

Area 45 Spring Assembly Minutes 2021

The Spring assembly was held Virtually on May 16 ,2021 in New Jersey.

GSR/DSM orientation was held at 8:45 AM.

Assembly Meeting

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

71st General Service Conference Report-Back From our Area Delegate, Rich H.

Intergroup Chair Reports:

Cape Atlantic Intergroup – no report

Central Jersey Intergroup – verbal report

South Jersey Intergroup – no report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I Leader – Good morning, my name is <____>, and I am an Alcoholic. I would like to thank Area 45 & the Security team for making today possible.

Since the Winter Assembly many of us have been involved with the Mini-Conference, the inspiring and fun Area 45 Convention and there was a great DCM Roundtable.

Looking forward we have 2 events coming up.

Remember those reports that our Area Registrar sent out? Every District and/or Section Leader received them. Thank you, Scott. District 4 will be hosting a 'Group' Report Review' this Wednesday, May 19, at 6:30 pm. The goal is to collectively review the groups in the District to determine if the groups are Active and, if possible, identify a Contact for each Group. Anyone who has attended meetings in District 4 pre-COVID up to today are welcome to join. Please spread the word.

I have the pleasure of working with some awesome AA leaders in Section 1. The DCMs have been diligently working on a workshop this spring. The exchange of ideas and collaboration has been wonderful! Every Friday evening in June Section 1 is presenting "A Four-Part Series Through The Concepts & Traditions". It will start at 7:00 pm and we expect to end at 8:30 pm. We have past Delegates speaking on Concepts and each District has selected someone to speak about Traditions. There will be a Q&A and a raffle at the end of each evening! I'm excited about

the raffle. More details will be from the DCMs and are on the flyer, which is posted on Area and the Intergroup Websites. Spread the word, spread the joy!

Thank you for letting me be of service.

District 03 – My name is Michelle and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 3.

Since our last assembly we have been busy planning Section 1's upcoming workshop with Districts As Jean mentioned it is a four part series on the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts, meeting all four Fridays in June from 7:00-8:30. We have some great speakers, even a raffle prize at the end! We hope to see you there! The flyer including the meeting ID and password can be found on the area website. I will put the information in the chat also.

At our district meeting on Thursday we decided to pay for our zoom account monthly with the hope of going back to meeting in person soon. Some attendees mentioned liking the convenience of zoom so we talked about re visiting this change in a couple months.

In our District we have groups are still meeting on zoom, in person and hybrid.

Our ending bank balance is 794.29.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Michelle C.

District 04 – VACANT

Districts 22 & 23 – Verbal report

District 24 – Treasury Balance as of 5.14. \$1,314.54

2 New GSR's have joined District 24

Fred from Friday Night Group

Kerry from the Phoenix Group

Participating in the Section One Event Through the Traditions and the. Concepts

Our next Event will be the District 24 Annual Picnic at Rosedale Park No confirmed Date.

District 25 -

- District 25 is participating in the Section 1 Traditions/Concepts workshop every Friday in June from 7-8:30pm on Zoom and will host the June 25th date. Come join us to

learn more about the Traditions and Concepts and to be entered to win a raffle prize at the end of each night. Flyer is available on the Area 45 website.

- The annual Unity picnic will be held Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Mercer County Park East Picnic Area located in West Windsor NJ.
 - Format and entities involved to be discussed.
- The Gratitude Banquet and Dance, typically held in November, planning is on hold due to lack of communication from the venue.

At the last District meeting, the following items were discussed and/or actions were taken:

- Discussed location of the Summer Assembly hosted by Section 1 and the lack of communication from the venue.
- A rep from the only Spanish-speaking meeting in Hightstown joined the District meeting to discuss the status of his group and to ask for support.
 - The Latinos Unidos Recuperation group meets every Wednesday 8:00 pm at St Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. The address is 56 Maxwell Ave, Hightstown, NJ 08520.

