

## Area 53 Panel 71 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Delegate Report

June 6, 2021

Since the first quarter of 2021 I have attended all the Mini Conferences in Ohio, this really helped me to prepare for the 71<sup>st</sup> Delegates Conference.

The conference started on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> and went to 2:30 am on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The first few days were filled with board reports, sharing sessions, presentations from the Remote Communities and Archives.

Every day we started with an AA meeting, it was called the Serenity Meeting, for good reason. The third day we went into our respective committee to start the work of the committee. The days were long but so informative and intriguing they went fast, with lots of breaks to get up and move around. Sometimes it was hard to sit at my desk by myself with no other individuals to feel their presence and the presence of the conference. We all had to make do and do what we were sent to the conference to do; the business of Alcoholics Anonymous.

On Wednesday of the conference of region elected our new East Central Regional Trustee, Cathi C., we will be hearing from her at our State Convention. That evening we had a wonderful sharing session. I really liked those; we could bring anything up to the trustees for discussion.

Thursday, we started into voting on the committees. I will go in order of the committees as they were presented. I will not go over items that were not voted on in this report.

**Corrections:** The committee recommended that the language Inmate and Offender will be taken out of our literature and replaced with "Person in Custody"-Passed

**Treatment & Accessibilities:** The committee recommended the audio versions of the Armed Forces recordings-Passed

**Public Information:** The committee recommended to keep with the policy of actor portrayals of AA members using full faces in the new PSA's the "Wall" and "Party" and the voice over scratch tracks be replaced-Passed.

- The committee recommended a feasibility study of a PSA videos on streaming platforms including Netflix, Hulu and YouTube be conducted and brought back to the 2022 Conference-Pass.
- The committee recommended that a podcast be produced on information about AA be brought to the public and be reported at the 2022 conference-Passed.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community:** The committee recommended a develop a pamphlet to the Mental Health Professional be brought back to the 2022 conference-Passed.

- The committee recommended that the pamphlet ""Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" be changed to "Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous."

**Finance:** The committee recommended the addition of a watermark to the 2nd and 3rd pie charts with the word "SAMPLE" on page 13 of the pamphlet, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix-Passed

**Trustees:** Review the Statement of Concern and motion to censure the General Service Board.

The committee recommended that the General Service Conference charge the General Service Board with the setup of quarterly virtual meetings of Conference Members, to begin following the October 2021 General Service Board Weekend. These meetings would follow several weeks after each Quarterly Board Meeting, to allow Conference Members the opportunity to request additional information, ask clarifying questions, and to secure a greater sense of transparency. The committee agreed that the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most important treasure we have as a Fellowship. The committee also agreed that A.A.'s service structure is equally valuable-Passed

\*The committee noted that several major decisions previously made by the General Service Board and corporate affiliate, A.A.W.S. Inc., were not fully or promptly reported out to the Fellowship. The committee recognized that the lack of providing clear, comprehensible answers in a timely manner has caused many in the Fellowship to have strong feelings on all sides of this issue.

**Report & Charter:** The committee recommended the printed AA Directories be discontinued (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)-Passed

- The committee recommended that the revised manuscript distributed to all Conference members in April 2021 with the inclusion of the Original Conference Charter be approved as the 2021-2023 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service-Passed
- **NOTE:** The A.A.W.S. Publishing department will do a final proofing prior to publication to correct any inaccuracies.
- **The committee recommended that paragraph one, the Purpose statement of the Current Conference Charter, found in the Appendices of The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, which currently reads:** Purpose: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of world services and of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Conference shall be a service body only; never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.  
**Be changed to:** Purpose: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of world services and of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Conference shall be a service body only; never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous-Passed
- The committee recommended that a new section be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled "Amendments," and that it contain an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current General Service Board committees, and that a draft or progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

**Grapevine & LaVina:** The committee recommended that the AA Grapevine Board implement an Instagram account and requested that a report on the Instagram account be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Grapevine and The committee recommended that the AA Grapevine Board implement an Instagram account and requested that a report on the Instagram account be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña-Passed

**Literature:** The committee recommended that a Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion,’ ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare,’ and the Appendices remain as is,” and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature-Passed

