

Meeting Minutes | EPGSA Panel 75

March 8, 2026

Area Quarterly Meeting, Q2

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Area 59

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Meeting Opening:

Tara C., Chairperson Panel 75, opened the meeting with the Declaration of Unity and thanked the hosting district, District 62. Tara C. read Concept III from the "AA Service Manual."

Acknowledged Guests:

Past Delegates: Pete B., Panel 73

Special Servants: Donald H., Area Archivist; Jessica T., Archivist Assistant; Fred S., Tech Servant; Nick P., Assistant Tech Servant, Jim L., BTG Coordinator

Traditions and Concepts:

- Concept 1 – Troi H., DCM D64
 - ☐ Read from the Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet.
 - ☐ Without another alcoholic, we have no voice at the group level. It is the most important thing (the group) and hopefully it stays that way.
 - ☐ Different way of conducting things than other business, but it works!
- Concept 2 – Will H., ADCM D42
 - ☐ Delegated complete authority. Individual groups focus on recovery. Delegation allows groups to stay focused on recovery while essential services are carried out. Trusted servants are empowered to make decisions.
 - ☐ Exists to serve AA's primary purpose. Alcoholic seeking help doesn't need to know how the structure works but they benefit from it.
- Concept 3 – James O., DCM D36
 - ☐ Read from the Concepts Illustrated Pamphlet.
 - ☐ Right of Decision but the groups should trust their trusted servants.
 - ☐ We trust God, AA, and each other.
 - ☐ Home groups bring their voice to District, and he brings their voice to the Area. He is just transferring information up and down the triangle.

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

Concept 4: Andrew D., DCM D66 | Concept 5: Loretta Lucy M., DCM D25 | Concept 6: Lindsay E., DCM D51

Roll Call | Secretary, Lauren B.

- The Secretary conducted roll call. 6 officers were present, and 35 Districts represented, for a total of 41 out of 54 eligible voting members. Please see the roll call tally attached at the end for details.

Acceptance of Minutes from Prior Quarterly Meeting | Chairperson, Tara C.

- Tara verified members read the December draft minutes (sent a month prior and available on Area59aa.org), and if there were any corrections or changes before voting to approve.

- The minutes were unanimously approved, with none opposed.

Convention Committee Report | Convention Chairperson, Pete B.

- Main thing is considering options for 2027 for a new contract. For any suggestions, please email Pete. Would need to consider a space that can accommodate 900ish guests.
- Collect critique sheets and the reoccurring theme is it is too expensive. It is broad range. Trying to see how many people are affected by the costs. The main reason for the cost is that it includes food. Can consider making the meals optional possibly but then would have to consider that we would all need to go and get food and that could be difficult (long waits, all leaving at the same time, limited places to eat at, etc).
- Brief survey to come out in the future to touch on these points. Please send out to the GSRs. This will help us serve the GSRs in Area 59 better.
- We only hear from 60 people in critique sheets, so we don't have all the information.
- Question:
 - ▣ Rob A., DCM D37 – We would need to have one room for General Assembly and some breakout rooms. He is asking for a little more detailed information so they can scope out hotels and get better results. Also, is there a specific region where this has to be in? For example, Lancaster is kind of in the center of the Area. Also, consider staying in other hotels in the area by the convention instead of the host hotel.
 - Pete said he can send out few bullet points for general requirements they are looking for. Doesn't need to be in a specific area but would be nice to be by general transportation (flights, etc). It would be nice to be centrally located as well. The difficulty with not staying at the host hotel is with the contract. To pay for the ballroom, breakout rooms, we are buying the meal plans. Otherwise, we would have to pay for those rooms by themselves. We would have to charge a lot more for registration to cover the rooms.

Archivist Presentation | Area Archivist, Donald H. – Pre-Conference Sharing Session

- Spoke with Past Delegate from Panel 49 – Gary C. who started the Pre-Conference Sharing Session. He went to GSC in 1999 and the Delegates from DE, NNJ, and SNJ mentioned they had PCSS. His reasoning was to get guidance on the Agenda Items.
- 6/19/1999 – Discussed that they need to decide if they want to participate in a PCSS.
- Wrote a letter to all DCMs in August. Said we will need to make decision to see if the DCMs would participate early next year. Would do pseudo-conference form. Purpose would be to provide Delegate with conscience of Area 59. Said I expect to see all of you there if we do this.
- 9/12/1999 – The format would be to break up into committee, discuss agenda items, report backs, discussion and vote. Vote was unanimous to have a PCSS.
- 12/1999 – Scheduled the PCSS.
- 4/9/2000 – PCSS was held even though there was 3 feet of snow! Everyone was welcomed.
- Format was followed for 19 years. PCSS was held virtually (4/5/2020 and 4/19/2020).
- 3/28/2021 – Virtual
- 2022 – Was held in person and was the original format.
- 2023 – Delegate changed the PCSS format to be a presentation by GSRs, discussion, no voting. Has continued for the last 3 years.
- 3/13/1999 Area Meeting – Prior to Gary going to GSC where he heard about PCSS, he talked about

having a function that had never been done before... To have an event where they would inform the Delegate how they feel about the agenda items and vote on them in the Area.

- Pre-Area Officers Meeting – 8/23/1997 – Clay R. Delegate & Gary C. Alt Delegate – They discussed pros and cons of PCSS.

Officer Reports:

Officer at Large, Katie M.

