

Area 53 Assembly Agenda – June 4, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.
DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington
175 Hutchinson Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43235

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

1. Opening of Meeting

- Call to Order and Serenity Prayer (We Version)
- Twelve Concepts
- Review & Approval of March Assembly Minutes – **Joe M.**

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

- Delegate – **Ed A. – Report from the General Service Conference**
(2-minute time limit waived to allow for a comprehensive report from our Delegate)
- Chairperson – **Marcia H.**
- Secretary – **Joe M.**
- Treasurer – **Mac C. (included)**
- Registrar – **Chris J. (included)**

3. DCM & GSR Reports / GSR Sharing Session – Chaired by Brandi V., Group Services Chair

- *Sharing Session Topic: The Importance of Rotation of Service in the Home Group*

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

- Accessibilities – **Kathy B. (included)**
- Archives – **Teri G. (included)**
- Correctional Facilities – **Doug E.**
- CPC/PI – **Nicholas B. (included)**
- Grapevine – **Danielle L.**
- Group Services – **Brandi V.**
- Intergroup Liaison – **Barbara M. (included)**
- Mini Conference – **Joel K.**
- Treatment Facilities – **Jason S. and Megan alt (included)**
- CommTeam Ad Hoc Committee – **Koel D.**

5. New Business

- Request for Additional Funds for Treatment Facilities Committee – **Jason S.**
- Special Election to vote for Panel 73 Alternate Chairperson
- Request for volunteers to participate on the Area 53 Inventory ad hoc Committee. The inventory will take place at the September 10, 2023, Assembly.
- Ad Hoc Committee report on an Area 53 Event – “Did You Know...AA Beyond the Meeting Rooms” – **Brandi V., Group Services Chair**

- A motion was made and passed at the April Area Committee Meeting to discontinue future hybrid assemblies. This motion is being presented to the Assembly and will be voted on at the September 10, 2023, Assembly.

6. **Ask-It-Basket**

7. **Close Meeting** – Responsibility Declaration Time: _____pm

Chair Report

Area 53 Assembly - June 4, 2023

Since the March 2023 Assembly, I have:

- Attended various events hosted by Districts and AA Groups.
- Attended Standing Committee meetings.
- Chaired the April Area Committee meeting.
- Attended the Ohio State Convention Planning meeting.
- Responded to questions and concerns from Interested AA's, GSR's, DCM's and Officers.
- Worked with the new management team of the DoubleTree to ensure the continuance of r assemblies at this venue.
- Worked with the volunteers for the Zoom hosting and tech support for this Assembly.
- Coordinated the submission of articles for the "Reflections on Service Work" section of the Area 53 newsletter.

Yours is Service,

Marcia H.

Area 53 Chair, Panel 73

2023 Area 53 Budget vs Actual

Income		2023	Qtr 4	Qtr 3	5/26/2023	2/28/2023	Balance
1	January 2023 Bank Balance (Starting Balance)	22,000				19,535	
2a	Group/Individual Contributions - PO Box	20,000			3,194	3,327	13,479
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	3,000			1,318	1,626	56
3	Total Funds	45,000	-	-	4,512	24,487	13,536
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			2,013	348	1,639
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000			1,621	435	944
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000			428		572
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500					500
10	Past Dels to CDDP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000			1,638	901	461
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000			310	486	2,204
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250			113		137
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150					150
14	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	-	-	6,123	3,970	7,807
Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564					564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400			60	90	250
18	Bank Service Charges				24		(24)
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	-	-	109	749	931
Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300			50		250
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	3,000			50	16	2,934
23a	Copy Expense	800			197		603
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	-	-	297	16	3,987
Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	150			145		5
27	Archives	1,776			241	73	1,462
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			189	228	83
32	Grapevine	400			400		-
33	Group Services	500				229	271
34	Accessibilities	595					595
35	Liaison	100				98	2
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000			300		700
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000			2,870	100	2,030
38	Total Committee Expenses	15,921	-	-	5,145	1,178	9,598
39	Total Expenses	39,910	-	-	11,674	5,913	22,323
40	Ledger Balance	5,090	-	-	11,413	18,574	
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)	7,913	15,074	

Respectfully Submitted: Malcolm C., Area 53, Panel 73 Treasurer

5/28/2023

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

JUNE 4, 2023

GSO Stops Sending Print Docs via Postal Mail

I feel responsible to raise the awareness in this assembly that our General Service Office has implemented a major policy decision to cease sending print documents via postal mail in favor of electronic documents via email. They have made this change without consulting the General Service Conference. In fact, I cannot register a GSR on the Fellowship Connection database who does not have an email. I have to wonder if this best serves the needs of the fellowship. Can GSRs and DCMs effectively share information when many do not have the resources to print the documents and take them to their groups or business meetings?

