

Area 45 Spring Assembly

The Hybrid Spring Assembly was hosted by Section III at Elmer Grange, 535 Daretown Rd, Elmer, NJ 08318 and virtually via Venmo.

GSR/DCM orientation was started at 8:45 AM.

The Assembly Meeting opened at 10:00 am with the Serenity Prayer followed by the A. A. Anonymity Statement.

Panel 72 Chairperson, Joe E:

Good morning, everyone and thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Area Chair. It is with my deepest appreciation that I thank the security staff and the body of this assembly for making this possible. Since our last Assembly, I have had the privilege to attend NERAASA, Area 45 Convention, Area 45 Mini-Conference, and the privilege to share my service journey at a District 19 workshop. As we all can relate, NERAASA speaks for itself and was a wealth of information. Both our Area Conference and Mini-Conference were well attended and organized. Thank you to those service members. Lastly, it was a true honor to be invited to the District 19 Workshop and a memory I will never forget. Service is alive and well in the Wildwood Area, please check them out if you are in their neighborhood.

Currently, we have an opening for our Accessibilities Chair. If you know someone interested in serving Area 45, please let me know.

If you have an event that you would like to post on the website, please send me the flyer and I will see that our Web Chair posts it on our site as well as calendar. (Chair@SNJAA.ORG) Please check the website periodically, as I will be updating it with the latest information. I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to speaking with everyone today.

Those new GSRs/DCMs to the Assembly shared their name, position and home group.

Recognition was given to those who celebrated a sobriety milestone since our Fall Assembly. There approximately 13 people who stood.

Delegate's Report Back from the General Service Conference:

Around the Picnic Table [Presentation](#)

73rd General Service Post Conference [Report](#)

12:05 pm lunch break.

Intergroup Reports:

Cape Atlantic:

Pleased to announce Business Meetings (held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Christ Episcopal Church in Somers Point, is steadily see attendance increase. 30-46 people each month. Steering meetings, held 2nd Wednesday each month at the CAIG office, 3153 Fire Rd, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234, is struggling.

Our treasury is in great shape. We're always working on creating imaginative ways to use our dollars to reach those still sick and suffering. We increased 2 budget lines, Unity and PI/CPC, to help with that.

We voted in a new Trustee, Joe O.

We unanimously voted to relocate our CAIG office from Fire Rd, where we have been for the last 10 years, tentatively, to Northfield. This new space will offer larger, safer and more secure location.

Ad Hoc Policy and Structure Committee has completed the revisions of the By Laws and are very close to finishing the update to Job Descriptions. We hope to present to the body the June Business meeting.

Hot Line is averaging 100 calls a month and we have a few spots open.

Website is up to date with latest upcoming events and service position available.

Mark your calendars: November 17-19 17th *Annual Roundup* "There is a Solution". It will be held at the Grand in Cape May.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn I.
CAIG Chair

Central Jersey:

Randi J. Unity Chair reporting for the Chair Rickey S.

- CJJ is grateful to maintain a healthy budget with consistent contributions from groups.
- We have open positions available for Women and Men's prisons, Hospitals and Institutions and Steering Chairs. Please contact our Chair if interested chair@cjiaa.org
- We have implemented a new automated answering service for our Hotline which saves us considerable money.
- We have a new Newsletter Chair and expect our next newsletter out June 1.
- Our Literature Committee is doing great, and "Literature on Wheels" has attended many events. You may contact them for your event at literature@cjiaa.org There are now plans to take our bookstore online.

Upcoming events include:

July 14. Friday. AA General Office Tour

Tour 10 am AA meeting 11 am

Cost \$28

8am Hightstown Presbyterian Church
Contact Sam A. 609-529-2212 or Beth D. 609-433-7160

August 26 Intergroup Dance

7PM – 10PM

Hightstown Presbyterian Church Hightstown

Potluck. Donations welcome

John Q Speaker 45 Years sobriety from Atlantic Highlands

50/50

Tickets available soon

August 27 Trenton Thunder Game-

Meet 12:30 in Front of Stadium

1pm Game

\$30 Unlimited Buffet for 90 Minutes

Notify ASAP Sam A. 609-529-2212 or Beth D. 609-433-7160

In Love and Service,
Randi

South Jersey

Verbal report

DCM and Section Leader Reports:

Section I

Leader position – *Vacant*

District 3:

Hello,

Since our last assembly District 3 has met on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm via zoom. Our attendance fluctuates ranging from 5-12 GSRs. As of May 11th our treasury is \$617.52.

