



Area 59 Quarterly Area Meeting
Panel 69
December 9, 2018
Collingdale Fire Hall, Collingdale, PA

Steve S., Chairperson, Panel 69, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Steve then gave a reading from the 1965 International Convention.

Acknowledged Guests – Past Delegates from Area 59: Marcia G., Marty S., J. Gary L., Sheila D., Lowell L., Hugh H., Steve O, Pat F. and Paul M.

Traditions and Concepts – Volunteers were asked to present readings at the next quarterly meeting on the Traditions. Tradition 1, Ken, District 41, Tradition 2, Alicia, District 36, Tradition 3, Brooke, District 54.

Roll Call – Curt C., Secretary, conducted the roll call. All six officers present and 42 Districts represented for a total of 48 out of 54 eligible voting Committee Members present at roll call. At the next quarterly meeting there will be a roll call sign in sheet at the registration desk. Please fill in your information to reduce the time required for the roll call process. Roll Call tally sheet attached at end of Minutes.

Procedural Motion – The Chairperson requested a motion from the floor to suspend normal rules: “To allow non-voting members who are Past Delegates to speak to the Committee for this meeting.” Motion made by District 33 with a second by District 54. The motion was passed without objection.

General Inspirational Comments Presented by Past Delegates:

1. Marty S. (Panel 51), People think you have all the answers... you don't. Ask for help. Remember, you are the backbone to your groups for General Service.
2. J. Gary L. (Panel 55), He came to A.A. knowing nothing but thought A.A. was a big deal, he hopes you also feel that way. Being in service offers you the chance to form friendships which will last a lifetime.
3. Sheila D. (Panel 57), She now serves as Coffee Maker. Get a service sponsor and please call on past Delegates for help.
4. Lowell L. (Panel 59), You are a link in the chain and that's how it works.
5. Hugh H. (Panel 61), Always be able to answer the question, “How will this help A.A.”.
6. Steve O. (Panel 63), We have a lot of fun here but don't forget, here at the business meeting is where we get work done.
7. Pat F. (Panel 65), Enjoy the journey and it's about love and tolerance. Attend as many service events as possible.
8. Paul M. (Panel 67), As a DCM it was sometimes difficult to support a passed motion but he later learned to ask if it served A.A. it must be supported.
9. Marcia G. (Panel 41), Read a poem about past Delegates then stated not to throw the Traditions away.



Resumed rules of order.

Delegate Report – by Ken D. Job is to listen to our members, provide leadership and represent Area 59 at the General Service Conference. Communication is a priority for GSO as well as Area 59 for this panel. Some methods of communication will be through email and our newsletter. Please call on past Delegates, current Officers, fellow DCM's and service colleagues for help. Ask your district to support you in going to service events if possible, such as NERAASA, which is an excellent opportunity. Register early. The service roster is not to be shared beyond our General Service Panel since it does have last names and contact information. This is for our internal use only. Let's try to remember Rule 62, Don't take yourself so darned serious, and let's have fun. To sum up thoughts, remember inspiration, perspiration and communication.

Alternate Delegate Report – by Caroline N. Alt. Delegate must listen and learn from the Delegate and prepare to fill in wherever needed. Will facilitate the DCM Orientation and Share a Day in Philadelphia. Is Liaison to Intergroup and YPAA. Will also work closely with District 68.

Chairperson's Report – by Steve S. Service calendar is important showing events which should be attended as well as others advised to attend. If you plan on going to NERAASA and or NERF get a hotel room reserved early as they fill up quickly. Send your sub-committee minutes to your advisor before the pre-area officers meeting. Be sure to get your district minutes to all officers regularly, (also the Archivist). We do follow Roberts Rules with some modifications in our business meetings. If you are ever confused during a meeting please go to the mic and ask for clarification.

