

GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY

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Only GSRs, DCMs, (GSR/DCM Alternates may make motions and vote in their absence), Committee Chairs, Elected Officers and Past Delegates may make motions or vote, although everyone has the right to be heard. Business conducted normally requires substantial unanimity to pass (2/3 vote on most items).

This meeting was held at the Senior Center; 2308 Jefferson; Toledo, OH 43604. 40 people were present including 5 Panel Officers, 1 Area Delegate, 3 Past Delegates, 16 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 5 DCMs, 1 Alternate DCM, 1 current DCMC, 3 Area 55 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs, and 3 guests.

MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 17, 2021

Sherry S., Area 55 Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Serenity Prayer. George C., Recording Secretary – Panel 70, read the Mission Statement. Bridget B., DCM – District 4, read Tradition Ten. Mary Beth D., Committee Chair – CPC/PI, read the Tenth Concept. Panel 70 officers were introduced.

New GSRs/Alternate GSRs:

New DCMs/Alternate DCMs:

Past Delegates: John C., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66; Henry C., Past Delegate – Area 66 Panel 68; Kelly C., Past Delegate - Area 55 Panel 56

Approval of September Treasurer's Report: Chris C., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for September 2021:

Operating Account: Beginning Balance 9/1/21: \$9,189.58 Income: \$1,412.25; Expenses: \$907.41; Ending Balance 9/30/21: \$9,694.42.

Prudent Reserve: Beginning Balance 9/1/21: \$3,003.63; Interest: \$0.05; Ending Balance 9/30/21: \$3,003.68.

Area 55 Mini Conference: Beginning Balance 9/1/21: \$2,000.00; No income or expenses; Ending Balance 9/30/21: \$2,000.00.

September Assembly Basket: \$70.00

September Group Contributions: \$1,142.25

Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12, moved to adopt the September 2021 Treasurer's Report; seconded by David F., GSR – Northend Group. The motion passed unanimously, and the September 2021 Treasurer's Report was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was \$70 collected for today's Assembly basket. John C., Past Delegate – Area 55 Panel 66, moved to keep the \$25 in the Area 55 operating funds; seconded by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. The motion carried unanimously, and today's basket of \$70 will be kept in the Area 55 general operating fund.

ELECTION OF PANEL 72 OFFICERS

There were 37 eligible voters at the Assembly. The required 2/3 vote total is 25 votes.

Area Alternate Delegate/Area Chair.

Standing for Position: Tim D., Registrar; and Chris C., Treasurer.

Nominations from the Floor: Kimbrough P. was nominated by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. Kimbrough accepted the nomination

First Ballot: Tim D. 10, Chris C. 10, Kimbrough P. 17. A 2/3 majority was not reached.

Second Ballot: Tim D. 9, Chris C. 6, Kimbrough P. 22. A 2/3 majority was not reached. Chris C., who received less than 1/5 of the vote total, is removed from the next ballot.

Third Ballot: Tim D. 11, Kimbrough P. 26. After receiving a 2/3 majority, Kimbrough P. was elected as the Alternate Delegate/Area Chair.

Area Registrar.

Standing for Position: Tim D., Registrar; and Karen W., Mailing Secretary.

Nominations from the Floor: Jocelyn P. was nominated by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. Jocelyn accepted the nomination. Bill G. was nominated by Chris C., Treasurer. Bill G. accepted the nomination.

First Ballot: Tim D. 4, Karen W. 21, Jocelyn P. 3, Bill G. 9. A 2/3 majority was not reached.

Second Ballot: Tim D. 4, Karen W. 25, Jocelyn P. 1, Bill G. 1. After receiving a 2/3 majority, Karen W. was elected as the Area Registrar.

Area Treasurer.

Standing for Position: Tim D., Registrar.

Nominations from the Floor: Bridget B. was nominated by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12. Bridget accepted the nomination. George C. was nominated by Jocelyn P., GSR – Oregon St. Charles; George declined the nomination.

First Ballot: Tim D. 20, Bridget B. 16. A 2/3 majority was not reached.

Second Ballot: Tim D. 23, Bridget B. 23. A 2/3 majority was not reached. Both candidates received more than 1/5 of the votes, so both will remain on the third ballot.

Third Ballot: Tim D. 21, Bridget B. 16. A 2/3 majority was not reached. Both candidates received more than 1/3 of the votes, so both will remain on the fourth ballot

Fourth Ballot: Tim D. 24, Bridget B. 13. A 2/3 majority was not reached.

MOTION: Tarik K., DCM – District 3, moved to conduct a fifth ballot, seconded by George C., Recording Secretary – Panel 55. A majority voted to hold a fifth election.

Upon a minority opinion, Jocelyn P. indicated she would like to change her vote. According to A.A. Service Guidelines, a vote was immediately taken to have a re-vote as to whether a vote to have a fifth election should take place. A majority voted in favor, and the Assembly will proceed with a re-vote to have a fifth ballot. Upon this re-vote, a majority voted in favor of having a fifth ballot.

An eligible voter also left the meeting, making the total number of votes at 36, and a required 2/3 majority as 24.

Fifth Ballot: Tim D. 24, Bridget B. 11. After receiving a 2/3 majority, Tim D. was elected as the Area Treasurer.

After the fifth ballot, it was discovered that one voter was ineligible to vote, making the total number of votes at 35, and the required 2/3 majority at 24. This discrepancy may have changed the outcome of the fifth ballot. George C., Recording Secretary – Panel 70 moved to accept the vote as binding to the assembly as substantial majority; seconded by Jim S., Delegate. The assembly voted, with substantial unanimity to accept the results of the fifth ballot. The fifth ballot electing Tim D. was re-confirmed as the proper Treasurer-Elect.

Area Recording Secretary.

Standing for Position: None

Nominations from the Floor: Mary Beth D. was nominated by Wendy H., Committee Chair - Grapevine; Mary Beth declined. John C. was nominated by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12; John declined. Jocelyn P. was nominated by Tarik K., DCM – District 3; Jocelyn declined. Melanie R. was nominated by Chris C.; Treasurer; Melanie accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received.

Melanie R., being the only candidate who accepted a nominated; was elected by acclamation of the body.

Area Mailing Secretary.

Standing for Position: None

Nominations from the Floor: Bridget B. was nominated by Karen W., Mailing Secretary; Bridget accepted. Dion M. was nominated by Larry S., GSR – Eastside 12x12; Dion accepted. Linda N. was nominated by Luis N., GSR – Reno Beach Sobriety; Linda accepted.

First Ballot: Bridget B. 21, Dion M. 6, Linda N. 8. A 2/3 majority was not reached.

Second Ballot: Bridget B. 29, Dion M. 2, Linda N. 3. Bridget B. was elected as the Area Mailing Secretary.

NEXT GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY: November 21, 2021, 1:00 pm the Senior Center (corner of Jefferson Street and 23rd Street; Toledo, OH)

Jocelyn P., GSR – Oregon St. Charles, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Geno F., Committee Co-Chair - Corrections. The motion carried unanimously, and the Assembly adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

George C.

Recording Secretary

Panel 70, Area 55 - Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan