

Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda

Holiday Inn – Great Falls, MT
April 17th - 19th, 2026

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FRIDAY SESSION

7:30 - 7:45 pm	Full Assembly Welcome, Why We Have A Conference - Lisa C.-D., Panel 75 Delegate	Mansfield Room
7:45 - 8:30 pm	General Service Board of AA Class A Trustee Service Talk - Kelly Parsley	Mansfield Room
8:45 - 9:30 pm	Area Standing Committee Chair Meeting -Led by Area Chair, Jessica E. W.	Russell Room

SATURDAY SESSION

7:30 - 8:00 am	GSRs and Visitors, sign in with respective DCMs DCMs, please turn in completed sign-in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00 am.	Mansfield Room
8:00 - 9:15 am	Welcome: Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and housekeeping items Assembly Orientation Delegate Lisa C. Roll Call & Past Actions Area Secretary Jessica S.-K. Financial Highlights Area Treasurer Lynne W. Chair Report Area Chair Jessica E.W. DCM Reports – 5-minute limit with a hard stop at 9:15. Continued in afternoon.	
9:15 - 9:30 am	Coffee Break	

Note: You do not have to be a voting committee member to attend a Standing Committee Meeting. All are encouraged and welcome to participate in any committee meeting that interests you. Workshops are available for those who choose not to attend a committee meeting.

9:30 am - 11:45 pm	Standing Committee Meetings	Room
	Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy- Jody T.	Lobby Suite #107
	Cooperation with the Professional Community(CPC)/Trustees- Karon K.	Lobby Suite #108
	Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums- Daniel S.	Missouri Room
	Finance- Lynne W.	Lobby Suite #104
	Grapevine and La Viña/ Policy and Admissions- Hugh M	Lobby Suite #105
	Hotline/Report and Charter- Lance W.	Lobby Suite #103
	Literature- Rebecca S.-Q.	Trigg Room
	Public Information(PI)/Website- Mark H.	Russell Room
	Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda/Bridging the Gap- Ty. K.	Lobby Suite #106

****If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair****

9:30 - 10:45 am	Workshop: Panel 71 Past Delegate, Connie R. and Charlie H., West Central Regional Trustee	Mansfield Room
noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch Recess	

1:30 - 1:50 pm	Delegate's Report with Questions and Answers	Mansfield Room
1:50 - 2:15 pm	Charlie H, West Central Regional Trustee	Mansfield Room
2:15 - 2:45 pm	Site Bids for 2028 West Central Regional AA Service Conference - Sense of Area	
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Remaining DCM Reports	Mansfield Room
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Coffee Break	
3:15 - 5:00 pm	Floor Assembly: Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion. Hotline, Corrections, CPC, Literature, Treatment, Finance, PI, Grapevine and La Viña, and Archives.	Mansfield Room
5:00 - 7:00 pm	Recess for Dinner and Fellowship	
7:00 - 8:45 pm	Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion	Mansfield Room
8:45 - 9:00 pm	Coffee Break	
9:00 - 10:00 pm	GSR Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing Connie R, Panel 71 Past Delegate	Mansfield Room
	DCM Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing Charlie H, West Central Region Trustee	Russell Room
9:30 pm	Fun and Fellowship	Trigg Room

SUNDAY SESSION

8:30 - 9:15 am	Reports: Roundup, Intergroup, Young People in AA (YPAA), and Forum	Mansfield Room
9:15 - 9:35 am	Past Delegate Sharing, Connie R., Panel 71	Mansfield Room
9:45 - 10:00 am	Coffee Break and Hotel Checkout	Mansfield Room
10:00 - noon	Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion (continued) followed by general sharing as time allows.	Mansfield Room

Reports: 5-minute time limit **Floor Comments:** 3-minute time limit

Reports must be submitted to:
Jessica S.-K. – Area Secretary (secretary@aa-montana.org)

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They ask that smoking and vaping be limited to the outside smoking areas and away from doorways.
Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.*

Adjourn – Travel Safely!

Fall Assembly – September 25-27, 2026, Holiday Inn – Great Falls Reservations: 406-727-7200 Room Block for Area 40

The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees to which they have been assigned for review. Some agenda items originate in Area 40, and the rest are from the Agenda for the 73rd General Service Conference. The latter will be addressed at the General Service Conference.