I wonder if the time has come for Area 53 to submit a Proposed Agenda Item for the 74th General Service Conference that would give trusted servants an opportunity to choose whether they prefer correspondence in print via the mail?

GSR Kits

Several trusted servants have been frustrated that they have not yet received print GSR kits in the mail. , Many members prefer to have printed documents.

Group Information Updates

Throughout this panel I have been working with DCMs and GSRs to update group information. I have been very gratified by the willingness of several DCMs in several districts to update information. One of the most significant observations has been that the number of groups is declining by about 30% in districts where a thorough effort to bring the list up to date has been made.

Respectfully,
Chris J, Registrar
Area 53 General Service

DCM Reports that were submitted

District 11, Union & Madison Counties

Julie R, DCM

Submitted: 5/30/2023

District Meeting: First Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 210 W 5th St, Marysville, OH 43040

Active GSRs: 5

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Completed development of District Guidelines/Handbook, final vote and approval planned for June meeting.

In the process of updating District meeting schedules for publication.

Discussing late summer/early fall fellowship event.

District 17, Meigs Gallia Jackson Vinson Mason Counties

Stan B, DCM

Submitted: 5-27-23

District Meeting: 1st Sunday of month at 5:00, On-line

Active **GSRs: 4**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Election for DCM and Alternate

New meeting

Gift of Sobriety

Wednesday 7pm

Gallia County Senior Citizens Center.

District 19, Clinton, Fayette And Highland Counties.

Patrick B, DCM

Submitted: 5/23/2023

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

Active **GSRs: 5**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

- Donated Alcoholics Anonymous Big Books to the libraries within District 19, Clinton Fayette and Highland counties.
- Planning for our District 19 picnic July 15 2023 at Sabina Park (Ohio).
- Continuing to promote service work within A.A. by attending District 19 meetings and educating the groups of the reverse pyramid.

Easy Does It Beginner's Group, District 26

Joe W, GSR

Submitted: 6/2/23

Meeting Format: Topic Discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 7pm, Summit Station United Methodist Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Having a sober picnic on June 25th at Blacklick Woods Park

District 30, Upper Arlington

Julia P, DCM

Submitted: 5/30/2023

District Meeting: First Wednesday at 6pm, Panera Kingsdale

Active **GSRs: 12**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

upcoming event call bake off Saturday, September 30, from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm at Meadow Park Church of God

District 33, Bexley, Near Eastside, Downtown, Short North

Margie J, DCM

Submitted: 5/28/2023

District Meeting: 5/27/2023 at 2:00pm, Driving Park branch of Columbus Metropolitan Library

Active **GSRs: 2**

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 37, Southside Columbus, Groveport, Obetz, Canal Winchester
Nicholas B, DCM
Submitted: 5/28/2023

District Meeting: N/A at N/A, Driving Park Library
Active **GSRs: 3**
District Report on Events and Discussions:

GSR reports that were submitted

The fourth dimension Group, **District 11**
Brian Banks, GSR
Submitted: 5/30/2023

Meeting Format: Lead and discussion
Meeting Time & Location: 7 pm, 207 s. Court street,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

The Lunch Bunch Group, District 37
Megan S, GSR
Submitted: 5/31/23

Meeting Format: Rotating formats-literature
Meeting Time & Location: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., 1325 South Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

District 77

Columbus 1728 Group, District 37
Norma S, GSR
Submitted: 6 1 2023

Meeting Format: recovery. unity, Columbus service. sponsorship
Meeting Time & Location: 7 pm, Virtual,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Celebrating our anniversary 7 26 2023 will have a speaker
we are celebrating 2 years since officially registering
had 2--3 years before making it official