Our current bank account balance is: \$3,909.63

The District meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm
(day) (time)

Location: Currently held virtually on Zoom (the church we normally meet in is closed)

District 30 & 31 – VACANT

Section II Leader – no report

District 05 – VACANT

District 06 - VACANT

District 07 – VACANT

District 08 – verbal report

District 09 – VACANT

District 10 – I have attended the March and April District 26 meetings on Zoom and Hybrid and recorded the minutes as Secretary. On March 27th 2021 Lisa B. our alternate DCM #26, hosted a workshop entitled: *Traditions Keep Me Safe from Myself*. This was a power point presentation on the checklist of tradition questions as well as a history of the traditions.

I also participated in a discussion of the agenda items that our delegate, Rich H., will need our input from. There are many items referring to literature.

I also attended the newest DCM Roundtable on Zoom with Joe, Section 4 Leader as host.

Yours in service Peg I.

District 26 – Hi, Pam A, DCM District 26.

Our District meets at 6:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at Logan Presbyterian Church, Merchant St, Audubon.

Since our last assembly we have welcomed Lisa B as our Alt DCM, I am happy to have her on board, she is an asset to our district and AA as a whole. We have also added a new GSR Maureen D from the Sunday, Haddonfield 12 and 12 and Alt GRS Sahar S from the Monday night 8pm, Welcome Home meeting. Thank you all for giving back in service.

Our District hosted a virtual workshop, The AA Traditions Keep AA Safe From Me on March 27th. Lisa B was the host, Kelly M created the power point, Peg I DCM District 10 did the Traditions presentation and our Alt Delegate Ken T did the history of our Traditions. Thank you to all who attended and worked on this event.

Our treasury currently has 1130.00, with a prudent reserve of 450.00, bringing the total to 1580.00. Our District also votes each month to send a portion of 7th Tradition we receive from home groups to GSO, we have sent 342.00 since our last Assembly in January.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Pam A

District 27 – no report

Co-Section Leaders III Leaders – no report

District 12 – Verbal report

District 13 – VACANT

District 14 – Verbal report

District 20 – VACANT

District 21 – VACANT

District 28 – VACANT

District 29 – VACANT

Section IV Leader – State of the Section

Good morning and thank you to everyone that put this assembly together and made this opportunity for service possible. As we continue to venture into 2021, Section IV continues to carry the message of hope and service throughout. We have had 1 workshop since our last assembly, while another is in production.

- Districts 15 and 16/7 co-produced a Corrections workshop in which they included both an in-person and online feature so all could attend. They had 4 fantastic speakers in which shared about their experiences and how AA saved them and continued to provide a way of life. An application portion of the event followed. Great job Districts 15 & 16/17.
- Put a hold on your calendar for Sunday June 6 from 3pm-5pm as District 16/17 will hold their 5th Annual Local Legacies workshop in a virtual format. A turn back the clock event in which details what service work was like in our district, how it has evolved, and what it takes to keep it going.
- District 18 held it's first in person meeting and it was great to see everyone. Ideas were flowing, so look to see this powerful district in the mix in the upcoming months.

I continue to have the opportunity to be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee. I have also participated in the DCM roundtable, in which, is a bi-monthly call that both the Section Leaders and DCM share discussion about what is going on in their districts, best demonstrated practices, questions, and presentation of information. Most recently, we have had Rose S., our GSR Orientation Chair, come on our call and while sharing her experience strength and hope, also detailed her role and the importance of that hour that she spends with the newly appointed GSR's as it can make your 1st step into service a positive one. Also, feel free to stop in even if you are not new, as there is always something you may have forgot or may need to re-learn. In addition, we had Past Delegate, Fred, on our call, and he shared his experience on bringing NERASSA home to the Area, District, and Homegroup. He answered the question, "Ok I went to NERASSA, now what do I do with this information?" Thank you again Rose S. and Fred for your time. It was greatly appreciated.

As Section Leader, I also had the privilege to attend NERAASA, Area 45 Mini Conference, and the Area 45 Conference. Thank you to all that made it possible for these events to happen. Carrying the message of service and AA unity will continue to be the mission in Section IV, as we continue to venture into 2021. All groups have started to form a plan as to what they want the 2nd half of their service journey to look like for this panel. I am extremely fortunate that these districts allow me to be a part of their family. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Section IV and Area 45. I am looking forward to continued service and to seeing all of you in the future.

