

**Area 59 Panel 71  
September 12, 2021  
In-Person Quarterly Meeting**

Chairperson, Curt C. opened the meeting with housekeeping rules; explaining where to place reports on side tables only and when going to the mic to make sure you are wearing a mask. A special thank you to Bart T. and District 48 for hosting this meeting. They have tried to accommodate our safety needs as best as possible and they've done a great job.

Our Delegate Caroline spoke to the assembly and welcomed members to our first in-person Quarterly Meeting since the pandemic. Caroline stated she was grateful to be here with all of you today, just wanted to say thank you for making the trip. Our decision back in June has been one of controversy in the last few weeks, and Caroline really appreciated everyone's cooperation and willingness to take the precautions and hopefully today we can stay safe, we can conduct our business, and we can all leave here, going back to our districts, and home groups with a renewed sense of enthusiasm and commitment for our service today.

Chairperson, Curt C. continued with the Declaration of Unity followed by a reading from Our Service Manual page S17 - Communication through Structure.

**Acknowledged Guests** – Panel 71 Officers', Past Delegate Paul M, Past Delegate Area 32, Panel 65 Darren F. Trusted Servants - Donald H, Area Archivist, and Jack C. Assistant Archivist. New to our Panel, welcome to Scott F and Lenny G our Web Servants. Our Technology Servant - Fred S. Our Bridging the Gap Coordinator – Ralph O. In addition to, our Spanish interpreter Evelyn D.

**Traditions and Concepts** – DCM Volunteers were asked to present readings on. Tradition 7 – Judy D58, Tradition 8 – Jeff D38, Tradition 9 – Tim S D30. Next quarterly meeting volunteers; Tradition 10 – Melissa D51, Tradition 11 – Andrew D43, Tradition 12 – Mike D66.

**Roll Call** - Area Secretary conducted the roll call with 5 Officers present and 38 Districts represented for a total of 43 voting members. Any Summaries, please announce how many or please send email to Area Secretary [secretary@area59aa.org](mailto:secretary@area59aa.org) with your announcements. Any Actions with District issues, please announce how many and we will cover Actions later in this meeting.

Hard copies of June Quarterly Minutes in Secretary Folder – Minutes were approved by unanimous consent with two last name corrections (2021 EPGSA speakers) made by Caroline.

**Convention Committee Report – Paul M.** – Paul is giving the report today as the Events Committee Liaison to the hotel. The Committee is happy to report that registration has been strong for our upcoming EPGSA convention assembly November 12 through the 14th, in Lancaster PA. Currently, we have 247 people registered, 200 for the banquet, and 121 rooms booked. We also sent out letters to groups and members to contribute to the EPGSA hospitality suite, which is also available online. Checks can be mailed to convention committee Treasurer, Mike S. Please write “hospitality” on the memo line of your check. Our Delegate, Caroline has prepared a full weekend program, in addition to the support of all our volunteers, thanks to Pete our Alternate Delegate. Lancaster Intergroup has agreed to sell literature.

**Area Archivist Comments – Donald H.** – Presented on the responses to submitted forms on how Covid and the Pandemic effected your meetings in Area 59. Donald has received 61 group responses so far. Most groups found a way to “carry the message” during the pandemic. Please go online to Area Archives and fill out information for your group or district. Donald did a presentation on 1963 and 1964 Conference Report on how the General Service conducted an Inventory. Donald handed out hard copies of his presentation in his grey Archivist folder for all to read. Donald only found one or two instances of something being done as a result of the inventory. Andrew who was an Area Officer in March 2000, dug up an old copy of conference procedures which contained Robert’s Rules of Order re-typed and disseminated them. In June of 2002 there were seven “Ask It” basket questions from the Area Inventory that were addressed at the Area Meeting. We have them every two years and they continue to go on.

## **Officers Reports:**

**Officer-At-Large/Registrar Report - Alicia S.** – Alicia asked all subcommittees to please let her know if there are any audio or video is needs for your presentation at EPGSA in November.

