

Area 45 Summer Assembly Minutes 2021

The Summer assembly was held Virtually on August 15 ,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.

Welcome from the Area Chair

Reminders:

We are encouraged to say:

“Contribute” rather than “Donate”

Refer to district as “Inactive”

Rather than “Dark”

“Virtual A.A. meetings” rather than

Refer to them as “Zoom meetings”

Intergroup Chair Reports:

Cape Atlantic Intergroup - Our split is now 65% in person ad 35% online. Our Intergroup host meetings from Seattle to the Jersey Shore and over to London.

We continue to be amazed and appreciative of the generous group and individual donations. Throughout the pandemic, we have had increased expenses to carry the message, but have not had to touch our prudent reserve.

Nominations for the next panel are quickly approaching, we encourage everyone to consider what their next service opportunity will be. Our Alternate Delegate, Ken T. has agreed to host and run our elections in December.

Both our Steering and Business Meetings are now Hybrid, allowing the greatest possible participation.

9/26-17th Annual Unity Breakfast at The Grand in Cape May

10/17-“A Spiritual Journey Through the Big Book”, at The home of Atlantic City Young People’s Group, noon to 3pm

11/5-11/7-15th Annual Waves Round Up at the Seaview in Galloway, Twp.

All events will be in Person!!

Central Jersey Intergroup – The office is opened with a volunteer staff Mondays Through Fridays between 11 am and 1 pm. We have two evenings Monday and Thursday but it's always best to call first if you are in need of coins or literature. We have a new Chair for the answering service and our goal is to fill many phone spots with new groups. We are Also updating our 12 Step list and looking into a new format for meeting lists. Thank Central Jersey Intergroup.

South Jersey Intergroup – no report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I Leader – Supported and attended the Section 1 Traditions & Concepts Workshop. What a great experience. I am working with such a great team; I can’t wait to see what they accomplish in Panel 72!!

- Section 1 is working on an outdoor Movie Night in October; we have a plan but we are still working on securing a Venue. The flyer will be sent out when we have enough details ironed out. We hope to host it in the Bordentown area. If you have a suggestion for a location, please let me know.
- I held a June and August District meeting. Only 1 GSR attended the June meeting. I attempted to have an All Hands Meeting with District 4 but no one showed up in June. My focus will turn to District 30 & 31 for the next quarter.
- I continue to attend as many District Meetings as possible, out of 12 Active District Meetings I attended 9 and provided reports for the other 2 and one meeting was postponed due to timing.
- Assisted the Area Register as needed. I attended the 1st Quarterly ‘Registrars FC Collaborative Discussions’ on July 26. This was the 4th time GSO- Group Services, Records and IT had sessions with Registrars in the US and Canada. They have all been very informative and a great way to see how different, yet similar, our Areas are.

Thank you for letting me be of service

District 03 – Verbal Report

District 04 – VACANT

Districts 22 & 23 – Verbal Report

District 24 – District 24 treasury balance as of July 30 was \$1,4222.34.

District 24 will be meeting live the third Monday of every month at the following location:

Ewing Presbyterian Church

100 Scotch Road

Ewing Township, NJ

The church requires all of us to wear a mask and we will each be required to sign a Hold Harmless Letter.

District 24 participated in the Section 1 event this past June “ A four Part Series through the Concepts and Traditions”

We were responsible for week 3

Mike R. Shared his experience on Traditions 7, 8, 9.

Joe O. Past Delegate from Panel 52 shared his experience on Concepts 7, 8 and 9.

District 24 will be participating in District 1 Movie Night as well.

District 25 – The Section 1 Traditions/Concepts workshop in June was a success and well attended. We hosted the last week and raffled off a Grapevine subscription.

- The annual Unity picnic will be held Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 12-5pm at the Mercer County Park East Picnic Area located in West Windsor NJ.
 - Planning meetings are held Thursdays at 7pm at the CJI office.
- The Gratitude Banquet and Dance, typically held in November, planning is on hold due to lack of communication from the venue. The committee is meeting to discuss other options.

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

- Discussed the Section 1 movie night to be held in October
- Discussed if District 25 will adopt the new Preamble

Our current bank account balance is: \$3,971.66

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

Location: Meetings are currently held virtually. The District is currently looking for a new local meeting location.

District 30 & 31 – VACANT

Section II Leader – no report

District 05 – VACANT

District 06 - VACANT

District 07 – VACANT

District 08 – no report

District 09 – VACANT

District 10 – I have continued to work with District 26 as I have only 2 GSRs for District 10. For District 26, I have been recording their business meetings for May, June and July of 2021. Sue W., GSR for the Wednesday night, Magnolia, Unity is the Spiritual Foundation... meeting at 7:00pm on Zoom, has expressed concern over dwindling membership (attendance) at this meeting. They cannot go back to in person meetings at their host church. I believe, the Saturday night AA meeting is still on Zoo also. I need to check in with the Sunday night, Laurel Springs meeting and the New Beginnings Club to see how they are faring thus far.

I have expressed an interest to present a power point workshop on Our Great Responsibility. This would be a p.pt. presentation of the new book from GSO. The status of Covid will affect whether it is in person or not.

In Service,
Peg I.

District 26 – District 26 meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Logan Presbyterian Church, 18 West Merchant St. Audubon NJ. We are still doing a hybrid meeting and will resume in person meetings in September.

Since our last Assembly we have added 1 new GSR, Taylor B from “The First 164” Saturday at 7:00pm in Voorhees.

We have 2 workshops coming together, “Our Great Responsibility” headed up by Peg I, DCM for District 10 and developing a “Came to Believe” workshop, which is subject to change. That committee is made up of Marge A, Maureen D, Taylor B, Lisa B and Sue W. We do not have firm dates for these workshops yet, but anticipate late October. We are looking forward to getting together in person finally.

Our Treasury has a balance of 2116.00 with a PR of 450.00, bringing our totally available funds to 1711.00.

Since our last Assembly, we voted and sent GSO 150.00.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully,
Pam Adams

District 27 – no report

Co-Section Leaders III Leaders – no report

District 12 – no report

District 13 – VACANT

District 14 – no report

District 20 – VACANT

District 21 – VACANT

District 28 – VACANT

District 29 – VACANT

Section IV Leader – 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.

- Districts 15 has resumed in person district meeting and pleased to see attendance is on the rise. They also have a few workshop ideas in the works to close the year
- District 16/17 has had a changing of the guard as previous DCM, Cecelia B., had to step down. She will surely be missed. However, a big congratulations to Matt S for being elected DCM, Tara M. for Alternate DCM, and Demetri P. for treasurer
- District 18 continues to meet in person on a consistent basis and have plans to round out their service year with an event.

I continue to have the opportunity to be a member of the Budget and Finance Committee as well as the Chair the Adhoc Committee for Hybrid Meetings.

Carrying the message of service and AA unity will continue to be the mission in Section IV, as we close out our service year. All groups have started to form a plan as to what they want the 2nd last lap 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 - Summer Greetings! I have asked Anthony B newly elected Alt DCM to present my report. Kevin H. I am an alcoholic. Corinne H resigned as Alt. DCM and we thank her for her service! Our District 15 meeting is the second Wednesday of the month 6:30p.m.@ Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, route 9, Tuckerton. Our District responded to the workshop "Hope Within Carrying the AA Message into Prisons by approving the purchase of a one year Grapevine subscription for each of the ten NJ State Correctional Facilities. Soon tickets for the Holiday Party December 5 will be available. Treasurer reported for July 2021 - \$3,952.73 in our account. I am encouraged by more face to face GSR's attendance at our meetings. Thank you for all who serve!

Working on humility and responsibility!

Kevin H.

District 16 & 17 – Verbal Report

District 18 – verbal report

District 19 – no report

Area Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc – Report presented at the Committee meeting

Archives – The Archives committee is working as previously reported. The materials are stored at CubeSmart in Egg Harbor Twp. Recent discussion with staff there revealed that a rate increase is to be expected in September. The Archives committee continues with myself as chair. Cecilia B. as Co-chair /Alternate, George H. financial advisor, Michael C. and Trish C. technical advisors. I have recently worked with Eve C. the Archives chair for CAIG. Most work continues at home with visits to the storage facility to rotate supplies and manage.

