

Meeting Minutes | EPGSA Panel 73

June 9, 2024

Area Quarterly Meeting, Q3

Old Lycoming Township Fire Company

1600 Dewey Avenue

Williamsport, PA 17701



Area 59

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GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Opening:

Susan M., Chairperson Panel 73, opened the meeting with the Declaration of Unity and thanked the hosting District, and Williamsport YPAAA Committee.

Susan read “The Service Sponsor”, from the AA Service Manual (pages 9-10): There is every reason for GSRs to NOT do it alone, just as those new to sobriety don’t need to do it alone. That is where the service sponsor comes in. The difference between struggling and feeling a sense of purpose and accomplishment. The service structure is there to answer your questions about your service position, our three legacies, and share experience on managing time and expectations. The service sponsor is there to help! Stressing the spiritual nature of service work, and the importance of basic footwork, is important.

Acknowledged Guests:

Past Delegates: Pat F., Panel 65; Darren F., Panel 65. Special servants were noted.

Traditions and Concepts:

- Concept 4 – Mike R. (D23)
 - ☐ Mike read the concept, which states that anyone given the right to represent their group, district, etc. all the way to GSO, also has a right to vote on matters affecting A.A. – the right of participation.
 - ☐ At first, by participating in an A.A. group, he was able to keep sober. And then he could participate in the group more by being a coffee maker, and then eventually his home group.
 - ☐ You need to participate in your recovery, and by doing so you truly become an A.A. member. We all have the same rights to make decisions; there is no hierarchy.
 - ☐ The spirit of rotation was also noted, and how just like a newcomer can give something to those with more time, it’s important for those new in service to participate.
- Concept 5 – Diane M. (D25)
 - ☐ Diane read the concept, which talked about the right of appeal, minority opinion, and the right to redress grievances.
 - ☐ It’s important to ensure minority opinion will be heard. Their opinion helps to keep the debate well informed. The minority can prevent us from making a mistake.
 - ☐ A majority is not sufficient to make major decisions, which is why we normally require a 2/3 majority (substantial unanimity). Diane has seen this concept in action, especially at Area quarterly meetings. She appreciates the opportunity to express her opinion and exactly how she feels about an issue before the vote.
- Concept 6 – Jim K. (D67)
 - ☐ Jim read the short and long form of the Concept, which notes the role of the Conference in making policy decisions, which are implemented by the Trustees of the General Service Board.
 - ☐ Accountability is important, and the Conference allows the Board to do its job, especially since the Conference meets only once per year, vs. the Board which works year-round.
 - ☐ We each have our roles to do, and when we delegate, we trust that responsibility and do not interfere. This extends to letting go in general and trusting that your higher power will let things work out. We need to have faith that this system works.

Volunteers were selected to present on the Concepts at the June Quarterly Meeting:

Concept 7: John H., D66 | Concept 8: Ruth D., D60 | Concept 9: Lauren B, D24.

Roll Call | Secretary, Dan B.

- The Secretary conducted roll call. All 5 officers were present, and 36 Districts represented, for a total of 41 out of 53 eligible voting members. Please see the roll call tally attached at the end for details.

Acceptance of Minutes from Prior Quarterly Meeting | Chairperson, Susan M.

- Susan verified members read the December draft minutes (sent a month prior), and if there were any corrections or changes before voting to approve. (There were no corrections.)
- *The D24 DCM made a motion to accept the minutes, which was seconded by the D26 DCM.*
- *The minutes were unanimously accepted, with none opposed.*

Convention Committee Report | CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON, PAT F.

- Registration for the convention is now open! Printed forms are available, as well as online.
- It's an election year, so please inform your groups about the importance of attending, and to start saving money in advance for your GSR to attend.
- Pat gave instructions for payment by mail, which is on the registration form.
- Please register before November 1st. Please book your hotel room by October 8th.
- Past Delegates would like to attend your District meeting to talk about the convention.
- Pat went over the registration form and noted details regarding cancellation, deposits, etc. If one of your roommates does not show up or will be late, please inform the hotel as soon as possible.
- Comments and Questions:
 - ☐ Jim K., D67: Some members booked their hotel in advance. Can they call the hotel and get the convention rate?
Answer: Yes, they should be able to.
 - ☐ Lauren B., D24: Strongly suggested booking directly and not through a 3rd party, or else it could become very complicated to reconcile with the hotel.

Officer Reports:

OFFICER AT LARGE, CLAIRE B.

- Noted index cards in your packet for voting on guest observer, color coded for each round.
- Claire thanked everyone for their participation in the two Delegate Conference Reports. 170 at 1st, 72 at 2nd. "Frazzle" (puppet) was the star yesterday.
- When you have new GSRs, please submit a group change form on the Area website, so we can keep our records up to date, and they can get their GSR kits. Please contact Claire if you want read-only access to Fellowship Connection.
- Claire attended PENNSCYPAA 35: It was an incredible experience – members with 50 years of sobriety through just a few days. Next PENNSCYPAA will be held in Harrisburg – you can register now!
- YPAA, D68 and Area Share-a-Day flyers were provided, it will be October 6 near Harrisburg.

TREASURER, TARA C.

- Balances: \$29,323.55, \$12,465.41; provided FY to date P&L, as well as District contributions.
- FY2024: Expenses and contributions tracking close to budget. 295 contributions this quarter, 71 online.
- P&L change: With Finance Subcommittee approval, \$1,000 was moved from Alt-Delegate line item to Area Forums, for a possible event involving the Area officers.
- Moving to QB online, so please be patient, and thank your letters will not look so great until she fully figures out the intricacies of the new platform.
- Liability insurance has renewed, and Tara can supply information for those hosting events if needed.
- Area Day: Planning meeting will occur over lunch. Will be held Oct 12, for 10-2. Please encourage members to attend, so you can learn more about what the Area does.

