

MARYLAND GENERAL SERVICE – AREA 29, PANEL 72

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The Maryland General Service Area Committee met in a hybrid format on November 12, 2022. The meeting was held at St. Mary's Church Hall hosted by District 28. The room opened at 8:00 a.m. and the virtual doors opened at 8:45 a.m. for fellowship. Chairperson Brigitte F. opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer with 29 members in attendance in the physical room and 13 members in the virtual room.

Area Chair Opening Remarks: Brigitte F. welcomed everyone to the November Area 29 Committee Meeting and reviewed who is eligible to vote at the Area Committee Meeting. Brigitte asked new service members to introduce themselves, including GSRs, DCMs and Area Committee Chairs or co-Chairs.

Chairperson Report: Brigitte F. reported that the Area 29 Inventory had been completed and will be reviewed. A finalized report will be presented at the December Assembly. Service fairs will be implemented in the coming year. She introduced and welcomed the new CPC Chair, Mike H. to the meeting. Brigitte F. recommended that DCMs that were rotating on at the end of the year, consider joining an Area Committee. The 2023 Area 29 calendar is now available, and Brigitte still needs Districts to host meetings in 2023.

Area 29 Parliamentarian, Bob C. spoke about the principles behind parliamentary procedure or Robert's Rules of order (organized and fair), decorum (stability and kindness) and rights of the majority and minority. That we allow the minority to be heard (minority opinion) and require the majority to have substantial unanimity (2/3 vote).

Secretary's Report: Kathleen W. provided a summary of the September 24, 2022, Area Committee Minutes, which were transmitted to the Assembly by email on November 1, 2022. **Motion to accept the Secretary's Report was made Frank M. and seconded Craig T. The Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report: Jean B. reported as of October 31, 2022, account balances are: Operating Account: \$37,741.72 Special Savings for International Convention: \$ 3,532.02 Savings Account: \$20,003.71. We have additional assets of: Literature: \$ 5,728.73 & Grapevine: \$4,477.88

Revenue:

Group Contributions as of October 31, 2022, are \$33,809.79. Individual Contributions as of October 31 are \$288.64. Other income (i.e., 7th Tradition's basket, lunch donations, etc.) total \$6,882.50. Interest income totals: \$1.50 Total Revenue \$40,982.43, which is 115% of our budgeted revenue for 2022.

Expenses:

Through October 31, 2022, we have paid out a total of \$33,576.59, which is 50% of our budgeted expenses this year.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made Pat H. and seconded by Kathi K. The Motion carried unanimously.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Terry P. reported on his recent activities including being invited to attend a service fair at Ft. Meade with the Accessibilities Committee. He also spoke at the IGLC meeting about CARC 2023. He is available to attend any district meetings to discuss CARC. Terry P. is on an ad-hoc committee for NERAASA to explore the need for Archives. He is planning GSR trainings and the first one will be at the December Assembly. Terry P. discussed the Area Committee Kits available from GSO. They have pamphlets and resources in each kit to help your committee. He reviewed the contents of the Corrections Committee Kit.

Brigitte F. called for a stretch break at 9:35 a.m. Meeting reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Delegate's Report: Kurt W. provided his "Delegate Report" on news and events at the General Service Office and A.A. around our Area from the National Corrections Conference in Chicago, IL. Kurt W.'s full Delegate's Report can be found at <https://www.marylandaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Delegate-Report-Nov-2022-Final.pdf>

72nd GSC Report: Kurt W., Delegate has received the printed copies of the 72nd Conference Report and they are available in the room and will be available at the December Assembly meeting.

General Service Board and GSO:

- The 2022 A.A. Membership Survey data collection has been completed in Area 29
- An updated Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference, 1951-2022 is now available digitally
- GSO is looking for a theme, workshop topics and presentation topics for the 74th Conference in 2024
- GSO is updating the files of applications for future openings as GSO staff members
- The 2022 General Service Conference cost per member was \$9,600
- A.A. Grapevine will have price increases of \$2.49 to all books starting 1/1/23

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DCM Reports:

District 1: Brian B., DCM reported there are 26 groups with 11 attendees at the district meetings. The district is reaching out for GSRs, setting up sending groups into the local jail and will be hosting a New Year's Eve event.

District 4: Erica C., Alt-DCM reported the district is in the process of reactivating and actively seeking GSRs.

District 7: Jerry C., Alt-DCM reported there were a 2 new GSRs and 1 new Alt-GSR in the district.

District 10: Joe R., DCM reported the District 10 picnic was well attended. Pat H. is the new District 10 Treasurer, and the district has added 2 new GSRs.

District 19: Mike D. Alt-DCM, for Mike K., DCM reported Doug McK. has stepped down as DCM. The district has 42 groups with 8 people attend the district meetings. The district will be hosting a New Year's Eve alcathon.

District 22: Beverly M., DCM has 5 attendees at the district meeting. The district is working with AAIG about a joint effort to host a 2023 crab feast.

District 28: Joanne N., DCM reported there are 10-12 attendees at the district meeting and the district is planning a Christmas Day alcathon.

District 33: Ashtin P., DCM reported that the district has low participation, 2 new GSRs and a possible candidate to stand for DCM for the next term.

District 37: Kathleen W. reported for Jim S., DCM. The district helped the local intergroup host a History of A.A. on the Eastern Shore Workshop. They will be hosting an Open Mic Night and a Thanksgiving Day alcathon.

District 40: Julie K., DCM reported the district has 6-10 attendees at the district meeting. They had a new GSR join and are reaching out for new GSRs. They will also be hosting the December Area 29 Assembly and their 2nd Annual New Year's Eve event.

