

DRAFT MINUTES
Area 53 Assembly– December 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 Mark C
- Agenda Review – One Item was added to new business at the request of Donna K, Delegate.
- Review & Approval of September Assembly Minutes – **Chris J.** Minutes from the September Assembly were presented.

Motion: Accept Minutes as Presented: Approved by Acclamation

2. Officers Reports (2-minute limit - Questions after each report)

- Delegate – **Donna K.** (See Attached Report)

In addition to the written report, Donna shared several letters from GSO. Contact Donna for copies.

3 GSO Staff Changes
2035 International Planning
Invitation to get box 459
Info on New Class A and Class B Trustees.
Corrections Requesting Correspondents for LGBTQ
Need Hispanic Stories for New Spanish 4th Edition
GSO Accepting Visitors Beginning Oct 5th, must pre-register

Big Book Changes - Difficulties sourcing supplies have led GSO to produce a jacketless big book. It will have no dust jacket with previous jacket graphic on soft cover.

Need Help with ECR Convention of Dels and Past Dels. Hospitality Feb 10-12

- Chairperson – **Marcia H.** (See Attached Report)
- Secretary – **Chris J.**

Working with Secretary-elect (Joe M). We have met three (3) times.

E-Mail Challenges have been a major problem this quarter.
Secretary@area53aa.org was labeled a spammer by Google so that it was necessary for Web Admin, Bill Y to create new account for Secretary.

- Treasurer – **Tom D.** (See Attached Report)

Motion: Accept Treasurer's Report as Presented
Accepted with Acclamation

- Web Administrator – **Erin P.** (See Attached Report)]
- Registrar – **Dan S.** (See Attached Report)

3. DCMC Report, **Nicholas B** (See Attached Report)

4. **District & GSR Reports – Moderated by Joel C, Alt DCMC** (See Attached Reports)

Recess: 11:50am Chair called recess for lunch instructing the body to reconvene at 1:00pm.

5. **Standing Committee Reports (2-minute limit - Questions after each report)**

- **Accessibilities – Kathy B.**

Committee is responsible to take requests for people who need reasonable accommodations to participate in AA meetings and events.

Committee Needs Help. Currently only three members. Meet each month on 4th Saturday virtually. Zoom info on Website or contact Chair.

- **Correctional Facilities – Joe M, (Literature Rep) reporting for Jeremy R.**

Elections held Saturday, Dec 3. Every position filled. New Chair Doug E.

Approved \$5800 for Literature.

- **CPC/PI – Nicholas B.** (See attached report)

Q – Frank G (Past-Delegate) asked about Sign-Up Card for the About AA, newsletter for professionals.

A – Nicholas stated that he thinks About AA is now online only but he'd look into it.

- **Grapevine – Taffy J.**

Providing Grapevines to Treatment Facilities and to the Area 53 CFC for distribution to correctional facilities.

Sharing info about AA Grapevine Youtube Channel.

Grapevine Committee Officer Positions Filled for Panel 73.

Meet at COGF on 2nd Saturday's each month at 11am.

- **Group Services – Martha C.** (See attached report)

- **Intergroup Liaison – Barbara M.**

Shared purpose of Liaison in sharing information from the four intergroup offices within Area 53. COGF (Cols), Marion Co. Grp Fellowship (Marion), Lancaster Area, AOIO (Chillicothe)

2023 National Intergroup Seminar to be hosted by Cincinnati
Barbara is Rotating Out as Intergroup Liaison

- **Mini Conference – Ed. A. & Joel K.**

Ed introduced Joel K who will be serving as Panel 73 Alt Delegate and Chairperson of the Panel 73 Mini-Conference Committee.

Joel reported that Mini-Conference planning is getting off to a great start. About 12 members participating in the Planning Committee.

Next Mini-Conference Planning Comm, Meeting January 11th in Zanesville

2023 and 2024 Mini-Conferences will be at Salt Fork. (Doubletree was double-booked on the scheduled date). Flyers available!

Q. Re Food Packages?

A. Menu not yet established.

Q. Purpose of Mini-Conference?

A. Ed A explained that the role of the Mini Conference is to help prepare our Delegate and Alternate for the General Service Conference. **All members welcome.** Target date for distribution of Conference Agenda will be February 15th or after all translations, (English, Spanish, French) are ready for distribution.

Register ASAP please!

- Treatment Facilities – **Sam K.** (See attached report)
- Archives / Archivist – **Teri G. & Frank G.** (See attached reports)

Report on National Archives Convention

Frank G, Archivist (See attached report)

also shared his experience at NAAAW. His emphasis was on preserving AA principles which have their genesis in our early history. He recognized that he had been saving and storing artifacts from his own experience

6. Old Business

- Guideline Changes

- Guideline Proposal on Virtual District – **Dan S.**

Chair Informed assembly that this proposal has been reviewed by Area Committee and so is motioned and seconded out of committee.

Dan explained the history of the proposal which came out of an Ad Hoc committee appointed by Ann B, Chairperson through May 2022.

Q. Wondering what the term, “Virtual groups based inside area 53” means?

A. Dan explained that this refers to the address of the registered group’s GSR or Mail Contact. A group cannot be registered without this address.

Delegate, Donna K explained that this topic was discussed at the last General Service Conference. Major concern is that people outside Area 53 participate in the group conscience There is an ad hoc committee working on this.

Q. Kathy B, asked about what happens if the GSR changes to someone outside the area?

A. Dan explained that the Area 53 Registrar would receive the group Change Form and thereupon be alerted to the fact this person doesn’t live in the area so they could not participate in Area 53.

Q. Janet What is resolved if a virtual group can choose to remain in local district versus virtual district?

A. Dan explained that GSO's New Group Form directs Virtual Groups outside US and Canada are directed to AA Office in that country and likewise we direct them that they are not eligible to register in Area 53.

- Guidelines Proposals on Secretary and Registrar Job Descriptions – **Chris J.**
Motion: The Proposed Guidelines for Duties of the Secretary and Registrar were motioned by the Area Committee.
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports (Actionable items will be deferred to a future date)

The Ad Hoc Committee Reports were distributed and members encouraged to review them and bring back any suggestions for actionable items.

- Distribution of Agenda Items Prior to Mini Conference – **Heather R.**
- Area 53 Inventory – **Joel K.**

7. New Business

- Review and Approval of 2023 Budget – **Tom D.**

Motion: The Chair indicated that this Proposed 2023 Budget is being motioned for approval by the Area Committee.

