

DISTRICT 36 MONTHLY GROUP CONSCIENCE MEETING

JULY 14, 2025

Attendance: Sandy K. (GSR) and Monique (Guest), 19th Street, Lauren E. (GSR, Big Book East), Ruth C. (AGSR, BB Study Group West), Jeff C. (GSR, Bridge Street), Jeff M. (GSR) and Bob B. (Guest) Dillsburg Group, Craig P. (GSR, Easier Softer Way), Heather L. (GSR & Technology Coordinator, Harrisburg Area Women's BB Study Group, Chris P. (GSR, Hershey Group), Mark W. (GSR, Hershey Nooner), Dennis P. (GSR) and Antonio (AGSR) Planet Rebose, Alex G. (GSR, Rebellion Dogs), Elaine B. (GSR, Set Aside Meeting), Chad P. (GSR, Some Are Sicker Than Others), Craig Y. (Archivist, Some Are Sicker than Others), Megan S. (GSR, There's More To Life), Misty D. (GSR, District 36 Intergroup Liaison, There is a Solution), Eric L. (GSR, Vision For You), Nicole P. (Intergroup Liaison), Nicole G. (Treasurer), Jill P. (GSR), and Haley S. (AGSR), Young People's Group, Angelo S. (ADCM), James O. (DCM), and Guest Neill D. (OAL Area 59)

Meeting Opened: 6:30 PM with Declaration of Unity

Introductions/News from Groups

Summaries

- Misty D. (There is A Solution) – Our Home Group unanimously agreed with the PAI and Font Motion.
- Megan S. (There's More to Life) – Women's Serenity Retreat, September 12-14, 2025, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA. Registration is \$250/person. Sober Fest @ Sabrina's House this weekend will be a fundraiser for the Women's Serenity Retreat. There will be scholarships available for people with financial difficulties to attend the retreat at half price. They are also selling T-shirts that say "STAY" as a fundraiser for the retreat. See attached flyer.
- Jeff M. (Dillsburg Group) – 21st Annual Pignic!! Sunday September 7, 2025, noon until 5PM. Tickets will be at the door for \$8/person. Kids under 12 are free. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Speaker at 2:30 PM.
- Ruth C. (Big Book West) - Our Home Group unanimously agreed with the PAI and Font Motion.
- Dennis P. (Planet Rebose) - Our Home Group unanimously agreed with the PAI and Font Motion.
- **Monthly Tradition 7:** (Long Form) The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries, which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority. **(Craig Y.)**

OFFICER'S REPORTS

- **Officer-at-Large (OAL) Louis J.**
 - Not present
- **Secretary Kim W.**
 - The July draft minutes will be sent out to everyone within 14 days which is required as per the Structure Manual.
 - June's final minutes and associated files will be sent to Judy W. (website committee for Intergroup) within 1 week from 07/14/2025 for uploading on the website
 - There were no corrections to the June minutes.
- **Treasurer Nicole G.**
 - See Treasurer report
 - We are currently operating above Prudent Reserve
 - There will be a P.O. Box increase soon so Nicole G. paid for the box till June 2026 under the old amount.
 - James O. asked if there could be money in the DCM account for NERAASA 2026 for his hotel room. Nicole will check in on that. James is not sure of what the amount will be at this time.
 - Nicole switch from monthly payment for ZOOM to an annual payment and saved \$37.00 annually.
- **ADCM Angelo S.**
 - No report
- **DCM James O.**
 - Important Take Aways!
 - PENNSCYPAA XXXVI Conference, June 19-22, 2025, Camp Hill, PA. This was a huge success for Harrisburg and the Host Committee did a fabulous job.
 - Mini-Assembly III Delegate Conference Report will be held on July 19, 2025 from 10AM – 1PM. This meeting will be by ZOOM ONLY!!! Please encourage your Home Group members to log in. This is a trial version of the conference report and a strong attendance could keep it going for future panels. ID: 881 4633 8201 PC 383073 or go to area59aa.org
 - See DCM Report

