



**Area 59 Quarterly Area Meeting**  
**Panel 65**  
**March 8, 2015**  
**Indian Creek Foundation Hall, Souderton, PA**

Michelle M., Chairperson, Panel 65, opened the meeting at 11:06 AM with the Serenity Prayer.

**Acknowledged Guests** –Past Delegate & Current Convention Chairman from Area 59 - Marty S.; Archivist, Donald H. and Chuck G., Assistant Archivist.

**Traditions and Concepts** - Read by the DCMs: Reading of Traditions began at D46. Reading of Concepts began at D47.

**Roll Call** –All officers present and a 46 DCMs (or their Alternate) for a total of 52 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 December 14, 2014. Motion made by DCM 29. Seconded by DCM 44. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Archivist Report – Donald H.** – The Archivist distributed and commented on several items: “Why Mini Assemblies?” E.P.G.S.A. Archives subcommittee Donation form; Request For Group History form & Guidelines; “History of the Pre-Conference Sharing Session”; “History of Mini Assemblies”; and “History of the Guest Observer at the E.P.G.S.A. Convention/Assembly”

**Convention Committee Report – by Marty S.** The committee is planning the EPGSA Convention for 2015 to be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lancaster Host Resort. A Financial Report for the fiscal year of 2014 was distributed. A final report for the 2014 convention has not been finalized; however, preliminary data were shared:

**Officer-At-Large Report - by Melanie S.** The Officer-At-Large reviewed Group Change Forms and methods for submitting changes. A listing of status codes from the F.N.V. was included in the report.

**Treasurer’s Report – by Steve S.** The Treasurer reviewed the latest checking and savings amounts and distributed the last P&L Statement. They are posted at [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org). He noted that last year’s contributions for the first quarter increased 29.4% over the same period last year. See attached Treasurer’s Reports.

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**Secretary's Report – by Ken D.** The Secretary explained the roll call procedure, DCM report process and the Area Video Library. Calendar requests should be submitted with Traditions-Honored flyers to protect anonymity. For Area 59 calendar updates: go to [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org).

**Chairperson's Report – by Michelle M.** The Chairperson distributed the "Internal Area Committee Calendar" and highlighted its format of meetings that are required or suggested or FYI. She reminded subcommittee Chairpersons that their subcommittee reports are due to all area officers 48 hours prior to the pre-area officers' meeting each quarter. (See the web calendar for details.) A Flyer was distributed announcing the Pre-Conference Sharing Session; and, also one for the PA State Convention. The Chairperson distributed and explained the E.P.G.S.A. convention Guest Observer nomination process and selection process. DCMs with nominations should bring 56 copies to the June Area meeting. Finally, the Chairperson gave an update of the PA State convention pertaining to her assignment as Liaison between Area 59 and the State convention committee. Copies of registration flyers for the event were distributed.

**Alternate Delegate's Report – by Paul M.** The Alternate Delegate reported on the DCM Orientation event (January 4, 2015), his attendance at NERAASA (February 20 – 22) in Somerset, NJ; and, his activities as Liaison between Area 59 and Inter-Groups and YPAA (Young People in AA). He noted that he is spending time review the General Service Conference Agenda Items. He requested any suggestions for topics for the 2016 SEPIA-EPGSA Share-A-Day agenda.

**Delegate's Report – by Pat F.** The Delegate distributed a written report (see attached.) She highlighted her attendance and experiences at the DCM Orientation; Share-A-Day with SEPIA; NERAASA and NERD. Further, she addressed some subcommittee responsibilities regarding reports, questions and displays. The Delegate noted that she decided to withdraw General Recommendation #29 from floor consideration and place it in the DCM Recommendations. She noted upcoming major events including: NERF, Area 59 Mini-Assemblies; and, the PA State, AA International and EPGSA Conventions. She ended her report with encouragement for continued communication.

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

D27: S – 75<sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary in Philadelphia was held with an estimated 1,600 in attendance. The event was recognized by an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper, a PECO Marquis posting and a Citation issued by Mayor Nutter and the City Council of Philadelphia. Extra programs are available from Caroline N. An article for "Box 4-5-9" is being prepared.

D28: S – The Parkside Group is holding a celebration meeting in honor of their 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

D38: S – The district is holding a Step workshop. Chester County Zone is hosting a Corrections workshop.

D39: S – Marathon meeting upcoming. S – 3 new home groups have joined the district. S – great turnout at their Multi-District workshop. A – The district is hosting a GSR Orientation workshop. DCM 43 responded that he would share their material.

