



**Officer-At-Large
EPGSA Panel 69, Annual Report 2019**

I am honored to serve Area 59 as officer-at-large and registrar for Panel 69. This year has been incredibly rewarding and I have learned much about Alcoholics Anonymous. Being a new Area officer, I have had to rely on the experience of others and in this regard, there is no shortage. My fellow officers have been tremendously helpful and I'm grateful for them and all they do for A.A.

My first task this panel was to complete a full inventory of Area 59's property, including all convention supplies, electronics, and audio/ visual equipment. I had the privilege of working with our DCMs to ensure effective planning and execution of our two annual Mini Assemblies. These Mini Assemblies, designed to inform the A.A. membership in Area 59, include our delegate's report of the General Service Conference and usually take place in June. I advise our public information subcommittee and admire their dedication to keeping the content on our website current and anonymity protected, in addition to their progress on delegate and Area committee recommendations.

My registrar duties include communication with the records department at the General Service Office and entering your group change forms into their database named Fellowship New Vision. I receive and process, on average, around 5-10 entries per week. Entries can be a group updating its name, meeting location or time as well as changes to a group's listed contact or General Service Representative. Keeping your group's contact information current with Area 59 and GSO establishes a line of communication, informing your group and connecting it to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Utilizing the data that I collect as registrar, I was able to assist our blast email launch team and help Area 59 more effectively communicate with the GSRs. This new communication system has already proven to be extremely dynamic and is overseen by our public information subcommittee.

The numbers in Fellowship New Vision fluctuate as I enter your group change forms, but Area 59 has averaged 1,598 active groups, 87 unknown groups, 32,710 members, with 1,381 GSRs this year. GSO has undergone a massive system update, consolidating 8 databases previously responsible for literature orders, contributions, group records and more into one single platform. The office went live with the new system on August 5th and reports from the records department note that, while transition has been challenging, the new system is performing very well. Following the completed changeover, I plan to begin a trial period for a paperless approach to group updates. The new process will place more accessible, accurate and up to date group records in the hands of each district, while requiring significantly less resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and for your group contributions which make vital services possible and supported my attendance to NERAASA and NERF this year. The information I received at both events and connections I made with other servants has increased my passion for service considerably. Thank you to the DCMs for invitations to your District workshops and business meetings, I have thoroughly enjoyed attending and participating in them. I look forward to another productive year in general service.

In fellowship and service,
Pete B.
Area 59 Panel 69 Officer-At-Large and Registrar