We are planning our next workshop "How it Works" (area service). We helped secure the meeting location for the Summer Assembly.

Thanks

Patrick McN

District 4: *Vacant*

Districts 22 & 23:

Good afternoon. My name is Jeremy, I'm an alcoholic, and I am honored to serve as DCM for District 22/23.

I'd like to say Thank You to the Spring Assembly planning committee. Events like these don't just happen on their own; a lot of behind-the-scenes planning and coordination took place to put together today's assembly. Thank you.

District 22/23 meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. We routinely have 8-12 GSRs from the district represented in our monthly meeting.

As of May 20th, our district's treasury balance was \$3,122. We spent \$300 supporting the District's first in person workshop in over three years. We plan to support a home group led workshop later this summer and provide \$300 in support of food and location donation.

Our treasurer and secretary are still researching options to update our district checking account and allow digital payments. Some of our district continuity was lost during COVID, and we're trying to track down the former members whose names are on the account in order to make updates.

As mentioned earlier, we held our first in person workshop in over three years on April 29th. Nicole, our treasurer, set up the location, food, and coordinated the speaker, Rich H for a Service 101 workshop. We had 12 members attend the workshop. We are also working with the Sunday night BYOBB meeting to set up a prison outreach workshop. We hope to have this in late June or July. Be on the lookout for the flyer.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy B, District 22/23

District 24:

We currently have a balance of \$924 dollars. We meet the third Monday of every month at 100 Scotch Road at 7pm and is open to anyone that is interested in finding out about what the District does or is interested in doing service at the district level. We currently have 30 active groups in our District with a monthly GSR participation of around 8 groups represented. We would like to thank all of the district 24 groups that contributed this quarter. Their support helps us better serve their needs.

On March 18th we held the first of four step and tradition workshops which are co- sponsored by District 25. It was a great success. We had 20 people attend. The next workshop will be held in District 25 at the Heights Town First Presbyterian Church on June 17th.

We will be hosting our annual picnic on Sept 9th from 12-5 the meeting will be at 3pm. Sides, salads and desserts are always welcomed and appreciated. It is a free event but donations are always welcomed to offset the cost of the food. District 24 supplied cups and sugar for the mini-conference and we along with all section 1 groups began to plan for the

summer assembly. It will be at the Grange Hall in Columbus thank you to Pat for securing the location.

Kerry
DCM District 24

District 25:

No Report

District 30 & 31: *Vacant*

Section II

Districts: 5, 6, 7 - Vacant

District 8:

No Report

District 9:

District 9 continues to grow participation (slowly) but we are reaching more groups than in the past.

We look forward to participation in hosting the Fall Assembly in Marlton.

We are closing our PO Box 4629, as the cost has outpaced contributions, and has become poor stewardship of our Groups 7th Tradition funds.

See me after the meeting for the New Mailing Address.

Our Bank Balance is: \$ 752.93

Thank you for the privilege of serving our fellowship.

Peace... Andy... ;-)

District 26:

District 26 meets at 6:30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Logan Presbyterian Church in Audubon. We continue to have our meeting hybrid. Our treasury balance is \$4,365.05.

Kelly S and Josh P, our area corrections chair, are in the planning stages to have a corrections workshop in August. Thank you to Kelly for getting our district involved with corrections service.

We are also narrowing down topics for another district workshop.

Thank you to Ken for attending the GSC and your service to our area. Thank you to everyone for their service for this assembly.

Respectfully submitted with gratitude,

Lisa B.

District 26 DCM

District 27:

No Report

Section III

Verbal Report

District 12:

No Report

District 13:

Verbal Report

District 14:

Good morning Area 45 Committee members, GSR's and guests. My name is Bill and I am an alcoholic.

District 14 meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church on 2nd and Pine St in Millville NJ.

