



Alternate Delegate & Area Chairperson's Report: Quarterly Business Meeting

September 10, 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It is a privilege to serve the Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly.

1. Included in your folder from the Chairperson is a 2017 Service Calendar. Please note the dates.
 - a. Detailed announcements of events will be posted at www.area59aa.org. Please learn to use our Area web site for important information like reports, calendars, flyers and directions to events.
 - b. Thanks to all Districts who are hosting Area Events this year. Please keep me informed of progress and any need for assistance for those DCM's hosting future events.
2. I have contacted all intergroup s in Eastern PA twice this past quarter. I have nothing significant to report. Coordination for share-a-days will begin later this year. Please share any ideas you have to make these events grow and provide good service to our members.
3. My assignment for the EPGSA Convention is Convention Coordinator – meaning that I recruit assign and coordinate the volunteers. We need plenty and I have already sent you some communications for that. I have provided paper copies for this meeting. Please enthusiastically attract members to attend and ask for service volunteers including: greeters, hospitality and registration helpers. We have an exciting convention lined up – help us make it a great success!
4. Please note the Area Inventory flyer in your packets. Subcommittee chairpersons should have a discussion with your officer-adviser to prepare for this important event.
5. Please note that only special invited guests or Area Committee Members – these include DCM's and officers - are the only members permitted to speak during our business meetings to the entire committee. Our special servants – i.e. Archivists and Web Servant are not allowed to speak or go to the microphones unless the Chair asks the entire subcommittee to vote to suspend the rules. If you wish to get something across, please hand a note in silence to your DCM to let them determine whether they wish to bring it to the committee. Please note the guide for good manners during debate in your folders. Thank you.
6. A good question was raised after the last Area Committee meeting regarding our voting procedure for motions. We follow the General Service Conference procedure as closely as humanly possible. In this case that means the Chairperson decides which voting method to use depending on the circumstances. Mostly – even at the Conference – voice votes are used. If the result appears close, the chair can call for a standing or raised hands vote. Any member believing that the vote count is too close can call for “division of the vote.” If ruled “in order” by the Chairperson, a counted vote is taken by standing or raised hands. For any election or nomination procedure, we use ballots, unless there is only one candidate. Please feel free to consult with me any time on these issues.
7. The schedule for February is tight for area officers. We need to hold our pre-area meeting in advance of the Quarterly Area Meeting in order to finalize the agenda and mail it to all committee members via postal service so they receive the advance agenda in time – among others things. Since the officers are scheduled to attend NERAASA, and we have sufficient funds available, we are planning to arrive at NERAASA one day ahead of that conference and use a room at the hotel to conduct our pre-area officers meeting. This would incur costs beyond what we normally planned of 5 times one-night's stay at the hotel and perhaps a boardroom rental of \$200 or so. This can be included in the Finance's budgeting plan for next year. We want to be transparent and ensure that there is no problem with the Area Committee in this decision.

Key travels during the past quarter:

June 17	Districts 37 & 47 Workshop	Philadelphia, PA
June 24	Mini-Assembly II	Kennett Square, PA
July 25	District 55 Business Meeting	Chester, PA
July 28 - 30	Ohio State AA Convention	Columbus, OH
Aug. 7	Meeting with Delegate: review convention duties	New Holland, PA
Aug. 19	Newcomer Workshop	Lancaster, PA
Aug. 20	Chester Springs Speaker Group	Chester Springs, PA
Aug. 27	Pre-Area Officers' Meeting	New Holland, PA
Aug. 27	Red Fox Sunday Group 35 th Anniversary	Willowdale, PA

Please feel free to call on me to assist or attend any of your District functions. I look forward to getting to know each of you. Your service leadership is greatly appreciated.

In Fellowship & Service,

Ken D.

Alternate Delegate & Area Chairperson,

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