

# Area 40 Fall 2018 Assembly

Great Falls, MT

*September 21-23, 2018*

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**8:00-10:00 p.m. Assembly Attendess Welcome Session—led by Delegate, Gerry R.**

**Area Committee and DCM Meeting**

Friday, April 6, 2018 / 8:00-10:00 p.m.

**Attendance**

Paul L.	Area 40 Chair	Steve S.	Dist. 23 DCM
Melinda W.	Area 40 Secretary	Dawn B.	Dist. 41 DCM
Julie R.	Area 40 Tresurer	Carol W.	Dist. 61 DCM
Raymona K.	Archives	Dan H.	Dist. 71 DCM
Jake H.	Grapevine	Robert E.	Dist. 72 DCM
Hugh M.	Corrections	Ashley J.	Dist. 81 DCM
Lance W.	Literature	Kacie N.	Dist. 91 DCM
Tim K.	Public Information	Libbie L.	Area 40 Advisor
James W.	Treatment	Earl F.	Area Archivist
Rebecca S.	Triangle Editor	Jessica E.	BTG Ad-Hoc
Don M.	Dist. 11 DCM		
Gennifer Y.	Dist. 12 DCM		
Dennis G.	Dist. 21 Alt. DCM		

**Welcome and introductions.**

- Libbie L. sitting in for Luke S.- Area 40 CPC Chair
- Email is preference for communication
- Reviewed Summary of Conference Procedures
- Reviewed agenda items passed at Spring 2018 Assembly
- Bridging the Gap Ad Hoc Committee—Archives will come with a motion
- Dashboard-District reps now have access. DCMs can use discretion about who gets what information
- DCMs transmit information to GSRs and District reps or interested individuals
- Suggested review of job descriptions (Policies & Procedures on Area 40 Website)
- Reveiwed upcoming agenda items
- Reviewed election process

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Welcome: Paul L.

Traditons: Cecilia District 11

Concepts: Grant District 91

My name is Gerry and I am an alcoholic. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as your Delegate for this rotation.

Welcome everyone. I especially want to welcome all the newly elected General Service Representatives ((GSRs) and everyone attending his or her first Area Assembly. Would everyone who is attending his or her first Area Assembly please stand up. I hope you all get as much out of being involved in general service as I have. I want to give a special welcome to our past delegates present at this assembly. I also want to give an extra special welcome to our West Central Regional Trustee Tom A. We usually invite our Regional Trustee to attend first fall assembly of each rotation, however due to some scheduling issues last year, we were unable to have Tom with us. I am very grateful that we were able to have him here with us this weekend as he's played such a big, big part of my service and my recover during the last couple years.

Before I begin, I'd like to remind everyone, whether you're a GSR, an alternate GSR, District Rep, or just a visitor, if you haven't already done so, please find your DCM, at the break, and get registered on the Assembly sign-in sheet. It's important that you do that this morning. I'll explain why in a bit. DCM's please make sure you have these sheets to our Secretary, Melinda, by no later than our first break today. After elections we will want establish the informed group conscience of Area 40 pertaining to the matters that are found on our Agenda for this weekend. Our first step in that process is to establish a quorum.

Right now, my task is to give you a brief orientation to this assembly. The first thing that happens following this orientation is that we will have an official role call to make sure we have all hands on deck before we ask the Area Officers and the Triangle Editor to give their reports. If we have time, Paul may decide to hear some DCM reports, but we'll shut those down at 9:00.

This is an election assembly and much of our time this weekend will be devoted to electing the next rotation of Area officers and committee chairs. This will begin with an orientation to the election process and a posting of nominees for delegate led by our Area Advisor, Libbie L.

In Area 40 we are organized on a committee system based on the committee system used at the General Service Conference. After the election orientation and posting of our nominees, we will break for all of the standing committee meetings.