- The committee recommended that, pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreword, an updated preface, and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V-Passed
- The committee recommended a revision to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, replacing the phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner”-Passed
- The committee recommended that the sentence which includes the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are severe in nature as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for the change...The change to read: "No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust, or gluttony"-Passed
- The committee recommended that the pamphlet, “The A.A. Group... Where it All Begins,” be revised to omit the line on page 13, “Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers,” be changed to “Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’ program of recovery from alcoholism”-Passed
- The committee recommended that the Long Form of each Tradition be included at the end of each essay for that Tradition in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, and that the complete set of Traditions at the back of the book be retained as is-Passed
- The committee recommended that a Fourth Edition of the book, Alcohólicos Anónimos, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference-Passed
- The committee recommended that the paragraph containing the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex on page 12 in the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be revised as follows: A.A. custom does suggest one limitation: sponsorship should be avoided whenever a romantic entanglement might arise between sponsor and sponsee. We A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from “our primary purpose.”
- The committee recommended that a draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report or draft be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature-Passed

**Agenda:** The committee recommended the following theme for the 2022 General Service Conference: “A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service.”-Passed

- The committee recommended the following presentation/discussion topics for the 2022 General Service Conference: 1. How do A.A.s go to any lengths to Recover, Unify, and Serve? 2. Going Beyond Fear 3. How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere-Passed
- The committee recommended the following workshop topic for the 2022 General Service Conference: The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World-Passed

**Policy & Admissions:** The committee recommended that the procedure for floor actions which is currently as follows: The chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference **decline** to consider the floor action. Be changed to -the chair shall ask if there is a motion that the Conference **consider** the floor action-Passed

- The committee recommended that the trustees' General Service Conference Committee make use of virtual meeting technologies to develop a process for polling the General Service Conference between annual meetings, in order to enable real-time discussion and debate, broad participation, and greater efficiency than the current process-Passed
- The committee recommended that the Equitable Distribution of Workload Process, as detailed in the Report from the 2020 trustees' General Service Conference Committee, be implemented for the 72nd General Service Conference on a three-year trial basis, with a progress report to be brought to the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions after each year of the trial-Passed
- The committee recommended that the U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings." Passed
- The committee recommended that the General Service Board form a committee to explore future possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada General Service structure-Passed

Please contact me if you would like a delegates report at your home group district or committee I am available to give a more detailed report anytime.

You can email me at [delegate@area53aa.org](mailto:delegate@area53aa.org) or call 614-446-4433.

In Love & Service

Donna K., Delegate

Area 53 Panel 71

**Chairperson's Report**  
**Area 53 Assembly**  
**June 6, 2021**

I want to start out with a thank you to Marcia for stepping in with some added responsibilities while I tend to important family matters. One of the many gifts of sobriety is being able to be present for and with them during difficult times. I am attending the NE Regional Forum this weekend and have registered for the Ohio State Convention in August. I've also attended Area 48 Virtual Assembly to observe. Marcia attended Area 34's hybrid Assembly to observe.

Since our last Assembly, I've attended some of the Area Chair Sharing Sessions hosted by Area 48 in NY, as well as various Area 53 Standing Committee meetings.

Our Area 53 Rap Sessions on Monday nights have been going well and we've had some really great presentations and discussions. Topics and presentations were made on the Bridging the Gap Program, The Concepts at the District and Group levels, a live interview by the Archive Committee's Oral History Project that focused on service in the home group, and an in-depth report from our Delegate on the Conference with Q&A. This month will feature the Correspondence & Pre-release program for CFC, a deep dive into the Grapevine's website, setting up and running inclusive hybrid meetings, and Tradition 4 and how AA Groups function. Join us on Mondays at 7:30 on Zoom. The login information is available on the Area website calendar.

At the July Area Committee meeting, we will be discussing the timeline and logistics for transitioning back to in-person Assemblies. At this time, the September Assembly will still be a Zoom only meeting.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to look into Virtual Only Group Registrations and will be making a recommendation for a Guideline change at the Area Committee meeting in July.