After considerable discussion, particularly regarding line items for the Archives Committee, the Proposed Budget was **Approved. Vote 27:9**
Minority Opinion was shared. With no member changing their vote, the motion stands.

- Ratify the appointment of Margie J. as Alternate Registrar for Pane 73 – **Marcia H.**
Vote The appointment of Margie J was ratified by Acclamation.

8. Upcoming Events - See Area Calendar for details (area53aa.org/events)

9. Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Delegate Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 11th 2022

First off, I would like to thank everyone in Area 53 for allowing me to be the panel 71 delegate, it has been a bright spot in my sobriety. I have learned so much over the last two years about service and myself, thank you for the opportunity.

The last quarter has been a busy one. I was asked to participate in workshops for District 30-The difference between a group and a meeting, District 22-Traditions Workshop, District 12-How Service has helped in my private life, District 15-Explanation of what service has done in my life. I didn't participate in District 34's Game Day Fun Day. I did attend and had a very fun day, seeing a lot of folks I hadn't seen in a while.

Going to the workshops in the area live has been so much fun. It is so nice to be asked to participate and to meet new people and see the ones you haven't seen in so long since the pandemic, it really proves to me that people need people. Everyone of the workshops I attended folks were so happy to be together and experience that language of the heart.

In October the delegates were tasked to conduct the Membership Survey with the randomly selected groups in our area. Our area had 10 groups that were to participate in the survey. There were 1% of the groups that were selected out of each area. I was able to get those all finished by either a Zoom meeting or in person. Hopefully the survey will be out by the first of the year.

In November we had our last State Convention meeting with the other 3 areas and turned over the responsibility to Area 56 for next year's conference.

Every month I participated in the monthly Wednesday meeting with our East Central Regional Trustee and the other delegates in our region, which is very informative.

Area 53 is the location for the 2023 Delegates Past and Present convention held in February. We asked to handle registration and hospitality. We have some folks that have volunteered but we still need a district or some groups to sign up for hospitality. We will have a meeting on December 28th, 6:30 at 956 Bryden Rd Columbus, 43205. The convention will be held at the Doubletree at 175 Hutchinson Rd Worthington, February 10-12, 2023.

In Love and Service,

Donna K, A53/P71 Delegate

Chairperson's Report
Area 53 Assembly December 11, 2022

- Since the September 2022 Assembly:
 - September 16th - Attended the CPCPI Committee meeting
 - September 18th – Attended the District 26 Rule 62 Day Picnic
 - October 9th – Chaired the Area Committee meeting
 - October 15th – Attended the District 15 Sponsorship Workshop
 - November 9th – Mini Conference Planning Committee meeting
 - December 7th – Mini Conference Planning Committee meeting

- The search for a Web Admin and Alternate Web Admin continues. Multiple candidates are being contacted and I hope to have a web team in place by the January Area Committee meeting.

As we near the end of Panel 71, I would like to say that I am grateful for the invaluable connections that I have made, socially, emotionally, and spiritually, with so many of you. Area 53 has given me such a wonderful feeling of belonging and has created quite a few priceless relationships.

I hope you can take time during the holidays to connect with family and friends. I wish all of you a relaxing and peaceful holiday season and look forward to an exciting new year in 2023.

Yours is Service,

Marcia H.

Area 53 Chair, Panel 71

2022 Area 53 Budget A/O 30 November								Projected from 2021
Incomes		2022	YTD	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	Qtr 1	
1	January 2022 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	\$ 30,000		\$ 17,547	\$ 20,987	\$ 20,256	\$ 28,427	\$ 30,000
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	\$ 12,000	\$ 16,870	\$ 2,135	\$ 4,278	\$ 3,706	\$ 6,751	\$ 12,000
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,481	\$ 514	\$ 718	\$ 418	\$ 831	\$ 3,000
3	Total Funds	\$ 45,000	\$ 19,351	\$ 20,196	\$ 25,983	\$ 24,380	\$ 36,009	\$ 45,000
Expenses								
Officer Expenses								
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	\$ 3,390	\$ 148	\$ 166	\$ 538	\$ 2,538	\$ 3,400
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,788		\$ 1,042		\$ 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	Total Officer Expenses	\$ 19,650	\$ 13,945	\$ 148	\$ 3,556	\$ 608	\$ 9,633	\$ 15,400
Operating Expenses								
15	Rent for Archive Storage	\$ 1,420	\$ 894		\$ 444		\$ 450	\$ 400
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	\$ 300	\$ 353		\$ 48	\$ 184	\$ 121	\$ 400
17	Copying Expenses	\$ 1,000	\$ -					\$ 1,000
18	Bank Service Charges	\$ -	\$ -					\$ -
19	Web Site/Web Services	\$ 600	\$ 1,050	\$ 48	\$ 576	\$ 48	\$ 378	\$ 600
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit		\$ -					\$ 25
21	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 3,320	\$ 2,297	\$ 48	\$ 1,068	\$ 232	\$ 949	\$ 2,425
Meeting & Convention Expenses								
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	\$ 300	\$ 15	\$ 15				\$ 300
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,372	\$ 52	\$ 1,307	\$ 874	\$ 139	\$ 1,800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	\$ 200	\$ 200		\$ 200			\$ 200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,587	\$ 67	\$ 1,507	\$ 874	\$ 139	\$ 2,300
Committee Expenses								
26	Mini-Conference	\$ 150	\$ 150			\$ 150		\$ 150
27	Archives	\$ 750	\$ 862	\$ 172	\$ 23	\$ 421	\$ 246	\$ 200
28	Archives Committee Training	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,107		\$ 1,254	\$ 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	\$ 247	\$ 75			\$ 172	\$ 200
35	Liasion	\$ 100	\$ 98	\$ 98				\$ 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	Total Committee Expenses	\$ 13,320	\$ 10,056	\$ 345	\$ 2,895	\$ 1,784	\$ 5,032	\$ 4,500
39	Total Expenses	\$ 39,790	\$ 28,885	\$ 608	\$ 9,026	\$ 3,498	\$ 15,753	\$ 24,625
40	Ledger Balance			\$ 19,588	\$ 16,957	\$ 20,882	\$ 20,256	
41	Prudent Reserve \$3500			\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	\$ (3,500)	
42	Funds Available for Use			\$ 16,088	\$ 13,457	\$ 17,382	\$ 16,756	

**Web Admin Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 11, 2022**

Good morning. The following report covers September 11th to December 4th 2022.

