



Area 59 Quarterly Area Meeting Panel 65

Bristol Borough Active Adult Ctr. 301 Wood St., Bristol, PA 19007
December 11, 2016

Melanie S., Chairperson, opened the meeting at 11:00 AM with the Serenity Prayer. The Chairperson made some announcements about the facility and recognized members of District 51 who served to host the meeting.

Acknowledged Guests – Past Delegates Hugh H., Sheila D., Nancy K., Lowell L., Marty S. Archivist, Donald H. SEPIA Chairman, Alan A. President Lancaster Inter-Group, Mike C.

Concepts - Three DCM's presented:

Caroline (DCM 27) presented Concept 10.

- Ideas of “delegation” & “authority”
- Asking for help through group conscience
- Now I look for help when I used to look at authority with reservations
- Now I want to be helpful
- Tradition 2 teaches that trusted servants receive delegated authority from the group.
- Trusted Servants also get authority from the group conscience in their job descriptions

Cort H. (DCM 25) presented Concept 11

- Calls for best committees, boards, employees and executives to do service
- Noted the “balancing act” in service – leadership & following
- Inclusiveness and training
- Goodwill in service attracts
- Experience gives “AA sense” & “AA Service Feel”

Dale S. (DCM 38) presented Concept 12

- Contains the warranties – so-called “AA Bill of Rights” affords protections
- Warranty 1: no perilous accumulation of wealth
- Warranty 2: only maintain sufficient operating funds supported by a prudent financial reserve
- Warranty 3: No one should be placed in a position of unqualified authority over another.
- Warranty 4: issues decided by discussion, vote and substantial unanimity.
- Warranty 5: no authority to punish any member or incitement to public controversy.
- Warranty 6: no governing powers by the General Service Conference.

Roll Call –Secretary, Ken D. conducted the Roll Call. All officers (6) present and 44 Districts represented for a total of 50 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 or correct the minutes of the previous area meeting held on September 11, 2016. Motion made by David (DCM 21) and seconded – the minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.

The Chairperson called for the minutes from the November 5, 2016 election assembly at E.P.G.S.A. convention to be corrected or approved. The motion to approve was made by Serilio (DCM 37), and seconded. The minutes from EPGSA were approved unanimously.

Convention Committee Report presented by Marty M.: “The convention was a success this year!” Thanks to over 100 volunteers. The convention returns to the Gettysburg Wyndam Hotel next year. We received 268 critique sheets. The committee is looking at some changes – especially in the food. Attendance was 880. 560 attended the banquet. Saturday night 7th Tradition contributions = \$1,600. Coffee consumed over 908 gallons. This does not include the coffee consumed in the hospitality suite. The report contained a breakdown review of several items.

Question: Louis, DCM 28 – What are our contractual obligations? Marty, “Our contract is set through 2018; however, we review it each year and have ‘exit’ clauses’ that allow us to get out of the contract without much of a penalty. Once we informed them of our needed changes for 2017 – especially regarding food services – we were able to commit to 2017.”

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.*

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. The Officer-At-Large noted his annual report that was distributed at the convention. He discussed change forms and thanked the members of the committee for the outstanding effort to help clean up the Area 59 portion of the (FNV) database.

Treasurer's Report – by Steve S. The Treasurer noted that his annual report was distributed at the convention. “We are doing well financially.” He thanks the DCMs for their leadership in keeping contributions to Area 59 strong. He noted that we are at full Prudent Reserve amount – which is kept in commercial savings account. The treasurer also noted that our checking account (which contains our day-to-day operational monies) is currently over \$20,000. Much of this was due to significantly increased contributions this Panel.

Secretary's Report – by Ken D. The Secretary distributed his written annual report at the convention. He thanked the committee for their support this Panel.

Chairperson's Report – by Melanie S. The Chairperson distributed a written report at the annual convention. She thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve Area 59 and encouraged them to continue in service at some level in our Fellowship.

Alternate Delegate's Report – by Paul M. The Alt-Delegate distributed a written report at the convention. He thanked the members for their support and the privilege to serve A.A.

Delegate's Report – by Pat F. The Delegate distributed written report and read it to the committee.

