



**Officer-At-Large Report
E.P.G.S.A. Panel 67
March 12, 2017
Area Quarterly Meeting, 2Q17**

Group Information Sheets

Group information sheets for each group in your district have been included in your folder. "Active" groups are on the right, "Unknown" or "Inactive" groups are on the left. Please verify with your "Active" groups that the information is complete and correct. If not, submit a change (see below). A group is listed as "Unknown" if it does not have a meeting location or if there is no contact person. Some "Inactive" groups may also still be meeting. Please check and see if the "Unknown" and "Inactive" groups exist.

New Group, Group Change, and District Change Forms

I will make changes in GSO's Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database as soon as I receive new or updated information.

1. Ways to submit changes:
 - a. Online group forms, at www.area59aa.org under Service Resources
 - b. Type the information in an email and send to me at officer-at-large@area59aa.org
 - c. Print, fill in, scan, and email the form to me at officer-at-large@area59aa.org
 - d. Mail to me at: 5214 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143
 - e. Bring a hard copy to the next Area Quarterly Meeting
2. New GSRs usually receive their GSR packets within 2-3 weeks.
3. There is a 30-day pending period after a new group is input and when it is made "Active" by GSO.

Travel Log

1/8/17: EPGSA and SEPIA Share-A-Day Planning Meeting, Philadelphia, PA	2/19/17: EPGSA and SEPIA Share-A-Day, Philadelphia, PA
1/22/17: DCM Orientation, Bryn Mawr, PA	2/24/17-2/26/17: NERAASA, Framingham, MA
2/4/17: PA State Convention Planning Meeting, Harrisburg, PA	3/2/17: 77 th Anniversary of AA in Philadelphia Event, Philadelphia, PA
2/7/17: District 30 GSR Orientation, Downingtown, PA	3/12/17: Area Quarterly Meeting, Plymouth Meeting, PA
2/16/17: Pre-Area Meeting, Glenolden, PA	

NERAASA Area Registrar Roundtable

I learned about other areas' practices with Group Change Forms. Only two other areas in the Northeast Region print Group Change Forms as regularly as we do (currently, we print quarterly; I printed approximately 2,500 sheets of paper for today's meeting). Other areas disseminate group information electronically as PDFs or in Excel spreadsheets; or, print once a year at the annual area assembly/convention. Another registrar suggested an "opt in" for printing vs. electronic, so each district can make a choice. What would be most helpful to you as DCMs? My goal is to ensure we are staying on top of group changes, so that groups have the opportunity to be connected with GSO and AA as a whole. I am here to be of service to you and the groups in your districts.

Yours in fellowship and service,
Caroline N.

Area 59 Panel 67 Officer-At-Large and Area Registrar

Screenshot of FNV Database Home Page

A.A. General Service Office

Home Group Search Individual & Position Search District Change Location Search Downloads Add New

Service # Search

You are logged in as: **fnva59u** [Logout](#)

Work with Groups

[Search for Groups](#) [Add a Group](#)

NOTE: Your Area has 62 groups with a Status of Unknown. These groups will not receive mailings until they are marked Active. An Active group must have a Primary Contact for mailing and at least one Meeting Day and Time. To update any information, please select the correct status link below to view the group search results.

Groups that might need your attention:

Status	Count
New Groups:	2
Pending Active:	3
Pending Inactive:	2
Incomplete:	0
Unknown:	62

Work with Individuals & Positions

[Search for Individuals & Positions](#) [Add an Individual](#)

NOTE: Your area has 103 addresses which fail address verification. These individuals and group contacts might not receive correspondence unless the addresses are corrected. To update any information, please select the link below to view the individual search results.

Addresses that need your attention:
[Invalid Addresses 103](#)

Announcements

Welcome to **Fellowship New Vision**.

Please watch this section of the FNV Home page for announcements of interest to all Area Record Keepers.

- The cutoff date for group updates to be entered into FNV for the 2017-2018 Regional Directories is May 12, 2017.
- The FNV User's Guide has been updated for 2017. It can be found under Download.
- Group Sheets Templates Please note when previewing your output that the first page is blank- which was necessary to ensure that each group starts on a new page. You should delete this page before printing.
- Did you know that A.A. Members can contribute ONLINE? Look for "A.A. Member Contributions ONLINE" on the A.A. Website or visit <https://ctb.aaws.org> and Pass It On!
- For assistance using FNV to manage your Area's records, contact the GSO Records Department at (212) 870-3400 or records@aa.org.
- For technical questions or to report a system problem, notify FNV Support at: gsofnvsupport@aa.org.

Group Status Codes

New Indicates a new group record has been added to the database by the Area Registrar and its status has not been changed to "Pending Active" by the GSO Records department staff. The status change occurs the business day following the database entry, and review. If the New Group form has no anomalies or omissions of information the record is updated to "Pending Active."

Pending Active Indicates a group that was recently added to the database is in the 30-day pending period which is assigned to all newly added groups. Once the 30-day pending period has elapsed the status will change to Active.

Active The Group's record indicates that it is active when it has a primary mail contact on record along with meeting information.

Pending Inactive The GSO Records department is processing a request to inactivate a group. If the record in the database has a contact's name, a letter is sent to verify the request to inactivate is genuine. If there is no contact on the record the groups status is changed to inactive immediately.

Inactive The Records department has received and verified information that a group has disbanded or is not currently meeting, or the Primary mail contact has been removed.

Merged Two groups have decided to join and become one group. The GSO Records department receives the information as to which group will remain the active, who will be the GSR, and the meeting place, days and times. Then the records are combined and cross referenced. The active group will show a status of active and the merged group will show the status of merged. The merged group can request to be unmerged at any time by contacting the Records department and providing updated contact, meeting place and meeting time information.

Unknown A group is still active; however their group record at the GSO does not have a GSR or Primary mail contact attached to it; which indicates there is no one receiving the group's mail. Anyone in the group can volunteer to receive the group's mail it does not need to be a GSR. Also a group can become "Unknown" when the GSO receives returned mail and is unable to confirm a new mailing address.

With Staff Indicates there is a question about information on a New Group form that requires one of the A.A. Staff members to review the form and reach out to the new group's contact for clarification. It usually has to do with the way a group is named. Should there be any questions about the information on a new group form, it will be referred to an A.A. staff member for further review/resolution. In these cases the 30 day "Pending-Active" period will not begin until the outstanding questions have been answered. The status would be changed from "New" to "With Staff" and will remain until there is an answer to whatever question has arisen during the New Group review process. At that time the status would be updated to "Pending Active."