- Attended SAD, DCM Sharing Session, NERAASA.
- Gotten used to Fellowship Connection and have been adding GSRs/AGSRs, changing/updating group information.
- For any group updates (new groups, group locations, etc.), please go to the website and fill out the proper forms.
- Can always email Katie if need assistance.
- If DCMs need read access to Fellowship Connection, contact Katie for assistance.
- Planning Mini I & II and will be in contact with the DCMs to let them know what their duties are.
- All programs and fliers for Minis need to reviewed and approved by the Officers.

Treasurer, Jen F.

- Paid monthly expenses, ordered literature, signed contracts, supported Finance Subcommittee with a cost analysis for the Area finances.
- Checking - \$5,360.25 (\$1,200.00ish in our working account because there were outstanding expenses). Lower on contributions than expected, front loaded on expenses
- Had to borrow \$5,000 from the prudent reserve. Once we build up again, we will return the money back to the Prudent reserve.
- This triggered us to reach out to Finance for a cost analysis.
- Any contributions would be helpful. Online contributions are 20% (little lower than they have been previously – they were around 25% last quarter).
- Contributions - \$23,349 YTD.
- Passed around the Group contributions to Area and GSOs to each DCM.
- Question:
 - ☐ Olivia A., DCM D63 – NERF was over budget by \$3,000.
 - It cost a lot more than it did in previous years.
 - ☐ Andrew D., DCM D66 – Is all NERF in? Is all NERAASA in?
 - NERF yes. NERAASA no. Probably \$5,000 needed.
 - Andrew asked is it appropriate for DCMs to inform the GSRs we need money? Jen said yes.
 - ☐ Tom, DCM D67 – What is the protocol for when we go over budget? \$500 to go to Area?
 - Dan responded that we did talk about this at the Pre-Area Officer Meeting. Prudent Reserve is for necessary expenses only. We will be putting things on hold. For the \$500, it would be for a specific expense that we didn't budget for.
 - Would we consider sending less people to events outside the Area? – Dan said yes. – Dan said for PENNSCYPAA we are only covering the Area Officer who serves as the YPAA liaison. For other officers, it will be on the other officers' personal expense.
 - Should we still hold Bi-lingual SAD? – Dan said to wait to see if we bounce back. Planned events are still on and we will have a better idea where we stand as we go along.

- ☐ Erin R., DCM 40 – Why was NERF so expensive?
 - Jen said there are several unpaid expenses left for NERAASA that still need to be reimbursed. NERAASA will also be over budget.
 - Erin asked how did we come up with the prudent reserve? – Jen said it is 30% of the annual expenses from the prior year. It is in the Structure Manual.
 - Erin asked how much are the postcards to the Delegate? – Alex said it is part of the Alt Delegate’s responsibilities. Total cost was \$100 for cards, \$79 for stamps. Less than \$200 total.
 - Erin asked if Dan reads them? – Dan said they do make a difference because the days are long and he would get cards every day and they lifted his spirits.
- ☐ Greg M., D47 – GSC expense - \$10,300 – Is that already paid?
 - Jen said yes. That is for Dan’s attendance at the General Service Conference.
- ☐ Lindsay E., DCM D51 – Any thoughts about carpooling and sharing rooms?
 - Jen said we have been carpooling and sharing rooms for various events outside the Area already.
 - Dan said NERD is in Wilmington, DE. Dan said he could drive there and back if we are still in bad shape.

Secretary, Lauren B.

- Thanked the Area for sending her to NERF & NERAASA.
- Secretary discussed her various duties for the Area.
- Area 59 roster is confidential. Have heard from some that they weren’t receiving the emails but should have been fixed. Glide App is also available.
- Submit Area Events on the Area Calendar. Flyers should have no personal information and should be in PDF format.
- DCMs continue to submit DCM reports online. Paper DCM reports are also available.
- Please continue to have District Secretaries send District Meeting Minutes to all Officers and Archivist.
- Area Library – Adding more items into library: National Corrections Convention Workshop, International Convention, SEPIA Round Up, etc.

Chairperson, Tara C.

- Thanked the Area for sending her to NERAASA.
- The most up to date Service Calendar and Information for Guest Observer have been provided.
- Please provided Guest Observer Nominations at the next Quarterly meeting. Reach out to Tara for any clarification or additional information.
 - ☐ Dan mentioned that GSO was so impressed by our practice of having a Guest Observer. Dan was a speaker on it on the recent podcast and this is in line with CPC.
- Service Calendar is the most up to date. Thanked D62 for hosting and for those Districts that are hosting upcoming events.
- Submit motions to Chair 48 hours before the Pre-Area Officer Meeting.
- Chair has the right of decision on whether motions are received timely and whether motions are referred to subcommittees for further review / additional information.
- In keeping with practice to increase transparency, motion was received by D67 about amending

Service Structure Manual by removing voting rights for past delegates to EPGSA. Chair referred the motion to Structure.

- Flyers that were passed around were not in accessible font. They will be amended and posted to website. Apologize for the oversight.

Alternate Delegate, Alex N.

