

Alt Secretary (**OPEN POSITION**): district1Altsecretary@aahmbny.org

Public Information Chair (**OPEN POSITION**): district1PI@aahmbny.org

Cooperation with Professional Community (**OPEN POSITION**): district1CPC@aahmbny.org

Bridging the Gap Chair – Men (**OPEN POSITION**): (district1btgm@aahmbny.org) :

I. Opening Moment of Silence with serenity prayer

II. Roll call (In zoom chat, not verbal)

III. Group Announcements/questions:

IV. Review of Minutes & Secretary's Report (district1secretary@aahmbny.org) :

- Motion to accept minutes [2nd] All in favor.

VI. Treasurer's Report (district1treasurer@aahmbny.org; district1Alttreasurer@aahmbny.org) :

- Motion to accept [2nd] All in favor.

VII. DCM Report & Delegate Report Back(district1DCM@aahmbny.org) :

- Area 48 Ad Hoc Committee on Reopening has created a service piece with suggestions for groups to consider when it comes time to reopen. Thursday @ 6:30pm: Reopening Workshop [flier attached]
- Joy of Service Day will be hosted VIRTUALLY by our cluster (Districts 1, 2, & 18) on Sunday, June 14. Zoom info & tentative agenda on the attached flier
- GSO has begun dipping into their prudent reserve and has had to lay off some staff members. Online contributions can be made directly to GSO at <https://contribution.aa.org> or to Area 48 at <https://aahmbny.org/online-contributions/>.
- We have lots of open service positions, some of which have been open since January. How can we increase participation / interest in general service?
- A sad note: Steve Allen, our Men's Bridging the Gap Chair, passed away on May 7. He will be very missed at our District 1 meetings.

70TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Recommendations

Finance: Draft language related to the virtual basket be included in the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix"

Grapevine: The name of the Conference Committee on Grapevine be changed to "Conference Committee on Grapevine & La Viña"

Literature:

- Updated draft video of "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" be approved
- The "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials," approved by the A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors in January 2020, be acknowledged and accepted by the General Service Conference.

Policy/Admissions: Several policies related to the GSC procedures & voting were reviewed.

Public Information: All A.A.W.S. video titles be adjusted for search engine optimization (SEO).

Treatment & Accessibilities: BTG pamphlet be updated.

No recommendations were made for Archives, CPC, Corrections, International Conventions / Regional Forums.

2021 GSC:

- Theme - "AA in a Time of Change"

Area 48 Delegate GSC Report Back AND the Advisory Actions / Recommendations can be found at

www.aahmbny.org - HMB > HMB Area Committee > Delegate

VIII. Alt DCM Report (district1AltDCM@aahmbny.org) :

- Nothing to report.

IX. LCM Report (district1LCM@aahmbny.org) :

- Helping groups get Zoom meetings going.
- Spreading info about contributions to District/Area/GSO
- Groups in need of assistance, please reach out!

X. Committee Reports:

a. Accessibilities (district1accessibilities@aahmbny.org) :

- Nothing Report

b. Bridging the Gap Chair - Women (district1btgw@aahmbny.org) :

- Will be attending a conference call for all the BTG chairs on Thursday.
- Let me know what else I might be able to do to help.

c. Bridging the Gap Chair - Men (district1btgm@aahmbny.org) :

d. Cooperation with Professional Community (district1CPC@aahmbny.org) :

- Attended CPC North America Zoom presentation, on Saturday, May 23rd, hosted by Matt, in Connecticut Area 11; in attendance were CPC Chairs from around the US and Canada; also included at the meeting were professional, non-AA members;
- A couple of the great suggestions posed:
 1. Encourage Individual groups to host previously announced info sessions (under the guidance of the District CPC Chair) at their regular group meeting space and time, and invite local professionals to learn, firsthand, about AA.
 2. And the fact that, over time, AA has relegated, to treatment facilities, the carrying of our message to new/prospective AA members. As a result, there may, inadvertently, be a lot of misinformation out there about AA. This is not to disparage treatment facilities, but to emphasize our 12th Step and 5th Tradition, and the CPC committee's responsibility of "Being Friendly With Our Friends".

e. Corrections Chair - Women (district1correctionsw@aahmbny.org) :

- No Report

f. Corrections Chair - Men (district1correctionsm@aahmbny.org) :

- No Report

g. Functions (district1functions@aahmbny.org) :