The web team has prepared a document that can be used to track and record request that are received for website updates. We believe this will create a smooth transition for the incoming web team; convey 2022 data and a snapshot of common needs of the Area. A description of service categories and common fulfillment requests can be obtained from Bill or me. Our main goal this year was to clearly document the activity, request, fulfillment, and task the web team performed to the Area.

The web team took approximately 21 service requests from last assembly to the current period. Our service request come primarily from our email contact forum.

The area web team distributed 3 newsletters.

We want to encourage the attendees of this assembly to spread the word: home groups, sponsors, spondee, and possible interested AAer's. Please contact the web team or area chair to learn more about the position.

We also want to encourage and continue all web request are sent to the email area web team email: contact@area53aa.org

In service,

Bill Y and Erin P.

Web Admin and Alt Web Admin, Area 53 Panel 71

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

<i>Position</i>	In-person	Online	Total
Alternate Area Officer	3		3
Alternate Delegate	1		1
Area Officer	3	1	4
DCM	11	1	12
DCM Chairperson	1		1
Delegate	1		1
GSR	19	4	23
Interested AA	7	3	10
Past Delegate	3	3	6
Standing Committee Chairperson or Alternate	4	1	5
Total	53	13	66

An updated listing of all ACTIVE groups as of November 4, 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 November 8, 2022 was furnished to the web admin team for publication on the website's CONTACT page.

Secretary Chris J. was able to pull 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!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Dan S.
Area 53 Registrar, Panel 71

DCM Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 11, 2022

Our last committee meeting was held at the Desert Island Club, on the west side of Columbus. Accessibilities Chair, Kathy B., was present, who facilitated the virtual attendees. There were 11 people attending in-person, 6 of whom were DCMs. On Zoom, there were 7 participants, all of whom were DCMs.

Despite the precarious Wi-Fi connection, we managed to elect a new DCM Chair and alternate Chair - Kevin D. and Kyle M., respectively. Heather R. agreed to be the committee's secretary.

It's been an extraordinary experience serving as the DCM Chair. Thank you all for your commitment, encouragement, and support. My notion of fellowship and friendship is perpetually updated by the living example of your willingness to connect, share freely, and to be of service to the alcoholic.

Nicholas B.

DCM Chair

Area 53, Panel 71

DCM Reports to Area 53 Assembly

December 11, 2022

District 1, Hardin, Logan, Champaign counties.

Stacey N, DCM

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: December 10th, 2022. at 10:30 AM., 440 St. Paris ST. Bellefontaine every 2 mo....

Active GSRs: 1

District Report on Events and Discussions:

January 14th. Euchre game. 440 St, Paris. Bellefontaine. Ohio. Meeting 6:00 PM. Food Fellowship fun, 7:00 PM.

District 7., Muskingum County.

Kerry Mc, DCM

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: Third Sunday. at 10:30 AM., ISRC

Active GSRs: 7.

District Report on Events and Discussions:

March 25th. Spring bash. Workshop. The group. AA. Foundation. And committee members.

Get groups to get members and. GSRS. Active. To participate.

District 15, Noble. Washington. Monroe. Morgan.

Joel K, DCM

Submitted: December 11. 2022.

District Meeting: 4th Tuesday. at 6:30 PM., Corpus Christi church. Belle Valley, Ohio.

Active GSRs: 8-10

District Report on Events and Discussions: New panel selected.

District 17., Vinton, Jackson, Gallia, Meigs

Stan. B., DCM

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: First Sunday. at 5:00 PM., Pomeroy /sacred

Active GSRs: 3-4

District Report on Events and Discussions: Planning workshop for April.

District 19, Clinton, Fayette And Highland Counties.

Patrick B, DCM

Submitted: 11/30/2022

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:

Hillsboro, OH - The fine folks of Hillsboro are busy preparing for the upcoming annual Holiday Alkathon to be held Dec 24 at 6:00 pm through Dec 25 midnight at the FRS center in Hillsboro, OH. Event flyer is on area 53 web page.

D.C.M. District 19 Patrick B. has been and will continue to visit groups within the district to show support for their group and to help answer question they may about A.A. as a whole. Educating groups about pamphlet F-3 Self-Support (donations) and pamphlet P-19 G.S.R. (service work).

Greenfield, OH - Monday night (TWMIG) Group celebrated their 23rd Anniversary of meetings with fellowship / dinner / speaker. A good time was had by all on Oct 24, 2022.

Wilmington, OH - Wednesday night Sunlight of the Spirit Women's Group celebrated their 15th Anniversary of meetings with fellowship / dinner / speaker. A good time was had by all on Nov 16 2022.

District 22 (Hilliard/Dublin area)

Heather R, DCM

Submitted: 12/5/22

We have 8 active GSRs

Recently held a Halloween themed traditions workshop

Had a weekend AA fellowship camping trip

In the process of planning with another district to host a workshop: History of Women in AA

District 22., Dublin and Hilliard.

Jo A for Heather R, DCM

Submitted: December 11th. 2022.

District Meeting: First Wednesday. at 6:00 PM., UMC Dublin.

Active GSRs: 7

District Report on Events and Discussions:

New DCM. Ron. H. New CPC/PI, Jo A. Thinking about women Of AA workshop.

District 26, Whitehall, Reynoldsburg, Gahanna, New Albany, Westerville

Deborah Points, DCM

Submitted: 12/5/22

District Meeting: Third Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Whitehall United Methodist Church, 525 Bernhard Rd, Whitehall

Active GSRs: 12

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Annual Alkathon presented jointly by Districts 26 & 28, noon, 12/31/22 8a.m. 1/1/23 at the ReyNaz Church, 1340 Crest Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio

District 28., Columbus campus, Clintonville, North Linden.

Kyle M, DCM

Submitted: December. 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: Second Monday. at 7:00 PM., 1180. Shanley Dr.

Active GSRs: 6-8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Alkathon (Dist. 26 & 28) Dec 31st 12:00pm to Jan 1st 8:00am Dance Food & baby sitting

District 30., Upper Arlington.

Julia. P, DCM

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: First Wednesday. at 6:00 PM., Panera.

Active GSRs: 18.

District Report on Events and Discussions:

April 1st. We are not a glum lot. Fun and sobriety. DWI. / Bingo. 2:30 to 4:30. PM. It can't wait. Second, Annie. Meadow Park church. December 20th, Tuesday. 6:00 PM fellowship. 7:00 PM meditation.

