

June 10, 2026
Area 31 Business Meeting Minutes
Called to order at 7:30 PM

Position	Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	S/A	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	F/A	Nov	Dec
Area Delegate	Ray M.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N						
Alt. Delegate	Bob M.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Area Chair *	Justin C.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Area Treasurer	Kate V.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N						
Area Secretary	Lara A.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Area Registrar	Sally S.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Area Archivist	Carl G.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Accessibility Chair	Mark D.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Accessibility Co-Chair	Robin D.	Wayne N	wayne N	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Archives Chair	Rick W.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Archives Co-Chair	Jill F.	Judy Y	Judy Y	Beatrix N	Y	Y	N						
CPC Chair	Judy H.	Sam N	Sam N	Y	Y	Y	N						
CPC Co-Chair	Erin G.	Greg Y	Greg N	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Grapevine Chair	Carl H.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Grapevine Co-Chair	Kevin	N	Y	N	N	N	N						
Public Info Chair	Bruce V.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Public Info Co-Chair	Chris K.	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y						
Webmaster	Tom H.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Asst. Web/Tech Host	Eric N.	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y						
WMIG Chair	Matt F.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
Berk Intergroup Chair	Dwayne	Y	Y	Co-Chair Hedley Y	Y	Y	Y						
Institutions Chair	JD	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y						
Institutions Co-Chair	Eric M.	Bruce N	Bruce N	Bruce N	Y	N	Y						
Round Up Chair	Joe I.	Jill F. Y	Jill Y	Jill Y	Jill Y	Jill Y	Y						
Round Up Co-Chair	Beatrix E.	Joe Y	Joe Y	Joe Y	Joe Y	Joe Y	N						
WMYPAA	John S.	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y						
District 1 DCM	Karen K.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 1 Co - DCM	Carol L.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 2 DCM	Tamara R.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 2 Co - DCM	Mark B.	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 3 DCM	Michael K.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N						
District 3 Co-DCM	Kate A.	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y						

District 4 DCM	James C.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 4 Co-DCM	Patrick O.	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y						
District 5 DCM	Jim K.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N						
District 5 Co-DCM	Sean C.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 6 DCM	Pat L.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y						
District 6 Co-DCM	Brendan M	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y						
QUORUM = 18	voting	26	26	27	27	29	24						
*Area Chair only votes to create or	break a tie												

Secretary's Report

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Treasurer's Report

May 2026 Financials and Contributions

Beginning May Balance	77.64
May Group Contributions	2914.95
Total Area Expenses	1951.76
Closing May Balance	1040.83
PLUS –Prudent Reserve	8501.00
Total Funds available	9541.83

Please continue to announce at the meetings you attend that our treasury is not what it should be and encourage people to ask their groups to contribute more regularly. I will again send out the group contributions to the DCMs so they may encourage groups in their districts who are contributing to send GSRs to the district meetings as well as find some groups who aren't doing either. There's an ongoing issue with the cancelling of the Comcast account which has yet to be resolved. We expect more will be revealed in the next report. Thank you for supporting AREA 31 Western Mass General Services. Respectfully submitted, Kate V., Area 31 Treasurer

Registrar's Report

The number of registered active groups in Area 31 is 301. There may actually be another 5 registered groups, but their status is listed as "unknown" rather than "active." This is because they don't have a known GSR, AltGSR, or Mail Contact. The DCMs and I try to reach out when we can, to persuade such groups to choose a rep. Some groups opt out, but some groups may simply forget to send their rep's contact info to the Registrar. The current list is:

- District 2, Sunday Morning Group and Easthampton Monday Night Group
- District 3, Blacksheep Fireside Group and Little Help Group
- District 4, Cummington Candlelight Group

Correction: Thank you Robin from Berkshire Intergroup for pointing out that Blacksheep Fireside is now inactive.
An updated Group ID and History Date Lookup will soon be posted on the website. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Sally S., Area 31 Registrar

Archivist's Report

I've finished cataloguing the Archives: every folder, book, etc. categorized. Carl G., Area 31 Archivist