In the Registrar’s report, there are three specific reports, taken directly from our fellowship connection database. There is a group by district report, which shows all the groups in your district, whether they’re active or inactive, unknown or merged. There also is a GSR list, with the GSR and group information. If there is a GSR or group that are no longer active, please let Alicia know so she can get them off the database. Reports are specific to your District only.

Please access our website [www.area59aa.org/service resources](http://www.area59aa.org/service_resources). Currently there are 1,630 active groups; 1,025 inactive groups; 1 pending inactive; 113 merged groups and 107 unknown groups in Area 59. Unknown groups listed which are due to having no GSR or no contact person listed. Please contact Alicia with any questions or concerns; she has the Database with her today.

**Treasurer – Read by Alicia, Officer-at-Large** – On behalf of our treasurer Dan, a hard copy of his report in the green folder with a copy of your individual District contribution reports. Alicia pointed out that Dan does provide a nice summary of Area activity and Area operations by line items. Department of revenue and income tax information is also listed in the report. Area financial status with the account balances as of September 10<sup>th</sup> are \$29,309.21 in prudent reserve savings. The checking operating account is \$75,015.55. Also included is the profit and loss statement. Dan addressed our excess operating funds and the expense reports are on the reverse side of his report. Members have set up recurring monthly contributions, which is really an exciting thing. Included is Dan’s travel and zoom log; as well as the QR code for the area contribution page is stapled to the profit and loss statement. If you have questions, please reach out to Dan, he’ll be very happy and pleased to discuss any questions or issues that you might have. You may contact Dan at [treasurer@area59aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area59aa.org). Also, Subcommittees please send in your expenses for reimbursement.

**Secretary's Report – Susan M.** - When you send your reports, please send your District minutes or reports to each of the Area Officers, and the Area Archivist, via email. These minutes are a vital way for the Officers to keep up with what's happening in your District. I have also emailed the Area Roster with corrections & updates that I was given, to members listed on the roster.

If you have any summaries, which are the announcements, please send them to the Area Secretary. Actually, you can go to Area 59 website [www.area59aa.org/calendar](http://www.area59aa.org/calendar) link where you may submit your event request for what your Districts is doing; workshops or whatever. We will post them on our Area website once we get your information and scrub it for any anonymity breaks. DCM reports can also be submitted online <https://area59aa.org/service-resources/> DCM Reports. Remember the Area does have a lending library, just let me know if you would like to borrow one of the CDs or tape recordings of previous speaker events.

Area Secretary is also liaison to the PA State Convention; August 6th and 7<sup>th</sup> 2021; which was held by virtual platform this year. Convention Theme – “Any Length Necessary”. There was a full lineup of awesome speakers; however, virtual attendance was low.

**Chairperson's – Curt C** – The service calendar in folder, is the service calendar for next Panel year. If you see that you are listed as a host District for an in an event, please let Curt know as soon as possible. If you cannot host an Area event, please contact Curt. If you are going to host, we will give you all the assistance you will need. Curt will be in close contact with you as we move closer to the event date.

We are planning on having in-person events from here on out as long as the health standards permit. You'll be informed via email, of any development of that matter. Also, on that note with the emails; the Chairperson sends the agenda, and various information out electronically to everyone on this panel. If you have not been receiving those items, please contact the Chairperson after the meeting, so that he can make sure that he has correct email address for you. We want to go electronic rather than all of the paper; if anyone wants hard copies of anything Curt will send out. Please feel free to contact me [chairperson@area59aa.org](mailto:chairperson@area59aa.org).

**Alt-Delegate's Report – Pete B.** – Pete stated that he is honored to serve as your Panel 71 Alternate Delegate. With his report there is a flyer for our upcoming Area 59 and YPAA Share-a-Day. Part of Pete's responsibility to welcome new DCMs, and if you're new to the Area Committee; he would love to help you out. Pete doesn't always hear that there's been an election or a change for new DCM; please reach out to your Alternate Delegate at [alt-delegate@area59aa.org](mailto:alt-delegate@area59aa.org). We do have a DCM orientation website, that is helpful with videos that can get you up to speed. And there's literature on that website, as well that can help you best serve your district.

