

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Area 53 Assembly Agenda – September 11, 2022 - 10:00 am**  
**Doubletree Hilton Columbus Worthington and Virtually on Zoom**

**1. Opening of Meeting – Marcia H., Chairperson**

- Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer
- Twelve Concepts – Read by Joe M, Secretary
- Agenda Review
- Review & Approval of June Assembly Minutes – **Chris J.**  
Minutes Presented  
MOTION: Accept Minutes as Presented (Martha C /Jo A)  
Motion Carried Unanimously

**2. New Business**

- Election of Panel 73 Officers – **Frank G.(Past Del, Panel )** presiding

**Delegate**

Standing –Ed A and Joe M

Elected – Ed A on 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot (Vote 36:18)

**Alt Delegate**

Standing –Joe M, Joel K, and Taffy J

Elected – Joel K on 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot (Vote 38:19)

**Chairperson**

Standing – Marcia H

Elected – Motion: To Elect Marcia H by Acclamation (Chris J / Martha C)

Motion Carried Unanimously

**Alt - Chairperson**

Standing – Jeremy R, Joe M, Martha C, Brandi V

Elected – Martha on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ballot (Vote 38:16)

**Secretary**

Standing – Joe M.

Elected – Motion: To Elect Joe M by Acclamation (Donna K / Kyle M)

**Alt-Secretary**

Standing – Jeremy R

Elected – Motion: To Elect Jeremy R by Acclamation (Ed A / Kathy L)

**Registrar**

Standing –Chris J

Elected – Motion: To Elect Chris J by Acclamation (Stan B / Martha C)

**Alt Registrar**

Standing - None

**Treasurer**

Standing – Malcolm C

Elected – Motion: To Elect Malcolm C by Acclamation (Mark C / Stacia Y)

**Alt - Treasurer**

Standing – Margie J, Brenda B

MOTION – After the 4<sup>th</sup> Ballot, to go to the hat. (Chris J / Madeline H) Vote 48:1

Elected – Brenda B

**Web Administrator**

Standing – None

**Alt Web Administrator**

Standing – None

**3. Officers Reports**

3:15pm, Chair informed the body that reports other than Treasurer and Registrar will be tabled but are available attached to today's agenda or available on the Area 53 website.

- Treasurer – Tom D. (See attached written report)  
Contributions about same as prior quarter,  
Standing Committee Chairs, please submit budget requests.  
Report on State Convention will be presented at the December Assembly. Generally went very well

**Q&A**

Donna asked regarding \$Amt spent on GSRs and DCMs?

Tom replied that the area spent \$4009 this year to reimburse for GSRs and DCMs Mini-Conference and OSC expenses. Spent \$910 to reimburse standing committee chairpersons for these expenses.

- Registrar – **Dan S.** (See Attached Written Report)
  - Roll Call 71 Total, 58 in person, and 13 Online
  - Max potential voters 64