- Digging into the Background Material for the GSC coming up in case he needs to fill in for Dan.
- Asked the DCMs pass the postcard around the District to fill out to send to Dan while he is at the GSC. Really lifts his spirits after a very long day! The postcards are pre-posted.
- Thanked the Area for sending him to NERAASA. Alex read some memorable quotes he heard from NERAASA. He attended the Delegate / Alt Delegate Roundtable in person. Last year was virtual. "The Conference isn't a time to finish business, but to continue business from those that came before you..."
- Attends the NERD and NAAD virtual monthly meetings.
- Attended the SEPIA Round Up Meeting in Cape May.
- Had a great SAD with SEPIA in January. Over 160 attended.
- Attended all 10 Active Intergroups and invited them to the All Intergroup Day in 3/28/26.
- Thanked everyone who attended the DCM Sharing Session.
- Serves as YPAA Liaison. EACYPAA is coming up. Liberty Bid will be bidding. EACYPAA will be in Atlantic City from 3/26 – 3/29.
- PENNSYCPAA – will be at Moravian – 6/26 – 6/28 – Registration is now open
- NECYPAA – Expanded to include the entire North East Region. PA put in a token bid and did not win. 😞 It is going to CT.
- Serves as Liaison to D68 and supports the Spanish speaking District. Looking forward to the Bi-Lingual SAD on 6/6/26.
- Questions:
 - ☐ Anna A., DCM D48 – Commends the travel log and enthusiasm. Is curious as to now with the budget and driving from All Intergroup and EACYPAA. Is that really something that should be put on the Area? Can you cut back on travel?
 - Alex said his intent has been front loaded in the first quarter. Will not be doing that unless invited for the rest of this panel. For end of March travel, he discussed with Officers and Delegate.

Delegate, Dan B.

- At the top of the page is a link and QR Code with the Shared Docs Folder. Check it often!
- PCSS – 4/12/26 – Everyone should have the Agenda Items and Background Material. There is a Project Cost Estimate for this year's Conference. There is a password needed to access the background material link.
 - ☐ Retaining the successful format for PCSS.
 - ☐ 92 responses to the survey – which is great. Please asks groups to complete survey.
 - ☐ Only 9 GSRs have signed up for the presentations. We need more to present the agenda items (it is only 5 min). Need 16 – 20 total. Need help to make this a success!
 - ☐ DCMs – please provide suggestions to Dan for presenters by end of next week!
 - ☐ Agenda Items people want to see:

- 12 Step Workbook
- CPC
- Grapevine F – Contributions
- ☐ GSRs to do open sharing first with a 2 minute “report” on which agenda items they discussed.
- ☐ Stress the importance of attending and participating.
- GSC –
 - ☐ Was great to see how things work “behind the curtain.” Nice to see Trustees in a more relaxed, personable environment. Will enhance how the conference functions this year.
 - ☐ Interviewed for GSO Our Primary Purpose Podcast in January. Jim L., BTG Coordinator, was also interviewed as well. Dan thanked Donald H., Archivist, for providing information on Guest Observer for his podcast interview.
 - ☐ Reading through the background material for the GSC, focusing on CPC.
 - ☐ CPC item that is noteworthy – colorful, quad-fold outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals – video snippets of Class A Trustees.
- Delegate Conference Report –
 - ☐ Report backs will happen 3 times this year. 2 in person, 1 virtual. See the Area 59 Calendar.
 - ☐ One key responsibility is to keep DCMs and GSRs informed.
 - ☐ Available to give additional reports outside of the 3 scheduled.
- NERAASA & NERD –
 - ☐ Thanked the Area for supporting his attendance. Highlight at NERAASA waws the flag ceremony. Attended the Delegate’s roundtable.
 - ☐ NERD – thanked the Area for supporting his attendance later this month in Wilmington, DE.
 - ☐ NERDS have monthly virtual meetings.
- General Service Updates –
 - ☐ 2025 4th Quarter Financial Results –
 - Financial results are slightly better than last quarter. Reduction in contributions and overall decline in total revenue still requires additional support from Fellowship.
 - Total contributions up in last quarter – 4% or \$421,000. Less than the reforecast. 6% less than same period in 2024.
 - Net income from literature sales is \$1 million less than budget, \$184,000 less than last year.
 - Lot of cost cutting in 2026 budget, including \$400,000 cut from Conference:
 - \$80,000 saved by not printing Final Conference Report, saved \$10,000 in shipping costs
 - Coffee reduced to only once per day at Conference, except Thursday and Friday
 - Each person only allocated 1 drink per meal instead of 1.5 – 2
 - Fewer emeriti invited this year. No appointed committee members were invited.
 - More meals on their own. Opening dinner they are inviting less people. Changing plated meal to buffet.
 - \$120,000 was initially cut from CPC budget for exhibits. At board weekend, half was restored after recommendation from Trustees’ CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities Committee.
 - Running as lean as possible in order to take on more project and to carry the message.

Need increased support from members.

- Contributions to Area 59 allow us to have this quarterly meeting, like we are having today!

DCM Actions:

- DCM D48 – Understands that there is no affiliation and not asking about dealing with the courts. Have 2 members in AA in the District that have retained a PFA with each other and 3 of the groups in the District are specifically named in this PFA. (Protection From Abuse – Restraining Order).
 - ☐ DCM D40 – Had something in their District and they were able to pull the Safety card.
- DCM D68 – Situation in the group in the District. Owner of the location where they meet is asking for them to pay a business tax in Philadelphia for this year. They want the group to pay it because they are in a business building and there is a tax requirement. They want the group to pay this tax. The group is a not for profit so not sure how to resolve the issue. Is there a form or letter for them to share with the owner to indicate that they aren't required to pay the city tax? Having the same issue with the hotel where the Convention is being held.
 - ☐ Alt Delegate – Clarifying question for group – Is the group incorporated as a non-profit entity? Yes. There are sales tax exemption forms available for non-profit entities in PA. That is only for sales tax. Some counties required a business privilege tax which is outside of the scope of the sales tax.
 - ☐ DCM D66 – Doesn't have experience specifically, but Finance can assist and look into this issue. Finance will be happy to look into it and find a solution.
 - ☐ DCM D49 – They just dealt with it. There is the AA Guidelines Finance – 2 important paragraphs – Bank Accounts, Tax ID #s, Taxes, Tax Exemption, etc. – all the information is there. James will provide him with the Guidelines.