District 33, Near east side of Columbus

Margie Johnson, DCM

Submitted: 12/5/2022

District Meeting: N/a at N/a, N/a

Active GSRs: 0

District Report on Events and Discussions:

None

District 34., S.W. Franklin County

Kevin. D, DCM

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

District Meeting: 4 Sunday at 5:30 PM., 2930 W Broad St. Columbus, OH.

Active GSRs: 8.

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Voted new panel.

**GSR Reports to Area 53 Assembly
December 11, 2022**

Fazeysburg Tuesday Night Group, District 7

Colin S, GSR

Submitted: 12/11/2022

Meeting Format: D

Meeting Time & Location: 8pm, Fazeysburg OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Dist 7, Spring bash workshop March 25, 2023

Barnesville Group, District 15

Koel D, GSR

Submitted: 12-11-22

Meeting Format: Open Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: Sunday 8:00, 123 W Main st. Barnesville, OH 43718,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Have a New Years Day Dinner on Sunday the 1st at our normal meeting time 8:00

Serenity Group, District 15

Yvette D, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 PM, Marietta Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

I'll confirm 5 PM December 24 through 5 PM December 25, Marietta Ohio looking for folks to sign up to cheer

- held elections all positions field
- Add safety statement to meeting openings, reviewed safety card
- Formed group conscience inventory committee

Bring your home book Group, District 15

Luke B, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: Literature, big book study

Meeting Time & Location: Stop my church, Byesville Ohio, Bring your home book group,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Looking forward to the Mini Conference

Put It Together, Keep It Together Group, District 19

Patrick B, GSR

Submitted: 11/30/2022

Meeting Format: Closed Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: Saturday Mornings @ 10:00 am., Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Oh.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

We are a closed A.A. discussion group. Lately we have been averaging 8 - 10 people which is up from the 3 - 5 previously. No upcoming events planned for now. Thank You Patrick B.

Into the solution Group, District 22

Greg G, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: Mini leads

Meeting Time & Location: 6 PM Saturday, Hilliard United Methodist Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

New beginnings Group, District 22

Jo A, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 8 AM Saturday, Dublin Brand Road,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

New GSR, Heather W Having regular group Conscience

Open Door Group, District 23

Debbie R, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:15 PM Wednesdays, 5100 Karl Rd., Columbus, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Northeast discussion Group, District 26

Cynthia S, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: OD

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, 5000 Sunbury Rd. life church at Easton,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Pizza party 19th, alkalthon district 26

Clintonville Big book group. Group, District 28

Debra. Y, GSR

Submitted: December 11th. 2022.

Meeting Format: Literature. Big book study.

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 PM. Tuesday., 7 W Henderson Rd.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

Early Evening Faith and Hope grp. Group, District 28

Kari B, GSR

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

Meeting Format: Rotating floor mat.

Meeting Time & Location: 5:45 PM.- 6:45 PM. except Wed 5:30pm, 1180 Shanley Dr.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

32 yr. Anny Thursday, February. 16th. 530. To 8:00 PM. Lead. Joel K

Thursday Night Welcome Group, District 28

Nancy R, GSR

Submitted: December 11, 2022

Meeting Format: OS

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM, 1479 Morse Road Columbus Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Need more home group member's

Monday Nite Steps and Traditions Group, District 30

Cheryl P, GSR

Submitted: 12/4/22

Meeting Format: Literature (12 & 12)

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 PM, Meadowpark Church of God, 2425 Bethel Rd., Columbus OH 43220,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

We are planning to hold our group anniversary in February with a speaker and pizza dinner. We will advertise it in the Conscious Contact and hope to see many of you there!

Saturday afternoon live. Group, District 30.

Janet. K., GSR

Submitted: December 11th.

Meeting Format: Open discussion.

Meeting Time & Location: 1:00 PM., St lukes. W 5th Ave, Grandview OH.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

New Destiny? Group, District 34.

Keith H, GSR

Submitted: December 11th, 2022.

Meeting Format: Rotating.

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 PM. Tuesdays., 225 Schoolhouse Lane. Columbus, OH.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Alkathon Desert Island club. 12/24.-1/23.

Accommodating large number attendees from local rehab treatment center. Space and cost of snacks. Change to popcorn sharing.

No Dawg's Allowed Group, District 34.

Kris H, GSR

Submitted: December 11th. 2022.

Meeting Format: Rotating. Women's meeting.

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 PM Tuesdays., 501 Josephine drive, Desert Island club.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Alcoholthon. Christmas to New Year's?

The Three Legacies group. Group, District 34

Erica. C, GSR

Submitted: December 11th. 2022

Meeting Format: Closed. Rotating Literature 4th OS

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 PM Sundays., 2930. Hoge Memorial. West Broad St.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Sober in Place. Group, District 77.

Mark. C, GSR

Submitted: December 11th. 2022.

Meeting Format: Big book. 12 and 12. Discussion.

Meeting Time & Location: 10:00 PM. Friday. Saturday. Sunday., Zoom platform.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions: None

*Archives Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly
December 11th, 2022*

Archives Committee Mission Statement

The Area 53 Archives Committee works to aid groups, districts and the Area Committees in preserving our AA 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.

- I attended the 2022 25th National A.A. Archives Workshop on September 22-25th, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The theme of the workshop was, “**DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE? ...You Bet It Does!**” I have a separate report that includes details of the workshops and a few of my thoughts regarding the trip. There are audio recordings available for the workshops upon request. Please contact the Chair of the Archives Committee at archivist@area53aa.org.
- The Archives Committee encourages groups to select representatives to join the Archives Committee. All members of AA are welcome to attend a monthly Archives Committee meeting to learn more about the Area 53 Archives Committee. A representative from the 1728 Group joined the Committee in November.
- The Archives Committee met in November and voted to retain the current people as Chair, Archivist and Secretary. Most of the Committee members have current positions within the Area/District and nobody expressed a desire to stand for the positions.
- The Archives Committee Members plans to visit more groups and districts in 2023. The Archivist and Committee Members are available to meet with groups and districts to discuss how to support AA’s primary purpose.
- I am working with a Districts 26 and 28 to facilitate a workshop regarding Women in AA. The District Representatives and I have selected to focus on three of the pioneering Women. The workshop will be on May 6th and more details will be available soon.
- The Archives Committee is sharing a Zoom account with the Accessibilities Committee. I want to thank Kathy B. and the Committee for their willingness to collaborate with us.
- Mark E. has digitized several of our past talks that were on cassette tapes and is currently working on the reel-to-reel recordings that are in the collection. The Committee is discussing how to best share the information with interested A.A.s.
- The Committee continues to work on the collection of oral histories and we are prioritizing past delegates and folks with service experience within Area 53. Link: [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://www.area53aa.org/committees/archives)
- 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 \(area53aa.org\)](https://www.area53aa.org/committees/archives). This December’s meeting will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month due to the holiday. The date is Saturday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m. We will resume the regular schedule in January. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully,

Teri G, Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

25th National A.A. Archives Workshop on September 22-25th, 2022, Little Rock, Arkansas
“DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE? ...You Bet It Does!”