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

June 4th, 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 (AGR's) 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).
- The annual fee of \$ 119.88 paid on March 27th to Dropbox. As a reminder, please send your reports to the Area Secretary. The Archives is responsible for maintaining the final records for the Area.
- On behalf of the Area 53 Archives Committee, I want to thank representatives from Districts 22 and 28 for working with the Archives Committee to facilitate the workshop for the Pioneering Women of A. A. There were over eighty folks in attendance and three of our standing committees set up display tables. A big thank you to all that supported this event.
- The Archives Committee is interested in partnering with groups and districts in 2023 to discuss how to support AA's primary purpose. We can assist in facilitating workshops, and a brief presentation at your group's business meeting or anniversary.
- On April 22nd, Committee Members met at COGF to sort the collection at COGF. Our focus will be on developing a system to catalogue our items into a finding document. This will include both files and boxes.
- 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).

Respectfully submitted,

Teri G, Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

**Public Information &
Cooperation with the Professional Community
Report for Area Assembly
June 4, 2023**

Our committee has been busy establishing roles for members and reaching out to health organizations to staff booths within the Columbus area and surrounding cities. We've created new business cards, in addition to the ones used by previous committees, that focus on our function as an Area service - the QR code links them to the Area website.

We recently spearheaded an effort to get more Big Books in the Columbus Metropolitan Library, asking the AA groups to this donation opportunity. This not only put 23 brand new copies of our basic text into a notable public institution but further more it showed that there are many ways the groups can carry the message to the prospective alcoholic. With the surplus of Big Books we received, I reached out to the DCMs to see if there are libraries within their district that would accept a donation.

Lastly, we've been working on our relationship with Central Ohio Greater Fellowship (COGF), in hopes of coordinating our outreach and ensuring that event requests are staffed. We've invited the PI Chair of Central Office to attend our committee meetings and included her in conversations of any noteworthy activity. We hope to soon assign one of our committee members to attend their Advisory Board meetings regularly.

Our expenses to date have amounted to \$224.05, leaving us with a balance of \$925.70.

In Service,

Nicholas B
Area 53 CPC & PI Chair

June 4, 2023 Area 53 Assembly
Intergroup Liaison Committee Report

The Intergroup Liaison Committee meets quarterly with the intergroup offices in Area 53 to share what they are doing and to hear about Area 53's activities.

First off, we have a new intergroup, COOLAA, which stands for Central Ohio OnLine Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup. This intergroup office is for meetings that only meet online, were started within Area 53, and have registered with GSO. COOLAA's main goal right now is to encourage any virtual meeting that began in Area 53 to register with GSO and join COOLAA. By signing up with COOLAA, your meeting will be listed on The Meeting Guide. There are ten groups already in COOLAA. For complete details, see the attached announcement from COOLAA at the end of this report. Contact information for COOLAA: **(614) 407-4323** coolaa.000webhostapp.com coolaa.intergroup@gmail.com

Next, COGF, Central Ohio Group Fellowship, has invested in a large inventory of Big Books and 12&12s to help alcoholics buy books at the lowest possible price.

Next, Lancaster Area Intergroup, had a spring Festival that raised some well-needed funds. They also have a monthly "Be Committed" fundraiser. This June they will have elections of their officers, and they have started their newsletter back up, available by email. Call them to sign up for it.

Then, AOIO, Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office, covering southeastern and south central meetings recently found a new IT person to update their website's meeting and event information. They hand-deliver book and coin orders and bring jail meetings in for men and women at the Ross County Jail.

Finally, Marion Area Group Fellowship, MAGF, closed its doors this February after thirty years of service.

Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office aoio.org

740-774-2646 291 South Paint Street, Chillicothe, OH 45601

Central Ohio Group Fellowship aacentralohio.org

614-253-8501 651 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Central Ohio OnLine Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup (614) 407-4323
coolaa.000webhostapp.com
coolaa.intergroup@gmail.com

Lancaster Area Intergroup email: lancasterareaintergroup@yahoo.com

740-653-4869 723 Slocum Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130

Announcing a new Area 53 Intergroup

On May 1, 2023, the Central Ohio OnLine Alcoholics Anonymous (COOLAA) Intergroup began serving the online-only groups of Area 53. This new service entity is registered with G.S.O. as an Intergroup for online-only Area 53 groups that are registered with G.S.O. This is the first online Intergroup within the United States-Canada General Service Structure to be registered and recognized by G.S.O.

