

Minutes for 2/19/26 Area Committee Meeting

Attending: Officers; Thom J., Jodi B., Warren S., Tom H.

Committee Chairs; Gordon N., Bob S., Ed H., Jeff D., Karin S., Carl M.

DCMs; Tim C., Linda Z., John G., (Warren S.)

Warren opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer as Tom was having difficulty with his zoom apps and arrived at the meeting late, and by phone with the assistance of Tim.

Jodi did some review of the planning for the Pre-GSC Workshop. A hybrid session is planned for April 11th in Decatur. The plan for additional on-line sharing sessions prior to April 11th will be discussed at an upcoming organizational meeting.

There was a review of the proposed assembly agenda sent by Tom. The agenda was approved after some corrections were noted and changed. There was some input about other items, but warranted no changes.

Tom opened a discussion about some complications for this particular meeting, including an apology for scheduling the meeting when 2 districts had planned district meetings. That was an oversight and should not have occurred.

Some attenders (Committee Chairs) stated they never received the proposed Agenda, which was sent out by the Registrar a few days before the meeting. It was discovered that the Committee Chairs did not get the last mailing from the registrar for this AC Meeting. Thom acknowledged that was an error to not include the chairs for the mailing.

Some Open Sharing

Tom expressed some frustration about his difficulty with Zoom and getting into the meeting, but acknowledged those in attendance for proceeding without the chair. Tom stated his pledge to follow-up with others to ensure this did not happen again. It is very likely it was an error by Tom.

Tom also expressed some frustration with communication within the area in general. It appeared that many were not aware of the scheduling of this meeting, until receiving a reminder text message on phone one day before the meeting. Tom reviewed the initial e-mail for the meeting invite as being January 9th, but with little or no response at that time. Tom pledged to try and be more careful when scheduling these meetings, but also encouraged all members to take responsibility in communicating if/when conflicts occur with dates scheduled or proposed. It has been very difficult finding times that work for all. Note: e-mail is still the major form of communication within our area, as it is within all of the GSC structure of AA.

Tom suggested that he receive more direct communication from members, after receiving Chair communication sent through our Registrar. There have been several responses back to Registrar, and this has created a potential delay for Tom to see any concerns or feedback, not to mention extra work for our Registrar. Tom and Thom agreed to follow-up with each other to address the issue, perhaps offer a solution.

Tom thanked all those who attended and for their participation in the meeting and again apologizes for those who could not attend due to district meeting conflicts.

Warren closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted by Tom H, Chair