

Welcome to the first *virtual*
Area 53 Mini-Conference

AREA 53
2021 VIRTUAL
MINI-CONFERENCE



March 12-14th

Saturday Guest Speaker
Joseph H.
Bangkok, Thailand

New! Pre-Conference Event
DCM College- March 11, 2021
6:30-8:00pm

March 12th & 13th
Mini-Conference Committee Meetings
Discuss and vote on important issues

REGISTRATION now open at www.area53aa.org

Questions?
Contact Diann N. 614-595-3546
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The life of every person in our fellowship has been affected by change, particularly this past year. Some changes have been joyous, some manageable, and some have been exceedingly difficult.

AA in a Time of Change

We take comfort in the fact that our fellowship has stayed the course, that we have remained sober and that our general service structure remains intact. For these reasons and more, we gather annually at our Area 53 Mini-Conference. This is where AA's trusted servants in general service, and most welcomed *interested AAs*, discuss important issues facing our fellowship's future.

Votes cast by mini-conference committees and attendees in a general service role are critical to inform our delegate of the conscience of our groups. Our delegate will then carry the collective conscience of Area 53 to the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference from April 18-24, 2021.

The Area 53 Mini-Conference offers us the opportunity to discuss agenda items and have our voices heard, *but the groups cannot speak if their representatives are not present!*

If you have not done so already, please visit <https://www.area53aa.org> and register today! Those without a computer or smart device may register by phone. Call Brenda B. at (614) 795-2108.

“The Upside-Down Triangle”



This image is derived from the AA Service Manual on page S16 (2018-2020 ed.) and emphasizes the upside-down nature of our general service organization. As the collective conscience of our entire fellowship (Concept 1) and the authority that delegates operational oversight to the Board of Trustees (Concept 2), the **AA Groups** are rightly placed at the top of the triangle, with that authority filtering all the way down to AA World Services. Imagine all the communication taking place within this structure! And you will be a part of it this weekend!

Friday, March 12th

5:00-6:30 pm – GSR School

What do GSRs do? Learn about becoming the link in the chain of communication between your group and the general service structure.

6:35-6:45 pm – Welcome

Diann N., Alt Del A53P71, MC Chair

Kayla K., Alt Web Admin, A53P71

6:45-7:15 pm – ECR Report and Farewell

Mark E., East Central Regional Trustee

7:15-7:45 pm – GSO Report

Jeff W., GSO Staff Coordinator

7:45-8:00 pm – Questions and Answers

ECRT and GSO Staffer

8:00 pm-???

Entertainment

Only the Entertainment Committee knows for sure



Saturday, March 13th

8:15-8:45 am – Fellowship

Meet up with friends before the MC begins!

8:45-9:00 am – Welcome and Friendly Reminders

Donna K., Area 53 Panel 71 Delegate

Kayla K., Area 53, Panel 71 Alternate Web Admin

9:00 to 12:00 pm and 1:00-5:00 pm –

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES with regular breaks

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

(See next panel for descriptions.)

Conference Committees

Room 1

Corrections and Public Information

Chair: Jeremy R.

Highlighted item: Consider a request to remove stigmatizing language in Corrections literature.

Room 2

Literature 1

Chair: Kathi B.

Highlighted item: Consider requests to revise the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Room 3

Literature 2

Chair: Teri G.

Highlighted item: Consider requests to revise the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

Room 4

Agenda/Policy & Admissions

Chair: Joel K.

Highlighted item: Discuss a request to clarify avenues of communication between AA members and general service agenda items.

Room 5

Trustees/Report & Charter

Chair: Margie J.

Highlighted item: Review the “Statement of Concern and Motion to Censure for Submission to the 71st General Service Conference.”

Room 6

Grapevine and Finance

Chair: Nicolas B.

Highlighted item: Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the AA message.

Saturday March 13th cont.

5:00-6:30 pm – Dinner/Fellowship

6:30-7:00 pm – Ohio Area Delegates Report

Area 53 – Donna K.

Area 54 – Susan R.

Area 55 – Jim S.

Area 56 – Nancy F.

7:00-7:30 pm

Sobriety Countdown

7:30-9:00 pm – AA Meeting/Speaker

Joseph H. from Bangkok, Thailand



Sunday, March 14th

8:30-8:40 am – Welcome Back & Friendly Reminders

8:40-11:50 am – Conference Committees

Report Out and Vote

PollEverywhere app facilitated by Bill Y.

11:50-12:00 pm– Conference Closing & Evaluations

12:00-1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm – Area 53 Assembly



**Please stay for the Area 53 Assembly
and participate in General Service!**