

MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 29, PANEL 68

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The Maryland General Service Area Committee met virtually on October 16, 2021. The virtual doors opened at 8:45 a.m. for fellowship. Chairperson Lori M. opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. 82 members were on the meeting.

SESSION ONE

Area Chairperson Opening Remarks: Lori M. welcomed everyone to the virtual Area 29 Election Assembly Meeting. Following no objections, the audio-only of this meeting was being recorded for the Archives and to ensure accuracy of the minutes. Lori reviewed the procedures for the meeting which includes limited Officer reports and the election for Area 29, Panel 72 Officers.

Secretary's Report: Craig T. provided a summary of the May 15, 2021, Area Assembly Report Back Minutes, which were transmitted to the Assembly by email on October 4, 2021. ***The Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Mary M. and seconded by Mike J. The Motion carried unanimously.***

Craig T. provided a summary of the August 16, 2021, Area Special Assembly Minutes, which were transmitted to the Assembly by email on October 13, 2021. ***The Motion to accept the Minutes was made by Mike J. and seconded by Dave G. The Motion carried unanimously.***

Treasurer's Report: Terry P. reported as of September 30, 2021, Account balances are: Operating Account: \$27,607.17. Special Savings for International Convention: \$3,532.02. Savings Account: \$20,000.70. We have additional assets of: Literature: \$5,728.73 & Grapevine: \$4,477.88.

Revenue:

Group Contributions as of September 30 are \$14,835.84. Individual Contributions as of September 30 are \$1,747.10. Other income (i.e., 7th Tradition's basket, lunch donations, etc.) total \$746.02. Total Revenue \$17,328.96 which is 42% of our budgeted revenue for 2021.

Expenses:

Through September 30, we have paid out a total of \$7,266.35 which is 18.8% of our budgeted expenses this year. ***Following Discussion, the Motion to accept the Treasurers Report was made by Brigitte F. and seconded by Kathi K. The Motion carried unanimously.***

Frank M. made a motion, seconded by Jeanine W. to suspend regular business to hold the Biennial Elections for Area 29, Panel 72 Officers. The motion carried unanimously at 9:36 a.m. with 89 members attending.

SESSION TWO

Elections for Area 29, Panel 72 Officers

Don B., Area 29, Panel 68 Past Delegate, and current President of the MGS Board of Directors conducted the Election Process for Panel 72. The Election Facilitator was J. Gary L., Area 59, Panel 55 Past Delegate (Eastern Pennsylvania), who also served as our Northeast Regional Trustee from 2011-2015. The Technical Coordinator was J. Buck R., Panel 51 Acting Delegate from Area 13 (D.C.) and Panel 54 Past Delegate from Area 12 (Delaware), as well as past Webmaster for the Northeast Regional A.A. Service Assembly (NERAASA). Also assisting with the election will be non-voting Area 29 Past Delegates, Morgan J., Nancy B., Linda J., and Don B., as well as Area 29 Registrar Co-Chair Michael J. We have also been blessed to receive excellent tech support assistance and consultation from Area 29 voting members Jeanine W. (Registrar), Tom H. (Technology Chair), and Doug M. (District 19 GSR & Alternate DCM). Don turned the meeting over to J. Buck R., Technology Coordinator to conduct the election. Buck explained how the elections will be conducted and seat voting members. There were 90 members on the meeting at 10:08 with 73 voting members on the virtual meeting and seated.

J. Gary L. opened the voting session with the Serenity Prayer. J. Gary reviewed voting eligibility for the Third Legacy procedure as found on pages 22 and 23 of the Maryland General Service Handbook. Nominations will be taken for the officer positions which includes Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary and

Treasurer. The first candidate to receive 2/3 majority vote is elected. The term of service will be for two years beginning January 1, 2022. The following stood for each position:

Delegate - Nancy B. read a summary of the Duties and Responsibilities for Area Delegate. Kurt W. made himself available for Delegate. There was no nomination from the floor. Cynthia T., current Delegate, acknowledged by unanimous consensus that Kurt W. was elected as the Area 29, Panel 72 Delegate by acclamation. Kurt provided his comments to the Assembly

Alternate Delegate - Linda J. read a summary of the Duties and Responsibilities for Area Alternate Delegate. Terry P. made himself available for Alternate Delegate. There was no nomination from the floor. Cynthia T., current Delegate, acknowledged by unanimous consensus that Terry P. was elected as the Area 29, Panel 72 Alternate Delegate by acclamation. Terry P. provided his comments to the Assembly.

