

Area 45 Spring Assembly Minutes 2024

The spring assembly was held at the Elmer Grange Hall, 535 Daretown Road, Elmer, New Jersey on May 19, 2024.

GSR/DCM orientation was held at 8:45 am.

Assembly Meeting

The assembly meeting was opened with the serenity prayer.

Roll Call by Secretary

Anonymity Statement (George)

Welcome from the Chair

Introductions of new GSRs/DCMs and AA Anniversaries Celebrated

Reports were provided and are presented below in the order given:

Delegate: Wendy M. – Report back from the conference: [Delegate Report Back Materials](#)
10-minute break / Working Lunch

Intergroup Chairs Reports

Cape Atlantic: Dawn I.

Good morning Assembly,

I'd like to thank AA and the power that be for providing me with growing, learning and fellowship opportunities by holding NERAASA, Area 45 convention and Area 45 mini conference. Thank you to Wendy M for the comprehensive GSC report. Great presentation!!

CAIG continues to grow and our treasury is in good standing. We have 3 (three) open committee seats: Archives, Newsletter and Website. Anyone interested??

On March 4th we held a long overdue group inventory. It was well attended and very productive. We have 3 (three) immediate plans of action.

- 1) Upgrade audiovisual equipment for improved virtual performance.
- 2) Create programs to enhance IGR's understanding of their responsibilities and importance of sharing information.
- 3) Streamline meeting format highlighting only pertinent sharing materials. This will serve our major goal of promoting IGR participation & retention.

Some immediate upcoming events: CAYPAA Wild & Sober Event at Cape May County Zoo June 8, Unity Picnic Sat June 15, GSO Bus Trip Friday July 26.

Save the date: Day of Sharing Sat Oct 5 and 18th Annual Roundup Nov 15-17 at the Claridge in

AC. For more details, flyers for these and many more events, can be found on our website
CapeAtlantic.org

Thank you. Service keeps me sober.
Dawn I, CAIG Chair

South Jersey: Bill T.

South Jersey Intergroup Chair Report- SJ Intergroup is thriving; eleven of our twelve committees are active and healthy. This is no small thing and I am thankful to those who serve and the groups that support SJ Intergroup. All committees are always seeking participants. One committee is not filled- Public Information Chair is vacant. We also have 1 trustee vacancy.... If anyone wants to volunteer for either of those two vacancies, please attend the Steering Committee on June 12th at 7:30pm at SJ Intergroup Office 1000 White Horse Rd. (Unit 702), Voorhees Township. For a description of these positions and much more information please visit aasj.org. Our website has literature office hours- which is well stocked.

We had 62 people present at our May meeting. While attendance is increasing- we continue to seek more group representation at the monthly meeting. To that end, I requested ideas that may increase group attendance at the SJ Intergroup Meeting- they are;

- Unity flyer to offer to visit groups and do a 15 minute presentation "What is Intergroup?"
- Create a SJ Intergroup social media presence
- Text invites to the monthly meeting
- SJ Intergroup Convention
- Have SJ Intergroup Meeting in Elmer area once a year

We will explore these ideas.

Answering Service Hotline Training will be June 8th (10am- noon) at the office address stated above.

Also, in the near future SJ Intergroup will be printing a meeting list- visit aasj.org to ensure its accuracy.

If you want to receive SJ Intergroup minutes, Newsletter and more, please send your email address to officemanager@aasj.org

In Service,
Bill Thomasson
609 682-4264

Central Jersey: Chuck D. – Verbal

DCM / Section Leader Reports

Section I

District 4: Brian F.

District 4 has 4 active home groups with 3 active GSR & 3 alternate GSR representatives.

Recently the Unity Group made a 7th tradition contribution of \$80 towards establishing a District budget for service work. Other groups in the district have committed to contributing as well which will

result in an emergent GSR meeting to establish a treasurer. The district hosts a regular quarterly GSR meeting to facilitate communication prior to the Area assemblies.

We recently made 7th tradition contributions to support a section 1 service workshop in conjunction with NJYPAA.

We look forward to working with section 1 leader to support the Summer Assembly.

Brian F
609-741-0181
District 4 DCM

District 22/23: Jeremy B.

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

I want to say thank you to the assembly planning committee from section 3 and the panel leadership for hosting and setting up today's event.

District 22/23 meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 pm on Zoom. We routinely have 10-12 GSRs from the district represented in our monthly meeting.

As of April 22nd, our district's treasury balance was \$2,392.

Our district along with Section 1 and the New Jersey Young People of AA hosted a service workshop on May 4th in Bordentown. Rich H gave a presentation on the AA service structure. We had two GSRs and a DCM share their experience in service to provide personal context and the intrinsic rewards associated with service work. NJYPAA also presented information on their organization and had a table set up with information. We had 20 people in attendance.

We are looking forward to the Unity picnic hosted by section 1 and CJI on July 14th. Be on the lookout for the flyer, we hope to see you there!

We are building out our district program of service workshops to execute throughout the rest of the year, including collaborations with other districts in our section.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremy B, District 22/23

District 3: Donna C. – Verbal

District 25: Alberto B.

Spring Assembly 2024
District 25 Report

We meet on the first Monday of each month. We usually have about 8-10 GSRs in attendance. However, we would like to increase GSR participation from local area

groups. The plan is to attend their business meetings (if invited) and identify any barriers to their GSR representation. Leader Session 1 and I will be attending those meetings.

Over the past five months, we have been focused on organizing our finances and ensuring everything is up to date. We experienced a brief delay in approving our 2024 budget, but it was finally approved in April during our meeting.

Now that we have completed those tasks, we are moving on to planning our yearly activities. I am pleased to see how everyone has taken the lead in making things happen. I would like to thank Debbie and Karen for leading the planning and execution of our Family Picnic on July 14, from 12-5, at Mercer County Park. The picnic is a collaboration of District 24, 22/23, and CJI. We will need volunteers for set-up and breakdown. A save-the-date flyer will be distributed and posted on our website this week, thanks to Tanya's efforts.

In addition to the picnic, we will be hosting the summer assembly in August at the same venue as last year.

We are also planning to have a workshop in September. I am part of the committee and will help iron out the details, such as the location, guest speakers, and the topic.

Furthermore, we are bringing back the Gratitude Dinner Dance in November. We have people interested in helping with the development, and I hope to have a committee in place at our next meeting. I am seeking a venue that will accommodate 300 people and be convenient.

In the meantime, I am working with the registrar to verify and confirm active, inactive, and unknown groups.

I want to express my gratitude to all the groups that support the district through their contributions. With their support, we accomplished greatest things.

Your humble servant,

Alberto B

Section I Leader: Kerry W.

Good morning,

It had been a great beginning of the year the DCMs and GSRs have been actively reaching out to their groups that do not have representation trying to get GSRs more involved in the district meetings, section one in partnership with NJYPAA hosted a GSR service workshop I want to thank Jeremy for taking the lead to. this workshop rich for a great presentation and Viki and Dean for sharing their experience. we are partnering with Central Jersey Intergroup and their unity picnic which will be held on July 14th. Each district is actively planning service workshops

for the year and welcome any and all ideas on what your group members would be interested in.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely
Kerry K
Section 1 lead

Section II

District 26: Lorraine C. (on behalf of Lisa B.) – Verbal

District 27: Gina (on behalf of Trevor I.) – Verbal

District 9: Andy E.

District 9 continues to grow in participation. Still reaching out to quiet groups. We have \$1782 in our treasury, and are planning a "Sober Bowling" event for Area 45 in July. Will submit flyer once finalized.

Thanks for allowing me to be in service...

Peace... Andy E.

Section II Leader: Frank M.

5.19.24 Spring Assembly / Section 2 Report

Hi everybody my name is Frank, I'm an Alcoholic, and Section 2 Leader.

