

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 22, 2026 **Location:** Area 12 Committee Meeting

1. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order with the following members present:

Pamela P. (Delegate), Charlie C. (DCM 14), Dennis J. (Alt DCM 14), Larry H. (Alt DCM 2), Juan M. (Registrar), Sally T. (Past Delegate), Denise B. (DCM 6 & 7), Bryan L. (Alt Delegate), Kerry D. (Treasurer), Kylee (Alt DCM 12), Al (DCM 4), Tom E. (DCM 3), Meg T. (Alt DCM 12), Susan R. (Past Delegate), Ilir T. (Past Delegate), Piet J. (DCM 5).

2. Delegate Report

Pamela shared historical information, including a photo of *12805 Harrison St., Wilmington, DE—the first AA meeting place in Delaware*. She reported ongoing preparation for the 77th General Service Conference and noted several special research requests submitted to her office.

Key updates included:

- Planning for the September Assembly at Delaware Tech (Wilmington campus).
- Overview of PAI submissions and literature changes (12&12, Preamble, PLBB).
- Summary of GSO feedback regarding concerns over Big Book wording changes and spending related to the Everything AA app.
- Participation in District 3 and Districts 1 & 15 meetings.
- Monthly NE Trustee meetings now require daytime scheduling due to GSO staff availability.
- PAI submission process now fully online through AA.org.
- Upcoming regional and national events were reviewed (NERAASA, NERD, Pre-Conference Assembly, NERF).

3. Alternate Delegate Report

Bryan reported reduced time for distributing conference materials this cycle and ongoing collaboration with the Delegate and Area Chair. He continues participating in NA Alt Delegate Zoom meetings and NE Regional Trustee sessions.

4. Chair Report

The Chair shared updates from participation in the 25th Asian-Pacific event in Hong Kong, where they presented on emotional sobriety and AA Concepts.

Key items:

- No PAIs currently pending; any new PAIs will be addressed at the November Committee Meeting and December Assembly.
- Discussion on hybrid participation needs, including equipment, volunteers, and vendor support.
- Bylaws clarification needed regarding Section 2.05.
- Early planning for the 2027 budget cycle.
- Noted increased GSO contribution for delegate attendance (\$3,000).
- Registration link for the September Assembly requires technical review.

5. Secretary Report

Pam requested full inclusion of her Delegate report in the minutes; the report is already posted on the Delegate's webpage. A link will be added. Motion to accept the Secretary's report:

Approved.

6. Treasurer Report

Karry reported:

- Desire to collaborate with the Registrar to produce district-level donation reports.
- Difficulty tracking hybrid meeting expenses due to varied facility structures.
- Current hybrid assembly spending is at **68% of the annual budget**.
- Facilities with built-in hybrid technology are being prioritized to avoid add-on costs.
- Discussion raised regarding the cost difference if hybrid capability were removed.
- Motion to accept Treasurer's report: **Approved.**

7. Registrar Report

Jaun provided updates on group status categories (Active, Unknown, Inactive) and noted:

- Active groups decreased by 23 since mid-February.
- Unknown groups increased by 25.

- Two new groups added since mid-February.
- GSR kits are sent unless a group opts out.
- Fellowship Connection retains historical group data permanently.

8. Immediate Past Delegate Report

Iir reported enjoying retirement and is forming a Convention Committee, meeting later the same day.

9. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Chair reminded members of the **October 1** hard deadline for budget worksheets. Additional notes:

- Financial Management Guidelines may require revision.
- Concern raised about signing venue contracts before budget approval; Chair clarified that motions can be made to authorize commitments when necessary.

10. Committee Reports

Archives: Digitization of stored materials will begin; items belonging to other Areas will be offered back to them. **Budget & Finance:** No additional updates. **Convention:** Site discussions scheduled for later in the day. **Tech Team:** Current tech lead resigned for health reasons; recruitment underway. Qualifications will be posted online.

11. District Reports

A full round of district updates was provided, including workshops, new groups, event planning, liability insurance questions, and committee participation. Examples include:

- District 3's successful Concepts Workshop.
- District 4's upcoming "Pizza & Recovery" event.
- Districts 6 & 7 planning talent shows, speaker events, and spaghetti dinners.
- District 12 adjusting mileage reimbursement to the federal rate (\$0.76/mile).

12. Old Business

DEYPAA postponed its convention due to fundraising challenges; recent pool party drew approximately 200 attendees.

13. New Business

Discussion centered on proposed **Bylaw Amendment 2.05**, including:

- Clarification of procedural authority.
- Concerns about committee activation and governance roles.
- Historical context from other Areas (e.g., Southern NJ).
- Importance of maintaining inventory processes for unity and education.
- Virtual District (14) concerns regarding participation and purpose.

A Trustee will chair the September discussion session.

14. Adjournment

The meeting concluded with the Responsibility Pledge.