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DISTRICT 1 GSR BUSINESS MEETING – June 27, 2022

Chairperson: Lawrence C. [redacted] districtchair@ct-aa-d1.org

ZOOM: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81995953652

Open: Call meeting to order - Lawrence C.

- Welcome all GSRs, DCMs, Special Committee Members, District Officers and visitors to the meeting.
- Welcome new GSRs.
- **New GSR orientation is conducted at 7 p.m. before each GSR meeting. Virtual orientation is be discussed.**
- GSR to read the GSR Service Preamble.
- Anniversaries celebrations.
- Members concerns/deaths.
- Read Charlie F.'s group conscience opening statement.

Tradition and Concept: Kat G. to read and share on Tradition 6, and Dan F. to read and share on Concept 6. Need volunteers for the July 25th meeting.

- **We as a district meeting follow the most current CT Department of Health Covid-19 guidelines. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the door.**
- Anyone wishing to add an Agenda item for an upcoming meeting, please contact the D1 Chairperson **at least 1 week prior to the next GSR Meeting**.
- The agenda, the Area directory, and the district minutes may contain last names and phone numbers which are confidential. **Please do not leave these documents out at your group meetings**.
- If you are a new DCM, Special Committee chairperson, GSR or new Alternate GSR please contact our Registrar and the Recording Secretary. If you are an existing GSR or Alternate GSR, please make sure the information the Registrar has regarding you and your group is correct. Any new meetings or changes to existing meetings should be reported to the Registrar and to the Schedules Chairperson.

Recording Secretary Report: Chris D. [redacted] secretary@ct-aa-d1.org

- Present minutes. Questions, comments, or corrections. Obtain motions and accept report.
- Complete roll call of officers, DCMs, Special Service Committee Chairs and Special Event Representatives.
- If you are not receiving emails from the Recording Secretary, please check your spam folder and/or see the secretary. **Please make secretary@ct-aa-d1.org a safe email address in your contact list.** If you are new, please provide your name and email so you can be added to the distribution mailing list.

Group Announcements and/or Concerns: From the floor. This is an open forum: all GSRs, DCMs and any visitors are invited to participate.

- ***Provide flier to DCM for review prior to distribution as stated in the District 1 Guidelines. Fliers submitted for distribution at the District 1 Business Meeting should clearly state the name of the AA group publishing the flier. Groups should be careful not to include any websites/links that are commercial in nature unless necessary (i.e., Hotel reservations, etc.). Fliers should reference only AA activities.***
- New GSRs – please see your respective DCMs before or after the GSR meeting.
- Jamie V. – clarification of the use of the new vs. old AA Preamble, and group autonomy.
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Treasurer's Report: Chris D. for Mike B. [redacted] treasurer@ct-aa-d1.org

- Present summary of the Treasurer's report. Questions, comments or corrections. Make motions and accept report.
- Report of Financial Review - conducted at 6:30 p.m. on June 27, 2022 prior to the GSR meeting; the committee is made up of the Treasurer, District Chair, Registrar, Secretary and two volunteers with knowledge of finance; Bert M. and Linda F. volunteered; will need a financial report from Denny, the Answering Service chair, as well.

Registrar Report: Chris R. [redacted] registrar@ct-aa-d1.org

- If your group has a new GSR or alternate, meeting type change, name change, location or time change, please communicate changes to Registrar and Schedules chairperson so updates can be made. New GSRs – report to Secretary also.
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District Committee Member (DCM) Report:

1-1:DCMs (dcm1.1@ct-aa-d1.org): Bonnie A. [redacted]; Maxx H. (Absent) [redacted]; Alt. DCM Candace B. [redacted]
1-2:DCMs (dcm1.2@ct-aa-d1.org): Dan F. [redacted]; Jamie V. [redacted]
1-3:DCMs (dcm1.3@ct-aa-d1.org): Jonathan G. [redacted]; Scott G. [redacted]

Report for June: Dan F.