**4. Close Meeting** – MOTION: Adjourn, (Koel D / Kathy L) Motion Carried  
Closed with Responsibility Statement

**5. Upcoming Events** - See Area Calendar for details ([area53aa.org/events](http://area53aa.org/events))

**Treasurer's Budget Report to Area 53 Assembly  
September 11, 2022**

2022 Area 53 Budget a/o 3 Sept								Projected from 2021
Incomes		2022	YTD	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	
1	January 2022 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	\$ 30,000			\$ 21,079	\$ 20,256	\$ 28,427	\$ 30,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,323		\$ 3,866	\$ 3,706	\$ 6,751	\$ 12,000
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,003		\$ 754	\$ 418	\$ 831	\$ 3,000
3	<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>\$ 16,326</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 25,699</b>	<b>\$ 24,380</b>	<b>\$ 36,009</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>
<b>Expenses</b>								
<b>Officer Expenses</b>								
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000				\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3100	\$ -	\$ -					
6	Delegate Expenses	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,242		\$ 166	\$ 538	\$ 2,538	\$ 3,400
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,982		\$ 236		\$ 1,746	\$ 2,000
8	Chairperson Expense	\$ 1,400	\$ 593		\$ 333		\$ 260	\$ 1,400
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	\$ 700	\$ 330			\$ 70	\$ 260	\$ 700
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,512		\$ 806		\$ 706	\$ 1,500
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,332		\$ 1,209		\$ 1,123	\$ 3,000
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	\$ -	\$ -					\$ 250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	\$ 150	\$ -					\$ 150
14	<b>Total Officer Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,650</b>	<b>\$ 12,991</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,750</b>	<b>\$ 608</b>	<b>\$ 9,633</b>	<b>\$ 15,400</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>								
15	Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 1,420	\$ 540			\$ 90	\$ 450	\$ 400
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 305			\$ 184	\$ 121	\$ 400
17	Copying Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -					\$ 1,000
18	Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
19	Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600	\$ 956		\$ 562	\$ 16	\$ 378	\$ 600
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		\$ -					\$ 25
21	<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,320</b>	<b>\$ 1,801</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 562</b>	<b>\$ 290</b>	<b>\$ 949</b>	<b>\$ 2,425</b>
<b>Meeting &amp; Convention Expenses</b>								
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300	\$ -					\$ 300
23	Assemblies/ <b>ZOOM</b>	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,372		\$ 359	\$ 874	\$ 139	\$ 1,800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200	\$ 200		\$ 200			\$ 200
25	<b>Total Meeting &amp; Convention Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,572</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 559</b>	<b>\$ 874</b>	<b>\$ 139</b>	<b>\$ 2,300</b>
<b>Committee Expenses</b>								
26	Mini-Conference	\$ 150	\$ -					\$ 150
27	Archives	\$ 750	\$ 667			\$ 421	\$ 246	\$ 200
28	Archives Committee Training	\$ 1,100	\$ 853			\$ 853		
29	CPC/PI	\$ 1,000	\$ -					\$ 1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	\$ 900	\$ 900		\$ 450		\$ 450	\$ 900
31	Treatment Facilities	\$ 500	\$ 138			\$ 138		\$ 500
32	Grapevine	\$ 500	\$ 500		\$ 250		\$ 250	\$ 500
33	Group Services	\$ 500	\$ 135		\$ 18	\$ 117		\$ 500
34	Accessibilities	\$ 500	\$ 172				\$ 172	\$ 200
35	Liasion	\$ 100	\$ -					\$ 100
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	\$ 1,350	\$ 910		\$ 310		\$ 600	\$ 450
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	\$ 5,800	\$ 4,009		\$ 590	\$ 105	\$ 3,314	
38	<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,320</b>	<b>\$ 7,589</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,028</b>	<b>\$ 1,529</b>	<b>\$ 5,032</b>	<b>\$ 4,500</b>
39	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 39,790</b>	<b>\$ 23,953</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 4,899</b>	<b>\$ 3,301</b>	<b>\$ 15,753</b>	<b>\$ 24,625</b>
40	<b>Ledger Balance</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 20,800</b>	<b>\$ 21,079</b>	<b>\$ 20,256</b>	
41	<b>Prudent Reserve \$3500</b>			<b>\$ (3,500)</b>	<b>\$ (3,500)</b>	<b>\$ (3,500)</b>	<b>\$ (3,500)</b>	
42	<b>Funds Available for Use</b>				<b>\$ 17,300</b>	<b>\$ 17,579</b>	<b>\$ 16,756</b>	

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

- Report FY 2022 Qtr. 3, as of 3 September
- Contributions and expenses have been in the average range this quarter
- Reimbursement and compensation guidelines implemented for this year were successful as many GSR's, DCM's and committee chairs were able to attend events with less out of pocket expense
  - Impact to the overall Area budget appears to be insignificant

## REGISTRAR'S AREA 53 ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT – September 11, 2022

<b>Position</b>	<b>In-person</b>	<b>Online</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Alternate Area Officer</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Alternate Delegate</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Area Officer</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>DCM</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>DCM Chairperson</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Delegate</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>GSR</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Interested AA</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Past Delegate</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Standing Committee Chairperson or Alternate</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>

An updated listing of all ACTIVE groups as of August 12, 2022 has been provided to the web admin team for publication on the website's group listing page and district pages. Also, an updated trifold as of August 18, 2022 was furnished to the web admin team for publication on the website's CONTACT page.

