



Area 59 Quarterly Area Meeting
Panel 65
March 13, 2016
Hemlock Farms Fire & Rescue, Hawley PA

Melanie S., Chairperson, opened the meeting at 11:04 AM with the Serenity Prayer and a reading from Daily Reflections. The Chairperson made some announcements about the facility and recognized members of District 62 who served to host the meeting.

Acknowledged Guests –Past Delegate & Current Convention Chairman from Area 59 - Marty S.; Archivist, Donald H., Area 59 Archivist, Chuck G., Assistant Area 59 Archivist, Greg G., Area 59, Web Servant and Mike C., Lancaster Inter-Group representative.

***Concepts** - Three DCM's presented Concept I (Brian K. DCM 47); Concept II (Ruth D. DCM 60); and, Concept III (Christian H. DCM 30). Three DCM's were selected by the Chairperson to present Concepts at the June 2016 Quarterly business meeting: Wayne L. DCM 43 – Concept IV; Kathy T. DCM 65 – Concept V.; and, Mandy DCM 23 – Concept VI.

**Note: The Concepts presentation format, i.e. having three DCMs discuss three Concepts with no discussion or reading of Traditions, is a new agenda procedure for Panel 65.*

Roll Call –All officers present and 45 DCMs (or their Alternate) for a total of 51 out of 54 eligible voting Committee Members present at roll call. (Roll Call tally sheet attached at end of Minutes.)

Approval of Minutes – Chairperson asked for motion to accept the minutes of the previous area meeting held on Dec. 13, 2016. Motion made by DCM 34. Seconded. DCM 47 offered an amendment to the minutes, "I move to correct the minutes on page 9, line 4 where the vote total reads '35', it should read '45.'" The amendment was seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as amended.

Convention Committee Report – by Marty S. A written report and Convention committee financial statement (Final 2015) was submitted to the Area Committee. Highlighted points are:

- The Net Loss for 2015 of \$2,590.60 is not a disaster.
- We still have a full prudent reserve account and a closing balance (operating cash of \$23,725.75.)
- Online registration for EPGSA 2016 will be available for the first time coming this June.
- Lowell L. has accepted the role of Convention committee Secretary after Steve O. stepped down due to his move to Florida.
- In June Marty will present a facility map for discussing the workshop assignments.
- The committee reduced the mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.35 to \$0.25 per mile.

Convention Committee Report, continued:

Question: Caroline N. What line on the Financial Statement reflects the Convention Com. members and their guest's expenses at the convention?

Reply: the "Lancaster Host Resort" line. The committee does not pay for our spouses.

Question: Paul M. asked, "What are the reason(s) for the net loss?"

Answer: "Mostly charges to rooms, less rebate of \$3 per room for every meal ticket. Also the travel was greater than usual for invited guests."

Question: Dave DCM 21 asked, "My GSRs are concerned that the convention is becoming more expensive. Has the committee considered increasing the Day Registration rate?"

Answer: "Yes we are. But we expect registration plus room to be under \$300 this year."

Question: Ann Marie DCM 54, "How do you know gas prices won't go back up?"

Answer: "We don't. But this has no impact on the Area Committee."

Secretary's Note: *Copies of full, written reports distributed at the meeting will be posted on the web site www.area59aa.org. Please see the written reports for complete information content. The minutes will attempt to capture any pertinent additional comments or questions relating to those reports.*

Archivist Presentation – Donald H.

- Described Forms in folders: Group History &
- Help find Area Structure Manual list (years missing from Archives)
- Archives item donation form
- History of Pre-Conference Sharing Session
 - Purpose is to provide the Delegate with the Area conscience for the upcoming Conference in New York
 - Past Delegates called for research (you should call these people – they should be visible, not vocal) When Gary L went to the conference, in talking with peers, other areas held sharing sessions & he came back to Area 59 and proposed the idea of the Pre-Conference. He stressed 1. If we do this, you'll be here and 2) I can change my mind. Marcia was the Area wen she was Delegate because we did not have the session at that time. But she had no input into her decisions. Lowell it was one way for the area to get involved in General Service. He was able to take something different to the conference. It was an opportunity to let DCMs "play Delegates." It helps Area become aware of what's going on in the AA world. One other Delegate said that the pre-conference was a waste of time. You can't experience the conference unless you participate in it.
- Please submit committee reports in that basket. I have the officer reports.
- Thank you for my 10th anniversary of coming to an area meeting. I came as an ADCM and have been coming every since. Be careful what you wish for.

Question from the floor: Brian K. "Are we supposed to have hard copy of subcommittee reports for the Archivist?" Reply, "Yes."

Chairperson: Note that the agenda for our meeting in the Chairperson Folder.

Officer's Reports: Please note that each Area Officer submits and distributes written quarterly reports to all members of the Committee and the Archivist. The reports are posted on our website: www.area59aa.org. Therefore the notes below are comments made in addition to the written report and not the reports themselves.

Officer-At-Large (O-A-L) Report - by Curt C. Folders for each DCM included respective Active/Inactive group forms.

- Thank you for sending me to NERAASA. I attended the Registrar roundtable.
- Group info sheets on left side – if you have some they are for you to help me out.
- Let me know if GSRs are not getting mail from GSO.
- In your current sheets of home groups (printed a week ago).
- Any new groups or changes from active to inactive – sometimes that can take a month before a new group is assigned a new group number.
- I am liaison to PA State Convention
 - Trying to open up to more people around the state. If you are interested in participating, let me know.

Treasurer's Report – by Steve S. The Treasurer presented a current P&L (with budget variances) report for the first fiscal year of Panel 65. His written report included Prudent Reserve and operating checking accounts amounts.

