

**To:** Area 51 Trusted Servants  
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**Re:** Area 51 Spring Assembly Highlights

The Area 51 Spring Assembly meeting was held virtually on May 22, 2021. There were 196 total members in attendance of which 115 were voting members, making the quorum 77.

**Other:**

Area 51 Treasurer Steven D. reported: 2021 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter financial report ending with a positive balance of \$11,772 putting the General Fund checking balance at \$39,233. He also reported that 8.89% of groups are supporting Area 51.

- **Registrar:** Greg K. reported Registrar updates. He stressed valid mail contact information for group registration, in the GSO database. Fellowship Connection (GSO) database is now interactive (Viewing Privileges Only for DCMs). He talked about DCM / GSR digitized kits.
- **Accessibilities:** Karen B. offered to assist districts with any accessibility needs. She encouraged meetings to be open to allowing aids or ASL interpreters to attend closed meetings when needed to assist a fellow member.
- **Treatment:** Stanley H. indicated that many treatment centers are starting to offer or allow in-person meetings and they are working to keep an updated listing, keeping in mind that some are remaining closed or virtual. He is available for workshops, presentations or speaking engagements.
- **Website:** Sue H. reported on continuing updates to the website and reducing the number of action items to be done, improving the website experience for users. They are working with the Growth and Maintenance subcommittee to absorb some of their services.
- **Webmaster:** Kavaruss C. reported meetings are being listed on the website, syncing with the meeting guide app. Members can now register their email address on the website to receive event and other notifications. Requests and input to improve the site are welcome.
- **Literature:** Pat B. discussed prior virtual workshops and is looking forward to in person workshop requests. He mentioned the new fifth edition of the "Big Book" and soliciting members stories. He discussed a future workshop on sharing your experience, strength, and hope in writing.
- **Grapevine:** Brooks D. reported new Grapevine reps. She mentioned a live workshop event June 19<sup>th</sup> at Lake Wheeler in Raleigh. There are two new Grapevine publications, "Free on the Inside" and "Mujeres en AA" (Spanish-Language).
- **CPC:** Jon T. reported a bi-monthly workshop. The next one will be a workshop discussing the best literature to present to Clergy working with Alcoholics on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **PI:** Marty M. discussed previous workshops he attended and offered to host workshops or presentations for groups.
- **Corrections:** Kevin L. talked about prisons and jails reopening soon which would allow for a lot of corrections work to resume. These facilities may require vaccinations and/ or masks. Hopefully more will be revealed at the Fall Assembly. Freedom from Bondage scheduled March 11<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- **State Convention:** Elizabeth P. reports the 2021 State Convention will be virtual and held July 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the convention this year is "A Design for Living That Works." There will be meetings, breakout rooms, trivia with the archivist, and yoga classes.
- **Interpreter:** Rick L. talked about attending past events. He mentioned events held with Keith (Area 51 Archivist). He is attending the Grapevine workshop June 19<sup>th</sup> In Raleigh. He is excited about interpreting at the virtual State Convention this year.
- **Archives:** Keith M. is looking for oral histories from members with 35+ years of sobriety; mostly from here in North Carolina. He is also looking for ideas on how to make AA in Area 51 more diverse, inclusive, and welcoming to everyone. He talked about acceptance into the NC Archives traveling program.
- **Budget and Finance:** Paul M. reported \$11,725 contributed to the area by the International Women's Conference. It was voted to accept the funds by the Area Committee.
- **Site Investigation:** Linsey S. discussed the Site Investigation process. The current subcommittee is working on events scheduled for 2023-2025. They have fewer bids than normal which could be due to situations going on at individual venues, but they are happy with 4/5 of the bids they have received so far.
- **Growth and Maintenance:** Dale L. talked about nine initiatives the subcommittee is working on to improve the area, including an assets inventory, intergroup identification, P3 manual updates and changes, and possibly starting a technology subcommittee.

**Chair:** Please make your hotel reservations at Lake Junaluska EARLY for the Fall 2021 Assembly to be held November 13-14, 2021. The Events section of the Area website will have a link to the Advance Information soon or contact [chair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:chair@aanorthcarolina.org). Fun workshops, coordinator tables, and in person-don't miss it! **The hotel deadline is Friday October 15, 2021.**

**For more information about the Spring Assembly, please see the Area 51 website for the minutes of the proceedings.**  
**[www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org) .**

**All the 2021 and 2022 Officers and Coordinators and 2021 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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