

Area 53 Assembly Agenda – March 12, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.
Salt Fork Lodge & Conference Center | 14755 Cadiz Road, Lore City, OH 43755

Meeting ID: 911 053 2023 **Passcode:** area53aa **Call in Number:** (929) 436-2866

1. Opening of Meeting – Marcia H., Chairperson

- Call to Order and (We Version) Serenity Prayer
- Twelve Concepts
- Review & Approval of December Assembly Minutes – **Joe M.**
MOTION: Accept Minutes as Presented (**Don C. 2nd Donna K.**) with corrections, **delete** “minority opinion was shared”. and Treasurer Budget report **deleted** “30 November”.
Motion Carried **Unanimously**

2. New Business – Marcia H., Chairperson

- Ad Hoc Communications Team - Ad Hoc Communications Team Update – **Marcia H.**
Chairperson has Appointed an ad hoc committee. With **Koal. D.** as Chair to coordinate his efforts. For our area website. Quality Communications. Reach out for Any interested members who would like to help in any way. With the absence of a Web admin and alternate
- Request for Additional Funds for Group Services Committee – **Brandi V.**
Motion: \$500.00 increase for Group service committee (**Ron H/ 2nd Sharon F**)
- Request from Area 23 (Southern Indiana) regarding the 2035 Int'l Convention - **Ed A.**
- ***motioned for A53 a letter to in support A23s bid for the 2035 international convention Taffy J / Brandy V. 2nd. (58:1) seeing on one come to mic. PASSED***

3. Officers Reports (2-minute time limit with questions after each report)

- Delegate – **Ed A. attached.**
- Chairperson – **Marcia H. attached.**
- Secretary – **Joe M. verbal.**
- Treasurer – **Mac C. attached.**
- Registrar – **Chris J. attached.**

4. Standing Committee Reports (2-minute time limit with questions after each report)

- Accessibilities – **Kathy B.**
- Archives – **Teri G. attached.**
- Correctional Facilities – **Doug E. attached.**
- CPC/PI – **Nicholas B.**
- Grapevine – **Danielle L. attached.**
- Group Services – **Brandi V.**
- Intergroup Liaison – **Barbara M. attached.**

- Mini Conference – **Joel K.**
- Treatment Facilities – **Jason S. attached.**

5. **GSR Sharing Session – Chaired by Brandi V, Group Services Chairperson**

6. **Close Meeting** – Responsibility Declaration

Officer Reports that were submitted. **Line item 3. Bullet point Delegate**

Delegate Report Ed A

Since first stepping into the role as your Panel 71 Delegate, things have been busy. I have:

1. Attended 2 (monthly) meetings of the East Central Region (ECR) Delegates hosted by our ECR Trustee Cathi.
2. Attended Committee meetings for both of the conference committees I serve on.
3. Co-Hosted the ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) here in Area 53 (Columbus) February 10-12.
4. Been working with the Area 53 Mini-Conference Committee, to finish up details for OUR Mini-Conference March 10-12.
5. Attended District 21 February District meeting.
6. Learning to use the AAWS Hyper-Office desktop (Delegate Page with New York).
7. Been asked to serve as an advisor for Treatment/Accessibilities/International/Regional Forums committees at the Area 55 Mini-Conference.

I received the final list of the 2023 General Service Conference agenda items and sent those out to the DCMs on Monday 2/13/23 (see attached copy, if you have not gotten one yet). If you would like background on any topics, please email me at delegate@area53aa.org (I have received 3 topic requests so far, 2 of which has already been sent out). Most, BUT not all, of the background material was posted to the Delegate dashboard on Friday 2/17/23 (11:44 pm!), and I have started to review it.

Next item of note is a price increase of AAWS Literature (See attached Letter).

Many of you may have received an email from the General Service Board of AA: Linda C. has resigned as a Class A Trustee and Chair of the Board. (See Attached letter for details)

Added Josh E the other member general service board resigned. Meeting on the Zoom platform to follow up. This Thursday for all delegates, they want to have more information.