As DCM, I wanted to report that the District meetings average 8-14 GSR's and guests at our monthly meetings. Our Treasury report from 5/18/23 was \$3,570. This past quarter, the District had multiple Group Anniversaries:

Millville Saturday, 8:00 pm Bill W Awakening celebrated 22 years

Millville's Saturdays 9:00 am Sober Saturday Group celebrated 12 years

Millville's Tues Serenity at Noon group celebrating 22 years

Millville Thursday Night group celebrated 74 years of continued service

June 12th the Vineland Group of AA at 2724 South Main Rd in Vineland (old location was 8th and Wood) is celebrating their 64th year with food at 7:00 pm and meeting at 8:00 pm.

District 14 has also secured Parvins State Park for our 18th Annual Food Fun and Fellowship Picnic, August 27, 2023. . Flyers will be coming out soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill F

DCM District 14

Districts 20:

No Report

District 21:

No Report

Districts 28 & 29:

No Report

Section IV

Hi my name is Rob and I'm an alcoholic.

I have the honor and privilege of serving as the section 4 Leader.

Since last assembly I have made a few out our districts meetings. I also was able to attend and participate in the mini conference last month.

As far as what's happening in the districts, I will let the DCM's cover in their reports. I'm still getting acclimated in my position and will do whatever I can to help support the districts in my section.

In love and service.

Rob M.

Section 4 Leader

District 15:

D15 meets in-person and without the option for virtual attendance on the second Wednesday of each month at the Episcopalian Church of the Holy Spirit, 220 East Main St, Tuckerton.

The District is active with positions filled for DCM, Alt-DCM, secretary and treasurer and attended with 5-7 GSRs. We also enjoy the benefit of regular attendance with Section IV Leader, Rob M.

Our May 2023 treasury report indicates a financial ending balance of \$4,977.79.

Service efforts for the second quarter of 2023 are focused on stimulation community support for district level service. While it may prove easier to balance the nation debt there is a silver lining. Our modest growth thus far has yielded dramatic statically results. We've seen an increase from 4 to 6 GSRs and that translates to a thirty-three percent improvement in support for 2023. Optimism is a virtue. Therefore, our glass is half full.

We are approaching the problem of service apathy above the group level from the standpoint of self-examination as we would engage in moral inventory for personal recovery. Instead of looking to the community and pointing a finger of accusation over poor support we are focusing on the service body itself. Our AA meetings thrive but our monthly District meeting is a ghost town. Why? Can we clean our side of the street and improve support on the basis of attraction?

In the AA spirit of pragmatism, we are overhauling our operation on the premise that form follows function. If the service body is unhealthy, service anemia follows. If we restore vitality we can attract the like-minded and able-bodied among the community.

Accordingly, we have gone back to the drawing board to fundamentally evaluate our function as a district assembly. In addition to being a conduit in the global service structure, what utility can we provide for our community? What business can we engage in regularly to inspire and draw others into service on the basis of attraction? In the past, we have assembled, counted money, listened to a few GSR reports and planned for an end-of-year annual party. With so little going on, it stands to reason that poor involvement was the yield.

We have concluded that pragmatic solutions are the best course. To that end, we have elected to charter and activities subcommittee to put primary purpose-friendly events on the calendar. District has the advantage of economies of scale over AA groups when it comes to hosting recreational community events. Theoretically, we have deeper pockets and more service resources.

Presently we are in the process of roughing out policies, procedures and bylaws for D15 activities subcommittees. Its function will be to plan, organize and implement AA events in the community, evaluate effectiveness upon completion and report back to the District. If such endeavors are successful, the District will elect to further appropriate budget for the subcommittee efforts.

Hopefully, this will prove effective against systemic service anemia. If it goes well, we will continue to make changes to improve D15's community disposition. God willing, form will follow function.

Yours in Loving Service,

Rich J.
District 15 DCM

District 16 &17: *Vacant*

District 18:

My name is Paul H. I am the DCM for District 18 (northern Cape May County). I am grateful to have the opportunity to be of service.

Our most recent district meeting was held on May 7, 2023, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 2998 Bay Ave, Ocean City. Three GSRs attended and Rob M., Section IV Leader. Participation in the District is dwindling with the resignation of two GSRs.

Our next meeting will be June 4, 2023.

Our treasury is in good shape, and I want to thank our local groups for their continuing generosity.

A Corrections Application Workshop was held on April 22, in Sea Isle City. Three volunteer applications were received for NJ State Prisons, eight for the Cape May County Jail, and one for Federal Prison at Fort

Dix. Thank you to Noreen M and Tom K of District 18 for their help. And thank you to Area Corrections Chair Josh P and his team for traveling to Sea Isle City to put on a great workshop.