In Service, Ann B.  
Area 53 Chair, Panel 71

21 Area 53 Budget a/o 31 May

Incomes	2021	YTD	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2 a/o 5/31	Qtr 1
January 2021 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	\$ 20,351	\$ 22,901				
Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 18,000	\$ 4,013			\$ 2,343	\$ 1,670
Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,239			\$ 390	\$ 849
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 40,100</b>	<b>\$ 5,252</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,733</b>	<b>\$ 2,519</b>

**Expenses**

**Officer Expenses**

GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000				\$ 3,000
Delegate International Fund - Current Bal \$3000	\$ 500	\$ -				
Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,400	\$ -				
Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ -				
Chairperson Expense	\$ 1,400	\$ 21				\$ 21
Alt Chairperson Expense	\$ 700	\$ 21				\$ 21
Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	\$ 1,500	\$ -				
Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	\$ 3,000	\$ -				
Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	\$ 250	\$ -				
DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	\$ 150	\$ -				
<b>Total Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,042</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3,042</b>

**Operating Expenses**

Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 400	\$ -				
Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 260	\$ 62			\$ 6	\$ 56
Copying Expenses	\$ 331	\$ -				
Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -				

Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600	\$ 479				\$ 479
Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		\$ -				
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,591</b>	<b>\$ 541</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ 535</b>

#### Meeting & Convention Expenses

DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300	\$ -				
Assemblies/ <b>ZOOM</b>	\$ 3,000	\$ 290			\$ 117	\$ 173
State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200	\$ 87				\$ 87
<b>Total Meeting &amp; Convention Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 377</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 117</b>	<b>\$ 260</b>

#### Committee Expenses

Mini-Conference	\$ 150	\$ -				
Archives	\$ 500	\$ 196			\$ 76	\$ 120
CPC/PI	\$ 1,000	\$ -				
Correctional Facilities	\$ 900	\$ 450				\$ 450
Treatment Facilities	\$ 500	\$ -				
Grapevine	\$ 500	\$ 50				\$ 50
Group Services	\$ 500	\$ -				
Special Needs	\$ 500	\$ -				
Liasion	\$ 100	\$ -				
Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	\$ 450	\$ -				
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,100</b>	<b>\$ 696</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,091</b>	<b>\$ 4,656</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 199</b>	<b>\$ 4,457</b>
<b>Ledger Balance</b>					<b>\$ 22,901</b>	<b>\$ 21,213</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve \$3500</b>			<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>
<b>Funds Available for Use</b>					<b>\$ 19,401</b>	<b>\$ 17,713</b>

**Web Admin Report**  
**Area 53 Assembly – June, 5th 2021**

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We have been continuing to evaluate and keep our web site providers/software/plugin up to date. Work continues to assemble a full web advisory team, we hope to have it up and fully functional soon.

- Archives Committee Page: The 'New' audio history project did pose a few challenges due to "File Size" issues, but have since been worked out. We will continue to add audio tracks & 'Tweak' this section as needed.
  
- Group Services Committee Page: The group services committee has requested some changes to their page, Work on this to start following assembly. – Watch for the changes...
  
- District Pages: Various updates

I have asked our Accessibilities Committee to review/discuss/recommend Fonts (Typeface) & Font Size (Points) to be used in submitted reports for the website. This is for a continuing effort to make the website more user friendly to our members, in particular those who may be Visually Impaired.

I would like to thank our Alternate Web Admin Kayla for her work in keeping the calendar and group information up to date & other various "Behind the scenes" work.

Ed A., Web Administrator



**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**  
**AREA 53 ASSEMBLY – June 6, 2021**

Attendance: 55 people in 12 service positions are attending the June 6, 2021 Area 53 Assembly Meeting held on the Zoom web platform, with 16% attending in person in District 34 at Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Individuals in the following positions are in attendance:

Area 53 Alt Officers – 3  
Alt Delegate – 1  
Area 53 Officers – 4  
DCMs –8  
ALT DCMC – 1  
DCMC – 1  
Delegate – 1  
GSRs – 11  
Interested AA's – 3  
Past Delegates – 7 Past Delegates from Area 53  
Standing Committee Chairs – 6  
Past ECR Trustee – 1

I was asked by our Area Chairperson to Chair an ad hoc committee on how, or even if, Area 53 should register virtual only A.A. groups that have sprung up in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. This committee was *not charged with determining IF these groups should exist*, but rather we were asked to consider - given that these groups do exist, how should Area 53 connect these groups to the General Service structure, if at all. The **Area 53 Ad Hoc Committee on Virtual-Only Group Registration** met on May 12, 2021, and on May 19 2021 to discuss the topic. We did the balance of our work electronically via email communication. The Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations were forwarded to Chairperson Ann Brown. **Thank you Nita S., Rick A, and Alt Registrar Brenda B. for your thoughtful work on this ad hoc committee.**

On May 26, 2021, I attended another G.S.O. sponsored Fellowship Connection Sharing Session on Zoom. The G.S.O. suggested these sharing sessions may be scheduled quarterly on Zoom.