- Has been working with new DCMs to help them become oriented with the Area.
- Volunteer business cards to get participation of EPGSA volunteers.

SECRETARY, DAN B.

- Reminded all DCMs to make sure to send their District minutes to the Archivist and officers; we do split up responsibility for reading them!
- Also asked DCMs to submit their reports, even if brief; last quarterly we barely had half of DCMS submit reports.
- Encouraged people to use the Roster App for contact info as well as the service calendar.
- Dan explained the importance of getting volunteers for the upcoming November EPGSA Convention, especially for registration! There is a QR code and link on the back of the report for the nifty online form. Each DCM also received 2 copies of a volunteer flyer; he will contact individual DCMs for volunteer participation from Districts as we get closer to the convention.

CHAIRPERSON, SUSAN M.

- Area Service Calendar: Remaining key dates listed, and some save the dates for 2025.
- Please use our Area service calendar, and people are encouraged to put your event there. The website is a cornucopia of information!
- Susan thanked the host District and the ones that hosted the recent Delegate Conference Reports.
- Susan noted that our next Pre-Area Officers meeting will be earlier than usual, so keep in mind the deadline for submitting motions is before that meeting. Motions for September are due *before* August 3rd.
- She attended the 15th annual Hispanic convention; it was a really good time. Susan was asked to share a few words on Area 59; Susan expressed gratitude, and that Area 59 will continue to support the Hispanic community.
- Susan's also been attending a monthly Zoom meeting for Area Chairperson throughout the country.
- She has also been attending monthly online meetings for the various intergroups across the Area.

DELEGATE, PETE B.

- 74th General Service Conference: Pete expressed sincere thanks for being able to attend and was also grateful for the attendance at our recent Delegate Conference Reports. He's available to present additional reports to Districts. Highlights:
 - ☐ Plain Language Big Book was approved after much debate. Release date is not known - but *could* be as soon as this fall.
 - ☐ Pamphlet for Transgender Alcoholic and one for Unhoused Alcoholic was approved.
 - ☐ Board Inventory will be released.
 - ☐ La Viña will continue to be published, with a plan developed to improve its finances.
 - ☐ New PSAs were approved that were quite powerful.
 - ☐ Pete stressed the importance of letting people know about these new tools in front of people who aren't here yet. Please discuss ways to increase viewing in your Districts.
- Will be a townhall meeting on the participation of online groups in the service structure.
- International Convention will be July 3rd – 6th, 2025 in Vancouver. There is a lot of information available online! Please use "official" outreach flyers only, to maintain consistency. Room block will open Sept. 10th.
- Please stress the importance of attending our convention this year, especially since we will be electing a new panel of officers.
 - ☐ Pete is working on the draft program, which should be done by November. Our NE Regional Trustee and a General Service Trustee will be speakers.
 - ☐ Subcommittees will again be hosting workshops; Pete will be contacting the chairs.
 - ☐ Districts will be contacted by Past Delegates for outreach regarding the convention.

DCM Actions: None

The chairperson then announced a break for lunch.

Subcommittee Reports:

ARCHIVES | JENN F., DCM D47

- Held 3 in person meetings at storage unit, and 3 online meetings.
- Noted their motion regarding a new history section that went back to groups last meeting.
- Binder prototype did not work well; they are still investigating alternatives.
- Jenn also noted their motion regarding the history section that would be voted on later in the meeting.

CPC | FAITH B., DCM 63

- Chairperson was absent, and Faith stated there was no report to present.
- Note: CPC report was provided after the meeting and will be available on the Area website.

CORRECTIONS | RUTH. D, D60

- Ruth is new chairperson, and she is getting up to speed.
- Been attending workshops and events.
- Received 4 requests for BTG pairings; been working with other DCMs for contact requests.
- Been working with other Districts and facilities regarding literature and BTG.
- Wants to propose Grapevine and Corrections team up to work with CPC/PI for a possible recommendation related to educating correctional facilities on how to access AA materials.

FINANCE | LAUREN B., D24

- Noted 7th Tradition packets available and encourages use of virtual 7t packets.
- Will be providing information/guidance soon regarding insurance coverage for groups.
- Finance discussed issue of Service Manual no longer being included in the GSR Kit for new GSRs. They decided GSRs should utilize the digital copy whenever possible; if they want a hard copy; it would be the responsibility of the home group to cover the \$4 cost.

GRAPEVINE / LA VIÑA | JESS T., DCM D58

- They have a new subcommittee member, Marybeth N. from D35.
- Attended many events throughout the Area, including the Hispanic Convention and PENNSCYPAA.
- Communicated with CPC/PI regarding lists of colleges and recovery services where GV/LV may be appropriate.
- Ordered back issues of La Vina for the Hispanic Convention, as well as additional books for subcommittee members.
- Note: they are missing approximately 40 books and are still investigating.
- A recovery-based coffee house in Tamaqua, PA and committee to provide literature; wonders if there are any similar recovery-based business in local Districts that could use literature?

PUBLIC INFORMATION | DEB S., DCM D30

- In addition to meeting regularly and attending Area events, have created a QR code for easy access to the PI Digital Binder, so it can be provided easily to members or other service entities!
- Created placards for a “digital display” where people can just take pictures with the QR and no worry about paper blowing away.
- Working on adding info about Area 59 to the PA211 website (which provides general services to those in need).
- Working on recommendations for next panel, and a presentation for EPGSA about anonymity online.

