



Quarterly Area Committee Meeting September 2015 Delegate's Report

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your Delegate.

International Convention – Atlanta

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for sending me to this great event. I was delighted to serve in a few different capacities. First of all, signing up the old timers (with 50 or more years of sobriety) was a true gift. Even though we do not offer scholarships for the International, I was requested by GSO to sign up members at the “Why we pay our own way” booth. We shared our principle of self-support with those attendees that requested financial assistance to register for the 2015 International Convention. While I was there four people had turned in registration badges, so there were some donated badges to offer. I chaired a meeting “12 Stepping, the Old Fashioned Way,” and the room filled up a half hour before. My panel consisted of a man with 62 years, a man with 43 years and a woman with 30 years. I attended the Delegate’s Luncheon and it was great to see all the Delegates that I had just served with in New York. A great big thank you to Ken and Curt, and all the volunteers who helped make our Area 59 and Area 60 Hospitality Room one of the most popular stops at the Omni. The generous donations of many people paid for the pins, buttons and lots of expensive coffee.

Please accept the pin that was distributed at the International Convention with our thanks for your great service to Area 59.

Report & Charter Committee

My Report & Charter Committee for the General Service Conference has continued its work until July 22. We proof read all the publications that we worked on during the Conference (the Conference Report, the Service Manual, the Conference Inventory, etc.). They will be distributed in the Fall.

PA State Convention July 31 – August 2nd, 2015

Thanks you for the great opportunity to present my Delegate’s General Service Conference experience at the PA State Convention. It was a great weekend. I was able to spend time

with the Delegate from Area 60, Western Pennsylvania, and we made a joint presentation that was received very well.

I'd like to add special thanks to Curt for being Liaison to the Convention and all his service connected with the planning, his presentations and service during the weekend.

PENNSCYPAA

Thank you for privilege to attend this year's Pennscypaa. I spoke at the Saturday night meeting and asked the young people to get into service to enhance their sobriety. It was a wonderful weekend. Thanks to many of our DCMs, GSRs and members for their service during the weekend.

ICCYPAA

A great experience for me to attend, and lend support for bringing ICCYPAA to Philadelphia. Next year it will be held in Nashville, Tennessee. Congratulations to Caroline and the Bid Committee for a superior job.

Area Inventory - October 18, 2015

On October 18, we will conduct an Area Inventory to ensure the health and welfare of our area members, sub committees, officers and overall well being of our Area. You are all vital to the process. The Moderator for the day will be Past Delegate Sheila D. All Sub-Committees will appoint a Facilitator/Advisor to help with the inventory. It can be a Past Delegate, Past Area Officer, or Past DCM, etc. The sub-committees work with the facilitators to develop questions to include a review of where they are in regards to the Delegate's Recommendations. Doors will open at 8:00 A.M. Feel free to forward any questions you would like to add to the inventory to Sheila before October 4, 2015.

EPGSA Convention and Assembly - November 14 - 15, 2015

Please accept my loving invitation to attend the EPGSA Convention and Assembly this year. I am so glad many of you have started making your reservations.

A great deal of my time has been developing the program for the upcoming EPGSA Convention and Assembly.

In your Delegate's folder (red), you will find a draft of the upcoming Convention and Assembly. All DCMs are requested to be in the Assembly at 8:45 A.M. All DCMs will present at a workshop on Saturday afternoon. Some of the workshops are based on requests that you have submitted. Thank you for your suggestions. I sincerely ask you take great care in preparing for the content of your presentation. In the past, I have found that when preparing for a panel or workshop that it is best to have an outline or script with references and examples of books or displays you are using. (A draft of the Program and Presenters description are in your red folder)

In addition, please accept this loving invitation for all sub-committee chairs and officers to submit their annual report/accomplishments to me to be published in the report to be distributed at the Convention. Please send the one-page report to me by October 1, 2015.

Our yearly convention and assembly is an important part of our structure. According to our Structure Manual, it was voted in 1985 that DCMs be reimbursed expenses for the EPGSA Convention and Assembly. Your district can reimburse your expenses.

Please note: All materials used at the conference are to be conference approved.

Many volunteers are needed; please forward their names to Paul M., Alternate Delegate.

Please try to speak with the Guest observer during the Convention and Assembly Weekend.

Area Day 2016

According to our Structure Manual, the First Area Day was held on October 14, 1993 in Collegeville, PA. This came about from the Ad Hoc Committee asking, "What is the Area?" It was an open forum/symposium to discuss area issues.

Time has come to start planning for our Area Day 2016. A representative from each sub-committee will be selected to plan and create this year's event. Lunch time planning meetings will begin with the September Quarterly meeting. Please enjoy the process. Paul M. will facilitate.

NERAASA - February 26 - 28, 2016

Springfield, MA "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts"

Please get your reservations in early as this fills up early. On line registrations started September 1 - Visit: <http://neraasa.org>

Subcommittee/Committees

- Chairpersons are to report *briefly* at each quarterly Area Committee meeting. Copies of these reports are due to all the officers 48 hours prior to our Pre-Area meetings, which are scheduled as shown on the calendar our Chairperson hands out.
- If there are questions about scope, purpose, recommendations, procedures, etc. please speak first to your adviser—one of the officers. If they need help, they'll ask me.
- Displays should be put up at every Area event, except for quarterly Area Committee meetings. They are also available for workshops, District Committee (GSR meetings) and even home group business meetings. Chairpersons and committee members should take a proactive approach to all District workshops—don't wait for an invitation; please consider having a member bring your subcommittee's or committee's display.

Delegate's Recommendations

Thank you for the sub-committees' amazing work done on our behalf. Eastern Pennsylvania (Area 59) operates by the Committee system. Please continue your enthusiasm and good work.

Other

Reminder: copies all reports and documents should be distributed in both English and Spanish, although you need only bring a limited number of the latter. I invite any Spanish speaker to suggest ways to improve these translations, especially with regard to terms unique to A.A. In addition, copies for the Archivist and Interpreter are needed. Always feel free to contact me or any of the other officers if you have any questions or concerns. I'm sure our Past Delegates, who have a great deal of experience, strength and hope, would be happy to talk to you as well.

Serving the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous alongside my fellow Area officers is, as always, a pleasure, an honor and a privilege.

Feel free to contact me at any time. I am available to visit your districts, events, workshops, etc. My Conference Report, along with financials are available at Area59aa.org. Thanks to all the Districts who have requested Conference Report presentations.

With Love,

Pat F.

EPGSA Delegate Area 59, Panel 65

AA's Legacy of Service

Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the AA Fellowship gives; this is our principle aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, AA is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Hence, an AA Service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer

– ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to AA's General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

By Bill W.

Delegate Travel Log

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6/13/15	Mini II	Wellsboro
6/14	Quarterly Area Meeting	Selinsgrove
6/15	Present Conference Report D 47	Sellersville
6/27	Multi District Workshop D 25, 26, 27, 28 & 60	Philadelphia
6/27	Willow Grove anniversary	Willow Grove
6/28	Unity Day Picnic	Neshaminy
6/29	Monday Nighters	Fox Chase
7/2 - 5	International Convention	Atlanta,GA
7/25	Grapevine Picnic	District 61
7/31- 8/2/15	PA State Convention	Harrisburg
8/5/15	Present Conference Report - District 23	Hatboro
8/14 - 16/15	PENNSCYPAA	Essington
8/20	District 24 Daily Progress Anniversary	Glenside
8/25/15	Present Conference Report District 27	Philadelphia
9/2-9/7	ICCYPAA	Miami, FL

Except as noted, locations are in PA