I have communicated with Nicholas B., Area 53 D.C.M.C., about getting an updated listing of *current D.C.M.s* so that we can get D.C.M. kits mailed to them from G.S.O, and so that we can get the current D.C.M.s access to the Fellowship Connection database. This effort will help Area 53 be good "Data Stewards". I have also worked with DCM's Barbara M. in District 18, and Frank G. in District 12 to update group records in their districts. **Thank you so much for your work Barbara and Frank.**

I have shared a current listing of all Active Groups, and active G.S.R.s, in Area 53 with the Area 53 Web Team for publication on our website. A current Trifold has also been provided to the Web Team for publication on our website's Contact page. Brenda has also continued to provide current Area 53 information for publication in the monthly Conscience Contact publication.

Area Secretary Chris J. and I continue to work on updating G.S.R. contact information, as well.

Respectfully,  
Dan S.  
Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71

**Area 53 Assembly Quarterly Meeting  
Accessibilities Committee Report  
June 6, 2021**

The Accessibilities Committee holds their meetings on zoom every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. The committee currently has 10 active members and would like to add new members to our roster and welcome anyone interested in serving.

The Committee has established new verbiage for their purpose and will be posting this along with other important information on the Area 53 website this month. The committee chair presented at the May 31<sup>st</sup> Area 53 Rap Session on *Who the Accessibilities Committee Serves and Making Your Meetings Accessible*.

The Committee has created the following list of projects and tasks to reach out to those alcoholics with disabilities and/or special needs with the following resources:

- adding more pamphlets/resources on the accessibilities committee website, and ensuring they are accessible for screen readers
- contacting resources to identify possible funding for the Deaf community
- a lending library
- Creating and implementing workshops for Area 53 membership on such topics as; Disability Etiquette, Making Your Communication and Documents Accessible, Making Your Meetings and Events Accessible
- Communicate; “Reasonable Accommodation” verbiage to be used for event communication to assist and point members to the Accessibility Committee
- Set up and be present at an accessibilities committee table - Mini Conference or any “Live” upcoming events

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,  
Kathy B., Chair  
Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

*Area 53 Assembly Quarter Meeting  
Archives Committee Report – June, 5th 2021*

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I am happy to share that Frank G. (Past Delegate) has taken the position of Area 53 Archivist. Frank can be contacted at [archivist@area53aa.org](mailto:archivist@area53aa.org). I will be making a request at the Assembly to send two folks to the National A.A. Archives Workshop from September 30 – October 3, 2021, in San Antonio, TX.

The work related to inventorying the items currently in storage at COGF continues to progress. The Committee plans to record the inventory as well as make space for the COGF library to open. I have sent a list with four names from the Archives Committee to act as point of contact to Patty at COGF. I have purchased cleaning and office supplies to support our efforts in organizing the collection.

The sub-committee working on the AA Oral History Project has completed five oral history interviews. The interviews are being posted on the Area 53 Archives page (scroll to the bottom of the page to access the recordings). I conducted a shorter interview with Stephen S. at the Area 53 Rap Session in March to allow folks to experience the interview process. The sub-committee continues to fine tune the interview and editing process. I would like to thank all the folks who have participated on this project.

The Archives Committee has decided not to accept donations for the Area Archives at this time. We need to work on inventorying and sorting what we have before we take on new items. The Archives Committee continues to meet once a month on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.

**Meeting ID:** 972 9646 8435      **Password:** Archives

Respectfully,  
Teri G, Chair  
A/53 Archives Committee

**Report to Area 53 Assembly  
CFC – June 5, 2021**

Madison correctional is opening up Monday.

We need outside sponsors and GIRs to attend the next quarterly meeting because most jails and prisons are beginning to open up.