Since last report there have been strides towards digitalizing and organizing work on an Area 45 history. The first Archives committee meeting is scheduled for August 25th @ 7pm . This will be virtual with e-mail notifications sent of the ID and password. We will discuss plans for a written history of Area 45 and how archives are to be presented at the upcoming Convention in March.

WE continue to communicate with the Panel and accept help in the form of those looking to do service in AA. If you are interested in viewing the archives, doing service or have ideas on how we can serve better please contact the committee via the Area 45 website.

Yours in Service,

Roy C. Archives Chair

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.

The Treasurer's report in a few minutes will provide good news: financial contributions to Area 45 so far this year are modestly above what we forecast this time last year while putting together the 2021/2022 budget. I send a hearty and deeply felt THANK YOU to each of you in today's Assembly AND to each of the recovering alcoholics that financially supported Area 45 this quarter.

While this is the budget and finance report, I do want to say that during the past 3 months it has been challenging, rewarding, and fun to be a part of the ad hoc committee looking at hybrid capability for future Area events. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work and their perspectives.

Just in my May report, I'm offering three polite suggestions, two of which echo my presentation from the February Assembly. 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 committee chairpersons and panel members! During the final few months of this Panel, get out there and do your thing - Carry the message and use the money that our Area has voted to make available to you!

Respectfully submitted, Phil K

56th Annual 2022 Convention – Verbal Report

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information – Verbal Report

Corrections – Hi my name is Tressa I am grateful to currently serve as area 45 corrections Chair,

- Unfortunately not much has changed since last report, still no movement in person in the correctional facilities at this time. And we are still being given no for seeable dates when that will change. The state continues to accept new applications but not process them. Applications are time sensitive & they may not keep the applications after several months.

-on June 13 our committee in conjunction with South Jersey Intergroup corrections in area 45 Grapevine hosted a virtual corrections workshop we had two excellent speakers and the workshop was very informative. Thank you to all who supported and attended.

-Our current account balance is \$7603.55 with a total deposit in the last 3 months of \$1139. Thank you to all the groups who continue to contribute and support Corrections through LIPS your support is appreciated. A special thank you to the Ashland men's group with a generous contribution in June! We continue to work towards carrying the message through literature and grapevines into jails and prisons.

-I am able to stay connected with other state Area Chairs on a weekly basis thru the virtual National Corrections Meeting it is a great way to stay informed & connected.

The National Corrections Conference is scheduled for November 12 thru 14th in New Orleans in person and virtually. The National Corrections committee will make a decision by October 3 whether to postpone the in person conference. I'm hoping to attend probably virtually.

-Area 45 corrections committee meets virtually the second Saturday of each month at 9 AM the information is posted on the area 45 website all are welcome.

-if you would like to contribute to LIPS There is a link on The area 45 website and the PO Box is also listed please LIPS on the check & your grp name Thank you for your continued support thank you to all who contributed to making this assembly happen.

Thank you for allowing me to serve

DCM/GSR Orientation –

4 GSR's
1 Alt. GSR'

In love and Service
Rose S

Grapevine – no report

Jalcon – VACANT

Policy – The committee has been working together through email to finalize the handbook revision recommendations, which will be presented today. Thank you to everyone who submitted suggestions. Thank you to Kelly and the rest of the panel for answering our questions and reviewing our work. Two suggestions for handbook revisions were submitted this week and will be put on the agenda for our next committee meeting. New suggestions not included in today's presentation will be considered in the committee's recommendations for the next handbook, not the 2022. Thank you for allowing us to serve

Registration –

Gsr- 18
Alt Gsr -4
DCM-5
Alt DCM -1
Sec Ldrs 2
7 Panel members
3 Past Delegates
2 Security
5 Visitors
60 Total ?
Area Com-
Int group Chair-s 2

(Recorded by the secretary – rough notes)

Accessibility/Special Needs – VACANT

Website – Verbal Report

Newsletter – VACANT

Young People – VACANT

Area Panel Reports:

Secretary – Welcome to our Summer Virtual Area 45 Assembly, my name is Randi J, and I am an alcoholic.

It is my privilege to serve on Panel 70 as your Secretary of Southern New Jersey's A.A. constituency.

