



**Officer-At-Large/Registrar Report  
E.P.G.S.A. Panel 71  
March 14, 2021  
Area Quarterly Meeting, 2Q21**

**Fellowship Connection** is a web-based application that facilitates collaboration between GSO and the Area. Beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup>, all DCMs and Delegates were granted read-only access to this database. You can now view, search, filter and download reports of the current information provided to GSO by accessing <https://fc.aa.org>. There are short instructional videos on the FC dashboard under the “Help” section. You can also access Contributions Online and the Online Bookstore, as outlined in the email sent to DCMs on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you did not receive an email from GSO, please let me know immediately and I will notify Records for you. Again, DCM access is READ-ONLY; all updates/changes/corrections will still need to be made by me using our usual notification methods as described below:

**Group, Group Change, and District Change Forms:** You can complete forms by submitting them online - it's as simple as visiting the Area 59 website, clicking on Service Resources, and accessing the appropriate form. Once required fields are completed (the red asterisks indicate REQUIRED information), simply click “send” and I will receive notification that a change needs to be recorded. This is the preferred method.

You can also print, complete, and scan the form to me at [officer-at-large@area59aa.org](mailto:officer-at-large@area59aa.org). Or print the form, complete it by hand (please write legibly), and mail to me at 1444 Roundtop Road Middletown, PA 17057. When we begin meeting face to face, you can bring hard copies of forms to the quarterly meetings, should you wish to do so. Some districts have elected to create their own database or customized method of submitting group changes. All of these methods will enable me to make changes to FC to ensure that GSRs receive their kits in a timely manner and all records are current. The first method suggested, **online submission**, is the most expeditious, however, and I strongly encourage its use. It is important for us to keep accurate and up to date records on scores of trusted servants who regularly rotate in and out of service positions in Area 59. I am available to anyone or any district, who would like to have more detailed instruction or explanation, upon request.

**And so...**at present, we have 1.659 Active and 83 Unknown Groups in our area. Unknown Indicates that a group is still active, but its group record does not have a GSR or Primary mail contact attached to it. This means there is no one available to receive the group's mail from the GSO. Anyone in the group can volunteer to receive the group's mail; it does not need to be a GSR. It's been a while coming, but this new system appears to be working well, and the few “glitches” that I've encountered have been immediately addressed by the Records Department at GSO. This new system allows more streamlining and automation

than ever possible in terms of redesigning the maintenance of the group information database. I am excited about the endless possibilities for improvement as we move forward.

**Mini Assembly Planning:** Thank you to all DCMs who participated in the Mini Assembly Planning Session of January 17<sup>th</sup>. We initially hoped to be able to meet face to face for these annual events. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, the decision has been made to hold these sessions virtually using the Area 59 Zoom account. Districts involved in planning for the Mini I to be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> met on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and a second planning meeting for the Mini II, to be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> will be held next Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you did not receive an email or are unclear about your district's commitment, please let me know asap. This will be another unprecedented Area event that will no doubt be informative as well as lots of fun!

**NERAASA Registrar Roundtable:** I attended both the Friday and Saturday Registrar Roundtables this year; discussion was held on a variety of topics, including virtual meetings and Fellowship Connection. A suggestion to offer "mini-trainings" on GSO forms was put forth, and as I mentioned previously, I would be happy to provide that if requested to do so. Thank you to Area 59 for enabling me to attend this years' virtual NERAASA; I learned a lot and was fascinated by the virtual platform and all that it had to offer!

**ZOOM "Travel Log":**

12/28/2020: Fellowship Connection Training with General Service Office

01/15/2021: VAT team and Officers regarding DCM Orientation/Mini Assembly Planning

01/17/2020: DCM Orientation / DCR Mini Assembly Planning

02/01/2021: Officers Meeting regarding initial PCSS Planning

02/17/2021: PCSS Subcommittee Chair Planning and Responsibilities

02/20/2021: Pre-Area Officers Meeting

02/21/2020: SEPIA Share A Day

02/26-27/2021: NERAASA - Panels, Roundtables, Business Meeting, Speaker

03/05/2020: 2<sup>nd</sup> Session - Fellowship Connection Training with General Service Office

03/07/2020: Virtual Mini I Planning Session

Yours in fellowship and service,

Alicia S.  
Area 59 Panel 71 Officer-At-Large and Area Registrar