- Planning for our Oct 24th, AA History Workshop is moving along, slowly: Seeing if doing a Zoom presentation would be acceptable, or comfortable for John, in the event we're not able to meet face-to-face.
- John B., Area 44/NJ, is planning on two, one-hour sessions -- one in the morning; one in the afternoon, with Q & A time included; The first would be called "The Links in The Chain". It would be the history of the movement with the likes of William James, Carl Jung, Dr. Silkworth, Frank Buchman, Sam Shoemaker, Ebby Thatcher, Henrietta Sieberling; the second would deal with the early members who made a "career" of service.
- Another idea would be to hold a friendly photo competition, to replace the banner photo on our District website. I have it on high authority, that the mountains in the pic are most probably the Grand Tetons, and not the Adirondacks. It would be fun, and something we could sponsor, even during this pandemic slowdown. A prize, if we decided to do that, might be a Grapevine subscription.

h. Grapevine Chair (district1grapevine@aahmbny.org) :

- ALL 2020 Online Grapevine magazine FREE!!! Here is the link: www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help
- Meeting on YouTube from Grapevine www.youtu.be/UDMVX1LUAfY
- The Very Best of the Grapevine Book bundle @ store.aagrapevine.org ALL 3 Books for \$23 00!
- If you would like to see the new catalog go to: store.aagrapevine.org

i. Literature Chair (district1literature@aahmbny.org) :

- The committee has been in touch through the month, but quiet without any mechanism for groups to order literature.
- I have not heard any response to my request for a District 1 Literature mailbox so no progress on that front yet.
- The Capital District Central office is exploring ways to re- open for literature/medallion sales; more information will be available after their business meeting next Tuesday, June 9.

j. Newsletter (district1newsletter@aahmbny.org) :

- No Report.

k. Public Information Chair (district1PI@aahmbny.org) :

- This position is still OPEN!! Please outreach!
- Altamont fair Table canceled for this year
- No new requests
- Found about one hundred 2019 schedules. Contact PI if you'd like them!!

l. Records/Registrar (district1records@aahmbny.org) :

- Will be emailing GSR's & trusted servants for contact information for records

m. Treatment (district1treatment@aahmbny.org) :

- Will be attending Treatment chair Area meeting

n. Webmaster (district1webmaster@aahmbny.org) :

- Functions chair proposed a "new picture" contest that would put a truly Albany based picture on the website
- No new requests except for meetings which our list is handled via the area listing.

XI. Local Service Reports

a. CDCO

- 82 Calls forwarded & answered
- Planning for modified re-opening of central office

b. NENYPA

- Absent, nothing to report.

XII. Old Business:

a. Elections:

- No one stood

b. Service Manual Review AdHoc:

- Approved Edits to the Service Manual:

D1 Service Manual, Page 3, Section A: GSR's, 3rd Paragraph

A1: While GSRs are not required to serve on any District Committees they are always welcome and encouraged to do so.

D1 Service Manual, Page 4, Section B: District Officers

B1: Expand upon the last bullet-point in DCM responsibilities to include 'Committee Chairpersons' in addition to new GSR's

B2: Add bullet-point 'actively participates or delegates to Alt DCM in District Ad-Hoc or subcommittees pertaining to District business.'

D1 Service Manual, Pages 8-11, Section C: Committee Chairs

C2: Re-numerate and alphabetize the remaining 10 Committees (1. Accessibilities; 2. Bridging the Gap (Men and Women); 3. Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information; 4. Corrections (Men and Women); 5. Functions and Events; 6. Grapevine/La Vina; 7. Literature; 8. Newsletter; 9. Treatment and 10. Website

C6: Request to re-organize the Committee position descriptions alphabetically based on re-numeration of the 10 committees outlined above

C7: Request to Bold all Committee Headers

- The Ad Hoc committee will not be moving forward with edits to combine PI and CPC positions
- To get involved with Service Manual Revision Ad Hoc committee email district1AltDCM@aahmbny.org.
- See Attached Service Manual Revision Voting Summary for more details!

XIII. New Business:

- a. D1 Zoom List- If your group DOES NOT have a zoom meeting & DOES NOT want one – please email secretary saying No Zoom. If your group DOES NOT have a zoom meeting & WANTS HELP establishing one—please email secretary. If your Group DOES have a zoom meeting & wants to make the list available

to CDCO volunteers & committee chairs to point alcoholics in the direction of a meeting – PLEASE EMAIL Secretary the Zoom Link, Meeting ID, & Password (If applicable) – This list will not be posted on the AAHMBNY.ORG.

- b. Phases of NY reopening are not applicable across the board for AA meeting reopening
- c. How do we get people excited about District 1 Service?!?! – Come to the next District Meeting and tell us!
- d. Should District 1 continue to Pay rent? should District 1 continue to use zoom in lieu of rent at Church?

XIV. Made motion to close (2nd) All in favor

29 in attendance; 27 with voting rights. See attached attendance sheet for details.