- Described folder contents. Report of contributions
- Expenses for any subcommittee work are reimbursed by Area 59. Please send through your subcommittee Chairperson
- Please let groups know to pay to EPGSA on the check. Note the address to send contributions.
- Financial status – we're still doing well. We have (3/3/16) \$22,170.52 in Checking account – is basically our spending money. Last year at this time we had about \$14,109.20.
- Our savings account, which is Prudent Reserve, was at \$20,897.90 as of Feb 29.
- The P&L is in the folder. Last line "Net Income" is negative \$2,894. That is because we haven't spent up to budget expenses.
- If you want more detail, please feel free to ask me.
- Contributions \$27,232.47 to date compared to last year a 27.3% increase this year.
- If you have any district meetings or workshops please invite me out. Or send me any questions about treasury.

Secretary's Report – by Ken D. The Secretary distributed his written report.

- The calendar for web posting was noted and that the service calendar will be added after the quarterly meeting.
- A current roster.
- Online reports – try it out.
- We have the library – use it.
- Please fill out a calendar request – need a contact email – anonymity protected.
- We have the NERAASA audio. It was a great year! Great discussion.
- The newly available online DCM reports are operating. DCMs are encouraged to use them to file their quarterly DCM reports. Thanks expressed to the PI subcommittee and Web Servant.

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Secretary's Report, continued:

- The video library has been updated and members are encouraged to use them through our Area 59 lending process. The form is on the web site.
- Please invite me to your district events – as you care.

Chairperson's Report – by Melanie S. The Chairperson distributed a written report, Pre-Conference Sharing Session flyer, Minutes Tracking Report and Area 59 Service Calendar.

- Chairperson's report: remember to submit Spanish versions of subcommittee reports.
- Remember to send your district minutes to the Archivist, too.
- In the report there are notes on parliamentary motions guide for your help.
- My apology for not making NERAASA this year due to personal commitment.
- The District Minutes (grid) Report was discussed.
- Note the Pre-Conference Sharing session flyer.
- Time to get your guest observer nominations – see the form. Need 56 copies of CV for the June meetings. Should be someone outside the treatment field. We vote on this at the June Meeting.
- The Mini-Assembly/DCR sheets are included. Described the sites. Directions and address to go on the web calendar this coming week.
- See the sheet fro your district's assignment. Call Curt C., or myself, for any questions.
- The Area 59 Service Calendar for 2016 was distributed and discussed.

Question: Lou, DCM 28 – “Do you have a location for the June meeting?” Reply: “Yes. We haven't signed the contract. But once its signed, we'll post on the Web Calendar – probably this coming week.”

Question, “What about the Mini-Assemblies?” Reply: “Mini 2 will be held at W. Goshen Fire Co. in West Chester – June 26th Mini-2 in District 44. Checks (are) going out today. Tate, do you have the address? Mini-1 June 11th at the Knights of Columbus, 59 Parry Street, Luzerne, PA.”

Question, “What about the flyers.” Reply, “We will post them online.”

Alternate Delegate's Report – by Paul M. The Alternate Delegate presented his written report to the committee. His travel-Log was also distributed.

- Busy time of year. Thanks for support to NERAASA.
- I attended the NERD in New Hampshire. Thank you.
- Inter-groups
 - Feb. 7th we held a Share-A-Day with SEPIA in Philadelphia. Went well.
 - I talked with Lancaster & Lebanon and Mike C. is in contact with Lebanon to plan a SAD.
 - York Planning
 - ABE & Reading, I talked with them.
 - Harrisburg & Cumberland planning event for October, 2016
 - NEPAIG holding a “Day of Cooperation” as described in their bylaws. Cooperated with 7 districts and an ADCM will be leading the event.
- YPAA
 - Jan. 2016 new Chesco BID PENNSCYPAA, held a committee workshop % spaghetti dinner – went well.
 - Harrisburg BID committee. NEYPYAA they do have volley ball tourney Aril and then a workshop – there are flyers on the table in the back

Alt-Delegate's Report, continued:

- Cumberland Valley and Shippensburg combined. Will not read their activity.
- The host committee for Pittsburgh would like to attend events. Described several events. August convention.
- Lancaster bid committee is active as well.
- Philadelphia ICYPAA – Asked Caroline N. (DCM 27) to present update: “We meet 1st Sunday of month at SEPIA office and we have a web site – www.phillybid.org. Nashville trip Labor Day weekend by charter bus.”
- DCM for D45 will present York Bid update: “I serve as Chair for the BID committee. We are moving forward looking at hotels. Our events are on our web site -= April 16th spaghetti dinner. Committee active – raised \$4,700 to date.

Delegate's Report – by Pat F. The Delegate distributed written reports and Pre-Conference Sharing assignments and background material to respective members.

- Thank you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Delegate.
- See Red folder.
- Share-A-Day Feb 7th attended. Our communication with intergroups is essential. Thank all the Chairs for your presentation that day. Thanks to Paul for planning & co-chairing the event. Pleased with Area turnout.
- I attended NERAASA. Thank you for sending me. It is a valuable tool; The panels were great with all the topics. This year was a great experience as a second-year delegate. I formed bonds with other Delegates. I hope that now I can help new Delegates from other areas. Lot of you made comments about our flag-carrying skills. I used a little mummer strut.
- I was a recorder for a round-table.
- Area 59 was so well represented. Thank Brain, Kathy & Dale for their service at NERAASA. They stepped up. Many volunteered NERAASA committee made selections.
- Thank Evelyn for interpreting at NERAASA.
- I celebrated my 30th anniversary while I was at NERAASA. They gave me a cake. Thank you.
- Many of you went to the microphone at NERAASA. I enjoyed watching you enjoy your weekend.
- Mentioned survival kits for NERD. I shared with you last year – Ken said we have NERAASA tapes – if you want to hear the NERT report, please let me know, Ill share that with you.
- I drove in from New Hampshire this morning from NERD. Thanks. It was great to be with Paul
- Pre-Conference Sharing in D62 on April 3rd. We'll have subcommittees consider agenda items and the packets have been distribute to the subcommittee Chairpersons here today.