STRUCTURE | ALEX N., DCM D51

- Discussed but took no action regarding clarifying the procedure when there is a vacancy for the Alt-Delegate. They could not reach a clear group conscience, so will include in recommendations for next panel.
- Found a new more cost-effective printer for the structure manuals that is of same quality.
- Finished suggestions for District structure manuals, which were provided today. They will be placed on chairs at

EPGSA convention.

- Will update website to create a digital library of structure manuals as a resource.
- Will print and create e-book version of structure manual after next quarterly meeting, so it's up to date and accurate.
 - ☐ Pete had question regarding why Structure is not updating the manual immediately after changes are approved on the website. Alex clarified the e-book is a separate project and the

TREATMENT/ACCESSIBILITIES | DEVON C., DCM D21

- Committee met 3 times since last quarterly meeting.
- Continued to work with the Area BTG program.
- Provided DCMs with copies of most recent updates to BTG materials, and noted they should be reviewed by Districts because the Area would need to vote on the changes in September.
 - ☐ It was noted by the Chairperson that this didn't follow our standard procedure because there was no notice in advance of the Area meeting about a motion from Treatment to take back to the groups. There will be more information about this if needed before the next quarterly meeting.
- Devon continues to attend the all-Area accessibility online meeting – anyone interested can join.
- Committee has been gathering more specific information for certain demographics, such as veterans, first responders, and babysitting. For babysitting, they encourage BSO and our groups to include these filters in their meeting guides.
- Also working on subcommittee section for the Area website.

AD-HOC DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS | TED C., DCM D27

- Noted the subcommittee continues to update their digital binder to stay current with A.A. website and literature. It's a dynamic document.
- Ted also explained how easily people can create placards for their displays, with information just for specific subcommittees.
- Individual subcommittee placards are not yet available on the website, but he has several available on thumb drivers.
- Subcommittee will be working with two additional subcommittees who don't yet have their own section on the website.
- Comments and Questions:
 - ☐ How do you get District meeting information changed, if it's inaccurate on the website?
 - ☐ Subcommittee will be conducting quarterly audit of District meeting information based on secretary minutes to ensure it's current with website.
 - ☐ Claire noted DCMs can also go to the Area website to review current information and send an email to digitalcomms@area59aa.org with any changes.

Unfinished Business:

GUEST OBSERVER NOMINATIONS

- **JUDGE REA BOYLAN | JENN F., D47**
 - ☐ Most tenured member of Bucks County Court of Common Pleas
 - ☐ Began advocating for drug court after seeing courts cannot “punish away” issues that lead to addiction.
 - ☐ She is approachable, innovative, empathetic, and caring.
 - ☐ Judges often see the failures of recovery, and not the successes, so this would be a great opportunity to increase awareness.
 - ☐ Question, D30 DCM: Is she retired? Answer: Yes. So how will she have an impact? Answer: She is leading the drug court in retirement.

- **NANCY BUTTS | LIZZ F., D48**

- ☐ Chairs the county's criminal justice advisory board and serves on the substance abuse and mental health subcommittees. Founded and still presides over the Wycoming County treatment court; also founded the Lycoming County juvenile treatment court, mental health court and veterans court and has worked with all those programs.
 - ☐ The collective recidivism rate of her programs is 10% lower than the county's overall rate and 30% lower than the state's rate.
 - ☐ She understands the disease concept of alcoholism and she has compassion for those who are still sick and suffering - she creates an atmosphere where an alcoholic can be honest about their recovery rather than trying to lie their way through the program.
- *Voting – 3rd Legacy Procedure:*
 - ☐ 1st Ballot: 41 votes; Butts 26, Boylan 15. No candidate received 2/3, so conducted 2nd ballot.
 - ☐ 2nd Ballot: 41 votes; Butts 30, Boylan 11. Judge Butts won with a 2/3 majority and will be the guest observer!

FINANCE MOTION | LAUREN B., FINANCE CHAIR

- *The Finance Subcommittee recommends a structure manual change that would add a “ceiling” to our operating account.*
 - ☐ The following would be added after the paragraph regarding the prudent reserve:
“Area 59 maintains a reasonable operating account, with the ideal amount suggested as 20% of the average annual expenses of a typical panel at the end of the fiscal year. The Finance Subcommittee will review the operating balance in consultation with the Area Treasurer and the entire Area Committee, and as needed make recommendations to the entire Area Committee. Each panel is free to make decisions based on the financial needs of the Area.”
 - ☐ Clarified we are not changing anything with the prudent reserve; we are just adding to that.
- *There was no discussion, so the Area immediately went to a vote:*
 - ☐ *35 in favor, 2 opposed.*
- *Minority Opinion:*
 - ☐ D31 DCM: Discussed at length last District meeting, and after many votes did not want to pass this motion. Main issue was it could take power away from the groups, since the Area would be deciding how to redistribute the funds. The motion also was not clear enough about how the decision would be made on how to use the funds. Also discussed the high balance in the past could have been an anomaly.
 - ☐ *Nobody wished to make a motion to reconsider the vote.*
- *The motion thus passed with substantial unanimity.*

STRUCTURE MOTION | ALEX N., STRUCTURE CHAIR

- *The Structure Subcommittee for Area 59 unanimously recommends that the subcommittees of Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community, commonly known as P.I. and C.P.C., combine to a singular subcommittee serving both functions for the Area.*
 - ☐ The proposed update to the Structure Manual would replace the existing description of the PI and CPC subcommittees with a single section:
“Cooperation With The Professional Community and Public Information (CPC/PI)- assists the districts to inform the general public and the AA membership of ways to carry the message, such as workshops, literature kits, and radio and television announcements; studies ways to cooperate with professionals while keeping within AA traditions, cooperates with other area subcommittees when communication with professionals in specific subjects needs to be addressed, is responsible for communicating directly with professionals when required, and is responsible for staffing exhibit booths in certain circumstances.”
- *Summary of Discussion:*
 - ☐ State Z, DCM 64: A past DCM from a group in his District offered minority opinion that PI and CPC have different functions. Feels that Area finances could easily support both subcommittees. Also noted that each

Area subcommittee seems to have enough members, and it's always a challenge to get participation – that is what we should be working on instead of combining.