Pete's stated his report is like a super-duper tech hybrid. All the links on his report are clickable, but it's hard to click a piece of paper. So, if you scan the QR code in the top right corner of the report. That'll bring up a Google Drive folder that has not only the report in it, it contains flyers. The digital copy of the report, click on any links and all that information is there, if that's not your thing, if you're not into technology, just reach out to Pete. Pete can definitely provide you whatever materials you would like for EPGSA. as Paul mentioned earlier, Pete is responsible for coordinating and assigning all of our volunteers. The volunteer form is also on our Area website in the QR code folder. Please continue reaching out to members in your districts to encourage them not only to attend the EPGSA but to also volunteer. Pete would like to encourage all the subcommittee to bring their displays to YPAA.

Pete attended the 32nd PENNSCYPAA in Lancaster in August. Pete also wrote three letters of support for each of the formal bids for PENNSCYPAA; which is the Pennsylvania State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. This conference rotates around the state. Committees from around the state will put in a bid to host the next PENNSCYPAA but there's a council made up of past host committees of the conference that selects then, where the next PENNSCYPAA will be. They're raising the roof because it's going to be right here in Williamsport next year. This is rotation time in PENNSCYPAA land because PENNSCYPAA just happened. Pete has listed a number of committee elections that are going on all over Area 59. Young people are just energetic people or people that are crazy about service. Give them this information in your district. Montgomery county elections are September 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Chester County Elections September 19th Harrisburg September 25th Three o'clock. There are two links on the report will go right to their pages so you can register right there.

As our Intergroup Liaison, Pete is communicating with the Eastern PA Intergroup, to plan a workshop at EPGSA; with the help of Fred who handled a lot of the tech for our elections last year. Pete participated with the other Northeast Regional Alternate Delegates who held elections last year. Thank you all so much for your invitations to participate to attend your district functions and meetings. Thank you to the groups that invite Pete to do inventories. Please continue to invite Pete, who is happy to make himself available. **Pete is phenomenal!**

**Delegate Report – Caroline N.** – Caroline is grateful to serve as your Panel 71 Delegates. Thank you for being here today, as we are meeting in-person for the first time during our panel. We all meeting each other face-to-face as opposed to on the zoom screen today. Caroline thanked District 48 for hosting us today and also thanked people for wearing masks. At our June Quarterly meeting, Caroline made a motion to have our Area meetings and Area events in-person; beginning with today's quarterly meeting. As long as we can meet the safety and health requirements of the facility, and CDC guidelines which we're able to do. The motion was seconded and passed 40 to 5 with 88.9% in favor. However, in the last few weeks, we've been seeing our emails and there has been some controversy around this decision. Caroline asked the Structure Subcommittee to please work to develop a process for polling the Area Committee between our quarterly meetings; and please bring a progress report or a recommendation to our December quarterly meeting. Hopefully, we'll have an approved process in place so that we know what to do if we need to get a group conscience in between our business meetings.

September 15th, is the deadline for proposed agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference. Anything received after that date will be held for the 2023 Conference. A lot of changes happen at this year's conference, and we know that there's been some reaction to that. We hope to see agenda items from across the fellowship, coming into the Conference Coordinator over the next few days and many have already been received. The Digital final report at the 71st conference is on our website. Caroline was hoping to receive the print copies before today to bring them today, but the shipment was delayed. You have the 2020 paper copies, which has been taking up space in Caroline's garage, and she wanted to make sure to distribute the 2021 Conference final reports at our Area Inventory. Preparations for EPGSA is two months from today, and it is the first day of our Annual Convention. The draft program is enclosed in the Delegate folder. Anywhere you see highlighting is where Caroline needs someone to fill a slot for a service commitment. DCMs are already on the program for their workshop presentations on Saturday afternoon. Please consider if you would put anyone forward from your District. And please send Caroline any names of anyone who's willing to serve in this way. Pete of course is also asking for volunteers, but this really is an Area function that takes all of our Groups and Districts to pull it off. It's not an election year, but we do ask that all DCMs and GSRs are seated in the Assembly at 8:45 am on Saturday morning. We will do "roll call", just like we do here and as we will do next year at the voting year during the Election Assembly. We hope that everyone can be there in their seats. All of you will participate in the workshops, and thank you to everyone who has submitted a topic so far.