Question (Christian DCM 30), “We will be hosting.

- Please stir up the excitement lots of good agenda items.
- There are detailed instructions in your packet – let me know if you need to review.
- Nancy K., Past Delegate will be the Facilitators. Each committee has a secretary. Ken will provide a final report I can take it with me to the Conference. Every vote & committee meeting I had I talked about our Area Conscience.
- Please be sure that you have it on your calendars. Bring someone with you.
- I am happy to visit your districts with a conference report if you wish
- Thank all area officers and Paul for their help.

Correction on the report – June 26th Mini-date.

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Delegate's Report, continued:

- PA State convention – 35 scholarships, third party requests only – for registration only. Thank Curt for his liaison.

Question Dave DCM 21, "Is there a list of agenda items we will discuss at the Pre-Conference Session?"

Reply, "They are in the subcommittee chairperson's packet. I'll make a list and get it to you."

- I've already begun planning for the EPGSA convention. I am looking at speakers. Please submit ideas for workshop topics. Marty will get you all the information about the location. Remember we will be having online registration. Please spread the word that it's for more than GSRs. Your families are welcome.
- I'll be speaking at the SENY convention coming.
- I'll be representing Area 59 at the SEPIA Round-Up
- Please make 56 copies of the CV of your Guest observer nominations and several Spanish copies too.
- Our officers are here to help in any way they can, please call on them or our Past Delegates.
- I helped with the Anonymity break in an article regarding the Last Stop. If you have an anonymity break in your district, please call on the Delegate to help. GSO can provide guidance as well. The district decided on Tradition meetings to help.
- I feel gratitude for having this job as Delegate.
- Send best wishes to Greg O'D.

Announcements before Lunch recess:

- The Ad hoc Area Day Planning Meeting will take place during lunch (outside).
- See Service calendar of events.
- Paul mentioned that Paul & Pat's travelogues are attached to their reports.
- District 62 was thanked for hosting the Area Committee meeting.
- We'll reconvene at 1:45 PM

The Committee recessed for lunch at 12:25 PM and re-opened business at 1:40 PM.

Summaries & Actions ("S" = summary; "A" = action):

District 24: S-1 Held District inventory in March. It was valuable. We are getting more participation. We recommend a group inventory. S-2 April 29th GSO bus trip. Only 35 persons allowed at a time.

District 27: S-1 Philadelphia ICYPAA BID Committee planning activities for April 15th and July 11th.

District 28: S-1 On March 5th the Parkside Group celebrated 65yrs Anniversary. A – 1 District Structure Manual is being developed. My question is, do other districts allow the DCM to vote at district business? Does that allow 2 votes: i.e. one from the GSR and one from the DCM? Also, can a GSR fill in for an ADCM? COMMENTS: Paul M. – J have a vote at area as Alt-Delegate and my home group has a vote through the DCM. Wayne, Each Home Group and our (officer) panel can vote at district. Only one member from each home group is allowed to vote, per our manual. Other members attending cannot speak. Ian, the representative from each group needs to be a member. Christian, As DCM I am just a facilitator in our district. Sy, Our District officers do not vote. Paul, Each district is autonomous. Dave, our officers have a vote at district. Michael, Do you have a manual? In our district the panel does not vote.

District 30: S-1 District 56 and our district are hosting "Anonymity In The Digital Age" on April 2nd.

District 31: S-1 GSR Orientation on March 15th at the Bryn Mawr community Center.

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District 34: S-1 Workshop at the 521 Club on May 15th, “What is a home group?” “What is a district?” “What is an area?”

Summaries & Actions (“S” = summary; “A” = action) continued:

District 36: S-1 Workshop coming up; “Many Paths To Spirituality.” April 9th. A-1 Treasurer issue. The treasurer missed district meetings then reports late for DCM. We had a check from August not cashed and then more checks refused by P.O. Box. We had cashed the other checks and our attitude toughened. There is no evidence of stealing. Mandy, We had similar issue. You need to have 2 signatures on checks. Brian K., At NERAASA this came up. Have a conversation with the treasurer and ask to resign. In the case we discussed at NERAASA, he did resign. Lou, text your GSRs and ask them to read Traditions one and two. Be Prepared based on the Traditions to discuss the issue, not personalities. Steve S. Have the district send contribution letters to home groups. The members see that they end up on clipboards and may increase contributions to district.

District 38: Rescheduled workshop to April 23rd. See area website: “Five Ways To Carry The Message.”

District 39: S-1 Workshop April 9th Movie. S-2 NEPAOG Cooperation S-3 GSR Orientation May 15th

District 40: S-1 May 20th bus trip to NYC GSO and different things to do their pizza party in the park and then meeting at a club house. S-2 D40 has website is the first district to link to www.aa.org. I met the GM at NERAASA and spoke with him. It had to do with a hotline services. We have that through intergroup.

