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**General Service Committee**

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**DATE:** MAY 26, 2020

**TO:** GSRs, Alternate GSRs, DCMs, Alternate DCMs, LCMs (Local Committee Members), Convention Chair and Alternate, Coordinators, Officers, Past Delegates and any other interested members!

**SUBJECT:** **“Area 51 Virtual Spring Assembly Meeting in July”**

**July 11, 2020**

**Via Zoom**

**Theme: “Service – Gratitude in Action”**

**Special Guest: Steve S., GSO Staff Member- Literature**

**Special Presentation: Cathy B. – South East Regional Trustee**

**Updated Information**

**The Spring Assembly in July has been cancelled at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills due to the limitations of group gathering size during the Covid-19 Pandemic.**

- **If you have made a reservation at the Hilton, you can cancel it with no penalty.**
- **The Zoom meeting information is provided below and can also be found on [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org) along with Assembly handouts. Be sure to check a few days before the Assembly in case any adjustments need to be made to the tentative schedule given below.**
- **Zoom Meeting Direct Link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6563167536?pwd=ZmZlY3dKZU5MNlloR0xydjFZK3RDQT09>
- Meeting ID: 656 316 7536
- Password: 924686
- Dial by your location
  - +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
  - +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
  - +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)
  - +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
  - +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
  - +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)
- **If you have any questions feel free to contact Julie R., the Area Chair ([chair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:chair@aanorthcarolina.org)) or Denise M., the Area Alternate Chair ([altchair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:altchair@aanorthcarolina.org)).**

**Note: When you log in to the meeting please name yourself with your first name, last initial, service position Ex. Julie R. – Area 51 Chair or Julie R. – GSR, Turningpoint, D35**

**Our tentative schedule is as follows:**

<i>DAY</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ATTENDEES</i>
Friday July 10, 2020	8:00-9:00 p.m.	Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee Only- DCMs, Alt-DCMs, LCMs, Coordinators, Officers
Saturday July 11, 2020	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>		All are welcome
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	◆ How the Virtual Assembly Operates	
	TBD by the Chairperson	<b>Subcommittee Meetings</b> ◆ Budget and Finance ◆ Site Investigation ◆ Growth & Maintenance ◆ Website	<i>Subcommittee members only – contact your subcommittee chairperson for Zoom information and the date/time of meeting</i>
Afternoon	12:00-5:00 p.m.	<b>ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION</b>  ◆ Delegate’s Report ◆ Agenda Items ◆ Coordinator’s Reports ◆ Special Presentation from Cathy B – Southeast Regional Trustee ◆ Q&A Sharing Session	GSR, Alt-GSR, DCMs, Alt-DCMs, Coordinators, and Officers are voting members. All are welcome to attend.
Evening	6:00-7:00 p.m.	<b>GUEST SPEAKER MEETING</b> Steve S., GSO Staff Member - Literature	All are welcome
	8:00-9:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m. 8:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>ENGLISH WORKSHOPS</b> Service at the Group Level Service beyond the Group Level, Your District Spiritual Principles Behind the Steps Fourth Dimension Defined	Zoom information will be posted on the Area 51 website

**The following DCMs and Alt. DCMs will be conducting the Saturday Evening workshops:**

Service at the Group Level		Service Beyond the Group Level, Your District		Spiritual Principles Behind the Steps		Fourth Dimension Defined	
Chair	Co-chair	Chair	Co-Chair	Chair	Co-Chair	Chair	Co-Chair
Allison M D 13	Stan H. D 33	Robert G D 03	Dale L D 71	Sue H D 34	Craig H D 34	Roger A D 11	Brenna O D 51

**Note: Zoom meeting log ins and passwords for workshops will be provided on the Area 51 website [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org)**

## **BELOW ARE THE MAIN MOTIONS FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE 2020 VIRTUAL SPRING ASSEMBLY IN JULY PRESENTED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

### **AGENDA ITEM #1: To approve the Chair's appointment of Elizabeth P. of Raleigh as Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2021 – 2022.**

**Background Information:** The Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2021-2022 serves by the appointment of the Area Chairperson and approval of the Area Assembly. The appointment is made during the spring of the preceding year to allow the incoming Convention Chair to observe the planning, conducting and reporting of the N.C. State Convention by the current Convention Chair and the Convention Committee. The job description of the Area 51 Convention Chair includes the following:

- Previous experience as a DCM is not required, although some general service experience is desirable;
- Has a voice and a vote in Area Committee and Assembly proceedings, but not eligible to stand for area office unless a past DCM;
- Under the general guidance and as a member of the Area 51 General Service Committee, plans, organizes and conducts the annual N.C. State Convention;
- Conducts all convention plans in accordance with GSO-documented guidelines for conferences and conventions, A.A.'s Twelve Traditions;
- Selects a Convention Committee to work with the Convention Chair and Convention Alternate Chair in planning and conducting the Convention;
- Responsible to the Area 51 Committee and Assembly for keeping operating expenses in line with the fiscal objective that the Convention be paid for out of registration fees of attendees and, if needed, from the approved prudent reserve in the Area 51 treasury;
- Responsible for the Convention checking account and for overseeing the collection of registration fees and payment of convention expenses;
- Prepares written financial reports, accounting fully and precisely to the Area 51 Committee and Assembly on the use of Convention funds;