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

D40: S – The district will be holding a Traditions workshop

D43: S – The District will be hosting “District Day” A – A member with potential psychological problems other than alcoholism was reportedly being disruptive at meetings. Members were approached by a policeman who was investigating the person. The policemen asked members of the group to distribute the policeman’s business card in case anyone had information to share. The group refused the policemen’s card. Comments: 1) members are not “above the law” – they must follow the law and cannot hide behind Traditions. 2) “We (AA members) do not have immunity from the law.”

D45: S - York YPAA is hosting an upcoming “fundraiser.”

D51: S – The DCM noted two upcoming Group anniversary celebrations. A – The district with 75 home groups in it where the northern home groups don’t participate: should the district be re-aligned?

Comment: “D67 brought three districts back into one.”

D53: S – There is an upcoming History Workshop in the district.

D54: A – “Is there any information on the lawsuits that are against A.A. somewhere, I think, in CA?” The Delegate responded that at NERAASA the Trustee noted a recent television program. A.A. makes no statement on it. There was a lot of discussion about court-slips and safety. Discussion followed regarding methods groups use to handle slips to be signed; e.g. having a group stamp, a group slip basket; and, signing only at the end of meetings.

D56: S – Districts 44 & 56 will be hosting an upcoming GSR Orientation workshop.

D57: S – Hosted a “Language of the Heart” event. A - A home group had a case of a woman in the group being harassed by another member. The home group conscience was to ban the harasser for 30 days with a warning that future harassment would result in a permanent ban. Comment: 1) “A DCM said she had experience with a group in her district doing the same action. It is up to the home group.” 2) Another female DCM reported that she had a home group in her district that recently permanently banned a person for harassing another.” 3) DCM 43 reported that one group assigned an old-timer to set next to a person suspected of harassing.

D64: S – Announced an upcoming District 34, 63 & 64 Share-A-Day workshop.

D65: S – Announced a “Speaker Jam” upcoming.

A – A man was handing out non-AA related flyers at a meeting. I requested that he desist. Did I do the right action? Comment: “Yes!”

**NOTE: Officer & Subcommittee Reports are posted at [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org)**

**Subcommittee Chairperson Reports:**

**Archives:** The Chairperson noted electronic tracking for archives donation (of materials) form.

**CPC (Cooperation with Professional Communities):** The Chairperson highlighted their draft of a letter to DCMs to focus on “underserved” districts. The subcommittee will assist DCMs on request.

**Corrections:** The Chairperson noted discussions with districts about their needs for Corrections support. The subcommittee would love to share information. He noted five requests being processed for Bridging The Gap. He encouraged members to participate in the Corrections Correspondence program; especially to members in prison who served in our military.

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**Finance:** The Chairperson submitted her written report which included a recommended budget for fiscal year 1 of Panel 65. The report was accompanied by background information entitled "Budget Narrative" and a slide presentation that was given as a preface to the official budget proposal motion (see New Business for the results of the vote.) The documents will be kept on file by the Secretary for reference; however, the actual budget will be attached to the minutes.)

The Delegate responded that based on the current treasury balance and the passed recommendation, she believed it was in the best interest of EPGSA and the Fellowship, as a whole, to order the full amount to be paid when due (March 2, 2015).

DCM 56 asked the Finance Chairperson, "Why did the subcommittee try to overturn the entire Area Committee's conscience? The subcommittee does not have that right and should have operated with Recommendation #2 in mind."

DCM 68 thanked the subcommittee for their excellent work and diligence; however, the subcommittee "should not have tried to overturn the entire area committee."

**Grapevine:** The Chairperson referred members to her written report.

**Public Info:** The Chairperson referred members to his written report.

**Structure:** The members were referred to the written report.

**Treatment/SN:** No report given.

**Ad hoc Literature:** . The Chairperson mentioned the need for AA Group pamphlets. He noted that the subcommittee discussed a "new awareness" of literature.

**Unfinished Business:** The Chairperson called for a motion to place Delegate's General Recommendations #20 - #28 on the floor. DCM 21 made the motion and it was seconded. The following are the Recommendations: "The Delegate respectfully recommends that EPGSA...

