

District 36 Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 10, 2020

- **Open with Declaration of Unity:** "This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. Unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."
- **Introductions / News from Groups:** Summaries/Actions*
(Actions will be addressed in New Business)
- **Concept 2: GSR**
- **Officer's Reports:** Secretary, Treasurer, ADCM, DCM
- **Subcommittee Reports:**
 - Archives:
 - Finance:
 - Workshop:
 - Structure:
 - District Split:
 - Ad-hoc Grapevine
- **Liaison Reports:** HAI/HBGICYPAA Bid
- **Old Business:**
 - Proposed Officer at Large position description (*Ed S., Joe W., Jason M.*)
 - EPGSA Registration – continuation of discussion re: cost reduction
 - Area 59 Ad-hoc Literature Subcommittee motion (obo D55) re: revisions to 1st 164 pp BB
- **New Business:**
- **Tradition 1: Tonya F., GSR, 19th Street Group** (postponed in January due to time constraints)
Tradition 2: GSR
- **Close with Responsibility Declaration:** "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that – I am responsible."

NOTES:

Next Meeting – Monday, March 9, 2020 – 6:30pm – Fellowship House 1251 S. 19th St. Harrisburg, PA

*Summaries – Announcements, Anniversaries, etc. / Actions – Group problems or issues

DCM Report - District 36 – February 10, 2020

Welcome to the second year of Panel 69! *As a GSR, you are the vital link between your home group and the General Service Conference.* The GSR Preamble pretty much says it all:

“We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize that the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the group can reach an informed group conscience. Passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole.”

Events DCM Attended since last meeting: District 45 Workshop “Mindfulness and AA’s History” 01/18/2020; DCM Sharing Session/Mini-Assembly Planning Session 01/19/2020 in Lancaster, PA; A New Freedom Group Inventory on 02/08/2020.

DCM Will Attend: SEPIA/EPGSA Share A Day 02/16/2020; NERAASA (Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly) 02/21/2020-02/23/2020; Area 59 Quarterly Meeting Quakertown, PA 03/08/2020; Districts 38/67 “The Home Group” Workshop Limerick, PA

From January DCM Report: “Last month I circulated **District Inventory** questions. Your answers will be compiled and results shared with all GSR’s. Please submit your completed forms this evening, and if you have not yet completed the questions please do so and submit via email no later than 01/27/2020. We will hold a brief discussion during new business this evening regarding options for finalization of this inventory.”

I received only ONE response to the above request. Thank you to the Sunrise Saturday Group for submitting answers to the inventory questions. Due to the lack of responses, there will be no inventory held unless a group or groups express a desire to do so.

District 36 is slated to participate in the **Mini Assembly I / DCR** to be held on ^{3rd.} ~~May 8th~~ in District 40 – Wilkes-Barre area. I signed us up to assist with clean up after the event. It is my hope that there will be enough enthusiasm for this assembly that we will see fit to rent a large van and have a repeat District 36 Road Trip!

Area/SEPIA Share a Day is being held next Sunday. Always a great event. I have room for one more my car if you would like to ride along. This could also be an idea for a home group road trip – a great way to introduce members to General Service! Flyer is included in your packet this evening.

Pre-Conference Sharing Session and **General Service Conference** in fast approaching! I have provided a flyer for you to display at your home group as well as a list of the Agenda Items this 70th GSC. Please be sure to share this information with your home group members. GSR’s play a critical role in conveying your groups’ conscience regarding issues facing the entire Fellowship!

Please be sure to share with your group members: The PA Hospitality Suite at the 2020 International Convention in Detroit is seeking volunteers and accepting financial contributions. You can visit the area59aa.org website home page for the flyer and additional information. This is a joint effort between Area 59 and Area 60, Eastern and Western Pennsylvania A.A.