Subcommittee Reports:

Archives | James O., DCM D36

- Reviewed the inventory.
- Sent a simplified survey and 25% have been returned.
- Looking to share all Area 59 archives across entities.
- Improving communication, effectiveness. – Using a shared calendar, designating back ups for filing days.

Corrections | Matt C., DCM D45

- Reached out to CPC/PI Chair and BTG Coordinator to invite them to meeting for Joint Workshop
- Workshop will be Virtual.
- Sharon attending BTG Forum
- Sponsorship Packet shared with all DCMs in the Area – Came from National Correction Conference
- Talked about updating window shade but is now paused
- SEPIA is implementing the pen pal program for those that are in correctional facilities. See Matt or Sharon.

CPC/PI | Lindsay E., DCM D51

- Got a new banner before the budgeting issue. The committee combined in the last panel so they needed a new banner.
- Thanked everyone for filing out survey.

- Reaching out to Districts for more feedback.
- Lancaster Intergroup is looking to filled CPC Chair position.
- Receive referrals from GSO to attend various workshops.
- Focusing on reaching out to professionals to get a list of that going.
- Plan to attend a mental health committee workshop in Scranton, addiction workshop in Wilkes-Barre and Philly Expo

Finance | Andrew D., DCM D66

- In February, made aware of a lot of expenses. Took time to request information from Treasurer and did a thorough analysis of the information. Have information from 2021 – present.
- Contributions grew from 2021 – 2024. They decreased in 2025.
- Part of the budget process is we look at the trend. Last year, we budgeted for \$119,000 in contributions. Expected to spend \$117,000. Actual was \$99,000 in contributions and \$98,000 in expenses.
- Useful to look at last year's performance to look for trends. Will help guide us.
- Were preparing this years budget before having the final numbers for last year.
- Subcommittees and officers were mostly under budget last year. Looked to see where the mark was missed. One area was Area 59 events. Most have a budget of \$2,500. Several spent \$2,500 to host event, doesn't account for mileage, printing, supplies, which should be included in that budget. We can approve in this area by clarifying. Area events – Hosting District should probably only spend \$1,800 or less to account for printing, mileage, etc.
- Part 2 of analysis was looking into why we are here. We had a lot of front end expenses in the beginning of this panel. NERAASA was in Maine. Timing of NERF (which was in December but typically in June). NERF - \$7,300. EPGSA is the biggest expense (\$24,000). NERAASA may be \$7,000 or more. Voted as an Area to fully fund the delegate (\$10,000). Total is about \$50,000 spent in the last few months. That is ok typically looking at the year as a whole. Would spend this normally but we spent it in such a short period of time.
- Did have the year end cushion that we were used to having.
- Internation Convention also happened last year (which happens every 5 years) and we were under budget.
- Part 3 – Anticipating we will spend more this year than last year because of the events. Expenses will be \$100,000 - \$127,000 this year.
- Plan of Action – Cost cutting and increased monitoring.
- Things to do – Discontinue breakfast, more conservative with food purchases, suspend and defer non-essential costs, start working on a contingency plan if contributions continue to down trend.
- Feel comfortable with the Financial position and thankful to the area officers' quick response.

Grapevine / La Viña | Erin R., DCM D40

- Books are for sale today and there is a carry the message jar.
- Made an amends to La Vina. She will try harder and will be at the Bi-lingual SAD.
- Working on replacing book inventory after lots of sales at EPGSA. Purchasing only a little but need a lot.
- Will be doing a Grapevine workshop in June or July.
- Giving committee members their totes.
- Attended NERAASA Grapevine Roundtable.
- Got a new member (Matt J). New Secretary (Stu).

Structure | Anna A., DCM D48

- Met twice (Jan & Feb). Met this morning.
- Reviewing all calendars to be available for events.
- Planned and hosted DCM Sharing Session.
- Review the Structure Manual for revisions and updates to be made. Planning for reformatting and printing for EPGSA. Making them more accessible in lines with T&A motion that was passed.

Treatment/Accessibilities | Tom W., DCM D67

- Went to SEPIA SAD, 86th Anniversary.
- Terry is BTG Liaison. They have tear off pamphlets.
- 2 workshops being planned.
- Tom is Secretary of All Access meetings.
- Olivia is chairing Bi-lingual SAD meeting on 6/6/26.
- Big purchase in January – looked into Alt options for translations – At NERF, saw wordly. Met with Tech Servants, they used the T&A budget to purchase wordly. Cost was \$1,450, including \$500 onboarding that never needs to be paid again. Purchased 10 hours – covers 2 events. Completed Wordly training.

Ad-hoc Digital Communications | Dani B., ADCM D31

- Did some modifications to website (formatting).
- Publication of We Newsletter.
- Nick sent committee report via email and there was a survey. Have GSRs complete the survey. Asking to see if anyone is reading the We Newsletter. Want to see if they are writing things that people are interested in and care about. Want to make sure that it is helpful and well utilized.
- Future activities – continuing the audit of digital pamphlet and digital binder information. Will be available online. No date set yet, but it is on process.
- Next We Newsletter coming out in March
- Planning Digital Comms workshop.