- #20. Continue to conduct an Area Inventory midway through the Panel;
- #21. Continue to put on an Area Day in the second year of the Panel;
- #22. Continue to send the Area Officers, the Webservant; and either the Archivist or Assistant Archivist to the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) May 29 – 31, 2015 in Albany, NY;
- #23. Continue to fund the Area Officers, the Webservant; and either the Archivist or Assistant Archivist to attend the EPGSA's Annual Convention Assembly;
- #24. Continue to fund the Delegate to the 2015 International Convention to represent Area 59, Eastern PA in July, 2015;
- #25. Continue to fund the Delegate to attend the PA State Convention each year;
- #26. Continue to fund the Delegate to attend PENNSYPAA each year;
- #27. Continue to fund the Archivist or Assistant Archivist to attend the NAAAW Archivist Convention once during the Panel;
- #28. Continue to fund the Webservant to the Technology Information Convention once during the Panel.

All recommendations were accepted by unanimous vote.

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**New Business:**

1) The Chairperson announced new business scheduled for consideration at the June, 2015 business meeting: that all DCM's consider introducing one EPGSA Convention Guest Observer nominee per district. Please bring 56 copies of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae.

2) As background\* for the budget, The Finance subcommittee Chairperson presented a slide presentation about the budget process and a document regarding the "Budget Narrative." In conclusion, the Finance subcommittee recommended that the Area Committee adopt their suggested budget for year 1 of Panel 65 (see attachment). The budget was adopted by a unanimous, affirmative vote.

*\*(Please note that the actual budget is the only formal portion of the motion. The background documents, if needed, are on file with the Secretary, Treasurer or Finance subcommittee secretary.)*

**Announcements:** Please note the Pre-Conference Sharing Session for April 12<sup>th</sup>; the Delegate's Conference Reports and Mini-Assemblies for June 7<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. See the website Calendar at [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org) for details.

**Next Meeting:** The next Area Committee meeting will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> – hosted by District 46 at the Tioga Co. Fairgrounds in Wellsboro, PA. See [www.area59aa.org](http://www.area59aa.org) for posting of details.

**Meeting adjourned** at 4:00 PM by motion from DCM 56 and 2<sup>nd</sup> from DCM 68 and affirmed unanimously via voice vote.

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

## PANEL 65, EPGSA (Area 59) Roll Call, March 8, 2015

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	1 G/0 S/0 A	45	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
22	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A	46	ADCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
23	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	47	DCM	40 G/2 S/0 A
24	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	48	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
25	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	49	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A
26	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	50	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A
27	DCM	1 G/1 S/0 A	51	DCM	0 G/3 S/1 A
28	DCM	1 G/2 S/0 A	52	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
29	Absent		53	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
30	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	54	DCM	2 G/0 S/2 A
31	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	55	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A
32	ADCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	56	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
33	DCM	2 G/0 S/0 A	57	DCM	2 G/1 S/1 A
34	Absent		58	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
35	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	59	DCM	2 G/0 S/0 A
36	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A	60	ADCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
37	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	61	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
38	DCM	1 G/02 S/0 A	62	DCM	1 G/0 S/0 A
39	DCM	2 G/4 S/1 A	63	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
40	DCM	2 G/2 S/0 A	64	DCM	0 G/1 S/0 A
41	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	65	DCM	0 G/1 S/1 A
42	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	66	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
43	DCM	0 G/1 S/1 A	67	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A
44	DCM	0 G/0 S/0 A	68	DCM	2 G/0 S/0 A

<b>District</b>	<b>Registered Groups</b>	<b>Represented Groups</b>	<b>District Highlights</b>
21	33	22	District subcommittees and their duties reorganized and assigned to District Officers. The district is hosting an upcoming Mini-Assembly & Delegate Conference Report.
22	37	16	The district donated \$100- to the 75 <sup>th</sup> AA in Philadelphia Anniversary.
23	82	11	Donated books & literature to local group homes. Hugh H. presented "Joy of Service" workshop. Planning Long-Timer's brunch in Oct.
24	60	25-30	Held GSR Orientation in January. Increased purchases of Grapevine subscriptions to Corrections committee. Activated Visitation committee. Planning: Movie Night & trip to Akron, OH.
25	34	15	DCM attended S-A-D & also 75 <sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary in PHL. Working to get district Tax ID & tax situation.
26	14	13	DCM attended SAD. Planning a combined district workshop.
27	40	31	DCM attended and helped plan 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in PHL. Over 1,500 in attendance. The event was noted in the Inquirer newspaper. South PHL Group held anniversary. DCM and other district members in service at SEPIA SAD.
28	16	8	Participated in the SEPIA SAD. And in the 75 <sup>th</sup> AA Anniversary of PHL. Parkside group celebrated 64 yrs.
29	34	20	
30	37	15	District undertakes PI initiative. Reformatted financial reports. & approved a budget. Finished GSR change forms for Panel 65.
31	51	7	New DCM
32	39	14-16	Changed business meeting agenda to have a GSR group report included. Established a Workshop committee and held a combined district workshop in Jan with D54 & D55.
33	18	7	
34	20	8	
35	36	20	Created a visitation committee to increase local participation.
36	59	22	Presented overview of Traditions, Concepts and Birthday Plan. DCM & ADCM funded to NERAASA. Discussed General Recommendation 20 – 29.
37	40	20	GSRs invited to share groups concerns. Attended NERAASA reported on the roundtable and literature. Recommended to GSRs possibility of a literature workshop.
38	54	25	Planning combined district workshop with GSR Orientation. Dissolved 2 inactive district subcommittees.
39	43	15	3 new groups; new Visitation subcommittee; planning a workshop; Marathon Meeting held in Scranton.

