



Alt Delegate Annual Report EPGSA -Panel 71 – Year 1

It is a tremendous privilege to serve as your Alternate Delegate in Eastern Pennsylvania. My gratitude for our General Service structure, and all of its moving parts, has grown significantly this past year. We have a talented Area Committee of Officers and DCMs. Thank you all for your dedication to General Service in Area 59.

This year I created a DCM orientation website to help prepare District Committee Members for success in their leadership position. This site remains available for current DCMs to refresh, new DCMs to dive in, and future DCMs to see themselves in the role. The site hosts several anonymity conscious video presentations and literature resources. An enormous thank you to the Area 59 Past Delegates and Past DCMs that contributed content and video presentations.

Our Annual Share-a-day with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Intergroup Association saw over 100 participants in our first ever virtual format of the event. Thanks to SEPIA Chairperson, Larry A. for helping me co-host the event and all of the workshop presenters from Area 59 and SEPIA. Planning for next year's share-a-day with SEPIA will likely take place in January.

I prepared for the General Service Conference, in the event that I would need to fill in for our Delegate. I focused most of my attention to the items that would be addressed within her two Conference Committees. Given the magnitude of materials available to each Delegate, I discovered more than ever why we rely on a committee system to digest and perform the business of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I attended a virtual version of the Spanish State Convention in May and I am grateful to have been invited to participate as one of four speakers. The Convention was a brilliant example of enthusiasm in A.A., with lots of music, laughter and excellent information.

I attended PENNSCYPAA, the Pennsylvania State Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous, in Lancaster this summer. This annual event, for anyone young at heart, demonstrates the enthusiasm and freedom that is available in Alcoholics Anonymous to any newcomer in attendance. There are several committees around the state bidding for the opportunity host a future PENNSCYPAA. These committees engage in vital 12th step work and hold regular events throughout the year, representing a solid foundation in our legacies of recovery, unity and service. PENNSCYPAA 33 will be held in Williamsport.

I have been appointed to the NERAASA Inventory Committee by our Northeast Regional Trustee. NERAASA is the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. It is a wonderful honor to serve on this committee with six other members from around the Northeast. We have reviewed the results of recent attendee surveys to build recommendations for future NERAASA host committees. GSRs should consider asking their groups to support their attendance to this event. This service assembly is an exceptional opportunity to learn more about General Service and one's specific role through the sharing of experience from all over the Northeast Region. 2022 NERAASA will be held February 25-27th in Pittsburgh.

My main assignment for this weekend at EPGSA is to coordinate all of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone that signed up and played a role in making this Convention a success. I also advise three of our Area 59 Subcommittees, including Structure, Treatment/Accessibilities and Corrections. The use of digital meeting platforms has opened up many opportunities for sharing General Service experience. I meet regularly with Alt-Delegates from all over the US and Canada, as well as the Delegates and Alternates from the 18 Areas that comprise the Northeast Region. I have been invited to attend many district business meetings, participate in district workshops and facilitate home group inventories this year. Thank you for these invitations and please continue to call on me wherever I can be useful. It is an honor to serve Area 59.

In fellowship and service,
Pete B.