- She expressed gratitude for her opportunity to serve and noted her 31 years of sobriety.
- She noted “a lifetime of service in Area 59.”
- She thanked members for their contributions to the Area.
- She stated that she tried to serve with honesty and integrity.
- “It was a life-changing and humbling experience. Thank you.”
- She noted the experience of getting to know the committee and traveling throughout Eastern PA and beyond.
- She said her conference experience was amazing.
- “Please help alcoholics know the benefits of service.”

Summaries & Actions (“S” = summary; “A” = action): No summaries or actions were taken from the outgoing DCMs of Panel 65. They will be presented by the incoming DCMs of Panel 67.

Sub-committee Reports: *Please note that each Subcommittee Chairperson 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.*

The Annual Subcommittee Chairperson Reports were distributed at the E.P.G.S.A. convention. Therefore, no written subcommittee reports were required at this time. The Structure Chairperson did distribute a written report.

The Area 59 Chairperson asked Subcommittee Chairpersons to go to the microphone if they wish to make any oral report or statement.

Ad hoc Literature: (Serilio) Thanked the Delegate for her service and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve Area 59.

CPC: (RiverStone) thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve and stated that it had been a great experience.

Treatment/Accessibilities: (Dales S.) He thanked the committee and expressed his pleasure in making workshops and presenting displays for Treatment/Accessibilities. "I'll keep carrying the message through service."

Corrections: (Michael) Michael thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve.

Archives: (Mandy – subcommittee member) Stated that the Archives subcommittee continued to need the committee's support. Please get groups to update their Archives statements. She stated that it had been a pleasure to serve.

Grapevine: (Jim B. – subcommittee member) Thanked the members for their support. He reported that the subcommittee sold Grapevine literature at the convention. He noted that everything printed in the magazine comes from members.

Structure: (Evelyn) She thanked the committee and distributed a written report. It outlined the Structure proposal that would be in consideration during New Business.

Finance: (Caroline) She thanked the committee for their support and also noted the contributions of her subcommittee members. She also described the contribution envelopes and asked that old Area 59 envelopes be discarded as we switch to a new treasury address. She stated that she still had envelopes for GSO contributions should anyone want one.

Public Information: (Brian) Written report had been distributed.

New Business: Items of business: The Area 59 Chairperson recognized the Structure subcommittee Chairperson, Evelyn D. (DCM 68) to present their recommendation to change language in the Structure Manual. Evelyn read to recommendation:

1. Update Finance Subcommittee description on page 20 to state: "Finance assists the Area Committee, Districts and groups on matters of finance, shares on the principles of the Seventh Tradition and may assist the Area Treasurer in preparing the annual budget proposal."

Discussion:

Caroline (DCM 27 & Finance subcommittee Chairperson) "I have a question, could we refer it to the incoming Panel(67)?"

David H. (DCM 21) "I believe since it is a Structure change and we are already in process that we should continue and finish this now."

Melanie M. read the Structure change process from the manual.

Evelyn (DCM 68 & Structure subcommittee Chairperson) stated, "Since it is a change we're approving it now. The incoming Panel would have to re-start the entire process."

David H. (DCM 21) read from the manual where it states that the change merely has to occur at the next printing. He noted that does not mean it could not be in another Panel.

Cort H. (DCM 25) "I agree that we've gone through the process and that it would be binding on the incoming Panel. The incoming Panel would have to go back through the process to reverse a change we approve."

Larry G. (ADCM 63) " I move that we table this recommendation." Seconded by Kathy T. (DCM 65)

The Area Chairperson did not recognize the motion to table and called for the vote on the Recommendation as originally presented by the Structure Chairperson. 44 voted for acceptance of the recommendation and 4 were opposed.

Minority Opinion – "The recommendation doesn't really seem necessary. It's what we already do, anyway."

The Area Chairperson called for any change of vote – seeing none, the recommendation was declared passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM – moved by DCM 32, seconded & passed unanimously.

The Committee concluded with the "I Am Responsible" declaration.