Summary: I want to thank Area 53 for allowing me to attend the 25th National AA Archives Workshop in Little Rock, Arkansas. This year’s theme or the 25th National A.A. Archives Workshop was, **“DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE? ...YOU BET IT DOES!”** I want to acknowledge the hard work of the planning committee in Arkansas and the members of NAAAWS that put together an amazing event. The experience was very informative and I will do my best to incorporate many of the resources and processes into our Area 53 Archives efforts. I was fortunate to share the experience with Frank G., the Area 53 Archivist and Mark C., the Archivist for Central Ohio Group Fellowship. I found it helpful to be able to share the experience of attending the workshop with fellow members and bounce ideas off each other. I also met AA members from across the country (128 attendees) that graciously shared their experience with me and continue to be valuable resources. The following pages include information regarding the tours and workshop sessions. Recordings of the workshops are available upon request by emailing the Area 53 Archives Chairperson at archives@area53aa.org.

Tours

- The Arkansas State Archives and Area 4 Archives Collection
- The Clinton Presidential Library
- Arkansas State Library

Workshop Sessions

- How Did the National AA Archives Workshop Begin?
- What is an Archivist?
- Mission & Purpose
- What We Collect
- Trouble Shooting Modern Archives
- Preservation and Conservation
- Second Flying Blind Period
- GSO Presentation
- Digital Archives
- “Copywrite”
- Online Sharing for Archivist: Technology in AA Online Community (TIAA) is a forum for Archivist to share experience and ask questions related to AA Archives.
- The Little Rock Approach
- Research and Alternatives
- Online Archives Anonymity

The opportunity to listen to the collective experience of the other attendees was invaluable. The Area 53 Archives Committee is committed to working with our groups and districts to build upon the archives collection for Area 53. If your group or district is interested in having a presentation or joining us on the Committee please contact us at [Area 53 Archives Chair](#).

25TH NATIONAL A.A. ARCHIVES WORKSHOP
LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS, SEPTEMBER 22ND-25TH, 2022



DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE?
You Bet It Does!

The 25th National AA Archives Workshop
Does History Carry the Message? You Bet It Does!
Little Rock, Arkansas

Maryland N., Archivist Western Washington, Area 72

and Robin S., Archivist in Area 3, Arizona, gave me permission to share this summary of the NAAAWS.

1. Background / About the Workshop

The National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop ("NAAAW") began in 1996 with a Workshop held in Akron, Ohio at the Mayflower Hotel. The Workshop grew out of the desire of a group of Archivists to have a Workshop for the Archivists operating within the General Service, Intergroup, and Institutions

structures. These Archivists are found all across North America as well as the rest of the world. We take our inspiration from the first General Service Archivist, Nell Wing (a non-alcoholic), and all of the subsequent General Service Office Archivists. (from NAAAW webpage, <https://www.naaaw.org/> accessed 9/25/22).

Excerpt from Statement of Purpose: The individual workshops are conducted in an A.A. Forum format, with a specific focus on the open sharing of the experience, strength and hope of Archivists, attendees and members of the National A.A. Archives Workshop Membership Body. Each Workshop intends to renew and energize our efforts and foster enhanced communications between A.A. Archivists and Archives Committee members. We share information, methods, procedures, ethics, and our enthusiasm at each Workshop as we continue to gather, grow, and serve. (from NAAAW webpage <https://www.naaaw.org/> accessed 9/25/22).

2. Agenda

<p>8AM-REGISTRATION BEGINS & CONTINUES THROUGH THE DAY. *HOSPITALITY OPEN</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>NOON-TROLLY TOUR: CLINTON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, ARKANSAS STATE ARCHIVES & A.A. AREA FOUR ARKANSAS ARCHIVES</p> <p>5PM-TOUR ENDS AND DINNER O.Y.O.</p> <p>★ 6:30PM-WELCOME COMMITTEE IN HOSPITALITY</p> <p>★ 7PM-"STERLING BALLROOM OPENING GAVEL" DAVID M., NAAAW2022 CHAIR</p> <p>★ 7:30PM-"DOES HISTORY CARRY THE MESSAGE"-FAY W.</p> <p>★ 8PM-"HOW DID WE GET HERE"-GAIL L.</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>8AM-REGISTRATION CONTINUES *HOSPITALITY OPEN AND BREAKFAST O.Y.O.</p> <p>★ 7:30AM-EARLY BIRD A.A. MEETING</p> <p>★ 9AM-"WHAT IS AN ARCHIVIST"-TAMI S.</p> <p>★ 10AM-"MISSION & PURPOSE"-VICKI-JO B.</p> <p>★ 10AM-"WHAT WE COLLECT"-MIKE Y.</p> <p>★ 11AM-"TROUBLESHOOTING MODERN ARCHIVES"-DANIELLE ASFORDEH-BUTLER CENTER ARCHIVIST</p> <p>NOON-LUNCH O.Y.O.</p> <p>★ 1:30PM-"PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION"-THERON B. AND JIM B.(WORKING SESSION)</p> <p>★ 3:30PM-"SECOND FLYING BLIND PERIOD"-JIMMY D.</p> <p>5PM-DINNER O.Y.O.</p> <p>★ 7:30PM-G.S.O. ARCHIVES PRESENTATION-MICHELLE MIRZA</p> <p>★ 8:30PM-ICE CREAM SOCIAL [TICKETS PLEASE]</p>	<p>8AM-REGISTRATION CONTINUES *HOSPITALITY OPEN AND BREAKFAST O.Y.O.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>★ 7:30AM-EARLY BIRD A.A. MEETING</p> <p>★ 9AM-"DIGITAL ARCHIVES"-MITCHELL B.(WORKING SESSION)</p> <p>★ 11AM-"COPYWRIGHT"-MICHELLE MIRZA</p> <p>★ NOON-"ONLINE SHARING FOR ARCHIVISTS"-CHERI J.</p> <p>12:30-LUNCH O.Y.O.</p> <p>★ 2PM-"LITTLE ROCK APPROACH"-PERRY D.</p> <p>★ 3PM-"RESEARCH AND ALTERNATIVES"-BILL T.</p> <p>★ 3PM-"AN ARCHIVES INTERVIEW"-DAVID M.</p> <p>★ 4PM-"ONLINE ARCHIVES ANONYMITY"-BILLY N.</p> <p>★ 4PM-"WRITING A HISTORY"-TINA C.</p> <p>★ 6:30PM-"BANQUET [TICKETS PLEASE]</p> <p>★ 7:30PM-"SPEAKER"-DON F.</p> <p>7AM-"HOSPITALITY OPEN AND BREAKFAST O.Y.O.</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>★ 7:30AM-EARLY BIRD A.A. MEETING</p> <p>★ 9AM-"BUSINESS MEETING"</p> <p>★ 10AM-"ASK AN ARCHIVIST"-PANEL</p> <p>★ 11AM-"PASSING OF THE GAVEL"</p> <p>NAAAW BOARD MEETS AT NOON ON SATURDAY.</p> <p>*HOSPITALITY ROOM CLOSED DURING WORKSHOP EVENTS.</p> <p>**THE BANQUET MENU IS: MEDALLION OF BEEF AND CHICKEN, GREEN GARDEN SALAD, WILD RICE, BACON WRAPPED ASPARAGUS AND NEW YORK CHEESE CAKE WITH STRAWBERRIES.</p> <p>THIS PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.</p>
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WORKSHOP LOCATIONS: ★STERLING BALLROOM ★HARLAN ROOM ★BUD ROOM ★OTHER

