

March 17, 2025 - District 6 Area 31 - **Meeting Minutes**  
7PM (in person and Zoom)

10 in person attendees

- Greg, DCM
  - Caroline, Co-DCM
  - Pat
  - Brian
  - Cody
  - Anthony
  - Dan
  - Michael
  - Bob – Area Chair
  - Mark – Area 31 Round Up
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- Sally – Area 31 Registrar

4 zoom attendees

- Judy
- Brendan
- Jarod
- Bonnie – Secretary

Greg - DCM opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Greg DCM introduced Co-DCM – Caroline; Bob – Area Chair and Sally – Area Registrar

Area 31 visitors requesting time at this meeting: Mark Area 31 Round Up

Bonnie summarized February's minutes.

Greg read what a GSR is responsible for.

**GSR Reports:**

- Dan – Path to Recovery, Wednesday night, Western MA Hospital. Big Book meeting. Approximately 10-30 people. TSS facility. No problems, smooth sailing.
- Mark – Area 31 Round Up – Suffield Monday night Grapevine meeting. Approximately 10-30 people as well. Read from the Grapevine and discuss. No problems with the exception of filling open positions.
- Brendan-Southwick Sunday Big Book Step Group, 7:00 p.m. at the Daily Grind. It is going well. Attendance is good, steady flow, about 30 a week, newcomers. Heathy group. No special meetings, issues or problems. Group members all have service positions.
- Judy-Hand of Hope meets at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at United Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Needed to make minor change in Chair opening format. Going good.
- Jarod-Enfield Young Peoples meeting Friday nights, 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Enfield, CT. Attendance is roughly 35, going well.

- Pat-Eastern Mountain Group, Friday night at Westfield Hospital – Speaker meeting, Attendance 50-60 people, no issues. Very healthy. New group members are jumping into service work. Needs to fill service positions. Working in a nursing home.
- Cody-Tuesday Night Suffield Men’s group. Anniversary April 27<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship 5-6, food 6-7, 7-8 speakers (AA/AI-Anon) high street – United Church of Christ.
- Anthony (Alt)-Tuesday night Suffield Men’s group. First GSR Meeting. Maybe roll into GSR. Had more people before pandemic. Have outgoing commitments, trying to spread the word. Attendance is coming up.
- Michael – Primary Purpose Group, Saturday, 4:30p.m., Westfield. Big Book Meeting. The group’s 1-year anniversary is next week. Difficulty with format - still ironing things out. 25 attendees – Needs a coffee maker.
- Brian – Westfield Tuesday night group – Soup Kitchen. Speaker/discussion meeting – 20 people in attendance. Long turn sobriety and short turn sobriety. Having trouble filling positions. Go on commitments every month .Fun. No major problems.

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Greg indicated that there was no Area meeting.

Greg - spoke on at the Spring Assembly Mini Conference which will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 and March 30<sup>th</sup> 1-5 at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 28 Sugarloaf Street, So. Deerfield, MA. It is encouraged that all GSR’s attend. If you would like more information on the topics please call Greg at 413-210-3024; email [gmano7786@gmail.com](mailto:gmano7786@gmail.com) or text and he’ll try to screenshot the topics. All may take photos of topics. The topics include:

1. Corrections
  - Consider request to update Appendix IV in the book Alcoholics Anonymous to include other awards and commendation received by AA since 1951. (PAI 65)\*  
Note: This item was forwarded from the Literature agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).
2. Finance
  - Consider a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 in the A.A. Service Manual. (PAI 72)\*  
Note: This item was forwarded from the Report and Charter agenda as part of the 2025 Equitable Distribution Plan (EDW).
3. Grapevine/La Vina
  - Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print.” (PAI 79).
4. Literature
  - Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (PAI 23).
  - Consider request to update the book living Sober. (PAIs 34, 64, 106, 90-92, 121, 122).
5. Report and Charter
  - Consider a request to remove the word “woman” from the Concept IV essay. (PAI 75, 124).
  - Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the co-Founders’ writing. (PAIs 81, 15, 26 and 109).
6. Trustees
  - Consider the request to include the version of AA Comes of Age, Lasker Award

text in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous. (PAI 24 and 63).

Spring Assembly will also be available online via Zoom:  
Saturday: Meeting ID: 813 0650 4470; Passcode - 0iZG3q  
Sunday: Meeting ID 873 8346 0120; Passcode – 61hBF

If you need further detail – Reach out to Greg.

Greg invited Sally (Area Registrar) for a brief presentation on what the Registrar is responsible for.

- Maintains records and groups in the GSO database.
- Registers groups.
- Updates Meeting Guide

Bob - Area Chair spoke on the upcoming meetings:

- Western Mass Round-up – June 7<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – GSR’s voices will be heard. GSR’s breakout into 3 groups and 1 online group to have a consensus on the topics. After lunch groups will give their reports and the delegates will bring these to the General Service conference. Expressing Area 31’s voice on these actions. Sunday business meeting.
- Grapevine Creator’s Retreat – April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 98 N. Maple Street, Hadley, MA. Appetizer/Dessert Potluck – Speaker - Pizza will be served. All forms of submissions to the Grapevine are encouraged: written stories, anonymity-conscious photos, jokes, cartoons, “If These Walls Could Talk” submissions, illustrations...

Also via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888204206?pwd=brvswLAWqIkfQUnYn0D8uqdajmQuNe.1>

Meeting ID: 818 8820 4206; Passcode: ch7dsB

- Participating GSR’s very importantly – don’t let the standing committee’s slack. Grapevine, CPC, PI, etc.
- Group Inventories – Area 31 Chair can arrange and can set up area commitments.
- May 24, 2025 - W. MA Intergroup Golf Tournament – Agawam Municipal Golf Club – May 12<sup>th</sup> cutoff for signup. \$100/person – Starts 12p.m. sharp. Lunch/Dinner – prizes. See Intergroup website for more information.

Mark spoke in more detail about the Round Up – June 6-8, 2025, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Pittsfield, MA. Round-up committee arranges a forum for the Area Delegate to give a report on the GSO.

Greg continued with the Round-up – Area 31 Men’s workshop Beyond I’m Sorry” - June 7 - 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.: 8:00p.m. – Topic HALT

Old business – Having Tom Webmaster host workshop – “Navigating through the Area 31 AA Website”. All were in favor. If Tom is willing and able to do this. There was a question if there could be a tutorial on the website – be recorded somehow?

New business: Revisit date for Area 31 AA website workshop until after Round Up – (possibly hold July/September/November)

Judy read Concept 2.

Brendan volunteered to summarize Chapter 7 – Annual Conference Meeting from the Service Manual.

Any questions? No questions.

Meeting closed with the “Responsibility Statement”

Next meeting date: April 21<sup>st</sup>

Online platform: Zoom  
Meeting ID: 850 5066 1264  
Passcode: 862389  
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting adjourned at 8:01p.m.

Please see [area31aa.org](http://area31aa.org) for more information on meetings.