PANEL 65, EPGSA (Area 59) Roll Call, Dec. 11, 2016

| Officer or District | Title | Summaries & Actions (None taken this meeting) | Officer or District | Title | Summaries & Actions |
|---------------------|---------|--|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Delegate | Present | | Secretary | Present | |
| Alt Delegate | Present | | Treasurer | Present | |
| Chair | Present | | Off-At-Large | Present | |
| 21 | DCM | 2 G | 45 | ADCM | 1 G |
| 22 | DCM | 0 G | 46 | DCM | 4 G |
| 23 | DCM | 2 G | 47 | IDCM | 2 G |
| 24 | IDCM | 1 G | 48 | DCM | 1 G |
| 25 | DCM | 1 G | 49 | DCM | 1 G |
| 26 | DCM | 2 G | 50 | DCM | 0 G |
| 27 | DCM | 2 G | 51 | DCM | 10 G |
| 28 | DCM | 3 G | 52 | IDCM | 5 G |
| 29 | ADCM | 0 G | 53 | DCM | 3 G |
| 30 | DCM | 1 G | 54 | IDCM | 0 G |
| 31 | DCM | 1 G | 55 | Secretary | 0 G |
| 32 | DCM | 1 G | 56 | DCM | 1 G |
| 33 | ADCM | 2 G | 57 | Absent | |
| 34 | DCM | 0 G | 58 | DCM | 0 G |
| 35 | DCM | 1 G | 59 | DCM | 3 G |
| 36 | DCM | 2 G | 60 | DCM | 1 G |
| 37 | DCM | 2 G | 61 | DCM | 2 G |
| 38 | DCM | 1 G | 62 | Absent | 0 G |
| 39 | DCM | 6 G | 63 | ADCM | 4 G |
| 40 | DCM | 2 G | 64 | DCM | 0 G |
| 41 | Absent | | 65 | DCM | 2 G |
| 42 | DCM | 2 G | 66 | ADCM | 1 G |
| 43 | Absent | | 67 | DCM | 3 G |
| 44 | DCM | S G | 68 | DCM | 2 G |

44 Districts represented 6 Officers present for total voting maximum of 50.

Area 59 minutes for Dec.11, 2016

| <u>District</u> | <u>Registered Groups</u> | <u>Represented Groups</u> | District Highlights: <i>Note that some DCM reports may have been filed, but lost with the email transition into the new Panel</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 21 | 36 | 20 | |
| 22 | 37 | 16 | |
| 23 | 63 | 25 | |
| 24 | 51 | 25 | |
| 25 | 38 | 16 | 1. DCM & ADCM and 11 groups were represented at EPGSA. 2. DCM attended and presented at EPGSA and YPAA SAD on Oct. 1 in Newville. 3. D25 committed to support the Philadelphia NYE Alcathon committee. 4. D25 held elections for P67. DCM Randy H., ADCM Rite, Secretary, Miles, Treasurer – Tony F. & Web servant Chris B. 5. Upgraded our web site www.district25aa.org |
| 26 | 21 | 12 | |
| 27 | 39 | 23 | District elections held in Oct. Burnadette – DCM, Jeremy ADCM, Emily Secretary, Treasurer -0 Mark. OAL, Jim. Pizza party on Dec. 27 at district mtg. NYE event in D27 @ Circle of Hope on Dec. 31 st at 8:30 PM. |
| 28 | 16 | 12 | Elections held. Finished D28 Structure Manual and sent a copy to the Area 59 Structure subcommittee. Participated in EPGSA Convention. Provided service at EPGSA Panel discussion. And volunteered at registration. D28 planning Grapevine Workshop on Dec. 17 at the SEPIA Office from 12 PM – 4 PM. |
| 29 | 37 | 25 | October 1st, Combined workshop with district 37, 57 and ABE Intergroup. It was a success. Bethlehem Bid Committee won the 'BID' and is now the Bethlehem Host Committee. They are planning to host the 2017 Young People in AA Convention in Bethlehem, a first for our District. Held election for new officers for district 37. The new officers are: DCM Alex W. ADCM Midge M Treasurer Frank T. Secretary Sarah R. No meeting for the month of November, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The new officers will be introduced at our next meeting, December 14th, 2016. It has been a blessing to have served as the DCM for District. Also being involved with Area 59, as Ad Hoc Literature Chair. The planning committee for the combined workshop, met to discuss continued interaction between the three entities;(District 37,57 and ABE Intergroup), acting as aids to the new officers, for future activities and inviting other surrounding districts. |
| 30 | 30 | 24 | Held workshop in conjunction with districts 24, 38 & 44 and the Chesco PENSYPAA Bid committee. GSR orientation at February district meeting for incoming GSRs. |
| 31 | 56 | 12 | Election – DCM – Jack C. Treasurer, Dave C. Thanks Panel 65. Upper Darby Group Alcathon 12/24 – 12/25 starts at 1 PM to 8 PM. New Years UA group Alcathon 12/31 starts at 1 PM. |
| 32 | 39 | 17 | District made first trip to GSO in Oct. Elections held. Highlight piece of literature each month. GSR orientation workshop set tentatively for Feb 8, 2017. |
| 33 | 17 | 7 | |
| 34 | 20 | 12 | Looking for a DCM, ADCM, secretary. GSRs & Treasurer. Are going to each meeting and take one area event to go to until the offices are filled. |