Secretary's Report – by Curt C. For this meeting, AQ1, many documents are printed and in the folder for each DCM. In following quarterly meetings all of these documents will be available in English and Spanish but some may not be placed in each DCM's folders unless requested. This to reduce un-needed printing. The service roster will be sent to you regularly, electronically, as updates are received. Please speak into the mic for any business conversation.

Your DCM report for each quarterly meeting can be submitted electronically, <https://area59aa.org/service-resources/>, or a hardcopy can be placed in the basket at each meeting.

Area 59 has a lending library with various CD's and DVD's. These could be used for workshops and presentations to the Area. Some of these can also be found on AA's web site:

http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios

The Roster is confidential. Please do not distribute to anyone who is not listed on the roster. A draft copy of the minutes for each Area meeting will be sent out before each meeting and they will be approved or amended at the next Area meeting. Please submit your events using the Calendar Request Form on our Area website: <https://area59aa.org/calendar-requests/>



Treasurer – by Sue M. Profit and Loss report for fiscal 2018 is in packet and a current report will be given at each quarterly meeting.

Make checks payable to EPGSA
Mail to: Area 59 Treasurer
14 Casey Dr.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Officer-At-Large Report - by Pete B. Group information sheets are distributed in folder, active groups on right inactive or unknown groups on left. Groups do not have to be active with a GSR but if they have a contact they can then receive information from GSO. Group change forms are available electronically: <https://area59aa.org/service-resources/>. OAL is going to conduct an inventory of all Area property, please pass along any property you have as soon as possible.

Chairperson Comment Area events are chosen with care trying to spread events throughout our area as fairly as possible. If you have questions about the selections please contact the chairperson.

Delegates Comments. EPGSA for 2020 location has been selected: Lancaster Host, Nov. 1-3, 2020. For further information: convention@area59aa.org

Chairperson Comments. Break for sub-committees to choose their secretary and next meeting.

- Archives: Chair, Ed M., secretary, Ken P., next meeting, DCM Orientation 9AM.
- CPC: Chair, Ron P., secretary, Donna M., next meeting, DCM Orientation 8AM.
- Corrections: Chair, Jason W., secretary, Steve N., next meeting, DCM Orientation 9AM.
- Finance: Chair, Dan B., secretary, John B., next meeting, conference call Dec. 27, 8PM.
- Grapevine: Chair, Nora A., secretary, Mike L., next meeting, DCM Orientation 8AM.
- Public Information: Chair, David M., secretary, Leah S., next meeting, after DCM Orientation.
- Structure: Chair, Alicia S., secretary, Bill D., next meeting, DCM Orientation 9AM.
- Treatment: Chair, Tom S., secretary, Suzanne C., next meeting, DCM Orientation 9AM.
- Literature: Chair, Sarah R., secretary, Barb, next meeting, DCM Orientation 9AM.

Sarah R., Literature Ad-hoc sub-committee, read from F-12 the Your DCM pamphlet.

Chairperson Actions for Panel 69

1. That Area 59 and all Sub-Committees adopt and follow the parliamentary process followed by the General Service Conference.
Motion: Dan, (27), second, Eva, (26). Unanimous consent.
2. That the Area 59 Committee respects the obligation of our Landlord agreements especially by smoking in legally authorized areas, away from all public entrances and outside of all Area venues.
Motion: Mike, (51), second, Bill, (40) Unanimous consent.

3. That the Area Committee defines a quorum for conducting substantial business to be 27 of 54 eligible voting members. Committee members must be present to vote at the time a vote is called for. Once the Chair recognizes that a quorum is not present during deliberations, he or she may suspend the process and schedule the business to a different time.

Motion: Andy, (52), second, Brooke, (54).

Comments: 50% seems a low number for a quorum. Motion to amend to read: 28 of 54 with a second. No discussion on amendment. 34 voted in favor of adopting the amendment which is substantial unanimity. Motion carries.

Vote for amended motion is unanimous.

4. That all proposals and sub-committee recommendations be submitted in writing in time for the Pre-Area Officers Meeting, so the final versions can be placed on the agenda ahead of the quarterly meetings. The Chair has the right of decision to call for a motion to refer all proposed structure changes to the Structure Sub-Committee for research and recommendations for the full Area Committee.