All Officers and Subcommittee chair people, Caroline needs your annual report. It's similar to the Quarterly reports, but we do compilation that's put on the seats of the Assembly on Saturday morning. Send Caroline your Annual reports in English and Spanish by the end of next month. Please limit them to one page in English and one page in Spanish can be printed back to front. And it's a summary of your activity from the start of the Panel. You can look at the Delegate's Recommendations that you've accomplished and the other activities that you want to report. Be prepared to deliver the report at the microphone. Also, please take time to welcome our guest observer, Kevin Nichols who was put forward by District 37 and approved by our Committee in June. Our guest speakers, Steve S, GSO staff, Linda C, Class a Trustee and General Service Board Chair, and John W, Non-Trustee Director & Past Delegate from Area 49.

You can visit [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for the remainder of the General Service Board updates. Check out the "What's New" tab for some announcements and open service positions. One announcement is that the AA Grapevine Board just announced last month, we have a new publisher, Chris C who has accepted the role of Publisher. The Group Services desk has received a high volume of communication about the Advisory Action on Online groups. Caroline included more information so that members can look and understand how this is progressing and how it's developing. Every month, the Group Services desk at GSO meets with the Online Intergroup of AA, to talk about the implementation and make any future recommendations that will come back to the General Service Conference.

Financial updates from GSO: After the drawdowns of 2020 from our reserve fund the GSB transferred back \$250,000 on August 2nd. Literature sales, voluntary contributions, and operating expenses at the halfway point through the year, are tracking right around the 50% mark. Except literature sales, which are really exceeding expectations of the budget 65% of what we thought so at this point in the year we would expect halfway through the year, about 50%, but at 65%, the literature sales are going through the roof, and that's primarily attributed to lots of Groups and Intergroups from Central Offices coming back and being in-person again.

NERAASA - the next one is being held in-person; February 25 through 27th 2022 in Pittsburgh. In 2023, it's going to be held in Area 48 Northeast New York. Then in 2024 it's coming to Eastern PA, in Hershey. We will hold elections, about six months from now, so we'll be announcing that and forming the host committee for the 2024 for NERAASA.

The International Convention in 2020 was cancelled. The next one in 2025 will be held in Vancouver. The Trustees Committee on International Conventions and Regional Forums, met with our management company that does the event management, to talk about how to best create exciting, engaging, accessible event. They're talking about how we can collaborate with the Canadian government to facilitate border crossings, also what it would look like to do a hybrid convention, or elements of the convention that could be hybrid, including but not limited to the flag ceremony. Members have been asking about the 2025 convention, since it will have been 10 years since the last one, which takes place every five years.

As Paul mentioned that the Convention Committee, and those of us who are serving on the convention committee, are working hard on your behalf. We've been talking with the hotel and we do plan to be in-person. Please take a look at the program, let Caroline know if you have any questions, or any changes. As Caroline stated before, the highlighted portions of the EPGSA Program are the components that need people to help fill slots for service commitments.

**Action** – D23 bought forward the voice of his District to the Area Floor in reference to, how the in-person Area meeting was handled. Chairperson Curt, recommended Steve talk to his Area Advisor Officer. Delegate Caroline, thanked Steve for bringing forward his District's voice and stated she was certainly willing to have further discussion on this issue in the future.

**Action** – Steve - D28 stated that he felt that there is mis-communication to the Groups about the New Preamble being adopted into meetings. A new How It Works does not exist per GSO.

**Action** – D43 - Treasurer in his District is having a hard time keeping track of the Pink Tradition; maybe separate accounts are needed.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

**Archives – Anton** – The Archives subcommittee members have been busy speaking at events and various workshops. We have also been working on the Delegate Recommendations.

