



Alternate Delegate
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E.P.G.S.A. Panel 69, Annual Report 2019

Greetings Area 59! Thank you for the honor of serving as your Alternate Delegate. It is a privilege to be in service to Alcoholics Anonymous through General Service and have the opportunity to work alongside this wonderful panel of DCMs and Area officers. Thanks especially to Ken for being an exemplary Delegate and mentor. I have learned a great deal as his alternate, thanks to the spirit of openness, collaboration, and communication that we bring to our work in Eastern Pennsylvania.

The EPGSA Structure Manual, 2019 edition, provides an overview of the Alternate Delegate's role and responsibilities, which states on page 17: "The Alternate Delegate assists the Delegate and helps keep informed of Conference and area activities; assumes the Delegate's duties in his/her absence; serve as area liaison to Intergroups and central offices."

It is my pleasure to report on my involvement with the following service activities since being elected in November 2018:

- Coordinated and facilitated the DCM Orientation in January; 42 of 48 districts were represented.
- Worked alongside our Delegate to ensure that all 69th General Service Conference agenda items and background information were available to the Fellowship well in advance of the annual Pre-Conference Sharing Session. Reviewed the Conference Committee on Corrections agenda items and background more closely in case Ken needed me to step in. Served as Parliamentarian at the Pre-Conference Sharing Session in May.
- Liaison to all intergroups within Area 59. Coordinated and co-chaired the Area 59/SEPIA Share-A-Day (held in February, attended by 145 members) by assisting SEPIA's Vice-Chair in the first year of our panel; I will take the lead in the second year. Attended the SEPIA Round-Up in April. Shared agenda items and other communications from the General Service Office with all intergroups in Eastern Pennsylvania throughout the year and will continue to be available to intergroups as much as they wish to cooperate and share together in service.
- Liaison to all YPAA committees within Area 59. Facilitated the PENNSCYPAA Host Committee Inventory in January and attended PENNSCYPAA in July. Wrote letters of support for PENNSCYPAA bid committees from Bucks County, Williamsport, and Lancaster. Communication with PA Bid for ICYPAA and its regional subcommittees.
- Liaison to District 68 Linguistic District. Attended the Hispanic Convention of the State of Pennsylvania in May.
- Attended NERAASA in February, NERD in March, and NERF in May, participating in roundtables and meetings for Delegates and Alternate Delegates of the Northeast Region. Thank you for sending me to these regional events. At NERAASA, for the second year in a row, I participated as a "member consultant" to the Self-Support Subcommittee of the Trustees' Finance Committee at the invitation of GSO's General Manager.

Among my other duties, I also serve as advisor to the Archives and Structure subcommittees, and am responsible for staying fully informed of the progress of their work regarding the Delegate's recommendations and provide suggestions on issues and process, when asked. Both subcommittees have been very productive this panel, and I thank all of the DCMs, chairpersons, and secretaries for their service. I've also enjoyed attending district meetings, workshops, and events throughout the year, so thank you for those invitations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 59, and I look forward to our next year of service together.

Yours in fellowship and service,
Caroline N.