

Area 45 Fall Assembly Minutes 2018

The fall assembly was held at the Gibson House on November 18, 2018 in Marlton, New Jersey.

GSR/DCM orientation was held at 9AM.

Assembly Meeting

The assembly meeting began at 10AM and was opened with the serenity prayer and a reading.

The assembly voted on an agenda item presented by the Delegate to nominate a Past Delegate for Northeast Regional Trust:

“Accept nominations from those individuals interested in applying for the Class B Northeast Regional Trustee position and, in the event more than one nomination is made, voting will take place at that time using the Third Legacy Voting Procedure to select our nominee”

This agenda item was voted on and passed unanimously.

Reports were given as follows:

Committee Chairs

Archives Report: Hi. I have the honor and privilege to serve as Archives chair for area 45. I attended Area 44's, quarterly 2020 International Convention Hospitality Committee meeting, held in Union, NJ on 9/20/18 to discuss, among other things, transporting and setting up a joint area 44/45 archives display at the upcoming 2020 International Convention to be held in Detroit, MI. I will be passing out donation cans at our winter Assembly for all to take and try to raise some money to help cover the costs of transporting our Archives to Detroit. I will continue to update everyone as the event comes closer.

We were able to attend and set up an Archives display at district 16/17's Panel Discussion event, held in Ventnor on 10/13/18. Thank you for covering the event and doing a great job and thank you to District 16/17 for the invite and giving us the opportunity to serve. We were also able to attend and set up an Archives display at this year's Area 45's General Service Convention, held the weekend of 10/26/18 to 10/28/18. Thank you again for his help in covering the event. We were contacted District 3 about setting up an Archives display at their upcoming service fair on 2/9/19. We will do our best to cover. We continue to go through the materials we have in our archive's storage unit one box and one bin at a time, separating what is and isn't Archives related as we organize, preserve and catalog the items that are.

Audio – Verbal Report

Budget & Finance – No Report

Convention - The Convention account balance began with 2500 dollars and ended with 5419.47. The convention this October was attended by approx. 450 people. I would like to recognize my committee and my Co-Chair for all their help making this a successful event. I appreciate the area panel for their trust in the committee and a special thank-you to our Delegate for her unwavering support. This committee was extended beyond the normal 1-year commitment and therefore became a part of Panel 66 and Panel 68. I must thank the person who appointed me, our current Alternate Delegate and my greatest supporter. Thanks for your faith that we would get it done.

Cooperation with Professional Community/ Public Information – Verbal Report

Corrections – Good morning to the Panel and all Assembly attendees. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as Area 45's Corrections Committee Secretary. I would like to thank all the corrections volunteers who have reached out to the Committee. They continue to provide valuable input as to how best move forward together as a committee. Anyone who is currently doing corrections work in Area 45 who has not done so already is encouraged to reach out to the Committee with any concerns or literature requests.

The Committee has been meeting on a monthly basis the last Saturday of each month at 12:30 pm at the Cinnaminson Library. All are welcome to attend and provide input. It has been brought to the Committee's attention that there is a demand for Spanish speaking meetings for inmates who do not speak English. We have made contact with New Jersey Spanish Intergroup and, working with them, made a proposal to the state to start Spanish meetings at Southwoods Prison. The response from the state was that they would like Spanish speaking meetings not only at Southwoods Prison, but also in all 13 correctional facilities covered by Area 45. Our chairman has attended several Spanish speaking AA groups to help find new volunteer applicants. A position has been accepted by a Spanish speaking member as Spanish Liaison for our Corrections Committee.

The Corrections Committee had a table at the Area 45 Convention. We were fortunate enough to raise over \$800 in L.I.P.s donations at this event. Convention visitors who bought literature for inmates were encouraged to write a message of hope to the inmate inside the book covers. As of 11/03/18 there was \$4195.95 in the L.I.P.s account. \$2394.80 was given to South Jersey Intergroup today. The next Corrections Application Workshop will be held in Hightstown on 01/12/19. Flyers will be distributed soon.

