



## Delegates Report

March 11, 2018

Good Morning Area 59 Panel 67 DCM's and Area Officers. I hope that your past three months as DCMs have been enjoyable, thank you for all for your hard work and dedicated service in Area 59.

### **DCM Sharing Session**

This year the DCM sharing session I believe was very informative it helped us to continue in our open communications with each other. I also believe there were some very good questions and answers shared throughout the day a big thank you to the Structure committee for putting together an interactive event that went very well. I hope that all who attended received something that was helpful to them in serving as a DCM.

### **Share-A-Day**

What an awesome job and a pleasure to see the collaboration between Inter-Group and EPGSA this year at the 30<sup>th</sup> annual S.A.D. The presentations of all who participated where very well done. A special thank you to Ken D. for his leadership in cooperating with Fran G from SEPIA for their hard work and planning of this event.

### **General Service Office** ( What's Happening at GSO )

Announcement- there is a position for a Non-Trustee appointed committee member for Trustee's Committee on (CPC) Cooperation with the Profession Community. (Deadline is May 01, 2018.) anyone interested in this position please see me for details.

I had received a letter from the General Service Manager Greg T., on February 20, 2018 which I have passed along to each of you, in regards to the Manuscript litigations. As you all know the content of that letter stated that we have withdrew from the litigations to further pursue the ownership of the Manuscript. There has been a total of 320 Thousand Dollars spent on legal fees, at this point, with some possibilities of another invoice that may come as a final payment.

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The General Service Conference (GSC) will be held in Manhattan New York this year from April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **Pre Conference Sharing Session**

This event is one of the best and most important events that we hold each year. It allows for the Delegate to gather the conscience of Eastern Pa. so that I may be well informed as I attend the GSC. I am asking that all DCMs please go back to their districts and talk this event up. It is very important that we hear the voice of the members in Eastern Pa.

Again, this year we sent out a survey asking for feedback and your top 10 selections from each district, and Area officer of the 2018 Agenda items, we received a fairly good response. Also, this year we were able to get all the Background information in regards to the PCSS out to the Committee Chairs and committee members via email two weeks earlier than last year. Today each Subcommittee Chairperson has also been given 10 folders with hard copies of the Agenda items that were selected, you as a committee member will be instructed by your Committee Chairperson and will receive a folder with the agenda items as well as the background information. Please take the time and read over this information talk about it with your GSR's, Homegroup members, past Delegates, and your sponsor's so that you can be well informed at the PCSS and participate in discussion.

### **Delegate Conference Report (DCR)/Mini Assemblies**

Mini I – June 02<sup>nd</sup> 2018 Hosted by District 42

Mini II – June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Hosted by District 54

### **Subcommittees**

I would like to thank each DCM for your participation on your subcommittees, also thank you to each Chairperson for your excellent leadership with the committees.

### **NERAASA 2018 ( Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly )**

Thank you for sending me to NERAASA, attending this year was so rewarding and also has helped me with the responsibility of representing Area 59 at the GSC. I had the pleasure to attend Delegate/Atl - Delegates Roundtable.

I also had the honor to share in the Flag ceremony along with the Delegate from Area 60 Western Pa. in carrying Area59/60 flag at the opening of Saturday night meeting.

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Thanks to all the DCM's that were able to attend, as always Area 59 is very well represented at NERAASA. Also, a special thanks to Josh D. D-34 DCM for his service as a panel moderator.

The Northeastern Trustee's Report from NERAASA can be found on the NERAASA website.

NERAASA 2019 will be Hosted by Area 29 Maryland, February 22nd - 24<sup>th</sup> location will be Delta Hotels by Marriot Baltimore, Hunt Valley, Maryland. [www.nerassa.org](http://www.nerassa.org)

### **Nerd March 09<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Thank you for allowing me to attend the Northeastern Regional Delegates reunion.

### **EPGSA Convention / Assembly November 02<sup>nd</sup>-04<sup>th</sup> 2018**

I attended my first Convention/Assembly meeting for 2018 on February 10, with our Past Delegates. It was reiterated of my role as Delegate, my role is to provide the program for the weekend. I know that November seems like a long way off but believe me it comes faster than you think. I would like to ask that you go back to your districts and ask for some ideas for workshop presentations for Saturday after the elections. I would like to receive as much input as possible from all districts as to what topics you would like to have presented. Please forward all your suggestions to me anytime between now and June 2018 AQM.

### **Convention Committee Liaison**

As your Delegate, one of my structural duties is to serve as a liaison to the Area Convention Committee for the Area Committee. The custom in our Area, according to page 22 of our Structure Manual, has been that the Convention Committee "operates independently" of the committee system, meaning that past delegates who are not currently members of the Area Committee serve in the place of a member, DCM, or Area officer who might otherwise be selected to serve on an area's convention committee as many other areas do.

So, it is my job to be a link between the Area Committee and the Convention Committee. However, the A.A. Service Manual clearly states that it is the responsibility of the Area Committee itself to hold an assembly. Therefore, even though the Convention Committee in Area 59 has a structure different from other subcommittees, we are all ultimately responsible as members of the Area Committee to oversee their work and ensure that they are accountable to us. However usually I do not report to the Area Committee as the Convention Committee liaison beyond the program planning because our Convention Committee Chair is called to give a report at each quarterly area meeting.

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This past year there have been a few circumstances that have caused me to think about improving the accountability and transparency link between the Area Committee and the Convention Committee. As background, the Delegate does not actively participate as a member of the Convention Committee and this relieves the Delegate of a lot of extra duties. I am open to suggestions to improve communications, and transparency between the full Area Committee and our Convention Committee.

Before I bring several ideas to the Area Committee for strengthening the accountability of the Convention Committee, which I hope to do in June or September, I believe it is best to first inform you by my report today. This will allow the Convention Committee time to conduct their upcoming inventory. After full discussion with area officers, we are all in Unity that it is in the best interest of Area 59, that the results of their inventory be published to the entire Area Committee. Just as the General Service Conference did when they took their inventory, they published it to the entire membership, and we do the same as an Area Committee. I hope the Convention Committee will follow the same practice in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

So, for now, please accept the general nature of this section of my report until we get further information that may be actionable by the entire committee to improve our convention planning system. Thank you.

### **Other**

Always feel free to contact myself or any of the Officers if you have any questions or concerns, we are always available. Also, please take the time to visit our Area website: [area59aa.org](http://area59aa.org)

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