**CPC – Tim S.** – Tim would like to thank the CPC subcommittee members and they have met several times virtually. The committee attended some in-person events with their CPC displays; 521 Club. CPC is also continuing to work on the Delegates Recommendations, and they are focusing on their EPGSA presentation. At this morning CPC meeting, we discuss the ideas of how we may utilize some of the surplus funds in the Area to carry the message. Perhaps with literature campaigns and other campaigns that we're working on.

**Corrections – Melissa** – The Corrections Committee has been struggled as a committee; however, they actually have a pretty solid committee now that consist of four members. They were able to procure their presentation materials, and they were able to bring it today. Corrections has also been doing a lot of work with the Bridging the Gap Coordinator and Treatment/Accessibilities Committee. The Corrections Committee meets the last Sunday of every month. And so far, they've been working on the surveys that have gone out to the DCMs. Corrections is also working on the workbook for Bridging the Gap. Hopefully now that they have their materials, they can be available for events. Corrections is also working in collaboration with the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee to do as the EPGSA. This workshop will be featuring Bridging the Gap and The Three Step process. If anybody is having an upcoming workshops & would like Corrections to do a presentation, please let us know.

**Finance – Andrew Representing Tara** – The Finance subcommittee meet about every three weeks virtually. They have a virtual seventh tradition packet that will be going up on the website. It's basically a seventh tradition packet with links to all the documents that you find in the physical seventh tradition packet. Finance will have physical packets assembled for the EPGSA.

They've been discussing how to use the surplus funds within the Area: Using it for equipment for hybrid Area meetings; using it for subcommittee projects like, Carry the Message. They can use it for upgrades for equipment and displays within the subcommittees or for Officers, They can make a contribution to GSO. Finance Committee plan on bringing a motion to December quarterly meeting for something surrounding the surplus Area funds. The Area subcommittee Chairs, received an email about how your subcommittee could possibly utilize these funds for projects for 2022.

The Finance EPGSA workshop is going to be about Virtual Contributions; why to use them and how to use them. Next for our Finance subcommittee is the budget planning for 2022. They will also be discussing Gratitude cards and Gratitude month.

**Grapevine – Karen Representing Vicki** – Karen reported that the Grapevine subcommittee has met virtually several times and they have been working on a lot of things. We are still completing the Grapevine Project from Panel 69 and are disbursing the “Carry the Message” Subscriptions to various members. One of them is the Carry the Message Project; trying to give away free subscriptions to the Grapevine and following up from the previous Panel they’ve gotten rid of a lot of the subscriptions. They are also working on new Grapevine displays for presentations. That’s going to be a big part of the Grapevine budget that was submitted. Our EPGSA workshop topic is: “Hey, I Wrote That” and it’s also going to be a Writing workshop too. They hope to have a Speaker at that workshop that might have submitted something already and writing was published by Grapevine. So, if anyone here has been published, the Grapevine committee would like to meet with you.

The new Grapevine features powerful stories of members of Alcoholics Anonymous, but not the many ways they pray and meditate in their daily lives. News from Grapevine and LaVina; there are two books published and released in April 2021 titled “Free on the Inside.” Stories of a recovery in prison. This is English only, and “Women in AA.” Spanish only, which is a collection of stories taken from the pages of Grapevine. The new Preamble will be featured in the July 2021 issue.

**Public Information – Candy Representing Melissa** – The PI committee will present the presenting PI in a Changing World at their EPGSA workshop. They’ve been contacting libraries to see which libraries have Big Books on their shelves, and contacting Police Stations to see if they would like a display of AA literature at their Police Stations; however, they are not interested. But most of the librarians do not have a book of Alcoholics Anonymous. So, PI will be putting one on their shelves. Also, the Area Inventory will be held on September 18 with two subcommittee members. Thanks to my subcommittee members for their service; we meet virtually monthly; which we will continue to do for now. We reviewed the digital display the subcommittee members created to use at District workshops and events. If any Districts would like the PI subcommittee to give a presentation, please let us know.