Unfinished Business:

NONE

New Business:

Motion from DCM D67 – Move to amend the motion adopted at the December 8, 2024 quarterly meeting affirming the Chairperson’s actions for Panel 75, by striking out the last sentence of the fourth action “The chair has the right of decision to refer motions to subcommittees for research and recommendation to the full Area.” | Tom W., DCM D67

- *Seconded by Matt C., DCM D45.*
- *Summary of Discussion:*
 - *DCM D49 – Serves on Structure Committee – Opposes motion. Received the motion on 12/31/25 and thanks them. It is an issue of great importance. They are in support of it in February 8th. On February 11th, it was forwarded to them by the Chair. They got a huge lesson on Robert’s Rules. It was sent to them because it is the most efficient way to address it. The Chair has discretion for when things need more information, refinement, etc. so we don’t waste time debating things over and over. At this time, we don’t have all*

the information to respond as a subcommittee to answer all the questions that may come up. This is a change to the Structure Manual and would require rewriting of Structure Manual. We would need to vote on that as well (rewriting the Structure Manual). Bottom line is the committee is working hard and is most efficient if Chair has the right to refer motions.

- *DCM D67 – Stated that he was providing additional information. One issue of note was implicit bias on referring the motion considering the officers are subcommittee advisors and stood for Delegate.*
 - *DCM D67 was ruled out of order by Chairperson. It doesn't matter who the advisor to the subcommittee is. The motion would be going back to the subcommittee. If there is an issue with it, you can ask the advisor to step aside. Not relevant information.*
- *Delegate – A motion related to structure will always be referred to structure. Every subcommittee trusts the officer enough and advisor can be asked to leave if they don't want the advisor to be present. Too many things came to the floor in a prior panel and was not vetted by committee but came from only one person. If it is a good idea, our committee system would prove that it is a good idea. Every panel had a similar wording for the chair referring motions to committees.*
- *A vote was taken:*
 - *Motion failed – 4 – 32*
 - *Minority Opinion:*
 - *DCM D67 – Wanted to point out that this amendment would allow the District to present their own motions instead of committees presenting the motion. It doesn't stop the motion from being presented by the committee. Doesn't see harm to have the group who presented the motion present it.*
 - *DCM D65 – Agreed with previous speaker. We are an upside triangle for a reason. Does like efficiency but took time out of the day today to drive here and takes his service very seriously. Having the decisions made by DCMs, GSRs, etc. is the proper way to go. Subcommittees can do the research, that is what they are there for. What matters is who should send it to the subcommittee. Should be the groups and not an individual.*

District 44 Proposed Agenda Item | Taylor S., DCM D44

- *Delegate explained what voting would mean for this motion. If we voted yes, it would be if the Area supports this to be brought to the Conference.*
- *Seconded by Lindsay E., DCM D51.*
- *Summary of Discussion:*
 - *DCM D44 – It was brought by the group. He is skeptical if GSO has ability or finances to implement an AI Chatbot. Not for him to look at himself. Has no hesitancy to explore and study new technologies. AI is a growing technology and a lot of newcomers may be using AI Chatbots to see what AA is and how it works. May be helpful to have a Conference approved LLM instead of ChatGPT due to copyright on literature. May find other*

usefulness with other AI technology other than a Chatbot. This is just for whether they should study it or not.

- *ADCM D31 – Does AI training for a living and proponent for AI. At NERAASA, there was a deaf gentleman who said the real time AI Chatbot that was recently invested for deaf and hard and hearing has been a disconnect for him. His favorite thing is connecting with other people. Doesn't feel like there is a personal connection at all. Gives him a lot of pause and hesitation. Nothing should replace in person connection.*
- *DCM D45 – Confused about the application would be. Search tool, accessibilities? Not sure the end goal is.*
 - *DCM D44 – A lot of newcomers use AA to find out about it but when it is not trained on copyright information, it could provide bad information.*
- *DCM D63 – Also works in technology and a lot of value to see where AI and AA can work together. Not in favor of the motion because GSO is already tight on fund and contributions are down. Groups aren't paying for more services and we can spend money wiser. It is a good idea but not for right now. To have an AI Chatbot, the newcomer would need to go to AA Chatbot to ask questions about AA. What are the chances they use that instead of Chat GPT? Having AI on AAWS or AA.org – newcomers won't go there first.*
- *DCM D40 – Question about how PAIs work? – District can send it themselves with no Area support. Hates AI but thinks this is fair to send back to the groups to see what they think. She doesn't think it is a good use of money personally but would like to see what groups say.*
- *Delegate – As delegates, they get information about feedback. Got question from Area 7 that went to all Delegates about asking if there is an AA Chatbot working on AA literature. Others are talking about it and asked Taylor for permission to forward it to the other Area Delegates.*
- *A vote was taken:*
 - *Motion failed – 16 – 24*
 - *Minority Opinion –*
 - *DCM D44 – To address the financial issue – whether this is the best use of funds or not. Personally, doesn't have the information on whether the GSC has this in their budget but should let them decide. This is just a motion for them to implement and see if they have the resources to do so.*
 - *Area Secretary – This is just to study and do research, not to implement. AI could be very helpful for AA. We aren't deciding if it is for a Chatbot or what not at our level. The committee doing the research would figure that out. AI is the future. It could be helpful with disseminating background materials.*
 - *DCM D65 – To vote in favor of this, it would go back to the groups. As a representative of the groups in his district, this is something the GSRs would love to hear about. AI is a big topic right now and should be talked about. DCMs should have a better informed decision on what they think and they should have the information so he can have a better informed decision.*
 - *DCM D40 – This is just to send it back to the home groups. It is fair to let*

our GSRs hear about it.

