

Area **59**

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Reports of Area 59, Panel 67

Sub Committees,

Ad Hoc Committee

and Officers

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Delegate Annual Report 2017

Area 59 Panel 67

The Delegate : The Delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegates responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberation the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense; after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interest of A.A. as a whole. The Delegate's other primary duties are outlined in (The A.A. Service Manual p.S48)

Area 59 Delegates Duties: The Delegate attends the week-long General Service Conference in New York as well as other regional, state, area and local A.A. functions; carries to each of these the collective group conscience and considerations of Eastern Pennsylvania and reports to the area the news and information of Alcoholics Anonymous worldwide. He/She also serves as liaison to the Area Convention Committee. (Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly Area Structure Manual p.17 2017 edition)

67th GSC My experience was one, that one can't actually put into words, you would almost have to experience it to understand, the depth of how it changes your whole outlook in general service, I was assigned to serve on the Grapevine Committee at the Conference. During the week of the GSC we were given 93 agenda items to cover, this was the most ever in the History of the GSC.

Area Subcommittees: Our area 8 standing subcommittees and 1 Ad Hoc Literature committee have all been doing a tremendous job with their responsibilities of carrying out their duties of pursuing and completing many of the delegate recommendations given them at the beginning of the Panel 67.

NERAASA: Had the opportunity to attend the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, which offered Workshops throughout the whole weekend that engage in a variety of many different topics from the Home group to the Cooperation with the Professional Community, one of my favorite events.

NERE: Attended the Northeastern Regional Forum and served as the Facilitator for A.A. 7th Tradition Workshop.

Pa. State Convention: Do to some health issues (Surgery) I was unable to attend this event, although I would like to truly thank two members of Panel 67, our Officer-At-Large Caroline N. and DCM-39 Mike L. for their willingness and also for the awesome job they did in representing Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania in my absence.

PENNSCYPAA: Attended the Pennsylvania State Convention Young People Alcoholics Anonymous hosted by the Bethlehem Bid committee, this is always a pleasure to attend to see all the high energy and Enthusiasm of the young at heart members of A.A as they continue in carrying the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic, and to see more and more of them become involved in General Service.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve this past year, as your Delegate, the collaboration on this panel has just been a delight to be a part of, I can't thank all of the DCM's and Officers enough for their dedicated service to us in Area and A.A. as a whole. THANK YOU.....

In Fellowship


Paul M., Delegate Area 59 Panel 67



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**Alt-Delegate & Area Chairperson Annual Report to E.P.G.S.A.
Panel 67 - Year 1**

October 1, 2017, 2017

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for the privilege to serve Area 59 as your Alternate Delegate and Area Chairperson. At the 2016 assembly I was elected to serve as Area 59 Chairperson. Subsequently, on April 10, 2017, after the resignation of the then Alt-Delegate, I was asked – and accepted – those duties in addition to chairperson. I am grateful that fellow area officers accepted some of the duties, e.g. YPAA Liaison and PA State Convention Liaison, etc. As Alt-Delegate, it is a pleasure to work closely with our Delegate to ensure that the group conscience of Area 59 is gathered and prepared for application at the annual General Service Conference. In that regard, we hosted a well-attended and productive Pre-Conference Sharing Session in April.

We are blessed to have vibrant and active inter-group associations in Eastern PA. Both the SEPIA/Area 59 Share-A-Day and the Lancaster Multi-Inter-group Share-A-Day were successful and well attended. I will continue to work with the inter-groups as much as they wish to cooperate with our activities and sharing.

It has been a pleasure to advise three of our Area 59 subcommittees: Archives, Public Information and Structure. We have been blessed with competent and enthusiastic subcommittee chairpersons and active, hard-working DCMs on those subcommittees. You will hear of their wonderful service accomplishments a little later. They are also presenting some excellent workshops here at this convention. Please take the opportunity to learn from these trusted servants.

I am grateful for the opportunity to interact with other areas and service entities around the Fellowship due to your support. These include: the Northeast Regional Service Assembly and the Northeast Regional Forum: both of these provided excellent time with other area servants and trusted servant leaders in A.A. In addition, as a result of being in area service, I had the privilege of speaking at the Ohio State Convention this year; conducting General Service workshop in Delaware; and chairing the PA ICYPAA BID Committee elections.