The committee meetings are lead by the Area Standing Committee chairs except for the Finance Committee, which is led by the Area Treasurer. Each committee discusses the items on the agenda for that committee. Almost all of the items of we will discuss in committee at this assembly are Area 40 specific items. The committee will discuss these items and choose to make a recommendation or choose to take no action. When taking a vote in committee, only the members of the committee vote. Everyone is free to attend any committee meeting, unless of course you're assigned to serve on another committee, in which case, do your job.

For those who choose not to attend a committee, there will be a pair of very helpful workshops held here in the main room. The first is titled ***Preparing for service work- It's okay to ask for help***, by past panel 57 Area 40 Delegate Andrew W. who also just happens to be a past West Central Regional Trustee.

The second workshop is titled, ***How I learned to play well with others***, and will be conducted by Tom A., who is a past Area 35 Panel \_\_\_\_ Delegate, and who just happens to be the current West Central Regional Trustee.

All activities will break for lunch on your own at 12:00, and, after lunch, at 1:00 p.m., we will commence with the election process.

Once the Area elections are over (either before or after dinner, we will begin our floor assembly where we meet as whole to hear the committee reports. The committee chair will present the committees report on each agenda item and then we will have chance to discuss the item.

Any recommendation put forward by the committee will be considered on the floor as a made and seconded motion. If the committee makes a recommendation on the item we will take a vote following the discussion. In order to be a valid vote we must have a quorum (two-thirds of the voting members present). By past action, a vote must receive two-thirds of the votes cast in order to be considered to have passed. There will also be time for minority opinion after a committee recommendation is voted on, the purpose of minority opinion is to help ensure we have an open discussion on each issue and that no voice is squelched in the process.

Our Area Chair, Paul, will facilitate our deliberations on these matters according to a loose interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order, an interpretation that he will explain as he goes, and, when it comes to making the final call on how we navigate through an issue, his is the final voice.

One piece of advice I have for those of you who are new to Area Assemblies is to be active participants. Take part in the discussions. Please ask questions if anything is unclear. You might find that many others share your confusion. In the interest of saving time, if someone else has already expressed your opinion, it is not necessary to repeat it. If, however, someone else has not expressed your opinion, please go to the mike and share it.

We will recess for Dinner at 5:00 p.m. and meet back here at 7:00 p.m. at which time we will all enjoy the special opportunity to hear a few words from our Regional Trustee, Tom. A.

We will resume conducting Area business after Tom, until 8:30.

We will close today's activities with a short ice cream social, followed by breakout sessions for DCMs and GSRs. Usually these breakouts are led by past delegates, but because you are all so special, these will be led by past and current Trustees. Please feel free to place any questions you have for these sessions into the appropriate ask-it baskets located at the back of the room.

Tomorrow we will hear reports from the Roundups, Intergroups, and the WCRAASC Committee. This will be followed by past delegate sharing from Andrew W.

I will give my delegate's report and then we will conclude by finishing out floor assembly and, time permitting, Paul will open the mike's for general sharing before we close.

Thank you all for being here. I hope you enjoy your weekend at the assembly. Gerry R.

**ROLL CALL FALL 2018 ASSEMBLY**

<b>AREA 40 OFFICERS</b>		<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Voting Mem- bers</b>	<b>Non Voting Members</b>
Delegate	Gerry R.		<b>1</b>	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	Paul L.		<b>1</b>	
Secretary	Melinda W.		<b>1</b>	
Treasurer	Julie R.		<b>1</b>	
Archives	Raymona K.		<b>1</b>	
CPC	Luke S.		<b>1</b>	
Corrections	Hugh M.		<b>1</b>	
Grapevine	Jake H.		<b>1</b>	
Literature	Lance W.		<b>1</b>	
Public Information	Tim K.		<b>1</b>	
Treatment	James W.		<b>1</b>	
Triangle Editor	Rebecca S.		<b>1</b>	
<b>DCM's</b>				
11	Don M.		<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
12	Gennifer Y.		<b>2</b>	
21	Dennis L.		<b>1</b>	
23	Steve S.		<b>2</b>	
31	Dan L.		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
41	Dawn B.		<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>
42	Kurt K.		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
51	Bryan F.		<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
61	Carol W.		<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>
71	Daniel H.		<b>9</b>	
72	Robert E.		<b>6</b>	
81	Ashley J.		<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>
91	Kacie N.		<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
93	Nance G.		<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Non-Voting Officers</b>				
Area Advisor	Libbie Lapp	<b>x</b>		
Area Archivist	Earl Fink	<b>x</b>		
Area Webmaster	Brandon Murch	<b>x</b>		
<b>TOTALS</b>				
			<b>92</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>QUORUM=</b>			<b>61</b>	

## Secretary's Report

Good morning! Welcome to the Fall 2018 Assembly! My name is Melinda and I'm alcoholic. I have the privilege to serve as your Area 40 Secretary and Registrar. This being an election assembly, I urge everyone to take the opportunity to serve the fellowship in whatever capacity you are able. Serving the fellowship is just another way I can give back what has been so freely given to me. It's my duty and my responsibility to participate in keeping the AA program the way our founders intended, so it will be here for our children and grandchildren if and when they need it.

Each DCM has a folder which includes your district's attendance sheet, which needs to be back to me this morning by the first break. The attendance sheets are used to determine a quorum for voting purposes. Voting members are DCMs or their alternate, GSRs or their alternate, and the Area Committee. Please sign in with your DCM if you are here as a voter or a visitor. Also, there are group information sheets for all the active groups in your district. I have updated the group information with all the changes I have been given. Please look them over and let me know if you have any changes. Reminder: there are forms for new groups and group changes on the Area 40 website.

A reminder to all the Chairs and DCMs to please e-mail your reports or provide 2 hard copies to me before the end of the Assembly. I also ask that each committee meeting, workshop and breakout session leader please appoint a recorder to provide me with the notes or minutes taken during that meeting. I would also ask that you list your voting members at your committee meetings in your reports. If your committee brings a recommendation to the floor, please give me a written copy prior to presenting the motion. Reports are limited to 5 minutes and floor comments limited to 3 minutes. When the timer rings, (ring the timer) please close your sharing...or you will get the cow bell! (ring the bell)

On the tables in the back are two plastic "ask it baskets." Please use these for any questions you have or want discussed tonight during the DCM and GSR break-out sessions. Then tomorrow, please drop off your name badges in the box so we can reuse them next spring which saves expenses. Thank you!

Lastly, here are the motions passed at the 2018 Spring Assembly:

**Archives and Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee; <sup>[SEP]</sup>Agenda Item A** MOTION: The Archives Committee recommends the creation of non-voting, non-rotating Bridging the Gap chair and alternate chair positions that will serve as part of the Treatment Committee, and that the Area 40 Policy and Procedures will be adjusted to reflect these proposed structural changes. The Bridging the Gap chair will be elected at the Fall 2018 Assembly. Passed: 71 for / 1 against

**Archives and Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee; Agenda Item C** MOTION: The Archives Committee recommends that the commonly used practices for Area 40 communication be formalized in the Area 40 Policies and Procedures. Passed: 59 for / 2 against

**Archives and Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee; <sup>[SEP]</sup>Agenda Item D** MOTION: The Archives Committee recommends that Area 40 implements a policy allowing districts to house their **Archives** in the Area 40 repository. The area assumes no responsibility for the District collections and may, at the discretion of the Area Archivist exclude any collection or parts of a collection because of harmful conditions. **Passed** 64 for / 5 abstain

WCRAASC Bids. **The** Corrections **Committee** recommends Helena or Billings. Bid reports from Carol -- District. 61 (Helena) and Terry--District 11 (Billings) **The** whole Assembly votes. 51=Billings 30=Helena Substantial Unanimity **would be 53 votes so it was decided that the vote goes to the hat = Billings came out of the hat!!!**

**Finance Committee Area 40 Agenda Item B MOTION:** to amend section G12.5 in Area 40 Policy and Procedures<sup>[11]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>“In the rare occurrence that an Area Committee member is unable to pay his/her preapproved travel expenses for later reimbursement by the Area, the Area Treasurer may issue a check to the member in advance for the payment of airfare and/or hotel room. All excess funds, along with all receipts for monies spent, must be submitted back to the Area Treasurer.” Passed: 74 for/4 against