We hope to have another workshop in the fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul H

DCM District 18

District 19:

Greeting everyone, I am Sandy M a grateful recovering alcoholic.

Our District 19 meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at Crest Community Church, Wildwood Crest, NJ at 7:30 pm Everyone's Welcome.

We had a super District 19 Winter Unity Event, A Declaration of Unity on March 11th. Our speaker, Joe E, was excellent and our skit 'As We See It, Home Group Meeting Area 45' was hilarious. Thanks to Wendy M, Author Author.

NERAASA 2023 was fantastic! NERASSA 2024 will be held at Hershey PA (tickets selling fast) and guess what, Area 45 through our hat in the ring to host NERAASA 2026 (finger crossed).

Copies of the 73rd General Service Conference Committee Agenda items and 2023 Mini-Conference background information and Survey were given to the GSR's to take back to their groups at our last District meeting on 3-30-23.

A new GSR, Pac C, for the Young Men's Group making it an even dozen.

Our Treasury report available balance \$4,449.24, Prudent Reserve \$1,000.

Jim W's granddaughter, Harper Renee, is in stable condition at Children's Hospital of PA. She is one of four babies waiting for a heart transplant. Our prayers are with them all (Gods will be done).

I would like to thank everyone here in person and those virtual for your service and helping me get another day of sobriety.

Area Committee Reports

Accessibility – Vacant

Archives

The Archives Committee continues to serve with the help and cooperation of the members and fellowship of Area 45, Panel 72. New members are sought to join in this service opportunity.

We have been involved in major events. The committee attended NERASSA 2023 and provided an Archives display at the annual Area 45 Convention in the Claridge Hotel, Atlantic City. There we met AAs from all over and inspired one member to get involved in Archives for her home state (Virginia). Also, our committee chair took second place in the Talent Show. He proved, with his ukulele, that we are not a Glum Lot.

There was an Archives display and presentation for Section III. With the help of Wayne, Ginger and Section 3 volunteers it served as a kick-off for this Assembly. Give them a hand.

Plans for the near future include, a short introductory presentation at the District 3 in-service in June. It is called "How it Works: Area Service". See Pat-the-juggler for details. We also plan on attending the 2023 National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop. It is being held in Sudbury, Ontario. Yes, in Canada, in early September. Wish us luck.

Yours in Service,

Roy C.
Area 45, Panel 72 Archives Chair

Audio

Verbal Report

Budget & Finance

My name is Justin, I am a real alcoholic, and honored to serve as the chair of this committee. Since the last assembly, I attended NERAASA, where I participated actively in several finance breakout sessions, visited a young people's breakout session, and learned an incredible amount about diversity and security by attending all of the panel presentations. My third trip to NERAASA was by far my favorite. My entire home group drive to and from Albany together. One has since become the DCM for our district, another is now serving as a GSR, and the rest are active in our home group. I also had the pleasure of connecting with many AA's from the entire Northeast Region, and in Area 45. The lunch of Area 45 attendees filled two large tables, thanks to our Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee. I want to thank all of the people who are serving on that committee, congratulate all the scholarship winners for 2023, and encourage all of you to join the committee and help award all of the 2024 scholarships. If not serving on the committee, make sure to apply as soon as applications open.

For the remainder of my term as chair of this committee, I intend to apply what I learned at NERAASA, and continue to serve beside our chair and treasurer as needed.

Thank you all for your service and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin S.
B&F Committee Chair

Convention – 57th Annual

Verbal Report

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information (CPC/PI)

Since our last Assembly John M and I were able to get a few more volunteers from the convention to help us during our meeting last month we worked on finalizing the AA informational presentation. We have been visiting libraries and police departments leaving information for them. Surprisingly, many libraries do not have big books.

I am trying to get a booth at the EMS convention in Philly Nov 2....I am visiting various meeting with letters and literature for people to take to their drs. It's helping me spread the word, get out of myself and meet more people, I am grateful for that.

The committee recently purchased 2 dozen big books for a fellow AA member to distribute to local hospitals.

If your town or neighborhood is having an event, festival or something similar, please let me know. I would set up a table with literature. It's a great way to talk with people in various communities and let them know how AA works and what they can do if they know someone who needs help.