First of all, thanks to Section 13 for hosting today's event. And of course, thanks to all the volunteers who put together all this great food and beverages.

Thank you Wendy for all your hard work at the General Service Conference.

I attended many district meetings in my section this quarter, Districts 7,8,9,26 and 27 In previous reports I talked about merging District 8. Yesterday District 8 hosted a workshop, Many Paths to Spirituality, which was nicely attended and a lot of fun. Specifically, I want to thank Kim, Carrie Ann, Kevin, Frank B., and John for all their service work. Thanks to Kelly W at the workshop committee too!

I recently attended a District 7 (The 400 Club) meeting, a district that has been dark for some time. Michael L. our new DCM hosted the meeting. In attendance were Christine, CJ and Tara.

Thank you guys too for your commitment to service. I'm really looking forward to lots of AA service work.

Section II hosted the Mini Conference at Club 25 in Maple Shade, it was a great meeting and a very nice venue, perhaps we'll use it again.

Lastly, I went to NERASSA in February, another fantastic convention, and an excellent bonding experience. Thank you District 26 and Area 45 for your generous scholarships.

Yours in service,
Frank M.

SPECIAL DISTRICT(S)

District 42 (Virtual): Heather S.

Greeting and Salutations!

My name is Heather and I'm definitely an alcoholic. Since our last Assembly District 42 has reached the one-year milestone of electing officers and becoming functionally active on May 11th offering much pride and reflection for many. We have a new men's group in our District so for you early risers the Men's 7:03 Meeting is now available and there are those outside the Area who visit and express interest in our unique Virtual District. Our monthly GSR Meeting's, held the last Monday of the month or the Monday after for holidays are well attended, active and the District is looking into what workshop we would like to schedule with the Area's many options. Representatives as well as regulars and new visitors are always engaged in discussions from the agenda openly. They as well as District members individually took advantage of the mini-conference materials and the special District Meeting to then take back to their Group Conscience. Attendance at both Sharing Sessions offered engaging, healthy discussions and opened many eyes to service and the individual voices power. District 42 is grateful to remain connected to Area 45 as always and look forward to our next report.

Humbly in Service,
Heather S.
Still Heather, DCM District 42 (A45)

P. S. We're still looking for a District Treasurer!

Section III

District 14: Ken I. (on behalf of Marci R.) – Verbal

District 13: Dave B. – Verbal

Section IV

District 15: Rich J

D15 meets in-person on the second Wednesday of each month at the Episcopalian Church of the Holy Spirit, 220 East Main Street in Tuckerton. Currently serving are DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer and five to ten GSRs.

We've been trying to add the option for virtual attendance to our monthly District 15 meeting for several months but have hit a series of obstacles. We don't have a strong or reliable cellular signal because we meet in the basement of a church that's made of sturdy brick and mortar.

Good for tornado shelter but bad for virtual meetings. We've appointed an ad-hoc committee to inquire with church officials as to whether or not they have in-house Wi-Fi service that we can access and lease from them. If that doesn't pan out, we will seek to relocate to a facility that can accommodate our technology needs. We will go to this extreme because we have decided that connecting with all possible groups in our community is important. District 15 wants to be an effective conduit between its groups and the upstream AA service structure.

Support at this level continues to lag for District 15. We have service vacancies for the positions of Alt DCM, Alt Secretary and Activities Committee Chair. We do not have any upcoming recreational events or workshops but we have been encouraging our groups to take their own initiative and sponsor community activities. One Long Beach Island group has started a movie night and another has organized a bowling activity. We look forward to Cape Atlantic's annual Unity Picnic at Manahawkin Lake on June 15th; which is on our turf and is always a great event.

Our May 2024 treasury report indicates a financial balance of \$4,690.37.

Yours in Loving Service,
Rich J, District 15 DCM

District 16/17: Alyssa F. – Verbal

Committee Chairs

Archives: Roy C.

Archives Committee Spring Assembly Report
Area 45 Panel 72
Date: 5/13/2024

The Archives Committee continues to serve with the help of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our communications continue to be mostly e-mailed. The last update was posted on 4/5/2024.