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40	40	21	DCM & ADCM attended NERAASA & D39 workshop. Planning D40 Breakfast.
41	19	16	Finance subcom. attended D39 mtg. All district subcommittees filled. Voted to publish in Service Bulletin "AA Group Times" and meetings on the help line and web site (Pocono Record).
42	35	1	Determined Mini-Assembly location and catering. Recruiting volunteers.
43	44	15	GSRs assigned to district subcommittees. Planned "District Day" and filled Treasurer position.
44	32	12	DCM attended SEPIA SAD. Planning combined district workshop. Review District 44 business plan and finalized budget. Outreach: had GSR volunteers to visit meetings w no GSR attendance.
45	60	25	All officer positions filled. Reviewing district structure manual and district budget. York YPAA working on bid.
46	24		Planning hosting next Area quarterly meeting.
47	44	25	Filled subcommittees. Working on budget. Accepted new institutional commitment. Reports on their website password protected. Donated \$150 to PA Hospitality. Planning hosting future area event. & district workshop.
48	33	23	Form submitted with no highlights.
49	22	11	Addressed unity issue within the district. Recommended district structure manual. Planning Unity Breakfast.
50	13	6-8	
51	75	32	Consolidated PI, CPC and Bridging Gap into Liaison with IG. Reviewing structure manual. Formed workshop subcommittee. Due to nearly zero percent attendance from the N. Bucks groups, we are gathering sentiment on "realigning the district boundaries. Three group anniversaries held.
52	40	6	Planning a workshop. Gathering photos for website.
53		6	District sets in circle to show equality of members. Active visitation ongoing. Compiling a district budget. Discussions about structure manual for district. Workshop on May 9 <sup>th</sup> upcoming.
54	21	14	Participated in a combined workshop with 32 & 55. Over 100 in attendance. Recruiting a Grapevine Rep for district. DCM visitation underway.
55	20	12-15	Planning combined workshop with Districts 32, 54 & 55,
56	32	14	New Panel underway. Planning trip to GSO. Planning GSR orientation workshop.
57	44	14	Elected District Officers. GSRs given link to access data like District minutes, structure manual and area news. GSRs encouraged to bring a guest to the district meeting.
58	18	6	Planning GSO Bus trip. Alcahthon held on New Year's
59	18	12	Planning a district sharing session and two workshops.



<b>District</b>	<b><u>Registered Groups</u></b>	<b><u>Represented Groups</u></b>	<b><u>District Highlights</u></b>
60	25	15	Visitation subcommittee started. Website for announcements and meetings in operation.
61	21	18	Finance subcom member presented update. Planning combined district workshop with D41 "I Am Responsible". Grapevine Picnic planned for July.
62	15	10	New roll-call procedure. New GSR activity folder for all groups. Planning two workshops for 2015.
63	31	15	Reaching all groups in district for updates & representation. Attendance growing. ADCM resigned. District Meeting Changed to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM.
64	28	23	Planning SAD in May.
65	15	10	Planned district calendar for the year, a Speaker Jam and a Pancake Breakfast.
66	27	18	A new GSR joined the District and two District "Nights Out" were held. Planning an Open House for May.
67	16	15	Good attendance and self-support. Planning a district picnic.
68	17	12	Good attendance. Putting together beginners packets. Planning a May 16 & 17 Spanish Convention.