

**Minutes**  
**Area 53, Panel 71 Area Committee Meeting**  
**April 10, 2022**  
**Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

**Opening:**

Serenity Prayer

Purpose of Area Committee, Read by Marcia

**Reports**

Delegate, Donna K

Busy preparing for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.

Attended all four (4) Ohio Mini-Conferences and some District meetings.

Scheduled reports will be delivered at the District 15 and 34 events..

Chairperson, Ann B

- Have initiated two (2) Ad Hoc Comms to Report to July Area Committee
  1. Conference Agenda
    - Goal: Research how do other areas inform members about Conference Agenda and provide additional opportunities to provide input to delegate.
    - Chair Heather R.
    - First meeting in will be on Zoom on Sunday, May 8th at 2:00pm.
    - Zoom code: 885 2378 7698, no password. We welcome all to participate!
  2. Post Inventory , Joel K.
    - Goal: Review Post Inventory Report and Suggest Opportunities for Actionable Items and Workshops
- Feedback from March Assembly Survey – Most people liked 2 min timer on reports, Q&A scheduled after all reports and open mic sharing session.

Treasurer, Tom D

- Mini-Conference, 85 Registrants
  - Begin Bal was \$1785
  - End Bal \$2263
  - Hospitality expense was \$629 less \$280 in donations.
- Q1 Report ending March 31.
  - Currently, right on track with 2022 budgeted Contributions.
  - Expenses still very low due to low meeting expenses.
  - \$5800 Budgeted for Mini-Conf and State Conv to defray expenses of GSRs and DCMs.
  - Reimbursed \$3300 to GSRs and DCMs
  - \$1350 Budged for Standing Comm Chairs, Reimbursed \$600 to four (4) Comm Chairs
  - Treasurer offered to send Q1 report to members upon request.

## Secretary - Approval of January Area Committee Minutes

- Presented January ACM Minutes for Review and Approval  
Motion to Accept as Presented: (Taffy J, Joel K) Vote (21:0)
- Guidelines Updated. Further work needed on formatting between.
- March Assembly Draft Mins Sent out. Expect additional edits to be sent out with June Meeting Information
- Concerned re: sound quality for hybrid meetings. Was very difficult to record minutes for March Assembly. Would appreciate further efforts to improve so that accurate minutes can be created.

Registrar, Dan S (See attached written report)

25 persons in attendance

Web Admin, (See 2 attached reports)

- 391 A53 News subscribers
- A53 stand comms and other service events.
- 160 website visitors (daily avg.) This includes majority non-humans, i.e. Google
- Sent report to standing comm chairs re: committee webpages showing 5 or less visits. Access Comm had largest number on a single day, 25.

DCM Chair

- Met this morning with 10 DCMs in attendance.  
Martha C, Group Services Chair, shared about GSR School,  
Ed A, Alt Delegate, shared Mini Conf Report.
- New Bus Items  
GSC Agenda Item Distribution, Area Inv Review, Communication and Accountability,  
How to be an effective DCM?  
Guideline Changes related to district map changes, suggested by Bill Y, i.e. 8-9, 13-14  
and what DCMC would need to do to create Guideline Change Proposal?

## Q&A RE Officer Reports

Donna, Delegate: Asked for 5<sup>th</sup> Edition postings to Web site

Q - Teri G, Archives Chair: Asked re: travel expenses to NAAAW. Does request have to go to Assembly?

A - Tom D, Treasurer: No, \$1100, already approved in 2022 Budget for Archives training.

Q - Frank G, Past-Del: Asked re Ohio State Convention plans?

A – Donna K, Delegate: Planning Comm. meets every month at COGF. Flyer should be confirmed by next meeting. Meeting with other areas May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Q - Chris J, Secretary - Asked Treasurer re : accounting period schedule? Currently getting Quarter to date at assembly but the assembly never sees the end of quarter report?

A – Tom D, Treasurer: Reports are for a traditional three month quarter. What is presented to Assembly is the Quarter to Date.

Shared Experience –

Donna K shared that when she was Treasurer, she ended quarterly accounting period a day or two before Assembly,

Dan S shared that when he was Treasurer, he did as Tom is doing.

Q – Taffy J, Grapevine Chair - Asked what body decides about combining districts?