In grateful service,

Alicia Ann Shenk, DCM

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ADCM Report

Events ADCM Will be attending:


02/16/2020 SEPIA/EPGSA Share A Day

@ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Literature Presentation)

University of the Sciences Philadelphia, PA

2/21-2/23/2020 NORTHEAST REGIONAL A.A. SERVICE ASSEMBLY – Nashua, NH

Please review

- AA Service Manual https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/bm-31-aa-service-manual-combined-with-twelve-concepts-for-world-services
 - District 36 Structure Manual
 - <http://aaharrisburg.org/Docs/district/D36%20FINAL%20Structure%20Manual%20Revised%20July%202018.pdf>
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- Area 59 (E.P.G.S.A Newsletter) “WE” QR CODE
 - OR <https://area59aa.org/services-resources/> (bottom right)
 - Please keep group info updated.
 - Please reach out to me or any officers if you have any questions regarding Robert's Rules of Order, the Concepts, or the Traditions.

Thank you for your service,

Katherine (Katie)

ADCM D36 A59

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>Bob Marley, District 36 archivist presented concept 2. There's a great illustrated pamphlet explaining all the concepts. I suggest all of us read it and or go online can Google Concept 2.

> Please see year end 2019 budget and expenses that I will be emailing.

> We have a new position known as "Officer at Large who will be responsible for learning all of the area positions and filling in when necessary. Joe W was elected to the position.

>There was a great deal of discussion about the extremely high cost of EPGSA this year in Lancaster (\$50 for registration and over \$400 a day for the room and meals). ADCM Katie is spearheading a committee to formulate an opinion from District 36.


>Area 59 tabled the motion to audit the first 164 pages of the big book to reflect what is more apropos to today's society. This includes, but is not limited to gender neutrality.

>Tanya F presented tradition one. Just as you need all the parts of your body to be complete, we need each other for the individual to recover and the contribution of each member for the group to be strong.

Proposed District 36 Budget for 2019

Income			
	Budget	YTD	Balance
Projected contributions	\$4,500.00	\$3,873.73	-\$626.27
Prudent reserve	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
2018 carryover	\$5,422.39	\$5,422.39	\$0.00
YTD Total	\$11,422.39	\$10,796.12	-\$626.27
Expenses			
	Budget	YTD	Balance
Category			
Travel:	\$2,500.00	\$1,347.55	\$1,152.45
Workshops:	\$1,200.00	\$1,233.30	-\$33.30
Printing:	\$700.00	\$196.63	\$503.37
Archives	\$650.00	\$198.34	\$451.66
D36 Split Comm.:	\$500.00	\$30.00	\$470.00
Structure Comm. :	\$500.00	\$16.14	\$483.86
Donations:	\$220.00	\$25.00	\$195.00
Rent:	\$360.00	\$590.00	-\$230.00
Postage:	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$100.00	\$195.60	-\$95.60
Reserve:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$8,350.00	\$5,452.56	\$2,897.44

2020 Area 59
(Eastern PA General Service Assembly)
Pre-Conference Sharing Session
Sunday, April 5th
Hosted by District 28



University of the Sciences
McNeil Science Hall, 723 S. 43rd Street,
Philadelphia, PA 19104

For directions: www.usciences.edu/about/map_directions

*An important event to help gather the Area 59 group
conscience on selected 70th General Service Conference
Agenda Items*

Registration opens 9:00 AM, Meeting from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, No Fees,
Lunch provided
Open to all Members.

Contact: chairperson@area59aa.org

TIPS FOR REPS



Now that you're registered to be of service to your group, what's next?

IN THIS ROLE, YOU WILL:

- Get all the information you need in the GVR Handbook
- Ask your group for time to update them about GVR
- Announce the latest issue in your meeting
- Encourage members to send in their stories—written or as a 7 minute audio recording

For more instructions, tips and topics, visit: www.aagrapevine.org/gvr

Contact: Joe W., District 36
Email: joe@aa.org

GRAPEVINE - LA VINA NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 36

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All the News that Fits To Print (or Cut/Paste From Past Issues!)



www.aagrapevine.org

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← Are You a Registered Grapevine Rep?

News To Me!