An image of the agenda for the workshop is provided to the left.

The formal agenda started at 7 pm on Thursday September 22nd and the workshop closed at noon on Sunday September 25th with the passing of the gavel to the hosts of the 26th Annual workshop which will be in Sudbury, Ontario Canada, September 7-10th 2023.

Prior to the formal sessions starting there was an optional tour at 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm hosted by the committee of Wolfe Street Center and Arkansas Area 04 Archives which I & Don (D45 Archivist, and Cindy M. (D7&27 Archives Chair) attended.

3. Summary / Key Points from Sessions Attended

Day / Session Title and Presenter	Summary
Thursday 22 Sept / Optional Tour / David M. (Area 4 State Archivist) Tour leader	<p>The tour visited three locations, each of which featured archives. The first site visited was the Wolfe Street Center where the Wolfe Street Foundation was established to provide meeting spaces for the recovery community. The Area 4 Archives are housed in that building as well. We were shown the museum room where copies of many historic AA books and literature are on display as well as extensive group history books. Throughout the building, Wolfe Street's history is on display - from artwork and photos on the walls to memorial pews from the old facility from which the foundation moved in 2011. Beside the building, a Serenity Garden pays homage to our origins in a nod to Joe McQuany (of Joe and Charlie) and his Serenity House. (Source: https://www.wolfestreet.org/history accessed by Robin S on 25 Sept 2022)</p> <p>The second stop was the Arkansas State Archives where we were given a presentation on the scope of the collection, the approach to preserving and conserving the records and some of the methodologies employed. We learned that microfilm is the most secure means of preserving information – the microfilm stays stable for 500 years. In fact, the archives are transferring some of their digital media to microfilm. We were shown the main vault where over 10,000 artifacts are held; we also were shown how they are capturing historic newspapers. Their scanner costs \$140,000!</p> <p>The last stop was the William J. Clinton Presidential Library & Museum where we were told that it physically houses over 78 million pages of documents, 20 million emails, 2 million photographs, and 12,500 videotapes. Approximately 5% of the collection (3 million pages etc.) have been digitized and are publicly available. We had a guided tour of the museum and could see archival boxes containing some of the 78 million pages incorporated into the design of the museum. (Source: https://clinton.presidentiallibraries.us/about accessed by Robin S. on 25 Sept 2022)</p>
Thursday 22 Sept / 7:30 pm “Does History Carry the Message”, David M for Fay W.	<p>David read an essay Fay W (former Area 4 Archivist) wrote about history being the language of the heart because it was captured. History is formed not by the events themselves, but the recording of the events. The twelve traditions are the distilled experience of our A.A. past. Without archives the information gets lost or deteriorates in some box or basement. A.A. in Arkansas was started with a copy of the Big Book, the first to start solely from literature, “when one sober alcoholic with the AA book contacted one sick alcoholic with a message of hope.” (quote from “How AA Got Started in Arkansas”)</p>
Thursday 22 Sept / 8:00 pm “How Did We Get Here”, Gail L	<p>Gail provided a PowerPoint presentation on the history of archives function in A.A. from the 1930s when Bill and Lois recognized the need to preserve records, the role his secretary Nell Wing played who was ultimately the first archivist through to the modern era. Gail is an A.A. Archivist Extraordinaire, who was part of NAAAW inception. She stayed at Nell Wing’s house in the 1980s to learn A.A. archives and was responsible for starting the formal A.A. Archives that opened at GSO in 1975. At one point in the presentation, there was an audio recording of Nell Wing talking about her experience as an early archivist. It was a very interesting and informative presentation.</p>
Friday 23 Sept / 9 am “What is an Archivist”, Tami S	<p>Tami’s presentation started out with the question: “You made me an archivist, now what?” She then explained the wide variety of collective memory that an archive can encompass from factual materials, audio recordings of story tellers, different media such as floppy disks, cassette tapes and papers. Archivist are information professionals. We save items to prove that something happened. If it isn’t written down, it didn’t happen. The archivist also needs to be concerned with provenance – where did these records come from? What is the difference between an Archivist and a Collector? Tami provided the following three definitions: A <i>Curator</i> acquires, cares for and develops a collection.</p>