Secretary Chris J. was provided an updated listing of all active group contacts in Area 53 as of August 10, 2022.

I have been involved in planning and executing registration efforts for our Assembly today. Thank you web admin team for again providing the online registration tool to Area 53 members!

To keep the Area's group and district information up-to-date, I have continued to work with our DCMs. Thank you DCMs for your efforts!

Gathering with other Area Registrar's from the US and Canada, I participated in the GSO's Quarterly Sharing Session on July 13, 2022.

Finally, taking advantage of an opportunity to meet with old friends and new friends from all of Ohio's Areas, I attended the 66th Ohio State Convention August 5-7, 2022. Great job OSC planning team!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Dan S., Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71

**The reports which follow were sent to the Secretary in advance of the September Assembly but due to time necessary to complete elections, there was no time for them to be presented.**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

### **Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

- Due to the health concerns of Ann B., it is my honor and privilege to assume the role of Area Chair for the remainder of Panel 71.
- Since the June Assembly, I have worked with the Doubletree on securing meeting space for the remainder of Panel 71. Additionally, I attended the Meeting on the River in Marietta, Ohio on July 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, met with the Tech Team on July 31<sup>st</sup> to discuss the tech support needed for the purpose of the Assembly, and wrote an article for the Newsletter encouraging members to stand for Area 53 Officer positions. On August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, I attended Ohio State Convention and chaired the “Walking with A Purpose” Panel and on August 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Pleasant Valley Group 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Hog Roast.
- The Area Committee met for its quarterly meeting virtually on July 10, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. Thirty-one people attended: 1 Interested AA, 2 GSR's, 8 DCM's, DCM Chair, 3 Alternate Area Officers, 5 Area Officers, 6 Standing Committee Chairpersons, Alternate Delegate, Delegate and 3 Past Delegates. Full minutes from the meeting have been posted to the Area Website and sent to the panel and GSRs by the Area Recording Secretary.
  - **Highlights**
    - Heather R., District 22 DCM, and Ad Hoc Com Chair, reported on the distribution of agenda items prior to the Area 53 Mini-Conference and Joel K., Alt DCM Chair, District 15 DCM, and Ad Hoc Committee Chair, reported on the Area 53 Inventory.
    - Discussion on the continuance of the use of Zoom and screen sharing for the Area Assembly and what technology is needed to provide these services. The discussion resulted in the volunteering of several members to create a technology team for the sole purpose of providing tech support for future Area Assembly's.
    - Discussion on the continuance of the Area having two Zoom accounts. With no compelling reason to hold two accounts, the second account will be discontinued at an appropriate time.
    - Guideline changes that were introduced at the June Assembly and actionable items from the Ad Hoc Committee reports will be on the December Assembly agenda.

If you are not subscribed to the Area 53 email newsletter, I encourage you to so that you don't miss out on important information. I further encourage you to attend workshops and events that groups, and Districts hold to support their efforts to provide the Three Legacies of AA: **Recovery, Unity, and Service.**

Yours is Service, Marcia H. Area 53 Chair, Panel 71

## **DCMC REPORT**

**Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

We met virtually on Zoom, Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. There were 16 AAs in attendance, 11 of whom were DCMs.

Martha C., our secretary, announced upcoming Group Services events. Frank G., as chair of the Nominating committee, wrote an appeal to the DCMs which I read in his absence, encouraging us to consider standing for an Area position.

Joel K., as chair of the ad hoc committee for Area Inventory, gave his report which he would later present to the Area committee.

I read the report from the ad hoc committee - Distribution of Conference Agenda Items, which was chaired by Heather R.

For new business, we discussed the future of this committee meeting, whether to continue as we have been, meeting virtually and quarterly, or to meet more frequently and as a hybrid, finding a physical location where we would meet in person. The committee unanimously decided to meet in person while maintaining the capacity for virtual attendance, and everyone felt that meeting quarterly was unnecessary.