- Last Area 11 Committee meeting was 6/8/22 – Area 11 Inventory was conducted.
- Area 11 Delegate communication – sent out 6/15/22
    - 72nd GSC materials
    - Submissions for 73rd General Service Assembly
    - Supply chain issues – literature
    - North/South Connections – Virtual Special Form regarding remote communities - 7/16/22
    - Rompiendo Fronteras - 7/23/22
    - National AA Technology Workshop – 9/9-9/11/22
    - Area 11 Convention – 9/24/22 (flyer attached)
    - Northeast Regional Trustee Election
    - Fall Assembly – 11/6/22
    - 5th Edition of the Big Book is in development
    - 2025 AA International Convention – Vancouver (Theme: Language of the Heart)
- All Special Service Committees and Special Event committees need support. Encourage your group members to get involved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Literature** – Meeting in a Pocket – Bert M./Lawrence C.
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2. **Printing costs** - for District 1 GSR meeting is approximately $80/month and mileage; do we want to continue to print hard copies? - Chris D.
    - Proposal to cut back on printing where possible – send out all items or include links with Minutes and/or Agenda:
        - Minutes – print on demand at meeting
        - Agenda – 30 copies
        - Treasurer's Report – 10 copies (one for each table at meeting)
        - Area 11 Delegate's Report (link could be provided)
        - Alki-line (link could be provided)
        - Area 11 flyers (link could be provided)

3. **Ad Hoc Committee for Redistricting update** – Scott G.
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4. **Continued discussion** on adding District 1 Co-chair and alternate Treasurer.
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5. **Open Positions** – Lawrence C.
    - Please note that all of the open positions now include the Qualifications, Purpose and Responsibilities in the monthly Agenda; this can be shared at group business meetings for those who may be interested in standing for a DCM, Special Service Committee Chairperson or Special Event Representative position. This information can also be accessed in the 2022 District 1 Guidelines.
    - **DCM positions still open:** DCM 1-2 Alt., DCM 1-3 Alt.

    QUALIFICATIONS: For this 2-year commitment, a suggested a minimum of 4 years continuous sobriety with previous experience as GSR, Alternate DCM, Chair or Committee member.

    ***RESPONSIBILITIES*:**

    1) The primary responsibility of the DCM is to support the GSR's and District 1 at the local and state level.
    2) Have and maintain a current working knowledge of the GSO Service Manual and keep informed on current issues. For further detail refer to current "AA Service Manual", which will serve as the baseline for DCM's roles and responsibilities.
    3) Attend the monthly Area 11 and District 1 GSR meetings, District 1 Officers meetings, and workshops/sharing sessions.
    4) On a rotating basis with other DCMs, report to GSRs about the Area 11 Service Committee meetings.
    5) Bring copies of the Delegates Report and Area 11 Pre-Conference Assembly reports to the District 1 meeting for distribution.

6) All DCM's and Alternates are to attend the Area 11 Spring/Fall and Pre-Conference Assemblies and report back to the District 1 body at the monthly meetings.
7) In addition, it is suggested that DCM's and Alternates attend the following: Round Up, Soberfest, Area 11 Convention, Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) and the Northeast Regional Area Service Assembly (NERASA).
8) Must submit a budget to the Treasurer and attend the annual budget meeting.
9) Assist the delegate in obtaining group information in time to meet the AA directory.
10) Keep groups informed about Conference approved books and pamphlets.
11) Hold two workshops/service seminars with the GSR's each year (May & November). Passing the Service Message.
12) Make the Conference Reports to groups where the delegate cannot.
13) Assist the Alternate DCM in familiarization with their roles and responsibilities at the District 1 level.
14) Review materials given to the GSRs for distribution to the groups to ensure they are consistent with the Traditions of AA.
15) Conducts new GSR Orientation at District 1 meeting, explaining their duties, their sub-district, answering questions and supplying them with GSR packets.
16) In order to provide continuity and coverage, be willing to plan a smooth transition to and train the succeeding DCM when possible.
17) Audit physical inventory of District's Literature every quarter. The Literature Chairperson's quarterly report needs to match the physical inventory.

Alternate DCMs QUALIFICATIONS*:* Three years of continuous sobriety with one year in a service position and is not currently serving as a GSR/DCM/ Area 11 representative. Term one year and will fill in for all functions in the absence of the DCM and will assume all responsibilities and voting privileges in the DCM's absence.

- **Special Service Committee positions open (see below**):
- **Special Event Representatives positions open (see below):**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. District 1 Inventory –Lawrence C.

- Group conscience vote will be taken to decide if the district will take an inventory.

SPECIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS (01/2021 – 12/2022)

Accessibility: Angelo M. [redacted] accessibility@ct-aa-d1.org

- Updated Accessibilities checklist flyer available.
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Alki-line: **OPEN**

QUALIFICATIONS: Except as otherwise noted, all positions are a 2-year commitment with a suggested minimum of two years of continuous sobriety; have one year of service at the District 1 level; and are not currently serving as a District 1 DCM or Officer.
PURPOSE: The Alki-Line is an Area 11 bi-monthly publication. The Alki-Line Committee's purpose is to publish articles, information and news that support the experience, strength and hope of recovery. The Alki-Line encompasses the spirit of the Traditions of AA, particularly the primary purpose: "to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety." It encourages written contributions from the Area 11 Fellowship, such as personal stories regarding Recovery and it is used to help educate the AA member in Unity and Service.