Thank you for allowing me to be in service,
Michelle C

Corrections

Hi everyone, I am Josh P, and I am an alcoholic. I am also the area 45 Corrections Chair. It is both an honor and a privilege to be trusted with such a responsibility. We are busy. If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved please talk to me.

Our committee has been extremely busy. Thank you to all the area 45 members who stepped up to support our committee efforts. Special thanks to our Co-Chair, Kelly S, BTG Coordinator, Scott P, Treasurer, Marlene W., And secretary, Pat G - we couldn't do this without your efforts.

We would like to thank District 18 for co-hosting our recent application workshops. It was extremely successful taking in 7 county applications, 2 Federal, and 1 State application. Thank you!! We look forward to visiting District 26 , 16/17, & 19 over the next few months. Any DCM interested in co-hosting an event please find me. Our goal is to visit every district.

We are happy to report that requirements have changed for state facilities. We are no longer required to be vaccinated to apply. State facilities are now open to anyone interested. We have also made contact and are in the process of starting up AA meetings at Camden county jail, Cape May county jail, and Burlington county jail. Meetings have resumed at Salem county jail too. See the chair for applications or more information.

Our Area 45 Bridging the Gap (BTG) service is currently being restructured and needs support from you. We are currently building a temporary contact data base to support our treatment and correctional facilities. We need you to help bridge the gap from facility to AA. Please see Scott P, our BTG Coordinator, and pick up our BTG flyer for the home group. We are moving into our next phase, where we approach the facilities. If you have a relationship with a facility that may find this service useful, please see Scott P.

Our corrections committee meets virtually the first Tuesday of every month. Bridging the Gap meets virtually the second Wednesday of every month. Virtual meeting ID and password is available on the area 45 website under the area events section. All are welcome.

Please keep an eye out for our monthly reports which our area secretary shares using MailChimp. It contains our monthly meeting minutes with detailed information on our efforts, as well as, flyers about upcoming corrections events.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service. I look forward to sharing corrections with you.

Gratefully,

Josh P
Area 45 Corrections Chair

DCM/GSR Orientation

12 new GSRs live plus 1 new DCM plus a cast of thousands online.

Respectively submitted,

Rich H
Area 45, Panel 70 Delegate

Grapevine - Vacant

JalCon – Vacant

Newsletter

Good afternoon. My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your Panel 72 4th Dimension Newsletter Chair.

Many of you received the Spring issue emailed to you, and if you have not yet seen it, it is also available on our Area website area45snjaa.org.

The theme for the Spring Newsletter is Into Action. I am especially thankful to Laura F. and Derik W. for their thoughtful contributions about what being active in AA means to them, to Bob W. for a wonderful recovery poem, to our Area 45 Registrar George H. for his perspectives, and to our Archivist Roy C. for his contribution highlighting both his activities as well as some AA history. I want to also express my gratitude to our Area Chair Joe E. for always being available for guidance and support as well as our Area 45 Treasurer Phil K. for offering to provide information for a new Gratitude section of the Newsletter so that we could include the names of groups in Area 45 who contributed 7th Tradition money to Area 45 and also Literatures in Prisons. Thank you also to all the DCMs and committees

who sent along flyers to their meetings and events.

Although it may seem premature, I have been thinking about the fact that there are only two more Newsletters to go before the end of this Panel. That being said, our spirit of rotation invites me both to start considering what AA job I might be able to do moving forward while also looking out to encourage the next possible Newsletter chair to start learning the ropes in the hope they make themselves available for this job next Panel.

This committee was a perfect fit for me. I had limited time availability and so I kept it a one-person operation and therefore never needed to have meetings, I've always loved putting together flyers and PowerPoint docs and was astounded to find that Microsoft Publisher software was very Straightforward and user-friendly, I also have an idea about how Area 45 is run (although I am far from expert), and I love coming up with service related themes and reaching out to my fellows in Area 45 to provide the content. Please start thinking now about jobs that may be a good fit for you in the near future and if Newsletter interests you, I'm happy to start training someone to take on the job.

Moving forward, wheels are in motion for topics for and contributions to the Summer Newsletter. If you or anyone you know has some ideas for submissions or topics you'd like to see included, please send an email to newsletterarea45@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly W.