District 15 – Greetings Everyone! I am Kevin H. An alcoholic District 15 DCM. Meeting virtual on the second Wednesday of every month@6PM. With Joe E.'s Section 4 guidance, districts 15, 16, & 17 collaborated in a corrections facility workshop. "Hope Within" April 18, 2021 virtual and in

person. Grateful for Corrine H. Alt DCM District 15 service in this workshop. Also grateful for Mike DCM Districts 16 & 17 service and hosting. Preparing District 15 annual Holiday Event (speaker, food, and dance) . working on humility and responsibility Kevin H.

District 16 & 17 – Hello all. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Cecilia. I gladly serve AA as DCM of 16/17.

Since our last assembly, d16/17 has held 3 monthly business meetings, with attendance ranging from 9-21. We also voted to change our evening of meeting from the first Monday of the month to the First Thursday of the month , retaining a 6 pm start, commencing 6/3/21.

Our first workshop of 2021 was carefully developed by chair Mike C, and Dave R. A first for us, it was a collaboration with D15. The Corrections Workshop was both live and virtual and it's budget purchased 7 Grapevine subscriptions for inmates through GSO's CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT. Thanks to all for their terrific efforts.

2021's second workshop is being lovingly curated by ACYP's GSR Maryanne S, with assistance from Tara M. It will be our 5 th Annual Local Legacies Founders Day Event and will be held virtually on 6/6/21 from 3-5 pm. Please join us.

After considering the costs of our upcoming workshop, our district operating balance is c.\$3800. With a prudent reserve of \$1501.

Since our last assembly, I was able to attend 2 DCM ROUNDTABLES, NERAASA, A45 MiniConference, A45 Convention, the virtual part of our Corrections wksp, all 3 of our business meetings. Also happy to attend an Archivist event by Stepping Stones, D3's Archives event, international meetings and my home group's business meetings. I have also registered for NERF. In loving service, Cecilia B.

District 18 – Verbal report

District 19 – no report

Area Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc – What an exciting and busy quarter.

It started with myself and co-chair Nickie attending NERASSA. We spent time listening to all the reports and participated in the tech breakout. We were thrilled to share how Area 45 had an international tech committee.

Our team also helped with the mini-conference, which went over smoothly.

From there, we had an incredible team that helped with the Area 45 Convention, who did a phenomenal job at doing security—and keeping the convention going.

During the time between the mini-conference and convention, we had quite a few practice meetings for both, with many questions.

I want to give a special thank you to my co-chair Nickie L because she did a fabulous job making sure. At the same time, I had a family emergency more than stepped up at the convention to make sure everything went smoothly while I could not be at the pattern for the entire weekend.

Archives – The Archives committee continues work as previously described. The materials are still housed at Cubesmart in Egg Harbor Twp. The committee consists of myself as chair, Cecilia B. as Co-chair/Alternate, George H. financial advisor, Michael C. and Trish C. are technical advisors. I continue to visit the storage facility and work from home.

Since last report, donations have been accepted, the power point display on the Area 45 website has been updated, a presentation was given at the Area 45 virtual convention, and plans are being made to host regular Archives committee meetings via the internet.

Active communication with members of the fellowship continues. Our Panel has provided information leading to many virtual events. Other communications are offers of help with the archives and ideas for future projects. All are welcome. I encourage members to visit the Area 45 website and be active in AA.

Yours in Service,

Roy C.

Audio – Verbal report

Budget & Finance – Hi everyone, my name is Phil and I'm an alcoholic. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as the budget and finance committee chairperson.

In February I attended NERAASA and took part in the Friday night and Saturday night Treasurer's Roundtables. Moderated by Rose, these roundtable discussions were a great opportunity to learn how other Area's financial outlooks have been affected by COVID and how they responded to a majority of meetings moving online last Spring. One takeaway was that less of our Area 45 contributions are being received online, as a percentage of our total contributions received, than most other Areas represented in these sessions. I'm not certain about this next point, but I did get the impression that the decline in contributions that we experienced in 2020 was a greater decline than most other Areas.