Gladly in service,

Nicholas B.

Area 53 DCMC, Panel 71

***Accessibilities Committee Report  
Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022***

The Accessibilities Committee hold their meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11 am on zoom. The committee would like to welcome anyone interested in serving.

The committee would like to communicate to our AA members with disabilities and/or special needs that we are available to help with reasonable accommodation requests to attend meetings, workshops, or other special events. We have also assisted in identifying resources available to those in need, including literature and online materials.

Some of our projects this year have included:

- Lending library
- List the zoom A.A. meetings continuing for those who may be homebound
- Reaching out to nursing homes to provide literature as well as meetings
- Providing Grapevine magazines and/or subscriptions to those homebound
- Education and training for those who create documents to make them accessible
- Tabletop displays for meetings and special AA events to communicate the committee's focus
- Plans for a future workshop on disability awareness and AA resources

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee



**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

- The Archives Committee encourages groups to select representatives to join the Archives Committee. All members of AA that are interested in Archives service are encouraged to join us for a meeting to learn more about the Area 53 Archives Committee.
- The Archives Committee conducts a monthly meeting on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom; refer to the Area 53 website for details [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](#). Our monthly meeting scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom.
- The Area and COGF Archives Committees set up a display table at the Ohio State Convention. Some of the materials have been updated onto foam core board for preservation and display.
- Frank G. and Teri G. will attend the 2022 National A.A. Archives Workshop on September 22-25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to learning more about preservation and how to better serve you.
- The Committee put the additional shelves into the space at COFG and reorganized our materials.
- Mark E. has digitized several of our past talks that were on cassette tape. The Committee is working on how to best share the talks with interested A.A.s.
- Chris J. and Nick B. coordinated a display table and volunteers from Area 53 for the 2022 Soberfest in Columbus. There were a lot of folks that visited the table and we were able to share about opportunities for service.
- The Committee has added three new oral history interviews; the recordings should be available on the Archives webpage very soon, and we are continuing to interview past Delegates.
- Expenses for this quarter were \$74.45 for easels, foam core frames, archival tape, printing, and USB flash drive.
- The Archivist and Committee Members are available to meet with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose.

**Archives Committee Mission Statement**

***The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts and the Area Committees in preserving our AA history story. This includes maintaining a repository of valuable artifacts and records from our past and present to ensure the integrity of the Area 53 history.***

Respectfully,

Teri G, Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

**Group Services Committee Report  
For Area 53 Assembly September 11, 2022**

Currently we do not have an active Group Services Committee. If you'd like to be part of this committee, please contact me at the email and/or phone number below.

As Group Services Chair, I held a virtual GSR School via Zoom in August. There were 8 GSRs in attendance and we had a great time! It's a great opportunity for GSRs to learn and connect with each other.

I was asked to organize a GSR sharing session at the Ohio State Convention in August. We had about 15 GSRs and interested AAs who attended on Friday at 4:00 PM. This event was a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship among GSRs from all over Ohio. Attendees could choose from a list of topics the ones they wanted to discuss. The topic that got the most attention and discussion was how groups are doing since Covid-19. Some groups have disbanded. Other groups are making hard decisions about how to continue, whether virtually or in-person. Some groups are thriving again.

I also organized a virtual Area 53 Elections Orientation for September 7 at 7:00 PM. At the time of this writing, I am planning to have this include a discussion of the Third Legacy Procedure for elections as described in AA Service Manual (2021 edition) on pp. 110-111 (Appendix G).

I am available for in-person GSR schools. If your district or Group would like to host an in-person GSR school, please contact me.

The next quarterly GSR school will be held via Zoom on Sunday December 4 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C, Group Services chair

[groupservices@area53aa.org](mailto:groupservices@area53aa.org)

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**Liaison Committee Report**  
**Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

The Liaison Committee consists of Barbara M., Chair, from Appalachian Ohio Intergroup (AOIO); Patty B., Office Manager of COGF; Frank S., Office Manager and Lisa F., Office Volunteer at Lancaster Area Intergroup; and Diana C., Chairperson, Marion Area Group Fellowship Steering Committee.

