

Area 53 Assembly September 12, 2021

Chairperson's Report

The Area Committee met for its quarterly meeting virtually on July 11 at 1 PM.

Twenty-four voting members attended: Delegate and Alternate Delegate, 2 Past Delegates, 5 Area Officers, 4 Alternate Officers, 6 Standing Committee Chairs, 3 DCMs, and the DCMC. Also attending: Area Archivist.

The Ad Hoc committee to review Area Guidelines shared several proposed guideline changes or updates, one of which was added to the Assembly Agenda for September.

As is the responsibility of the Area Committee, the planning for September's Assembly took place. A number of requests had been made for the Assembly to be accessible through Zoom. After much discussion, the Committee voted in favor of the September Assembly being hybrid, in-person at Hoge Methodist Church and virtually through Zoom (18 in favor/3 opposed).

The following problems/concerns were discussed:

Archives needed input regarding a temporary alternate storage site. The Committee approved a \$275 increase to Archives rent to provide for temporary off-site storage.

A Standing Committee Chair asked for support in dealing with a difficult committee member.

Our Delegate gave a report on preliminary plans for the 2022 Ohio State Convention, and stated plans to hold a meeting to discuss concept X and responsibilities of officers.

A question was raised about the amount of money appropriated for Zoom meetings.

The Secretary has the minutes from the Area Committee Meeting available. They are also available on the Assembly page of the Area Website.

Questions for the Area Inventory are being compiled and will be presented to the Area Committee in October and then out to the Area. There will be a survey on the website as well as a printable document that can be distributed with the questions. The results from the inventory will be shared at the December Assembly. If there is an item that you feel needs to be addressed in the inventory, please forward that to me in an email: chair@area53aa.org

I've attended various Standing Committee Meetings, reached out to GSO and spoke with Jeff W. for shared experience from other Areas on navigating Area business through the pandemic, and continue to attend the Area Chairs Sharing Sessions.

As some of you know, our Alternate Website Administrator needed to resign. If you, or anyone you know, are interested and able to serve as the Alternate, please contact me either by email or phone.

If you aren't subscribed to the Area 53 email newsletter, make sure you do that so you don't miss important information.

Yours in Service,
Ann B.
Area 53 Chair, Panel 71