Elizabeth currently serves as the Alternate Chair on the State Convention Committee. She has served on the Kanuga Lake Round Up Steering Committee since 2009, and the Tar Heel Mid-Winter Board of Directors since 2011. She recently served on the SSAASA V Host Committee. She has previously served as Area 51 Grapevine Coordinator, Literature Coordinator and Area 51 Treasurer. Elizabeth is a former Alternate DCM and DCM for District 35.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2: To approve the Chair's appointment of Alana E. of Durham, N.C. as Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2021 – 2022.**

**Background Information:** The Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2021-2022 serves by the appointment of the Area Chairperson and approval of the Area Assembly. The appointment is made during the spring of the preceding year to allow the incoming Convention Alternate Chair to observe the role of the Convention Alternate Chair in the planning, conducting and reporting of the N.C. State Convention. The job description of the Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair includes the following:

- Previous experience as a DCM is not required, although some general service experience is desirable;
- Has a voice but no vote in Area Committee and Assembly proceedings and is not eligible to stand for area office;
- Maintains readiness to fill in for the Convention Chair should the Convention Chair be unable to serve at required functions;
- Assists the Convention Chair with duties as requested; and
- Serves on the Convention Committee to work with the Convention Chair in planning and conducting the Convention.

Alana currently serves on the State Convention Committee as Registrar. Alana is a former GSR, Alternate DCM and currently the DCM for District 32, she also has served as the Hotline coordinator for District 32.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: To approve the Chair’s appointment of Marty M. of Lenoir, N.C. as the Area 51 Treatment Facilities Coordinator for the remainder of the 2019-2020 term.**

**Background Information:** On January 27, 2020, Katy F. submitted her resignation, effective immediately, as Area 51 Treatment Facilities Coordinator. In order to provide for the continuation of services and an efficient transition, on January 28, 2020 the Chair reviewed the resumes from the 2018 Fall Election Assembly and reached out to Marty M., who had submitted a resume for the position of Treatment Facilities Coordinator. On January 30, 2020 Marty confirmed that he is willing and able to complete the term and the Chair appointed Marty M. as acting Treatment Facilities Coordinator effective immediately. This position is appointed by the Area Chairperson with the approval of the Area Assembly to complete the 2019-2020 term. The primary selection criteria are a demonstrated enthusiasm and experience in the particular service area, along with the ability to identify and access qualified resource people across North Carolina. Marty M. served as GSR, Alt DCM and DCM for District 12 and has also served as Grapevine Coordinator for District 12.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: The Area 51 2017-2018 Budget Surplus of \$18,427 be allocated to the CPC/PI Coordinator for leasing outdoor billboards.**

**Background Information:** The Budget and Finance subcommittee received eighteen suggestions for use of the surplus funds. After reviewing and discussing the submitted ideas, the suggestion for statewide billboards was deemed most effective at bringing awareness about Alcoholics Anonymous to the general public. It was approved without objection by the Budget and Finance subcommittee that all funds will be used in 2020 to lease space on outdoor billboards throughout Area 51. The current proposal from Lamar Advertising includes leasing approximately twenty-four billboards for a guaranteed thirty days. If space is not leased, our GSO approved message will remain indefinitely.

**Additional Information:** Lamar Advertising proposal is available on Area 51 website.

*In Love and Service,*

*Julie R., Area 51 Chair*

*Anna R., Area 51 Secretary*

**Note:** Starting in 2021 with the new Delegate’s term, the Area will be changing the postal mailings policy. All current postal mailings will stop to help clean up the mailing list. Beginning in January 2021, if you wish to receive postal mailing you will need to contact the Registrar to opt-in for postal mailings.

You can receive notifications via email about new postings on the Area 51 website by logging in to the Information for Members tab and completing the form for the email mailing list. Contact your DCM to get log in information.

*All the 2019 and 2020 Officers and Coordinators and 2020 Standing Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs are grateful to be of service. Please contact us if we can help you.*

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### SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING AREA 51 EVENTS 2020

73<sup>rd</sup> North Carolina State Convention  
Virtual Format via Zoom

TBD  
Via Zoom  
Visit [www.aanccconvention.com](http://www.aanccconvention.com)  
for more information

Summer Committee Meeting  
Village Inn Hotel and Event Center  
6205 Ramada Dr.  
Clemmons, NC 27012

September 5-6, 2020

Fall Committee Meeting  
Fall Election Assembly  
North Raleigh Hilton Midtown  
3415 Wake Forest Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27609

October 30, 2020  
October 31-November 1, 2020

### OTHER GENERAL SERVICE EVENTS

Southeast Regional Forum  
*The Golden Nugget*  
Biloxi, MS

December 4-6, 2020

For information about Area 51, please visit our website [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org)