The Liaison Committee held a meeting at the State Convention in August for all Intergroup/Central Offices in Ohio with attendance from COGF, Lancaster and AOIO of Area 53; Greater Cincinnati Council of Area 56 and Mansfield Intergroup Office of Area 54. Photos of twelve of the fourteen intergroup offices in Ohio were on display. It was agreed to have the meeting again at next year's State Convention to be hosted by Area 56.

The Liaison Committee plans to meet in October. Highlights of the recent Seminar for Intergroups and Central Offices of AA (ICOAA) will be reviewed in addition to discussion of general concerns of Area 53's intergroup offices.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara M., Liaison Committee Chair.

**Web Administrator's Report  
Area 53 Assembly, September 11, 2022**

**Good morning,**

**The following report covers June 6<sup>th</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. The web team has updated the process for tracking and reporting Area 53 request and web support. We have worked to create an outline for the web service position. One goal is to clearly document the activity, request, fulfillment and work from the web team; to the Area and future web participants. Another goal is to create a landing page that website users will have access to view the web team's progress.**

**We also want to encourage and consolidate all web request to the email.  
[contact@area53aa.org](mailto:contact@area53aa.org)**

**The web team took approximately 33 service requests from last assembly to the current period. Our service request come primarily from our email contact forum.**

**The area web team distributed [newsletters](#).**

**In service,**

**Bill Y and Erin P.**

**Web Admin and Alt Web Admin, Area 53 Panel 71**

## **DCM Reports to Area 53 Assembly**

**September 11, 2022**

### **District 19, Clinton, Fayette And Highland Counties.**

Patrick Brucken, DCM

Submitted: 09/04/2022

District Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the Month. at 6:00 pm., United Methodist Church, Sabina, Oh.

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

September 10, 2022 District 19 is Hosting a Serenity on the Beach / Spiritual Gathering at Rocky Fork Lake. This has become an annual event for District 19 held at various locations throughout District 19 over the years.

- Sisters in Sobriety of Hillsboro, Oh in District 19 hosted a workshop this past August that was attended by some 25 people. The workshop topics were Unity, Service And Recovery. There was lots of good fellowship and food shared by everyone.

- District 19 is asking our fellow members when hosting an event and being supported by District 19 to please add that the event is being supported by District 19.

### **District 22, Hilliard/Dublin**

Heather Rudolph, DCM

Submitted: 08/28/2022

District Meeting: First Wednesday of the month at 6:00, Hybrid-zoom & Dublin Community Church

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Hosting a District Traditions Workshop on Saturday, October 29th from 10-1:00pm. The location is Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 5475 Brand Road. Halloween themed. Dress in costume or not. Costume judging. Fun Halloween desserts! Your own workshop packet and more.

Also district 22 is hosting AA Wilderness Retreat September 23-25 – Paint Creek State Park

The District 22 AA Wilderness Retreat is a weekend for recovering alcoholics to find Peace, Community, and Spiritual Experiences. We plan meetings in the morning and evening at the campsite. Camping space is limited. Please reach out soon to reserve spot. Camping is \$30 per person (bring your tent & equipment). Saturday Only Fellowship is \$15 per person. All include main dish for breakfast and dinner. Side dishes are appreciated and will be coordinated.

### **District 26, Gahanna, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, new Albany**

Deborah Points, DCM

Submitted: 9/5/22

District Meeting: Third Saturday at 9:30 am, 525 Bernard Rd, Whitehall, Ohio

Active GSRs: 11

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 26 is hosting the Rule 62 family cookout , September 18th, 10-2pm

Hannah Park Shelter, 6547 Clark rd, Gahanna, AA Lead/ kid's activities/ good times

Please bring something to share!

### **District 33, Near east side of Columbus**

Margie Johnson, DCM

Submitted: 8/29/2022

District Meeting: None at None, None

Active GSRs: 0

District Report on Events and Discussions:

