



Area **59**

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY**

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To: **The Area Committee**

From: **The Structure Committee**

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I trust these few words will find you happy, joyous and free to enjoy life "one day at a time". The Multi-Subcommittee Workshop with PI, Literature, and Treatment/ Special Needs was held on March 19 in Limerick, PA. Fun and fellowship was had by all present. A structural document template was construction and was premiered at the workshop.

We have met twice since the Area meeting and our review of the Service Manuals continued. We have the following proposed amendments for your consideration during new business. These revisions would take place between pages 16-26 and thus "require a 2/3 vote of the area committee to qualify the proposed amendment to be considered". Should the Area Committee decide to consider any or all of the proposals, DCMs will hear the groups' opinions at their district meeting and reach a consensus to be heard at our September quarterly meeting?

Structure Subcommittee Proposals to the Area Committee:

1. Update Finance Subcommittee description on pg 20 to state:
  - a. "Finance assists the Area Committee, Districts, and Groups on matter of finance, shares on the principals of the Seventh Tradition, and may assist the Area Treasurer in preparing the annual budget proposal."
2. Update Treatment Facilities/Special Needs-Accessibilities on pg 20 to:
  - a. Change the name of the subcommittee to "Treatment and Accessibilities" in accordance with the recent change that occurred at the 2016 General Service Conference.
  - b. Add a description stating: "Treatment Facilities provides assistance on the challenges which can arise in carrying the AA message into treatment facilities in the Area and encourages interest in this form of 12th Step work."
3. Update the section "Area Committee Meeting Agenda" to include under the subsection "Subcommittee Reports" a line item for "Any ad hoc subcommittees"

4. Update the section of Area Resources/Assets on pg 16 to create a new section called "Area Resources/Assets" with subsections stating:
  - a. "**Past Delegates** are voting members only at the election assembly (or if they are members of the convention committee, they may vote within that committee); however, we seek their wisdom and experience on many occasions. For more information on the composition and scope of the Convention Committee, refer to the section on General Service Assembly Convention beginning on pg 22."
  - b. "**Archivist and Assistant Archivist** receive, assimilate, and maintain records of information about Eastern Pennsylvania's Groups, Districts, and the Area. Upon approval of each panel the Area retains the voluntary services of the Archivist and Assistant Archivist. To provide continuity and security to this valuable resource, these positions are non-rotating."
  - c. "**Web-servant** works in unity with the Public Information Subcommittee to maintain and update the Area website, [www.Area59AA.org](http://www.Area59AA.org)."
  - d. "**Interpreters/Translators** for both Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) may be utilized as special workers as needed for all Area events."
  - e. "Area Resources/Assets are non-voting members of the Area Committee."

Other recommendations we have been working on include writing a Panel 65 history to be included in the historical section of the manual, developing a list of recommendations for the panel 67 area committee and getting bids and identifying a printer for the area map and the structure manuals.

We have been asked to find a professional to review and proofread the Spanish version of our manual. Thus far we have an excellent resume from a past delegate in Connecticut. She has translated and interpreted for GSO for many years. She is interested in the service. She has never billed any A. A. entity for any of her work, although she is willing and would be grateful to accept a stipend if we feel compelled to adhere to our Tradition 7 and our Concept 11. Should you have any suggestion for a potential proofreader please email me their resume.

As per Delegate's Recommendation #7 please find an updated District meeting list. Please review and let us know of any errors.

We also discussed where to place the District 68 logo on the Area Map at our last committee meeting. It was decided to place it at the bottom right hand corner.

The Structure Subcommittee is grateful for the opportunity to service Area 59. Thank you DCM'S, Sub-Committees, and Officers for your advice and support over the last quarter.