

# Area 53 Assembly September 13, 2020

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Prior to opening of meeting, online registration and voting training took place from 9:00 AM to 10:45 AM

## 1. Opening of Meeting (Ed A.)

- Ed called us to order at 10:45 AM with recitation of Serenity Prayer
- Nita S. read the 12 Concepts for World Service, short form
- June Assembly Minutes (Martha C., Area Secretary) – Martha asked for any corrections or additions and there were none. The minutes stand approved as read.
  
- Treasurer's Report (Diann N.).
  - We have a balance of over \$13,000 due to very low expenses.
  - We have higher balance than we did when we did to start the year.
  - Added a line item to budget for Zoom Expenses.
  - Diann is encouraging individuals to donate to their central offices and General Service Office instead of the Area because our expenses are so low.
    - Madeline asked about the unspent funds for the 2020 General Service Conference expenses. Diann stated that these funds will be carried over to next year, and there will not be additional funds requested for the convention in 2021.
    - Barbara asked about copying expenses: Diann stated that these are reimbursements for expenses incurred pre-COVID.
    - Frank asked whether report was sent by email. Diann responded that it is on the website.
    - Madeline asked about certificate for Ohio Non-Profit. Diann stated that it has been done but there has not been a charge for it. She thinks the state has changed their policy and charges based on revenue to the non-profit, so we don't qualify
  - **Chris J moved; Matt seconded to accept budget report as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 2. Panel 71 Elections (Chair: Jim S. ~ Area 55 Panel 70 Delegate)

- Jim reviewed the election procedure and identified who is a voting member of the assembly.
- He also reviewed the Third Legacy Procedure.
  - Each election will require a 2/3 majority of voting members.
  - If no one receives 2/3 on the first vote, we will move to a second ballot, up to 4 ballots. A fifth ballot can be chosen by a vote, if needed.

- If no one has 2/3 by the end of the last ballot, the officer will be selected by drawing the names of the remaining people on the ballot from a hat.
- Election of Panel 71 Officers
- Delegate:
  - Donna K was only person on ballot. We balloted twice for practice.
  - Ballot 1: Donna K 44 (100%)
  - Ballot 2: **Donna K 56 (100%)**
- Alternate Delegate
 

Ballot 1: Ed A 26 (47%)	Diann N 28 (53%)
Ballot 2: Ed A 21 (39%)	Diann N 33 (61%)
Ballot 3: Ed A 16 (28%)	<b>Diann N 42 (72%)</b>
- Chair
  - Ann B was the only person on the ballot.
  - Ballot 1: **Ann B 55 (100%)**
- Alternate Chairperson:
 

Ballot 1: Martha C 20 (36%)	Erica C 7 (13%)	Marcia H 29 (52%)
Ballot 2: Martha C 17 (30%)	Erica C 3 (5%)	Marcia H 37 (65%)
Ballot 3: Martha C 13 (22%)	<b>Marcia H 47 (78%)</b>	
- Treasurer:
  - Tom was the only person on the ballot
  - Ballot 1: **Tom D. 54 (100%)**
- Alternate Treasurer:
 

Ballot 1: <b>Becky R 39 (68%)</b>	Chris J 13 (23%)	Ed A 5 (9%)
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- (Recording) Secretary
  - Chris J was the only person on the ballot.
  - Ballot 1: **Chris J 53 (100%)**
- Alternate (Recording) Secretary: Skipped due to no one standing for the position. We returned to this after the other offices were elected, see below\*
- Web Administrator:
  - Ed was the only person on the ballot.
  - Ballot 1: **Ed A 51 (100%)**

- Alternate Web Administrator:  
 Kayla K. was the only person on the ballot.  
 Ballot 1: **Kayla K. 55 100%**.

- Registrar  
 Ballot 1: Dan S. 26 (47%)                      Joe M. 16 (29%)                      Martha C 13 (24%)  
 Ballot 2: Dan S. 33 (59%)                      Joe M. 13 (23%)                      Martha C. 10 (18%)  
 Ballot 3: **Dan S. 37 (70%)**                      Joe M. 16 (30%)

- Alternate Registrar:  
 Brenda was the only person on the ballot.  
 Ballot 1: **Brenda B: 52 (100%)**

- \*Return to vote for office of Alternate (Recording) Secretary:  
 Joe M. was the only person on the ballot.  
 Ballot 1: **Joe M 50 (100%)**

**Full Slate of officers Panel 71**

- Delegate: Donna K.
- Alternative Delegate: Diann N.
- Chair: Ann B.
- Alternate Chair: Marcia H.
- Treasurer: Tom D.
- Alternate Treasurer: Becky R.
- Recording Secretary: Chris J
- Alternative Recording Secretary: Joe M
- Web Administrator: Ed A
- Alternate Web Administrator: Kayla K
- Registrar: Dan S
- Alternate Registrar: Brenda B

*Congratulations everyone! Many thanks to Jim and Sherry S for their service!!*

**3. Officer Reports**

- Delegate (Stephen S.)
  - Updated financial information from GSO is now available and will be posted to Area website.
  - GSO finances have been challenging. But with good management they have returned to having a prudent reserve of 9 mos of expenses.