AA Grapevine is the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous or "our meeting in print"

AA Grapevine is online at www.aagrapevine.org or email at customerservice@aa.org

By Mail: Grapevine, 475 Riverside Drive, NY NY 10115

By Phone: 800 631 6024 (English), 800 640 8781 (Español), 818 487 2093 (Français)

Subscription: Grapevine: \$28.97 per year (12 issues)

Subscripcion: La Vina: \$11.97 para un año (12 ediciones)

News To You!

Authors/Humorists in Recovery – Try the Grapevine!

Deadlines to Write on An Upcoming Topics

To Submit: www.aagrapevine.org/contribute

Email: yceditorial@aagrapevine.org

By Mail: Grapevine, Editorial Dept.
475 Riverside Drive
New York, NY 10115

AA: LGBTQI – 2/15/20

AA: Young & Sober – 3/15/20

AA: Money: 4/15/20

AA: Service During Holidays – 6/15/20

News We Can Use!

International AA Conference

July 2-5, 2020, Detroit, Michigan

Theme: *Love and Tolerance Is Our Code*

Advanced Registration: September 9, 2019 – April 14, 2020 (\$115)

More Information: www.aa.org

With fellowship, closeness to a trusted sponsor, learning to do the "do" things and listening to other drunks as they share their stories, I have been able to enjoy the full richness of our Twelve Step program on my quest for both physical and emotional sobriety. Maybe they like me, can one day too.

Kirk S.
Dundas, Ontario

Grapevine Suggested February 2020 Discussion Topic:

Answer Last Issue:
Upside Down Staple Pull



Challenge: What Is THIS?



DISCUSSION Getting through tough times

THE writer of "Sharing My Secret" hid the truth of his reading problem for a while in AA, which filled him with anger, frustration and loneliness. Then one day he found a way out and was able to use his situation to help other members. "I often approach the

poor readers and tell them my story," he writes. "Today, I read well and enjoy my abilities. When I am offered the opportunity to speak... I include my dyslexic strengths and weaknesses."

What are some tough times you've had? What are some things that helped you stay sober and

sane through it? Did your sponsor help? Service? The literature? How are you able to help others now?

You may use this topic in a discussion meeting, or send us your own story about how you stayed sober and got through tough times at www.aagrapevine.org/share

70th General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- C. Review workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Review the 2019 January conference call participant survey results.
- F. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."
- B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
 - 1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
 - 2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
 - 3. Consider draft language related to the "virtual basket."
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later.
- B. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
- D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."
- E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."
- F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.
- G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.
- H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

VI. Literature

- A. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- B. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- F. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- G. Review draft update of the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- H. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- I. "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet:
 - 1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
 - 2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."

- J. A.A.W.S. Policy:
1. Review "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials" approved in January 2020.
 2. Review proposed "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format."
- K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
- L. Consider requests to revise the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" as an appendix in the next printing.
 2. Revise the first 164 pages.
- M. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* at the time it is published.
- N. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- O. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- P. Consider requests to revise the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*:
1. To remove the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve."
 2. To reconsider use of the phrase "lustful enough to rape" in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter "Step Six."
- Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet *Living Sober*.
- R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- S. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."
- T. Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship":
1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
 2. Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

- U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."
- V. Review recovery literature matrix.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference.
- B. Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections.
- C. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- D. Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.
- E. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- F. Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference committees' workload.
- G. Review the Floor Action process.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2019 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Discuss a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide app.
- C. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- D. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- E. Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).
- F. Review a report regarding the 2020 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.
- H. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review the 2019 Report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements."
 - 2. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
 - 3. Review a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations.

4. Review a progress report on the development of two PSAs.
- I. Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.
- J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.
- K. Review "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey" report.
- L. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)
- C. Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.
- D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.
- E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.
 1. Review the draft and the agenda items that were forwarded to Publishing during the period of the redesign project.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.
- B. Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.
- C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."
- D. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. West Central Regional Trustee
 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."

XII. Archives

- A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- B. Discuss upcoming 2020 International Convention.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.