Since the last report we attended and displayed at the Area 45 convention. A binder containing member histories was created with submissions from many attendees. We will continue to collect submissions for the binder at Area 45 events. NERAASA was attended and our Alternate Chair George was very involved at the Archives roundtable. We are actively involved in seeking out and repairing damaged copies of the Big Book and 12 and 12. Close to ten books have been repaired and returned to use in active groups. The committee has attended the Area 44 planning committee (zoom) meetings for the international convention of 2025. We were enlisted to help district 8 with the Many Paths to Spirituality workshop on 5/18/2024. Many thanks to Kelly W. of the workshop committee.

The committee has been invited to display at the June 8,2024 Legacy panel presented by district 16 and 17. We are in contact with the planners of the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop. In Des Moines, Iowa this September. We plan on attending and have applied to be involved in the workshop. Final program planning will be decided by June 2024.

Thanks to all for your continued support.
Yours in service,

Accessibilities: Pat M.

Since our last assembly. I was able to attend NERAASA and participate in the Accessibilities round tables.

The Accessibilities committee has met every 3rd Thursday of the month @7pm via zoom. We average 4-8 ppl. We ordered signage and a drape for our table, printed up meeting flyer, workshop flyers and QR codes. We had a table at the convention and helped with the ASL interpreters. We debuted our Accessibilities Survey at the convention and are continuing to use it as a tool. We have a few things going on behind the scenes. One of which is our upcoming Workshop with District 3. It will be on June 22nd at St Mary's guild hall in Burlington NJ, from 3-4ish. There is also a hybrid option (the zoom numbers are on the flyer).

So far we have spent 317.37 on the committee.

Thanks

Patrick M.

Budget & Finance: Maureen D.

The B&F committee has been working on the 2025/2026 budget since early 2024 and we presented a preliminary budget at the Area Committee Meeting held after the Spring Assembly in May. The expected spend down is reduced from 2025 through 2026 as we expect to move toward a balanced budget in the coming years. I will reach out with 2 dates for our Q&A via zoom sessions by the middle of June. budget@snjaa.org

Corrections: Kelly G.

Here is the corrections report. We meet virtually the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. We currently run 16 meetings throughout AREA 45 and have requests to add at least 4 more meetings in the next few months. We are always looking for volunteers to bring their message to the inmate on the inside. Please reach out to anyone on the committee for an application.

We attended the Area 45 convention. We got a lot of exposure and met with people that will be able to help us with current and future opportunities. Thanks to all of you, we were able to donate 100 big books to inmates with a personal message of hope.

We have met with the Administrators at one of our facilities Ann Klein Forensic Center. We have opened the doors with them on a sponsorship program. Ann Klein has about 40 inmates interested in working with a sponsor. We have already provided each inmate with a big book. This would all be done over the phone at 15 min increments. If you would like to sponsor an inmate at Ann Klein, please see myself or Marlene W who will be heading this project up.

We have an upcoming Corrections workshop on June 29th hosted by districts 12,13 and 14. We plan on having applications and information for Camden County, Salem County, Cape May County, NJ State DOC, and Bridging the Gap. If you are interested in attending, please grab a flyer from us for more information.

Central Jersey intergroup continues to play a big part in helping us get the word out and guiding volunteers through the application process. They recently had a workshop and were able to receive 8 new applications.

Bridging the Gap meets virtually the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. Their next meeting is June 13th. Scott P is working closely with all intergroups for their continuing need of temporary contacts. They have also brought on a new volunteer to help with the BTG database. We ask that GSR's stop by the table and take pamphlet's back to your homegroups as our need for temporary contacts is ongoing.

Convention: Mark L.

Our first meeting May 5 was well attended with an enthusiastic group to bring you a fantastic 2025 convention in March 14-16 Our next meeting will be Sunday June 9 in Pemberton a great committee to get into service thanks for allowing me to serve.

Scholarship: Michelle C.