- *Chairperson explained that if we voted in favor of this motion, it would go back to the groups for them to discuss and we would discuss and vote on it again at the next quarterly meeting under “unfinished business.”*
- *Fred E., DCM D58 Motion to Reconsider – Marie F., DCM D62 seconded.*
- *Summary of Discussion:*
 - *DCM D63 – The way it is worded it is specifically around AA Chatbot and training it on AA literature. Would be more onboard with exploring AA in general and more broad. Curious if this would need to be an Agenda Item or if they can take action on their own?*
 - *ADCM D31 – Would need to be crystal clear because it could become confusing for GSRs to understand. To Olivia’s point, can we make crystal clear to communicate it to them.*
 - *Delegate – GSO can do this themselves or committee consideration. They will work on it whether or not there is a PAI. If we have a PAI, it would prioritize the item. When it comes to conference, the exact wording is not going to matter to the conference. Be weary of doing too much wordsmithing because it won’t matter in the end.*
- *A vote was taken:*
 - *Motion to send back to the Groups*
 - *Motion fails – 24 - 15*

Announcements and Closing:

Announcements

- 3/28/26 – Area 59 All Intergroup Day
- 4/11/26 – Pre-Conference Sharing Session
- 5/24/26 – AA Spanish Convention
- 5/30/26 – Mini Assembly and Delegate Conference Report I
- 6/6/26 – Area 59 Bilingual Share-a-Day
- 6/13/26 – Mini Assembly and Delegate Conference Report II

Closing

- *The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 2:47pm, followed by the Responsibility Declaration, after a motion from Fred E., DCM D58 and seconded by Lauren B., Area Secretary.*



Area 59 Roll Call

Date: March 8, 2026

Officer/ District	DCM/ADCM Other	Guests	DCM Report	Actions
OAL	1			
Treasurer	1			
Secretary	1			
21	1	1	ONL	
22			TBD	
23	1	1	ONL	
24	1		ONL	
25	1		ONL	
26			TBD	
27			ONL	
28			TBD	
29	1		ONL	
30	1		ONL	
31	1		ONL	
32	1	2	ONL	
33	1		ONL	
34			TBD	
35			TBD	
36	1	1	ONL	
37	1		ONL	
38	1	1	TBD	
39	1	3	ONL	
40	1	2	ONL	
41	1		ONL	
42	1		ONL	
43			TBD	
44	1		ONL	
TOTAL	20	11		

Officer/ District	DCM/ADCM Other	Guests	DCM Report	Actions
Chair	1			
Alt-Delegate	1			
Delegate	1			
45	1	2	ONL	
46			TBD	
47	1	1	ONL	
48	1		ONL	
49	1	1	ONL	
50	1		ONL	
51	1		ONL	
52		1	TBD	
53	1	1	ONL	
54	1		ONL	
55			TBD	
56			TBD	
57	1		TBD	
58	1		ONL	
59			TBD	
60	1		ONL	
61			TBD	
62	1	25	TBD	
63	1		ONL	
64	1		ONL	
65	1		ONL	
66	1	1	ONL	
67	1		ONL	
68	1	3	ONL	
TOTAL	21	35		

TOTAL VOTING	41
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DCM REPORTS

- ONL = OnLine
- TBD = To Be Done Online
- ? = Unknown or No Report

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Dist	Date	District Report	Upcoming Events	Meeting Info	Groups / Attendees
21	3/8/2026	Went to NERAASA and NERF	I'm having current officers share at our district meeting	2nd Thursday 7pm Southampton pa	14 / 23
23	3/1/2026	Our visitation committee is off to a great start. Visiting groups business meetings and extending an invite to our District Meeting. Researching a bus trip to GSO	District 23 is part of Bucks Unity we are looking at a - Workshop to Write Your Story for the Grapevine in July Our annual Longtimer Breakfast is scheduled for Sept 2026 at Old York Road Country Club Ambler.	First Wednesday 7:30 St. John Lutheran Church, Front (Parish Hall), 505 N. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040	20 / 53
24	3/8/2026	Filled 2 officer positions that have been vacant for most of the 1st year of this panel.	Bus trip to GSO	First Wednesday 7pm Saint Miriam's Flourtown	20 / 44
25	3/8/2026	We have vibrant meetings with participants. I love the group.	We will be having a workshop on June 27.	First tuesday of the month Unitarian society of gremantown	20 / 20?
27	3/8/2026	Everything is good, we are having trouble filling our visitation chair position.		March 8, 11:22 am Milford	25 / 55
29	3/8/2026	Rotated in as DCM following Evans departure Attended quarterly meeting in December	Looking to get GSR's their group ID numbers, bringing agenda items to district meeting, helping with set up/breakdown at Mini Assembly II in June.	First Tuesday 730 pm 763 S Valley Forge Road, Wayne PA 19087	20~ / 45~

30	3/6/2026	<p>1) District 30 & PI Subcommittee hosted Public Information Mtg at Episcopal Church, Coatesville. Main focus - Faith Leaders. Successful event, 4 Speakers & lunch. Following up w/2 faith Leaders. 2) D30 approved Ad-Hoc Inventory Subcommittee's questionnaire approved. Facilitator & Secretary scheduled for Sun. March 22 Inventory Workday. 3) DCM focusing on correcting status of groups listed in GSO dbase. DCM/ADCM visiting groups w/o GSO Group #, groups incorrectly listed as Inactive. Group that moved to a D30 location is sending GSR to D30 Mtg. DCM/ADCM providing add'l support RE Agenda items.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>1) District 30 Inventory Workday - Sunday, March 22, 12:30 - 3:30 pm with lunch. A.A. Groups and members invited. D30 members will leave with Action Items to work on. 2) DCM/ADCM contacting GSRs w/low attendance at district mtgs, groups w/o GSRs, requesting Mailing Contact Names for groups who do not wish to send GSRs. After NERAASA 2026, I realized we are asking the wrong question, "Can your group send a GSR to district meetings?" The first question should be, "How can we help your group?"</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Ist Tues of every month, 7 pm Malvern Center 225 Lancaster Ave Malvern Mtg ID: 852 0542 0087, pw:district30</p>	20 / 38
31	3/5/2026	<p>Working on updating our D31 meeting list Discussing a possible future workshop Had Delegate Dan attend our business meeting in person the discuss Delegate Responsibilities, Conference and the agenda items and upcoming survey Had multiple district officers attend NERAASA</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Mini Assembly II @ Valley Point Church</p> <p>.</p>	<p>3rd Tuesday at 7pm 9 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010</p>	15 / 66