**Archives and Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee**<sup>[11]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>**MOTION:** The committee recommends that the words “in Lewistown” be removed from section 2.3 in the Policy and Procedures Manual. **Passed** 67 for / 2 against / 7 abstain

**Archives and Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee**<sup>[11]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>**MOTION:** The Archives Committee recommends that the Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, and Fall 2020 Assemblies be held at a Great Falls venue and that an ad-hoc committee be created to explore further venue locations. This committee should report to the Archives committee by Fall 2019. **Passed** 48 for / 23 against

## Financial Highlights

Area 40  
2018 Fall Assembly

Good morning! My name is Julie R. and I'm alcoholic. I've had the privilege to serve as your Area 40 Treasurer this rotation. I'm here this morning to give a short overview of the finances of Area 40. More detailed financial reports can be found on the table by the coffee. These reports are also available monthly on the Area 40 website.

7<sup>th</sup> TRADITION:  
"EVERY GROUP OUGHT TO BE FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING,  
DECLINING OUTSIDE CONTRIBUTIONS"

WE PAY  
OUR OWN WAY

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition states that "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Put simply, this means we, as AA members, are going to pay our own way. \*click\* All of the income in Area 40 comes from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. When you put your contribution in the meeting basket, AND your group sends a percentage split on to District, Area and GSO, your contribution helps support services at all levels of Alcoholic Anonymous.

Income thru August 2018

Total YTD income: \$22,495  
Groups contribute 96.8%  
(\$21,770)

■ Group Contrib ■ 7th Tradition ■ District ■ Triangle Subscri ■ Individuals

Groups have contributed \$21,770 of the total \$22,495 received in Area 40 thru Aug. of this year – in other words, 96.8% of the income to Area 40 has come from our groups. This total represents a 4.7% increase compared to this time last year. Other contributions have come from districts, Triangle subscriptions, individuals and the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket – which, by the way, is back by the coffee if you wish to contribute this weekend. Please thank your groups for remembering Area 40 in their splits!

## HOW AREA 40 GROUPS SUPPORT SERVICES

Area 40 2018 budget = \$35,280.00  
Registered groups in Area 40 = 267

then  
 $\$35,280.00 / 267 \text{ groups} = \$132.13 \text{ cost per group}$   
If 20 members per group: \$ cost per member =  
\$6.61

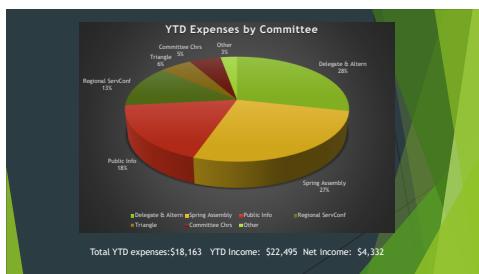
As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 108 groups, or 40%, have contributed to Area 40  
Of these, 93.5% contributed between \$1 - \$499, 3.7% contributed  
\$500 - \$999, and 2.7% contributed over \$1,000!

So how do Area 40 groups support our services? The annual budget for 2018 is \$35,280. Dividing that by the number of groups in the Area (267), we come up with a cost per group of \$132 or \$6.61 per member, providing that all of the budget is spent. \*click\* As of last month-end, 108 groups of the 267 have contributed to Area 40 or about 40% of groups. The majority of support comes from small donations from a large percentage of those

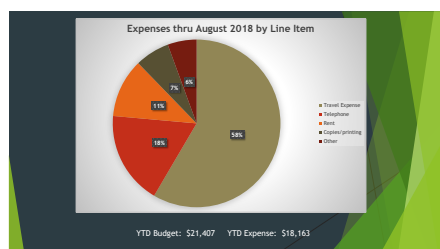


What are these costs that your groups support? The finance committee will recommend a budget for 2019 today which will come to the floor of the Assembly for a vote this weekend. So let's look at where we stand so far this year.