District 43: S-1 Sober Bikers club. S-2 Keep Coming back workshop Old-timers Q&A. April 2nd. S-3 Dance April 30th. At Centre Hall. Starts @ 6PM. A-1 Recording an inmate for Penn State Youth Program DUI program. Steve S. There was a Grapevine article about this. I’ll find it and send it to you. Michael, I’ll ask GSO Corrections desk

A-2 Penn State Young People recovery – operated by campus – we are revamping the district website to be “mobile-friendly” and they asked the district to post their links. I said no – we don’t do outside links on our web site. We take about an area of the website for outside links. Do any districts here have anything other than AA links on their web sites? Larry, I was informed that according to your first action – we did something for veterans and did not use their first names. Pat F. We did have a district that had outside links and I contacted them that they were breaking Traditions. A-3 The dance – we have lots of young people looking for things to do. They are talking about Fellowship committee. If you want these things that’s fine not supported by the district. The district is to carry the message. It’s a fine line there’s a meeting before the dance. Why districts and areas don’t fund dances and those things? Christian, we have the PEWNSCVYPAA BID committee come to district and we decided to give them seed money – a loan – we thought that was helping carry the message. Is this an YP specific organization? No. We have special events (Michael) we think that helps participation. We invite people in service to speak at those events. They become aware of how their group can benefit from service structure. Lou, I encourage you to ask them whether they can find in the Traditions where it is. Put it in light of the Traditions – it can be a teaching tool for them. Greg, We have district entertainment line in our budget. We use it for speakers, Halloween dance – the speaker comes in for that. Pat, you mentioned that the young people as members, is this a home group they belong to that can organize it so they cannot use 7th Tradition monies. I told them its ok for a group to do that because the district does outreach and those funds are for carrying the message. Pat F. that money could be raised as individual donations to the separate event. My home group, we have several parties and a dance. We never used 7th Tradition money o fund it. That’s a way to look at it.

District 45: S-1 The York BID PENNSCYPAA hosting a speaker workshop April 16th. S-2 Workshop on April 16th “History of AA” starts at 10 AM. All these events are on the York-area intergroup web site.

District 51: S-1 The district realignment issue has been tabled indefinitely and will not be addressed again this panel. In favor of visiting meetings and looking at times, locations for meetings around the district and encourage them to attend the district meeting.

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District 55: S-1 (Ann Marie reporting for John G.) May 21st 11-3 D55, 54, 32 & 31 having combined workshop: Steps, Traditions and Concepts. No flyer yet.

District 56: Jim, S-1 Workshop Anonymity In The Digital Age April 2nd at the Willowdale in Kennett Square. Lunch provided.

District 58: S-1 district website posting for workshop “Safety in AA” in May. A-1 There have been serious verbal threats after a meeting People involved did come back and nothing happened. Alison, A center had an issue with verbal and potential threats. They adopted an anti-violence ordinance. After that time they had isolated issue and the center banned the individual. They felt that was very effective.

Dale, this is a hot topic. It was discussed at NERAASA. Remember that safety is a Tradition 1 issue not Tradition 3. It’s a Unity matter. They should be talked to. There’s lots of information out there. Look me up later. A-2 A workshop plan at a Dunkin’ Donuts. At last district meeting someone objected on the Anonymity Traditions. They felt that the planning meetings shouldn’t be in a public place. Greg (reads Tradition Eleven pamphlet. T12 – stronger principles come first. Lou, How do they know they are AA members? They should keep the conversation private or use “non-AA speak.” Were they holding hands? Reciting the Preamble? Jim B. Our district workshop meetings are often held in member’s homes. In a restaurant we go off to the side. Ruth, How about us meeting at the convention – that’s a public place? It’s a mountain out of a molehill. Kathy T., I’ve been to AA meetings held in a restaurant. I don’t see anything wrong with that. Wayne, Are we so important that we believe everyone is looking at us? I meet with my sponsor in a restaurant. Caroline, we have all ICYPAA meetings in a Starbucks. Dr. Bob said there are two ways to violate anonymity Tradition, above – at the level of public; and, below by not sharing personally where needed. Noreen, We do meet in restaurants. Why not state ahead of time?

District 59: S-1 we have an ad hoc committee looking at Structure. Could we have examples of the district structure manuals? Our DCM does not have a vote but other officers do. S-2 March 26th workshop at the Grove Presbyterian Church (a change from Shiloh) 330 Blum St. Sponsorship and Three Legacies and Where Money goes. Steve S. well come and tell us. S-3 AA Movies and dinner as a Thought for Day Group event. S-4 May 21st. Unity Picnic Bloomsburg Park. See our NEPAIG web site and Dist. 59 web site for details. S-5 Home group is sponsoring Hickory Run Retreat in July. A-1 How do you run your business meeting? Do you use Roberts Rules? What procedures do you use? We want to be efficient with our time. Ann Marie, Every month I send out the agenda. When longer meetings come up, I suggest they prepare. I don’t like a set hour. Ira, We have an agenda template – it’s in our structure manual. Sy, The agenda – you can get from other DCMs. Dave, We mirror the Area format. We publish the agenda ahead and give all attendees copies. Regarding structure, ask the Area Structure subcommittee – we have examples of other district’s manuals. We are looking at designing a template. Noreen, Our district distributed a revised meeting agenda. It’s the officer’s responsibilities - I’ll send a copy to you.

District 60: S-1 March 21st. Anniversary Fort Fishington. 7:30 PM Trenton Sunrise in Fishtown (Philadelphia). Some groups adding Traditions meetings.

District 61: S-1 A GSR is an important job in AA workshop. S-2 Grapevine picnic on July 9th in Canadensis. S-3 D41 planning a bus trip with us to GSO.

Summaries & Actions (“S” = summary; “A” = action) continued:

District 63: S-1 Willingness April 19th Anniversary 7:30 PM S-2 Share-A-Day with Lancaster and Lebanon on July 23rd. A-1 Should we have an Officer-At-Large position in our district? Dave, Yes. We have it to update the group roster; the OAL does change forms and workshops for us. Dale, D38 OAL is in our Structure and can step in if other officers (except DCM) step down.