| District | <u>Registered Groups</u> | <u>Represented Groups</u> | <u>District Highlights</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 35 | 36 | 20 | Held elections for Panel 67 – all offices filled. Still have some subcommittee positions that need to be filled. |
| 36 | 59 | 25 | District Officer Elections DCM - Paul L. ADCM - Alicia S. Secretary - Julie B. Treasurer - Bob R. |
| 37 | 40 | 16 - 20 | |
| 38 | 55 | 20 | Elections were held and all District Officer positions have been filled. The District is holding their winter social before the December meeting, then business to follow. It was an honor to have served Area 59 as a DCM these past 2 years! |
| 39 | 45 | 16 | |
| 40 | 43 | 19 | 11/19 workshop "Fall Into Service" 11 – 3 PM @ 116 Hughes St. Swoyersville. All went well. 12/25 & 1/1 Alcathons 8 AM – 8 PM, 12/31 New Years Eve Extravaganza 6 PM – 1 AM. |
| 41 | 17 | 15 | |
| 42 | 33 | 17 | Highlights Upcoming/Future Events DCM Report Form 2016-12-05 21:53:08 42 DAVID DENBOW trudgin14@gmail.com 11/16/16 7:00 pm First Baptist Church of Lewisburg 33 17 District 42 exercised the "Spirit of Rotation" and representing GSR's from home groups present elected new officers for incoming panel. DCM- David D. ADCM- David H. Secretary- Bill H. Treasurer- Mike H. Officer At Large- Mindy D. Emphasis on next GSR/District meeting will be outgoing GSR's attending with incoming GSR's to introduce them to all district attendees. New/Updated meeting lists were printed by the district and distributed to attending groups/meetings. 4/1/16- "The Back TO Basics" group will present a workshop entitled The Foundation, The Cornerstone and The Keystone from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Guest speakers; Kerry C. (Tannersville, PA), Gene M. (Elysburg, PA and Bill S. (Wilmington, DE). Location will be Faith Lutheran Church, 2349 Old Turnpike Road (Rt. 45), Lewisburg, PA 17837. *Flyers will be handed available at the Area 59 meeting for this district 42 event. |
| 43 | 42 | 18 | |
| 44 | 32 | 15 | |
| 45 | 45 | 16 - 20 | |
| 46 | 23 | 15 | November 4 we held our annual Longtimers Panel. We had 6 on the panel with 20 years plus sobriety (4 men and 2 women). Approximately 60 attended. It was a success. On December 24 we will hold our annual holiday party at the Senior Center in Wellsboro. The doors open at 4pm and will be followed by an open meeting at 8pm. There will be food and refreshments, but feel free to bring a dish to pass. All are welcome (family and friends). On December 31 we will hold our annual New Years Eve party. It will be at the Nippon Building in Wellsboro. Doors open at 5pm. We will have food, refreshments, a DJ and a speaker at 8pm. All are welcome. Please bring your family and friends. |