A – Frank G, Past-Del: Stated that the Delegate announces to District Groups and asks for a vote. Those Groups vote,

A – Bill Y, Web Admin: The last time, there was an Ad Hoc, Authority resides within the Assembly to merge districts.

Q – Barbara M, Intergroup Liaison: Asked for Intergroup Offices from around state to have a display space at State Convention

A - Donna K, Delegate to check on it

Frank said, historically, invite COGF to have space and sell literature

Q - Joe M, Alt Secretary: Suggested website add request for stories for 5<sup>th</sup> Edition big book and Pamphlet for Black African American and Hispanics.

A – Bill Y, Web Admin: Stated that website content is submission driven and invited Joe to write up a news item and send to [contact@area53aa.org](mailto:contact@area53aa.org)

## **Recess at 1:50 for 5 mins**

### **3. Old Business**

A. Proposed Guideline Change - Virtual District (Dan S, Registrar and Chair of ad hoc comm on Virtual Groups)

- MOTIONED OUT OF COMMITTEE: Proposal be presented to the Assembly in June
- On Grp Info Change Form, GSO provides option of Virtual v's Physical and invites those groups to select area and district
- We need to register these virtual only groups, currently 11 registered with no district. Some of those are caucusing with an existing District.
- Proposal is that we allow those groups to register
- New Language added to Limit Registration of Virtual Groups Based inside Area 53. Similarly, GSO limits registration to groups within 93 areas of US and Canada
- After brief discussion,

MOTION CARRIED (23: 0)

B. Proposed Guideline Change – Duties of Secretary and Registrar, Chris J, Secretary  
(See Attached)

- Purpose is to document the responsibility of Secretary to send out Minutes to all voting members of the Assembly and for the Registrar to provide a mailing list using Fellowship Connection Data for that purpose.

MOTION; Proposal re: change for duties of Secretary be presented to Assembly.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote 20:0)

MOTION; Proposal re: change for duties of Registrar be presented to Assembly.

MOTION CARRIED (Vote 23:0)

#### 4. New Business

None

#### 5. Problems/Concerns - District, Standing Committee or Area problems and concerns or items for discussion.

- Andy U has expressed interest in working with ad hoc tech team. Send willing techies to him to indicate a willingness to help out. [tech@area53aa.org](mailto:tech@area53aa.org)  
Currently opening meetings for Districts and Standing Comms  
Going to assist with research for means of better audio quality  
June Assembly will be Hybrid. (Marcia and Ann working on location)
- Martha suggested Orientation session for New GSRs so we'll need a place to host that. It will begin at 9:30am, We'll need to talk about tech possibilities?

#### 6. Set Agenda for June Assembly

- Delegate Report on Conference
- Three (3) Guideline Changes to be Presented
- Additional time on Treasurer's Report because approving March and June
- Ed report on Mini-Conference
- Frank thinks it's premature to address Districts.
- Exit Surveys will be regularly presented after useful responses to March survey.
- Strong response in support of GSR sharing session?
- Bill suggested we replace Ask it Basket with this sharing session. If not now, then could we pose the question in the Exit Survey?
- Joel favors keeping them distinct.
- Joe suggested use approach of Regional Forums to alternate between Ask it Basket and Open Mic Sharing.
- Bill suggested that we try to educate folks re: September Election Assembly. A document will be created with Job Descriptions. Perhaps along with Nominating Comm. Report.

**7. Activities** - Review of scheduled activities over the next three months

For District and Standing Committee Meetings, please see the Area Calendar at [area53aa.org/events](http://area53aa.org/events)

*D15 Workshop*

*CFC Workshop Planning Meeting, April 30, COGF, 10am*

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Mini Conf Wrap Up, Ed A*

*May 21, D17 Workshop*

*Apr 30 D21, Workshop on Step 1, Trad 1, and Concept 1*

*D26, Planning Bus Caravan to Founders' Day, details forthcoming.*

*State Convention Meeting , May 7<sup>th</sup>, Linworth UM Church*

*Grapevine, 2 Workshops in Development, General and how to use GV as 12<sup>th</sup> Step tool, 2<sup>nd</sup> is a GV Story Writing Workshop*

**8. Closed with Responsibility Declaration 3:20pm.**