District 64: S-1 The district updated structure manual and our OAL chaired the committee. Do we need to send you a copy? Yes.

District 68: S-1 April 23rd having a speaker jam. It’s on the area and district calendar there will be food. A-1 I received email from someone in our district I want to protect the anonymity of the person. (Reads email regarding social media. We want people to know they are not alone. We ought to have a P.S.A. rather than a government agency. – We need a PSA without mentioning AA.” How do I answer that tactfully? We don’t have a PI subcommittee in our district. Pat F. Refer to Public Information subcommittee, literature and pamphlets. We do have PSA’s. Brian K., I can talk directly to him. We are an asset Kathy T. I’ll send you (Brian K.) the email.

District 68: S-1 New home group in Harrisburg, “Rebirth. S-2 We have a new subcommittee in March. It is CPC – Outreach goal to facilitate US/Canada convention (in TX this year.) S-3 Eight Spanish Convention in this year April 30 & May 1st. Commodore Barry Club. Title, “Out of the Darkness, Bound for the Guiding Light.” We have flyers.

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Archives: (Allison) The Chairperson read her report. She also noted changes to Structure.

CPC: (RiverStone) CPC participate with SEPIA at the Drexel Medical student’s forum. Noreen met with Ryan (CPC Asst. Director at SEPIA) regarding escorting medical students to meetings. We are working on a date with SEPIA to present at PCOM this year. We are updating displays. D66 requested assistance in starting their district CPC subcommittee. Question from Lou (DCM 28), Can we have a written report? Reply, “I’ll get one out to all of you.”

Corrections: (Michael) Pamphlets and correspondence forms reviewed. Please consider using the mailing address where your district receives contributions. They come from GSO to corrections Chairperson. Then he sends them to the appropriate DCM. Sometimes finding contacts is an issue. There has been an issue in a district (see written report) where a “de facto” prison chair would not relinquish his self-appointed authority regarding a prison meeting. The Corrections Chair contact GSO for guidance and stressed resolution of the issue with the affected parties. The Corrections subcommittee continues to distribute literature. Question, Bob, regarding the contact info – Michael replied to use the red pamphlet.

Finance: (Caroline) 1. The written report was distributed. See the Structure manual language regarding Finance subcommittee duties and potential changes that Finance subcommittee has recommended. 2. No additional change in mileage reimbursement is recommended at this time. 3. #9 Delegate's Recommendation – we are planning to order 1,200 Seventh Tradition Envelopes in June. #14 Delegate's Recommendation – please share any feedback on budget preparation or other items of Finance. 4. We are ready and willing to attend events and display. 5. The Chair highlighted subcommittee activities – e.g. SEPIA/EPGSA SAD.

Grapevine: (Ann Marie C.) 1. Audio and digital subscription flyers coming soon. Please invite DCMs to contact groups for Grapevine subcommittee to display at your events. 2. The Grapevine website is a great resource. 3. Home groups and districts are encouraged to have Grapevine reps. They can register at the website. 4. I attended NERAASA. Kathy T. did too. Three points at the round table: May 1st an app will be available \$23/yr. Check the March issue. A new contest will be started to encourage members to write stories. You can do that by phone to Janet B. 5. Please consider a gift subscription for an inmate in the "Carrying The Message" program. Comment by Pat F. the NERD organization made a donation. Ann Marie continues, The state of Pennsylvania was one of the top states last year in the Grapevine subscription challenge. Ann Marie will send out comments regarding that success.

Public Information: (Brian) The Chairperson referred to his written report. Please send email requests to PI for displays at your events. Get your events on our calendar at www.area59aa.org through the online forms. We want your ideas. Please attend our multi-committee workshop next Saturday. Most school districts in PA covered with our literature for schools initiative. The subcommittee is considering Ian as an Assistant Web Servant for Area 59. Is this the time to enter a subcommittee recommendation? Reply by Melanie, Area Chairperson, "No, I have received additional information that I would like the subcommittee to consider. I will get it to you for consideration."

Structure: (Evelyn) Evelyn filed a written report. She noted the upcoming multi-subcommittee workshop that Structure will participate in. She read her report. Paul M. Page 16 of the manual is where the actual "structure" portion of the manual begins and it ends on 26. That is a correction to your report. Evelyn, "Yes you are right. Thanks for the correction."

Treatment/SN: (Louis) Read his report. SEPIA took literature into facilities on Feb. 3, 2016. We were contacted by GSO regarding the Cairn Foundation need for literature. The Reading Inter-group will be contacted about this.

Ad hoc Literature: (Serilio) I will submit a written report in the future. We have made displays and increased the awareness of literature around the Area. We attended and presented at SEPIA Share-A-Day. I participated at NERAASA. We ask all DCMs to have us speak about literature at your events and business meetings. Our subcommittee will participate in the upcoming multi-subcommittee workshop next Saturday.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Motion brought by the Structure subcommittee as published in the Area Committee meeting agenda. It was presented by Structure Chairperson, Evelyn D. (DCM 68): “The Structure Subcommittee recommends that the motion relating to the placement of the linguistic district and Logo #3 on the Area Map adopted on December 13, 2015 be rescinded.”

Lengthy discussion ensued.

A motion was stated by DCM 27 to amend and refer back to the Structure subcommittee. It was seconded. It was not ruled in order by the Chairperson and did not receive a vote.

A motion was offered by DCM 24 to “take from the table”. The Secretary called a point of order that the motion had no meaning to the current motion because it had been taken from the table and placed on the floor. The motion was not accepted as “in order” by the Chairperson.