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

This past quarter since May 18, 2021, I have typed up the 20-page minutes of our last meeting which can be found on our Area 45 website snjaa.org, under panel reports for your perusal. I also send out those emails you know and love and maintain our mailing list on MailChimp. I sent out the Area 45 pins to those who asked and the PowerPoint slides from Rich's delegate conference presentation to many of you who requested a copy.

This quarter I have had the privilege of serving with four other members on the Ad Hoc committee for the planning of equipment, finances and the logistics involved in having a hybrid assembly for the area. We met four times for approximately two hours, and it was a terrific learning experience for me. I felt honored to be included in this task.

I attended three of the four-part series "Through the Concepts and Traditions" put on virtually by Section 1, Fridays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Three past delegates spoke on concepts and another A.A. member on a tradition. It was a nice event Friday evening in June.

I attended the Area 45 convention meetings in person in Pemberton the second Sunday of each month at 9am in Pemberton. The planning is perking along, and I am excited for a great in person event next March!

From June 4-6 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, I attended the entire NERF Conference which stands for The Northeastern Regional Conference. I was able to virtually meet many A.A. staff members, Directors, and trustees. I felt very much more connected to the General Service Office and the bottom of the triangle in New York as a result. There were workshops and panels ask it baskets and more.

I dropped in on the Corrections workshop on June 13th. I enjoyed the guest speaker share his experience surrounding corrections and A.A. members behind the walls.

July 8th 9th and 11th Friday Saturday and Sunday I attended the complete 6th virtual Unity and Service Conference held out of Pacific region. Applying the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of A.A. in all our affairs. It was a terrific weekend of workshops, panels, and presentations.

I continue to attend my 2 virtual workshops on Monday and Wednesday evening respectively, which go through the service manual and now the book Language of the Heart".

In love and service,

Randi J

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Registrar – Good morning Panel 70 and to all assembly attendees. My name is Scott P and I'm alcoholic, I happily serve as your Area 45 Registrar.

Updates for meetings and GSR's continue to trickle in here in Area 45. We continue to maintain the Area 45 excel spreadsheet and the Fellowship Connection (FC) application for GSO.

If your a new GSR or ALT GSR please reach out to me so you can be added to the Area 45 & GSO databases.

Since our last assembly I had attended 1 of 2 training sessions. During that training session we discussed how FC application is now running for each of us. All of the registrars had an opportunity to make suggestions on how to help improve FC overall. The majority of us agreed that an implementation of a bulk data upload would be most beneficial to Area's with massive information ready to uploaded into FC. This would help cut down on the massive amount of time needed to transfer data manually by those registrars with the means to do so. At this point this process doesn't apply to Area 45 but I voted in favor of this process to help those that it would benefit. The general consensus of all the registers was that we would meet quarterly with GSO representation to exchange ideas and information on how to improve the FC application. I was unable to attend this first meeting but Jean W. attended in my stead. Thank you Jean. Your assistance has been invaluable during this panels conversion from FNV to FC.

GSO has reiterated that groups begin using the new 9 digit Group ID or Net Suite #'s when identifying your groups 7th tradition contributions. If for some reason your group doesn't know the new numbers please feel free to reach out to me because the old 7 digit FNV #'s will begin being phased out in the near future with the completion of the transfer to the FC application at GSO. If your group doesn't have a GSR still reach out and we can look up your groups number and update a group contact allowing information to flow thru to your group by way of the Area n GSO.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott P

Treasurer –

1) 2021 Expenditures

	Budget (Jan-Dec)	Actual (Jan-July)
Core	\$8410	\$2726
Committees	\$7050	\$3564*(1)
Events	\$8670	\$10009*(2)
Panel	\$8000	\$994
Total	\$32130	\$17293*(3)

*(1) \$3000 Transfer to Conv Committee

*(2) \$4000 to Internat Convent Escrow

*(3) Forecast \$500-600 month certain expenditures for 5 months so \$10000-12000 end of year underspend in 2021 likely, with contributions likely higher then forecasted adding \$1500-3000 additions funds.

2) 2021 Contributions Jan-July

	Total (Online)
- Jan	\$2003 (0)
- Feb	\$2102 (105)
- Mar	\$1851 (73)
- Apr	\$2436 (418)
- May	\$2263 (123)
- June	\$2030 (58)
- July	\$2871 (215)
- Aug	\$
- Sept	\$
- Oct	\$
- Nov	\$
- Dec.	\$

Total \$15556 (992)

Plan \$14000

Thank to Groups and Individuals for Contributions!!