The Committee Chairs, DCMs, and District Representatives were sent a list of agenda items with the corresponding background information in February. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees, to GSRs in the districts, and other interested members of our Fellowship for research, review, and discussion, in turn providing for a well-informed group conscience and decision. If your Group has any comments, questions, and concerns or would like copies of any background information, please contact the appropriate Area Committee Chair or your DCM. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers, and addresses of the Area Committee, or you can email them through the Area's website – www.aamontana.org.

The General Service Conference agenda items discussed by committees will come to the floor as a brief report of each item considered, reviewed, or discussed. The committee chairs will provide a general sense of the committee's view on each GSC item, rather than providing recommendations on these items (motions passed and seconded in committee). Assembly members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer their groups' thoughts on each item during the Floor Assembly. The discussion will provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area and with substantive comments to share with the Conference. For controversial items or items for which the floor discussion does not provide a clear sense of the Area, the Delegate may request an informal show of hands, for and against, in order to obtain the sense of the Area.

(NOTE: the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered, and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the *Area 40 Committee System Policy and Procedures* manual which is available through your DCM and [on the website](#)).

The process set forth above is grounded in [Concepts I, II, III, X, XII](#), and [Tradition 2](#).

The following Committees/Committee agenda items are listed in order of presentation.



Background for Agenda Items:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard/>

Ask your group's General Service Representative(GSR), District Committee Member (DCM), or Area Committee member for the username and password.

Hotline/Report and Charter – Lance W.

Hotline – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Hotline Chair.
2. Review activities of Hotline Committees and Chairpersons in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

Report and Charter – GSC

- A. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition.
 - i. Review list of editorial updates.
 - ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in The AA Service Manual.
 - iii. Review progress report on the development of a new “Amendments” section to be added to The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- B. Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.
- C. Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.
- D. Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.

Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums
– Daniel S.

Corrections – Area 40

- 1. Review the assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair
- 2. Review the written report on Pink Can's accounting income and literature disbursements
- 3. Discuss ways to distribute literature to alcoholics who are detained in a facility as a result of a law enforcement action(PnP) that can be purchased through the Pink Can
- 4. Review activities of Corrections Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review the content and format of the Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
- C. Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”

International Conventions and Regional Forums – GSC

- A. Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees - Karon K.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

- 1. Review the assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair
- 2. Review activities of CPC Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
- B. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.

- E. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - i. Pacific Regional Trustee
 - ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure.
- F. Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”
- G. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- H. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

Literature – Rebecca S.-Q.

Literature – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair
- 2. Report on current literature availability, pricing, and ordering specifics.
- 3. Review activities of Literature Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Literature – GSC

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish.
- D. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- E. Review progress report on the update to the book Living Sober.
- F. Review progress report on the development of a Plain Language Big Book amendment process.
- G. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.
- H. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.
- I. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda – Ty K.

Treatment and Accessibilities – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment and Accessibility Chair
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair, Sean R.
3. Review activities of Treatment Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40
4. Discuss accessibility barriers in Area 40 and service materials available to groups

Treatment – GSC

- A. Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.
- B. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.
- E. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vine. (PAI 91)

Finance – Lynne W.

Finance – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

Finance GSC

- A. Review Self-Support Packet.
- B. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
- C. Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
- D. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).

Public Information – Mark H.

Public Information – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster, Alex M.

3. Review activities of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan
- B. Review report on the GSO Podcast, “Our Primary Purpose.”
- C. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.
- D. Review report on Google Ads.
- E. Review report on Meeting Guide app.
- F. Review report on GSO’s A.A. website.
- G. Review report for AAWS “Online Business Profiles.”
- H. Review AAWS Social Media Policy.
- I. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.
- J. Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47).
- K. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Grapevine and La Vina/Policy and Admissions – Hugh M.

Grapevine and La Viña – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine and La Viña Chair
2. Review activities of Grapevine and La Viña Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Grapevine and La Viña – GSC

- A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.
- C. Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña
- D. Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).
- E. Review the AA Grapevine/LaViña Media Platforms report.
- F. Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

Policy and Admissions – GSC

- A. Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.
- C. Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)
 - i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.
 - ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.
 - iii. Discuss creating a “Conference Committee on Digital Communications.”

Archives/A40 Structure and Policy - Jody T

Archives – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
2. Review assembly report or the Area 40 Archivist, Rick H.
3. Review activities of Archives Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Area 40 Structure and Policy

1. Review Fall 2025 Assembly Evaluation Report

Archives – GSC

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.
- B. Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46)