DCM 62 called for the question. The motion was seconded and the Chairperson called for a show of hands. The motion carried and the Chairperson that declared debate had ended. She then read the question (aka Structure subcommittee recommendation to rescind) aloud (see above).

The Chairperson asked for a count of voting members and the result was 42 eligible voting Area Committee members at their chairs.

The votes in favor of the motion to rescind were 24 in favor.

The votes against – 17 (1 member abstained.)

The vote required to pass at 2/3 substantial unanimity was 28.

Therefore, the Chairperson declared that the Structure subcommittee motion to rescind failed. (See above.)

The Chairperson called for minority opinion. After some members on the side that did not prevail stated their minority opinions, the Chairperson called for notice of any member who had voted on the prevailing side to change their vote. No member stated that they had changed their vote based on minority opinion.

The Chairperson declared that the motion to rescind failed.

Announcements: The Chairperson announced upcoming Pre-Conference Sharing Session on April 3rd. And asked the DCMs to note the Mini-Assembly/Delegate’s Conference Report scheduled for June.

Next Meeting: The next Area Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016, hosted by District 43, State College, PA.

See www.area59aa.org for posting of confirmation and details for upcoming Area 59 events.

Meeting adjourned – moved by DCM68, seconded & passed unanimously.

The Committee concluded with the “I Am Responsible” declaration.

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PANEL 65, EPGSA (Area 59) Roll Call, Mar. 13, 2016

Officer or District	Title	Summaries & Actions	Officer or District	Title	Summaries & Actions
Delegate	Present		Secretary	Present	
Alt Delegate	Present		Treasurer	Present	
Chair	Present		Off-At-Large	Present	
21	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	45	DCM	1 G/2 S/1 A
22	ADCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	46	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
23	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A	47	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A
24	DCM	0 G/2 S/0 A	48	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
25	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	49	ADCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
26	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	50	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
27	DCM	1 G/1 S/0 A	51	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
28	DCM	0 G/1 S/2 A	52	Absent	
29	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	53	ADCM	2 G/0 S/0 A
30	DCM	1 G/1 S/0 A	54	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
31	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A	55	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
32	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A	56	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
33	DCM	2 G/0 S/0 A	57	Absent	
34	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A	58	DCM	0 G/1 S/2 A
35	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	59	ADCM	4 G/4 S/1 A
36	DCM	0 G/1 S/1 A	60	DCM	1 G/1 S/0 A
37	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	61	DCM	0 G/3 S/0 A
38	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A	62	DCM	9 G/0 S/0 A
39	DCM	3 G/3 S/0 A	63	ADCM	2 G/2 S/1 A
40	DCM	1 G/2 S/0 A	64	DCM	0 G/1 S/1 A
41	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	65	DCM	1 G/1 S/1 A
42	Absent		66	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
43	DCM	1G/3 S/3A	67	DCM	0 G/0 S/0A
44	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A	68	DCM	2 G/3 S/0 A