It is also important to share my gratitude for all the Districts in area 59 (and their volunteers) who have hosted our many area events from quarterly meetings to Mini-Assemblies and area inventory. Your teams have been gracious hosts. Thanks!

In Fellowship and Service,
Ken D.



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2017 Annual Secretary's Report

Duties of the Area Secretary (from our Area Structure Manual)

"The Secretary records the minutes at the area meetings and functions; prepares the minutes and distributes them to the area committee and past delegates; maintains current records; updates DCM and ADCM listings; maintains an area calendar of activities; and is custodian of the area's video library."

Meeting Minutes: I prepare the minutes for our Quarterly Area Meetings, where the main business of Area 59 is conducted. Also included in the minutes are the DCM reports for each District. These reports have a lot of good information on how different Districts help carry the message. Each District is autonomous. We can learn a lot by seeing how other Groups, Districts and Areas do things. Please see our Area website for meeting minutes along with Quarterly Reports from Area Officers and Subcommittees.

Area 59 Library: Area 59 has a library that with many titles in both English and Spanish. Please make use of the wealth of information that our General Service Office (GSO) has provided to increase our knowledge of AA History, Traditions, and Service. Most items are available in our Mobile Library at Area Meetings and other events the Area Secretary attends. Requests for library items may be submitted online or through the mail. There are also many videos and audios that can be downloaded for free on www.aa.org. A list of videos and audios that are available in our library, and also on aa.org, are included with the Secretary report for each quarterly meeting.

Calendar of Events: If you would like an event added to the Area 59 Calendar, please go to our Area web site and submit a Calendar Request Form which is available from the Events link of our website. Events are not limited to Area 59 functions, but include District and Intergroup events, Group functions and AA events of interest to members. Please let us know, so we can attend. Events may be submitted online or through the mail.

Subcommittees: Area 59 operates by the Committee System, similar to the General Service Conference, which we ultimately support. I am the advisor to the Corrections and Treatment/Accessibilities Subcommittees, which are each made up of six DCM's. I advise them on how to address the Delegate Recommendations prepared at the beginning of Panel 67, along with other projects that they initiate to help carry the message. They both have great workshops planned for this afternoon. Please attend both of them or any of the other Subcommittee workshops.

YPAA Liaison: I have had the opportunity to serve as Liaison to the Young People in AA (YPAA) Committees in Eastern Pennsylvania. I've learned about the work they do beyond holding PENNSCYPAA (Pennsylvania State Convention of Young People in AA). Their involvement with PENNSXYPAA has prepared them for many service positions in AA. I also helped plan a Share-A-Day between Area 59 and nine YPAA Committees.

I'd like to thank Area 59 for sending me to the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) and the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF). These events are attended by Delegates, Area Officers, DCM's and GSR's from all over the Northeastern US; along with Trustees and GSO and Grapevine Staff. Of course, are welcome and encouraged to attend. I have learned a lot about how our General Service Structure operates, how different Areas do things, and came back with information on issues related to our World Services that will help me to be of maximum service to Area 59 and AA as a whole.

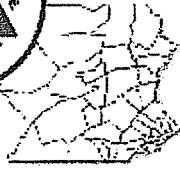
I've enjoyed attending GSR orientations that numerous Districts have held during this year. The GSR may be the most important service position in AA. It's vital that we help them to carry out their responsibilities to reach the alcoholic who doesn't know there is a solution. I'm happy to come to District meetings and District workshops.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve S

Area 59, Panel 67 Secretary



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TREASURER, PANEL 67, ANNUAL REPORT 2017

During the first year for Panel 67 we received approximately 900 contributions from Home Groups, Districts, individuals and other AA groups; these were processed and confirmation thank you letters were mailed. Contributions have increased both in number of groups contributing and monies received. Due to the generous support of our members Area 59 is in good financial health and we are able to replace worn equipment and expand our Twelve Step work.

All detailed financial information is available to our members and quarterly statements can be found on our web page: area59aa.org. Please feel free to contact me, treasurer@area59aa.org if you have any questions.

Responsibilities of the Treasurer include:

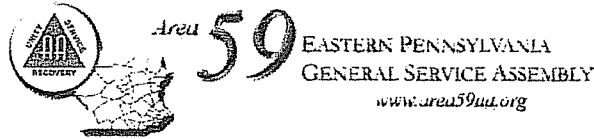
- Deposit and write all checks for area contributions and expenses.
- Maintain accurate accounting books, financial records and reports.
- File semiannual PA tax forms and file annual Federal tax forms through a professional accountant.
- Maintain our property and liability insurance.
- Maintain our Archives storage facility rental agreement.
- Assist the Finance Sub-Committee and provide information for budget proposals.
- Sign and file all rental agreements for meeting locations.

