



State of the State - Area 70 Vermont
January-February 2023



Upcoming Events – Open to all AA members:

- Crossroads Group AA Service Seminar & Supper – January 28, 5:30-8pm, 56 Main St, **Waterbury**
- Area Committee Meeting – February 19, 2023, 1pm, online via Zoom ID 992 9496 6848 / Passcode 470526
- Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA), Feb 23-26, 2023 – **Albany, NY** (www.neraasa.org)
- Pre-Conference Sharing Session / Full Area Assembly, Saturday, March 18, 9am-4pm Grace Christian School, **Bennington**
- 57th Annual Vermont State Convention – April 21-23, 2023, Equinox Resort, **Manchester** (go to aavt.org for online registration and payment, new this year!)

D.C.M.s

- District 1 (Open)
- District 2 LaVerne F
- District 3 (Open)
- District 4 Dave B
- District 5 Skylar A
- District 6 Marc M
- District 7 Margaret M
- District 8 Eileen F (Alt)
- District 9 Katie Z
- District 10 Tim B
- District 11 Janet A

Officers:

- Delegate Michael K
- Alt Delegate Jim T
- Chair Lisa E
- Treasurer Jim G
- Secretary Shari M

Committee Chairs:

- Archives Jennifer D
- Convention Andy C
- Corrections Tammy W
- Finance Craig G
- Literature / Grapevine Whitney
- Meeting List Gwen P
- PI/CPC* Kyle E
- Registrar Karen R
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- Website Chris R

*Combined Public Information / Cooperation with the Professional Community

Thank you to District 11 for hosting a terrific Full Area Assembly last month. Even in a snow storm members came out from all around the state, the food was great, the service workshop presentation was lively and engaging, and after 3 years completely online we were quickly back in the swing. The business meeting was held hybrid, and that brought in even more of our friends. But there were a couple of hiccups, too: The church lost its internet connection, which briefly broke off the hybrid folks, and our space was booked to another group before we were done! Everyone did their best to keep on track, so even with a very full agenda we accomplished a lot. Unfortunately by 4pm we had run out of time, so a motion that was made could not be discussed. Since the motion was seconded it belonged to the assembly, so it will go back to the assembly in Bennington in March.

There’s an **URGENT NEED** for districts to host September and December assemblies, please contact the Area Chair at area70chair@aavt.org. **Host districts will be reimbursed up to \$1,200 for expenses.**

From the Area 70 Guidelines, p3:

“Area 70 and these guidelines use and adopt the ideals expressed in *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With the Twelve Concepts for World Service . . .*”

From The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, p71 FAQ:

“When contributions from groups come to G.S.O., does G.S.O. make distributions to other service entities, such as the area, the district and intergroup/central offices? No. Because of autonomy for each service entity, contributions that come to G.S.O. are assumed to be for the G.S.B. Contributions with requests for distribution as such would be returned. Groups will want to decide through group conscience how much and to what entities contributions are to be made individually.”

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When groups or individuals contribute to Area 70 we understand that they expect Area 70 to use those funds to carry the message in Vermont through the activities of its committees and officers. We do not send excess funds to the General Service Board, nor do we send excess funds back to districts or groups. By the same token, if a district finds themselves with funds above their prudent reserve, they should not send money to Area or back to groups. Instead, we would encourage districts to find ways to utilize those funds to carry the message within their borders.

Area 70 (Vermont) contributions
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