45 Districts represented 6 Officers present for total voting maximum of 51.

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District	Registered Groups	Represented Groups	District Highlights
21	35	20	Our secretary had been absent for 3 consecutive months and was voted to be replaced by our Officer-At-Large. A GSR stood for OAL and was voted in. At the beginning of the year our 2 committees reformed to begin planning for the new year. Our district is comprised of a workshop planning committee as well as a Special Events committee that was created at the end of last year with the goal of holding events that would foster fellowship throughout the district with the possibility of bringing in 7 th Tradition support for the district and other AA services.
22	37	15	No Report
23	82	28	Workshop (tentatively August) committee. Discussion Agenda Items. Visitation push going well. Workshop – August. GSO bus trip. Long-timers Brunch in Oct.
24	50	28	1. We held a GSR orientation in Jan. for new/incoming GSR's. The year started out on a positive note. 2. We held a district inventory in March with Dave P., former DCM 23, facilitating. It was valuable fact-finding mission and resulted in an immediate increase in member participation. Recommend group inventories for all. 3. Plans are being finalized for bus trip to GSO. Bus trip to GSO set for Friday, April 29. Only 35 allowed per group (due to continued move/renovations.)
25	34	15	1. D 25 Treasurer resigned. New treasurer at 1/5/16 meeting. 2. Several updates. 3. DCM attended SEPIA/EPGSA Share-A-Day – 2/7/16.4. DCM attended NERAASA in Springfield, MA 2/26 – 28/16.
26	20	12	Our meeting time has changed from 7:30 PM to 7:00 PM. In June 2016 there will be a combined workshop with Districts 26,27,28, 25. Date TBD.
27	39	22	On Thursday, March 10, District 27 hosted the 76th Anniversary of AA in Philadelphia celebration. Over 150 attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner and an Archives presentation by Chuck G., Area 59 Assistant Archivist, followed by a home group shout out and sobriety countdown. Our main speaker was, Ken D., Area 59 Secretary. Special thanks to Burnadette S., ADCM, for organizing the event, and to the members, home groups, GSRs, and AGSRs who contributed food and financial donations. On Sunday, February 7, members of the district participated in the Area 59-SEPIA Share-A-Day at the University of the Sciences. After several months without an active district Grapevine Representative, Mark K., GSR, stood for the position and was elected in January. He will receive 3 subscriptions on behalf of the district. Several GSRs formed an Inventory Subcommittee in February to explore the idea of holding a district inventory. They will meet and discuss on March 16 and come back to the district with recommendations. On Friday, April 15, the Philadelphia Bid for ICYPAA will be hosting a Speaker and Game Night event at Dave & Buster's, 325 North Christopher Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19106. 7-11PM, Speaker @ 8PM. \$20 for game card, meeting is free, meeting is open. For Saturday, May 14, we are tentatively planning a District 27 workshop. More details to come. On Friday, October 7, District 27 will take a bus trip to the General Service Office.
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	<u>Registered Groups</u>	<u>Represented Groups</u>	<u>District Highlights</u>
28	22	8	1. Can the DCM vote on an issue in District meeting other than a tie? 2. Can a group send a group member to vote on an issue concerning District if GSR or Alternate not present? The Parks Group is celebrating 65 years anniversary.
29	34	20	No Comments. Planning Combined district workshop.
30	38	18	No comments
31	53	13	Visitation committee visited 4 of 7. Helped D32 with DCM Orientation on Jan. 10 th . Had 5 of our GSRs attend. Tuesday March 15 th GSR Orientation. May workshop Districts 32, 54, 5(?)
32	39	17	1) changed meeting time to 7:00 2) Updated Officers responsibilities to be similar to the same as the Area officers responsibilities 3) Updated District Service Manual 4) have 2 GSR's research and give a presentation on the Tradition and Concept of the month during District Meeting 5) Hosted the DCM Orientation in Jan with District 31 Combined workshop with District 31, 54,55
33	17	7	No Comments. Workshop on sponsorship.
34	20	10	Finalized a date of may 14 2016 for the District 34 workshop. Looking for a new Treasurer. Looking for an OAL. District 34 Workshop May 14 20163
35	36	20	1. Held district 35 Inventory on March 5 th . Paul M. facilitated. 2. Our February 2016 district meeting was cancelled due to ice/snow. Currently D35is planning a workshop for June. Topic to be decided at this month's meeting.
36	59	25	Re-formation of Finance Sub-Committee Cooperation with Harrisburg Area Intergroup in the formation of a Unity Subcommittee to reach out to groups not participating in District 36 or Harrisburg Area Intergroup Preparation for District Workshop "Many Paths to Spirituality" April 9, 2016. Workshop "Many Paths to Spirituality" April 9, 2016.
37	42	16 - 20	No Report
38	55	23	District 38 Workshop Carrying the Message April 23 9am-1pm ADCM stepped down the OAL stepped up and a new OAL was elected
39	44	17	Workshop April 9 th (see flier). Cooperation meeting with intergroup April 10 th . GSR Orientation May 15 th .
40	45	17	- We hosted (2) alkathons, for Christmas day from 8-8 and Ney years day from 8-8. - we held a New Years Eve Potluck from 6pm to 2 am. held a "Glimmer of Hope" winter workshop Jan 16 from 10am to 2pm. - District \$0 will be having a Bus Trip to New York City on the 28th of May. We will be leaving the Wyoming Valley Mall @ 7:30am and returning by Midnight. - District 40 will be hosting mini-assembly 1 June 11 at the Nights of Columbus in Lezurn, Pa. More info to follow.
41	22	17	Approved to rent a bus to go to the November (EPGSA) convention in 2016.

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42	36	18	No Report
43	40	15	*reviewing PSAs from GSO for possible use on local television and radio stations *dissolved the AdHoc Literature Committee and updated the Structure Manual *finalized plans for the "They Kept Coming Back" oral history event being held April 2 (announcing during Summaries) *having a dance on April 30 (announcing during summaries) *as part of the dance planning, a "Fellowship" committee is being looked into to handle social events within the AA (or recovery) community. Since it is a social group, the would be in cooperation with District, but not affiliated (bringing up during Actions) *updating our website to a more mobile-friendly platform than our current outdated platform *finalized storage of Archives at our local recovery clubhouse April 2, "They Kept Coming Back" oral history event April 30, "Food, Fun, and Fellowship" dance
44	33	18	Vote was taken and passed by majority that District 44 will begin passing it's own 7th tradition basket at all district meetings. This goes into effect starting with our next meeting March 17, 2016. The DCM gave a 7th Tradition presentation at the February business meeting. GSRs have been active in requesting from A.A. Home Groups a greater distribution to District to support our activities. Initial response is positive. The 2016 District Plan was distributed and accepted by district committee members. The 2016 budget and projected expenses summary were discussed and approved by district committee members. A workshop hosted by District 56 in collaboration with District 44 and 40 entitled "Anonymity and the Digital Age" will be held April 2, 2016 at Willowdale Chapel, Kennett Square, PA 19348. Registration at 10:30. We will conclude by 3 PM. Lunch will be served. District inventory scheduled for April business meeting.
45	48	20	YPAA moving forward with BID for PENNSCYPAA. District workshop committee has moved towards 3district workshops. 1 st on April 16 (info on AA Intergroup) 3 District workshops planning. PENNSCTPAA fundraisers.
46	24	12	On March 5th, we held our annual March workshop. The focus was on service. Area 59 Treasurer Steve S. attended and spoke about finance at all levels. I spoke about the importance of service in general and what it means to me. I also spoke about group and district inventories. Craig S. spoke about sponsorship. Scott M. Spoke about CPC and Mike B. spoke about corrections. We had 22 members attend, which was up from last year, but fell short of our expectations. Our next scheduled event is our annual sponsor/sponsee picnic on May 21st.