As Treasurer, I have been working with our Public Information and Finance Sub-Committees in developing an online contribution feature on our web page. Many months of research and planning have gone into this effort so we may smoothly implement this process.

Through 2017 I had the privilege to attend NERAASA and NERF, spending time with treasurers in other regional areas and gaining and sharing useful information. I visited several of our District meetings and workshops and was offered the opportunity to share my experience with Traditions, Concepts and General Service around our area. It is a pleasure and an honor to serve as the Area 59 Treasurer and I look forward to the next year.

In fellowship and service,

Curt C., Panel 67 Area 59 Treasurer



Officer-At-Large
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E.P.G.S.A. Panel 67, Annual Report 2017

Greetings Area 59! I have the honor of serving as your Area Officer-at-Large and Area Registrar. Year one of our two-year panel has proved to be an incredible learning experience. As your newest Area officer, elected in November 2016, I have been looking to Paul, Ken, Steve, and Curt, Past Delegates, and other trusted servants, for their collective wisdom, and I am also grateful to be able to draw on my seven years' experience in service with PENNSCYPAA and ICYPAA, and past service as GSR, ADCM, and DCM in District 27.

Overview of Officer-At-Large and Area Registrar Roles and Responsibilities

- As Officer-at-Large, I am available to stand in for Ken, Steve, or Curt, if ever necessary.
- I am also the custodian of the Area's properties, including the A/V equipment. In June, the Area Committee voted to create the Technology Servant position, and in September, we welcomed Pete B. to that role. I am very grateful for his willingness to serve and his expertise in the A/V field.
- My other responsibilities as Officer-at-Large are to help coordinate the two Delegate's Conference Report and Mini Assembly events each June; to serve as the Area 59 Liaison to the Pennsylvania State Convention; and to serve as the advisor for two Area 59 subcommittees: Grapevine and Ad-Hoc Literature. I also have the pleasure of attending district meetings, workshops, and Share-a-Days.
- In collaboration with Ken, I supported the effort to launch the *We...* newsletter in early 2017 and served as an editor for the first four issues. We are grateful to the Literature subcommittee for agreeing to take over the production of that publication as of September.
- As your Area Registrar, I am responsible for keeping all group information and district information current in the General Service Office's database, called the Fellowship New Vision database, or FNV for short. I'm the one who receives your group change forms and does the data entry to keep your groups' records up-to-date and ensure that your GSR kits are sent to you in a timeline manner.

Fellowship New Vision (FNV) Database Report

- Area 59 consists of 1,597 groups listed as Active and 53 groups listed as Unknown. I print the forms for each and every group and distribute them to the DCMs at each Area quarterly meeting.
- In August, GSO asked for help to update their service committee mailing lists with current contact info for all district committee chairs. About 6 DCMs have responded to date, so please, if you have district committees, i.e. Corrections or Public Information, please share the chairs' info with me.
- I had the privilege of attending NERAASA in February and learning best practices from other Area Registrars and from GSO's Records department staff. Now that we have a Tech Servant, I can dedicate more time at the Area quarterly meetings to registrar-related duties.

Delegate's Conference Reports and Mini-Assemblies

- Our Delegate reported back on the 2017 General Service Conference at the two Delegate's Conference Reports and Mini-Assemblies, held on June 10 and 24, attended by 100 members and 127 members, respectively. Thank you for the opportunity to plan and facilitate those events.

Area 59 Liaison to Pennsylvania State Convention

- 180 attendees were at the 2017 convention in August. Next year will be the 25th anniversary. Please see the Area calendar online for dates of the planning committee meetings and the 2018 convention.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 59. I look forward to another productive year of service in 2018!

Yours in fellowship and service,
Caroline N., Area 59 Panel 67 Officer-At-Large and Area Registrar

Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept,
The things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And wisdom to know the difference.
"Thy will, not mine, be done."

I am responsible Declaration

I am responsible
When anyone, anywhere
Reaches out for help, I want
The hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that I am responsible

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future
To place our common welfare first
To keep our fellowship united
For on A.A. Unity depends our lives
And the lives of those to come