District 42: Mark S., DCM reported there are 23 groups in the district. The district worked with AAIG, the Corrections Committee and District 7 for the Corrections Sharing Workshop in October. They approved the district's 2023 budget.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities: Chair Kathi K. reported the winter/fall newsletter is now available. She shared updates on the Accessibilities Committee's work with Roger W. who led the September/October meetings, set up a table and attended a military event at Ft. Meade, 10,000 Steps for Vets and the 27th Senior Expo at Timonium Fairgrounds. The November meeting will revisit the Homebound subject and the December meeting will be hosted by Francis G., Northeast Regional Trustee. The new Accessibilities Desk service member, Misha will join Roger W. to discuss LIM (Loners Internationalist Meetings) at the January 2023 meeting.

Archives: Chair Bud R. reported the committee plans to set up at the December Area 29 Assembly.

Host: Chair Beverly M. reported that the Host Committee will be holding virtual briefings with each host district before the Area 29 meetings.

Registrar: Chair Jeanine W. reported Marie B. has expressed interest in becoming Alt-Registrar. Jeanine will be speaking at the December IGLC meeting. She has letters from GSO about accessing Fellowship Connection, committee chair workbooks and information on registering new GSRs and new groups. There is a review and audit of the current email lists in Area 29. Today's committee meeting has 29 attendees in-person, 17 are voting members and 8 online attendees, 8 are voting members.

Audio: Chair Don B. reported the Audio Committee used the remaining balance of the 2022 budget to acquire a Spanish Language interpretation system (EXMAX EXD-6824). The committee is planning to be able to provide more audio accessibility in 2023.

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CPC: Chair Mike H. reported he is the new CPC Chair. On September 15 Mike helped staff an A.A. exhibitor's booth at the Tuerk Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center. Mike help supply a presenter to a conference of Maryland Division of Parole Officers on September 23. He is planning a monthly meeting and invite intergroup CPC and PI Committee Chairs to attend.

Corrections: Mark S. reported for Chair Scott B. He reported that Scott B. and Sharon C. were attending the National Corrections Conference in Chicago, IL. The Corrections workshop "Free on the Inside" was held on October 22, 2022 at the South Shore Recovery Club.

Finance: Chair Frank M. reported that Cynthia T., past Panel 70 Delegate has joined the committee replacing Morgan J. Jim R. has also agreed to sit on the committee. Both of them will be adding experience and expertise to the committee.

Grapevine: Co-Chair Bambi S. reported for Chair Brandi T. They meet virtually every 4th Tuesday of the month. The committee was grateful to give a presentation at the October Corrections workshop about how the A.A. Grapevine can be beneficial in corrections facilities. They worked on their 2023 budget with the help of Jean B. There is an A.A. Grapevine Writing Workshop on November 19. The committee will be setup at the December Area Assembly to sell literature before the price increases in January 2023.

Intergroup Liaison: Chair Craig T. reported that the Intergroup Liaison Committee meets virtually on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Ashtin P., Area 29 Workshop Committee Chair presented at the October 5th meeting about how she can help the Area with workshops. The November meeting had Frank M, Finance Chair talking about finance and budgeting, along with Terry P., Alt-Delegate speaking on the importance of the 7th Tradition. December meeting will host Jeanine W., Registrar about the importance of registering GSRs and groups. Craig T. will be rotating out of the chair position at the end of 2022 and Rex P. will rotate into the position.

Maryland State Convention: Chair Craig T. reported the 51st Maryland State Convention will be held August 4-6, 2023. The save the date flier is now available and the committee had its first meeting in October. Hotel and ticket information are available.

Technology: Chair Lori M. reported that Doug M. stepped down from the committee. The Technology Committee is working on the MGS website revision and looking to hire someone to design a new website. The additional expense has been added to the committee's 2023 budget. The committee bought a new LDC projector, stand and a hub to run the wires. This should be very beneficial in running the monthly meetings. The email lists have been cleaned up as much as possible with the help of Chair Brigitte F.

Treatment: Chair Diane F. reported the Treatment Committee has been working with AAIG, Baltimore Intergroup and other intergroups on Bridging the Gap. The Baltimore Intergroup also shared facility contact information. The committee is sending Bridging the Gap cards to the treatment facilities to pass onto their staff to pass on to the patients. There is an ongoing Excel spreadsheet with treatment facilities on the MGS website.

Workshop: Co-Chair Ashtin P. reported the Workshop Committee has money available to pass on and help with workshops. Asthin can also send out a list of topics for workshops if needed. Please send any workshop fliers/information to her, so she can attend. Ashtin will be moving and stepping down early next year as chair, so she is looking for a co-chair or other committee members.

Meeting break at 11:15 a.m. for lunch. Meeting resumed at 12:15 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion

Frank M., presented a Motion and background:

Move the Area Committee approve the 2023 Area 29 Maryland General Service budget as presented to be forwarded to the Area Assembly for adoption.

The Motion came from the committee and did not need a second. The floor was open for questions and comments. After one clarification pertaining to the Motion, the Motion was voted on with 16 voting members in the physical room and 11 voting members online. There were 27 total voting members. **The Motion passed unanimously with 27 votes in favor and 0 opposed.**

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Ask It Basket: Question about recognizing deceased past Delegates to the MGS Handbook. (They are listed on the last page.)

Closing announcements by Brigitte F. and a Motion to adjourn by Lori M. The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen W.
Area 29, Panel 72 Secretary