



Delegate Report
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 71
June 13, 2021
Area Quarterly Meeting, 3Q21 (Zoom)

Panel 71 is well underway, and I thank you all for your service to our Area and subcommittees, the districts and groups, and all of the members and still suffering alcoholics in Eastern Pennsylvania who benefit from your hard work and service leadership.

This past quarter has been especially busy as I have prepared for and participated in the 71st General Service Conference (April 18-24, 2021), held for the second year on a virtual platform. I am grateful to all who attended our Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session, and those who shared input on agenda items via the Google Group. I attended the week-long series of meetings, presentations, reports, sharing sessions, workshops, elections, and fellowship as the representative from Eastern Pennsylvania, and it was truly an honor and privilege.

I hope you were able to attend one of the two Delegate's Conference Reports at our Mini-Assemblies this past month, but if not, you can find my presentation and other documents with the outcomes of the Conference posted on the Area website at <https://area59aa.org/services-resources>.

Announcing our new Area 59 Web Servant and Assistant Web Servant

- Today, I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new special servants: **Scott F. will be our new Web Servant and Lenny T. will be our new Assistant Web Servant**. Please give them a warm welcome to Area 59 service!
- I am very grateful to our Tech Servant Fred S. and Past Delegate Hugh H. who have been serving the Area with web and email responsibilities in the interim since December when our past Web Servant, Greg G. stepped down.
- Thanks to Fred along with Chris R., our Technology subcommittee chair, and Claire B., our Digital Communications subcommittee chair, who helped with the search process.
- I spoke with Greg a few days ago and he is doing well and is interested in helping with the transition.
- I have invited Chris and Claire to lead a workshop at EPGSA to present the progress on the redesigned website with Scott and Lenny. Scott will lead this project in collaboration with the two subcommittees.

Preparations for 2021 EPGSA Convention

- The Delegate is responsible for the program:
 - I have invited our three main speakers.
 - Several sessions will be centered around the 2022 General Service Conference theme, and presentation, discussion, and workshop topics:
 - Theme: "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service"
 - Presentation/discussion topics:
 1. How do A.A.s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve?
 2. Going Beyond Fear
 3. How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere
 - Workshop topic: The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World
 - Subcommittees will be presenting the workshops on Saturday afternoon. Please work together in your subcommittee to create and design interactive workshops for the

membership. **Subcommittee chairs, please send me your workshop topics and titles as soon as your subcommittees decide, but no later than September 1.**

- Please welcome Convention Committee members to attend your district business meetings and workshops. Give them time on your agenda to provide information and present the attraction of our annual Convention.
- Please ask GSRs to bring a motion to their home groups to set aside funds for them to participate in this important General Service event.

General Service Updates

- Bob W. has been named the new General Manager of our General Service Office! Bob brings a wealth of experience to the position, including:
 - Acting Chief Financial Officer, GSO
 - Executive Consultant to the General manager, GSO
 - Past Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
 - Panel 52 Delegate from Area 31 (Western Massachusetts)
 - Past Chair of the Conference Committee on Public Information
- Please visit www.aa.org and click on the “What’s New” tab to learn more about 4 openings for service opportunities, including:
 - AA Grapevine Publisher (a paid position)
 - AA Grapevine Non-Trustee Director (service)
 - AA World Services Non-Trustee Director (service)
 - Class A Trustee, Non-Alcoholic, service opening in 2022

Additional details, including points of contact for follow-up, are included within each opening. For further information as to the suggested experience requirements, and such, please see also *The A.A. Service Manual*.

- Please visit the Area website to view the GSB Treasurer Report presented at the 2021 NERF at <https://area59aa.org/services-resources/> for more information on A.A.’s finances.
- **The deadline to submit proposed agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference is September 15, 2021** (changed from December 15).

71st General Service Conference (April 18–24, 2021)

- A record 110 agenda items resulted in 49 advisory actions and 89 committee considerations.
- Highlights include the revised Preamble, the development of a 5th edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and a 4th edition of *Alcoholicos Anonimos*, a plain language translation of the Big Book, the removal of offensive language from the 12x12, the development of revised pamphlets for Black alcoholics and for alcoholics who are Indigenous People and a new pamphlet for Hispanic women.
- I was elected the Chair of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for a one-year term from the end of the 2021 Conference through to the end of the 2022 Conference.

NERF 2021

- The first virtual Northeast Regional Forum had 1,044 overall registrants and 577 first-time attendees. We even had members from several countries – beyond the U.S. and Canada – in attendance!
- I participated by giving a presentation on Young People in A.A. on Friday evening, and attended other sessions throughout the weekend.

NERAASA 2024 Elections

- Area 59 (Eastern Pennsylvania) will host **February 22–25, 2024** at the Hershey Lodge, and we will begin planning for elections to be held in the spring of 2022.
- As a reminder, the next NERAASA will be held February 25-27, 2022 in Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by Area 60 and Area 48 (Northeastern New York, formerly called Hudson, Mohawk, Berkshire) will host in Lake George, NY, in 2023.

Service Activity Log

March 14 2Q21 March Area Quarterly Meeting
March 18 Panels 70/71 Delegates Meeting
March 21 Monthly NERDs + Alternates + NERT Meeting
March 23 Northeast Regional Delegates Orientation
March 24 Technology Subcommittee Meeting
March 28 Area 59 Pre-Conference Sharing Session
March 30 Conference Committee on International Conventions & Regional Forums Housekeeping Meeting
March 31 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions Meeting
April 6 Speak at District 30 Monthly Meeting
April 6 General Service Conference Mock Conference Training Session
April 7 NERD Recovery Meeting with Conference Buddy
April 11 Convention Committee Meeting
April 11 Monthly NERDs + Alternates + NERT Meeting
April 17 Pre-Conference Sessions: 1728 Meeting, Remote Communities Meeting, Presentation/Discussion: Archives, Area Delegates Only Meeting
April 18 General Service Conference: Welcome and Opening Session, General Service Board Report Summary, AAWS Board Report Summary, AA Grapevine Board Report Summary, Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions Meeting, Open AA Meeting
April 19 General Service Conference: Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions Meeting, Presentation/Discussion: AA International, Sharing Session: What's On Your Mind?, Trustee-at-Large Caucus
April 20 General Service Conference: Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions Meeting, Workshop Sessions, Area Delegates Only Meeting
April 21 General Service Conference: Trustee-at-Large Elections, Conference Committee on International Conventions & Regional Forums Joint Meeting with Trustees Committee, Committee Reports and Discussion, Sharing Session: What's On Your Mind?
April 22 General Service Conference: Committee Reports and Discussion, Delegates Sharing Session
April 23 General Service Conference: Committee Reports and Discussion
April 24 General Service Conference: Serenity Meeting, Committee Reports and Discussion, Floor Actions
May 16 Convention Committee Meeting
May 16 Monthly NERDs + Alternates + NERT Meeting
May 23 Mini Assembly I: Delegate's Conference Report
May 26 Pre-Area Officers Meeting
June 3 Northeast Regional Forum Practice Session for Presenters
June 4-6 Northeast Regional Forum, Young People in A.A. Presentation
June 6 Convention Committee Meeting
June 9 Call with Kathy F., Chair of Trustees Committee on General Service Conference
June 10 Call with Area 15 Chair and Registrar with Q&A about the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions agenda item J. regarding online groups
June 12 Mini Assembly II: Delegate's Conference Report
June 13 3Q21 March Area Quarterly Meeting

With gratitude,



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