

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

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9110532023?pwd=eElwUnA3c0huaEtJS202bHZDT3NDdz09>

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

1. Opening of Assembly

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

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

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

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

- *Sharing Session Topic: The Importance of Sponsorship*

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

- Accessibilities – **Kathy B. attached**
- Archives – **Teri G.**
- Correctional Facilities – **Doug E.**
- CPC/PI – **Nicholas B.**
- Grapevine – **Danielle L.**
- Group Services – **Brandi V.**
- Intergroup Liaison – **Barbara M.**
- Mini Conference – **Joel K. (no written report)**
- Treatment Facilities – **Jason S.**
- CommTeam Ad Hoc Committee – **Koel D. (no written report)**

5. Old Business

- Motion: To Discontinue Future Hybrid Assemblies.
- Motion: That Area 53 – Central and Southeast Ohio submit a Proposed Agenda Item to the 74th General Service Conference as follows: Consider whether trusted servants of Alcoholics Anonymous should have the choice of format (email v's postal mail) regarding communications distributed by the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, US and Canada.

6. New Business

- Special Election to Vote for Panel 73 Alternate Registrar
- Ratify Kari B. for Alternate Secretary
- Treatment Facilities Committee: Request for Additional Funds
- Discussion on Service Manual Workshop or Area Inventory at a Future Assembly

7. Post Assembly Input

8. **Ask-It-Basket**

9. **Close Meeting** – Responsibility Declaration

Chair Report – September 10, 2023

- Sent email to Standing Committee Chairs regarding budget requests for 2024.
- Worked closely with Communications Team Chair on news articles for the Area 53 Newsletter
- Attended several group anniversaries and various district and area events, including the 67th Ohio State Convention.
- Received and posted Service Work Articles
 - Still seeking more. There is a basket at the back with suggestions for stories that can be submitted to me for the “*Reflections on Service Work*” feature.
- Worked with Joe M. and Kari B. on Secretary/Alt Secretary duties and responsibilities.
- Responded to emails from and in person questions from Area 53 GSR’s, DCM’s, Area Officers, and Interested AA’s
- **Locations for 2024 Assemblies**
 - Article IV – Meetings of the Area 53 Assembly, Section 2 of the Area 53 Guidelines states the following: **2) The Assemblies shall be held in a convenient location and may be moved from community to community within Area 53.**
 - I am requesting the assistance of the members of the Assembly in finding locations in communities outside of Columbus to host our 2024 Assemblies.
- **Area 53 Inventory Postponed**
 - Due to concerns on how to ensure that the most effective means of providing an inventory to Area 53, the Area Committee voted to postpone having an Inventory at the September Assembly.
 - The Area Committee will discuss the matter at the October 8th Area Committee meeting.
- **Post Assembly Input**
 - One of the recommendations of the 2021 Inventory was to have a Post-Assembly Survey. Those are now available and can be turned in at the end of the Assembly.

Thank you for your service,

Marcia Holleman, Chair
Area 53 / Panel 73
Central & Southeast Ohio
Email: chair@area53aa.org
Phone: 614-589-1788