I am the chairperson for the scholarship committee, firmly known as the Ad-hoc committee. This committee was created to help members attend NERASSA and NERF which are usually out of town. This year's budget allotted for 100 people receive \$250. The final count actually disbursed was 50 people.

Our 2025 budget looks different because NERASSA is virtual. Registration has not been decided but they are thinking between \$30-50. We have budgeted 100 people to receive the scholarship with a total of \$3,500.

NERF, northeast regional forum was held this past June. It is being held in Rhode Island and the 2025 budget proposes \$250 for 25 people.

For the 2026 budget I would like to open the scholarships to other area events; convention, archives and correction national workshop.

I feel it is important to offer scholarship money to any and all events to allow people the opportunity to grow and learn in AA. We are an inclusive organization, not exclusive.

In service,
Michelle C
Scholarship Committee

Grapevine: Roseanne F.

Grapevine chair report for Area 45 quarterly assembly 5-19-24

Good morning,

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as your Grapevine Chair. The following is my report.

I attended the Area 45 Convention in Atlantic City on March 15,16 & 17th. I had a table with available information on subscribing to the Grapevine hard copy and information on signing up

for the Grapevine App. It was nice to see everyone there. Thank you for your support as I learn more about this position. I received the literature and books from Area 45, that was from the former Grapevine chair. I also received my welcome package from the Grapevine. I have sorted through all the boxes and paperwork. Utilizing what I can and will be talking with the panel about what to do with the things I won't be using.

I am still learning about this position and researching how and where to get the Grapevine to AA members. If you have any ideas, please stop at the grapevine table or contact me via phone or email.

And of course, if you don't get the Grapevine let's get that set up for you. It's an amazing source of AA at your fingertips.

My phone number is 609-213-7853 or email me at grapevine@snjaa.org

I am looking forward to learning and growing in this service position.

Thank you,
Roseanne

DCM/GSR Orientation: Ken T. – Verbal

We had 11 new GSR's and 3 new Alternate GSR's for a total of 14 new Trusted Servants.

Ken

Registration: Bob W. – Verbal

Physical "*in house*" head count and the actual registered count are the same @ 97 people. After entering the names into the spread sheet I noticed some people signed in on the wrong sheet.

GSR/DCM - (60) in-person registration + (6) QR code = (66) total
Section Leaders - (2) in-person registration = (2) total
Intergroup Reps - (1) in-person registration + (1) QR code = (2) total
Committee Chairs - (14) in-person registration = (14) total
Current Panel - (5) in-person registration + (1) QR code = (6) total
Past Delegates - (3) in-person registration = (3) total
Guest - (2) in-person registration + (2) QR code = (4) total

Total in-person attendees = (97)

I do not have a service position breakdown for the **virtual attendees** but did get a virtual head count of **(36)**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE FOR THE 2024 SPRING ASSEMBLY = (133)

We should really try to convince attendees to use the QR code, as Jean will attest to the fact that reading some of the handwriting is making it difficult to enter in their information correctly... and it is a laborious task deciphering it.

Yours in Service

Bob W – Registration Chair

Website: Carolyn M.

The Website committee adds flyers and events as they happen.

We update the site as needed. We create email forwards for newly filled positions.

Please tell others to visit the site to keep up to date on our activities at Area.

Carolyn M
Website Chair

Workshop: Kelly W.

My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as your Workshop Committee Chair for Panel 74.

Our Committee has had quite a lovely first quarter of existence in our newest incarnation. Stephanie, Fred and I have been working diligently to expand on the existing Workshop Committee responsibilities as outlined in our Area 45 Handbook. Up to this point, the role of the Workshop Committee had been limited to holding service-related workshops during Area Assemblies. That being said, in the past three months we have been able to broaden its scope and we have done this largely because so many of you have reached out and availed yourselves and your Districts of the kind of supportive framework we are transitioning to.