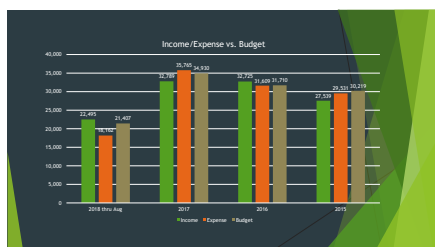




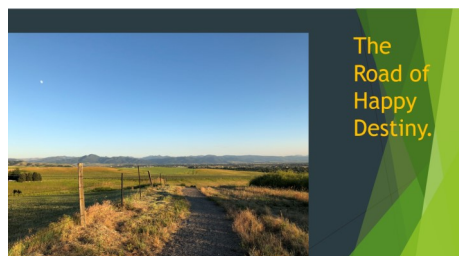
These are the program services your contributions support listed by committee or project. 28% so far has sent the Delegate to the General Service Conference and around the Area giving reports. It has also covered the Pre-Assemblies travel and other expenses for both the Delegate & Altern. Delegate. The spring Assembly accounted for 27%. Public Information – our answering service and phone directories costs – amounted to 18%. The travel expenses to the West Central Regional Service Conference in Des Moines, IA, for the Delegate & Alt. Delegate were 13%. 6% were costs for printing and mailing of the Triangle. Committee chairs' travel & other expenses were 5% and the remaining 3% covered literature purchases, website and Archives expenses. Just a note that the annual rent for the archives of \$3,600 won't be paid until November so that percentage will increase to somewhere between 13% - 18%.



The same program services broken out by line item look like this. Travel is the highest cost to our Area because we are a large geographical Region. But at 58% it is 6% lower than at this time last year. The telephone category is the Answering Service for our 800 number which is at 18% of our costs so far. Rent includes the meeting space cost and coffee at the hotel for the Area Assembly and also the Archives storage costs which, at this point, just reflects the power bills. Through August 31<sup>st</sup>, we are running about \$3,244 under budget.



To compare 2018 so far to the last 3 years, the average monthly contribution has been about \$2,812. If that continues through the end of the year, we will end up with about \$33,743 in income. That would be greater than any of the previous 3 years! Yay! However, we set a budget of \$35,280 for 2018 and over the last 3 years we have ended each year within \$1,000 of the budgeted amount. Depending on the final costs of this assembly and any future travel, I believe we will be very close. Thank you for your continued contributions which help insure that the hand of AA will always be there for the still-suffering alcoholic.



It's been my pleasure to serve with all of you as we "trudge to Road of Happy Destiny" together. Thank you and have a great weekend!

## **Triangle Report – Rebecca S.**

Five down, 3 to go! Being the Triangle editor has been a great experience. After the last session of elections, I mentioned to Gerry that if anyone was unable to finish his/her rotation, that I would be interested. Triangle Editor was not really at the top of my list, but I said yes anyway. It has been very gratifying. I have fun finding little graphics, reading about what's happening around the state, and staying in touch with both Gerry and Paul to keep the Area updated via the Triangle. Please talk to me during the breaks if you are interested in this position and I will give you the background about this most awesome service job.

Thank-you for letting me serve.

Rebecca

## **Area 40 Chair Report Fall Assembly 2018**

It is an honor to stand here as the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate for Area 40. The final Assembly of this rotation, just when I think I have things figured out. It only took me a few days to put together the Agenda for this Assembly, compared to the weeks it took in early 2017. I still marvel at the fact that I am standing up here, it is not something I thought would ever happen when I attended my first Area Assembly as a GSR for my home group 10 years ago. Just goes to show how much I know.

This year I didn't make it to as many A.A. events as last year. I did make it to the Spring Round Up here in Great Falls. I heard many good speakers and got to share dinner with members of District 21. (Thanks Dennis) I also made it to Great Falls in August to review the preparations for this Assembly. I went down to District 12's Campout at Fireman's Point, but I was too late for the Spam cookoff. I was able to talk to Terri T. about the planning Committee for the 2020 West Central Regional Service Conference being held in Billings.

