

## SENY Area 49 Inventory Record November 14, 2020

### **Area Inventory presented by Doug R. from The Oxford Group, Retired GSO Staff**

9:01 a.m. – Meeting called to order by Chair (Jerry R.)

Participants that would like to share in the inventory this morning will have two minutes.

Regina T. will be inventory Recording Secretary

Jerry R., SENY Chair, will be taking theme notes

Parliamentarian: Terry F., Past SENY Delegate

Timekeeper: Keith P., DCM District 602

Vote Counters: Mike D. and Keith P.

**Mike D., TCO:** Tech and Communication Survey Report. Survey is posted on link.  
Shared results of survey

Serenity Prayer in English and Spanish

Preamble in English and Spanish

#### In attendance:

John W., Delegate – Area 49, Panel 67

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Susan F., Delegate – Area 49, Panel 61

Terry F., Delegate – Area 49, Panel 53

Ruth L., Delegate – Area 87, Panel 69

Nancy MacCarthy - Class A Trustee

Treasurer shared Venmo information

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Each person will have two minutes to share.

Two main questions that you might want to address:

Is Area 49 fulfilling its purpose to connect members and groups to the General Service structure of AA in the US and Canada and helping them to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic.

What more could be done.

How could Area 49 encourage greater group and member participation in Area service and activities.

Role at county, district, and area level for service sponsorship. Use database to talk to the membership.

Pay more attention to those that are here.

### Diversity and Inclusiveness:

SENY is not doing a great job of being inclusive and welcoming newcomers, particularly in LGBT community.

Too many outside issues and politics are involved.

Tolerance.

SENY is divisive, condescending, does not feel safe.

Have had improvements in inclusivity in this rotation.

### Assembly Meetings:

Time management and efficiency.

More breaks.

Virtual meetings as a money saving tool, for reducing travel, for more accessibility.

Prefer mix of virtual and live.

Hybrid meetings.

Online platform to vote electronically instead of show of hands (creates order).

Lack of leadership in assemblies.

Everyone was not afforded opportunity to voice opinions.

People felt unsafe. Personal opinions should not be shared.

Personal differences between individuals should not be aired in front of the body.

Applause at assemblies.

Accessibility: too far to walk from parking lot to buildings where assemblies are held.

Is it necessary to do readings in both Spanish and English.

Leadership must direct discussion to non-personal level.

Discussion of motions goes on too long.

Should be a time limit to how long a discussion can go on.

### Finances:

Need to emphasize to groups the importance of contributing to service structure.

Seems to be a lack of understanding about where the money is going, and the importance of the contribution.

### Service:

How do we get people to show up for service workshops, etc.  
Some may feel service is cumbersome.  
Suggest overhaul of service handbook to reflect average AA., not how it has been done.  
Meetings should be more relatable.  
Number of meetings is cumbersome.  
Need more GSR orientation.  
Workshops are helpful.  
Officers should come to groups and make a presentation.  
People stay in service positions too long.  
Encourage DCM's to fill CPC/PI positions.  
Help with Robert's Rules.  
Service sponsorship is available.  
Free buses are helpful.

### Communication:

Past trusted servants being removed from email list.  
Emails announcing events do not contain sufficient information.  
Agenda, etc., should arrive sooner so we can discuss at group beforehand.  
Add group email addresses.  
Sending information directly to groups.

### Other:

Area 49 is doing its job.  
Counties are doing a good job.  
Delegates do a good job.

### All who cared to share, have shared. Inventory closed.

Doug thanked Jerry for inviting him to participate, and shared with the group: You can get a lot of information on the GSO website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Pamphlets can be downloaded. Read the Big Book and the 12 & 12. The service manual can be read on line. Doug thanked Jane.

Chair, Jerry R., thanked everyone for their input, suggestions, and ideas.