DCM/GSR Orientation – 24 Total 21 GSRs 3 Visitors

Grapevine: Carrying the Message - "Our Meeting in Print" (Grapevine). Attended the Area 45 convention last month– our AAGV theme "Help Carry the Message of AA by promoting the 2018 AAGV Subscription Challenge. A challenge to increase NEW Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions in 2018. The winning state, province or territory will receive a special section in a 2019 issue of GV or LV featuring members' stories. Our display table was full of lots of current materials that I received from GSO, huge shout out for their support. I submitted a picture of our AAGV display table to GSO and they added it the GV Displays Gallery check it out on their website www.aagrapevine.org/display-gallery. With the Holiday season approaching perhaps we can encourage announcing at meeting AAGV subscription are great for gift giving: Buy a gift subscription or gift certificate to Grapevine, either of which are available by mail or online @aagrapevine.org. Grapevine Magazine App is also available for androids, iPhone & iPad @aagrapevine.org/app.

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We are in need of an Alternate Grapevine Committee Chair. Spread the word anyone interested please contact me or the delegate. The December issue of GV is out - "Sober Holidays" – staying sober through the holidays. Have a save & sober holiday season.

JalCon – Good morning, I am an alcoholic and privileged to serve as Jal-Con chair. I attended a second monthly planning meeting for the Jal-Con convention on Saturday, Sept 8, 2018 which was held in Fords NJ. This is for the Al-Anon yearly convention with AA invited to attend and host meetings.

The Jal-Con convention was held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ. Our delegate and I both attended the convention. Registration began at 8:30AM with the meetings beginning at 9:30AM. This year's convention was a one day event titled 'A Day of Empowerment', due to their international convention being held in July in Maryland. Since the Al-Anon yearly weekend convention is normally held in July, the decision was made to hold a one-day event rather than forgo a convention entirely.

There were five AA meeting slots between 9:30 and 4:20. I coordinated the agendas and chairs positions with the Area 44 (North Jersey) representative. They hosted three of the 5 meetings, with Rose and I hosting the other two. The meetings were step meetings and encompassed all twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I appreciated being able to serve as liaison for this year's Jal-Con convention and look forward to continued service for next year.

Policy & Charter – No Report

Registration – 3 Past Delegates, 1 Section Leader, 11 DCMs, 3 Alternate DCMs, 35 GSRs, 9 Alternate GSRs, 2 Intergroup Chairs, 12 Committee Chairs, 6 Panel Members, 15 Visitors = 97 Total in Attendance

Accessibility/Special Needs – Vacant

Website – I'm writing this while waiting in line right now. I didn't originally have a report, but after hearing the DCM reports and remembering that Christmas is a thing, I wanted to make a request. If any districts will be cancelling their December meetings because of the holidays, please email me and I will take it off the calendar for that month. The same applies if you are rescheduling your meeting. Lastly, if you haven't seen the new website yet, it has been redesigned. Check it out at snjaa.org and let me know what you think. Thank you!

Workshop – Vacant

Newsletter – Good morning thank you for hosting this morning. I am the newsletter chairperson and grateful to be in service. Since last Assembly The Fourth Dimension for the fall has been added to the Area website. Feel free to take a look. If there is anyone who would like to contribute to the newsletter please send me your article or story. If you have ideas or suggestions, please see me to find out how we can work together. It is requested that it be no more than 750 words and relate to the purpose of our AA service work, your experience with service work, how service work may have helped you, keeping AA United, these are some examples. It is your newsletter and Areas way of communicating with other members. One change in the newsletter has been the removal of the Assembly minutes from inclusion in the newsletter. This will require a change to the handbook. The minutes are provided by the secretary. Please feel free to reach out to me. Grateful to serve.

Adhoc – Website - No Report

Adhoc – NERF – No Report

YPAA Liaison – EACYPAA XVII – March 7 – 10, Bally's Atlantic City

Cape Atlantic Intergroup Chair – In October along with Area 45 we hosted the Day of Sharing. We had a nice turnout & thank you all for your participation. I attended the Area 45 Convention and we sold literature. Thank you to the convention committee for a great time. Last weekend we had our 12th Annual Waves of Sobriety Round Up held at the Sea View Marriott in Galloway. Thank you to ALL who attended & served. The final numbers are not in yet but it was well attended, and the weekend was well supported and attended. Our intergroup put in a skit and we participated in the family feud game with Area 45, which we won!

All of our hotline commitments are filled at this time. We are looking to adopt the new mtg app at long last! Our PICPC Chair position is open at this time. Please announce & if interested please contact me or our Vice Chair. We have picked up several new commitments for both IDRC & Drug court in Atlantic County Courthouse.

We are hosting a New Years Eve Dinner/Dance the United Methodist Church 100 Pitney Rd Absecon, doors open @ 6:30 Speaker @ 7, \$10. donation. Please come ring in the sober New Year with a newcomer! Flyers are available on our website. Please join us for our monthly business mtg and check out our many opportunities for service. Check us out in our website is @ capeatlanticaa.org I will be attending NERAASA

Central Jersey Intergroup Chair – At Central Jersey Intergroup we very excited about the INTERGROUP Office. We are open 6 days a week with day, night and weekend hours. The office has conference approved literature for sale and current information about local AA events. We also have a lot of momentum around our QUARTERLY BOOKERS MEETING which is held the first Thursday of the quarter. The next Bookers is December 6th at 7pm at the Intergroup Office. It is the Thursday before North Jerseys so we are encouraging all Speaker groups to *give it a try* and you might not have to make the trek up North, in the cold morning hours to get quality speakers. At our monthly meeting (December 5th at 7pm Hamilton Library), we are accepting nominees for two positions, Committee Co-Chair and Chair of the Answering Service Committee. We encourage people to help out staffing the office, please visit the sign up genie : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044da5ae28aafb6-officer> .

South Jersey Intergroup Chair – Answer Service looking for volunteers for 12 step call list. Email answeringservice@aasj.org. H&I - Help with commitments - specifically Christmas day - which I did get most of them filled. Social Committee - Gratitude Dinner Dance, great job by all - very well attended - we had double the attendance from last year. Meeting List App - approved by SJIG for use.

Section Leaders and DCMs

Section1 – No Report

District 3 – District 3 meets the second Sunday of every month at St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Beverly at 3:30. Currently, there is regular attendance by GSR's from eight groups within the district. District 3 will host a Service Fair on Saturday, February 9th at 6:00pm at St. Stephen's in Beverly. Representatives from multiple Area and Intergroup committees will provide information about being it service to attendees. Thank you to everyone who is interested in participating. The Service Fair will be followed by a dance at 7:30pm and a \$5 donation is requested. See green flyers for more information. As of November 11th, the treasury balance was \$573.22. Thank you for allowing all of us in District 3 to be in service.

District 4 – No Report

District 22 & 23 –Thank you for letting me be of service. Since the last assembly I went to the day of sharing in Absecon. We are finalizing our plans for the New Year’s Day alcathon being held at the Dwyer center at 392 church street Hamilton NJ. It is from 8 to 5 a meeting every 45 minutes. Trenton Saturday held its 37th group anniversary and we are also sponsoring a New Year’s Eve alcathon in Florence and also September 29, 2018 I got married. Thank you.

District 24 – Verbal Report

District 25 – Late in our annual calendar we decided on canceling our third event for this year. It was unfortunate since we lack time to schedule another event this year. We are looking forward to a combined event around April with District 22/23 in 2019.

We had good representation at the Day of Sharing (DCM, Alternate DCM and 3 GSR’s plus a group member). In line with one of the items discussed, how can we improve how we reach out to those in need. One of the take-aways was about the Central Intergroup Meeting List. Currently it does not indicate Young People Meetings nor does it list the NJ Young People web address. Additionally, CJI could add the NJ Spanish Intergroup website and contact number. The request for both items was sent to CJI.

We had a great time at the Area Convention! Our District has had 2 Anniversary’s since the Summer Assembly which were successes! We have one in December and another in January.

District – 30 &31 – Vacant

Section II Leader – Verbal Report

District 6 – Vacant

District 7 – No Report

District 8 – District held their meeting a week earlier than the normal 2nd Tuesday of every month due to the DCM and Alt DCM's home group Maple Shade Tuesday Night celebrating their 56th Anniversary: great time, 70 plus in attendance and great speaker!

We have been in preparation of hosting this event, I hope you all are enjoying yourselves!

Our current treasury amount is \$528.26 which has dwindled down since our workshop in June and in which this amount will be contributed to hosting this event.

Correction, our current amount is \$645.56.

Our District meetings have grown in attendance and I'd like to give kudos to our new section II leader who has really done a fabulous job lighting up the section/area recruiting GSRs & DCMs, he has done a great job and I would like to thank him!