Already, we have had occasions to reply to inquiries via email and phone, and also had our first official “video conference” with Donna, DCM from District 3. We have shared resources, materials, information and guidance, and we would like to continue to offer our support to all Area 45 Districts as well as Committees seeking to host their own workshops. We have also amassed some materials in terms of suggestions for workshop topics, formats, and checklists to assist in workshop planning and implementation, and we are available to brainstorm ways to increase participation.

Our next task will be to present a recommendation for a new Workshop Committee definition for our Area 45 Handbook at today’s Committee meeting as well as follow-up recommendation that the Workshop Committee be included in the current Area budget in effect through to the end of 2024.

At present, we are most interested in continuing to hear from YOU. We are available and here to support. One thing we would like to remind everyone hosting workshops is to please let us know about them and share your fliers with us in addition to sharing them with our Area 45 webmaster to be included on our Area calendar.

Please feel free to grab us sometime today or please email us at workshop@snjaa.org as things come up and you think we can help.

We look forward to exploring many new ways we can help serve the districts and committees of Area 45!

In grateful service,
Kelly W.

Policy: Frank C.

The Policy & Charter Committee is currently a committee of one (1). I'm looking for volunteers to sit on the committee to help with the review of the SNJ Area 45 Handbook for 2026-2027 and to address any additional issues that came up during the panel's tenure.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank C

Area Panel 74 Reports

Treasurer: Charlie T.

Treasurer's Report, Spring Assembly 2024 - May 19th, 2024 - Charlie T

Hello, My name is Charlie and I'm an Alcoholic serving as your Panel 74 Treasurer for Area 45. As always, I wish to express my gratitude for the service you have entrusted me with and its unbounding contribution to my sobriety.

A brief report on Area finances through the month of April:

- Area Contributions through the month of April totaled \$16,627, up \$2,709, or 20% year over year from 2023. The support of AA in Area 45 is humbling.
- Despite the fact that Area's Scholarship program happily expended almost \$5,000 more in 2024 than in 2023, offering 46 Alcoholics an opportunity to attend NERAASA more affordably, total expenses for the period thru April only up \$2,719, year over year being almost entirely covered by the increased contributions. Total expenses were \$31,595. To be sure, some of this is due to some core expenses for Mini-Conference and GSO Conference falling into May in this cycle compared to April last year.
- Total funds on hand for Area 45 stood at \$65,964.37 as of April 30th. This represents a snapshot prudent reserve of 9.4 months of expenses based upon the 2024 budget, and 15 months based upon 2023 actual expenditures.
- I want to take this time to, once again, request that all group treasurers be reminded to appropriately identify their groups on their contribution checks. We want to properly credit each group for their generosity.
- Lastly, I wanted to thank the incredible members of the Budget & Finance Committee, its chair Maureen D, along with Gina H and Phil K for their tireless efforts in producing a proposed budget for today's committee meeting. A lot of work, but more importantly, care and love for the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous has gone into the work product. I am just happy to learn and serve.

I look forward to continuing to serve you.

Thank you again.

Secretary: Tanya D.

Hello, my name is Tanya and I'm an alcoholic. It's an honor and privilege to serve as your Area 45 Panel 74 Secretary. I want to thank everyone for attending the assembly today. Please email your reports to secretary@snjaa.org for the meeting minutes. If you are not receiving emails from me, please let me know.

Chair: Philip K.

Hi everyone.

My name is Phil and I'm an alcoholic. I'm grateful to serve as your Panel 74 Chairperson. First, I want to thank everyone who has made this event possible, including and especially the folks from districts 13 and 14, Marci, Section III Leader Bill, and all of our virtual tech team. This event would be impossible without all of your service. Thank you!

Since we last got together for the Winter Assembly in Manahawkin on February 18, I attended NERAASA in Hershey, Pennsylvania along with more than 50 people from Area 45. Thank you to all the members of the NERAASA scholarship ad-hoc committee, including the committee Chair (Kerry) and our Area 45 Treasurer Charlie.