Motion: Norman, (60), second, Gail,(22). Unanimous consent.

Delegates non-elected servants. Delegate asks for affirmation as a slate; Greg G., Web Servant: Donald H. Archivist: Jack C. Assistant Archivist: Neill D., Technology Servant. Motion, second, unanimous consent. Motion for Convention Committee Chair, Paul M.. Motion, second, unanimous consent.

Delegate Recommendations.

General Recommendations of the Delegate 69

Recommendations 1 – 21 are being presented for approval of the initial meeting at the Area Committee (December 9, 2018) due to the fact that we do not reconvene business until March 2019. There are items on the list that must be settled before March 2019.

Any recommendation, of course, can be revisited at a later date should the Area Committee wish to do so.

The Delegate respectfully recommends that EPGSA:

1. Continue to hold our meetings and functions in various geographic locations of Eastern Pennsylvania.
2. Continue to fund the fully allocated cost of sending the Delegate to the General Service Conference in New York each year of the Panel.
3. Continue to hold a Pre-Conference Sharing Session each year of the Panel to inform the Delegate of the Area's conscience concerning selected Conference Agenda Items.
4. Hold two Delegate Conference Reports/Mini-Assemblies each year of the Panel, with the Delegate reporting back on conference proceedings, as well as, being invited at any District workshops.

5. Continue to fund the immediate Past Delegate, the Area Officers, the Web Servant and either the Archivist and/or the Assistant Archivist to the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (NERAASA) each year of the Panel; and the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) in Tarrytown, NY held in May 31 – June 2, 2018 (NERF is held once a Panel in our region.)
6. Continue to fund the Delegate, Alternate Delegate and the immediate Past Delegate to the Northeast Regional Delegates' meeting (NERD) each year of the Panel.
7. Continue to encourage our Intergroups to send representatives as observers to all EPGSA Area Meetings and subcommittee meetings.
8. Continue to help plan and participate in days of sharing with all interested Intergroups and Central Offices in Eastern Pennsylvania.
9. Continue to participate in one day of combined sharing with interested Pennsylvania YPAA committees.
10. Continue to fund the Delegate, or designated Area Officer, and the Intergroup Liaison to Intergroup round-ups.
11. Continue having a paid accounting professional prepare and file any tax or regulatory reports required by Federal and/or State law, as well as, conduct and annual review of our financial records.
12. Continue to reimburse mileage at 35 cents per mile while on Area business. (The Finance subcommittee will monitor travel costs and make recommendations for reimbursement changes.)
13. Continue to reimburse meals at actual cost per meal, not to exceed \$10 per meal, except at events where banquets and meals are an integral part of the reason for being there (e.g. NERF, NERAASA, PENNSCYPAA, PA State Convention, Intergroup Round Ups).
14. Continue the *ad hoc* Literature subcommittee with the responsibility of publishing our area newsletter with DCM & ADCM members appointed by the Delegate.
15. Continue to publish all Area documents – those produced by Area Officers, Area Subcommittees and by DCM's – in both English and Spanish on www.area59aa.org.
16. Continue to send an Area Officer liaison to the PA State Convention Planning meetings, also fund the liaison to attend the PA State Convention.
17. Continue to hold an Area Day in the second year of the Panel.
18. Continue to conduct an Area Inventory midway through the Panel.

19. Discontinue the *ad hoc* Workspace subcommittee and continue the work of obtaining a new storage/workspace facility via the Panel 69 Archives subcommittee.
20. Continue to select and support a Tech Servant to assist the Officer-At-Large and Area Committee to maintain and provide our tech equipment.
21. Direct the Convention Committee to hold an inventory by February 28, 2019 allowing the Delegate full participation and sharing the results (that have nothing to do with personal issues) to all members of the Area Committee via post on the Area 59 web site.