Policy

Verbal Report

Registration

In Person 64
Virtual 17
Total 81 + 20 visitors during the Delegate report back.

Virtual Tech

No Report

Website

We had some technical problems with contribution forms for 7 th Tradition and LiPS. The issue has been resolved. If you receive any type of error on the website, please send me an email so I can get it taken care of. Webadmin@snjaa.org.

- Worked with Scott P. (BTG) on new forms for volunteers to help people leaving correctional and treatment facilities get the help they need. 23 submissions so far. (Great job Scott!) ☺ Ken T.'s (Delegate) report for the 73rd GSC "Picnic Table Slides" is on the home page.
- Roy C. (Archives) has put a presentation on the website also. He is working on getting some additional historical information to share.
- The Spring 4 th Dimension newsletter is now published. Yay Kelly!
- Reminder to send any flyers to webadmin@snjaa.org
- You can submit your own events including attachments. They automatically go into draft mode. I will edit if necessary and then publish. Josh P. is an expert....
- Content: Looking to add additional content relative to Area. Please send ideas and/or links of interest.

Respectively submitted,

Pam

Young People

Verbal Report

Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee

NERAASA was held on February 24th-27th in Albany. We had 32 people applied for the Reimbursement for funds to go to 2023 NERAASA. All were notified that the money was available if they were going. We ultimately reimbursed 22 people. We had an amazing time and learned a lot about what is happening in AA.

We will be opening up applications for up to 100 people to go before the Fall Assembly. We are asking anyone who wants to serve on the AD HOC committee please reach out to me at krrywalsh2410@gmail.com. NERAASA 2024 will be held on February 22nd -25th at Hershey Lodge and registration is open. You can reserve your room by calling the lodge at 717-533-3311 and ask for the room block NERAASA 2024. You must also remember to register for NERAASA separately at www.neraasa.org. There you can sign up for the event and the meals. We look forward to seeing everyone there next year.

Kerry

Ad Hoc NERAASA Scholarship Committee Char

Ad Hoc Virtual District 42

Hello, my name is Lauren.

Since the Winter Assembly we have:

- Contacted over 30+ online groups by personally sitting in & then discussing the District .
- Held multiple Town Hall meetings to start the organization process. The one following our biggest outreach push having an attendance over 20 online meeting representatives.
- Some groups are nearly ready to vote & agree to the district. Some are a few organizational steps behind, such as being in the process of registering their groups with GSO.

Respectfully,

Lauren
Co-Chair Ad Hoc Virtual District 42

Area Panel Reports –

Registrar

No Report

Secretary

Good morning, my name is Jean and I am an alcoholic. I want to thank Section III for hosting our Assembly today.

I want to apologize for the error on the Summer Assembly flyer which was on the Registration Table. The flyer said 'Spring' when it should have said 'Summer'. The final flyer will be included with the Spring Assembly Minutes distribution.

14 MailChimp emails were sent out since the Winter Assembly. Unfortunately the Secretary MailChimp account is inaccessible and a detailed report of emails is unavailable.

I hope you all signed.

I have been involved with the Ad hoc Virtual District, have continued to attend the MD Area 29's Accessibilities meetings/presentations, the PI CPC National meetings, NERAASA (Accessibilities Roundtables) and the 2023 Area Convention. These are all great learning experiences which enrich my service experiences and help keep me sober!

I will be working with Wendy with the MailChimp Unsubscribed Cleanup (103 emails). I plan to attend the AA Technology Conference in September, Unity Picnic sponsored by District 25, 22-23 & CJI on July 30 and as much other events I can fit it.

I appreciate all of your support as I continue to struggle with the effects of long COVID. I started PT last week and I am starting to feel better, however I have a long way to go.

Respectively submitted,

Jean

Treasurer

Hi, my name is Phil and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as your Area 45 Treasurer.

Thank you to all the AA groups and individuals that contribute financially to Area 45. I also want to thank and express my appreciation for individuals and groups that either cannot contribute money or choose to focus their efforts in a different way. Please ask and encourage your group treasurers to include the group ID number on your mailed checks. For me, it doesn't matter whether that group number is the old six-digit FNV number or the new Fellowship Connection Group ID.

I'm grateful to share the news that Area 45 finances are healthy. Contributions during the first three months of 2023 were about \$11,900, compared with about \$10,900 during the same three months of last year. So, contributions this year are about 9% more than last year and about 6% more than we forecast during the budget preparation process.

In my experience, Area's expenses are greater during the first quarter of the year than the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of the year. Last year, contributions exceeded expenses during all four quarters, although the first quarter was the closest to being balanced, for the reason I just provided - we have the greatest expenses in the first quarter.

The approved 2023-2024 budget expressly and purposefully intends for expenses to be greater than contributions. Group and individual contributions in accordance with our 7th Tradition are intended to be used, the money is intended to be spent, to help the next sick and suffering alcoholic. To lift a sentence from our Budget & Finance Committee Chair's budget notes "The goal is to spend down idle funds not being used for our Primary Purpose and move toward a prudent reserve amount of only 6-12 months of operating funds".

With that in mind, I encourage you to consider the following to be a success: During the first quarter of 2023, Area 45 expenses were about \$23,000, which is about \$11,100 more than we took in.

What was different during the first quarter of this year compared to last year? Well, #1 I sent GSO \$5,000 for our support of the General Service Conference ON TIME (instead of in May, like last year); #2, we reimbursed 22 attendees of NERAASA \$250 each as part of our scholarship program, so that comes to \$5,500.

The approved budget laid out a path that would result in about \$21,000 less in the Area 45 operating account on December 31, compared to January 1. Do I think that we'll close out this year with \$21,000 less than we started the year with? Honestly, no.

Do I think that Area will be "in the red" during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters of this year? Honestly, no. Do I think that it's a worthwhile pursuit to carefully and purposefully spend 7th Tradition funds in accordance with our approved budget, thereby reducing the amount of money sitting idle in our operating account? Yes I do. Am I available to answer your questions about Area finances? Yes, I am. When we talk, will I encourage you to make yourself available for the

treasurer position during this November's elections? Yes, I will! Come see me later or email me at Treasurer@snjaa.org. Thank you.

Chairperson

Good morning, everyone and thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Area Chair. It is with my deepest appreciation that I thank the security staff and the body of this assembly for making this possible. Since our last Assembly, I have had the privilege to attend NERAASA, Area 45 Convention, Area 45 Mini-Conference, and the privilege to share my service journey at a District 19 workshop. As we all can relate, NERAASA speaks for itself and was a wealth of information. Both our Area Conference and Mini-Conference were well attended and organized. Thank you to those service members. Lastly, it was a true honor to be invited to the District 19 Workshop and a memory I will never forget. Service is alive and well in the Wildwood Area, please check them out if you are in their neighborhood.

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I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and look forward to speaking with everyone today.

Alternate Delegate

Hello, I am Wendy, and I serve as your Alternate Delegate.

First, I want to thank our Delegate, Ken, for the time he has given Area 45 and AA this past year. I'm sure he will have more in his Delegate's Report Back, but I know he has been a remarkable example of bringing recovery into his service position.

As for myself, I feel blessed to be on this journey with this year's panel. And it has been quite the journey the last three months. First, we left the previous Assembly, and the following week was NERAASA in Albany, NY. And I hoped those who attended as part of Area 45 left there as fired up about service and continuing the conversation of what's spiritually best for Alcoholics Anonymous. And I'm happy to report that during the NERAASA business meeting, I put Area 45's intention to bid on the 2026 NERAASA.

From there, I had the opportunity to attend NERD weekend in Wilmington Delaware. That weekend, we had the chance to share with past Delegates and meet the Trustees who had put themselves up for the North Eastern Regional Trustee. We also got to hear from a Past General Manager and Trustee on their experience with the General Service Office and their thoughts about the state of the Board at that time.

The following weekend, I was with our peeps at the Area 45 Convention in Atlantic City and had a blast doing a skit with the Area 45. I also felt grateful to be able to spend time speaking with our Immediate Past Trustees. They were a wealth of information about the service structure and various projects AAWS & the GV has been working on.

Between travels, I spent time getting hotel quotes to hold NERAASA 2026. And was grateful that I could get an initial contract from the DoubleTree in Cherry Hill. I prepared a presentation for Ken to bring to the Conference from that contract. I want to thank the past Delegates and the panel for their feedback on the hotel contracts and the presentation. Unfortunately, we did not win the bid for NERAASA 2026, which will be held in Maine. But we learned a lot about the process and will ask Area 45 if we can try again for 2027.