3) TD Bank Accounts (Current)

- Operating	\$42568
*Includes 2020 Underspending Budgeted for 2021-22 Budgets	

*\$15000 Target

- Prudent Reserve	\$30255
- Internat Conv Escrow.	\$4000

Total \$76823

4) Observations/Misc

- July Contributions \$2871 Up Alot, Near PreCovid & Ahead of 2021 Plan \$2000/Month (But Delta Fall Covid???)
- Underspending Largely Due to 2021 Assembly, Committee and Events being on zoom, not in person
- Opportunities to Use 2021 Underspending
 - a) Prefund 2022 NERAASA (\$3000 Fall Dec)
 - b) B&F Committee Identifying Further Opportunities (Increase Prudent Reserve due to Delta Covid 2022 & Area 45 Convention Overrun Risks)
- File 2020 Form 990 Taxes in by Oct

Thanks Area 45 Groups for Contributions/B&F Committee for Service!

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

At the May Committee meeting, many of you were present for our sharing session that we held regarding our path forward as an Area in terms of how to get back to in-person assemblies while hopefully keeping them accessible to folks who can only participate virtually. With the agreement of our Area Panel officers, I appointed Joe E., who currently also serves as our Section 4 Leader, as the Chairperson to lead an Ad Hoc dedicated to this enormous undertaking. I have had the opportunity to interact quite a lot with Joe, who by the way is a born leader, as the committee did their work and I have to say, we couldn't have had a more dedicated or competent Chairperson or group of people serving on this committee. They worked long hours, consulted widely, and conducted a tremendous amount of research. Please do stick around for the Committee meeting to get a full report of their activities and findings thus far.

This is a good point in my report to remind the Assembly that Area 45 is still seeking an Accessibility Chair. This is a very important committee that helps so many fellow AAs - we would absolutely love to fill that vacancy, in particular because a representative for Accessibility would be key figure in working with our Ad Hoc's goal of finding the best path back to in-person Assemblies. Please reach out to me at chair@snjaa.org if you are interested or know someone who may be.

I have also been attending the monthly Convention Committee meetings and once again I am thrilled to report that the group of people serving on this committee are among the most knowledgeable, capable, and above all enthusiastic group of people that I know. I absolutely cannot wait to attend the convention in March, and I very strongly encourage everyone here to get a room and make a vacation out of it. This will certainly be an event like no other!

Lastly, I recently worked with the Policy committee on finalizing a document that you will see today during the committee meeting, that highlights a number of proposed changes and updates to the Area 45 Handbook. Be sure to stick around for that so you have full understanding that you can take back to your groups, get a group conscience decision, and vote on the updates at our Fall Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly W.

Alternate Delegate –

I am an alcoholic, and my name is Ken.

Privileged to serve as your Panel 70 Area 45 Alternate Delegate.

Thank you all for your attendance here today, and for your service.

Since our last Assembly, our Panel 70 Delegate, Rich H, and I have continued meeting with the Delegates , Alternates, and Northeast Regional Trustee on a regular basis.

I have continued to attend and deliver a report from Area 45 to our 3 Intergroups at their monthly business meetings. Passing along information from our Northeast Regional Trustee and GSO.

Stayed in touch with, and participated with the Hybrid Ad-Hoc committee chair and committee.

Attended and participated in the Northeast Regional Forum in June. It was an exciting event, extremely well done and packed with information on GSO Trustees and staffers experience.

Participated in numerous conversations with GSR's, groups, DCM's regarding actions taken at the 71st General Service Conference.

The annual Day of Sharing is scheduled for October 23rd to be hosted by Cape Atlantic Intergroup. Details regarding virtual of hybrid will be announced in the near future.

As you all know, our Election Assembly is coming up in November.

I would advise anyone interested in service in any capacity in any part of the service structure in Southern NJ to seek out opportunities available to you. There are many.

All of us will be rotating, and of course we Need members to make themselves available to do the work of AA, and meet our Primary Purpose.

