September meeting next week we will find a way to be more organized about signing up to visit a meeting. Steve was our guest and gave us a lot of info. I appreciated hearing him say that district outreach should always be happening. He did not give the GSR presentation as we did not have the new gsr's present

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy P District 4 DCM

### **District 5:** ( September 10, 2025.)

District 5 met on Monday September 1, 2025 at 7 pm in South Hadley at 30 Carew St. and online. Attendance this past month was very low. Only 7 groups were represented, 5 in person and 2 online. I planned it was going to be lightly attended due to the Labor Day weekend and Sober In The Sun so I didn't invite anyone to attend and share.

Some groups have reported that their committee representatives are not attending or participating in the monthly meetings of their respective committees. They have brought up in their group's business meetings the need to attend but it still seems to be an issue. One group also reported that they are having problems with members not attending group commitments. Participation has been an ongoing issue through the summer. Of the groups that attended the September District meeting, most have contributed to the pie.

Ray, our area Alternate Delegate was the area visitor. He informed us of the busy upcoming months of assemblies, workshops, State Convention as well as NERF and next year's NERASSA. Ray also brought up the need for the groups to please send representatives to the area committees. I also asked him to give the GSR presentation again as we've had a few new GSRs in the last couple months. Fortunately 3 of the attendees were new and hadn't seen the presentation from earlier in the year so that worked out well. Thank you Ray for your service

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Chris K D5 DCM

### **District 6:** (Sept 10, 2025)

All groups are doing fine. Paula reminded all that you can go to the [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) website and print out calendars and flyers. Old Business: Workshop on navigating the [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) website. Greg to reach out and confirm with Tom. September 27th. 1:00 p.m. for Tom was better. Hazardville United Methodist Church, 330 Hazard Ave., Enfield, CT. Budget under \$400. Katrina volunteered to create a flyer. Paula wanted to talk about the old business. \$50 check from Justin for rent. Can you please get her a check for the rent? Paula will make arrangements to get the check for the rent.

Workshop is coming!~Jeanette has confirmed that we have the room for 1:00 p.m., September 27th. The meeting will be hybrid. New Business – Motion to have the Workshop from 1-2 p.m. and food and fellowship from 2-3 p.m. – Motion Approved. Next month's meeting will be back at the Daily Grind and Zoom. Should District 6 meeting move elsewhere? Change the location of the meeting.

Would we get more members to come to District 6 meetings if we agree to change the location. Discussion on moving to Western Mass Hospital, Westfield. Pat will check on this.  
Greg R. DCM District 6

**Delegate's Remarks:** (Sept. 10, 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 on Sept 27 )

2. 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.

3. NERAASSA February 19-20 Portland ME. Get your rooms early!

4. AA Grapevine non trustee director Nov. 12th deadline.(on Board of Directors)

5. 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.

6. Mass State Convention registration is open and you can go directly to their website and get your advanced registration price of \$30. Our year for Standing committees—we pay for one room for each committee. This year, I serve as Treasurer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Steve M

**Alternate Delegate's Remarks:** (Sept. 10, 2025).

Greetings, fellow travelers. It has been a great summer getting out to the various districts and committee meetings, seeing the love and passion for service alive and well in Area 31. I feel truly blessed to be able to be part of this beautiful spiritual enterprise as we trudge the road to happy destiny. Now for the meat and potatoes: The Mass State Convention Planning Meeting has 2 more meetings before the great event on Nov 14-16, 2025. The Program sub-committee meets 1 more time before wrapping up the program to send off to print and website. A sneak Peek into this year's festivities, we have multiple professional comedians Friday night, the Keynote speakers, a sobriety count down, panels Alcahlon, Alanon with Alateen. Susan B has the seminar room for the Bill W documentary, A presentation by Vera on the topic 'Black in AA', Micheal C. with a presentation on Carl Young/ William James. Grapevine will be doing a writer's retreat for 2 hours Saturday morning. And MUCH - MUCH more. Registrations and Hotel reservations are open. Please book with the event the earlier the better. NERF registration is open, get yourself registered and get down to Providence RI Dec. 5-7. NERAASA registration is also open, Portland Maine Feb 20-22. Please join us for the concept meeting, on the first Thursday of every month. Next one is Concept 10, your service responsibilities should equal your service authority. Very cool stuff.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, it has been my honor and privilege to be among the cream of the crop, (or the 5% that do the 90% of the work) or whatever that nonsense saying is.

Peace Ray M.

**Area Chair's Remarks:** (Sept 10,,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 us screwing up the bins.
  2. Thank you to all our committees doing great work despite some deficits of people.
  3. All of our standing Committees need support. Everyone should go back to their home groups and Announce this at their business meetings.
  4. This week we lost 3 Co Chairpeople who resigned. The 90/10 rule applies, but these people were being "trained" to take over the committees next year, so let's beat the bushes for some new volunteers.
  - 5.. Thank you for all your reports. Your efforts to keep them brief and to the point have not gone unnoticed.
  6. Sept. 27th is the Connecticut State Convention.
  7. Please remember to ask your groups to donate to the pie chart.
- Bob M.

**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.** Motion to List Vera as past delegate in the Area Handbook passed unanimously. (She is already listed in the Area Directory.)
2. Motion made and Seconded that the Area meeting not be held due to the Fall Assembly passed unanimously.
  3. Our next Area meeting will be the budget meeting so no reports are required at that meeting.
  4. Area committee Service Commitment on October 26th Sober sunday night
  5. Closed at 915 Next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12th at 730. No Committee reports will be read as it is the Financial planning meeting for the year. Please bring your budget requests.

Respectfully Submitted,.

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