

Finance Report
E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 75
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Area Quarterly Meeting, Q2 Milford, PA

The Finance Subcommittee performed a comprehensive analysis for Area 59 due to low funds in the operating account. To provide a complete picture of our financial health, we reviewed income and expenses from 2021 to the present, analyzed 2025 budget performance, and projected our short-term outlook.

Contributions, contribuciones	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Annual, anual	\$69,365.26	\$87,403.43	\$101,246.49	\$117,380.70	\$101,980.03
Percent Change, cambio porcentual		26.00%	15.84%	15.94%	-13.12%

Part 1: 2025 Budget in Review

While contributions grew steadily from 2021 to 2024, they **decreased substantially in 2025**. Despite this shortfall, Area spending tracked income closely.

2025 Profit and Loss	Budget	Actual
Contributions	\$119,000	\$99,500
Expenses	\$117,000	\$98,500

Subcommittees and officers were **under** budget with few exceptions. Though expenses matched our income last year, and overall the area was under budget, it is worthwhile to review areas of overspending.

Districts hosting A59 events occasionally spend the entire event budget on food and rent, leaving no room for officer/servant mileage, interpretation, and supplies.

Example: For a \$2,500 budget, the host committee should be instructed to spend no more than \$1,800 to account for the \$800 typical of Area overhead.

Part 2: The Cash Flow Crunch and the "Double Whammy"

The current low balance is a result of concentrated high-cost events occurring within a short period of time.

- a. November is a consistently expensive month (~\$24,000 in 2025).
- b. 2026 NERF (Rhode Island) (~\$6,400) and NERAASA (Maine), with NERD to follow.
- c. Delegate Conference Fee. A major early-year expense was the \$10,250 payment to fully fund the Delegate's attendance at the General Service Conference.

The "Double Whammy": Our financial "cushion" is smaller than in years past because contributions decreased in 2025 rather than increasing. We are facing higher expenses with a lower starting balance.

Part 3: Short Term Financial Outlook

Area 59 anticipates increased expenses in 2026 compared to 2025 due to regional events and printing structure manuals for the next panel. Expenses are likely to trend toward 2024 levels (~\$127,000). Contributions and expenses must be monitored with high frequency in the coming months.

Part 4: Plan of Action

To stabilize the operating account, the Finance Subcommittee is recommending Area 59 implements the following measures:

1. Immediate Cost-Cutting:

- a. Hospitality:** Discontinue providing "breakfast" foods at Area meetings. Be more conservative in food purchases for other area events, wherever possible
- b. Discretionary Spending:** Suspend or defer non-essential purchases for subcommittees and officers.

2. Enhanced Oversight:

- a.** The Finance Subcommittee will assist the treasurer in monitoring spending and contributions

3. Develop a contingency plan for further cost-cutting which can be implemented if the account does not show recovery.

Events Attended:

- Sepia Share-A-Day
- NERAASA 2026
- Northeast Regional Forum

Finance Subcommittee Members: Andrew D., Chair; Tim S., Secretary D65; Ellen G., D21; Pennie F, D41, Fred E, D58.