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Archives - Mark W. (Chair)**
 - Archives committee will have a meeting on August 11, 2025.
- **Finance – Megan S. (Chair), Alex G. (Secretary)**
 - No report

- **Workshop** – Jeff M. (Chair)
 - The first workshop was held on May 24, 2025. We had a low attendance possibly because it was a holiday weekend. Topic was creating and understanding the upside down pyramid.
 - Next workshop will be scheduled soon in conjunction with Harrisburg Area Intergroup. The committee is working with Sabrina to establish a date.
 - Jeff M. will be stepping down as chair of this committee and GSR of the Dillsburg Group. The committee will need to vote for a new chair.
- **Structure** – Mistie D.
 - The Structure Committee wants everyone to read through the corrections to the Structure Manual and bring any changes or concerns to the August Meeting.
- **BTG** –
 - Tom A. is on vacation. No report at this time.
- **District Split – Open position** (Chair)
 - Position remains open.
- **Ad-hoc Archives Storage Facility** – Louis J.
 - Not present

LIAISON REPORTS

District 36 Intergroup – Mistie D.

- No report.

District 36 Archivist – Craig Y.

- Craig worked on archives at PENNSCYPAA XXXVI

District 36 Technology Coordinator – Heather L.

- No report.

Bridging the Gap (BTG) – Kristen P.

- Not present

Harrisburg Intergroup – Nicole P.

- Monique sold a ton of literature at the PENNSCYPAA XXXVI conference.
- Contact Judy if anyone has any problem with the website.

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3. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE if you cannot hear, a safety issue arises or you are uncomfortable, it's noisy, etc... but only if necessary.
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5. APPEAL OF A CHAIR'S RULING, if you disagree with the Chair's ruling.

OLD BUSINESS

- The PAI and Font motion is on the table to be taken to your home group business meeting and discussed if they are for or against the items for August's business meeting. We are voting on the two items at September's 4th Quarterly meeting.
- Louis and Tom Ad-Hoc Committee on Storage Facility postponed until August business meeting because they are gathering information on new facilities.
- In August's Business meeting we will be voting on District 36's Structure Manual 2025. It is suggested to read the edited version sent from the Structure committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- It is customary for District's to do an inventory in the first year. I have had input from GSR's along with myself that it would be very helpful for Unity to get one setup for District 36. After following Area 59's guidelines a local past District 36 and Area officer was asked to moderate with the questions being sent from Area 59's Archivist from past district inventories as a guideline. We will set up an ad-hoc inventory subcommittee to pick out 6 questions to facilitate the inventory. The inventory will be for 2 hours. With an estimated cost of \$100.00 for venue coffee and light snacks.
 - All GSR's present were in favor of setting up an Ad-hoc committee and participating with the inventory.
 - Volunteers for the Ad-hoc Committee: Sandy K., Elaine B., Nicole G., Heather L., and Haley S.
 - Once the 6 questions are picked out, all GSR's will take them back to their Home Groups. The inventory will likely take place at Bridge Street. This inventory meeting will be open to anyone.
- **Concept 7:** (Long Form): The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness. **(Elaine B.)**

VOLUNTEERS

Tradition 8: Megan S.

Concept 8: Dennis P.

Dennis P. made a motion to accept the May 2025 minutes. Kim W. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James O. entertained a motion to close the meeting. The meeting closed at 7:22 PM.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Closed 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.”

Attachments:

- DCM Report
- ADCM Report
- Treasurer Report
- Dillsburg Group 21st Annual Pignic
- Treatment and Accessibilities Report, EPGSA Area 59, Panel 75
- Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission form for the GSC
- Sunlight of the Spirit, August 8-10, 2025
- 68th Annual EPGSA, November 14-16, 2025
- EPGSA Convention Volunteers Form
- Women’s Serenity Retreat, September 12-14, 2025

District 36 Meeting Agenda
Monday July 14, 2025
Zoom ID:714 4907 7606 PW:D36

- Welcome to all who are present. We appreciate your interest and your attendance. "This Meeting of District 36 will now please come to order."
- 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
 - Name:
 - Home Group:
 - Position:
 - Summaries: (group announcements)
 - Actions: (Items the group wants discussed)
 - Guests:
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Officers Reports:

- Officer at Large- Louis J.
- Secretary - Kim W.
- Treasurer- Nicole G.
- ADCM- Angelo S.
- DCM- James O.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Archives: Mark W.
- Structure: Josh G.
- Workshop: Jeff M.
- Finance: Megan S.
- Bridging The Gap:
- Ad-hoc District Split: open position
- District 36 Archivist: Craig Y.