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32	3/6/2026	<p>District is doing good. Attendance was pretty good in February. We invited Alt Del/Alex to be our guest this month. We were happy to have him. October through now I have some group changes that I have been trying to work with the Area OAL (Claire was helping prior and now Katie is. We had 1 new group we needed to get registered in Area ,1 that it was being relayed from another District they were in our District so I worked on getting that resolved. January meeting we had 2 new GSR's that were kind of in limbo as well so we got them straightened out and I have been doing my best to get info in Fellowship Connection up to speed with our District with (Claire prior) and Katies help. Updating them on groups that closed and now I am focusing on getting GSR info accurate or seeing what needs to be done, if anything on our end. I know that is still a work in progress but if it is anything we can do or that is missing due to us - I would like to do so. Claire was extremely helpful and Katie has been great. The Delegate Survey, Agenda Item List and Background Folder access was all provided to GSR. Reminders will be sent out to get Surveys submitted BY MARCH 11 for those that may be submitting and encourage them to do so. Also, continue reminding them EPGSA this year is a voting year, to see if they can continue to make sure their groups know so they can support them in sending them this year.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Possible workshop in September</p> <p>.</p>	<p>4th Wed Every Month 7PM Tree of Life Church, 933 Baltimore Pike, Springfield PA</p>	15 / 35
33	3/8/2026	<p>Doing about same, usually only 4 to 5 groups represented at our monthly district meeting. We still pick 1 group to visit for our monthly District Night Out. Our ADCM Jennifer has expressed that she does not want to move on to DCM due to personal commitments. She is advising us now so we can hopefully find someone to shadow her for a bit until the end of the year. Finally, D33 has a new group, At Wit's End, meeting Tues. and Thur. at noon in Kutztown PA.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Reading Berks Intergroup is hosting a Speaker Jam workshop Sat. April 18th from 9 am to 3 pm at Easy Does It in Leesport PA.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 117 E Arch St, Fleetwood PA 19522</p>	7-9 / 18

36	3/6/2026	District Business is going well were having fun. Working on inspiring participation. Have a GSR interested in District split, And a possible workshop chair to move us along for the rest of the year. .	We have partnered with Harrisburg Intergroup for a Relationship Building Workshop. Saturday, April 25th. .	2nd Monday 6:30pm Fellowship House 1251 S. 19th St. Harrisburg, PA 17104	20 / 78
37	3/6/2026	Held District meetings as scheduled. Distributing information about GSC Agenda items, education for general process of GSC, action steps needed by GSR's at their groups, and encouraging attendance at sharing sessions. Continued work on organization, and back end processes continues to provide smooth handoff for next panel. Decision was made by GSR's to reimburse DCM and other essential D37 travel at IRS business mileage rate and not at Area 59 current rate, or IRS volunteer rate. GSR's felt that rate did not cover all operating expenses on most vehicles, and want to remove barriers to people volunteering for DCM role due to uncovered costs. .	None at this time. .	4th Wed 19:30 Star of Bethlehem Church 514 3rd Ave, Bethlehem, PA 18018, USA	15 / 45
39	3/8/2026	Dealing with non aa meetings residing at rehabilitation centers run by staff of treatment center. Workshop pre-planning. Website sub committee is launching a district website for the first time. .		3rd Sunday at 4pm 205 west Grant st. Olyphant pa 18447	28 / ?
40	3/8/2026	It was a quiet winter after our annual Christmas and New Years alcathons, and New Year's Eve dance. Right now the district is hurting financially after sending DCM and ADCM to Maine for NERAASA. Right now we are focusing on agenda items, but after April we will be focusing on planning some fun low-cost/high "profit" events. The district is always hosting events to promote fun and fellowship especially for new comers, but we tend to spend a lot of money on them. Right now we need to recover financially because EPGSA will be here before we know it! .	Working on planning. Only thing set in stone is annual Memorial Day alcathon .	1st Friday of the month at 6:30 St. Stephen's 35 S Franklin St Wilkes-Barre	15 / ?