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| 47 | 43 | 23-25 | Thanksgiving alcahthon. Attendance of 19 GSRs at convention. Higgly successful workshop Oct. 2016. Election with incoming officers to take position at Dec. meeting. Christmas Alcahthon 9-5 Green St. Sellersville. Snacks only. |
| 48 | 48 | 3 | Christmas party |
| 49 | 23 | 10 | |
| 50 | 13 | 1 | |
| 51 | 65 | 35 | |
| 52 | 41 | 3 | |
| 53 | 18 | 6 | Started Structure & CPC committees. Planning Spring workshop. |
| 54 | 21 | 17 | |
| 55 | 20 | 12 | 1. ADCM, Secretary & treasurer positions filled. 2. No one was able to stand for DCM and meet the commitment. 3. 12/20 district meetings to transition to new positions. 4. District voted to ask an outgoing DCM from another district to consider serving as DCM. 5. There will be more discussion at the Dec. meeting. Transitions to panel 67. |
| 56 | 26 | 14 | |
| 57 | 45 | 18 | Highlights Upcoming/Future Events DCM Report Form 2016-12-07 11:10:54 57 Mark McIntosh scrubtech_1962@yahoo.com 4th. Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church 45 18 New officers were elected. They are as followed: Frank B. - DCM Jessica G. - ADCM Susan C. - TREASURE Christine S. - SECERTARY Alcothon 2017 01/01/17 from 8am - 8pm Nurse's Quarters building corner of 17th. & Chew St. Allentown, PA 18104 New officers were elected. Alcothon 2017 01/01/17 from 8am - 8pm Nurse's Quarters building corner of 17th. & Chew St. Allentown, PA 18104 |
| 58 | 16 | 6 | Convention was great. Alcahthon Christmas eve 6 PM and Christmas Day 6 PM in Pottsville. |
| 59 | 16 | 6 | 1. in October Co-Sponsored workshop with District 40 that highlighted " Recovery, Traditions and Home Group". Steve Schmidt from Area 59 attended and presented. 2. In November "Thought for the Day" Group celebrated their 21st anniversary. 3. Practice These Principles continues to meet and plan for next year's Hickory Run Park Campout. 4. Elections were held in October- Officer-at Large position remains open. Panel 67 will organize at December's District meeting and determine schedule for upcoming year. This is an updated report from previous submission. 1. 10/17/16- presentation made on A.A. to Bloomsburg University Alcohol Abuse & Awareness Class. 2. 10/22/16- Combined with District 40 for Workshop "Recovery, Traditions and Home Group". Steve Schmidt, Area 59 Treasurer presented. 3. In November Elysburg "Thought for The Day" group celebrated their 21st group anniversary. 4. Practice These Principles continues to meet & plan for 2017 Hickory Run Campout 5. District 59 elections held in October. Officer-At-Large position remains open. ***12/31/16-01-01-2017 Alkathon will be held starting 6PM at Shiloh UCC Church, 500 Bloom Road, Danville, PA 17821*** ***Moments of Clarity group in Berwick will be holding a workshop "Spot, Admit & Correct" February 17, 2017 from 1-3:30PM at Christ Episcopal Church 712 16th Street, Berwick, PA 18603*** |

Area 59 minutes for Dec.11, 2016

| District | <u>Registered Groups</u> | <u>Represented Groups</u> | <u>District Highlights</u> |
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| 60 | 22 | 8 | |
| 61 | 23 | 19 | Nothing much to report, Looking forward to the new panel and wish them all the luck in the world. We have all our Officers and Sub committee's filled! |
| 62 | 16 | 10 | |
| 63 | 23 | 11 | District elections: Secretary – Susan, Treasurer – Mike, ADCM Andrew, DCM – Larry. OAL, open. Easy Does It Groups cabinet broken into (?) coffee. Intergroup liaison proposed to split cost of NERAASA with District rep going. Tabled All asked to attend convention or a group rep. |
| 64 | 26 | 18 | Welcome to the District 64 monthly meeting, I would like to thank everyone for their support and help throughout my 2 year commitment, it's been a Honor and a privilege to serve as your DCM WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL GSR'S, ADCM , and all other AA members for your support, great turnout.... Although I'm rotating out, I was honored to stand for most Area positions available on the Area level..... Really enjoyed the conference, and having my guest observer Pastor Steven Richie and his wife there , and for you all for welcoming them..... Like to Congratulate all New District Officers as well as the New Panel 65 area Officers to there new positions and wish you well.. Thank you all for being of Service.... Quarterly Area Meeting, Hosted by District 51.. Bristol Borough Active Adult Ctr. 301 Wood st. Bristol Pa. 19007 Doors open at 8:00 am Committee meeting starts at 11:00 am |
| 65 | 15 | 12 | Pancake breakfast held in October; about 40 attended. Followed by a Sobriety Count down and Speaker's meeting Workshop held in November; about 40 about 40 attended. Topic was "Welcoming Newcomers". Various speakers and sharing by all who attended. Elections were held: Larry L-DCM, Adam M-ADCM, Paul F-Secretary, Ken W. - Treasurer |
| 66 | 29 | 20 | |
| 67 | 26 | 10 | |
| 68 | 21 | 15 | Elections held. We have a full slate of officers for Panel 67. La Vina workshop and anniversaries planning Hispanic PA convention April 30 – May 1 st 2017. |