Based on these takeaways from NERAASA, our committee offered several suggestions to our Area Chair and the Website Committee Chair. These suggestions included clearly having a hotlink with the words 7th TRADITION on the banner at the top of the homepage and moving the paragraph that talks about the 7th Tradition closer to the top of the homepage. Thank you to Kelly and Pat for facilitating these changes that make it easier and more straightforward for AAs to navigate our website and financially support our Area.

I don't want to steal the Treasurer's thunder, but I do want to thank each of you and each of the recovering alcoholics that financially supported Area 45 this quarter. We are on target with contributions, and that's a good thing. I'll let George talk more about this.

As the weather warms and our AA community takes safe steps towards in-person fellowship, I offer three polite suggestions, two of which echo my presentation from February. 1 – Continue to rely on your homegroup's mechanism for receiving 7th tradition contributions and disbursing to AA entities in accordance with group conscience. 2 – Make a point to contribute as much, or more, to AA as you did pre-pandemic. And 3 – calling all service leaders...pick up the phone, get in your car, and go out there and carry the message and spend the money that our Area has voted to make available to you!

Respectfully submitted, Phil K

55th Annual Convention – Let me start off by thanking you all for the opportunity of being the Convention Chair for the 55th Area Convention. It was an honor and a privilege to serve.

I want to thank my co-chair Laura H for her timeless work and efforts. She will make a great chairperson for the 56th convention.

I also want to thank my committee; they are a wonderful bunch of people who worked tirelessly and faithfully for the success of the convention. I could not of done it without them!

The convention was held virtually this year (2021) and I think it was a success. I had many people reach out to me and tell me what a great time they had and felt it all went smoothly. We had approximately 359 people, give or take. With a total of \$3,492.00 in registration and contributions.

We sold \$1095.00 worth of merchandise on the virtual web site.

Beginning Bank Balance \$2501.55

Mailing Fee's (\$281.73)

Materials (\$46.10)

Web Site (\$680.60)

Merchandise Shipping Materials-(\$156.73)

Total Expenses: (\$1,165.16)

Balance After Convention

\$2,260.16

Note that most of the cost was absorbed in 2019, Larry the previous co-chair had authorized the purchasing of Merchandise and Mailing supplies, for the 2020 convention which was then cancelled due to covid. I have no idea how much that was, perhaps the Area 45 Treasure has a record. We also Still have a \$500.00 Deposit at the Hotel ML, which we will probably never see. I will meet with Laura H, the Chair of the 56^h convention to hand over the check book and the debt card.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, it was an honor.

In loving Service, Carol S.-55th Convention Chair Person

56th Annual 2022 Convention – Good afternoon, my name is Laura, alcoholic, your grateful and most honored 2022 Convention Chair.

It is a privilege to have Pam as our 2022 Co-Chair.

Jean W. our 2022 Convention Public information has already sent a flyer out announcing our kick off meeting.

We had 1 steering committee meeting and will have 1 more on the 19th prior to our Convention meeting on Sunday, May 23rd at 9am.

Our 2022 convention meetings will be held on the 2nd Sunday every month at the 449 club in Pemberton 9am. There are guidelines we must follow at this time by the church.

Our meeting location is 449 Club 6 Pemberton Street, Pemberton 08068.

If you are unable to attend in person or we reach max capacity, have no fear! We will be on Zoom at that time as well. (ID 8108610818...Password SNJAA45),

We are now in the works to sign the contract and very excited with the price.

The convention will be held live at the Claridge in Atlantic City and our main speakers **only** will be hybrid. With a minimal price. (Still considering price). The feed back for our event place as been positive and excitement.

Our Co-chair Pam, treasurer Ricky and I will meet with George this coming Thursday to change the account over to us.

I am still working on our budget and continue to work with Shari, formally from the ML Hotel.

We are still in need of a hospitality chair and all the volunteers willing. The convention is a great and fun way to be in service in sobriety.

Respectfully yours.

Laura H.

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information – My name is Michelle and I am an alcoholic.