Another project I got to work on was putting together a pre-mini-conference survey of questions for our GSRs to take back to their groups so they could have an informed discussion at the mini-conference. Since this was the first year we implemented the pre-survey questionnaire, I was grateful to those who took the time to respond, and we received over 100 responses. I also wanted to thank all the members and GSRs who took the time to attend the Day of Sharing. So, please thank your groups for taking the time to fill it out. Again, we can learn and grow from this to see how it can be done even better next year.

In love and service,

Wendy M.

A45/P72/AD

Delegate

Verbal Report

Motion(s):

Wendy presented the following:

Motion 1: To update the Area 45 handbook to include the process of how to bring an agenda item to the committee portion of the meeting.

Passed

Motion 2:

Phil K presented the following:

Commencing with Area 45's elections for Panel 74, those elected as Chair, Delegate, and Treasurer shall also become respectively the corporation's "President," "Vice President," and "Treasurer" during their panel term. In addition to all other duties, these corporate officers shall have the additional responsibility to ensure the ongoing compliance by Area 45 with all State and Federal laws and regulations, and the execution of any required forms, including but not limited to the Area's tax returns and corporate reports. Candidates for office should understand that the full names of corporate officers are included on various records that are open to public inspection.

Passed

Closed the Assembly meeting with the Responsibility Pledge at 2:10 pm

Area 45 Spring Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting opened at 2:11 pm with the Serenity Prayer.

During the Committee Meeting we set the agenda for the Spring Assembly.

Those eligible to vote on matters pertaining to area business are: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Committee Chairpersons, DCMs, and Section Leaders. Panel Chairperson votes only to break ties.

Motion 1:

Presented by Phil K, Treasurer

An amendment to the approved 2023-2024 Area 45 budget is proposed, specifically an increase (from \$0 to \$800) for the line item "Northeast Regional Forum" (NERF) under the Event Expenses category.

Background:

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

- ▶ Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and "open" to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.
- ▶ Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine.

NERF is a biennial event, taking place in odd-numbered years. During the preparation of the 2021-2022 Area 45 budget, no money was allocated for NERF 2021 because the event was cancelled due to COVID. During the preparation of the 2023-2024 Area 45 budget, the line item for NERF 2023 remained at \$0, which was an oversight. Details for NERF 2023 had not been made available when the Budget & Finance Committee was preparing the current budget, however in retrospect it was clearly likely that NERF 2023 would return. This motion will fund the lodging, meals, and transportation expenses for our current Delegate and current Alternate Delegate.

Passed

Motion 2:

Presented by Josh P, Corrections Chairperson:

Increase Corrections Committee budget from \$500 to \$2,000.00.

Background:

The Corrections budget was influenced by COVID. Now that the Committee is back up and running strong with Corrections and Bridging-the-Gap workshops and travel expenses have increased significantly.

Motion 3:

Presented by John H, Audio Chairperson:

Increase the Audio budget to purchase a new P.A. system (Fender Passport P.A.) by \$1,500 dollars.

Background:

Present P.A. is very old. Functions are starting to break down. The new Fender Passport Venue P.A. Will be 600 watts eliminating some of the challenges we have with the outdated system. Bluetooth and Instrument ready. Better recording. This is an overall upgrade.

Motion 4:

Presented by Mikey A, Young People Chairperson:

Motion: To add PayPal as a way to accept contributions on the Area 45 website.

Background:

Area 45 only allows payments through a credit card system on their website or checks sent to the Treasurer. Although, when you visit other Area, Integroups, and GSO's websites, they all have a secondary option of PayPal to accept contributions.

The reason why the motion is for PayPal specifically, it is the system that is accepted worldwide. With the start of Area 45 online district, many online groups have chosen PayPal to collect 7th Tradition. They are not going the traditional route of opening a bank account.

There is no start-up fee for a PayPal account, and since Area 45 is a non-profit organization, the fees are discounted. So each transaction would be charged 1.99% + an additional \$0.49.

The meeting closed at 2:32 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Attachments

The following printouts were available at the Spring Assembly:

2024 Area 45 GS Convention – Meeting Schedule [flyer](#)

District 3 – How it Works: Area Service [flyer](#)

Palmyra Group 31st Anniversary Celebration [flyer](#)

Bridging-The-Gap [flyer](#)