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	<p>A <i>Collector</i> collects things of a specific type and a <i>Librarian</i> manages a library. It is important to establish a scope for your archive to ensure it meets the need to carry the message, to inform, educate and inspire.</p>
<p>Friday 23 Sept / 10 am “What we Collect”, Mike Y</p>	<p>Mike talked about the various things that are in A.A. archives. We collect experience, strength and hope, and we are preserving the past to assure our future. Some of the items he talked about were group histories, meeting place photos, biographies of long-timers, recordings of area assemblies (observing anonymity), pin and button collections from past delegates. He emphasized the need to have a Collection Scope so we can focus on being archivists vs. collectors.</p>
<p>Friday 23 Sept / 11 am “Troubleshooting Modern Archives”, Danielle Asfordeh – Butler Center Archivist</p>	<p>Danielle is a professional archivist, and she provided a wealth of information and resources to be accessed. She provided a link to a site she is calls “Resources for the Lone ArRanger” which is a Google Drive Folder that contains many items from the SAA’s Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA) Study Guide. Topics include Manuals, Books, Periodicals, and Links to connect to Other Practitioners, Oral History, and Archival Management Software / Digital Collections. The methodology for A.A. includes preserving Anonymity, collect/appraisal (see what is there) Organize / Arrange materials, Preserve and Provide access. She made the distinction between organizing and describing emphasizing the need to provide a summary of what is in a box, the donor and provenance (where did we get the item, what’s the back story) for quick reference until all materials can be cataloged. Archives Fundamentals are very helpful to learn the language, and then additional information is only a Google search away. Comments from the attendees stressed that Google for Nonprofits.org (.org sites usually) have appropriate security standards and that it’s a low to no cost solution for digital cloud storage.</p>
<p>Friday 23 Sept / 1:30 pm “Preservation, Conservation (and more)” Theron B and Jim B. (working session) with guest appearance from Maryland N.</p>	<p>This session was a demonstration of some of the techniques in preservation and conservation. The top level steps when material is received in an archive facility is to unpack the box, classify contents, categorize (catalog), and prepare for storage (stabilize). A part of the process is triage—determining if immediate action needs to be taken to preserve some portion of the contents, or if it can be just described and deferred. There are some good detailed videos on NAAAW-online 2020 YouTube channel including how to create a clamshell case for a book, stitching a pamphlet and mylar encapsulation. The learning tab of the NAAAW.org site has a multitude of training items from past workshops on it, and Technology In AA (TIAA-forum) ‘turned on’ a specific channel for Archives. They talked about acidification of old papers and suggested that it is wise to make photocopies of newspaper clippings because that paper is very acid and prone to deterioration. They discussed dealing with folded corners of papers, repairing holes and other damage, useful weights to flatten pages, etc. Maryland then demonstrated the use of the narrate function in MS Word to create a list and turn it into a table without having to type everything into a spreadsheet. Many of the techniques are used by WWA72 Archives.</p>
<p>Friday 23 Sept / 3:30 pm “Second Flying Blind Period” by Jimmy D</p>	<p>Jimmy D is the Southwest Regional Trustee and he talked about the General Service Board and how the age of Covid became our second flying blind period in A.A. history. When the International Convention had to be cancelled in person due to the Covid pandemic, A.A. was not prepared for such an eventuality. The preservation of the society is paramount and the common welfare comes first. A.A. is a spiritual society and it is about unity throughout our history. He spoke of learning lessons from the failures of the Washingtonian Society and the importance of sticking with our singleness of</p>

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	purpose. We have to maintain A.A. as a viable alternative to dying of alcoholism, and the navigation through the new on-line meetings a part of the process.
Friday 23 Sept / 7:30 pm "G.S.O. Archives Presentation" by Michelle Mirza	<p>Michelle is the G.S.O. Archivist and she provided a presentation on archives in general and the resources available. There is now a 2022 Archives Workbook available which updated the last one with some additional material. There is an Archives Checklist we use. There are materials on how to conduct interviews with members who speak American Sign Language (ASL) while preserving anonymity (since facial expression is a large part of the language). The Group History form has been updated. She emphasized the importance of establishing a collection scope and policy that describes what to collect, how to collect it and how to dispose of unneeded materials—we do this with the Archives Policy Statement 1989, 1994, 2006, 2012). Michelle provided a high-level overview of vast mission done by 5 employees in G.S.O Archives and shared the Archivist's Serenity Prayer:</p> <p><i>Grant me the serenity to accept the collections I cannot decline, Courage to decline the collections I can, and funding to process the backlog.</i></p> <p>The G.S.O. tests the acidity level of papers in its collection every five years to ensure there is no deterioration or whether stabilization is needed. They are transcribing and digitizing handwritten letters which is providing searchable access to content, such as an explanation of what Bill meant by "rocketed into the 4th dimension" a question he responded to in a letter.</p> <p>Michelle emphasized the need to obtain a deed of gift when any collections are donated and make sure to understand any stipulations with restrictions to use.</p> <p>She concluded with an audio recording of Bill W. stating in part: "...let us never fear needed change/ The essence of all growth is the willingness to change..."</p>
Saturday 24 Sept / 9 am "Digital Archives" – Mitchell B. (working session)	<p>This was fabulous...Mitchell, Area 09 Delegate and past A09 Archivist drove his three scanners from CA to AR to allow an experiential hands-on working session with digitization. This is different the archiving of born digital item, BTW. Mitchel presented at our May Archives Quarterly. He also mentors a group of 10-15 Archives Trusted Servants each month on a Zoom I started for the Pacific region.</p>

