

**Officer-At-Large/Registrar Report  
EPGSA Area 59 Panel 73  
September 10, 2023  
Area Quarterly Meeting Q4 (Lehigh, PA)**

**\*\*Unknown Groups Project\*\***

GSO is trying to ensure that all of the information in Fellowship Connection is up to date, and this quarter they are asking Area Registrars to work on the “unknown” groups. These groups might be meeting or they might be inactive, we just don’t know, as they don’t have complete information for a current GSR or a group mail contact listed. In your folder is a listing of “unknown” groups. If a group is no longer meeting, just let me know. If a group is active, we need a GSR or an individual willing to be the group’s mail contact person.

The importance of this: If a proposal is ever made to change the 12 Steps, Traditions, or Concepts - unlikely, but could happen, our Conference Charter indicates a "YES" vote from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all groups registered with GSO must happen. NO CONTACT = NO VOTE! Note: Bill uses the term “registered.” A.A.W.S. neither monitors nor oversees the activities or practices of any A.A. group. Groups are listed solely for purposes of accurate communications. *(From page 123 Appendix L in the AA Service Manual)*

**AA’s Fellowship Connection Database**

Area 59 Eastern Pennsylvania has a robust service structure comprising 48 districts. We have 1,607 active, registered groups; 24 of which are virtual. One of my main responsibilities is to keep the information in Fellowship Connection as current as possible. Fellowship Connection is the database that our General Service Office uses to track all registered groups and their representatives. The information in this database is only as good as what we put into it. So please help by submitting any changes through the “Group Change Form” on our website. DCMs are granted read-only access to this database so that you may view and download reports at any time. If you would like to access this database and have been unable to do so, please let me know. I am always happy to send you reports about your district at any time.

***When should I submit a change to Area 59?***

- Starting a new group
- Registering an existing group
- Changing a group’s name, meeting location, format (in-person or virtual), or district
- There is a new GSR, Alternate GSR, or Mail Contact
- A group becomes inactive, or an inactive group becomes active again

*Please note:* A personal email address owned by the individual is required, and not a rotating position email address. A mailing address is also required to enter a new contact. The database now requires me to enter a

service position end date. This date defaults to two years, and I add an extra year so there is some cushion. At the service end date, that person drops from the group and a new service end date or new contact is required to keep the group from obtaining an “unknown” status. If the contact does not use email at all, they can still be recorded, but I must contact Member Services and ask them to make the change.

***What if a group needs to make a change on the Meeting Guide App?***

- Submit the change to your local intergroup, if your district is served by one. Area 59 contains 10 intergroups! If the group is not served by an intergroup, submit the change to the district. The meeting lists maintained by intergroups and districts are what feed into the Meeting Guide App, and also to the meeting list on the Area 59 website.

**Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous & District 68 (Spanish-speaking groups)**

I serve as your Area 59 Officer Liaison to Young People in AA (YPAA) and to District 68, our Spanish linguistic district. It was my great pleasure to attend PENNSCYPAA in Bucks County in July, and I was happy to see so many of you there. It is difficult to accurately express what a wonderful experience it was. There is an admirable enthusiasm and dedication to service, along with truly solid recovery. 550 were in attendance with 660 registrations. Hotel rooms sold out very quickly. Both the PA Delegates shared, and both have been past PENNSCYPAA host members. The Saturday speaker traveled from Abilene, TX. Spanish interpretation was provided and 3 Spanish-speaking members were in attendance to utilize it in person. The sobriety countdown went from over 4 decades down to 1 day. It was truly inspiring and I am so grateful I was there. I have never felt less lonely. Montgomery County has won the bid for next year so stay tuned for more details!

Please attend the Share-A-Day for YPAA, District 68, and Area 59 on Saturday, October 7th. I am currently working on the program which will contain panels and presentations. We will be joined by members of our Spanish-speaking community to hear about their unique strengths and challenges. We look forward to exchanging ideas and supporting one another as we express our primary purpose to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

Would you like me to visit your District meeting to talk about the Fellowship Connection database, Young People in AA, our Spanish-linguistic district, or anything else? Just ask! I would love to meet your GSRs and assist in any way possible.

**Activity Log**

6/24/2023	District 56 Spring Workshop	West Grove, PA
7/9/2023	Registrar Meeting	Zoom
7/14-16/2023	PENNSCYPAA	Langhorne, PA
7/15/2023	Storage Facility	N. Wales, PA
8/1/2023	District 29 Meeting	Zoom
8/13/2023	Facilitated Montco Host Elections	Zoom
8/19/2023	Pre-Area Officers Meeting	Williamsport, PA
9/9/2023	District 29/54/55 Annual Picnic in the Park	Newtown Square, PA
9/10/2023	4th Quarterly Area Meeting	Lehighton, PA

In Gratitude,  
Claire B.