

AREA 12 NEWSLETTER

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Area 12's Panel 62 Elections

Area 12, Delaware holds a biennial meeting of its Assembly in the fall of every odd-numbered year to elect its delegate, alternate delegate, chair, alternate chair, secretary, registrar and treasurer.

The election of officers is an important event as these trusted servants help guide and represent the Area in matters within the Fellowship and beyond.

Eligibility to Stand for Office

Most current or past Area 12 Committee members, DCMs, DCMCs, Area officers and standing committee chairs may stand.

The Delegate and past Delegates customarily do not stand.

No candidate may stand in absentia (if not present).

The Chair of the election Assembly meeting may entertain a motion to allow past Area 12 committee members to also stand.

Officer Responsibilities & Qualifications

These are typically reviewed at the election Assembly: Officer duties and qualifications are suggested in "*The AA Service Manual*."

Conduct of the Election

Election Assemblies are presided over (chaired) by a past Delegate (selected by the Area Chair) and generally follow the suggestions found in Chapter 4 of "*The AA Service Manual*."

There may be a roll call of all current committee members before the first ballot for delegate; or a call for volunteers to make themselves available.

(If there is a roll call, after the roll call is completed those not called but also eligible/willing to stand are invited to add their names.)

To prevent electioneering, there are no nominations from the floor. The names of all candidates for a given office are posted.

Each candidate is invited to give a brief service qualification before the balloting for the service position for which he/she is standing.

There is no campaigning; only a recital of service experience.

The vote is by anonymous written ballot using a rotation of different color ballots to distinguish each vote.

The Third Legacy Procedure has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties. . . . The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.

- i. A candidate must receive 2/3 of the total vote to be elected. The results of each ballot will be posted.
- ii. After the second ballot, any candidate who received less than 1/5 of the total vote will be withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.
- iii. After the third ballot, any candidate who received less than a of the total vote will be withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.
- iv. After the fourth ballot:
 - (1) The candidate with the smallest number of votes will be withdrawn, except the top two candidates must remain; in the event of a tie, all candidates tied for second place remain.
 - (2) The chair will ask if there is a motion to go to a fifth ballot.
 - (a) If such a motion is made and seconded, a simple majority will be needed to take the election to the fifth ballot.
 - (b) In the absence of such a motion passing, the election will be decided by lot, that is, it "goes to the hat."
- v. If no candidate receives 2/3 of the vote on the fifth ballot, the election will be decided by lot.

THE AREA 12 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Our service committees are created by, and responsible to, the Area Committee. These committees do not set policy or decide issues. Rather, they make recommendations by way of reports to the Area Committee and the Area Assembly at their regular meetings. Each committee may create ad-hoc committees, which are responsible to the committee. With the exception of the Convention committee, the Area Chair appoints committee chairpersons. The Convention committee Chairperson is the Immediate Past Delegate.

In most cases, the descriptions also assume that only the Area is involved in the activity. However, Delaware has three active Inter-groups that have counterpart committees that are currently involved in this work in varying degrees. And, there is always the possibility that some activities have been taken on by Districts or Groups. It is not the purpose or intent of the Assembly to overlap or replace the work being done by the Inter-groups, Districts or Groups.

Volunteers are always welcome to participate; contact the corresponding committee chair to get involved.

THE COMMITTEES

Archives

This committee receives and maintains historical information and artifacts pertaining to the Groups, Districts and the Area. Upon request, the Archivist provides a display for events within the Area and at the state convention. With permission from the Assembly, the Archivist may purchase items that are in keeping with the purposes of the Archives, and maintain other AA related information and materials of historical value. contact: archives@delawareaa.org

Annual State Convention

This committee makes all arrangements for the statewide convention. The chair of the committee appoints its membership, including the necessary ad-hoc committees as needed. This committee is

self supporting and has its own bank account. The chair of this committee appoints a Treasurer who will receive all funds, pay all bills, maintain the financial records and submit monthly financial reports to the Area Treasurer. Upon completion of the convention, the chairperson of this committee will submit a report, including the financial results, at the next Area Committee and Assembly meetings. contact: conventionchair@delawareaa.org

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

This committee makes contacts with the professional community to provide information and literature. The committee also makes specific suggestions to the Area Committee regarding sponsorship of professionals. The committee cooperates with other committees when communicating with professionals, and it staffs exhibit booths when appropriate. contact: cpc@delawareaa.org

Correctional Facilities

This committee makes contact with the correctional facilities in the Area, helps set up meetings for inmates, and contacts them on their release to assist in their transition from the prison AA fellowship to the local AA fellowship. It secures other AA volunteers to assist in carrying the message to the alcoholics in prison. The committee acts as a liaison and maintains contact with the volunteers, Inter-groups, Districts and Groups. contact: corrections@delawareaa.org

Finance

This committee assists the Area Committee and Assembly in all financial matters, with the 7th Tradition being the primary guidance. The Finance committee compiles the budgets submitted by the officers and committee chairs and makes its recommendations based on maintaining a prudent reserve. The committee recommends financial management policies as needed; periodically reviews the financial statements and makes recommendations when they are called for. The chair of the committee maintains and republishes the Financial Management Guidelines as

changes are made, and at the beginning of each year. In addition, the chair of the committee also reviews the financial records at the end for each year and submits a report of the results. The chair of the committee presents all reports to the Area Committee and then to the Assembly. contact: budget.and.finance@delawareaa.org

Grapevine

This committee develops awareness of the spiritual benefits of reading the Grapevine as an aid to recovery and in 12-step work. The committee provides displays at the state Convention, assemblies and special events as requested, and keeps the area informed of ongoing Grapevine activities as well as encourage members to get and give subscriptions. contact: grapevine@delawareaa.org

Literature

This committee makes AA Conference approved literature available to the Area and the Districts, sets up literature a display at the state Convention, and other AA activities. It is self supporting, orders directly from GSO, and maintains its own records of purchases and sales. contact: literature@delawareaa.org

Public Information (PI)

This committee assists the Districts to inform the general public, professional communities and the AA Membership in ways to carry the AA message, such as workshops, literature kits, and radio and television public service announcements. The Area 12 Web-site and the Area 12 newsletter are included in this committee's work; special emphasis is given to Traditions 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. contact: pubinfo@delawareaa.org

Treatment

This committee communicates AA's purpose and function to treatment facilities in the area, and establishes and maintains a list of AA volunteer contacts to assist in transition from the treatment facility to the local AA groups when discharged. contact: treatment@delawareaa.org

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHEN

Area 12's Elected Area 12 Trusted Servants

Panel 60's 2 year term is January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2011

"...Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Delegate - Frank Z. delegate@delawareaa.org
Alternate Delegate - Janice L. alternate.delegate@delawareaa.org
Area Chair - Geri D. area.chair@delawareaa.org
Alternate Chair - *this position is currently vacant*
Secretary - Karen S. secretary@delawareaa.org
Treasurer - Georgia A. treasurer@delawareaa.org
Registrar - Veronica E. registrar@delawareaa.org
Immediate Past Delegate - George M. (Panel 56) immediate.past.delegate@delawareaa.org

2011 Assembly Schedule

December 10, 2011

2011 Area Committee Schedule

October 15, 2011

November 19, 2011

All Area 12 Committee meetings start at 9 a.m. and are held at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 425 North Dupont Highway, Dover, DE 19901

Upcoming Events of Note

- 2011 -

October 8 - Blue Hen Roundup hosted by the Central Delaware Intergroup, Dover for a flyer or registration information visit the CDI web-site: www.cdiaa.org

October 22 - District 5's "Participate in Your Recovery" Workshop, St. Thomas's Parish, 276 South College Ave., Newark; for further information contact DCM5@delawareaa.org

October 27 - 30 - Area 29's (Maryland) 27th Annual Fall Conference, Hagerstown, MD for a flyer, which includes registration information visit www.marylandaa.org

November 4 - 6 - 1st Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA), Fairfax, VA for further information contact www.area26.net

- 2012 -

January 13 - 15 - Annapolis Area Intergroup's First Annual Convention "I Am Responsible", Annapolis, MD for a flyer visit www.annapolisareaintergroup.org

March 1 - 4 - Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA), Albany, NY for information, including a link to online registration, visit www.neraasa.org

March 16-18 - Northeast Regional Delegates' Reunion (NERD) - Sturbridge, MA

May 18 - 20 - 52nd Delaware State Convention, Rehoboth Beach

Note: The Delaware General Service Assembly calendar posts only those events from AA Inter-groups, AA Districts, AA Assemblies and other recognized Service Boards; group events should be directed to the Inter-group in their geographic area.