In Unity

Ken T

Delegate - My name is Rich, and I am an alcoholic. Congratulations to the celebrants and to the new GSRs. Thanks to the Tech folks who make today's Assembly and Committee Meeting possible. I am honored to serve as your delegate. This will be my penultimate (or second to last for those of you from Maple Shade) area assembly as your delegate, my eighth continuous year elected service to the panel, my 31st consecutive assembly and my 11th year of continuous area service. Time flies when you are having fun.

I wanted to address some developments at the national and local level since I gave my report back on the 71st general service conference at the last assembly. A lot of momentous changes occurred, and a lot of folks seem to be just waking up to that fact. Getting good correct and reliable information about the changes is the first step. Many of you obtained my presentation on the conference to use with your groups; it is still available if you need it as a refresher since there were a record number of recommendations passed at the last General Service Conference.

But we should talk about money before we move onto the fun stuff. George will tell you about how Area is doing so I will cover GSO.

- • Gross literature sales for the first six months of 2021 were \$5,735,705 which is 65% of the 2021 budget of \$8,865,000. Sale went up because safe reopening of Groups, Intergroups and Central Offices.
- • Voluntary Contributions: For the first six months of the year, 7th Tradition contributions were \$4,976,316, which is 51% of the 2021 budget of \$9,725,000. Remarkably, the Fellowship rally continues. I gave copies of the latest spreadsheets to the panel, if you'd like them let us know. That is the upside of NetSuite.
- • Operating Expenses: For the period ending June 30, 2021, operating expenses were \$7,611,401 which is 53% of the budget amount of \$14,479,506.

Because things are going well, the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the re-forecasted 2021 budget, which reflects: Gross sales of \$11,400,000, Contribution's revenue of \$10,000,000 and a Bottom-line surplus of

\$667,710. The big news is that the Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve an immediate transfer of \$250,000 to the Reserve Fund.

So much for finances, now it is time for the fun stuff. Initially I would note that the conference report itself is now available in a digital format. This document holds the official formal version of all the work that was conducted during our general service conference. I have emailed copies of this document to the panel members, and it is available to you and to anybody who requests it. Just email me. This afternoon when we have our monthly meeting with the northeast regional trustee, I would expect to hear more details about when GSO will complete physical printing of the conference reports. I wouldn't wait for that, however.

On other publishing news since we last met, the brand new and awesomely wonderful service manual is undergoing the final publishing process. The service manual will be available as a PDF online November 5, 2021, and the print version on November 26, 2021, first printing will only be available in one size, eight 1/2 by eleven and not in large print at least at this time. The first run will be 50,000 copies in English. This edition is much more than a color-change for the cover. I think you will love it. I hope to review it with you in November.

Publications Translations Summary: Alcoholics Anonymous is available in seventy- three languages, with twenty-seven languages pending and nineteen new translations in progress, along with eight revisions/retranslations. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is available in fifty-two languages, with three translations pending. Daily Reflections is available in thirty-eight languages, with two translations pending. Living Sober is available in thirty-seven languages, with five translations pending. Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age is available in nineteen languages, with two translations pending. For the period January – June 2021, GSO reviewed and accepted nine languages. For example, India and Turkey had multiple projects move forward. Who does stuff like this? Answer: you do through the seventh tradition.

Google AdWords. The general service board continues to discuss ways to implement and broaden efforts with reference to the use of Google AdWords to help carry the message. When I

searched “Alcoholics Anonymous” yesterday morning our GSO site was the first of over 63,200,000 results. That is why AdWords matter.

There is postproduction progress on the two new PSAs, but they are not yet available. Frankly not sure why. “Party” is aimed toward the lockdown situation, and as that lessens so does the relevance of the PSA. We need to be nimbler.

The trustees committee on Pi and the trustees committee on literature have formed a committee working on a revised version of the Speaking at non-AA meetings pamphlet. The Delegate’s PI committee had a lot to say about this long pamphlet at the conference and so the Trustees Committee has a lot of work to do. Francis tells me PI hired two full time “Appointed Committee Members” to help, which is great.

Work also continues the “Message to teenagers” pamphlet. I have been particularly involved these revisions and feel passionate that the use of a pamphlet itself would be something of a barrier for young people. GSO maintains a “print first” policy that I have tried as your delegate at the conference to ease away from at least when it comes to materials for young people, and just use something that young folks can access directly from the Meeting Guide app right on their phones. That, and stop calling them teenagers.

