

**To: Area 51 Trusted Servants**

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**In Re; Area 51 Spring Assembly Highlights: Growth, Understanding, and Effectiveness**

The Area 51 Spring Assembly met on June 21-24, 2019 at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills in Raleigh, N.C. There were 241 voting members in attendance and 407 total members present. The Assembly approved two agenda items.

**The Assembly approved:**

- **That beginning in Fall of 2019, the Area Chair be given the additional authority to determine the agenda for non-business assembly events, including but not limited to altering the timing and/or quantity of workshops and speaker meeting. Any significant proposed format changes for non-business session scheduling will come before the Winter or Summer Area 51 Committee for final approval.**
- **To approve the Chair's appointment of Pat B., of Morehead City to complete the 2019-2020 term as Area 51 Accessibilities Coordinator.**

**Delegate:** Katy P was elected Chair of the Literature Committee! The Delegate's Report will be summarized in a separate document: "Highlights of the Delegate Report."

**Alternate Delegate:** Rainer L reminded everyone that both individual and group contributions to GSO can be made through [aa.org](http://aa.org). They can be a single event or set up to recur monthly.

**Chair:** Please make your hotel reservations at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills EARLY for the Fall 2019 Assembly to be held October 25-27, 2019. See your DCM or the Area website for Advance Information or contact [chair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:chair@aanorthcarolina.org)

**Treasurer:** The 2019 first quarter Area 51 contributions and expenses were both less than what was budgeted. There is a \$18,426.98 surplus. Submit suggestions on how to utilize the surplus to the treasurer at [treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org)

**Registrar:** English/Spanish group change forms will be available on the new website. Submitting this form through the website will increase the speed and accuracy of these changes.

**Convention:** This year's N.C. 72<sup>nd</sup> State Convention will be July 11-14, 2019, at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills. Online registration is available at [aanconvention.com](http://aanconvention.com). Contact Convention Chair Beth R. for details or to help: [Convention@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:Convention@aanorthcarolina.org)

**Subcommittee and Coordinator Highlights (note: coordinators conduct workshops in Area 51 on a regular basis)**

**Site investigation:** Bids are coming in for future event locations from August 2021-July 2023. The subcommittee is crafting a motion to be presented at the Summer Committee meeting.

**Budget & Finance:** Deadline to submit ideas for the Area surplus to [treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:treasurer@aanorthcarolina.org) is October 2019. The groups sent this money to the Area with the intent that it be spent in Area 51.

**Ad Hoc Structures:** Bringing a motion to the Summer Committee meeting to divide the CPC/PI coordinator position into 2 positions.

**Ad Hoc Redistricting Support:** The Redistricting Support Subcommittee is working on motions to present at the Summer Committee meeting.

**Accessibilities:** Pat is focusing on American Sign Language: identifying AA member that have knowledge or are fluent; identifying groups that offer interpreting; closed groups that will allow an interpreter to accompany a member to a meeting.

**CPC/PI:** Greg K. emphasized the importance of this work, noting that more than 50% of members get to A.A. through a referral from a professional.

**Corrections:** Hope to have online registration available for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Freedom from Bondage. Started taking meetings into Wake County detention center. A motion will be brought forward at the Summer Committee to approve The 2020 Area 51 Corrections Conference, "32<sup>nd</sup> Freedom from Bondage," be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, N.C. on March 13-15, 2020.

**Website/Webmaster:** New website will debut July 4. Coordinators will all have sections they can manage. Webmaster Rick will be at the State Convention taking feedback about the website.

**Archives:** Investigating software packages to purchase so digitizing can begin.

**Literature:** Two new pamphlets: The God Word, A.A. for Alcoholics with Metal Health Issues – and their sponsors. New book: Our Great Responsibility

**Grapevine:** Cori reviewed the subscription options and the contents of the kit. New book: Take Me to Your Sponsor.

**Treatment Facilities:** Katy F is creating a list of Bridging the Gap contacts from across the Area.

**Spanish Language:** Rick L has attended an event a month. In addition to the Area functions, he interpreted 2 workshops.

**SSAASA:** November 8-10 at Lake Junaluska, NC. Reserve rooms soon at [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com) (event code 1815). Three and five meal options available. Register for the event at [www.area62.org/SSAASA](http://www.area62.org/SSAASA) (\$25 in advance, \$30 after Oct. 31).

You can order Concept CD's to be mailed to you. Send an email to [mountainrecordings1@gmail.com](mailto:mountainrecordings1@gmail.com). A set of 2 CD's for \$14.

**Thank you from all of your new Officers, Coordinators, and Subcommittee Chairs for your patience and support.**

**For more information about the Spring Assembly, please see the Area 51 website for the minutes of the proceedings. The minutes will be posted on [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org) in late July.**

**All the 2019 and 2020 Officers and Coordinators and 2019 Standing Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs are grateful for the opportunity to be of service. Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you.**

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