Liaison Reports:

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Volunteers

Tradition 8:

Concept 8:

- I will entertain a motion to accept June's minutes

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D.C.M. Report July 14, 2025

In Attendance:

- 06/19/2025-06/22/2025 PENNSCYPAXXXVI
- 07/07/2025 GSR Pamphlet monthly forum Presented by our Alternate Delegate Alex N. zoom I.D. 810 1469 9195 PC: 684838
- 07/13/2025 Area Archives Subcommittee Zoom 9:00am-9:45am

Will Be Attending:

- 07/19/2025 Mini Assembly III Delegate Conference Report: ZOOM 10am-1PM meeting id 881 4633 8201 PC 383073 or go to area59aa.org This is a trial version of the conference report for the next 2 years so it is suggested to have a strong attendance to keep it going in future panels.
- 08/04/2025 GSR monthly Forum Flyers are on the table Presented by our Alternate Delegate Alex N. zoom I.D. 810 1469 9195 PC: 684838
- 08/08-10/2025 Sunlight of the Spirit Conference Wyndham Gardens, 2000 Loucks Road, York, Pa
- 08/10/2025 Virtual Archives Area 59 Subcommittee 9am-10:15am

What's News:

- PENNSCYPAXXXVI was a huge success for Harrisburg and the Host Committee that put their Hearts and soul into making the conference an unforgettable weekend of memories for all those that attended a very Gracious Thank You to all that made this event possible.
- EPGSA Hotel rooms and registrations are available for purchase. EPGSA also needs volunteers to make this all happen successfully. Register at area59aa.org or flyers are on the table with QR codes.
- Dan B. Our delegate was elected CPC committee chair for next year.
- The Guest observer for EPGSA Judge Robert Repard
- A useful source for A.A. news, Box 4-5-9 is a quarterly newsletter from the U.S./Canada General Service Office. Free sign up with your name and e-mail
- Any Motions need to be submitted 1 week prior to the next District meeting to dcmd36a59@gmail.com
- We ask that you read our business meeting minutes prior to the next district meeting and submit any questions or corrections to Kim W. secretaryd36a59@gmail.com
- Any of the Area officers or Committee chairs are happy to come out and give a presentation or answer questions just ask.
- Check out Area 59 of Alcoholics Anonymous area59aa.org
- It is suggested to attend at least 1 quarterly area meeting a year to see how Area 59 conducts business and have a better understanding how the committee works. Homegroups, District and Area function in a different way that's why it is suggested to go to at least 1 Area meeting to see the differences for yourself. The process is less confusing when you see it in action.
- Please remember to keep your home groups updated with G.S.O. and Area 59.

GSR KIT

Helpful Links- Just click and go

[Safety Card for A.A. Groups | Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

[SMF-223 - FAQ on Practicing the Seventh Tradition at Virtual ...](#)

[DISTRICT 36 STRUCTURE MANUAL - AA Harrisburg.org](#)

Thank You For Your Service, James O. D.C.M. D.36

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Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