In addition, there have been efforts towards upgrading the “understanding anonymity” pamphlet to reflect current technology in service resources, like, duh, “zoom.”

Regarding the AA membership survey, a professional survey methodologist is conducting more work to focus a review and analysis on the questionnaire itself. So, there so we are, not there yet, but we are getting closer

The trustee CPC committee is reviewing the 2021 committee considerations for the CPC workbook and has asked the CPC staff in New York to survey local CPC committees for their shared experience on creative ways to carry the message to professionals. If you are or know of a local CPC whizz, let me know and I will introduce you that team.

In addition, the trustee's CPC committee is making progress on upgrading AA's and Grapevine's LinkedIn presence and is considering posting information about class "A" service positions on LinkedIn

The Trustee's CPC committee reviewed progress on the "AA in your community" CPC service material, asking the same question several delegates (me included) asked at the conference: who exactly is the target audience for the "aa in your community" brochure? No one is really sure so it's hard to revise it.

Work continues on new service material relating to "attraction versus promotion" when conducting CPC committee work. I hope Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees can play a larger and more visible role here, since AA is lucky to have some truly stellar executive, doctors, lawyers and other professionals as Class A trustee, folks who are free to be the public face of AA to their respective professions.

Finally, a topic near and dear to my heart, GSO has completed two Podcast installments and ten more programs are underway. The working title is: "The Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour." No word on when they will be released.

La Viña has successfully published "Voices of Women" – in Spanish. The September/October La Viña title is "Corrections and Treatment," November/December La Viña addresses "The Family Afterwards," while January/February will include sharing on the principle of "Acceptance."

In addition, Grapevine has published its Prison Book, titled "Free on the Inside." Sales are brisk. Grapevine magazines currently in production, include: The September issue "Young and Sober," October issue is "Cooperation with the Professional Community," November is "Prayer and Meditation," to coincide with the book, December is the "Remote Communities" and "Holiday" Issue, and January will feature "Beginners" stories.

The Plain Language Translation, which I would have guessed to be the most controversial item to have passed at the Conference, has been assigned a committee tasked with finding the relevant linguistic experts to start to study the situation. It will be a huge and complex undertaking, with

many opportunities for the fellowship to weigh in along the way. I expect this will be a slow process.

The final item I wanted to chat about is the new Preamble. So much misinformation, confusion and anger has gone with this change in the AA preamble from “men and woman” to “people” that I made a “Fact Sheet” for you. It is not pro or con, and just lays out some of the facts your group needs to make an informed group conscience about what to read –if anything-- at your group. It has a hyperlink to the GSO’s update. Also, there is even more info available for the asking. Just email me. The goal here is getting the facts out so groups can make informed group conscience decisions about what is best for them.

For me, the fact that the Conference’s recommendation seems to have stirred up controversy is just an added bonus, and I hope it will increase interest in getting involved in Area service. It is after all your fellowship, not GSO’s. Groups without active GSRs really do not have a voice. Sending angry emails to GSO is all well and good, but kind of misses the point. There is no “them,” it’s only “us.”

Thank you for letting me serve,

Rich H

Motion: Commencing with the next General Service Conference, all Delegate Conference Committee Chairpersons will be elected by Third Legacy procedure unless the committee votes otherwise.

Motion Passed

Special Presentation on the upcoming Area 45 Panel Officer Elections to be held at the November 2021 Assembly by Fred E., Past Delegate Panel 58

Electing members who will be the face and the voice of the Area.
Best way is to send a current GSR who knows the candidates.
Qualifications to consider.
Do you have time available?

Meeting Adjourned

Area Committee Meeting

Meeting Begins: 12:15 AM

A. Presentation of the Area 45 2022 Handbook proposed changes by the Policy Committee

Discussion following

Motion 1)

Move that the current name of the Special Needs Committee be changed to the Accessibility Committee

Motion Passed

Motion 2)

Move that the Virtual Tech Committee be established as a standing committee of Area 45

Motion Passed

(Both motions will be on the November Agenda)

B. Presentation by Joe E. Chair of the Ad Hoc committee on Hybrid meetings for Area 45

(No motion at this time)

Meeting adjourned