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In Love & Service,

Ed Amos
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Area 53, Panel 73
Central & Southeast Ohio

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Serving on: Trustee Committee &
International Conventions/Regional Forum

Chairperson's Report
Area 53 Assembly March 12, 2023

- Since December 2022 Assembly:
 - Attended various events hosted by Districts and AA Groups
 - Attended Standing Committee meetings.
 - Chaired the January Area Committee meeting.
 - Participated on the Mini Conference Committee
 - Appointed the ad hoc Communication Team
 - Signed contract with the Doubletree for the remaining 2023 Assembly's.
June September and December
 - Arranged for the April Area Committee meeting to be held at Hoge Memorial
 - Attended the Conference of Delegates Past & Present (CDPP)
 - Responded to questions from Interested AA's, GSR's, DCM's and Officers

There is a true magic when we come together and hold hands and share ideas and share stories and struggles and endless cups of coffee. You use your gifts, and I'll use mine and we'll invite that AA member over there who brings a completely different gift to the fellowship. And then we'll watch together as something miraculous unfolds.

Yours is Service,

Marcia H.

Area 53 Chair, Panel 73

Item 3, bullet point Treasurer Report

2023 Area 53 Budget vs Actual

Income		2023	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	Qtr 2	2/28/2023	Balance
1	January 2023 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	22,000				20,640	
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	20,000				3,327	16,673
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	3,000				1,626	1,374
3	Total Funds	45,000	-	-	-	25,592	18,048
Expenses							
Officer Expenses							
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	3,000				1,800	1,200
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000	-					-
6	Delegate Expenses	4,000				348	3,652
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000				435	2,565
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000					1,000
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500					500
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000				901	2,099
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000				486	2,514
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250					250
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150					150
14	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	-	-	-	3,970	13,930
Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564					564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400				90	310
18	Bank Service Charges						-
19	Web Site/Web Services	800				659	141
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25					25
21	Total Operating Expenses	1,789	-	-	-	749	1,040
Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300					300
23	Assemblies/ZOOM	3,000				16	2,984
23a	Copy Expense	800					800
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	-	-	-	16	4,284
Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	150					150
27	Archives	1,776				73	1,703
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	4,000					4,000
29	CPC/PI	1,000					1,000
30	Correctional Facilities	900				450	450
31	Treatment Facilities	500				228	272
32	Grapevine	400					400
33	Group Services	500				229	271
34	Accessibilities	595					595
35	Liasion	100				98	2
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000					1,000
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000				100	4,900
38	Total Committee Expenses	15,921	-	-	-	1,178	14,743
39	Total Expenses	39,910	-	-	-	5,913	33,997
40	Ledger Balance	5,090	-	-	-	19,679	
41	Prudent Reserve \$3500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	
42	Funds Available for Use	1,590	(3,500)	(3,500)	(3,500)	16,179	

Line 3, bullet point Registrar

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY March 12, 2023

Registrar Training – I was blessed to have great transitional help from Dan S, outgoing Registrar before I assumed my responsibilities. This included an invitation to the December Registrars' Sharing Session hosted by GSO staff. I also attended a training event hosted by GSO staff on January 11. Margie J., Alternate Registrar has received training from Brenda B, outgoing Alternate Registrar regarding updates to the Area 53 page in the COGF Conscious Contact newsletter.

Attended January DCM Mtg, - Discussed importance of their role encouraging GSRs to update group information. Announced Fellowship Connection Training for DCMs.

Group Info and DCM Updates – At least 40 Group and 7 DCM updates have been entered into Fellowship Connection since January 1st. I am grateful for quite a few additional changes submitted this weekend. Thank you, Brandi V., Group Services Chair; Barbara M., Intergroup Liaison; and Stacey N, District 1 who went above and beyond to provide updates. Update forms available for all who might still need one.

Area 53 Trifold – The updated Area 53 Trifold was published on the website and copies are available today. All are encouraged to get a copy. Keep it handy as a list of contacts as well as meeting dates and times.

Serving on Communications Team – Chair appointed Bill Y to chair an ad hoc Communications Team. My responsibilities center around learning to publish assembly events and registration pages, update group information, contact page and trifold.

Correctional Facilities Groups - Attended the March 4th CFC Meeting sharing the current status of Inside Group Information and asking for cooperation with updates. Thank you to Doug E, CFC Chair for his cooperation for including this in the agenda.

Conducted Fellowship Connection Training – In cooperation with Nicholas B, provided DCM Training in use of Fellowship Connection Read-Only Access for DCMs.as an adjunct to DCM College. Thank you to Kyle M, Alt DCMC who helped with this event.

Respectfully,

Chris J.

Standing Committee Reports submitted **Line 4** bullet point.

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report March 12th, 2023

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.