District 36

Treasurer's Financial Summary

6/1/25-6/30/25

Beginning Balance:				Income	Expenses	Balance
Income:	Group Name	Date	CK #	Description		
	TMTL	6/24/25	2276	Contribution	\$300.00	
	Sundae Saturday	6/24/25	340	Contribution	\$25.00	
	Anonymous Contribution	6/24/25	113	Contribution	\$100.00	
	Reimbursement	6/25/25		Pizza Reimbursement 2024	\$108.21	
Total Income:					\$533.21	
YTD Contributions					\$2,909.46	
Expenses:	Check Issued To	Date	CK #	Description		
	Fellowship House	6/16/25	279	Rent, June-Dec. 2025		\$180.00
	PO Box	6/16/25	DC	Rent, June 2025 - June 2026		\$244.00
	Zoom	6/10/25	DC	Monthly Subscription		\$15.51
	Zoom	6/17/25	DC	Annual Zoom subscription		\$131.81
	James O.	6/23/25	280	Mileage		\$101.05
Incurred Expenses Sub Total:					\$672.17	
Year to Date Expenses:						
	Mileage:				\$337.46	
	Conference Registrations:				\$0.00	
	Meals:				\$0.00	
	Hotel:				\$0.00	
	Workshops:				\$40.00	
	Printing:				\$244.68	
	Archives:				\$0.00	
	D36 Split:				\$0.00	
	Structure:				\$0.00	
	Contributions:				\$360.00	
	Rent:				\$0.00	
	Postage				\$219.17	
	Zoom			through July 2026	\$70.00	
	Other				\$244.00	
	PO Box				\$240.00	
	Hot Spot				\$1,755.31	
Year to Date Exp. Sub Total:					\$2,482.98	
Current Balance					\$2,482.98	
- Outstanding					\$1,500.00	
Available Funds					\$982.98	
Prudent Reserve						
End Balance						
Submitted: <u>Nicole Groupe, Treasurer</u> July 6, 2025						
Name _____ Date _____						

Expenses			
Category	Budget	YTD	Balance
Mileage	\$1,069.16	\$337.46	\$731.70
Conference	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Registrations:			
Meal*	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Hotel	\$710.84	\$0.00	\$710.84
Workshops	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Printing:	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Archives	\$650.00	\$244.68	\$405.32
Rent:	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
Postage:	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Other:	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$0.00
Zoom:	\$219.17	\$219.17	\$0.00
Hot spot	\$360.00	\$240.00	\$120.00
PO Box	\$244.00	\$244.00	\$0.00
D36 Split	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Structure Split	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total:	\$5,958.17	\$3,255.31	\$2,702.86

*16GS4, 1 meal Fri, 3 meals Sat,
1 meal Sunday = \$515-\$75/each.

Zoom (originally)
\$172.92 \$14.41*12months
Updated to
\$135.92 Annual billing
\$37.00 savings

Three Ways to REGISTER — Opens JUNE 8th \$20 Registration Fee

68th annual

Eastern Pennsylvania General Service Assembly

November 14 thru 16, 2025

1

Register Online by
Using this QR code



2

Register Online by
Visiting our Website:
area59aa.org

3

Fill out this form and mail to:
Treasurer, EPGSA Convention
470 Hillside Dr.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

2025 EPGSA Registration Form *Registration Deadline Nov. 7, 2025*

Name _____

Service Position _____ District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (required) _____

Phone (optional) _____

**Only select this option if you are not staying at the Wyndham Lancaster and would like to attend the Saturday night banquet. Banquet tickets for hotel guests are guaranteed and included in the room rate. Attendees not staying at the hotel may purchase banquet tickets for \$70 until we reach the 500-person capacity. You will be refunded if we have exceeded capacity by the time of your transaction. Gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options will be available.*

Please note any accommodations
we can provide to make the
Convention more accessible to you,
and we will do our best:

- ☐ American Sign Language
- ☐ Español
- ☐ Wheelchair access
- ☐ Assistive listening device
- ☐ Other _____

Registration Fee: \$20.00

→ **Banquet Ticket: \$70.00***

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to

EPGSA Convention Committee

*Cancellations: Convention-only
registrations may be canceled through*

*November 7, 2025 by emailing:
conventiontreasurer@area59aa.org*

*No refunds of your \$20 registration fee
will be made after that date.*

Thank you for your understanding,
and for your service!
Your Area 59 Convention Committee

Please contact me about Volunteering at the Convention (check one):

☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, I would like to Volunteer at:

☐ GREETING ☐ HOSPITALITY ☐ REGISTRATION

You can also use the QR code below to sign-up to volunteer.

