



Area 59

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**Alternate Delegate Annual Report
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 71
Year 2 - 2022**

It has been an honor to serve as your Panel 71 Alternate Delegate in Eastern Pennsylvania. My experience has offered me a wide-ranging view of Area 59, and all of Alcoholics Anonymous in the United States and Canada. This year Area 59 saw many new faces and greater participation, adding to our rich service culture. I want to thank everyone, from the GSRs at the group level to our Area 59 Committee members and special servants, for their contributions to our primary purpose. I am grateful to serve in such a passionate Area.

In the first year of this Panel, I created a DCM orientation website to establish a living database of video presentations and literature for current and future DCMs to reference. I have continued to direct members to this resource and feedback has been extremely positive. Many people find value in this approach to learning about serving as a DCM and I hope the Area continues to utilize this and similar methods.

I thank the groups for supporting my attendance at the Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, where I was asked to moderate the Young People's roundtable discussions. I also attended my first in-person Northeast Regional Delegate's Reunion, where I made new connections and heard the experience of many past and present Delegates.

I prepared for the 72nd General Service Conference by reviewing background material, with focus on our Delegate's Conference Committee assignments. Additionally, I exercised my listening ears and took notes of the collective voice at our Pre-Conference Sharing Session.

I enjoyed collaborating with several of the DCMs, while planning our DCM Sharing Session and Area Day functions this year. As liaison to the Intergroups in Eastern Pennsylvania, I reported regularly of Intergroup activities and attended where possible. I also assisted in the planning of our Area 59 / SEPIA Share-a-day in Southeastern Pennsylvania. As liaison to the Young People's committees, I helped plan and host the Area 59 / YPAA Share-a-day. I attended the Pennsylvania State Conference of Young People in A.A. and was asked to share a few words on General Service. I attended the Hispanic State Convention as well, with an invitation as Area 59's liaison to our Spanish Linguistic District.

My assignment for the E.P.G.S.A. Convention is Convention Coordinator. It is exciting to work closely with volunteers, Area Officers and the Convention Committee to ensure that we have a wonderful Convention. The volunteers are the heartbeat of the weekend and I thank everyone who signed up to make it a success.

I have been invited to participate in many District workshops, business meetings, elections, and home group inventories. I truly appreciate these invitations and the opportunity to serve in Area 59. Please continue to call on me wherever I can be useful.

Respectfully,

Pete B.