Since our last assembly I am happy to report we had some volunteers offer to distribute aa literature. One of our volunteers Joanne has shared her experience with me and took her sponsee, plotted out the places and spent some time going around and then out to lunch. I am in the process of contacting Parole Officers and Clergy from various religious groups to find out the best way to get aa literature into their hands. I am still looking for volunteers for Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland counties if you are looking for service. Please consider helping, we need to get this important aa information into their hands so they can help the next alcoholic who is suffering. You can reach me at cpc@snjaa.org or use the Area website to contact me. I hope you will contact me to be a volunteer.

My next project is working on a workshop so look for more info on the area website soon.

Gratefully yours,

Michelle C.

Corrections – Hi my name is Tressa I am grateful to currently serve as area 45 corrections Chair, -Unfortunately, there is still no movement in person in the correctional facilities at this time. And we are still being given no foreseeable dates when that will change. But it has begun to open up in some states so we are hopeful.

That goes for the processing of applications through the state as well. There is no processing, however the state is accepting new applications and renewal applications, they are just not processing them. I will notify volunteers as soon as this process starts back up.

-Our committee in conjunction with South Jersey Intergroup Corrections & Area 45 Grapevine will be hosting a virtual corrections workshop on Sunday, June 13 at 10 AM, additional information to follow on the Area website. With the focus how to sponsor Grapevine donations for prisons.

-Our current balance is \$6,464.55 thank you to all who continue to contribute to LIPS. We have been working to continue to carry the message through literature and Grapevines into jails & prisons

-I have had the pleasure to stay connected with other area chairs from different states through the National Corrections Conference zoom mtg weekly. I also go to a prison in Louisiana on a conference on call that includes up to 10 inmates weekly which is the closest I've come to

carrying the message behind the walls. It's quite a privilege.

-Plans are underway to attend the National Corrections Conference in New Orleans November 12 thru the 14th. I am looking for a traveling partner if any of the ladies are interested in corrections in the future and would like to attend this with me please get in touch.

-I attended the District 15,16&17, corrections workshop virtually & really enjoyed the speakers, great job!

-Corrections is interested in doing in person applications workshops, we are reaching out to the Districts and would like to partner with you to put on a workshop in your district.

-Our corrections committee meeting is the second Saturday of each month on zoom at 9 AM the information is posted on the Area website

-If you would like to contribute to LIPS there is a link on the Area website

Thank you to Rich, its impressive how much you guys were able to accomplish!

Thank you to all who contributed to making this Assembly happen and

Thank you for allowing me to serve

DCM/GSR Orientation –

6 GSR's

Alt. GSR's

1 DCM

Alt DCM

1 Visitor

In love and Service

Rose S

Grapevine – no report

Jalcon – VACANT

Policy – Verbal report

Registration – Verbal Report

Gsr- 20

Alt Gsr -1

DCM-7

Alt DCM -0

Sec Ldrs 2

Area Com-7

Panel -6

Past Del- 3

Int group Chair-1
Security-5
Visitors or non labeled - 17

Total 69 attendees at time of Rich's report
(Recorded by the secretary)

Accessibility/Special Needs – Verbal report

Website – The website and emails has been business as normal. Small updates to the website, updating the calendar and posting new events.

Newsletter – VACANT

Young People – VACANT

Area Panel Reports:

Secretary – Good morning my name is Randi and I'm an alcoholic.

First I'd like to welcome all our new GSR's, DCM's and anyone new to General Service. We are so happy to have you with us. Welcome to all the visitors and hopefully you too will join us too in the happy world of General Service!

I presently am blessed to serve as your Area 45 Secretary of Southern New Jersey on Panel 70. I love what I do, and I'd like to tell you what I've been up to the last three months since our last assembly in February.

After the Winter assembly, I typed the 24 page Winter Assembly minutes, which can be found on our website snjaa.org under panel reports. I answered various emails and phone calls from you all and yes it was me who sent out those annoying email blasts. It's my job you, can cry if you want to.

On February 23, I mailed out 47 Area 45 Panel 70 Lapel pins, to the new Panel 71 delegates newly elected to the General Service Conference. These pins have a picture of the New Jersey lighthouse symbol designed by our delegate Rich.