AREA 12'S DISTRICTS

Questions regarding Districts with no DCM should be directed to the Area Delegate.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE

District 1 – currently inactive

general area includes the City of Rehoboth Beach and the City of Lewes; geographic definition: route 9 forms the northeast border; route 1 the southeast; remainder of border is coastline.

District 2

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general area includes Angola, Long Neck, Oak Orchard and Millsboro; geographic definition: the northern border is an arbitrary line from route 113 south of Georgetown running to route 9, and route 1 ending at Five Points; the western border is route 113; the southern border is the Indian River; the eastern border is the coastline (at the Inlet) and route 1 to Five Points.

This district meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at Conley's Chapel - UM Church, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958

District 3

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general area includes Milton, Seaford, Laurel and Georgetown; geographic definition: northern border is route 14 and the Mispillion River to coast; western and southern borders are the state line; eastern border is route 113 north to the northern border of District 2, then east to coast.

This district meets the first Thursday of each month (directly following the Southern Delaware Inter-group's meeting), beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pine & Academy Streets, Georgetown DE 19947

District 13

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general area includes Fenwick, Bethany, Frankfort, Selbyville, Dagsboro and Ocean View; geographic definition: the

northern border is the Indian River; the eastern border is the Atlantic Ocean (from the DE state line) to the Inlet; the western border is route 113, from the state line to the Indian River (in Millsboro); the southern border is the DE/MD state lines.

This district meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at St George's Methodist Church, Omar Rd & Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE 19970

CENTRAL DELAWARE

District 4

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direct District 4 contributions to: PO Box 403, Cheswold, DE 19936 general area includes Dover, Smyrna and Middletown; geographic definition: southern border is route 14 and the Mispillion River; state line forms western border; northern borders the C&D Canal.

This district meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Christ Episcopal Church, 501 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901

NORTHERN DELAWARE

District 5

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direct District 5 contributions to: PO Box 9526, Newark, DE 19714-9526 general area includes Newark; geographic definition: southern border is the C & D Canal; northern border is Polly Drummond Hill Road, to route 273; route 273 to south of New Castle; eastern borders the Delaware River.

This district meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Westminster House, 292 W. Main Street, Newark, DE 19711.

District 6 – currently inactive

general area includes Christiana and Stanton; geographic definition: Hockessin area with PA state line the northwest border and route 41 the northeast; Polly Drummond Hill Road and route 273 form the southern border; includes the Christiana area.

District 7 – currently active, no DCM

general area includes Elsmere, New Castle and Prices Corner; geographic

definition: northwest border is PA state line; southeast is the Delaware River; route 52 forms the major part of the northeast border and route 41 the southwest boarder. Includes Elsmere, New Castle, Prices Corner and "estate country".

This district meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:30 p.m., at Cedars Methodist Church located at Prices Corner (off Rt. 41) at Harrison and Maple Avenues.

District 8 – currently inactive

general area includes Greenville and Centerville; geographic definition: western border is route 52; the eastern border is route 202; northern border is PA state line and southern border follows the Wilmington city limits.

District 9 – currently inactive

general area includes Trolley Square, Elsmere and West Wilmington; geographic definition: west of Market Street to Wilmington city limits, north and south.

District 10 – currently inactive

general area is a one block area in Center City; geographic definition: meetings at Triad.

District 11 – currently inactive

general area includes South Bridge and the Wilmington business district; geographic definition: City of Wilmington east of Market Street and north of Brandywine River; northern border is city limits; eastern border is the Delaware River.

District 12

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direct District 12 contributions to: PO Box 8065, Wilmington, DE 19803 general area includes north Wilmington, Talleyville and Chichester (PA); geographic definition: west border runs along Rt.202 from the city limits to the Pennsylvania state line; the Delaware River forms the east border, from the Wilmington city limits to the PA state line (north of Nammans Road).

This district meets the 1st Monday of each month at First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE 19803