We meet at COGF at 10am quarterly.

We have a total of \$15,380.41 available for literature and the storage room is full.

Submitted In-Service

Brandi V.  
CFC Correspondence

**CPC/PI Report  
Area 53 Assembly, June 2021**

Treasurer Report: \$767.31 in account, \$24.00 In petty cash

Due to the pandemic we have no events till the end of the year, so our focus is geared solely toward PI work for now.

We are in need of members, volunteers and a secretary.

In love and service,  
Stacia Yoakum- Chair

**Report to Area 53 Assembly  
Grapevine Committee, June 2021**

Grapevine Committee is preparing for next event. "Heard It Through The Grapevine Story Hour" will be held on zoom on June 24<sup>th</sup> from seven to eight at night. We are excited to provide information on Grapevine and La Vina along with the reading of two humorous Grapevine articles during the story hour.

We are also making AA's aware of the Grapevine ([aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)) and La Vina's ([alavina.org](http://alavina.org)) websites and that from May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup> they can login to both for free. This is in celebration of Founder's Day.

New GVR's are continuing to come to our monthly meeting.

We are looking forward to presenting Grapevine and La Vina as twelve step tools to help the still suffering Alcoholic.

Respectively submitted, Taffy J, Chair, Grapevine Committee

**Area 53 Group Services Committee  
Report to Area Assembly, June 6, 2021**

The Group Services Committee met in April to review the Mini-Conference GSR School and DCM Workshop. Both were well received. The information and process will be useful as we upgrade our GSR Orientation process.

The Committee has two active projects:

1. Develop an online GSR Orientation Process. This will build on the existing GSR School Workbook which can be found on the Group Services page on area53aa.org and the Power Point we used at the Mini-Conference.
2. Rebuilding the Group Services page on the area website. We will work with the Web Administration team on this project.

Other potential projects include:

1. Resources/support for increasing group participation in both “active” and “dark” districts.
2. Support for district and Area-wide workshops/forums/sharing sessions.
3. GSR/DCM sharing sessions on topics of interest.
4. Hispanic outreach.

The June meeting will be on Saturday June 19 at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen S., P71 Group Services Chair

**Intergroup Liaison Report  
Area 53 Assembly, June 6, 2021**

The next meeting of the Intergroup Offices in Area 53 will be on June 17<sup>th</sup> at COGF’s AA Meeting Room. On the Agenda is:

1) A proposal by Area 53 Chair and Alternate Chair to ask each district to send meeting members to the one of the standing committees monthly meetings. The Area Chair asked if the Intergroup Offices would share this activity with people coming into the office and also on their website if and when it’s decided on.

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2) Intergroup Office Sharing:

- a. How the Pandemic affected each office.
- b. How to increase participation of the IGRs.
- c. What is something your intergroup office does that is unique.

3) News from Area 53.

4) How can Area 53 be supportive of the Intergroup Offices?

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara M., Intergroup Liaison

## **Area 53 Assembly, June 6th, 2021**

### **Treatment Facilities Committee Report**

As of 2021, the vast majority of A.A. meetings held in treatment settings in Area 53 are facilitated by individual A.A. members and groups. Experience has taught us that duplication of efforts and miscommunication have negatively impacted the reputation of A.A. among some treatment facilities in our Area. This committee aims to unify the Area in these efforts to increase cooperation with facilities, reduce miscommunication, and support members who facilitate treatment meetings.

Due to an abundance of need for carrying the A.A. message in treatment settings in Central and Southeast Ohio, the committee agreed in March 2021 that an Area 53 Treatment Committee handbook could serve as the backbone for implementing committee processes and bylaws, which would ultimately help support the goal of unifying efforts and increasing facility cooperation within Area 53 in order to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

For this reason, the TFC appointed an Ad-hoc committee to begin drafting a procedures manual in March 2021. The TFC met weekly on Wednesdays through April and on April 28th, 2021, the committee adopted a handbook titled "Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee Policies & Procedures Manual" which now serves as committee bylaws. This manual was inspired by Treatment Facilities Committees in other Areas as well as the Treatment Workbook from GSO. The manual outlines and defines TFC goals and definitions, roles within the committee along with their respective responsibilities, guidelines for starting a treatment meeting, communication processes, and funding policies. The manual will be available soon on the Area 53 Website.