District – 9 – No Report

District 10 – Thanks to our section leader for reorganizing and combining several districts. I now attend the business meetings of District 26 and 8 as DCM of District 10. My district has more meetings than actual functioning AA groups so I’m trying to concentrate on getting the Area’s and Districts’ events and important information to all of my meetings. It was suggested that I get approval from groups in District

10, to re-establish myself as their DCM since there was not an opportunity for an election. Therefore, I have asked a previous GSR and secretary of the 400 Club to give me permission to assume this position again. I will try to reconnect by attending the business meetings of each of these groups: Magnolia, Lawnside, Laurel Springs, and Bellmawr, asking them to participate in the life of the Assembly by electing GSRs for their groups.

District 26 – District 26 meets the second Wednesday of each month at Calvin Hall, 18 W Merchant St, Audubon, NJ. Since the last assembly Section II Districts have been preparing to host today's event. Hopefully you all enjoyed the morning offerings. Lunch should be even more enjoyable. I would like to thank everyone that showed up early this morning to help setup and prepare the breakfast offerings.

District 26 will be making every effort to attend the upcoming NERAASA conference in February. Hopefully, the majority of GSR's in the District will be able to attend and represent their meetings at the conference. This effort will be the focus of the next few monthly meetings.

As of this date the District 26 treasury balance is. \$3424.70. Today's expenses will lower this balance.

I would like to acknowledge the work and determination by our Section II leader. With his work and guidance the Districts are starting to reawaken. More meetings within the district have begun sending GSR's to the District meetings. Good job and thank you.

District 27 – No Report

Section III Leader – No Report

District 12 – District 12 GSRs have met, and will continue to meet, the third Thursday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are held at the South County branch of the Camden County Library system. November's meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Plans are evolving for a workshop in January, and the Senior Center next to the library has been secured for January 26th, 8am until 1pm. Details will be established by the end of our next meeting on December 20, 2018. The current treasury balance is \$400.98.

District 13 - No Report

District 14 –Vacant

District 20 – No Report

District 21 – No Report

District 28 –.No Report

District 29 – No Report

Section IV Leader – No Report

District 15 – I am honored and privileged to serve as the DCM for District 15. We hold our district meetings the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on Route 9 in Tuckerton. We typically have 6 to 8 GSRs in attendance. Our current treasury balance is around \$1600.00. Our District is currently busy planning our holiday party on December 2nd featuring Rose S as the speaker. Please see the fliers on the tables. The district is hoping to plan a step workshop to be held in February or March of 2019. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 16 & 17 – Treasury-\$2,373.20,Treasurer position -Still open

State of the District

Districts 16 & 17 have had an event since our last assembly, in which was well attended. Our event took place in October at the Ventnor Seashore Group in Ventnor City, NJ in which we continued our theme of “Local Legacies”. A panel of 10 members shared their experiences getting sober in our district. Stories were told of the “Old Timers” that were there for them to welcome them, set up the room, make coffee, and to have the “meeting after the meeting”. Sobriety ranged from over 50 years to 25 years of continuous sobriety. In addition, we also did a sobriety countdown, which include a total of over 700 years of sobriety in the room. We had 50 people in attendance, and our plan is to continue our journey through our district. We will look to put together a new panel in July and make this our annual event.

Our plans for the future include a trip to the General Service Office as this was an event that has been really popular and we have already had commitment from members that could not attend the last trip. We are aiming for February or March. As a group, we have discussed planning out all of next year’s events, and have even formed a document which details all of the positions that are required to put together a function, along with job descriptions on each. Our goal is to let each group member take the lead on a workshop and have that sense of ownership that makes them feel a part of and can look back favorably on their time as a GSR. We have also discussed potential partnerships with the Corrections Committee as well as another district to put together an event.

Overall, our district has 6-8 GSR’s in attendance every meeting, and have formed an adhoc committee in which will be taking a deeper dive into our District outreach and how we are presenting the sense of accomplishment that can be received by giving back to what was so freely given to us.

District 18 – No Report

District 19 – Planning a summer unity event, Looking forward to and attending the Are 45 Convention and the CAIG RoundUp, Thank you to all the groups in the district, Planning a Unity Event on the Concepts in February, Planning to attend NERAASA

Panel Reports:

Delegate - Welcome

Good morning everyone. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 68 Delegate to the General Service Conference. Thank you for attending our Assembly today.