Initially, the new Intergroup will provide only one service, a meeting list of online-only registered A.A. Groups that is connected to the Meeting Guide App. This assures that all meetings of A.A. Groups that are recognized by G.S.O. as Area 53 Groups will be available in The Meeting Guide App, the now universally recognized best source of A.A. meeting information.

Membership in COOLAA Intergroup will not be available to all online meetings, only those groups that are registered with G.S.O. as Virtual Area 53 Groups. The act of registering serves as a group's declaration that it is a local, not an international, A.A. online group. This distinction between Area-based and International online groups was created by an Advisory Action of the 71st General Service Conference to "recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area... which supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as 'International Correspondence Meetings.'"

The COOLAA Intergroup meeting list will necessarily be small in number, more like a District than an Area website. There are currently about thirty groups that potentially qualify for membership. COOLAA Intergroup will not include hybrid groups because these are already listed in the Meeting Guide App through the other four Area 53 Intergroups.

The initial action of the new Intergroup will be to reach out to the qualified groups to encourage them to register with G.S.O. and join COOLAA so their meeting(s) can be included in the Meeting Guide App. The planned actions are those associated with lighting up a dark district.

For more information, visit the Intergroup's website, <https://coolaa.000webhostapp.com>, where you can find the existing meeting list, information on how to apply for membership, a link with instructions/forms to register with G.S.O., and email and phone contact information. Please pass this information along to any online-only meetings you think might be interested.

The Central Ohio OnLine Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup is grateful to have the opportunity to complement the work of the four existing Area 53 Intergroups so it can be said that:

No matter how someone reaches out to A.A., whether in person or online, the Area 53 hand of A.A. can now be found in the Meeting Guide App.

Area 53 Treatment

TFC report for June 4 assembly

To: Area 53 Treatment <aa53treatment@gmail.com>, <Panel73@area53aa.org>

Big things are happening with your Area 53 TFC! We are continuing to make progress. Due to the unavailability of AA approved mini Big books, our committee is going to incorporate several pamphlets from COGF into our meetings to assist us in carrying AA's message.

We are actively looking for GTR's (Group Treatment Reps) to fill service positions within their home groups to help collect donations for literature.

Starting in July we will be going back to one committee meeting a month. We will meet the third Saturday of the month at noon at COGF.

Your Trusted Servant

Megan R

TFC Co-Chair

It's official!

We have a reading for you and your home groups with an EZ Pay QR Code for donations. Want to mail a check in for Literature? Here you go!

Area 53 Treatment Facilities Committee, PO Box 82431, Columbus, OH 43202

Does your Home Group have a GTR? If not and you would like to help the Treatment Facility Committee then please contact our Committee Treasurers Kristey W. (614-203-4602) and/or Erin K. (614-707-3444) to learn how you can get set up to do so. Help us carry the message to the next sick and suffering with the very book that helped you get to where you're at.

What is a GTR you may ask? GROUP TREATMENT REPRESENTATIVE. What do they do you may ask? It's an appointed position at your individual home groups used in service to collect funds to help alcoholics in treatment facilities receive literature. All money used to buy Literature observes the 7th Tradition of Alcoholics anonymous.

Jason S

Treatment Facility Committee

Chairperson

330-242-2388

<https://area53aa.org/>

Communications Committee

Chair- Koel D

Email: Contact@area53aa.com

Area Assembly June 4th, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants,

I humbly give this report on behalf of a great Ad Hoc committee assembled to fill the void left by the absence of a web administrator. Together we have maintained and updated the website, with our main goal to serve the area by enhancing communication throughout the service pyramid.

A weekly newsletter is being mailed to nearly 800 subscribers. The newsletter aims to keep the area informed on all matters of Alcoholics Anonymous from GSO, to your homegroup, as well as upcoming events and members "Reflections on Service Work". We need your news! Does your group or district have something to share with the Area??? Email Contact@area53aa.org and we will help you spread the word.

We are working towards new features on the website to better serve the area. A more functional calendar and a "ticket" service, which would allow groups, districts, or committees to plan an event with a registration feature. This service has numerous possibilities including email reminders for registered members. We hope to have this service available very soon and will be more than willing to help your group plan a great event.

It is our great pleasure to serve the area, districts, groups, and the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

Gratefully Yours in Service,
Koel D, DCM15—Comm Chair