#### **Key changes that came as the result of adopting the treatment manual:**

- TFC now has a Secretary, Megan
- TFC now has a Treasurer, Sandra
- TFC now has a Materials Coordinator, Alison
- TFC has a Bridging The Gap Coordinator, Danny
- TFC has at least one Facility Coordinator, Jason
- The TFC will now serve all facilities that are NOT correctional facilities. This includes addiction treatment centers, hospitals, nursing homes, homeless shelters, and transitional housing
- TFC will accept direct monetary contributions, similarly as the Correctional Facilities Committee, for the purpose of purchasing AA literature and providing it for the alcoholic in a treatment setting. Literature is requested via meeting sponsors (a person who facilitates an AA Treatment Meeting). If a group would like a dedicated treatment can, the committee will provide one.
- Meeting Sponsors may request literature from the TFC and the TFC will fulfill these requests, provided the Treatment Meeting they facilitate is not open to the general public. Requests will be fulfilled to the extent that TFC budget will allow.
- TFC will soon have a PO Box

## Commitments Fulfilled in 2021:

The committee has begun appointing Meeting Sponsors to Area facilities to facilitate meetings for their clients. Meeting Sponsors have been provided for:

- 4 days of the week at Parkside
- 1 day of the week at Ohio Addiction Recovery Center
- 1 day of the week at Minerva Park Behavioral Health
- 1 day of the week at Maryhaven Detox **Openings:**
- Tuesdays at 7 pm. Parkside in Gahanna, Women's Meeting.
- Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. Hope Valley Recovery Center in Circleville. Co-ed.

If you are interested in one of these commitments, please reach out to [treatment@area53aa.org](mailto:treatment@area53aa.org) or Sam at 954-609-8149.

## Other updates:

1. If you currently facilitate a meeting in a treatment facility, we strongly encourage you to get involved with the Treatment Committee. This will help us ensure that that facility is having their needs met and will also enable us to support you with literature or other needs.
2. The committee is requesting GSRs to communicate to their homegroups that the committee is in need of service, and there is an available position for their group: Group Treatment Representative (GTR). The GTR acts as a link between your group and the Treatment Facilities Committee and is the means whereby our Committee operates fully in accordance with the Second and Ninth traditions of A.A., ensuring that our authority ultimately comes from God as expressed through the collective conscience of Area 53. **3.** The committee is currently processing requests for 25 Big Books along with pamphlets. With purchasing a PO Box and current literature requests, we expect to exhaust our allocated budget within the next 1-2 months.
4. The committee is especially in need of representatives outside of Franklin County. Due to the size of the Area, an available position is "Regional Coordinator". Regional Coordinators are in need, especially for Southeast Ohio.
5. The TFC will be having a presentation sponsored by District 28. This will likely be June 26th. Information for this will be available on the Area 53 Website. The presentation will be about what the committee does and how to get involved.
6. The TFC meets the third Saturday of every month at Noon. We currently meet on Zoom. The ID and Password can be found on the TFC page on the Area 53 website.

In Service, Sam K., Chair

Treatment Facilities Committee

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**DCM Reports**  
**Area 53 Assembly, June, 2021**

**Date**

**06/06/21**

**DCM Name**

**Crystal G**

**District #**

**4**

**District Description**

**Knox county**

**District Meeting Date**

**3rd Saturday quarterly**

**District Meeting Time**

**6:30pm**

**District Meeting Location**

**100 E High St Mt Vernon, Ohio**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**0**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**None scheduled**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**Due to flooding at the Parish house all meetings that are usually held in the basement are now either on the second or third floor. 100 East High Street Mount Vernon Ohio  
Expect a Miracle Group about to Re-Open  
Women's Group Celebrated 29 Year Anniversary**

**District 10, Bill, Y.**

**Delaware Meetings**

**Sunbury Breakfast Meeting Hybrid, no Breakfast**

**Date**



**06/04/21**

**DCM Name**

**Barbara P**

**District #**

**11**

**District Description**

**Union and Madison County**

**District Meeting Date**

**First Tuesday of the Month**

**District Meeting Time**

**6:00pm**

**District Meeting Location**

**210 W 5th St, Marysville, OH 43040**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**12**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**All but 2 of the meetings in our district are back open and meeting in person again. We currently have 1 meeting that is still using a hybrid model. Attendance at meetings is slowly starting to climb back to pre-pandemic numbers. 2 Groups dormant at this time.**