**Structure – Bart** – Thanks for the opportunity to serve and welcome Structure team members. We are working on the delegate’s recommendations and we have held virtual meetings & phone calls to keep in communication with subcommittee team members. The committee has discussed our agenda items with our group’s members. We are working on our inventory of materials for presentations; so that we are prepared for in-person Area events. The subcommittee is continuing to handle request for softcover copies of the 2021 Structure Manual; in English and Spanish. We are contacting Districts with no structure manual and those who need help in creating one. Structure is also working on their EPSA workshop. The Structure committee decided to take “No Action” with the Past Delegate issue about involvement within Area.



**Treatment/Accessibilities – Steve** – Our Committee has met several times via Zoom, and communicated by email and phone. They are working on the Delegate’s Recommendations for our Subcommittee, and they are focusing on Bridging the Gap, and Corrections related items. The committee reached out to Districts in our Area; and we divided up all the Districts geographically to research the Treatment Facilities. We sent out emails to each DCM informing them about what we're doing in our committee.

On the Area website we do have a volunteer signup form, and it is under Member Services, under the Delegate’s column [area59aa.org/services-resources/](http://area59aa.org/services-resources/) It’s a sign-up sheet for those who are currently in Treatment or Corrections, and a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

### **Ad-Hoc Committees Reports:**

**Digital Communications Committee – Claire** – Their main focus right now is the new website and they are working with Scott our new Web Servant and Lenny our Assistant Web Servant. They are also working with the Tech Committee and things are really moving along. It's really exciting. They've got the main site architecture in place now. So, they're going to be giving everyone a preview at EPGSA. The goal is to launch the site in mid-January. Also, since we're meeting in-person and we're doing paper reports, please still email Claire PDFs of your reports in English and Spanish; that's really helpful so Digital Committee can make sure we get them up on the website.

**Literature Committee – Ted C. ADCM 27 Representing Katie** - Katie is actually outside she had surgery and she can't come in. So, she gave this to Ted; a reading from Language of the Heart which was published in 1955.

The Literature committee have met virtually several times. EPGSA topic is going to be Living your Best Life - Climate Change Through Literature. The Literature Committee went through the Area and divided it geographically; although, Ted got all the Western Area Districts for some reason. The committee will send out the October “WE” newsletter, which will be available on the Area website; and we are planning to reach out to all the other subcommittees to have them submit an article describing what they do. If you are interested in writing an article for future editions, please send an email to [literature@area59aa.org](mailto:literature@area59aa.org). We will also be doing an inventory of all Literature supplies in the next few weeks. The subcommittee is looking forward for upcoming events throughout Area 59.

**Technology Committee – Chris** – The Technology Chair, wants to thank everyone on the Committee. You have no idea the amount of legwork we've been doing; physically, to take care of the existing Area equipment that we're using today, in lieu of the new equipment; which is still on back-order because of the technology backlog from COVID.

They are gearing up for EPGSA and the heavy equipment they're going to need. Along with that, they have been helping with the new website. They're doing what they can to help Digital Communications. Technology is going to do a joint workshop at the EPGSA showcasing that new website that Scott is also working very hard on. They've had a joint subcommittee meeting with a Digital Communication subcommittee, Scott, Lenny and Fred, everyone else involved in work going into the new website.

**Unfinished Business – None**

**New Business – District 45 Motion:** Steve D45 made the Motion – D45 proposes that Area 59 establish Area Assemblies to include all home group GSRs in the business of the Area. District 43 seconded the motion, along with District 24. (Background information was distributed & discussed)

Steve elaborated on the D45 motion to the Area floor - They were able to find that the Area is too large, whether it be by geography, homegroups, or total AA members. They found out that many other Areas, can and do conduct multiple assemblies where businesses are conducted with GSRs. After researching all 93 Areas in North America they learned that many of them operate with Assemblies that have GSRs included; so GSRs can participate in the democratic process. They learned that in Areas that conduct committee meetings similar to Area 59 quarterly meetings.