- The Archives Committee encourages groups to select representatives for 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.
- 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://area53aa.org/Committee:Archives-Area53GeneralService).
- The Archives Committee is interested in partnering with groups and districts in 2023 to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose. This may include facilitating workshops, a brief presentation at your groups business meeting or anniversary.
- The Oral History Project continues to make progress. Recordings are posted on the Archives page on the Area 53 Website at [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/Committee:Archives-Area53GeneralService)
- On behalf of the Area 53 Archives Committee, I am working with representatives from Districts 22 and 28 to facilitate a workshop regarding Pioneering Women in AA. The workshop will be from 10-12pm on May 6th at the Northwest United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and more information is available on the Area 53 website.
- Mark E. has digitized several of our past talks that were on cassette tapes and reel-to-reel recordings that are in the collection. The Committee is working on developing a plan to create a finding document for the recordings that can be used by Area 53 AA members in the future.
- The Committee continues to interview Area 53 AA members oral histories. We are prioritizing past delegates and folks with service experience within Area 53. Refer to this link: [Committee: Archives – Area 53 General Service \(area53aa.org\)](https://area53aa.org/Committee:Archives-Area53GeneralService). The Committee will be working on sorting the collection in March at COGF. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Gardner, Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

CFC Report

For the period from December-Feb 21 the committee Collected \$7,691.35. At our March 4th Quarterly Meeting the Committee approved \$7600 for the purchase of literature.

From 12/1/2022 to 2/28/2023 the Committee fulfilled requests totaling 2666 pieces of literature. This represented 99.10% of all requests made.

Upcoming Events

June 3rd at 10 am Quarterly CFC Meeting

October 14th 10-3pm Annual CFC Workshop

Maple Grove UMC

Grapevine Committee

Report March 2023

Intro: I am Danielle L, the current Grapevine Committee Chair for area 53. This is the first Area Assembly I have attended. The Grapevine Committee meets The 2nd Saturday of each month at COGF, 651 W Broad St. 11am-12pm. If your HG has any GVR please let them know about where and when we meet. We currently only have approximately 8 GVRs that attend.

What do we do as GVRs?

We provide subscriptions to 6 different treatment centers and half-way houses, promote The GV magazine in meetings and in our HG, and also promote all the ways to get connected to the GV. There is a Grapevine Podcast, GV Instagram, and a GV You Tube channel.

What's coming up?

The GV Committee is planning another writing workshop for early spring. A local member, Lori A. of Canal Winchester, was published in the GV for the story she submitted at an earlier writing workshop! The article titled The Hope I Found, is in the January, 2023 Grapevine

AREA 53 MARCH 2023 ASSEMBLY
Report from Intergroup Liaison Committee

The Area 53 Intergroup Liaison Committee had its quarterly meeting February 2nd with COGF (Central Ohio Group Fellowship), LAI (Lancaster Area Intergroup) and AOIO (Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office) attending.

- Patty, Officer Manager at COGF, said last week that they will hold the prices of AA conference approved books down as long as possible by buying as much inventory now. They were able to keep prices down almost 10 months after the last increase in 2014.
- COGF is now using STRIPE an online payment service for in-store sales, and groups and individuals will hopefully find it easier to make contributions. LAI is interested in exploring and AOIO may be too.
- COGF's Spring Meeting Books are now available.
- VOLUNTEERS are always wanted. COGF is looking for 12-Step volunteers to return calls from still-suffering alcoholics, which can be after 5 pm and sometimes during the night.

COGF, LAI, and AOIO all have officers on their Advisory Board or Steering Committees.

- COGF is open M-F 9-5 and Sat 9-1 and staffed by its office manager, assistant managers, and volunteers.
- LAI is open M-S 10-2 and staffed by its office manager and volunteers.
- AOIO is open during daily noon meetings when an Advisory Board member is present.

Treatment Facilities

God came through. Here is what you are asking for...

- Our webpage on [are53aa.org](https://area53aa.org) is updated with portals and contact information.
- The TFC Meets twice a month. First and Third Saturday
- Our structure is improving at lighting speed and a majority of our administrative positions are filled but we are looking for Co-Positions for each Admin.
- There are currently 53 opportunities for service in the form of Meeting Sponsors and 9 facilities that need filled for service.
- We need help from the Area DCMs and/or GSRs to get individual meetings assigned a GTR
- We need help from the Area to increase the annual budget for the TFC. How do we do that?