I had a typically amazing time at the Area 45 Annual Convention in Atlantic City on the weekend of March 15. Katie and the entire 2024 convention committee did a super job. If you were there, I expect you'll agree it was a blast. In my opinion, each post-COVID Area 45 convention has been better than the one before it, and I expect that trend to continue with Mark and Jessica leading the way for the 2025 event. The convention planning committee meets monthly and I encourage anyone and everyone to attend and get involved.

Objectively less fun, although no less important, has been the work of the Budget & Finance Committee during the first few months of this year. I won't steal any of the committee's thunder, other than saying the committee has a 2025-2026 budget to propose later today.

Not a day goes by without me talking, texting, or emailing with the group of friends and service leaders we have assembled together today, both here in Elmer and virtually. If you have a question or concern about anything you see or hear today, please reach out to me: chair@snjaa.org or my number is on the contact sheet.

Respectfully submitted, Phil K

Registrar: Jean W.

Registrar Spring Report

Hello, my name is Jean, and I am serving as Area 45 Panel 74 Registrar.

FC Group Records Summary as of 5/18/24						
Active Groups by Group Type						
		30				
Regular		5				
Corrections		2				

	Virtual		14			
		321				
	Inactive	413				
	Merged	46				
	New/Pending Active	1		New/Pending 30 days at GSO*		
	Pre-Dated	1				
	Unknown	20		<i>Not included in ACTIVE Group Status Above</i>		
		8				
	Total Groups	99				
		0				

* New/Pending 30+ days at GSO prior to Group Status = Active as part of GSO Procedure

We had 4 new groups created since the Winter Assembly (3 regular, 1 virtual). Distributed DCM Reports by Group and by Position Holders plus to Section Leaders. That was over 72 excel reports. Some of the DCMs have gotten back to me with questions and information. Mostly the GSRs are directed to the link on Area's website (Area45snjaa.org)

The screenshot shows the website for Area 45 of Alcoholics Anonymous. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, About Area 45, Calendar, Event Flyers, Bridging the Gap, Reports & Forms, and Contributions. Below this is a dropdown menu with options: Panel Reports, Archived Panel Reports, Expense Report Form, New Group Form, GSR/DCM Position Change Form, Group Change Form, and Submit Your Calendar Event. The main content area features a map of New Jersey with Area 45 highlighted in purple and pink, and a section titled 'About Us' which explains the role of General Service Representatives (GSRs) and the General Service Conference. A sidebar on the right lists upcoming events: Area Assembly (Quarterly), Area Committee Meeting (Quarterly), and General Service Convention (Annually).

Upcoming tasks include FC Workshop (delayed), review the DCM/GSR Orientation Packet contents, review/update with Ken T the Orientation Presentation and devise a new way to keep track of DCM/GSR updates. Unfortunately, FC doesn't provide an accurate way for Registrars to track activity.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need any help.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean W
Registrar@snjaa.org

Alternate Delegate: Joe E.

Alternate Delegate Report-Spring Assembly

Good morning everyone!! My name is Joe and I am an Alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve as the Area 45 Alternate Delegate and a proud team member for Panel 74. Primarily, I would like to thank Section III for hosting this assembly, as well both the Audio Chair and Virtual Tech Team. We could not do this without you.

Since last Assembly, I have attended NERAASA, NERD, Area 45 Convention, Area 45 Mini Conference (Both in person and virtual), Plain Language Big Book Informational, and the 2 Virtual General Service Report backs, administered by our Delegate, Wendy M. In addition, I had the honor and privilege to facilitate the Cape Atlantic Intergroup Inventory. An incredibly special THANK YOU to them for including me and allowing me to be a part of.

Area 45 continues to stay involved in service outside of our Area with regular attendance to the Bi-Weekly Northeastern Regional Alternate Delegate's Meeting, Monthly North American Alternate Delegate's Meeting, Monthly Northeast Region Delegate's Meeting, and Bi-Weekly 2025 NERAASA Meeting.