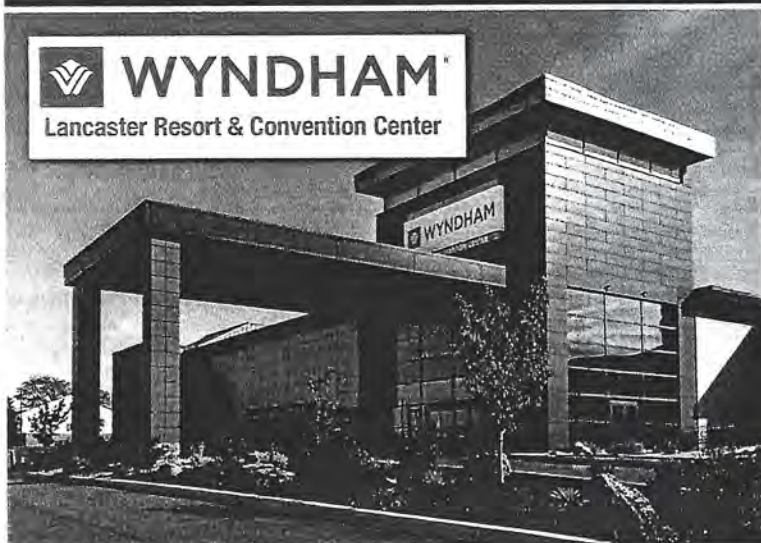
Questions about volunteering? Please email:

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**Please see other side for
HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

HOTEL REGISTRATION is Separate from EPGSA Registration



Two ways to register:

1

Online Reservations
Using this QR code



2

Make Reservations by
calling the hotel and letting them
know you'll be attending EPGSA:

(717) 299-5500

WYNDHAM Convention Center Reservations

Hotel Room Type	Required Deposit (per Room) to Reserve with the Hotel	Per-Person, Two-Night Room Rate (A)	Total Room Cost for Weekend, Payable to the Hotel
One Person	\$273.56	\$547.12	\$547.12
Two People (1 King bed)	\$355.24	\$355.24	\$710.48
Two People (2 Queen beds)	\$355.24	\$355.24	\$710.48
Three People (2 Queen beds)	\$451.71	\$301.14	\$903.42
Four People (2 Queen beds)	\$553.40	\$266.70	\$1,066.80

(A) INCLUDES: Friday Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Night Banquet, and Sunday Breakfast.
(Gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options will be available)

A limited number of handicapped accessible rooms are available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

You will be charged the Total Room Cost for the Weekend shown above for the room choice you select, not for the number of roommates listed, nor for the number of registered guests actually in the room.

Registration for the Convention and the Hotel Reservation must be done separately. Hotel costs do not include the registration fee of \$20. All hotel reservations must be made by October 14, 2025 through the hotel. Any cancellations must be made through the hotel by November 12, 2025 for a full refund. Cancellations within 48 hours of scheduled arrival and no-shows after that date will result in billing for the Total Room Cost for Weekend, listed above. One Hotel Reservation per room. Two-night minimum stay. One night's deposit per person per room required at the time of your reservation. Final payment is required at check-in. Advance payment in full is not required but will speed up check-in.

You must consent to having your contact information released by the Wyndham Lancaster to the EPGSA Convention Committee to be included as a registered attendee. You must also agree to be responsible for the full cost of the room for the whole weekend, even if your roommates do not attend or do not contribute their share of the cost, unless you cancel your reservation with 48 or more hours' notice to the hotel, i.e. before November 12, 2025. You will be charged the Total Room Cost for Weekend shown above for the room choice you select, not for the number of roommates listed, nor for the number of registered guests actually in the room.

Hotel Check-in: 4:00 PM Hotel Check-out: 11:00 AM



Join the Dillsburg Group for the 21st Annual PICNIC!