**Date**

**06/06/2021**

**DCM Name**

**Joel Kachel**

**District #**

**15**

**District Description**

**Monroe, Noble, Washington and Morgan Counties in South Eastern OH**

**District Meeting Date**

**4th Tuesday of Every Month**

**District Meeting Time**

**6:30**

**District Meeting Location**

**Bellevalley, OH**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**7-9**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**No upcoming events - the July meeting will be entirely face to face with NO hybrid option**

**6/4/2021**

**Margie J**

**33**

**Near east side of Columbus**

**Varies**

**Varies**

**Zoom**

**1**

**None**

**None**

D15 Joel K.,

June 4 2021

**DCM Name**

**Stan B**

**District #**

**17**

**District Description**

**Meigs, Gallia, Jackson, Vinson County OH, Mason County WV**

**District Meeting Date**

**1st Sunday every month**

**District Meeting Time**

**5:00 pm**

**District Meeting Location**

**Sacred Heart Catholic, Pomeroy, OH**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**3**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**Getting groups active again at this stage of pandemic. Currently 1 in person, 4 on Zoom, 2 Dormant. Pleasant Valley Hog Roast will not happen this year.**

**Date**

**June 6, 2021**

**DCM Name**

**Barbara M**

**District #**

**District Description**

**Pikaway County (Circleville) and Ross County (Chillicothe, Frankfort, Kingston) in Ohio. and fostered District 20 (Pike County).**

**District Meeting Date**

**3rd Thursday**

**District Meeting Time**

**4-5 pm**

**District Meeting Location**

**Zoom**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**3**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**DCM rotated out due to moving out of the district. At this time no one has stepped up to be DCM and meetings have been suspended.**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**I want to thank the three GSRs who attended regularly for their participation, both in-person and on Zoom. We shared about our meetings, went through the 12 Concepts, and ended up getting to know each other.**

**Date**

**June 1, 2021**

**DCM Name**

**Bob S**

**District #**

**19**

**District Description**

**3 Counties - Fayette, Highland & Clinton**

**District Meeting Date**

**Third Sunday of every month**

**District Meeting Time**

**6:00pm**

**District Meeting Location**

Zoom Currently

**Number of Active GSR's**

6

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

June 5 - Dinner & Dance Social Event in New Vienna, OH. Attendance was 32 and was nice to get back together. Posted on Area calendar & district website. 2 Camfires scheduled for Fall. [www.aadistrict19ohio.com](http://www.aadistrict19ohio.com) -

June 19th - 12 Step 4D Workshop - in Wilmington, OH. Posted on Area calendar & district 19 website. [www.aadistrict19ohio.com](http://www.aadistrict19ohio.com)

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

Highland County – All meetings are live currently. Mask and social distancing may be required based on locations.

Fayette County – Most meetings live, some still on zoom.

Clinton County – 8 Zoom meetings weekly, nightly at 7:30pm, 1 on Saturday morning and all listed on district website, 5 meetings live, including 1 hybrid.

D22,  
Heather,  
Hilliard  
Dublin

2 new GSRs D 22, Heather R, District is Hilliard and Dublin, 2 new GSRs. Sober Saturdays going well, last Saturday of every month. August hosting a picnic w/ speaker,.. Hocking Hills in Sept. WV / Allegheny Insane Asylum in Oct.

**Date**

June 3, 2021

**DCM Name**

Deborah P

**District #**

26

**District Description**

Area 53 / District 26

**District Meeting Date**

3rd Saturday Each Month

**District Meeting Time**

**9:30 am**

**District Meeting Location**

**Currently Zoom Meeting ID: 8347435410 / Passcode Dist26**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**8**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**Picnic in the Park, July 18th 10-2:00 pm @ Friendship Park, Gahanna, OH**

**Date**

**06/06/2021**

**DCM Name**

**Benjamin King**

**District #**

**28**

**District Description**

**Clintonville and East**

**District Meeting Date**

**1st Sunday Monthly**

**District Meeting Time**

**4:00**

**District Meeting Location**

**Crestview Presb. church**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**10**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**06/96/21 2:30 PM @ Crestview Presb. & Zoom:  
12th Step Opportunities Presentation by Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**Re-opening of COVID-suspended Group meetings and/or continuation of Zoom**

