



Good Morning Area 59 Panel 67 DCM's and Area Officers

It's a pleasure to welcome all of you to our first Area Meeting for Panel 67. It is truly an honor to serve you, your Districts, and the fellowship of Alcoholic Anonymous. We are looking forward to being of service on Panel 67 and I know it is going to be a pleasure to serve with each of you over the next two years. As the Elected Delegate for Area 59 I would like all of you to know that the Area Officers and myself are available to you, so please don't hesitate to reach out for whatever problems, requests or suggestions that you may have. Our purpose is to be of maximum service to you and the fellowship.

General Service Office (What's Happening at GSO)

There are resumes being accepted for A Trustee -At Large U.S. and East Central and Southeast Regional Trustee Elections. The elections for these positions will take place during the 67th General Service Conference in April 2017. At Area 59 EPGSA Assembly held on November 05, 2016 our Area voted (Third Legacy Procedure) to Affirm a Nominee for this position, our affirmed nominee is Panel 63 Past Delegate Steve O.

A longtime Staff member Mary Clare L. has retired effective November 28, 2016 after 13 years of dedicated service to the GSO. Rich W. will step in for Mary Clare, Effective December 01, 2016.

There is an opening for a non-trustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community / Treatment and Accessibilities. If anyone has any interest or knows of anyone who would have interest in this position, please contact me for more information. See the hand out in your folder (" Some of the qualities most desirable ")

The GSO is currently in discussion of a new process for our 2017 Membership Survey. I will keep you updated.

Subcommittees

Here in Area 59 we operate on a committee system, as explained in our Structure manual on page 19. Subcommittees are created by and are responsible to, the full area committee. They don't set policy or decide issues but they make recommendations to the area committee by way of reports at the quarterly area meetings. Our democratic committee process has sustained our fellowship and area it has proven to be vital to our future. Each one of our DCM's are assigned to a Subcommittee in which you will participate in researching items, addressing recommendations, etc. to bring forth to the committee for action. Subcommittee members are asked to be in attendance at workshops, districts (when invited), and other area events. We have also assigned several of our ADCMs to our Ad hoc Literature committee. Further on our Chairperson (Ken D.) will inform each of you as to which Subcommittee you will serve on for the duration of Panel 67.

There is an upcoming DCM orientation that will take place on January 22, 2017. I am hoping that you will all be able to attend. It will be very beneficial in helping you along as you begin your journey as a new DCM. Our Alternate Delegate (Melanie) will speak about this and our Delegate Conference Report (DCR) / Mini Assembly Planning meeting.

NERAASA (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)

Will be in Framingham Ma. On February 24-26, 2017.

In your folder you will find information explaining: What is the Purpose? Where and When it is held? What Happens at NERAASA? and Who should attend ? This is an event that I would strongly suggest that all DCM's should attend.

Delegates Recommendations

At the start of a new Panel, as the Delegate part of my duties is to present recommendations to the Panel. Today in your folder you will have two of the three sets of recommendations. We will address the General Recommendations under New Business.

1. General Recommendations for the Area Committee
2. Delegate Recommendations to the DCM's
3. Subcommittee Recommendations which will be handed out to you from your Subcommittee chairperson later on.

Delegate Actions

It has been our past practice here in Area 59 that the incoming Delegate appoint several voluntary and one paid Area service position. These Delegate actions will be addressed under New Business.

These positions are:

Area Convention Committee "Chairperson"

Archivist and Assistant Archivist

Area Web Servant (Paid Position)

Other

Today you are going to be given a lot of information, please don't overwhelm yourselves, take the information that you have been given, and when you return home filter through the information and decide what is pertinent to your District, and pass it on to your GSR's at your District meetings.

Lastly, in your folder you will find a Travel Log of my activities from the previous quarter.

Delegate, Area 59 Panel 67

Paul M.