Jason S

Treatment Facility Committee

Chairperson

330-242-2388

<https://area53aa.org/>

DCM reports that were submitted

District 17, Meigs, Gallia, Mason, Jackson, Vinson Counties

Stan Burdette, DCM

Submitted: 3-6-23

District Meeting: 1st Sunday every month at 5:00, ZOOM

Active GSRs: 3

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Workshop

A Firm Foundation

4-22-23 9:00am

Pomeroy Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mulberry Avenue

Pomeroy, OH

District 19, Clinton, Fayette, and Highland Counties.

Patrick Brucken, DCM

Submitted: 3/4/2023

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:

- Starting to plan for our District 19 summer picnic for July 15, 2023.

- District 19 has noticed an increase of people attending meetings, for the first time or for those coming back to in person meetings as well.

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

Maria Carey, DCM

Submitted: 03/12/2023

District Meeting: 3rd Wednesday each Month at 9:30 am, Whitehall United Methodist Church

Active GSRs: 8

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 33, Near Eastside

Margie Johnson, DCM

Submitted: 02/21/2023

District Meeting:

Active GSRs: 0

District Report on Events and Discussions:

GSR Reports that were submitted.

Bring Your Own Book Group, District 15

Luke Beros, GSR

Submitted: 3/12/2023

Meeting Format: Big Book Study

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00, Byesville, Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

No upcoming events

Barlow Hand in Hand Group, District 15

Tyler L, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: In person

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 PM Saturday, Marlough, United, Methodist, Church, Barlow, Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Sunlight of the Spirit Group, District 19

Bonnie Reed, GSR

Submitted: 02/19/2023

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7pm, Wilmington Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

TWMIG Group, District 19

Brooke Truman, GSR

Submitted: March 5

Meeting Format: Big Book Study every week but last Monday of month is a lead

Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 pm, First Presbyterian church,

New freedom AA Group, District 22

Ron B, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7:15am Monday through Friday, Dublin Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Northeast discussion Group, District 23

Cynthia S, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM to 8 PM, 5000 Sunbury Rd. life Church of Easton,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Open Door Group, District 23

Debbie Roberts, GSR

Submitted: 3/12/23

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:15, 5100 Karl Rd, Columbus,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

My group is in District 23 which is dark. My hope is to light up the district. With the help of Betty, GSR

Courage to change Group, District 26

Alison B, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Big book/discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30 PM Thursdays, 1430 Crest Reynoldsburg,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Potluck in speaker the first Thursday of the month

Fellowship hall Group, District 26

Steven B, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7 PM Friday, 525 Bernhard Rd., Whitehall, OH,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Reynoldsburg Women's 12x12 Group, District 26

Tamara Moore, GSR

Submitted: March 12th 2023

Meeting Format: Steps and traditions

Meeting Time & Location: 10 am, 1055 McNaughten rd.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Early evening, faith, and hope Group, District 28

Kari B, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Rotating floor mat And
Meeting Time & Location: 5:45pm, 1180 Shanley Dr.,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:
Pioneer women in AA Saturday, May 6 5200 Riverside Dr. 10am through 12Pm

In need of more women to attend a home group that have a willingness to sponsor women new women are coming into meeting from treatment centers

Clintonville Big Book Group, District 28

Taffy Jacob, GSR

Submitted: 3/12/2023

Meeting Format: Big Book Study
Meeting Time & Location: 8 pm., Maple Grove United Methodist Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:
Discontinue post office box, continue hybrid.

Welcome Group, District 28

Nancy Rodriguz, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Speaker
Meeting Time & Location: 7:00 p.m., 1479 Morse Road, Columbus,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:
Group Anniversary, fellowship 5:30, dinner 6:00, lead @ 7:00 p.m. 1407 Morse Road Columbus

Old COTA Group, District 34

Alecia Imhoff, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Speaker
Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 pm, Desert Island Club,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:
Retaining home group members and ensuring they can become active in their sobriety! AA is a WE program!

Three Legacies Group, District 34

Todd Henson, GSR

Submitted: 3-12-2023

Meeting Format: Rotating format
Meeting Time & Location: 7-8pm, Columbus, Oh,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:
Home group conscious. In June.

No concerns currently.

District 77. GSRS. Virtual only Groups

Sober In Place Group, District 77

Mark Caldwell, GSR

Submitted: 3/12/2023

Meeting Format: BB,12 & 12, Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 10p. Fri Sat Sunday, Online,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Issue solved with printing bolder asterisk and explanation.

7am zoom BYOC slp Group, District 77

Betty M, GSR

Submitted: 03/12/2023

Meeting Format: Rotating floor mat

Meeting Time & Location: 7 AM, Zoom platform,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Third anniversary

Seventh tradition for Zoom ideals needed.