

## Archives Report – Summer Committee Meeting

August 2, 2025

Since the Summer Assembly on June 21, I had the pleasure of attending the AA International convention in Vancouver from July 3 through July 5. This was my fourth AA international but had all the excitement of all the other ones I have been fortunate to attend. Most of my focus at the International this year was on the Archives as you would expect. I was a volunteer in the GSO archives room and met individuals from all over the world. It was wonderful sharing knowledge of AA history and also learning just as much. I went to both Archive's sessions that were offered and spent some time in the archive's hospitality room with additional resources, and a full-size replica of Dr. Bob and Bill that you could take pictures with.

The Sunday following my return, August 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a presentation at our monthly NIA archives committee meeting by our Area 20 Archivist, Cheryl V. She shared with us her experience creating and maintaining electronic files and folders for the historical documents she has been entrusted with, and the naming convention that she found useful for consistent file management. Additionally, she provided us with her notes and reference materials to add to our resource library on One Drive that we are just starting to build.

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>, and the topic is “Group Histories” which has been the focus of our discussion the past several months. We will have two presenters, Teri, the Area 53 Archivist and Geoge C., past archivist from Area 20 District 43. The fliers are on the table today for distribution and all are welcome to attend.

Our Archives Committee poster board displays are still being worked on, and we hope to have them at the Fall Assembly on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Until then we will continue to reach out to District Committee Members (DCM's) to participate in their monthly business meeting in districts that do not have active archives committees. This Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will attend another archives meeting hosted by Area 43. I look forward to the sharing of experience and learning new and exciting things.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H.

Area 20 Archives Chair