I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new GSRs/DCMs and anyone else new to the Assembly this morning. I am glad you are all here. Additionally, I want to thank Section 2 and all the Districts for hosting today’s Assembly and Committee meetings.

I have the Final Report of the 68th General Service Conference in both English and Spanish. Please anonymity protect these, as they have the full names of all conference members. The anonymity protected version of the report is available.

GSO

The 69th General Service Conference, “Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71 Languages,” is set for May 19-25, 2019 in New York, NY. We have received thirty-two (32) Proposed Agenda Items so far. I am also making preparations to attend the GSO Board Weekend in January, as I am the Delegate Chair for the Finance Committee.

International: Our Trustee-at-Large/U.S. was one of 73 delegates from 46 countries at the 25th World Service Meeting in Durban, South Africa, on October 7-11, which included first-time attendees Bolivia and Turkey.

Literature: The God Pamphlet will be available soon

Administration – Progress continues on the major administrative priorities for 2018: The ERP implementation; the G.S.B. Communications Audit; website and app design and development; G.S.O. Staff rotation, which has just been completed; a series of new and follow-up RFIs and RFPs regarding potential new locations for Board meetings and Conference

I received a letter announcing that AAWS has licensed the Meeting Guide technology. It allows local meetings to interface and post their local meetings. Please note the meeting information database will operate completely independently from FNV database. Meeting Guide is a separate tool that offers AA entities full control of their local meeting information. Meeting guide will be a component of the future AAWS proposed APP.

Finance

For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 revenues were 1.7% higher than budgeted and 1.1% lower than last year. Operating expenses were 1.7% greater than budgeted and 8.4% more than last year.

Contributions were \$5,830,773 or 1.7% higher than budget and 0.9% lower than the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Online contributions for the first nine months of 2018 amounted to \$571,165. This compared with \$521,348 in 2017, \$364,853 in 2016, \$268,454 in 2015, and \$223,532 in 2014. The first nine months of 2018 online contributions accounts for 9.80% of our total contributions.

Area 45 contributions to GSO for this nine-month period was \$56,176.44 with 41.87 percent of the groups contributing.

Northeast Region

At the General Service Conference in May 2019, Class B regional trustee from the Northeast Region will be elected to serve a four-year term. Each area may nominate a regional trustee candidate Today we have a motion on the Agenda to elect Area 45's candidate I have received one completed resume.

NERAASA 2019 ~ Preparations continue for Area 29 to host NERAASA in Hunt Valley, MD from February 22-24, 2019. The Registration flyers are at the Registration table. To register for NERAASA, go to: neraasa2019.org

Our regional trustee appointed me to be part of a NERAASA adhoc committee for the purpose of developing a plan for NERAASA to conduct an inventory of itself. The report of the committee shall be presented at the NERAASA 2019 The committee has been meeting by phone monthly.

ICYPAA ~

More than 3,000 members attended the 60th International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous in Baltimore on Labor Day weekend. I had the privilege to speak on the panel "General Service from our Delegates". It was an amazing experience with many panel workshops on service, concepts, traditions and steps. Next year's ICYPAA will be held in Boston, MA. For info, go to: icypaa.org.

Also, don't forget that EACYPAA is held right here in South Jersey next March &-10, 2019. Flyers are at the Registration Table.

Area 45

I attended the Area 45 Inventory. Thank you to our past delegate for hosting and all the participation and feedback to help improve Area 45's primary purpose.

I attended the Day of Sharing. Thank you to the alternate delegate and Cape Atlantic Intergroup for putting a great event between the three South Jersey Intergroups and Area 45 committees to share their common successes, pitfalls and solutions.

I have attended the Convention Meetings and of course the Area 45 Convention was so very special to me. I got to invite and host our GSO speaker. She is a very special woman to me, as those of you that heard her know. I even dressed up for the costume dance, even though I usually do not. I got to be a pink lady. Let's not forget the Family Feud game (Area vs Intergroup Family's) I really want to thank the entire convention committee for doing such a wonderful job.

I attended the Cape Atlantic Intergroup "Waves Roundup" We did a panel encore of Family Feud (Area 45 vs the Cape Atlantic Intergroup Families). It was a great service event. Thank you Cape Atlantic.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful fellowship.

