

AREA 57 Quarterly Meeting Minutes Dec. 8, 2024

Location: Embassy Suites

Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center

741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Registration: District 80

Attendance Total per Sign-in Registration: 190 which included 59 DCMs and 95 GSRs

Call to Order – Area 57 Chair, Diane W.

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Welcome

Roll Call – Novie H., Area Secretary

Preview of Day Events – Diane W., Area Chair

- Morning
 - Unfinished (Old) Business - DCMs discuss and vote on a motion for a Policy and Procedure change
 - GSR/DCM Orientation
- Afternoon
 - Traditional passing of the baton by handing over the Area business to the new Area Chair
 - New Business

Area Officer Reports

Area Chair – Diane W.

- This last quarter helped the incoming chair through weekly discussions.
- Held a DCM zoom call in October to help update existing DCMs and new DCMs that are rotating in.
- Attended SWRAASA
 - Enjoyed learning new ideas to help carry the message.
 - The negativity from people in some of the workshops was very unattractive. Our passion for AA must always be positive and attractive even when we disagree.
- GSR/DCM Orientation
 - Helping new people to learn about ways for them to serve
 - Providing written materials that can be taken with them

Alternate Area Chair – Gary K.

- Primary Purpose is sponsoring a workshop in Norman next week
 - The topic will be Collaboration and Affiliation with the other 12 Step Programs
 - Speakers from other Fellowships will be attending
- Been working with incoming Alternate Chair, Andy D.

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Area Delegate – Ryan F.

- Assured that people at the General Service in New York love Alcoholics Anonymous and have sacrificed with best intentions
- Conference
 - Delegates heard only three items, the rest went back to Trustees and to the Trustee's Committee and they were dispersed. They may or may not come back to Conference, depending on whether the Trustee's Committee wants to send them forward.
 - We were promised that there would be a remodeling of the Manhattan space and not moving. A thorough extensive cost evaluation was done. Maybe it is not monetarily wise, but the loss of employee historical knowledge has value.
 - We were assured that they are staying within the 1.4 million as budgeted.
- Russ S., who was a long-time member here in Oklahoma died due to a car accident this last weekend. He gave a lot of Big Book studies across Oklahoma and at our State Conferences.

Alternate Delegate – Bryan T.

- Getting ready to rotate into the Delegate position
 - Have been attending the Southwest Regional monthly meetings with our Southwest Regional Trustee
- Grateful for the opportunity to serve and to those that I have served with.
- Please call or feel free to give my number anytime needed, 405-641-5457.

Area Treasurer– Curt L.

- Provided a review of the attached Fiscal Year 2024-2025, First Quarter Financial Report

Area Chair, Diane W.

Opened for discussion, then asked for motion from DCMs to approve Financial Report. **Motion made, seconded, and approved.**

Please note: The DCM count plus who made and seconded the motion were inaudible.

Area Secretary – Novie H.

- Thank you District 80 for staffing the Registration tables this morning
- Reminder about Quarterly Area Meeting Minutes:
 - DCM reports will not be outlined in the minutes but will be attached to the official record
 - Verbal reports that include the individual's personal phone numbers will be included in the minutes.
- SWRAASA
 - Attended Concepts and Registrar workshops
- Attended the Quarterly GSO Registrar Zoom Meeting
- Participated in two District Chair/DCM Zoom Meetings for new incoming people

- Distributed several Braille Big Books, Twelve and Twelves, and Daily Reflections that were stored at the Area Office.

Area Chair, Diane W.

- Opened for discussion. No discussion, Motion made, motion seconded, motion approved

Unfinished (Old) Business

- Proposed change to Area 57 Policy and Procedure – add additional voting members to the assembly (submitted by District 40)

Area Chair, Diane W.

- Opened for discussion. **Motion made; motion seconded**
 - Count was inaudible
 - Motion did not pass
 - Minority invited to speak
- Asked for those that would change their vote
 - No one responded
- **Motion did not pass**

GSR and DCM Orientation

Lunch Break

Reconvened Area Committee Meeting

Area 57 Chair, Jason B.

- Introduced new Area Officers

Area Service Committee Chair Reports

Area Accessibilities Chair – No Report

Area Archives Chair – Gabe S.

- Continuing to have good attendance at meetings, will be welcoming in the new District Committee members
- Without all these active trusted servants (stand-up for recognition), we would not have been able to complete the below items over the last 2 years
 - Deed of Gift Form & Process
 - 90% Digitizing of Archives Documents (Meeting Minutes, Bulletins, etc.)
 - Hosting 2 Open House events at the Area Office
 - Purchased Archives Boxes and Mylar Sleeves for Inventory Project
 - Participation in the Area 57 Newsletter
 - Held an Archives Workshop in District 30/40

- Attendance and Displays at State Conferences, SWRAASA, NAAAW, District Conferences
- Current Policies
 - Inventory Project at Area Office
 - Ongoing, but making progress little by little, could always use volunteers, contact Novie
 - Digital Archive on AA Oklahoma Website
 - Accessioning and Deaccessioning Documents in Progress (What do we keep, what do we not keep)
 - Re-defining the Mission Statement for the Archives Committee
- Upcoming Events
 - Next Archives Committee Meeting will be in January 2025 – Zoom Call
 - 3rd Annual Area Office Open House hosted by the Archives Committee (Saturday, April 12th, 2025)
- Budget
 - Spent approximately \$20.00 on printing flyers for the Open House, has not been submitted yet to Treasurer
- Next 2 Years and Beyond
 - Roger B. will be the Archives Chair
 - Ken E. is the incoming Archivist
 - Both individuals are committed to their Higher Power, their sobriety and their service work. Wish them the best of luck and will help wherever needed.
- Been an honor serving as Area 57 Archives Chair and want to thank all of you that helped in so many ways.