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Saturday 24 Sept / 11 am "Copyright Basics for Archivists: Michelle Mirza	<p>Michelle presented a very informative presentation on the importance of understanding copyright if we publish any contents from our archives. I have requested a copy of her presentation and will keep it for reference. Some interesting points: copyright applies to both published and unpublished art/letters/documents/pictorials, etc. The owner of the copyright is the author of the work. Works made for hire (such as for an employer) are owned by the employer if the work is within the scope of the employer. There are specific time frames that copyrights will expire. For instance, an unpublished, never registered document maintains copyright for the life of the author + seventy years. Documents by authors who died before 1951 are now in the public domain, which means they are no longer protected by intellectual property laws and are free to use. G.S.O. policies are in accordance with the law and A.A. principles: Observe copyright law, preserve anonymity, respect expectation of privacy and maintain the condition of the material.</p> <p>Understanding is the key to right principles and attitudes, and right action is the key to good living; therefore, the joy of good living is the theme of A.A. 's Twelfth Step. (from the 12 and 12)</p> <p>It is important when receiving materials to obtain a deed of gift for the donated materials.</p>
Saturday 24 Sept / 2 pm "The Little Rock Approach" – Percy D. past Area 4 Archivist	<p>Perry provided a brief history of the coming of A.A. to Little Rock as compiled in a treatise "Little Rock Approach - The Founders Share How It Began" Little Rock, Feb 1946 by Bob and Fay W. In the early days in Little Rock, the first group ever to start solely by mail, one of the early members kept finding loopholes in the Big Book, so an attorney wrote the Little Rock Approach Plan to close some of the loopholes. Prospective members were given a small spiral bound "28-day book" in which they were told to write each day what they did to stay sober. The notebook was then submitted to the members who voted on whether they could begin to come to meetings. They were still not members, only apprentices. The members were designated into "squads" to "police" their meetings including a "sniffer" squad consisting of someone who stood at the door to make sure members entering hadn't been drinking. They had a "no women" rule and didn't integrate people of color until 1962. Eventually through correspondence with Bill W. the leaders acknowledged their approach was a bit extreme and admitted they were wrong and adopted the A.A. ways.</p>
Saturday 24 Sept / 3 pm "Research and Alternatives— Bill T.	<p>I attended this and then went out and had a 'meeting between a meeting' and I will share from the mic at Assembly the standout sage wisdom, truths, and revelations I gleaned from these 10-30 encounters.</p>
Saturday 24 Sept / 4 pm "Online Archives Anonymity" – Billy N	<p>Billy N. is the Chairman of the board of NAAAW. He has a deep respect of A.A. history. He came to A.A. from juvenile facilities and therefore his focus is working with 16-24 year old tough and cool young men. In his opinion Covid was one of the greatest gifts to A.A. because we were forced into incorporating technology into how we do our work. He expressed some concerns raised about the anonymity associated with use of technology. His message is "do not use the traditions to just say no" to technology (e.g., zoom), but understand how best to use it appropriately. 12th Step Anonymity is humility to serve without recognition. He also stated that if you have a manual process that isn't working, a digital solution replicating it is going to be just as bad. His bottom line is that we need to get out of the fear business. In this session, Billy Unpacked some very</p>

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	complex implications for AA's 11 th and 12 th Tradition regarding all sorts of Apps and Platforms
Sunday 25 Sept / 9 am Business Meeting	During the business meeting, it was announced that I was elected as a new member of the NAAAW Advisory Board!
Sunday 25 Sept / 10 am "Ask an Archivist" Panel	<p>Questions were taken from the floor to be posed to the panel of archivists. The first had to do with how to insure a collection. One response was that you don't – how can one insure something of spiritual value? Others indicated that insurance covers buildings in which archives are housed and another stated that there are those who are skilled in appraising A.A. collections.</p> <p>Other key points on a variety of questions included: An archive isn't defined by the books you have or don't have. It is important to be able to tell a story with the materials collected, vs. just keeping the materials in a box. The value is in the information.</p> <p>There was a discussion on whether archives are line items in the Area (or District) budgets and whether fundraising can be done to help fund the efforts. Several folks offered examples of how additional funds were raised such as through Traditions Dinners with a portion going to the archives, etc.</p> <p>Today is tomorrow's history, if we do a good job of preserving the appropriate and pertinent information today we will make it easier for archivists of tomorrow.</p> <p>Suggestion was made to conduct video interviews with long-timers – capture it while you can.</p>
Sunday 25 Sept / 11 am "Passing of the Gavel"	The passing of the gavel was formally done by passing the physical gavels from David M., Archivist of Area 4, Little Rock, Arkansas to (Gaytan) of Sudbury Ontario, Canada who will host the 26 th annual NAAAW. And it was announced that the 24 th NAAAW in 2024 will be hosted by Area 24.

Teri G, Area 53 Archives Chair

PI & CPC Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 11, 2022

I stepped into the role as Chairperson of this committee in September of this year. We held our first meeting on the 3rd of October and confirmed Brian B. as our treasurer; and not long after, we secured fiscal responsibility - officially taking over the committee's bank account, which has a balance of \$336.29

On the 20th of November we held a hybrid meeting at a committee member's house. Between Zoom and in-person, there were 11 people in attendance, including Yvette T., the PI chair for COGF.

We discussed many things concerning the focus of our services: PSAs, bring your professional to a meeting, reaching out to groups to engage them in PI & CPC work, DUI classes, presentations, etc.

We unanimously agreed to have our meetings held on the 3rd Sunday of every month via our committee's Zoom account, and meeting as hybrid whenever necessary. We welcome any interested AAs to join us and to help us explore these vital services that our fellowship has tirelessly provided.

Your brother from the 4th Dimension,

Nicholas B.

PI & CPC Chair

Area 53, Panel 73

Group Services Committee Report to Area 53 Assembly

December 11, 2022

This has been a very quiet quarter for Group Services. I have not received any requests for GSR schools.

Brandi V has been elected to serve as Group Services chair for the next panel. I will be working with Brandi in the next month to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for allowing me to service as Group Services chair from February 2022 to now. It has been a privilege.

In service,

Martha C, Chair

**Treatment Facilities Committee Report
Area 53 General Assembly, December 11th, 2022**

The Treatment Facilities Committee has continued to meet monthly on the third Saturday of the month at noon. We meet in person at COGF with a Zoom-in option available by request. We currently have 26 active members on the committee.

Due to the size of Area 53, there are plenty of service opportunities for those interested. **The committee would like to emphasize the importance of a Group Treatment Representative**, which is an AA group's link to the activities of the standing committee. If your homegroup is looking for service positions to fill, we encourage you to send representatives to join our committee.

News

This quarter, the Treatment Facilities Committee held elections for the next panel. The next Chair will be Jason S. The committee also elected its first co-chair, Megan A.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Jason will assume his duties as Chair starting in February 2023. Sam K. will continue to serve as acting Chair in the interim.

Meetings

The TFC continues to arrange meetings in local treatment centers, however, we continue to be in need of volunteers to make this possible. We encourage anyone in Area 53 to sign up to volunteer to start a treatment commitment on the Area 53 website under the treatment committee page.

Funds

The treatment committee is continuing to receive contributions from groups in Area 53. In Q4, the TFC received \$343.11 in contributions and spent \$267 on literature. This literature is given directly to potential alcoholics in treatment settings via our treatment meeting volunteers. We encourage new groups to consider contributing to the treatment facilities committee. If you bring a meeting into a treatment setting, we also encourage you to become involved with the treatment committee, as we may be able to support your meeting with literature.

In fellowship,
Sam K.

Chair, Treatment Facilities Committee
Area 53, Panel 71