Recommendations 22 – 27

Will be presented for approval at the March 2019 Area Committee meeting. This will give DCMs the opportunity to seek their Districts' conscience on these matters prior to acting on them. Any recommendation, of course, can be revisited at a later date should the Area Committee wish to do so.

Please discuss the following Recommendations at District Meetings prior to the 2019 March Area Committee Meeting.

The Delegate respectfully recommends that EPGSA:

22. Continue to fund the Area Officers, the Web Servant, Archivist and Assistant Archivist to attend the EPGSA's Annual Convention each year.
23. Continue to fund the Delegate, or designated Area Officer, to attend the PA State Convention each year.
24. Continue to fund the Delegate, or designated Area Officer, to attend PENNSCYPAA each year during the Panel.
25. Continue to fund the Archivist or the Assistant Archivist to attend the National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) each year during the Panel.
26. Continue to fund the Web Servant to the Technology Information Convention each year during the Panel.
27. Continue to fund a member of Eastern PA to the National Corrections Workshop in November. In the case that an Area Corrections subcommittee member cannot attend (possibly due to conflict with E.P.G.S.A. Convention) the delegate will select a Member with solid Corrections service experience to attend & report to the Area Committee.

Asked for a resolution as a slate numbers 1 through 21.

Motion, Ken, (41), second, Norman,(60). Motion to drop number 21 with no second. Vote to adopt 1-21 as a slate, 1 opposes with no minority opinion, motion carries.

DCM Reports

Dist.	Registered Groups	Members Attending	Highlights and Upcoming Events
23	61	20	<p>Longtimers brunch held Sat., Oct. 20 at Holiday Inn, Kulpsville. Approx. 90 members attending with 5 speakers of 30 years or more. Very successful and well-liked by all for this traditional event.</p> <p>Elections held for new area officers. Congratulations to Will U, (DCM), Sean G., (Alt. DCM), Chuck, Secretary, Mike, Treasurer.</p> <p>District meeting, (Dec. 5), included planning for 2019 and transition to new District Officers. Vote to order printer/scanner for Secretary, passed. Discussed to have GSRs bring back to groups potential plan for District 23 website and establish on secure server. Would cost approx. \$300 per year. Started planning for District Committees for 2019.</p>
27	40	15	<p>District 27 along with 25, 26, 60 and 68 hosted Area Forum IV. Although attendance could have been better, it was a great opportunity to work with other districts. A few GSR's from 27 did attend.</p> <p>The main focus was trying to get as many GSR's as possible to attend the Nov. Convention. Since the District is currently running a surplus, we even offered to provide financial assistance to those who needed it. In the end nobody required it, but we did have 11 who came, which is very good compared to prior years. Everyone had a great experience and many were inspired and saw AA in a new way.</p> <p>In October we had elections, and people were willing to step up and be in Service- all of our Officer positions were filled!</p> <p>Our new ADCM has been very enthusiastic. At the November Convention, she spoke with other local ADCM's and for the first time we will have a combined district GSR Orientation in January or early February.</p> <p>All groups in the district have reported good attendance, and the last district meeting we had about 20 GSR's. I'm hopeful this trend will continue! Upcoming events: Combined District GSR Orientation Workshop in late Jan. or early Feb. In March we will be hosting the celebration of the 79th anniversary of AA in Philadelphia-date to be determined. For the first time in many years we are asking other districts to participate.</p> <p>27, Continued: Of special note, we have reached out to District 68, because even</p>