Area Bridge the Gap Chair – Julie S. – Inaudible

Area CPC Chair – Marina T. (Not Present – No Report)

Area Corrections Chair – Tony P.

- It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Corrections Chair
- Announcement - 2025 Corrections Conference will be held in Tulsa
 - Would like to have more people involved but whoever shows up will be appreciated
- Thanks to the Committee, to those that went before me, and to all of you for your support

Area Grapevine Chair – Scott B.

- Apps are here – Grapevine/Lavina rolled out Sept 1, 2023
 - \$2.99 a month or \$29.99 per year
 - Download the apps for free from the Apple App Store for iPhone or from Google Play for Android
 - Can read the new magazine each month, explore the Grapevine or Lavina archive, send stories to friends, listen to the audio of each article in the magazine, listen to podcasts, enter your own sobriety date for a daily calculation, build your own spiritual maintenance daily checklist, and more
- Grapevine needs your support

- A Grapevine/Lavinia subscription to show your gratitude this time of year
- Keep bringing your great minds together so we can get them into the jails and institutions
- Attended the North American Canada area chair workshop meeting held on September 19, 2024
- Attended the District 60 Picnic in September
- Attended District 50 Conference in November

Area Gratitude Plan Chair – Joann D. (Not Present – No Report)

Area Newsletter Chair – Mary Beth H.

- Got to know each one of you that submitted something a little better
- Thank you for believing in me even when I did not and thank you for the opportunity

Area Policy and Procedures Chair – Sharon S. (Report Inaudible)

Area Public Information Chair – April W. (Report Inaudible)

Area Technology Chair – Josh L.

- Attended the National AA Technology Service workshop
 - The cost was \$712.32
 - Met people who worked on WordPress plugins
 - They were working on a national level map of all the districts
 - Copied it and here it is (displayed on screen)
 - New meetings can be added
 - If you have any questions or want to help, give a call

Area Treatment Chair – Josh A

- Thanks to Diane W. for the opportunity to serve as Area Treatment Chair.
- Past Quarter have been working with the incoming Treatment Chair, Chad S., to ensure a smooth transition
 - Provided notes, area reports, expense reports, minutes, and audio recordings of committee meetings with District Treatment Chairs, and notes/itinerary for each workshop we have held around the state
 - Met with him weekly going through the 12 Traditions and Concepts
- Over the last two years I have had an opportunity to facilitate seven workshops
- Shared this quarter at the Area 87 Assembly in Wisconsin and the Area 87 Area Assembly in Montreal

Ad hoc Chair – Bryan T.

- Highlights of final report from the ad hoc committee that was formed to host our first area inventory done in August.
 - Key responses/take-a-ways
 - Districts are involved and doing a great job enabling 12 Step work
 - Need to focus on underrepresented groups and improving training for new GSRs and DCMs
 - Need to foster more engagement and more effective services

- The Area has shown a strong willingness to adapt and improve
 - Examples better and clearer job descriptions and better education for all trusted servants
 - Area responses were split on how and when to align our structures and how to conduct our business by aligning the Service manual
 - Summary of the two biggest ones were:
 - Training for GSRs, DCMs, and other service committee positions
 - Resolve how we conduct our business to be most effective
- Report has been placed on the aaoklahoma.org website and the secretary emailed them to the Fellowship
- Responsibility for change lies with the DCMs as they are the ones who have to make formal motions.

Budget and Finance Committee Chair – Curtis L.

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve and all the support

2025 State Conference Chair – Laura T.

- Attended 20, 40, 50, and 70 District Meetings
- Flyer was translated to Spanish, thanks to Caesar
- Coming Quarter plans
 - Visit District 10, 30, 60, 80, and 90
 - Need Bingo prizes
 - The Contact person is Sandra, our Entertainment Chair
 - The Registration Chairs are Andy D. and Terry
 - DCMs will be hearing from Committee member, James B., regarding their host responsibilities at the State Conference
- Registration is current at 161 before this meeting
- Current income - \$8,750.00
- The committee meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at 2:00 pm, at the Western Club
 - If you are interested in serving, there are a couple of slots open
- Registration is available on aaoklahoma.org and our vendor QR code takes you right there

2025 Fun in the Fellowship (FIF) Chair – Rikki E.

- FIF is a one-day service conference prior to the Area Assembly. The purpose of this conference is to teach members about carrying the message through the efforts of our generous service structure
- People will be there talking about their position and what they do
- The FIF committee still has open positions
- There will be Hispanic translation service available
- The venue used for the last two years quoted \$400 more than the previous
 - Will be researching for more options
- Committee Zoom meetings will begin in January

OKC Intergroup Liaison – Cooperation Report

- Inaudible

Northeast Central Service (NECS) Office Liaison – Cooperation Report

- Inaudible

District /DCM Service Reports

Please note: The District Chairs and DCMs reports are not included within the main body of the minutes, however, all audio and written reports are kept on file as part of the Area Meeting Minutes.

Please note: All District Chairs and DCM reports were inaudible so only those reports given in writing will be held on file with the Area Meeting Minutes.

New Business

Special Order of Business – Appoint 2026 State Conference Chair

- Diane W. was recommended and appointed as the 2026 State Conference Chair

Open Mic

Followed by Announcements

Meeting adjourned – Jason B., Area 57 Chair

Closing: The Lord's prayer

Attachments:

1. Approved Treasurer Report
2. Approved Area Meeting Minutes
3. District Chairs and DCMs Reports