I continue to spend time reading the Service Manual, re-reading the Concepts, staying up to speed on the Area 40 Policies and reading books about A.A.'s history in the early days.

In reading these books about the early days of A.A. I am struck by the importance of communication between A.A. members and within the organization itself. Something we are still dealing with in these times. In fact, the General Service Office hired a consulting firm to observe and comment on the way communication occurs within our organization. It is a very informative report. It is good to see that the General Service Office is doing a self-appraisal of their operations, it is something that is much like going over your Inventory with your sponsor, someone who is experienced and knowledgeable in these things.

Speaking of Inventory, during the next rotation Area 40 will be performing its own Inventory. The last time we did one was in 2015 and we are scheduled to do one every 5 years.

Finally, with this being an election assembly I suppose I should say something about that. When you are considering someone for a position in A.A., my friend Rick C. used to say, vote for somebody not because it is going to be good for them, rather, vote because they are going to be good for A.A.

## DCM REPORTS

### District 11

Greetings Area 40!

**District 11** has been very busy this rotation. Committees have been meeting consistently. The workload is growing and that means we are carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Our Treatment committee is busy bringing an “AA 101” meeting into Rimrock treatment center every month. They have recently been asked to bring a Big Book study into the facility and are working to get that up and running. The committee also brings two meetings a week into the Psych Center and one meeting a week into the Crisis Center.

Our Corrections committee is busy bringing meetings into the County Jail, Women’s Prison, Passages (a women’s pre-release) and Alpha House (a men’s pre-release). The group in Roundup is bringing meetings into their Jail. Both committees work with our district Bridging The Gap coordinator to assist alcoholics coming out of facilities to get a foot in the “AA door”.

Our PI/CPC committee is very busy talking to colleges and hospitals. The committee has established a Twelfth step call list to take calls into two local hospitals. The number of calls grows weekly and we are very excited to cooperate with these hospitals. The committee is also working on developing an app to make the coordination of these volunteers easier. They’ve also done a presentation to medical staff at Billings Clinic and had a table presence at St. Vincent hospital during a training session there. They will be making a presentation to the staff at Rocky Mountain College about cooperating with them to help students who may be alcoholic. The committee has also done presentations to Probation Officers and Clergy.

The Grapevine committee has gotten the Online Grapevine into the Billings Public Library. They are working to get it into the college libraries.

The Archives committee has been digitally recording AA old timers in the district for our district archives. The Hotline committee continues to maintain the call list for the district and report on issues every month.

District 11 has approximately 25 groups, providing 130 meetings a week. We are busy!

We are grateful for the success we’ve had. We also realize that we’ve only scratched the surface of the suffering we see in our cities, towns and neighborhoods. Our most fervent hope is for God’s continued vision, strength and direction. We pray for the vision of his will in our work, the strength to accomplish it and direction of unity to focus us all on our path.

Humbly,

Don M.

DCM District 11

## **District 12**

My Name is Gennifer and I am the DCM for District 12. The past few months since Spring Assembly have been full of activity and exciting changes. We hold 2 events each year, Fireman's Point Campout in August, which was AWESOME again... Hugh M was one of our speakers and he put on a little Corrections workshop/talk that was well received, we were also graced with the presence of our Area Delegate and his lovely wife Connie, and Paul made it again. And District 11 cooked Breakfast and as always District 11 supports us in all of our events no matter what the size. And then Mid-Winter Social Feb.15<sup>th</sup> 2019 where we will hear Area 40's own Raymona K. There will be food, fellowship, auctions and Karokee !!!!!.

We are excited that there has been some new interest in service at the district level, YAY, especially with the fact that our little district is spread out and we don't get a lot of service support at this level. Again District 11 has been very open and has invited us to attend their district and inner-group meetings, and the individuals who have held or currently hold a service position have been super helpful to us, so we can learn more and take what we learned back to better serve our district. This has been a fantastic opportunity that we in service in district 12 will NOT pass up. This is what fellowship and unity in recovery is about, and it is high time district 12 find that "fire" for service again so we can pass on what we have been freely given.