- *The Area then conducted the vote:*
 - ☐ *39 in favor, 1 opposed.*
 - ☐ *There was no minority opinion.*
 - ☐ *Nobody wished to change their vote (reconsider), so the motion passed with substantial unanimity.*
 - ☐ *PI Chair, Deb S.: asked when this would take effect:*
 - *Answer (from Structure Chair): Background material states it is effective immediately, and PI/CPC can figure out exactly how to handle it themselves.*

ARCHIVES MOTION | JENN F., ARCHIVES CHAIR

- *The Archives Subcommittee moves to implement the revised history section of the Structure Manual as submitted in its entirety.*
 - ☐ *Archives provided two attachments, one with just the new text, and one showing exactly what was changed.*
 - ☐ *Clarified that history section has never been corrected/updated since its inception. Checked for accuracy, removed items not Area 59 specific, represent Area 59 (as a whole), and add information under “About Area 59” on the website.*
 - ☐ *Ultimately, the message was not changed.*
- *Summary of Discussion:*
 - ☐ *D51 DCM: District 51 feels 2 months was not enough time to properly review, due to the large number of changes*
- *D51 made motion to postpone definitely until the next quarterly meeting. Seconded by D26 DCM. Discussion:*
 - ☐ *Archives Chair, Jen F.: If this isn't voted on until September, would this still be including in next printing of structure manual.*
 - ☐ *D66 DCM: Question if there are enough groups in Area 59 that care enough to postpone discussion until next meeting. Answer from Alex: Yes.*
 - ☐ *Jess T., D58: Why aren't we trusting our subcommittees to do their job as trusted servants?*
 - ☐ *D26 DCM: District was not in favor; a member didn't fully understand the motion and if specifics of how it relates to Philly AA History.*
 - ☐ *Alex N: Groups felt they needed to spend earlier time discussing Conference agenda items, so they need more time.*
 - ☐ *Jen F.: Other Districts did have time to reach a group conscience.*
- *A vote was taken on the motion to postpone definitely until the next Area meeting.*
 - ☐ *9 in favor, 27 opposed. The motion failed. (No minority opinion).*
- *There was no further discussion, so the Area took a vote on the original motion:*
 - ☐ *33 in favor, 4 opposed.*
 - ☐ *Minority opinion:*
 - *Alex N., D51 DCM: Opposed to recommendation because current history section does not mention groups, whereas revised section mentions some groups but is not inclusive. Why couldn't archives create their own piece of literature in addition to this, rather than change our carefully curated history section?*
 - *Katie M., D26 DCM: Felt revision left out some important parts of history from Philly area.*
 - ☐ *No one wished to reconsider the vote, so the motion passed with substantial unanimity.*

New Business:

DISTRICT 66 MOTION | JOHN H., DCM

“We move that Area 59 provide one “Virtual” Delegate’s General Service Conference Report (DCR) annually, in addition to any in-person Mini-Assemblies. That this be a two-year trial beginning in 2025. After the 2026 “Virtual” (DCR), the Area 59, Panel 75 Structure Subcommittee, along with the Area 59, Panel 75 Delegate, would review its

utilization and effectiveness and make a recommendation to continue with this annual (VDCR) event, or not.”