Webmaster

I reported at the Spring Assembly that we would be pursuing free web hosting available to Non-Profits through DreamHost. When I attempted to initiate the migration process, I discovered that the free plan had been discontinued as of March 31st of this year. I was unable to find another free hosting option. The exception was one service that required that their company logo be placed in a prominent location on the website - something that I didn't interpret to be in line with our traditions. After thorough research, I think that the best option is NameCheap. Their introductory rate is \$53.88 for 2 years of hosting, renewing at only \$7.50 per month. This is in comparison to \$20 per month for the current hosting, where I could not

negotiate a better rate. I will be starting the migration to NameCheap this week, and it will be completed before the end of the month. Thank you for letting me be of service. Tom H., Webmaster

Accessibility

Attendance at the monthly Accessibility committee meeting is down, but all 26 commitments are filled. The committee presented a panel on *Humility in Action* at the Round Up. There have been requests for in-home meetings but no new meetings have been added yet to the calendar of commitments on the Accessibility page on the Area website. Chestnut Hill would like some more support. There have been some issues with Pioneer Valley Health & Rehab, but attendance is good. Eye Opener group has been taking the Wednesday meeting and has good attendance. Judy and ~3 other members are still bringing an in-home meeting to Pauline. Still working on helping District 3 with commitments.

Mark D., Accessibility Chair

Archives

The committee met on 6/2, with sparse attendance. At the Round Up, the Archives boards were displayed, the committee hosted a panel *Learning from Our Past*, and 2 Past Delegates were recorded during a listening party, sharing their experiences of past Round Ups. Discussion of planning a workshop/Listening Party sometime after the summer, to record 2 female Past Delegates who were unable to attend this year's Round Up to be recorded. Round Up committee gave a signed posterboard from the event to the Archives committee. Language will be modified on the signs that request no pictures be taken of the Archives boards, to something less direct/Draconian. Committee reviewed and proposed changes to content of new flyer to seek group histories. I brought the boards to the District 5 meeting and explained the purpose of the Archives committee and the need to preserve group histories. Boards were displayed at the Cold Spring Group anniversary on 6/4. Rick W., Archives Chair

CPC

CPC committee met on 6/9, with 13 committee members, Alt. Delegate and Webhost. Chair, Judy, reported the previous two events went well. Umbrella of Wellness gave us an opportunity to speak with professionals from fields that are our target audience. No professionals responded to the invitation to the Round Up, but the committee was available to answer our fellow AAs' questions after the presentation. CPC is in the process of investigating and developing new Boards. The current ones are outdated and in fragile condition. In the research of replacement Boards, cost, durability, and size were considered. We'll vote on which Boards to purchase next month, then schedule a "Design the Boards" meeting, in addition to our monthly meeting. We'll rely on the CPC Workbook suggestions for the development of the graphics for the Boards and attempt to make them manageable when changes to literature occur. Professionals aren't responding to emails nor returning calls. Ideas to generate more leads: going to professionals in person, wider distribution of CPC Packets, approaching fellow AA group members who are in the professional fields we target for support/interest. Bruce and Judy are pursuing a combined P.I. and CPC workshop for the Fall. Tania is investigating how to do an Area level "Lunch and Learn" for professionals, similar to the ones GSO's CPC desk performs. Judy is in the process of making the rounds to the District Committees. Upcoming commitments: Bay Path College 09/18/26. Fall date TBD with A.I.C. Nursing Program. The CPC committee has a group inventory scheduled for 6/30 at 6pm with a Past Delegate. We haven't heard back from Pioneer Valley Rehab. to set a date (they've changed ownership again) to provide them a presentation, as well as other institutions and professionals. Gratefully serving Area 31 CPC, Erin G., Co-chair

Grapevine/LaViña

We had 3 committee members at our meeting this month. We had a time slot on 5/30 at the Round Up, on AA *GRAPEVINE APP/CARRY THE MESSAGE*. Grapevine boards went out to Clear Cut Directions anniversary in East Longmeadow on 6/9, and to Cold Spring in Belchertown on 6/4. We will have a writers' workshop on 7/25 from 11-2 at Faith Community Chapel, 485 East St., Ludlow MA. Pizza, water and soda will be provided. Please bring a dessert to share. It's a great opportunity to write your story. There is a flyer on the Area website. Carl H., Grapevine Chair