- Contributions should continue. Contributions have been good as of August; literature sales are coming back.
  - Please keep up and encourage 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions from individuals and groups
  - Joe M. asked about the Final Report for the 2020 Convention. The Final Report (without finances) is already available at Central Office. The Final Financial Report will be available soon. Email Stephen if you need a copy of either one.
  - Sharon asked if people from outside of Columbus can get the Final Report books. Stephen will mail them. Email him to request. *Donna added that she can drive them to people if that is needed. She'd love to go to beautiful Marietta!* 😊
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- Chairperson (Ed A.)
    - Thanks to everybody for the success of this Assembly! Especially all the subcommittees for their very hard work.
    - Thanks everyone for putting up with the learning curve needed to participate. Great job
    - Ed will continue to attend meetings and is looking forward to serving as Area Web Administrator.
    - Looking forward to next Assembly in December.
    - *Diann announced that there will be a Zoom meeting tomorrow (Monday 9/14) of the registration subcommittee for this Assembly to debrief and discuss the elections Assembly.*
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- Web Administrator (Ann B.)
    - Ann's report is posted on the website
    - Time spent preparing for this Assembly.
    - Website is up to date.
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- Registrar (James C.)
    - Had 112 people registered for Assembly.
    - As of 10:30 AM, 74 people attending, representing 11 service positions.
      - 61 voting members; 13 interested AAs.
        - 1 Delegate
        - 1 Alternate Delegate
        - 10 Area Officers
        - 1 DCMC
        - 14 DCMs
        - 1 Alternate DCM
        - 20 GSRs
        - 2 Alt GSRs

- 5 Standing Committee Chairs
  - 4 Past Delegates
  - 2 Other Area Delegates or Alternate Delegates
- Currently Area Registrars have read-only access to GSO's computer system. So James cannot update any group information. Updates can be sent directly to GSO.
  - Tri-fold can be updated by emailing James or Dan to update
- District Committee Member Chair (DCMC) (Marcia H.)
    - DCMs met in July and did reports.
    - Discussed accomplishments over the past few years. Continue to work on Guidebook for DCMs.
    - Election for DCM chair, alternate DCM chair and committee secretary will happen at October committee meeting
    - Sharing session topic: 12<sup>th</sup> Step in a virtual environment, working with newcomer in virtual environment, and virtual events.

#### 4. Upcoming Events & Ask-It-Basket

- Sunday October 11: DCM Meeting (10 am) & Area Planning Meeting (1 pm). All Committee Chairs should attend. Format and location TBA.
- Area 53 Finance Committee meeting is upcoming (members are Chair, Alt chair, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer) to plan for the 2021 budget. Committee members will be notified about the plans for meeting.
- Ask-It-Basket
  - Becky asked when Mini-Conference Committee starts meeting.
    - *Diann (new Alt Delegate who will chair the committee) said will meet the third Wednesday of this month via Zoom. She will send invitation.*
    - *Stephen clarified that Donna is still officially the Panel 69 Mini-Conference Chair and all Mini-Conference officers will stay in place during the transition. New Mini-Conference Officers take over in January. Diann and Donna should coordinate on the committee meeting.*
  - Becky asked whether to step down in her service position in home group now that she has an Area position.
    - *Ed shared his experience of yes, he gave up his position in January when his Area Officer position began.*
    - *Dan shared his experience of no, he maintained his service commitment to his home group.*
    - *Ed then shared that it was a GSR position that he let go of, so that his Group had a vote at the Assembly.*

- Joe asked whether Mini-Conference would be virtual or not. Also he has updated information.
- Frank asked whether the Finance Committee should invite incoming officers to at least observe?
  - *Ed stated that he will double-check guidelines to be sure that all people who should be invited will be.*
- Brandi emphasized that if she is serving the Area in a capacity where she has a vote at the Assembly, then she doesn't take a position in group where she might be asked to vote on behalf of the group.
- Donna stated that there is a location for the Mini-Conference at Deer Creek to have a live conference. Not that we have to use it. We will have to go along with state guidelines. Also GSRs should ask home group to elect a representative to the Mini-Conference Committee.
- Mark asked if during the elections, if the election had come down to a need to draw a name from the hat, how was that going to be handled in virtual elections?
  - *Ed assigned two attendees from outside our Area to physically put names into a hat and draw them.*
- Joe M asked when is the December Assembly
  - *December 13<sup>th</sup>. Format has not been decided, live virtual or hybrid.*

***Joe M. moved and Becky R. seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.***