- ☐ Deb S., D30 seconded the motion.
- ☐ John noted the intent is not to diminish the in-person events. This would not require special equipment. It would require an additional day spent by the Tech Servant and Tech Servant Assistant, as well as the Delegate.
- ☐ It would increase accessibility, allowing more people to attend without cost, and remove barriers to participation.
- Summary of Discussion:
 - ☐ D51 DCM: Does the Area current have a line item in the budget to accommodate this, or would it require additional financial exploration? Answer (Treasurer, Tara C.) We do have a Zoom account, but we would need to research the cost of increasing our “room size”.
 - ☐ D58 DCM: Understands how this could increase access, but would it take away from the in-person events since some may attend virtually.
 - ☐ D24 DCM: In favor of motion, feels the cost would not be significant. Would this include time for questions like the other DCRs? Answer: Yes.
 - ☐ The chair called for unanimous consent to allow our Tech Servant to speak. (No one objected.)
 - If it’s virtual only, the Area could handle Q&A from participants, and would not involve the complications of a hybrid event. The level of effort is much less compared to a hybrid virtual meeting.
 - ☐ D66 DCM: It would be very similar to a normal Zoom meeting, with how people share and ask questions. It would not be hybrid.
 - ☐ Pete B., Delegate: How would we handle participation from people outside of Area 59? Answer: The motion does not have any discussion of the issue.
 - ☐ ADCM D42: Wonders if it is really that much more work for hybrid? YES!
 - ☐ D36 DCM: Opposed to motion because nothing says we can’t have an additional online DCR. Wondered in Delegate has been asked to provide one. Answer: No.
 - ☐ D36 DCM: Also opposed because this is forcing our Delegate to do something and takes time away from our tech servant. If we pass this it’s a “must”, so why can’t we just ask the Area to provide a virtual event?
 - ☐ D66 DCM: Last year Pete did travel to many other Districts to give presentations on the Conference. Did the Delegate mileage expenses get included in the budget? Answer: It’s already in the Delegate budget. There is always value in having people meet the Delegate in person.
 - ☐ D24 DCM: Thinks we should bring it back to the groups to see if there is interest in a virtual event.
 - ☐ D63 DCM: She just invited Delegate to attend virtually, because of convenience for him and District members.
 - ☐ OAL, Claire B.: There is a definite difference between attending something online and virtual – there is a real concern that people may take the virtual option. It is already a lot of work to plan the 2 in-person events; an additional event could add work and complicate planning for existing events. Districts always have the option to invite the Delegate to a virtual Conference presentation.
 - ☐ D55 DCM: District discussed asking Pete to present virtually, but ultimately decided against it because there were concerns a virtual event could quickly turn ugly. Also feels the presentation slides are sufficient.
 - ☐ Tara C., Treasurer: Our Zoom room holds 300 participants, it would cost \$50/month to increase to 1,000. Also, the Area does have virtual only groups, who need to have a way to attend a DCR.
 - ☐ Tim, DCM D65: Could Pete expand on the issue of people outside the Area attending? Answer: He just wondered if the motion included that and was not a statement for or against.
 - ☐ Devon C, D21: This would not be a full mini-assembly with DCMs presenting (or puppets – reference to DCR 2 skit)? Answer (D66 DCM): No, just a report-back. We trust our servants to plan to meet the needs of the Area. Likes the idea of online groups being able to fully participate. Inclusivity has been a big focus in recent years, and this goes a long way towards that.
- *D66 DCM restated the motion. Pete asked if anyone objected to his participation in the vote. Nobody was. The Area then voted:*
 - ☐ *23 in favor, 17 opposed. There was not substantial unanimity, thus the motion failed.*
 - ☐ *Minority opinion, from those in favor:*

- Does not understand the opposition. This would allow people who could not otherwise attend the chance to participate.
- D66 DCM: No opposition to going back to the groups, if that was why people voted against.
- D24 DCM: Could not make in-person event last year, and it would have been helpful. This is only a trial, so we could always scrap it.
- D58 DCM: It seems to make sense to have a single virtual event vs. multiple ones with a smaller audience.
- D57 ADCM: Thinking about all of our elderly people and how this could help them.
- *D55 DCM made a motion to reconsider. D24 DCM seconded.*
 - ☐ *31 in favor, 9 opposed. Thus, discussion was reopened.*
- *D38 DCM made a motion to postpone definitely and go back to the groups. D66 seconded the motion.*
 - ☐ Discussion on the motion to postpone:
 - D21 DCM: Groups already had a chance to discuss this.
 - D36 DCM: Is there discussion on motion to postpone definitely? Answer: Yes, it's appropriate.
- *Vote on postpone definitely:*
 - ☐ *10 in favor, 29 opposed. The motion did not carry.*
- *There was no further discussion, and the Area took a final vote on the original motion:*
 - ☐ *29 in favor, 11 opposed. Motion carried with substantial unanimity. (No minority opinion a second time).*
- **DISTRICT 43 MOTION | ALEX B., DCM (READ BY D43 ADCM, KELLY H.)**

“That all items submitted to Pre-Area officers meeting shall be distributed to the Area DCMs prior to the quarterly Area meeting whether they are included on the agenda or not.”

 - ☐ Pete B seconded the motion.
 - ☐ D24 DCM: Will it include the reason why?
 - Answer: D43 ADCM – this is a great question, and we appreciate Area transparency.
 - Pete B: Yes, this is a no-brainer, and we would try to follow the Conference agenda item process and state why it was not on the agenda.
- Summary of Discussion:
 - ☐ Delegate, Pete B.: Is in favor.
 - ☐ Secretary, Dan B.: Motion says “items”, does that mean just motions submitted by DCMs? Answer: Just motions submitted.
 - ☐ D58 DCM Jess: Asked about history of what was not included and why.
 - D24 Lauren: Was it the one about running list of customs? No.
 - Pete B.: It was about conducting business at all meetings, esp. December. There is nothing that says we can't.
 - ☐ D66 DCM: Don't we put *all* motions submitted on agenda, and the officers don't decide?
 - Pete B: The officers don't deny motions; however, the Chair can rule it out of order.
- The Area took the vote on the presented motion:
 - ☐ 39 in favor, 1 opposed.

Announcements and Closing:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Area 4th Quarterly Meeting 9/8/2024; YPAA Share-A-Day 10/6/2024; Area Day 10/12/2024; EPGSA Convention 11/8/2024; 1st Quarterly Meeting 12/8/2024.

CLOSING

- *The meeting was adjourned by voice vote, followed by the Responsibility Declaration, after a motion from the D47 DCM and seconded by the D57 DCM.*



Area 59 Roll Call

Date: June 9, 2024

Officer/ District	DCM/ADCM Other	Guests	DCM Report	Actions
OAL	1			
Treasurer	1			
Secretary	1			
21	1		ONL	
22	Absent			
23	1		TBD	
24	1		ONL	
25	1		ONL	
26	1		ONL	
27	1	2	ONL	
28	Absent			
29	1		TBD	
30	1		ONL	
31	1		TBD	
32	1	1	ONL	
33	1	1	ONL	
34	1	1	ONL	
35	1		ONL	
36	1	2	TBD	
37	1		ONL	
38	ADCM		ONL	
39	Absent			
40	Absent			
41	Absent			
42	ADCM		TBD	
43	ADCM	1	ONL	
44	1		ONL	
TOTAL	22	8		