**Expansion of Election of GSRs by Groups**

**Establishment of District Web-Based 7th Step contribution process**

**Date**

**6/4/2021**

**DCM Name**

**Margie J**

**District #**

**33**

**District Description**

**Near east side of Columbus**

**District Meeting Date**

**Varies**

**District Meeting Time**

**Varies**

**District Meeting Location**

**Zoom**

**Number of Active GSR's**

**1**

**Upcoming District Event That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

**None**

**Discussion, Issues or Concern your District is having, or had, that you would like to share**

**501 has reopened, Drummers has reopened. Trying to attract GSRs because was just re-lit pre COVID trying to keep the light burning.**

**District 34**

**DCM Kevin D**

**Paul T Treasurer**

**James B Secretary**

**Erica C GSR**

**Pat R. GSR**

**Meet 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 5pm. Today, sponsoring Zoom in June Gathering this Sunday Hoge Memorial, 12 in attendance. Suggested Hoge is a good**



**GSR Reports**  
**Area 53 Assembly, June 5, 2021**

**Date**

06/5/21

**GSR Name**

Beth R

**District #**

8&9

**Home Group Name**

Johnstown Tuesday Night

**Home Group Meeting Location**

Johnstown Methodist Church

**Home Group Meeting Time**

8pm

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Open Discussion

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**

The group will be electing a new GSR in the near future as I am moving to Florida.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I have learned a great deal.

**Date**

6/6/21

**GSR Name**

Kerry Kemp

**District #**

15

**Home Group Name**

Woodsfield Group

**Home Group Meeting Location**

Tuesday on Zoom ID: 808492006 Password: WoodTue; Friday at Woodsfield Church of Christ  
860 Lewisville Rd, Woodsfield, OH 43793

**Home Group Meeting Time**

Tuesday 8:00PM; Friday 7:00PM

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Book study

**Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

Anniversary picnic on August 14th

**Date**

6/1/2021

**GSR Name**

Mikayla

**District #**

11

**Home Group Name**

A Way Out

**Home Group Meeting Location**

United Methodist Church

**Home Group Meeting Time**

7:30

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Big Book

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**

Transitioning back to in person.

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**Date**

5/30/21

**GSR Name**

Nathan G.

**District #**

26

**Home Group Name**

Northeast Discussion Group

**Home Group Meeting Location**

5000 Sunbury Rd

**Home Group Meeting Time**

7:00pm

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Discussion

**Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

None

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**

None at this time.

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**Date**

June 3, 2021

**GSR Name**

Maria C.

**District #**

26

**Home Group Name**

Women's Sobriety & Serenity Group

**Home Group Meeting Location**

Currently Zoom Only

**Home Group Meeting Time**

7:00 PM

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Rotating Format

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**

We are looking for a new physical home. Our past location discontinued AA meetings we had there. We are receiving newcomers and new home group members. We are excited to have in-person meetings hopefully by the end of July. We prefer to keep our meetings held on Wednesday nights @ 7:00 pm and may need to consider changing the day of the week if no place is available. If there are any suggestions on locations that would accept us on Wednesday nights, it would greatly be appreciated!

**Date**

6/6/2021

**GSR Name**

Tony B

**District #**

28

**Home Group Name**

BYOC Morning SIP

**Home Group Meeting Location**

Zoom ID: 359461137

**Home Group Meeting Time**

7am M-F and 8am Sat

**Home Group Meeting Format**

rotating format

**Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

n/a

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**

We continue to meet on Zoom, attracting 60-80 members. Newcomers continue to find us.

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**Date**

5-31-2021

**GSR Name**

Cheryl P.

**District #**

30

**Home Group Name**

Monday Nite Steps & Traditions

**Home Group Meeting Location**

Meadow Park Church

**Home Group Meeting Time**

Mondays at 7:00 PM

**Home Group Meeting Format**

Step/Literature (12&12)

**Upcoming Events That Will Occur Before the Next Assembly**

None

**Issue or Concern your Home Group is having, or had, that you would like to share**