



## Annual Chairpersons Report, 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Area 59, Panel 71 Chairperson. The year began with all meetings via digital communications and transited to some in-person meetings. The transition has been smooth but not without great concerns.

The convenience of digital communication cannot be denied and has been life saving during the grips of the Covid pandemic. But there are many areas where meeting on a digital platform falls short of what we can do for our Twelfth Step work. The decision to begin meeting in-person was not easy and required much communication and research. With safety at the forefront, we felt the need to return to in-person was paramount to our vital Twelfth Step work.

Duties of the Area Chairperson: (from our Area Structure Manual) "The Chairperson chairs the quarterly pre-area meetings at which the agenda is planned; chairs the area committee meetings and the mini-assemblies; and keeps informed of all area activities through close contact with other officers and chairpersons."

Quarterly Area Meetings are where the main business of Area 59 is conducted. When a member has an idea that they would like to bring to the Area Committee, the Chairperson works with them to try to present it, as a motion, in such a way that we can reach an informed group conscience in a democratic manner.

As an Officer in Panel 71 I am the advisor to the Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Community sub-committees. I advise them on any procedural processes in Area 59 and offer guidance whenever asked.

Being a part of General Service is an honor as I see more clearly how the upside-down triangle really works. It is a pleasure to work with the many trusted servants who freely give their time to Area 59.

Curt C.

Area 59, Panel 71 Chairperson