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			District 27 continued: though most of their meetings are in the Philadelphia area, they are not included when local districts host events. We plan to make a special effort to include them whenever possible.
34	29	7	Elected a new slate of Officers.
37	33	10-15	<p>9/26: District 37 “open house” held to generate enthusiasm for October voting; former Trustee J. Gary L. and former Area Officer-At-Large Eileen shared their story; good turnout and a great experience for all involved!</p> <p>10/06: joint District 37 and 57 workshop on Steps 6&7, excellent turnout and a great experience.</p> <p>10/30: District Officer voting held; 4 new District Officers elected: Sara R, DCM; Melissa A, ADCM; Theresa, Secretary; Pam, Treasurer.</p> <p>11/02-02: Approx. 6 GSR’s DCM and ADCM attended EPGSA.</p> <p>District 37 in good shape financially and next panel ready to hit the ground running! Upcoming events: Various Christmas parties, etc.</p>
45	50	15	<p>Nominations and voting for new panel.</p> <p>Upcoming events: December 1st workshop. December meeting changes to 3rd Tuesday due to a holiday. Change of officers is the primary task.</p>
46	24	0	<p>Long Timers Panel, October 26, well attended. Elected new Officers in October who took office in December. Archives committee created tri-fold for District 46.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Christmas Eve Party. New Year’s Eve Party. Normally meet 1st Tuesday of the month, in Jan. this will be New Year’s day so will meet on Jan. 8.</p>
47	43	28	<p>ODAAT group hosted a Thanksgiving alcothon.</p> <p>Upcoming events: Christmas Day Alcothon 104 Green St., Sellersville, PA. 9AM-4PM.</p>
53	10	7	District has a new incoming DCM.
54	22	8	<p>Good debate over use of surplus funds for “scholarships” to EPGSA, Grapevine subscriptions for the area and donations to Alcothons within the district that are fully financially separate from any group or meeting.</p> <p>DCM election was held. Other elections have been deferred until the January meeting. Those include ADCM, Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>Discussion of a workshop in March began. GSR’s were asked to review the conference report with their groups to come up with potential topics.</p> <p>The next meeting will be in January 2019.</p>



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			<p>District 54 continued. The outgoing Officers would like to thank the GSR's and groups for their support over the past two years, and to thank everyone for the chance to serve AA. Events, election results.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>Elections for other district service positions in January.</p> <p>Planned workshop for March, (not confirmed).</p> <p>District structure manual development.</p> <p>Restart District Night Out to encourage dark groups and meetings to become involved.</p>
61	24	16	New panel took over.
66	40	20	<p>Elected new Officers for all positions.</p> <p>Discussed EPGSA events, election results.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>December meeting to be held at Wyomissing Family Resraurant.</p>
68	19	15	<p>We approved the expense for a District Group History Archives book.</p> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>Workshop December 14, 2018 in Ambler from 7 to 9PM.</p> <p>Hispanic State Convention, May 18-19. Save the date!</p>

March 10, 2019 next quarterly, AQ2, District 22

Meeting adjourned 3:30PM



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District	DCM / ADCM (not your name)	Guests	Summaries (Announcements)	Actions (Questions)	District	DCM / ADCM (Not your name)	Guests	Summaries (Announcements)	Actions (Questions)
Delegate	Present				Secretary	Present			
Alt. Del.	Present				Treasurer	Present			
Chair	Present				OAL	Present			
21	DCM	1			45	DCM	0		
22	DCM	1			46	DCM	0		
23	DCM	0			47	DCM	2		
24	DCM	0			48	DCM	1		
25	DCM	1			49	Absent			
26	DCM	1			50	Absent			
27	DCM	2			51	DCM	1		
28	Absent				52	Absent			
29	DCM	0			53	Absent			
30	DCM	1			54	DCM	0		
31	ADCM	2			55	ADCM	0		
32	DCM	1			56	DCM	0		
33	DCM	3			57	DCM	1		
34	DCM	1			58	DCM	0		
35	DCM	1			59	DCM	2		
36	DCM	2			60	DCM	0		
37	DCM	0			61	DCM	0		
38	DCM	0			62	Absent			
39	DCM	3			63	DCM	1		
40	DCM	1			64	DCM	0		
41	DCM	1			65	DCM	1		
42	DCM	0			66	DCM	0		
43	DCM	0			67	DCM	1		
44	DCM	0			68	DCM	3		

Panel 69 AQ1 December 9, 2018 Roll Call