

Treasurer Annual Report | EPGSA Panel 71

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Dan B., Treasurer



The Treasurer's major duties include: responsibility for Area bank accounts, bills, expenses, and taxes; recording and acknowledging contributions; accurately reporting the Area financial status quarterly; assisting members with inquiries about Area finances and related issues. To sum up: Operations, Contributions, Reporting, and Service.

Summary of Major Treasurer Activities in Fiscal Year 2022

- **Operations** – Ensuring the overall financial welfare of Area 59:

Automatic payments for most recurring Area expenses continued to simplify overall operations. Other activities were renewing liability insurance through June 2023, paying for the archive storage space through March 2023, filing federal and state taxes, and signing contracts for many Area-hosted events. Another major responsibility is processing subcommittee and officer expenses reports for reimbursement, as well as handling all literature orders. The online expense form introduced last year has resulted in simplified and more frequent reporting of expenses – close to 500 total payments have been made, over half of them by check.

- **Contributions** – Gratitude for the 7th Tradition:

The Area is grateful for the continued support by groups and members! As of 10/31/2022, we have received close to 2,000 total contributions, 20% of which were online. Although processing contributions is one of the most time intensive parts of being a treasurer, what I have gained most is gratitude for the responsibility, and the hard work of all treasurers past and future. A continuing goal is to always optimize, automate, and work “smarter” where possible – and also to reduce the burden on the incoming treasurer.

- **Reporting** – Transparency and keeping the Area informed:

Each quarter we provide information to DCMs about Area account balances, overall expenses compared to budget, and a list of group contributions per District. To keep members more informed, a more detailed report is now being produced, to show exactly how your 7th Tradition money is spent. The Area's finances remain quite healthy; the operating account balance has decreased significantly through several special projects, designed to carry the message in innovative ways and to places not reached before in our Area. A mobile friendly and interactive treasurer report was also created, to make information more accessible and engaging.

- **Service** – Assisting the Area, its subcommittees, and members:

In addition to remaining a subcommittee advisor, the Treasurer also assists Finance in producing the FY 2022 budget. Through an exciting collaboration with the BTG coordinator, we have automated the distribution of temporary contact lists to each District. It was also quite rewarding to work closely with Digital Communications and the Convention treasurer, to produce greatly improved registration forms for this year's EPGSA Convention, that hopefully made at least a small contribution to the great attendance! Developing the Convention mobile app was another unexpected service opportunity, for which I'm grateful.

One of the most rewarding aspects of service is assisting members, groups, Districts, and even other Areas with finance related questions - or directing them to the right resource. Whether it's sharing experience, providing data, or answering any type of Area finance question, please call or send an email to treasurer@area59aa.org.

Thank you for the opportunity, privilege, and responsibility to serve as your EPGSA Panel 71 Treasurer.

I am grateful to have been of service during the past 2 years, and for whatever the future holds!