I continue to fulfill all my duties as Alternate Delegate with the most important duty being that I offer steadfast support to our Delegate, with anything that she may need and to be prepared in case Area 45 needs me to serve.

In Love and Service,
Joe E.
Area 45 Alternate Delegate

Delegate: Wendy M.

Hello, Area 45,

I hope this message finds you well!

I am sending my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the Delegate Report Back, whether you joined us online or in person. Your participation and engagement are deeply appreciated. I've provided a link below for those who missed any part of the presentation or would like to revisit the information shared. You'll find the delegate presentation, all advisory actions, all committee considerations, the GSO Financial Picnic Basket, and the Floor Actions by clicking on it. Please note that only the first five floor actions were heard at the conference, while the rest were returned to the corresponding Committee of Trustees.

[Delegate Report Back Materials](#)

Additionally, I'm excited to announce a fun challenge for our Districts! Over the next year, I encourage you to host Area workshops on the following themes, which are also different themes for the 2025 General Service Conference:

- "Working Together, Building Trust"
- "Delegating: It's Okay to Ask for Help"
- "Closing the Gap: How Do We Make the Voice of Every Group Heard?"
- "Our Financial Responsibility in Carrying the Message"
- "How Do We Address the New Financial Responsibility Facing Our Spiritual Movement?"

You can collaborate with our Workshop Chair, Kelly, to set these up. I'm also happy to assist in arranging out-of-area speakers for these events or to speak on these topics personally. If you'd

like me to share more about my report at your district meetings, I would be delighted to do so. Please email me back and let me know how I can support you. Thank you again for your continued dedication and service. Together, we are making a difference!

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In love and service,

Wendy M.
Area 45 Panel 74 Delegate
Treatment and Accessibilities

Motions on the Floor:

None

The assembly was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Committee Meeting

The committee meeting was opened with the serenity prayer.

Role Call by Secretary

Motions Discussed:

Joe E. – \$5,000 for hospitality suite with Area 44 at the International Convention.

Motion passes via simple majority and will be placed on Summer Assembly agenda.

Kelly W. – Motion #1: The Workshop Committee recommends that the description of the Workshop Committee in the Area 45 Handbook. Motion #2: The Workshop Committee recommends that it be included in the current Area 45 budget through to the end of 2024 for the amount of \$400.

Motions come out of committee and will be placed on the Summer Assembly agenda.

Heather S. – Motion for District 42 to remain permanently in Area 45 and allow groups in the United States and Canada access to join the District.

Friendly Amendment: to split the above motion into two parts ("A" and "B", see below) – The Friendly Amendment passes via simple majority.

Motion "A" for District 42 to remain permanently in Area 45 – motion passes via simple majority and will be placed on the Summer Assembly agenda.

Motion "B" to allow groups in the United States and Canada access to join the District – Motion did not pass via simple majority, will not be placed on the Summer Assembly Agenda.

Roy C. – Motion to increase the 2024 Archives committee budget to \$1K and approve up to \$2K for the Archives workshop in Des Moines, Iowa.

Motion comes out of committee and will be placed on agenda.

Maureen D. – Motion to approve the 2025/2026 budget ([see here](#)).

Motion comes out of committee and will be placed on the agenda. Questions can be directed to budgetquestions@snjaa.org. Meetings will happen virtually.

Tara C. – Area 45 budget item to help districts/sections with expenditures (food, insurance, etc.).

Motion not seconded.

Wendy M. – I propose ending oral area highlights at the yearly General Service Conference. Instead, Area Service Highlights should be documented in the Conference Manual and Final Conference Report. The Conference can instead use the time for committee work, sharing sessions, or reportbacks.

Motion passes via simple majority and will be placed on the Summer Assembly Agenda.

Wendy M. – I propose that the General Service Board Minutes from the GSB Board Reports be fully anonymized and sent to all 93 Delegates in English, French, and Spanish within six weeks of the Board Weekends.

Motion passes via simple majority and will be placed on the Summer Assembly Agenda.

The committee meeting was closed with the Responsibility Pledge.