Date: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Time: Noon until 5pm

Location:

Logan Park
80 Logan Road
Dillsburg PA



Lunch: Served at 1pm

**Open Meeting and
Speaker at 2:30pm**

Speaker: Susan H. from Palmyra, VA



Tickets

\$8 per adult

Kids 12 & under are free!

**Tickets can be
purchased in advance
or at the door**



Rain or Shine

Bring a Chair & a Dish to Share

Mobile Book Store: Intergroup will be bringing the NEW Intergroup Mobile Bookstore to the Picnic this year with most AA literature available for purchase. Payment can be done with cash or credit card.

EPGSA Convention 2025



We NEED Volunteers!

Fill out a form online



go.area59aa.org/epgsavol

or contact

Lauren B., secretary@area59aa.org

Alex N., alt-delegate@area59aa.org

Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) Submission Form for the General Service Conference (GSC)

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm.
Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2027 General Service Conference.

Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

The resources mentioned below are available in English, Spanish, and French, on the GSO website, www.aa.org. It is all done in the spirit of Love and Service.

Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort. The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 135 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Does my PAI rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the A.A. Service Manual on page 42.

Who participates in PAI submissions?

AA Groups, Districts and Areas: To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to "List of General Service Conference Area Websites." These local A.A. trusted servants strive to help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and help the delegate prepare for the GSC.

Individual A.A. members: Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI. All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm. Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 2027 General Service Conference.

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

Sharing on Participation? Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

Read: "A.A. Service Manual," "Circles of Love and Service," and "The A.A. Group."

Watch Video: "Your General Service Office (GSO), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure,"

Listen: "Twelve Traditions Long Form"

When is the PAI Deadline for the 75th GSC?

All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2025, 11:59 pm.

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What happens after a PAI is submitted? Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees' Committee or Board for discussion. Following the October General Service Board meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee's deliberations.

**General Service Conference (GSC)
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.
The General Service Office should make the books "Pass it On", and "Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers" available for purchase in audio format anywhere audiobooks are available.
(2) What problem does this proposed item address?
Currently, not all A.A. Conference-approved literature is available in audio format. This limits accessibility for members who are visually impaired, have reading difficulties, or prefer audio content due to lifestyle or learning styles. Expanding access supports A.A.'s mission to reach the alcoholic who still suffers.
(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).
<u>Note:</u> While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.
This item was submitted by The Living Room Group of Alcoholics Anonymous in Levittown, PA and was voted on and approved by District 51 in Area 59 at our monthly meeting.

<p>(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:</p>
<p>Many essential A.A. books (e.g., Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Daily Reflections, Living Sober) are already available in audio, demonstrating the feasibility and impact of this format.</p> <p>Accessibility and inclusion are vital parts of A.A.'s commitment to carrying the message to all who need it.</p> <p>Expanding the audiobook library aligns with Tradition Five: "Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."</p>
<p>(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?</p>
<p>Increased accessibility to A.A. literature for visually impaired members, elderly members, members with learning differences (such as dyslexia), and those who prefer auditory learning.</p> <p>Broader reach and deeper engagement with A.A.'s message.</p> <p>Strengthened inclusivity and service commitment in keeping with A.A.'s core traditions.</p>
<p>(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.</p>
<p>(7) Final comments:</p>
<p>Making all Conference-approved literature available in audio format is a natural and necessary step toward ensuring that A.A.'s life-saving message remains fully accessible to every alcoholic, regardless of circumstance. In a spirit of love, unity, and service, this effort would break down barriers and open new doors for those who may otherwise be left behind — including the visually impaired, those facing literacy challenges, and members whose lives are better touched through listening rather than reading. By expanding access to our literature, we honor our Responsibility Statement and reaffirm our collective commitment that no alcoholic seeking help should be unable to hear the message of recovery. This proposal reflects A.A.'s enduring promise: that we are here for all who seek us, now and for generations to come.</p>

Submit completed PDF forms to the GSO Staff Member on the Conference

SUNLIGHT of the SPIRIT

York, PA

August 8-10 2025 at Wyndham Gardens, York

SPEAKER LINE-UP: FRI 8:00PM CHRIS S. BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