The purple bubble envelope included the pin a little note to make a nice gift. These pins are usually give out personally by our delegate and exchanged at the in-person conference.

From February 26 – 28th Friday, Saturday and Sunday, I attended NERAASA, which stands for the Northeastern Regional A.A. Service Assembly. This is where anyone can attend workshops on any specific service position and also general plenary sessions on topics which usually relate to the agenda items scheduled for upcoming General Service Conference in April. For the first time this was held virtually. This was an inspiring boost for service for me.

On March 14th I attended the Area 45 Mini Conference, which was a tremendous virtual success. I was in charge of moderating the table discussing the issue of the pros and cons of A.A. World Services publishing a plain language Big Book, or a workbook for the Big Book itself. The discussion was lively and fascinating. Among our 12 participants. I was privileged to be a part of one of the four tables on different agenda item topics, which later reported back to the whole group the reports of their conclusions.

March 19-20, I attended the 55th Area 45 General Service Convention. This again was held virtually and came off beautifully. I took part in a workshop where we had a Quiz Contest. I had to supply the answers to the contestant's multiple choice questions on the Concepts, Steps and Traditions. Luckily I could look up the answers ahead of time!

Each Sunday I attend a workshop study on the concepts and on Wednesdays I belong to a virtual book study group out of SENY New York on "The Language of the Heart." I continue my personal commitment to answer the Central Jersey Intergroup Hotline.

On April 11 I attended the DCM Roundtable, where the DCM's from the Area 45 get together for discussion on a topic and includes an invited guest speaker from a committee.

On May 1 I attended our virtual panel meeting where I was able to tune in while on vacation in Antigua! It's a great world out there!!!

Which brings me to today. Love and blessings to you all,

Randi

Registrar – Good morning Panel 70 and to all assembly attendees. My name is Scott I'm alcoholic, I happily serve as your Area 45 Registrar. Thank you Rich for representing us at this years conference. Great Report very informative.

I would like thank Section 3 and the Area 45 Virtual Tech committee for hosting today's assembly.

The GSO Fellowship Connection (FC) is up and running! So exciting! Each District has been sent their Group and GSR Reports to update our Area 45 and the GSO records. When each District DCM returns those reports their information can be updated per the Area Registrar. Please do not send your information without notifying the Area 45 Registrar so we are aware of your groups new information. If you are not sure that your groups information has been updated please check with your DCM or Registrar so it can as soon as possible. This ensures that the link from our groups here in Area 45 are connected to AA as a whole. GSO has recommended that groups start using their new Group ID # for identification and when sending their 7th Tradition contributions. If your not sure what your new number is please check with the Area Registrar. Thank you all for your Service and I look forward to receiving the updated reports and hearing from you all very soon.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott P.

Treasurer –

2021 Expenditures	Budget	Actual (Jan-Apr)
- Core	\$8410	\$1701
- Committees	\$7050	\$564
- Events	\$8670	\$2009
- Panel	\$8000	\$703
Total	\$32130	\$4977

Contributions – Thank You to Groups and Individuals!!!

	2020	2021 (Online)
- Jan	\$4562	\$2003 (0)
- Feb	\$2618	\$2102 (105)
- Mar	\$3326	\$1851 (73)
- Apr	\$1414	\$2436 (418)
- May	\$1203	
- June	\$2182	
- July	\$2083	
- Aug	\$1811	
- Sept	\$2268	
- Oct	\$2150	
- Nov	\$1261	
- Dec.	\$1123	
Total	\$23818	\$8392 (598)

Bank Accounts and Issues

1) TD Bank Accounts

- Operating \$18120
(\$15000 Target)
- Prudent Reserve \$30148
- 2020 Carryover \$25181
- **Total** **\$73449**

2) Observations/Misc

- Dropped from \$3000+/month in 2019 to \$2000/Month Year in 2020

- Dropped to \$1200 range November/December in 2020

- Contributions in 2021 Stabilized at Budget Forecast \$2000/Month (Jan-Apr)
- Filed 2020 Form 990 Taxed Extension

Thanks Area 45 Groups/B&F Com Efforts!