Officer/ District	DCM/ADCM Other	Guests	DCM Report	Actions
Chair	1			
Alt- Delegate	1			
Delegate	1			
45	1	1	ONL	
46	Absent			
47	1	1	ONL	
48	1	22	ONL	
49	Absent			
50	1		ONL	
51	1		ONL	
52	Absent			
53	1	2	ONL	
54	Absent			
55	1		ONL	
56	Absent			
57	ADCM		ONL	
58	1		ONL	
59	Absent			
60	1		ONL	
61	Absent			
62	1		ONL	
63	1		TBD	
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67	1		ONL	
68	1	2	TBD	
TOTAL	19	30		

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DCM REPORTS LEGEND

ONL = Online
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21	6/8/2024	Archives visited in April to discuss group histories. We have a few new GSRs and alternates Several members continue to ask agenda item questions Visitation committee has been reformed Special events committee formed to work on fall workshop Structure committee formed to update structure manual	Bucks unity 21 workshop in fall	2nd Thursday of the month 877 street road Southampton PA 18966	15 / 30
24	6/9/2024	Our district purchased Service Manuals for all GSRs in the District. DCM has offered to lead an informal meeting with interested GSRs to discuss the Service Manual. District Structure Manual has been completed and needs to be finalized and voted on by the District. Considering having a GSR Orientation for new GSRs. Have had guest speakers attend District Meetings over the last few months so GSRs are informed of what officers and committees do in the Area. A new First Responders meeting has been started in Glenside.	GSO Bus Trip on Friday 6/14 Fall District Workshop in September TBD	1st Wednesday at 7pm 654 Bethlehem Pike Flourtown PA	25 / 44
25	6/9/2024	- District 25 hosted an awesome Pre-Conference Sharing Session April 6th. - Numerous anniversaries were held with great speakers. - The ADCM resigned in February and the position continues to be vacate. - District 25's Structure Sub-committee worked on a structure manual for 18months, which was approved and adopted immediately. - We had several visits from the area officers. They were the officer-at-large, secretary and delegate. - We had a presentation on "Bridging the Gap"-Philly Institutions	None	1st Tuesday of the month 7-9pm 6511 Lincoln Drive, Phila., PA 19119/hybrid	15 / 40
26	6/9/2024	We held a virtual Workshop on May 18th, we had low attendance but it was still informative. We could not have the workshop in person at the church we attend our business meeting, bc they changed the rules for activities/events that you must be affiliated with the church. We were having trouble finding an in person location so we did it virtual.	We have members involved with the Grapevine Workshop that will be held June 22, where the Pre Conference sharing was held at.	3rd Tues of the Month St Malachy Church 1429 N 11th St Phila PA 19123	8 / ?
27	6/6/2024	Attendance at our District meetings has trended upward since moving to our new meeting location that is more in the population center of Center City Philadelphia. District officer positions have stabilized with no new resignations. Our newly elected ADCM has taken charge of a possible bus trip to the General Service Office, as well as our upcoming District workshop. The District 27 website has seen many improvements this panel, primarily to our District Web Servant/Archivist. Like on the Area 59 website, "digitized" A.A. Literature is available, both the binder/tabular format as well as pamphlet sized placards that can be used in a standard literature rack.	Possible bus trip to GSO and a District workshop will be communicated once more information comes about.	4th Tuesday 7:30 - 9:00 PM 1315 Spruce Street Philadelphia PA 19107	25 / 45
30	6/7/2024	- District 30 continues to offer a hybrid meeting. We seem to have a dedicated group of GSR's; they are bringing interesting	We will be joining three other districts for a workshop on	First Tuesday at 7 PM Malvern Center, 225	23 / 37

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		<p>Actions for discussion, as well as lots of flyers for group anniversaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actions of note: how to gather information on financials of GSB/Intergroup/Area, so they can better choose where to focus their group contributions. - Also, they wanted to know exactly how much their group needed to budget for their trip to EPGSA in November. We wrote up a one-page document that outlined last years' prices, as well as day-attendance options for those within reasonable driving distance and limited group funds. - We hosted a "GSR Education" night with 30+ attendees and a great talk from our previous DCM. 	<p>8/3/2024 in Morgantown.</p> <p>With the GSC and Delegate Report behind us, we plan to use the summer months to encourage GSR's to stand for District office, and to attend Area events to prepare to be a better-informed voter at EPGSA.</p>	Lancaster Av, Frazer, PA (hybrid)	
32	6/8/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our district had a change in officers due to the DCM in place strong down. Officer positions that changed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DCM, ADCM and OAL, so we had a little adjustment which went smoothly. - Our visitation subcommittee is actively working to visits group meetings that have no GSR representation in efforts to see if we can help the group in working to get a person interested in becoming GSR or if unable, to at least get a name of a person to be a contact for the group so we can try to be help these groups receive area information. We will continue to visit these groups. - With our DCM change, we made some adjustments in our meeting to have it run a little more smoothly. - We recently participated in a combined workshop with 2 other districts, which had a good turn out and went well. - Throughout the next few months, we will really encourage our GSRs to understand the importance of attending the Nov E.P.G.S.A convention and have a good turn out of GSR's from D32; we have one group, who is one without a GSR but is one that we have a contact person for, that has emailed me looking for suggestions in regards to 7th tradition money, banking difficulty for their group and is looking for suggestions maybe from Area. 	No current upcoming events.	4th Wed 7 pm 933 Baltimore Pike Springfield Pa 19064	15 / 31
33	6/9/2024	The District has voted to allocate funds to begin the PI/CPC out high schools, colleges and votechs in the District. There has been some hopeful communications from unrepresented groups in the District regarding attempts for them to begin to have a GSR participation.		3rd Thursday on month 6:30pm Fleetwood Pa	11 / 17
34	6/9/2024	It has been pretty quiet in our district. We have held our monthly meetings as scheduled. We are currently working on a District revitalization plan, to try to increase attendance and participation within the district.	Nothing upcoming set in stone. We will ne doing some sort of event in conjunction with our district revitalization plan.	2nd Thursday, 630pm zoom	5 / 12
35	6/9/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Went to most groups in district to model and demonstrate the qr pamphlet books. - 4/21 spring breakfast - 6/8 picnic held great attendance speaker spoke on AA history. 	Late summer workshop	06/09 Zoom	15 / ?