Steve D45 stated that we should discussion today, so we know what to take back to your Districts.

Then, Chris from D64 made a motion to postpone this until the next quarterly meeting to be able to take back to homegroups and GSRs to discuss. District 29 seconded Chris's motion. This means that the discussion would end, and we would resume this issue in December Quarterly meeting as unfinished old business - the vote was taken by hand for the postpone motion by simple majority. This motion to postpone failed with 43 Voting members – In favor = 10  
Opposed = 26

Our Delegate Caroline, read from page 16 of Structure Manual - in reference to conducting Area business. Caroline stated what our job is here today. Reading out of our Area Structure Manual, is to decide if we want to bring this change in Structure, back to our groups and consider it or not. All proposed amendments or revisions to the Area Structure are submitted in writing by a member of the Area committee to the Chairperson with a copy of it sent to the Delegate, 3 weeks prior to the next quarterly Area. Steve District 45, sent to the Chairperson; include the proposed amendment as submitted on the Area Agenda, or the Agenda for the Area meeting, which he did.

And now this is where we find ourselves. A two-thirds vote of the Area committee qualifies the proposed amendment to be considered. If we want our Area to consider it. This is what the next paragraph says: The Secretary mails copies of the proposed amendment along with the Area meeting minutes from today's meeting to the Area committees. DCMs will hear their groups opinions at their District meetings and reach a consensus, which will be heard at the following quarterly Area meeting. A two-thirds approval by the Area committee shall constitute the adoption of the amendment. So, I believe that's where we find ourselves, the other options that I have, or that our Officers have, and me as Delegate in particular, is to refer this to the Structure subcommittee, or to create an ad hoc committee to further explore this and bring back their findings.

District 45 has clearly been putting a lot of effort and research into this, as shown by all of the background that you received. So, I would like us to vote and to decide if we do want this to go back to our homegroups, unless there are objections to that.

As the person responsible for the EPGSA program, I would like to include this issue at a “sharing session”. So that at the November EPGSA, we have the chance to hear more voices before it comes back to the Area floor. Then we decide on the actual decision, not just we're bringing it back to our groups, but we know, what might happen at that point.

A vote was taken on the original D45 Motion – “D45 proposes that Area 59 establish Area Assemblies to include all home group GSRs in the business of the Area”.

43 Voting members – In favor = 28 the motion carries. Opposed = 8

The District 45 motion was approved to take back to GSRs and homegroups for discussion. We will be voting on that motion at the December quarterly meeting.

**Announcements** – Area 59 & Young People in AA (YPAA) Share-A-Day October 9<sup>th</sup>; October 17<sup>h</sup>- Area Inventory D30; November 12-14<sup>th</sup> - EPGSA Lancaster; December 12<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> year 1<sup>st</sup> Area Quarterly D33.

**Adjourn** – Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting – **We Closed with Responsibility Pledge**



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Area Officers	District	DCM/ADCM Other Position	Guests	Summaries - Announcements	Actions - Questions	District	DCM/ADCM Other Position	Guests	Summaries - Announcements	Actions - Questions
(Officers All Present)	21	1				45	1	1		
Officer-at-Large	22	1	1	1		46	absent			
Alicia	23	1			1	47	1			
	24	1				48	1	12	1	
	25	1	1			49	1			
Treasurer	26	1				50	absent			
Dan - absent	27	1				51	1	1		
	28	1			3	52	absent			
	29	1				53	absent			
Secretary	30	1				54	1	1		
Susan	31	1				55	1			
	32	1	1			56	1			
	33	absent				57	1	1		
Chairperson	34	1				58	1			
Curt	35	absent				59	1			
	36	1				60	1			
	37	1		1		61	1			
Alt-Delegate	38	1		1		62	absent			
Pete	39	1				63	absent			
	40	1				64	1			
	41	1				65	absent			
Delegate	42	1	1		1	66	1	2		
Caroline	43	1	2		1	67	1	2		
	44	1				68	1	2	2	