***RESPONSIBILITIES*:**

1) Attend the monthly Area 11 Alki-Line Committee meetings.
2) Report monthly to the District 1 GSR meeting.
3) Form a committee to assist with Alki-Line responsibilities as applicable.
4) Solicit materials for Alki-Line publication on behalf of District 1.
5) Provide copies of the latest Alki-Line at the monthly District 1 meeting.
6) Must submit a budget to the Treasurer and attend the annual budget meeting.
7) In order to provide continuity and coverage, be willing to plan a smooth transition to and train the succeeding chairperson when possible.

Answering Service: Denny B. [redacted] answeringservice@ct-aa-d1.org

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Archives: Al M. [redacted] archives@ct-aa-1.org

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Area Website: Pamelia P. [redacted] website@ct-aa-d1.org
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Bridging the Gap (BTG): Rich F. [redacted] btg@ct-aa-d1.org
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Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Bud M. [redacted] cpc@ct-aa-d1.org
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Corrections: Holly L. [redacted]**/Tom** corrections@ct-aa-d1.org
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Grapevine: Jane F. [redacted] grapevine@ct-aa-d1.org
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Hospitality: Paul M. and Tim S. [redacted] hospitality@ct-aa-d1.org
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Literature: Bert M. [redacted] literature@ct-aa-d1.org
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Public Information (PI): Andy P. pi@ct-aa-d1.org
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Schedules: Staci S. [redacted] schedules@ct-aa-d1.org
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Treatment: Doug S. [redacted] **/ Jeremy H.** [redacted] treatment@ct-aa-d1.org
- Schedule available for SCADD, Trails Corners, Stonington Detox or Starlight Farms facilities
- Need 2-4 people to take a meeting in for a regular commitment (3-6 months). Masks required at this time.
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Virtual Meeting Committee: Anna B. [redacted] virtualcommittee@ct-aa-d1.org
- Still need a co-chair for this committee.
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SPECIAL EVENTS REPRESENTATIVES

Area 11 Convention: **OPEN**

QUALIFICATIONS: Except as otherwise noted, all positions are a 1-year commitment with a suggested minimum of six months of continuous sobriety and service at a group or district level; and are not currently serving as a District 1 DCM or Officer.

PURPOSE: The Area 11 Convention is an annual 3-day weekend of sharing. The convention features speakers, workshops and other activities. Its purpose is to carry the AA message.

***RESPONSIBILITIES*:**

1) Attend the monthly Area 11 Convention Committee meetings.
2) Report monthly to the District 1 GSR meeting.
3) Form a committee to assist with Area 11 Convention responsibilities as applicable.
4) Attend the Area 11 Convention.
5) Provide a post-event update to the District 1 GSR Meeting including financials.
6) Must submit a budget to the Treasurer and attend the annual budget meeting.
7) In order to provide continuity and coverage, be willing to plan a smooth transition to and train the succeeding representative when possible.

Christmas Alkathon: Terri M. [redacted] xmas-alkathon@ct-aa-d1.org
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CSCYPAA Convention: Kat G. [redacted] cscypaa@ct-aa-d1.org
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Rompiendo Fronteras: Benjamin H. [redacted] rf@ct-aa-d1.org

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Round-Up: **OPEN**

QUALIFICATIONS: Except as otherwise noted, all positions are a 1-year commitment with a suggested minimum of six months of continuous sobriety and service at a group or district level; and are not currently serving as a District 1 DCM or Officer.

PURPOSE: The event is an annual 2-day weekend of sharing for the AA community. The event features speakers, workshops and other activities. Its purpose is to carry the AA message.

***RESPONSIBILITIES*:**

1) Attend the monthly Area 11 Round-Up Committee meetings.
2) Report monthly to the District 1 GSR meeting.
3) Form a committee to assist with Round-up responsibilities as applicable.
4) Attend the Round Up event.
5) Provide a post-event update to the District 1 GSR Meeting including financials.
6) Must submit a budget to the Treasurer and attend the annual budget meeting.
7) In order to provide continuity and coverage, be willing to plan a smooth transition to and train the succeeding representative when possible.

Soberfest: Angela S. [redacted] soberfest@ct-aa-d1.org

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Thanksgiving Alkathon: Holly L. [redacted] thanksgiving@ct-aa-d1.org

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Adjourn meeting.

Close with prayer.

Upcoming meetings: **July 25, 2022 and August 29, 2022**