SAT 8:30AM OPEN MEETING

10:00AM ED M. YORK, PA

11:30AM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

2:00PM MEG S. (AL-ANON) GLASTONBURY, CT

4:00PM JOE C. PALM COAST, FL

7:50PM SOBRIETY COUNTDOWN

8:00PM AMY D. LOUISVILLE, KY

9:30PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SUN 9:30AM LEE M. WASHINGTON, DC

Registration for conference is \$30/person. Registration may be mailed in using form below or submitted on-line at Sunlightyork.org To reserve rooms at Wyndham Garden, please access our discounted room rate through Sunlightyork.org as well. Please note, rooms have sold-out in past years so plan accordingly.

Questions or concerns contact Julie B @ 717-434-9588

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Detach and mail if not using website to register
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Sunlight of the Spirit Conference

P.O. Box 3171 York, Pa 17402

\$30.00/person until July 30th, \$35.00 after July 30th Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ # attending _____ Amount: \$ _____



Area **59**

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY
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Treatment and Accessibilities Report

E.P.G.S.A. Area 59 Panel 75

Month 3 day 9 year 2025

Area Quarterly Meeting, Q3 (District 59 - Orangeville, PA)

General Information

- The subcommittee reviewed and approved new banner stands to be made (including one in Spanish). We worked with the webservant to make sure that we did not infringe upon GSOs guidelines regarding trademarks/copyrights.
- We unanimously approved a recommendation for Area 59 regarding accessible font after compiling research and working with Area 59 officers, our webservant, and the structure sub-committee.
- We are continuing progress toward a recommendation for merging subcommittees through discussions with the Corrections and Structure Sub-committees.
- We provided displays at pre-conference sharing, mini 1, D35 workshop (4/15), D30 workshop, D38 workshop, and the D36 workshop (5/24)

Treatment

- Terry has continued attending Bridging-the-Gap meetings and is working on reviewing the BTG workbook.
- Continuing to work toward scheduling a joint workshop with BTG and Corrections

Accessibilities

- Olivia, Braden, and Inocencio are continuing to progress toward a Bilingual workshop for 2026; and visited D68 with our area 59 translator.
- We voted to give \$100 (for the year) to the All-Access Committee
- Nick is researching QR codes for ASL for our displays.

Keeping it chill-fresh and jiggy-fly,

Tom W. (sub-committee chair, D67), Olivia A. (secretary, D63), Braden A. (D25), Terry M. (D32), Nick H (D43), and Inocencio C. (D68)

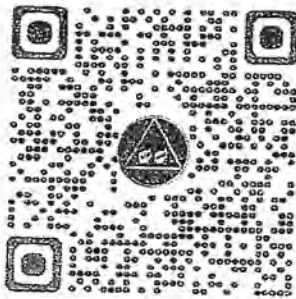


Check out the new Accessibilities Resources Flyer

versión francesa & versión en español

Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous deafaa.org

Find an accessible Deaf Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) or
ASL Interpreted Meeting **"TODAY"**



A.A. Literature In ASL



DeafAA.org



Deaf Alcoholic Recovery Stories

Find tools for recovery from alcoholism

- Accessible Deaf A.A. & ASL interpreted meetings **everyday** of the week. Find fellowship, a sponsor and service opportunities.
- Grapevine stories by Deaf alcoholics in ASL
- A.A. literature in American Sign Language
 - Plain language Big Book TOOL (English)
- LSQ Langue des signes du Québec / Quebec Sign Language interpreted meetings.
- A.A. literature available in LSQ
 - A.A. literature in French
- LSM Resources Lengua de Señas Mexicana / Mexican Sign Language.
- Grapevine stories in Spanish La Vina Magazine & YouTube
- A.A. literature in Spanish

Save the Date January 17, 2026
Special Forum for Deaf A.A. Members
Digital Flyer QR Code



Area 59 Treatment and Accessibilities Sub-Committee
Background Information for Accessible Font Recommendation

We unanimously recommend that:

The following text be added to the area structure manual under a new heading of "Accessible Font:"

"To provide greater accessibility to our fellowship, it is recommended that all new or revised documents, publications, and literature (in print and online) produced by Area 59 be created using sans-serif font in a size of 12pt or higher, and that we follow general accessibility procedures wherever possible."