2023 Area 53 Budget vs Actual

Income		2023	Qtr 4	8/31/2023	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		4,985	3,194	3,327	8,494
2b	Group Contributions - Online (PayPal)	3,000		1,699	1,318	1,626	(1,643)
3	Total Funds	45,000	-	6,684	4,512	24,487	6,852
Expenses							
Officer Expenses							
4	GSO Expense--Delegate to NY	3,000		1,200		1,800	-
5	Delegate International Fund - Current Balance \$3000	-					-
6	Delegate Expenses	4,000		548	2,013	348	1,091
7	Alt Delegate Expenses	3,000			1,621	435	944
8	Chairperson Expense	1,000		286	428		286
9	Alt Chairperson Expense	500					500
10	Past Dels to CDPP/A53 Mini-Conf	3,000		366	1,638	901	95
11	Other Officers to Area 53 Mini/State Conv/Forum	3,000		80	310	486	2,124
12	Other Officers or Alternates to Assembly	250		323	113		(186)
13	DCM Chairperson Mileage Expense	150					150
14	Total Officer Expenses	17,900	-	2,803	6,123	3,970	5,004
Operating Expenses							
15	Rent for Archive Storage	564					564
16	Postal and Supply Expenses	400		225	60	90	25
18	Bank Service Charges			81	24		(105)
19	Web Site/Web Services	800		187		659	(46)
20	Certificate for State of Ohio Registration Non-Profit	25		5	25		(5)
21	Total Operating Expenses	1,789	-	498	109	749	433
Meeting & Convention Expenses							
22	DCM/Area Committee Meeting	300		50	50		200
23	Assemblies/ ZOOM	3,000		51	50	16	2,883
23a	Copy Expense	800		137	197		466
24	State Convention-Hospitality Room	200					200
25	Total Meeting & Convention Expenses	4,300	-	238	297	16	3,749
Committee Expenses							
26	Mini-Conference	150			145		5
27	Archives	1,776		55	241	73	1,407
28	Archives Committee Training & Travel	4,000		1,500			2,500
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		108		229	163
34	Accessibilities	595					595
35	Liaison	100				98	2
36	Committee Chairs to Area 53 Mini/State Conv.	1,000		80	300		620
37	DCMs and GSRs to Area 53 Mini/State Con.	5,000		200	2,870	100	1,830
38	Total Committee Expenses	15,921	-	2,393	5,145	1,178	7,205
39	Total Expenses	39,910	-	5,932	11,674	5,913	16,391
40	Ledger Balance	5,090	-	752	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)	(2,748)	7,913	15,074	

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

September 6, 2023

REGISTRAR'S REPORT TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Groups in Area 53 – Currently there are 867 registered groups in Area 53. These include 699 Active groups with a contact and 2 Pending Active,. There are 166 Unknown groups with no contact.

166 Unknown Groups – General Service Office is requesting a more vigorous effort throughout the fellowship o investigate the status of Unknown Groups. These are groups for which there is no GSR or Mail Contact. Since GSO is no longer sending postal mail, the mailing address must be an email. Some of these 166 groups have probably closed. I will need help from the DCMs in determining which groups in their districts have closed?

GSO No Longer Sending Print Docs via Postal Mail

Our General Service Office has implemented a major policy decision to save money by no longer sending print documents via postal mail in favor of electronic documents via email. This change was implemented without consulting the General Service Conference. I do not believe 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?

This assembly will consider the question of submitting 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 postal mail?

Respectfully,
Chris J, Registrar
Area 53 General Service

District Committee Meeting Reports

District 11, Union & Madison Counties

Julie R., DCM

Submitted: 9/5/2023

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

Active GSRs: 3

District Report on Events and Discussions:

District 11 hosting an event September 30, 1-4 p.m., to introduce Area 53 committees and what they do.

Location: Journey Community Church, 11100 Lafayette Plain City Road, Plain City, OH 43064

District 11 completed and approved District Guidelines, Document submitted to Area 53 Archives.

District updating and preparing to print and distribute updated District meeting schedules.

District 16, Athens County

Margie Smith, DCM

Submitted: 09/03/2023

District Meeting: First Sunday of month at 5 pm, First united Methodist church

Active GSRs: 5

District Report on Events and Discussions:

Workshop set for October 14

“The Traditions at Work in Fellowship and Recovery “

9:30 am to 3 pm. (This includes

2 breaks and a lunch hour) Athens County Shrine Club

50 Connett Rd

The Plains, OH 45780

Coffee, snacks and lunch provided

Please join us with Al and Adrienne B as they offer insights into the meaning and value of the 12 Traditions