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37	6/8/2024	We discussed the upcoming delegates conference. EPGSA this year in November being a voting year. The GSR came up with ideas on how to spend the money the district has currently. We recently have gone from all virtual to hybrid.		3rd Wednesday at 7:30 pm 514 third ave Bethlehem,pa	18 / ?
38	6/3/2024	- Number of GSR's and Alt. GSR's attending District Meeting has increased to an average of 21- - District Officer positions (ADCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Officer At-Large) are filled- - District Committee Representatives for Grapevine, Intergroup, Website, Public Information, Visitation, and Workshop are filled (Also Archives as DCM is on Area Archives Committee) - District Prudent Reserve (\$1200) is met; Operating Account Balance: \$620.93	Exploring the opportunity to hold a Workshop in early Fall 2024- New Business Item: Consider VENMO account for District 38.	Last Tuesday of the Month 7:00pm St. James UCC 321 S. Limerick Road, Limerick, Pa 19468	21 / 63
43	6/9/2024	District 43 continues to make progression in subcommittees, supporting meetings, and finding solutions for issues arising that are brought to the district. There have been multiple new meetings opening in the district that are helping support the community. District 43 continues to do well collectively.	See district 43 website.	6:45 on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month Varying locations, see district 43 website	20 / ?
44	6/9/2024	District is status quo. I made efforts to educate and encourage members to get involved during pre conference and mini assembly. There was more questions and about average attendance. Those more outspoken have gotten to share and learn and grow which has been a joy. Overall, things are gravy.	Bus trip tentative September/October.	Third Thursday 7PM Online	15 / ?
45	6/9/2024	- Archives has created a Spotify channel and is digitizing past speaker tapes to make accessible while editing tapes to protect anonymity. - PI has an AA booth at local First Friday events and has been utilizing digital binder created by area 59 pi subcommittee - Planning workshop/share a day with other service offices located within district 45. Tentative for October 2024.	Planning workshop/share a day with other service offices located within district 45. Tentative for October 2024.	4th Tuesday @ 7 pm 11 N Richland Ave York PA	28 / ?
47	6/9/2024	District is doing very well. Participation continues to increase. Exciting to see new GSRs at each meeting!	Buck Unity Event on June 30	2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM St Andrews Evangelical Lutheran, 20 Dill Ave, Perkasie, PA 18944	30+ / 43
48	6/5/2024	District 48 held a Language of the Heart workshop. No issues reported by groups and no problems to report with district.	District 48 to host 3rd Quarterly Area Business Meeting on June 9, 2024. Williamsport YPAA Service Committee will be sponsoring breakfast at the meeting. The Williamsport YPAA Service Committee is also hosting an event June 23, 2024 for food, fellowship, and fun to encourage more members to get involved in service, specifically with Williamsport YPAA. The Williamsport Noon group is	2nd Wednesday, 7:00 PM 900 Elm St., Montoursville, PA	20 / 37

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			hosting its annual picnic on June 29, 2024. Plans are underway for the District 49 annual picnic to be held in September.		
50	6/9/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are asking for 4 new Hotline volunteers. Our Hotline is working very well. - We are still asking for ADCM & a 2nd Webservant. (2 possible hopefuls) - Our Webservant has tremendously helped us with our site & costs - We also have a possible new AA meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our next District meeting is June 21st @ 6pm in Mifflintown - Will be excited to see new people stepping up for service positions & maybe a new meeting - Picnic/ Meeting Aug 9th @ Raystown Lake (listed on Area calendar) 	Wednesday 6pm Lewistown P	10 / 11
51	5/19/2024	District 51 meets in person only on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All are welcome to attend and observe. This quarter, we discussed the Area recommendations at length, hosted an Ego Deflation Workshop, and welcomed the Delegate for a Conference Report immediately after our May business meeting. We are working on a workshop with Districts 21, 23, and 47, as well as the Bucks County Zone of SEPIA and the Liberty Bid for EACYPAA on another Bucks Unity Event. Our goal is to learn from each other and open communication on how to get inactive groups involved.	Bucks Unity- June 30th; Hosted in District 47.	3rd Thursday at 7pm 479 Stonybrook Dr, Levittown	36 / 72
53	6/9/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corrections committee going into wyoming county jail, got bb into jail. - Have monthly fellowship breakfast, 3rd Saturday of month at 9 am, t&c grill, Tunkhannock - District workshop, 8/17/24, 10a - 2p, meshoppen umc - Area pi chair coming to August meeting, 8/1/24 at 6:30p - Updating aa meeting list in tunkhannock newspaper - Developing a district meeting list to share 	Workshop, The gift of Forgiveness, topic, 8/17/24, 10a- 2p Doors open @ 830a Meshoppen community church 128 church st Meshoppen, pa	1st Thursday of the month, 6:30 pm 6 siren way, lake Carey, lake Carey Fire hall	17 / 15
55	6/9/2024	Since the last quarterly meeting, Jeff L. stepped down from his position as DCM for personal reasons. Julia DeLuca (previously ADCM) was elected as DCM at the April district meeting; Brooke S. was elected as ADCM. Secretary Mark W. and Treasurer Travis M. maintained their positions.	District 55 has begun planning the annual District Picnic. For the second year in a row, Districts 54 and 29 will team up with District 55 for the picnic. It will be held Sept. 14th at 11:00am, at Ridley Creek St. Park, Pavillion 11-A. There will be two speakers throughout the afternoon, in addition to food, fun (games, etc.), and fellowship	fourth Tuesday of the month at 7pm 2 Cambridge Rd, Brookhaven, PA 19015	11 / 18
57	4/24/2024	Several GSR's our concerned about the agenda items for the conference. They feel like I am not keeping them informed.	July 4th Alcothon	4/24/24 St. Timothy's Allentown, PA	12 / 57
58	6/9/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District 58 had a workshop in May it was moderately attended. - March's business meeting was focused on agenda items and questions on founder's writings and discussion and feedback from groups. - DCM provided an additional zoom meeting to get feedback on agenda items and founder's writing questions. 		2nd Thursday of the month @ 6 pm Meeting ID: 974 2044 7747 Passcode: 5859	12 / 15