41	3/8/2026	Meeting canceled due to weather .		First Tuesday 83 South courtland street East Stroudsburg	0 0 / 27
42	3/8/2026	District actually had a budget surplus, so we formed an ad hoc activities subcommittee for a workshop, allocated funds for a district's group annual event and some literature for prisons and remaining funds to Area .	No Half Measures at Halfway Dam - April 12th (date can change) at RB Winter State Park. Details on Website .	3rd Wed 7pm 140 S 2nd St	12 / 18
44	3/8/2026	We continue to discuss and plan a workshop hosted by district 44. As a district we had decided to table until after the holidays. Since then we have met in person as a workshop subcommittee to brainstorm ideas on the best way to help carry the message to new members of A.A. There has also been discussion of using district funds to take out a place mat diner advertisement. This is still in the very early phases of discussion. .	Workshop at some point .	3rd Thursday of month @ 7pm Zoom	12 / 50
45	3/8/2026	Completed a District inventory. .		Fourth Tuesday, 7pm 11 North Richland Avenue, York, 17401	30 / 47
47	3/8/2026	District 47 is doing well. We are in the early planning phase of two workshops. We will have a district workshop in the fall. We also hope to do another Bucks County Unity workshop with our fellow Bucks County Districts. More to come on both events. .		Second Wednesday 7:30PM 20 Dill Ave Perkasie PA 18944	20 / 40
48	3/8/2026	Moving forward .		2nd Wednesday of the Month 7 pm 300 Elm St. Montoursville PA 17754	21 / 36
49	3/9/2026	This is an update/Correction - Our District meeting has changed times and is on the Second Friday at 6:30 PM .		2nd Friday @ 6:30 PM Trinity UCC: 22 Lafayette St, Tamaqua, PA 18252	9 / ?
50	3/7/2026	New hotline phone number working Old number taken over by something ict Mtg attendance down with weather n monetary Promoting new District positions coming open. Try to get new people in positions .	District meeting Mar 15 .	Dec 19 6pm Mifflintown	5-1 / 12

51	3/8/2026	District is still healthy. We have active participation from many GSRs. We have a bus trip to GSO coming up in April. We are planning a spring workshop and are participating in Bucks Unity Day with the other districts in Bucks County. .	GSO bus trip 4/24/26. District Service workshop in May. Bucks Unity Day in July. .	3rd Thursday at 7pm Faith Reformed Church, Levittown, PA	35 / 77
53	3/8/2026	Meetings consistent. Fluctuating attendance during winter. Some new GSR's and alternative GSR's. .	- Mini Assembly 1 May 30, American Legion Post 510 Laceyville, PA 18623. - Workshop August 15, Meshoppen, PA 18630. Need topic. - Chapter 11 Pot Luck September 6, Forksville, PA. - - GSR orientation workshop October 10, Meshoppen, PA .	1st Thursday of the month 6:30pm 16 siren rd., Tunkhannock, PA 18630	20 / 16
54	3/6/2026	Our biggest success this year as we prepare for the pre conference share is our GSR night out. We find a meeting in our district that is does not have a GSR at the district meeting and bring news and support from the area to that meeting. Each month we choose a different meeting. •DEC GSR Night Out - Welcome Media Beginners!! Two new individuals recently took over this meeting and were un informed about GSR and the business meeting. Was great to meet and share with them. They have not made it to a business meeting yet but still hopefull. Jan GSR night out was to a meeting that we accidentally thought was in out district but turns out they were in another and very well attended. Their meetings GSR did not know who is DCM was so atleast there we were able to help. FEB We went to Media speakers and recruited the GSR who is wearing several hats because they only have 3 officers. However he came to the business meeting and was ready to bring pre conference share agenda items back with him. All n all the GSR night out has been really successful!! D54 has a lot of personality and very opinionated and ready to vote and discuss things for the preconference share. .	Alex will be sharing at out next Business meeting to address questions towards the pre conference share D54 is hosting the 3rd quarterly meeting .	4th Wed at 7:30pm Reformation Lutheran Church 102 West Rose Tree Road Media, PA 19063	15 / 24
58	3/8/2026	3 new groups are in the process of joining the district .		Second Thursday of month 6pm Zoom	12 / ?

60	3/8/2026	Good .		3rd sunday of month 1pm 2139 E Cumberland st Philadelphia PA 19125	8 / 20
63	3/8/2026	Good attendance and participation at District meetings. .	Planning bus trip to GSO. .	2nd Tuesday 6:30 Wheatland Presbyterian	20 / 35
64	3/7/2026	Our district is doing very well. We are in the beginning stage of our annual workshop (I hope we don't schedule same time as an Area event lol) we do not have topic but are looking at mid to late summer . Some ideas have been Roberts Rules , District instruction manual WS. Our intergroup is still working some kinks some committees have no chairs I offered some suggestions that i had gotten from other dcm's other IG such as assigning gsr to a committee. we will see if that takes root that's all for see you all tomorrow yours in service Troi .		1st thursday St James Lititz Pa 17543	20 / 35
65	3/8/2026	Research and planning the has started for a website redesign, more to come. Discussion on possibility adding hybrid option to District meetings. Annual Knoebels Recovery Picnic pavilion booked. PCSS volunteer list and ordering of supplies have begun. .	Annual Knoebels Recovery Picnic Hosting PCSS 2nd annual spring bingo .	3rd Thursday 5:30 PM 1800 Oak Street. Lebanon PA 17042	10 / 16
66	3/8/2026	The district has shifted focus towards the conference and agenda items. We are also preparing to host all-intergroup day later this month. We currently have video PSA airing on local tv station. .	All-Intergroup Day RBI Speaker Jam .	2nd Thursday at 7 pm 2901 Curtis Rd, Reading, PA 19609	15 / 22
67	3/3/2026	Our District has enough funding to participate in NERF or NERAASA, but not both. We are able to support all other General Service activities entirely and are doing well. .	We are organizing a bus trip to Stepping Stones on May 8 for home group members of District 67 .	1st Wednesday @ 7p 5 Brooke Manor, Birdsboro, PA	14 / 21
68	3/8/2026	My 68th District Is Working, More Members Are Drying Up .	We have our Pennsylvania state conversation on May 23 and 24 815 N posttstown pike exton P.A 19341 .	08/03/26 318 Bristol Pike, Croydon PA 19021	12 / 29

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