Officer-At-Large/Registrar Report
E.P.G.S.A. Panel 71
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Officer-At-Large Report: the 2022 Mini I and Mini II / Delegate's Conference Reports are now in the record books! Live-streaming these events seemed to generate interest and enabled many people to listen in. Thanks to our Delegate for her transparency and to all who worked so hard to make these events a success!

In the coming months, I will be reviewing Area inventory in the storage unit in preparation for the end of this Panel 71 and our annual EPGSA Convention.

Registrar Report: A numbers update: as of 06/08/2022, there were 2,921 groups in Area 59 that are registered with GSO. There are 1647 Active groups, 966 Inactive groups, 20 Active Virtual groups, 2 Inactive Virtual groups, and 10 Pending Active groups. We also have 84 Unknown, 113 Merged, and 7 Incomplete Groups. There are several Correctional, Pre-dated, and a few duplicate listings as well. Remember that all DCMs have view-only access to Fellowship Connection, the GSO database. This is useful in keeping your district records as current as possible. If you need assistance with this, please ask.

Over the past 3 months I've seen a significant increase in group change forms being submitted directly to GSO, bypassing the Area 59 website and established procedure. This practice is discouraged for a couple of reasons. The General Service Office is bustling with activity, especially considering upcoming projects, so adding more work to their desks is something we try to avoid. As stated in our structure manual, one of my duties is "maintains and keeps current all group information." This includes entering updates into the GSO database to lighten their load. An added plus to using the Area website for Group Change Forms is that when changes are submitted, an immediate link to a New GSR Kit is generated. Please encourage the use of our website for all changes: www.area59aa.org.

Quarterly meetings with GSO staff regarding Fellowship Connection are still being held, although there has not been one in the last quarter – probably due to the General Service Conference. I look forward to attending the next meeting.

I continue to meet with Area Registrars from the US and Canada on a monthly Zoom call. The current topic of discussion is the formation of Virtual Districts. Area 48 and Area 72 have set the precedent, and I have background information to share with anyone who may be interested.

Travel Log: 03/19/22: Pre-conference Sharing Session, West Chester University; 03/22/2022 District 27 Meeting; 04/23/22: District 58 Workshop; 05/29/2022: Pre-Area Officers Meeting; 06/11/2022: Mini Assembly II/Delegate's Conference Report: 06/11/2022

Yours in fellowship and service,

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