Chair – My name is Kelly W. and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your Area 45 Chair.

Not long after our Winter Assembly I had the opportunity to attend the Virtual Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. I cannot begin to tell you how impressed I was at the quality of programming, speakers, topics covered, and overall sense of fellowship that was achieved, even in the virtual format. I ended the weekend with a renewed sense of purpose and inspiration to continue on the path of service to AA, which was far beyond what I had anticipated.

A month later in March, I participated in the first ever (and hopefully last!) 100% virtual Area 45 General Service Convention. Carol S. and the whole Convention Committee did an absolutely phenomenal job of truly transporting us into the Convention experience. The workshops, the speakers, and the entertainment provided by our own members were all of the highest quality and it was an unbelievable event. Myself and the Panel had so much fun putting on our Gameshow workshop and believe it or not there are still people asking me about my hats. So to answer: I switched 6 times, they all belonged to my husband, and yes we have more at home. I am also very excited that the 55th Convention Co-Chair, Laura H. has graciously agreed to take on Chairing our next Convention and she has committed to coordinating a hybrid experience to ensure accessibility.

I'd like to remind everyone to please keep checking our home page and calendar on our website at snjaa.org. We have quite a few upcoming events with flyers, information, and codes. A special thank you to our Intergroups, Sections, Districts, and Committees who are working very hard to keep carrying the message of recovery to our AA fellowship in Area 45.

Lastly, I invite all of you to please stick around after the Assembly this morning for our Committee meeting. At that time we will have a brief sharing session during which our Panel would like to hear from you regarding our path forward as an Area and how we conduct our Assemblies.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly W.

Alternate Delegate – I am an alcoholic, and my name is Ken. Privileged to serve as Area 45 Alternate Delegate, Panel 70.

Thank you to the hosts, and technical facilitators for making this meeting possible.

Thank you to all GSR's, DCN's, Section Leaders, Area Panel and Committee Chairs for your vital to our Fellowship.

In addition, I want to thank our Delegate, Rich H, for taking the time to prepare me as best he could to step in at the General Service Conference. I'm grateful Rich was able to serve, but thanks to him, I was prepared if necessary.

Since our last Assembly, I have been attending, and providing an Area 45 report to our three Intergroups at their monthly business meetings.

I continue to meet with the Northeast Regional Delegates / Alternates as well as the North American Alternate Delegates group monthly.

Discussion at the NERD meeting the last months prior to the GSC focused on preparing the Delegates for conference, helping Alternates best prepare for their specific pre-conference responsibilities, as well as maintaining contact with our Northeast Regional Trustee.

I attended, and participated in this years NERAASA. As the first Virtual event for this committee, I found it very moving, informative, and well done.

I attended, and participated in the Area 45 Mini Conference, and Area Convention.

I've made myself available for service at the Northeast Regional Forum that begins 6/4/21.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve Area 45.

In Love & Service

Ken Thornhill

Delegate - This is the May 16 2021 delegates report. My name is Richard and I'm an alcoholic. It is an absolute honor and pleasure to serve you as your delegate to two general service conferences from area 45. I wanted to put a special shout out to all the new GSRs who are joining us. When we next meet as an assembly it'll be to elect a new delegate to represent area 45. I'm sure that our higher power will guide us as we move forward in today's exciting times. I today gave my report on that 71st general service conference. So I've spoken quite enough for one day. How many exciting events are scheduled, and I urge you all to get involved. My goal is

to become involved with the convention to the extent they let me and they generally stay out of everybody's way. again I cannot express absolute honor and pleasure has been to represent area 45 and its relations with a as a whole.

Meeting Adjourned

Area Committee Meeting

Meeting Begins. 11:50AM

Motion passed to forward to next assemblies agenda – “Commencing with the next general service conference delegate conference committee chairpersons will be elected by the third legacy procedure unless the committee votes otherwise.”

Discussion - 20-minute Sharing Session on how to continue holding Assembly and Committee meetings that are accessible to members who can only join virtually.

Meeting adjourned