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We have a commitment at Hampshire Regional High School in October. We're looking into securing commitments at Minnechaug High School and Belchertown High School. We have a monthly commitment at Gandara in Ludlow. Our Co-Chair Chris wrote a radio spot for Rock 102, and we are seeking a spot on the UMass radio station. We attended the Umbrella of Wellness Fair in Belchertown along with CPC on 5/16. We had a time slot featuring speakers and discussion questions at the Round Up on 5/29 from 7:30-8:15pm. Thank you for letting me serve. Bruce V., P.I. Chair

Round-Up

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the 2027 Round Up Chair! Thanks to all alcoholics in our area for showing up and supporting our Delegate and the Round Up! We've got some neat ideas for the 2027 Round Up "Honoring our past, Embracing our Future": Districts: I'd like you to start looking for locations for our next Round Up. Please search your areas for 1-3 locations where we could hold next year's event. I've put together a mini bid packet outlining specifics. Check your district emails, they will be due 9/1.

I' also like to ask each DCM to report back to GSRs that we are looking for a Spiritual Speaker to present at the Round Up. We are asking speaker meetings to participate. We would like short (10 min or less) anonymity-protected recordings of speakers. Please work as a committee to narrow your submissions to 1 speaker. Once districts have submitted their speakers, we'll vote on a final speaker. Don't forget to submit your recordings to the Area Archives! We are also requesting these speaker tapes by 9/1.

We are the only committee with a summer vacation, so the Round Up is a super fun committee to join! We have room for a Registration and Program chair. Joe I., Round Up Chair

Berkshire Intergroup

There were 11 reps in attendance at our meeting this month, 2 reps in person. We are doing well financially. We are having an event, *B.I.G. Presents a Morning of Meditation by Elaine M.* at Christ Trinity Church, 180 Main St., Sheffield MA on 7/25 from 9am-2pm. We'd like to thank Craig, a member who was willing to step up and finish off the rest of the year as Secretary. I attended the Round Up, which was an amazing experience 2 years in a row. I was blown away by all the different types of food and new food options to try. Thank you for letting me serve. Dwayne, Berkshire Intergroup Chair

Institutions

127 commitments filled, 7 roll-ins this month, 32 open commitments. Handed out over 200 books this month. Need Bridging the Gap volunteers. JD, Institutions Chair

Western Mass Intergroup

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the month: bookie meeting at 6pm, Intergroup committee meeting at 7pm. WMIG picnic will be Sunday 8/16 at Moose Family Center, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, starts at 11am. Still looking for raffle contributions. Steering committee is interested in having an inventory, looking in mid-July, for a date with the least number of conflicts so most of the steering committee can attend, to be facilitated by Past Delegate Paul H. Still looking into operating procedures and website guidelines to come up with something to go by. We continue to fill phone coverage slots; hopefully with the P.I. radio project, we will receive more calls. Golf tournament on 6/20 has 1 more foursome available. Thank you for letting me serve. Matt F., WMIG Chair

Western Mass Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (WMYPAA)

We meet the 1st Sunday of the month at the Serenity Club at 5pm. Our upcoming event is an ice cream social with volleyball and games, at Szot park in Chicopee on 8/2/26, time TBD. John S., WMYPAA Chair

District 1

The showing of the *Bill W. Story* on 7/11 at Church of the Acres in Springfield has been postponed until October, date TBD. BYOBB Group is celebrating their anniversary on 7/14/26.

Karen K., District 1 DCM

District 2

District 2 meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Monday of the month at 745 Main St., Agawam MA. Meetings are hybrid. We had 15 in attendance this month. Thank you to those who attended our 2 workshops at the Round Up. Both were well attended and had great participation. District 2 will host a workshop 9/19/26 in the afternoon at 459 Mill St, Agawam Methodist Church. Final time TBD; flyer will be out soon. There will be a scripted demonstration with 2 speakers. Discussed need for area contributions; discussed getting people interested in service or even active in the group. A GSR asked where the "temporary sponsor" idea came from; is it an Area 31 thing? 5/25/26 Wild Cats had their anniversary celebration. Thank you! Tamara R., District 2 DCM

District 3

We postponed our district meeting this month and continued working on 2 planned events: an "Area Level Service 101" event for September with panels on AA service, and a social event for GSRs and interested folks for September. Kate, our alt-DCM, attended the Round Up and will report to the district this month. Meetings and service continue as usual — thanks!!! Mike K., District 3 DCM

District 4

District 4 met on 5/19/26. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm on Zoom. 8 GSRs were present, plus Co-DCM Patrick, Jack from the Ad-hoc redistricting committee, our Area Delegate Ray, and myself. There were no new GSRs. Samantha, GSR from The Only Requirement Group, did a presentation on Tradition 5. Groups in District 4 continue to be well attended. Jack did a presentation about the Area 31 Ad-hoc Redistricting committee, and he encouraged GSRs to attend the Ad-hoc meetings. We began discussing plans for an 11th Step District 4 workshop. Date, time and location TBD. We put on 2 A.A. meetings for the Northfield Mount Herman School Alumni weekend on June 5th & 6th. James C., District 4 DCM

District 5

District 5 meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7pm at 30 Carew Street in South Hadley MA and online. This month we had 7 GSRs in person and 2 online, with 1 new GSR from South Hadley Friday Night. We will do the Traditions play again this year on 7/18 at noon. Doors open at 11:30 at All Saints Episcopal Church in South Hadley. We will have a potluck. Please bring a dish if you wish. Chapter 2 Group in Ludlow closed last month, and Hitchcock Academy is talking about closing due to lack of attendance. Thank you for letting me serve as District 5 Co-DCM., Sean C.

District 6

District 6 met hybrid on Monday 5/18/26 at the Daily Grind, 568 College Hgwy, Southwick and on ZOOM at 7PM. Seven groups were represented with GSRs, Co-DCM Brendan, and Area Chair Justin. The meeting was opened for group reports and a summary was provided of the Area Meeting from 5/13/26. There was discussion on District 6 topic for Roundup of "*Acceptance is the Answer*" as well as discussion of the first Adhoc committee meeting for potential redistricting. The group conscious determined it would be beneficial to have District 6 represented by our distinct geographic areas in MA and CT. Two members joined the 5/20 meeting and we continue to have interest in where the discussion leads. The group continued our discussion and brainstorm for potential workshop ideas; we will vote at our next meeting on a topic and begin planning logistics. Our next meeting is the third Monday of June 15, 2026. It will begin at 7PM exclusively on ZOOM, as our normal facility is unavailable June, July, and August. Grateful in Service, Pat L., District 6 DCM

Delegate's Remarks

I want to thank everyone who attended the Area 31 Round up. Thank you to the Round Up committee for the time and effort given to Area 31 and Alcoholics Anonymous. It was a fun event filled with love, laughter and learning. The General Service Conference report back to the AREA at the Round Up was well received. I promise to streamline some of the slides for next year's report back. It is truly an honor to serve in this capacity. Some new developments at GSO- A newly released PAI Grid has recently released, it should be up on the Area website/delegate's corner. Also, a few open trustee positions have been posted, and I expect we will be voting to forward a candidate to be our next Northeast Regional Trustee. The area concept meeting has been well attended, but we can always enjoy better attendance. We meet next month on 7/2. Mass State Convention is building steam; rooms are now available and registration should open very soon. Book early and help the convention build its self-support with the hotel. It really helps with bargaining when we sell rooms early. Thank You for allowing me the absolute honor of serving alongside you folks! Ray M., DELEGATE A31/P76

Alternate Delegate's Remarks

I've been attending district and committee meetings on a regular basis. I host a carpool to the Mass State Convention planning Committee every other month. Our next meeting is 7/28 and I have 2 seats available. I am the co-program chair. The convention is November 6–8 at the Best Western Royal Plaza and Trade Center in Marlboro, MA. I am a member of NAAD, North American Alternate Delegates. Every month, a different region puts on a presentation. This month was the West Central Region's presentation of "*Practicing Tolerance, Responsibility, Flexibility and Vision*". Bob M., Area 31 Alternate Delegate

Area Chair's Remarks

I've been attending the NAAC meeting (North American Area Chairs). Every active Past Delegate has done a group inventory this year. Reminders: no smoking on the church grounds, clean up after ourselves, and replace the furniture to where it was when we arrived. The Area has a commitment to the Holyoke Group at MiraVista on Sunday 6/21 at 7:30pm. Area 30 is hosting the International Women's Conference 2/10-2/13/28. Justin C., Area 31 Chair

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Motion to close at 8:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Lara A., Area 31 Secretary, Western Mass. General Service