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47	43	26	Accepted resignation of Treasurer and elected new Treasurer. Currently undergoing audit and making it part of our annual agenda going forward. Weather cancelled most recent district meeting (Feb). Tentatively looking at the Fall for another district workshop.
48	33	18	Completed D48 Service Handbook. Copy given to secretary and can be found on our website as well as all update info on events. Spring Fling April 19, 2016 (?) on Dist. 48 website.
49	23	8	>Matt Z. from NEPAIG Activities Chairperson was in attendance to recruit co-chairs for upcoming activities. >Corrections: Carbon Co. C.F. reported a need for books; a new meeting has started for work release inmates; a need for Bridging the Gap; Mahanoy SCI inmates are in need of Bridging the Gap. >Hospitals/Institutions: Reported that meetings are successful and commitments are filled. >PI: Reported that literature is being distributed. >Archives: Reported that help is being sought from previous activist for "Old Timer" interviews. >Unity/Workshop: A new committee is forming. >Grapevine: Reported that book sales are doing well; will need to get a photo of the display for GSO. >Website: Reported that our present website is cumbersome, a change would improve updating the website. >NEPAIG H2H dinner dance 3/19/2016
50	13	1	None
51	66	35	Anonymity workshop at Greater Levittown Group. Tabled redistricting until next panel in favor of informing groups of neighboring district meetings via visitation committee.
52	41	3	No report
53	18	4	No Report
54	21	17	District 54 has been working on a plan to have their groups more beginner friendly. DCM inventory, District Inventory, Group Inventories. We have been working on 1 question a month. Lively banter. Topics Retaining Group members and officers Group Conscious Meetings, Unity of the group District night out. Pat F. will be visiting our district meeting on March 23. The GSR's are very excited for her visit. District 32, 31, 54 and 55 will be holding a combined workshop on Saturday May 216
55	18	8	Attendance at district meetings is up. Combined workshop in May with Districts 54,32,55 & 31.
56	26	14	District purchased 10 English and 10 Spanish Big Books for Chester County Prison. Approved purchase of Spanish language literature to offer for sale to meetings and members. Budgeted \$100.00. Workshop to be held April 2nd @ Willowdale Chapel, Kennett Square. Topic Anonymity in the Digital Age. District 56 will host, Districts 44 and 30 participants. April 2nd Workshop, Willowdale Chapel, Kennett Square. Registration 10:30 - Program 11:00 - 3:00 Lunch provided.4
57	45	15	No Report
58	18	8	New Year's Eve & Day in Pottsville had good turnout. Workshop on Safety in meeting places. May Pottsville watch District 58 website for specific date.

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59	20	14	Formed ad hoc committee to review Dist. 59 Structure. Workshop Mar. 26 th . 330 Bloom Rd., Danville, PA. Dinner/movie night April 15 th , Elysburg, PA. Unity Day picnic May 21 st Bloomsburg Town Park Pavillion #4. Action: How do other districts format their business meetings? What parliamentary procedure do you use?
60	28	14	On Saturday, March 11, our district held a combined district workshop with District 22. About 35 people attended, not including the DCMs and Area officers. Financial contributions to the district have gone up slightly. We also have added three more GSRs. Even better, the GSRs for Greater Northeast and Grateful Hearts who were doing double duty as Officer at Large and Secretary respectively were able to cede their positions to new GSRs and still retain their District officer positions. If trends keep like this, we will need to move to a larger meeting space. The Kenzo group canceled its Thursday meeting due to low attendance but the Tuesday meeting is fine. New Life Group added a Sunday afternoon meeting in addition to its Wednesday meeting. Aljazeera America published an online article with numerous anonymity breaks about the Last Stop. I reported it to Area officers. The Delegate attended a Last Stop Business meeting and educated them about anonymity. We are resuming the Sunday evening Tradition meetings with GSRs speaking on the traditions at Greater Northeast Club. Also, there is talk of The Last Stop resuming their Tradition meetings. Port Fishington will have an anniversary meeting on March 21, 7:30 PM, Trenton and Cumberland, Philadelphia, PA Last Stop is having a St. Patricks Day celebration on March 17, 2440 Kensington Ave, Philadelphia, PA0
61	23	18	The Monroe County Jail Commitment is going well, since the jail has required persons speaking at the jail to complete personal information sheets, The Workshop is being planned by the ADCM, And the Grapevine Picnic is being planned by our grapevine Rep. We are working together with District 41 to try to have a bus available for the EPGSA Convention this fall. District 61/41 Spring Workshop April 23, see Area website for information, contacts and directions Grapevine Picnic being planned for July 9 th .
62	16	8	Organization of Area meeting March 13 th . We will be discussing an upcoming workshop very shortly.
63	31	13	April 19 Willingness group anniversary. July 23 rd SAD. Lancaster IG & districts 65, 34, 63 & 64. Deciding if we need Officer-At-Large.
64	26	18	Currently working on updating District Structure manual... Planning combined workshop with Lancaster and Lebanon Intergroup, District 53, 34, 64, on July 23,2016. Location not determine, looking to be in Manheim Pa. area, because its more centrally located, will give more information as it's updated...
65	13	9	District Pancake Breakfast with 65-70 attending. Followed by AA meeting with Sobriety countdown and speaker. Election of new ADCM Upcoming/Future Events Speaker Jam on April 23, 201

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66	27	20	D 66 continues to have an average of 20 GSRs at each district meeting. We completed our district inventory on Mar. 10 th from 6 – 9 PM. This was held in lieu of monthly meeting. We had 6 questions that had been selected by the groups out of 30 possible issues. We had an inventory subcommittee that planned the event. We are now starting to plan the workshop in September that D 66 will co-sponsor with districts 33 and 67. We have a very active CPC/PI subcommittee that is moving ahead to advertising open meetings in local newspapers.
67	26	10	Slight up-tick in attendance. Actively exploring outreach - newsletter article sent to groups. Treasurer resigning. Need contact w/ Officer-At-Large. Combined workshop w 66 being planned. D67 picnic – August 2016.
68	15	9	Established a new Subcommittee the Pro. Convention Committee. It works to facilitate the National Hispanic Convention of the US and Canada and hopes to bring it to PA in the future. District workshop is in the planning. Will take place in April or May. The 8th. Hispanic Convention will take place on April 31 and May 1. See flyer for details