Chairperson - Nancy B. read a summary of the Duties and Responsibilities for Area Chairperson. Brigitte F. and Craig T. made themselves available. There was no nomination from the floor.
1st Ballot - 65% for Brigitte F., 35% for Craig T. with 68 voting members.
2nd Ballot - 68% for Brigitte F., 32% for Craig T. with 68 voting members.
Brigitte F. was elected with a 2/3 majority as the Area 29, Panel 72 Chairperson.

Break at 11:03 reconvened at 11:15.

Secretary - Linda J. read a summary of the Duties and Responsibilities for Area Secretary. Kathi K. and Kathleen W. made themselves available. There was no nomination from the floor.
1st Ballot - 56% for Kathi K., 44% for Kathleen W. with 66 voting members.
2nd Ballot - 63% for Kathi K., 37% for Kathleen W. with 66 voting members.
3rd Ballot - 60% for Kathi K., 40% for Kathleen W. with 68 voting members.
4th Ballot - 61% for Kathi K., 39% for Kathleen W. with 68 voting members.
Brigitte F. made a motion to conduct a fifth ballot, second by Scott H. 39% to conduct a fifth ballot, 61% opposed. Motion did not carry by a simple majority. Went to the hat. Kathleen W. was picked by the spinning of a virtual electronic wheel and was elected as the Area 29, Panel 72 Secretary. Kathleen W. provided her comments to the Assembly.

Treasurer - Nancy B read a summary of the Duties and Responsibilities for Area Treasurer. Craig T. and Jean B. made themselves available. No nomination from the floor.
1st ballot. 47% for Craig T., 53% for Jean B. with 66 voting members.
2nd ballot 40% for Craig T., 60% for Jean B. with 68 voting members.
3rd ballot 34% for Craig T., 66% for Jean B. with 68 votes members.
4th ballot 26% for Craig T., 74% for Jean B. with 68 votes members.
Jean B. was elected with 2/3 majority as the Area 29, Panel 72 Treasurer.

J. Gary L. announced and congratulated the Maryland General Service Area 29, Panel 72 Officers Elect, and thanked all for their willingness to stand and be of service.

Area 29, Panel 72 Officers:

Kurt Wagemann - Delegate Area 29, Panel 72
Terry Philips - Alternate Delegate Area 29, Panel 72
Brigitte Farrell - Chairperson Area 29, Panel 72
Kathleen Wright - Secretary Area 29, Panel 72
Jean Bacigalupia - Treasurer Area 29, Panel 72

Lori M., Area 29 Chairperson reconvened the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

Ask It Basket:

Jeanie W. asked should Area 29 Committee Chairs seek approval from the Area Chair prior to their committee participating in an event representing Area 29 especially when the event is not within the GSO service structure. Lori M. stated she tries not to micro-manage but if you feel like you should ask, it would be wise to ask especially if it is outside the service structure and you're comfort level or the comfort zone of the Area. If it is within the service structure, a District or Area event, she would not be concerned.

Next Area Committee meeting will be held virtually on November 6, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m. and the main item of business will be the 2022 Budget. We will reconsider the December Assembly with the new Panel to determine if we want to have it as something other than a virtual event. Cynthia T. will be scheduling the Transition meeting within the next 30 days for both Panel 70 and Panel 72 Officers to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Beverly M. seconded by Scott B. and accepted unanimously. The meeting closed at 12:18 p.m.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig T.
Area 29, Panel 70 Secretary