

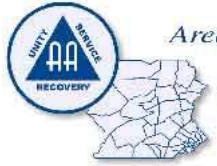
EPGSA
64th Annual Convention/Assembly
Business Meeting
November 13, 2021
Wyndham Resort Lancaster PA

I. Call to order

Area Chairperson, Curt C - called to order the meeting of the Eastern PA General Service Assembly on November 13, 2021 at The Wyndham Resort in Lancaster PA. The meeting began at 9:00 AM with the Anonymity Statement and the Responsibility Declaration. (“I am Responsible....”)

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level: “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.” Thus, we respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on audiotapes and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on media technologies such as the internet. The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that “A.A. principles come before personalities.”

Curt continued with a reading from Page 1 of the General Service Representative pamphlet: When you’re a general service representative (GSR) You are linking your home group with the whole of A.A. In 1950, a new type of trusted servant, “group representative,” was suggested to help in the selection of delegates to the newly formed General Service Conference. By 1953, the job of group representative was also seen as a good means of exchanging up-to-date information between individual groups and “Headquarters” (now the General Service Office). That’s still an important side of your work. But now, as general service representative, you have an even bigger responsibility: You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group conscience becomes a part of “the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship,” as expressed in the General Service Conference. Like everything else in A.A., it works through a series of simple steps.



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II. Roll call

Area Secretary, Susan M - conducted the roll call. The following voting members were present for a total of 320 potential votes – the following are official Roll Call Results

EPGSA Attendance 2021

Past Delegates	Panel	Present
Marcia Goldbaltt	41	<u>1</u>
Martin Sullivan	51	<u>1</u>
Lowell Long	59	<u>1</u>
Hugh Hyatt	61	<u>1</u>
Stephen Otto	63	<u>1</u>
Patricia Fallon	65	<u>1</u>
Paul Marshall	67	<u>1</u>

Area Officers

Caroline New	Delegate	<u>1</u>
Pete Barth	Alt Delegate	<u>1</u>
Curt Chambers	Chairperson	<u>1</u>
Susan Martin	Secretary	<u>1</u>
Dan Brumbaugh	Treasurer	<u>1</u>
Alicia Shenk	Off at Large	<u>1</u>



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District	Number Registered		District	Number Registered		
	DCM	GSR/Group Representative		DCM	GSR/Group Representative	
21	1	3	46	1	0	
22	1	10	47	1	4	
23	1	6	48	1	16	
24	1	5	49	1	1	
25	1	6	50	0	0	
26	1	7	51	1	15	
27	1	8	52	0	0	
28	1	2	53	1	1	
29	1	10	54	1	6	
30	1	13	55	1	4	
31	1	4	56	1	7	
32	1	10	57	1	2	
33	1	2	58	1	4	
34	1	3	59	0	2	
35	1	1	60	1	2	
36	1	8	61	1	7	
37	1	5	62	1	0	
38	1	7	63	1	15	
39	1	2	64	1	9	
40	1	5	65	1	4	
41	1	3	66	1	9	
42	1	2	67	1	5	
43	1	4	68	1	3	
44	1	9	Area Officers			6
45	1	7	Past Delegates			7
Subtotals	25	142		20	116	
DCMs						45
GSRs/GROUP REPRESENTATIVES						258
Area Officers & Past Delegates						17
TOTAL No. of VOTERS						320

III. Introduction of Guest Observer

Guest Observer Reverend Kevin Nichols is the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. Area 59 has a custom of hosting a non-alcoholic who has little familiarity with our Fellowship and, because of their professional duties, has the opportunity to come into contact with current or potential members of our Fellowship. Our goal is to enhance their understanding of recovery from alcoholism in A.A. We appreciate Kevin's taking the time to be with us this weekend to learn more about us.

IV. Subcommittee's Annual Reports

Subcommittee Chairpersons or their alternates presented their annual reports: Written Annual Reports are filed and posted at www.area59aa.org

- Archives – Anton D.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Tim S.
- Corrections – Melissa M.
- Finance – Tara L.
- Grapevine/La Viña – Vicki L.
- Public Information – Melissa A.
- Structure – Bart T.
- Treatment and Accessibilities – Steve W.
- Ad hoc Digital Communications - Claire B.
- Ad hoc Literature – Katie D.
- Ad hoc Technology, Jeff F.

V. Officer's Annual Reports

Area Officers presented their annual reports to the assembly: Written Annual Reports are filed and posted at www.area59aa.org

- Officer-At-Large– Alicia S.
- Treasurer – Dan B
- Secretary – Susan M
- Area Chairperson– Curt C
- Alternate Delegate – Pete B
- Delegate – Caroline N

VI. Assembly Speaker

Presenter Dale S – is a friend in service who has greatly contributed to Area 59 and Alcoholics Anonymous. He served as a Panel 67 DCM and appointed member of the Convention Committee during Panel 69. “The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World” presented by Dale S.

VII. Assembly Discussion - Any Voting Members

Topic - A.A. Comes of Age 2.0 Unified in Love and Service (Open Mic. for Assembly Members)
Moderator: Curt C., Area Chairperson Timer: Alicia S., Area Officer-At-Large

- Conversations at the mike for discussion were; how delighted members were to be back meeting and fellowshiping in-person at EPGSA.

VIII. Closing of Assembly

Curt C., Area Chairperson - Some special guests who have traveled to support us and participate with us this weekend: We are pleased to Welcome again and thank our guests who shared last night. Linda Chezem, General Service Board Chair and Class A Trustee and Greg G., our longstanding past web servant. We are also grateful for the attendance of John W., AA World Service Director, and Past Delegate Panel 67 for Area 49, Southeastern New York.

- **Assembly closed with the Serenity Prayer**
- **The Business portion of the Assembly was adjourned at approximately at Noon**

IX. General Sharing Session – Any Member

What’s On Your Mind (Open to ALL) Attendees are invited to share on the District 45 motion, made at the September 2021 Area Quarterly Meeting, which is currently being discussed by home groups. Moderator: Sue M., Area Secretary Timer: Alicia S., Area Officer-At-Large

- “District 45 proposes that Area 59 establish Area Assemblies to include all home group GSRs in the business of the Area”