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District continues to build prudent reserve. - Contributions to district have been low to moderate. Some groups have the capacity to contribute (usually the meetings that meet daily), others do not. - District still has vacant committees that no one has volunteered for service. - The district 58 committees represented: Archives, GTG, CPC-PI, and Grapevine - District still does not have ADCM and there are concerns about district going dark do to this. - DCM has been discussing November's EPGSA and that it is a voting year and all GSR's should plan to attend. - Participation in District as increased slightly, although there are groups that still do not participate. Individuals willing to take service positions is low. 			
60	6/9/2024	We need a new treasurer and new Officer at Large. The treasurer has been there for five years. She needs to be relieved. We also need a new Officer at Large. It is difficult to get people to step up. We are planning a workshop in conjunction with District 22. On June 1. the Greater Northeast Club celebrated its 80th anniversary in existence.		Third Sunday, 1:00 pm 2501 Trenton Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19125	7 / 21
62	6/12/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kim B. (ADCM) resigned, due to personal issues. - We discussed structure manual to include funds for ongoing Neraasa Conferences. Structure manual in in process of being updated. - Our intergroup liaison suggested hosting sponsorship workshops. - Kim B. did a presentation on digital binder and pamphlets done by Ad hoc digital committee. She also provided our district with her digital binder and pamphlets. 	Young and Sober Group is having their annual picnic and softball game at Sagamore Estates on June 23rd. They also have monthly softball games.	Monday 5:45 pm 3rd monday Ann Street Church Milford Pennsylvania (Hybrid)	12 / 14
64	6/8/2024	District 64 is doing well. GSR's are showing more interest in general service and some have been attending area events and meetings and other district workshops. We just had our Area Delegate Pete visit our June 6th business meeting to share his experience at the 74th General Service Conference and give his report back. It was very well received by the GSR's and additional observers who attended.	We are currently planning a multi district workshop with District's 30, 64, 66 & 67. It will be related to General Service on the Area level and introduce the GSR's to the Area officers and their positions. It is intended to prepare them for the upcoming election at EPGSA in November. It is scheduled for Saturday August 3rd @ Canarvon Township Building in Morgantown, PA. Details to follow and will be posted on the Area 59 website when available. We are also planning to hold our own workshop in October.	Fist Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm St James Catholic Church, 505 Woodcrest Ave, Lititz, PA 17543	16 / 29
65	6/9/2024	Summer Picnic coordination among groups is underway. District meeting attendance has been staying steady. Most groups are experiencing increased attendance. Financially struggling groups have been encouraged to suspend District contributions. Annual		3td Thursday 5:30 1800 Oak Street, Lebanon PA 17042	20 / 13

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		Knoebles picnic was most successful one in years with over 125 attendees. Plans to grow this and share on Area website next year.			
67	6/10/2024	DCM, ADCM and several GSRs attended pre conference sharing session and Mini Assembly I. ADCM prepared and gave presentation at Mini Assembly with help of others from District. Lauren from finance subcommittee and Alex from Structure subcommittee visited District on separate occasions to give presentations and answer questions. Final approved District Structure manual was given to Alex for review and recommendations. An ad hoc finance subcommittee was formed to gather information from previous years to aid in proposing a formal budget and that group met (ADCM and DCM and 2 GSRs) and made a lot of progress with proposed budget. Elected new District Archivist. Initiative was made to do a multi district workshop. ADCM has taken lead on this and a brainstorming meeting and a planning meeting were held on Zoom and Delegate Pete attended. Another meeting coming up for planning that event on Zoom June 11th. DCM made final preparations for presentation at Mini Assembly II and speaking on Concept 6 at Area 3rd Quarterly meeting. Several GSRs were planning to attend Founders Day.	<p>Multi District Workshop Areas 30, 64, 66 and 67 on Aug 3rd in Morgantown noon to 3 PM. Save the date flyer was created and submitted to Area Events.</p> <p>DCM leaving for week long trip to Maine on motorcycle June 11th with sponsor and Frazzled and visiting Bill Wilson House in East Dorset VT and staying overnight at Aerie Inn where Lois and Bill used to spend their summers. Multiple other stops along the way and back.</p>	First Wed of Month 7 PM St Mark's Lutheran Church 5 Brooke Manor Birdsboro PA 19508	12 / 20