Area 45 Delegate
Panel 68

Alternate Delegate - I am honored to serve you as the alternate delegate for Panel 68 of Area 45. Thank you to Section 2 for hosting today's assembly.

Area service has kept me busy just about every week since the last assembly. In addition to reporting to each of the three intergroups each month, some highlights have been the Area Inventory on September 15, 2018 and the Day of Sharing on October 20, 2018, which was hosted by CAIG this year and will be hosted by CJIG in 2019.

Of course it's not all work and I really had an enjoyable time at Area's convention at the Hotel ML at the end of October and at CAIG's Waves Round Up. However, I do note that Area has now twice lost Family Feud to intergroup so there's always room for improvement.

Finally, I note that Area elections are only a year away and so it's time to get with your sponsors and service sponsors to start to figure out how you can best make yourself available to serve this Fellowship that has done so much for each of us.

Chair – I am grateful to be serving Area 45 as Chair for Panel 68. I want to thank Section 2 for coordinating this assembly, and providing breakfast and lunch for all of us.

Since our last Assembly, I attended the last two Area Convention Committee meeting on 9/9/18, and 10/7/18. I'm grateful to have observed this committee in action, and appreciate the hard work and dedication involved.

I attended the CAIG Unity Breakfast on 9/30/18 at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. It was a great Unity event, and I am grateful to have attended.

I also attended, and participated in the Area 45 Inventory. Thanks to our past delegate for a great format, and inspiring interaction with all who attended.

Thank you District 16/17 for your wonderful event on 10/13/18 in Ventnor. The Old Timers for Atlantic County shared interesting history about AA, and their personal experiences that were really inspiring, and informative.

I attended the Day of Sharing 10/20/18 in Absecon. Thank you CAIG for hosting an incredible event of Service & Unity.

Thank you Area 45 Convention Committee for putting together a great convention under difficult circumstances. I enjoyed participating in the Family Feud Area Panel vs Intergroup game. I have a Great time, as did many others.

I also attended the CAIG RoundUP. Also put together under unusual circumstances, but successful as well. It's always a privilege to be surrounded by so many friends in the fellowship, and the Family Feud game was so much fun once again.

I have the privilege of chairing a speaker meeting at my home group, Atlantic City Young People every [Tuesday](#) evening at 7. Focusing on member experiences from outside the local area, and I'm looking for volunteers.

It truly is an honor and a privilege to serve with All of you. I am looking forward to participating in the continuing growth of Area 45.

Treasurer –

- Area 45 and LIPS Accounts Deposits, Bill's, Cost Tracking and Acknowledgements
- Assessed spending/expenses in bank statements
- 2018 Area 45 Contributions \$35276 (478 Checks)
- 2018 LIPs Contributions \$7742 (96 Checks/Not Include Direct Literature (Purch)
- Reminder to Include Group Numbers on Checks
- Don't Send District Contributions to Area 45
- Drafting Travel Policy Update with Financial Committee/Need to Start Thinking 2018 Tax

BALANCES: October 31, 2018

- **Checking Account (0.05%):** \$18,048 \$15000 Shifted to MM Higher Interest
 - **Money Market Account (0.5%):** \$45,291 \$30000 Prudent Reserve/2019-20 Bud
 - **Corrections Account (0%):** \$3,340
 - **Convention Account (0%):** \$11,916
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- **Contributions of \$35,276 (\$3,523 per month) thru Oct 31, 2018 relative to planned 2018 total of 27,012 for all of 2018. Likely \$39500+ total contributions by end 2018**
 - **Monthly surplus roughly \$1000+ a month.**
 - **Expenditures as of October 2018 are \$24,701 relative to \$34,690 budget.**
 - **Panel and Core Program Expenses tracking planned budgets.**
 - **Committee budgets underspent \$7000. Event budget nearly spend.**

	Actual.	2018 Jan-Dec Budget
Contributions	\$35276	\$27012
Core Expenses	\$8736	\$8540
Committees	\$928	\$8000
Events	\$11070	\$11350
Panels	\$3967	\$5300
Total Expenses	\$24701	\$33190

Registrar –

Good Afternoon. I'd like to thank Section II for hosting our Fall assembly and providing us our repasts. Since our last assembly, I have registered all the new GSR's DCM's and any other applicable people with service positions, in our AA database. Hopefully, you have all received your welcome packets, and I know everyone has read their service manual by now from cover to cover.

