

Peninsula District 16
Spring Assembly Representative Report

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Peninsula District 16 currently has 20 active meetings:

- 8 meetings use Zoom
- 4 meetings are hybrid
- 8 meetings are face to face
- The district meetings are continuing as hybrid. We meet every other month on Saturday for 2 hours (9:30-11:30am). The last meeting was March 12, 2022. The following dates have been scheduled for the remainder of 2022: May 21, July 9, September 10, and November 12.

The Peninsula District is continuing to accept the changes that COVID has brought to us all, and we're working to change the things we can. We are providing meetings in a variety of formats, offering an opportunity for members outside the district to participate, and we are continuing to welcome Newcomers.

GRs continue to report attendance by out-of-state members and Newcomers on virtual meetings. Several groups have regular members attending from other countries. Members of these groups seem to appreciate both the convenience and safety of virtual-only meetings.

We are pleased that twenty-six members attended our virtual district meeting on January 22, 2022. A snowstorm prevented it from being hybrid. Sixteen members attended our next hybrid meeting on March 12, 2022. We plan to continue our district meetings in a hybrid format so members from outside the district can participate. We are excited to welcome our first out-of-state GR, who represents a Williamsburg group. We are grateful for her service.

Challenges:

There was not enough interest to support our Alateen meeting, so we voted to discontinue it.

Some groups have been changing their meeting formats frequently. There is a delay in updating the online schedule when virtual meetings go hybrid or

face-to-face, then subsequently return to virtual because of perceived threats from COVID. There have been reported instances of members and Newcomers showing up to unattended face-to-face meetings because of the delay in the online schedule update.

Successes:

Our Tuesday 6:30 PM “Newbies” meeting is continuing as a virtual meeting that provides information and support to Newcomers.

We are pleased that all the positions for our new panel have been filled.

We are grateful to our Group Records Coordinator, Jo. She has been busy updating information as groups decide, sometimes on a monthly basis, to meet virtually, hybrid or face-to-face.

Goals:

Our “Boots on the Ground” initiative is ongoing. We have recently provided literature to a medical practice, a local recovery clubhouse and the counseling center at a nearby university. Groups are considering how they can continue to support outreach.

We are planning to participate in the Virginia Summer Institute for Addiction Studies, July 17-20, 2022.

Things that need attention:

Although District 16 has four members who recently stepped into GR positions, there are still groups without a GR. We are working on this.

Respectfully Submitted,

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