General Service Representative Reports

Northside Group **District 7**

Courtney Walker, GSR

Submitted: 08/23/23

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 8:00 PM, St. James Episcopal Church,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Wednesday Big Book Group, Learning About Sobriety Group, **District 07**

Lue Gill, GSR

Submitted: August 23,2023

Meeting Format: Big Book reading with discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 5:00 PM, 554 Moxahala Ave., **ZANESVILLE Ohio,**

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Big drop in interest or desire to learn about or become involved with service work at all levels. District had a workshop on the Home Group with few local members attending. We are talking about another workshop over winter or early spring, on the first three steps, to show the common bond AA members have.

Boiled Owls Group, District 23

Rick G, GSR

Submitted: 09/05/2023

Meeting Format: Rotating literature

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30, 350 East Tulane Rd,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Nov anniversary- no day set yet

None reported

Courage to Change Group, **District 26**

Alison Butler, GSR

Submitted: 08/27/2023

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Submitted: 08/27/2023

Meeting Format: Big book/discussion

Meeting Time & Location: 6:30, 1340 Crest Church of the Nazareen,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Stepping Stones Group, **District 26**

Jason Fink, GSR

Submitted: 8/29/23

Meeting Format: Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30 PM, 1555 Elaine Rd, Columbus, OH 43227,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Women's HOW Group, District 28

Kathy Lipschutz, GSR

Submitted: September 2, 2023

Meeting Format: 12 and 12 and Little Red Book for Women

Meeting Time & Location: 9:30 a.m- 10:30 a.m., Clintonville,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

We are still looking into childcare options.

Hope to keep the Assemblies Hybrid

The Plug in the Jug Group, District 28

Kathy Crawford, GSR

Submitted: 9/5/2023

Meeting Format: Open Speaker

Meeting Time & Location: 7:30pm, 55 E Blake Street Columbus Ohio,

GSR Report on Events and Discussions:

Weekly attendance 120-150. Home baked good before & Chili Dogs after! Great fellowship-service

Area 53 Assembly Meeting Accessibilities Committee Report September 10, 2023

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

We are currently focusing on the following projects:

- Reaching out to nursing homes to provide literature
- Communication avenues to reach out to as many AA's needing reasonable accommodations as possible
- Tabletop displays for meetings and special AA events to communicate about the committee
- Creating directions for making online meetings more accessible for attendees

The committee wanted to stress to our AA members with disabilities and/or special needs that we would like to help whenever possible. If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend an AA event or to have access to AA resources, please contact us at accessibilities@area53aa.org.

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 23rd at 11:00 am.

Respectfully,

Kathy B., Chair, Area 53 Accessibilities Committee

Area 53 Archives Committee Quarterly Report

September 10th, 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 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).*
- Frank G., Area 53 Archives is set to attend the National AA Archives Workshop in Sudbury, Ontario (Canada) in September.
- Representatives of the Archives Committee will be attending workshops in District 11 and 15 on September 30th. Refer to the Area 53 webpage for more information.
- 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 July 29th Committee Members met at COGF to sort the collection at COGF. We have begun to develop a system to number some of our 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)**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri G., Area 53 Archives Committee Chair

Correctional facilities. Intentionally left blank. No report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

& Public Information Committee

Report for Area 53 Assembly

September 10, 2023

Our Committee is currently made up of about 15 members, mostly representing groups in Franklin Co. We meet monthly at the Franklinton Branch Library on W. Town St. on the 3rd Sunday at 3:30 pm. We provide virtual access to those who are not able to attend in person.

Our most recent activity has been staffing tables at AA events, most notably the 2nd Annual Red, White, and Sober for District 28 and the District 26 event at Friendship Park. We also collaborated with the Treatment Facilities Committee to staff a table at Soberfest on Labor Day weekend.

Events we are scheduled to attend in the near future are OSU's Pancreatic Cancer Awareness and Central Ohio Veterans Stand Down. We are working on getting AA members to commit to a weekly talk at a DUI class for Crossroads.

The Committee held a training to speak at public information engagements for any interested AAs. We will be conducting these "talk trainings" quarterly, in order to supply us with a roster of AAs available to commit to whatever public information events arise.

Our Committee's treasury balance is \$751.50

In Service,

Nicholas

Area 53 CPC & PI Chair

AREA 53 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT September 3, 2023.9

Area 53 Grapevine Committee meets monthly at COGF, 651 W Broad St Cols, 43215 the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11am. We currently have 10 members! Sadly, that is a big number, please let your group know about the monthly committee members!

Any questions? See me! Or email me at grapevine@area53aa.org

The GVC has been attending several functions over the past 8 months like AA bingo, different meeting anniversaries, events, and the other AA activities. We recently had our annual Grapevine Workshop. It turned out really well, we had 30 people. Several attendees wrote and decided to share their writings out loud, the writing was great.

Look out for the Grapevine table at meeting anniversaries, Rule 62, and the Fall Bake Off! If you are planning an event and would like A GV REP to attend with a display and info about the Grapevine please let us know and we'd love to be involved.

The Grapevine Committee would like to ask for additional funds in order to continue to promote the GV and attend area events. We would like to request \$400.00 from the area. Besides the events, we donate subscriptions to 4 treatment facility, have rent, and further promote the Grapevine. Thank you for your consideration.

Budget:

We would like to request more funds for The Grapevine Committee to continue to travel to different events, provide Grapevine subscriptions to different places, we currently provide 4 subscriptions each year to different treatment facilities. Our annual workshop was a success and plan to continue to promote and educate about The Grapevine. We would like to request \$500.00 to continue to do the work we've been doing! Thank you for your consideration.

I will have a fully itemized budget by the Area Assembly to provide in person at the assembly.

Group Services page intentionally left blank. No report.

INTERGROUP LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT
TO AREA 53 ASSEMBLY, September 10, 2023

We now have five intergroup offices serving AA in Area 53.

Licking County Intergroup Office re-opened this past July with the same phone number and at the same location, Trinity Episcopal Church, 76 E. Main St., Newark, OH. Ben H, the new office manager has coins and literature and will be scheduling an orientation for IGRs soon.

Contact information is:

Office Manager: Ben H.

Telephone: (740) 345-7060

Hours: Thursday's 10-2 and by appointment

Street Address: Trinity Episcopal Church, 76 E. Main St., Newark, OH

Email: lickingcountyaa@gmail.com

Mailing address is 1067 N21st Street Newark OH 43055.

Current meeting schedule: <https://area53aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/July-schedule-2.pdf>

The other new intergroup office is COOLAA, which started last May, and stands for Central Ohio Online Alcoholics Anonymous Intergroup. Steve S. one of the co-founders, said they are focusing on registering all the online-only meetings in Area 53 with COOLAA which will then list them in The Meeting Guide. Other projects like 12th Step work through email, are down the road.

To register with COOLAA, the meeting must be:

- online-only, no hybrids;
- based in Area 53; and
- registered with GSO.

Their contact information is: **614-407-4323**

coolaa.org

email: coolaa.intergroup@gmail.com

COGF

Prices will be increasing on AA literature as the big stockpile that COGF bought last Spring is about out. Coin prices will go up to help defray the cost of AA books. Also new meeting schedule booklets are here.

Lancaster Area Intergroup (LAI) Their next Steering Committee Meeting is September 20th at 6 pm.

AOIO (Appalachian Ohio Intergroup Office), based in Chillicothe, is answering its calls again. Small but handy, the office is open when an Advisory Board member is at the Noon Meeting, to sell coins and literature or by appointment.

The next quarterly meeting will be in November.

Annual Intergroup Seminar (ICOAA): Several of us have been involved on its planning committee. It will be in Cincinnati, October 12-15, 2023.