In the past three months, I have taken three eight-hour courses in continuing education, which I think will somehow be useful to me somewhere. Excel III, Emotional Intelligence and High-risk Clients: Effectively handle five of the most critical scenarios you'll face as a clinician.

In September and October, I attended the last two convention meetings in Hammonton. I went to the Area 45 Inventory Event on September 15th, in Voorhees, which was a terrific experience. I continue to

serve at my maximum-security prison commitment at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton New Jersey on Sunday evenings. I also attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day, September 25th, which the Department of Corrections put on at the War Memorial in Trenton. I received an award certificate for my years of service, which I have proudly framed and put on my wall.

I attended the Area 45 Day of Sharing October 20th, in Absecon, where the intergroups met with the area to exchange information. I thought it was a very important event. My five sponsees keep me hopping, unfortunately I couldn't drag but a one of them here with me. I've never heard so many excuses in my life. Blah blah blah blah blah blah.

I had a blast at the Area 45 convention, October 26-28, in Mt. Laurel. Three days of food, fellowship and fun. There I participated in the area workshop where the panel played the Family Feud game. My answers would not get awards, but at least people laughed at how dumb I was. Lastly, I attended the Waves Roundup November 9-11, put on by the Cape Atlantic Intergroup. I really had fun at this affair. Again, the Area had a time slot to put on a workshop which we did, and we entertained. (Maybe we should take our act on the road?) No just kidding. This was my first Roundup, and I am sure it won't be my last. I encourage all of you to attend next year's event.

Secretary – Thank you Section 2 for hosting today's assembly. Thank you all so much for allowing me to continue to serve as secretary for the area. Service has become an integral part of my sobriety and I am grateful for this opportunity. I was able to attend the Area Inventory, the Day of Sharing in October, the Area 45 Convention, and Waves Intergroup Roundup. I want to give a special shout out to the convention chair and committee for their extra-long commitment and dedication. It was an awesome weekend! Thanks to everyone who organized and helped at all these events. They were well attended and very informative. I also attended the panel meeting held during the convention weekend. I am looking forward to attending the upcoming holiday alcathons. I am still working through thank you notes for group contributions to the area and am hoping to make them all online rather than letters in the mail by the end of my term as secretary. If we do not have an email address for your group, you will still receive an acknowledgement in the mail. But we would like to eliminate as much bulk mailing costs as possible. So, if you do receive a letter in the mail and have an email contact for the group, please share it with me for future acknowledgments. Also, please email me your reports or leave a copy with me before you leave today so I can include them in the assembly minutes which will be posted on the Area 45 website. Also, if you do not receive the minutes and area information by email, please provide me with your email address today and I will add you to the mailing list. My email address is on the area contact sheet. Thank you all for all your service. It is a privilege to serve with you all in Area 45.

The assembly meeting was closed and lunch was served.

Afternoon Committee Meeting

The afternoon committee meeting was opened after lunch with the serenity prayer.

Three motions were made to add the following agenda items at the Winter Assembly:

1.

"To reinstate the voting privilege for the past delegates for all assembly and committee actions and voting with the exception of the Area 45 Panel elections."

Discussion:

Additional votes from past delegates do not represent the group conscience of Area45.

Do we have past delegates that are informed and active enough in Area 45 to vote?

Delegates monopolize the vote

Delegates have a voice.

Delegates earn their right to vote by holding another service position at their homegroup - GSO conference advisory action – shouldn't serve as DCM and GSR – spirit of rotation.

Voting: In favor – 1 person - everyone else opposed minority opinion spoken – no vote changed – item does not become an agenda item

2.

Minutes were improperly approved resulting in corrections motion be added as an agenda item next assembly. Corrections made the following motion at the Summer Assembly:

"To amend the 2019-2020 budget to increase corrections by \$300 in each year.

Voting: passed unanimously, will be added as an agenda item at the Winter Assembly.

3.

"Area 45 should provide one-time seed money to reawaken districts - -getting DCMs but have no money in checking accounts \$300.00 to open up a checking account

Districts should be self-supporting, motion was withdrawn so it was not voted on.

The afternoon committee meeting was closed with the responsibility pledge.