Background information:

Accessible Fonts for Print and Online Use Research and expert recommendations suggest the following fonts as the most accessible:

Sans-serif Fonts: Fonts without decorative strokes are generally easier to read (Arial– A widely used font with clear letter distinction; Verdana – Designed for screen readability with wide letter spacing; Tahoma – Similar to Verdana, with slightly narrower spacing; another example is Calibri).

Key Considerations for Font Accessibility

- Font Size: A minimum of 12-14pt for print and 12-16pt for digital materials is recommended.
- Avoiding Italics, All Caps, and All Bold: Italicized, fully capitalized, and text written in all bold can be difficult to read for those with visual impairments.
- Consistent Formatting: Standardized document design with predictable layouts enhances accessibility.
- Adopting an accessibility-friendly font in document design will greatly enhance the readability of materials for individuals with dyslexia and other disabilities.

Sources:

- British Dyslexia Association. (n.d.). Dyslexia-friendly style guide. Retrieved from <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk>
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- Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI). (n.d.). Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). Retrieved from <https://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG21/>
- AccessiblyApp. (n.d.). Web Accessibility: Font Size. Retrieved from

<https://accessiblyapp.com/web-accessibility/font-size/>

More Background information:

Chicago AA (Area 19) Accessibilities Committee proposed a related agenda item that was ultimately not forwarded to a conference committee (because publishing was in the room and agreed that this was an ongoing effort).

- PAI #31 - "all new or revised documents, publications and literature be produced and/or published in an accessible format"

Background:

Accessible printed documents and communications are defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 508 (United States) and under the Accessible Canada Regulations (Canada). Currently, AA literature is produced in a variety of formats, many of which are not readable by AA members. Production of documents (such as pamphlets, checklists, literature, and even emails) in an accessible format assists AA members who have low vision, use screen readers, have reading disabilities and intellectual processing disabilities. These members' ability to read is greatly affected by how documents and visual aids are prepared and written.

For example, it is estimated that as much as 20% of the population is unable to read a document printed in a Serif font such as Times New Roman. Many AA documents and most literature (including the Big Book and 12&12) are printed in a Serif font, making it difficult for many alcoholics to read them smoothly or at all. Adopting a uniform appearance, color and printing standard for all printed AA documents as they are reprinted, revised or developed for AA members provides a simple method to make the message of AA available to more alcoholics.

Before finalizing your document (or saving it as a PDF), check it for Accessibility. The checker will "point out" fonts, colors and shading that affect the readability of the document AND suggest better options.

a. Microsoft Accessibility Checker

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/improve-accessibility-With-the-accessibility-checker-a16f6de0-2f39-4a2b-8bd8-5ad801426c7f>

b. Adobe Accessibility Checker

<https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/create-verify-pdf-Accessibility.html>

c. Google Docs Accessibility Checker.

https://workspace.google.com/marketplace/app/accessibility_checker_for_docs/452529936240

Other considerations:

Area 59's Structure Manual is currently printed in a font with serifs.



Women's Serenity Retreat

September 12-14, 2025

Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA

11th Step Retreat: You invest a lot of time and energy into your recovery program. Join us while we release and recharge ourselves emotionally and spiritually. Connect with one another during a weekend filled with fellowship, laughter, relaxation and sober fun!

FACILITATOR / SPEAKER

SR. LINDA FISCHER



We are delighted to welcome back Sr. Linda Fischer! She is a member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ from Columbia, PA. A teacher by profession, Linda left the classroom in 2005. Since then she has been involved in full-time 12 Step retreat ministry.

Sr. Linda has been a grateful recovering alcoholic for the past 35 years and says she loves facilitating recovery retreats because "she receives every bit as much as she gives." She calls her own journey in recovery one of the greatest blessings in her life.



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Scholarships Available - \$125

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