And don't forget we have Fireman's point Campout in August, and I have already gotten our web Master Brandon M. to be our Saturday night speaker so excited!!! I am over the moon excited for my district and what is taking place there, it reignites the passion for AA that I had in early sobriety... Thank you all for participating in my sobriety. Gennifer Y.

## **District 21**

Approximately in 2012 our DCM Rob from Malta chose to leave District 21 and join Havre, District 51.

Then our DCM Laura moved to Minnesota. In 2014 we elected MaryAnn A. as DCM and she shortly thereafter took a 7 to 7 job on weekends not affording her time to serve so she asked to be replaced.

In October 2017, Gerry, Paul and Earl came to Glasgow and we attempted to have an election but some attendees objected so we rescheduled an election meeting for January 6, 2018 in Plentywood. Before that meeting was held, Plentywood and Scobey groups opted to join Williston area.

We finally held an election meeting in Wolf Point on September 9, 2018. We elected Wayne M. as DCM, Dennis G., Alternate DCM. Heather H. as Secretary, and John P. as Treasurer. Next District meeting scheduled in Wolf Point on December 1, 2018.

Dennis G.

Alternate DCM

## **District 23**

District 23 has been very quiet. Our last mtg. was April 21<sup>st</sup> in Sidney, attendance was low. The financial situation was addressed as the budget was discussed. A committee was set up to plan some fun events at an earlier mtg., however there were no events that ever took place due to lack of participation.

Currently there are two meetings in Sidney, two in Glendive. Savage and Fairview and one other Sidney meeting are shut down.

After fall assembly I plan on trying to have a fall district meeting to discuss the future of district 23 and hopefully find someone to stand for the DCM position.

LYS was held in August with attendance low but was a good round-up.

In-service work, I still help with two meetings a week inside the Watch East Program. We have about six indivual that attend from the outside, on the male side and two on the female side. A former family member had put a written proposal together for Watch East to start a monthly speaker meeting. Two weeks ago, I received a phone call from the program director asking me to help schedule speakers for the meeting. I agreed that I would, not sure of a start date but if anyone from the assembly is interested as a speaker to share their story to family members I have placed a sign-up sheet on the table please sign up and I will be in contact with you.

In August I was able to get a good contact number to one of the parole officers in Glendive. I shared my contact info with her and offered help from the district with meeting schedules and possibly to meet with them one on one to see how we could help them by carrying our message to them. This past Wednesday I meet with the head of security at Dawson County Correctional Facility. We had an hour-long visit. I will be traveling back on Sunday with big books and literature that our area Corrections Chair, Hugh M. has helped coordinate with me as a result from donations to the pink can fund.

My plan after my rotation as District 23 DCM is to continue the work in these facilities and put the message out that anyone that wants to help participate is welcome and appreciated. So, after this assembly there may be several of you I have met through this service that I may not see again, just know that it has been an honor to serve and get to know some of you and that I will continue to work with alcoholics in eastern Montana.

Sincerely in Service  
Steve S.

## **DISTRICT 41**

We have 3 chairs open at this time:

Corrections, PI, and Literature

At this time District 41 has 65 meetings during the week; at least 5 each day!

There were people from all over the state who came to support this event, as some of the things going on in the coming months are;

12 Step Study April 28<sup>th</sup> with Debbie D was held and there was both local as well as out of-town support for this event.

Spring Roundup was held May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-2018. Cindy and the Committee did a great job. It was fun and filled with service, fellowship and carrying the message to the new comer and old timer.

Founder's Day, in June on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Gerry gave his Delegate report, which I really enjoyed. Thank you Gerry

The Unity Camp out was held June 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2018. I was not able to attend this event but I heard that it was a great weekend, in spite of the rain showers that came off and on. Fellowship of the Falls, hosted by the Singleness of Purpose Group, was held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2018. There were great speakers and good fellowship.

District 41 will start voting in the new chairs, for the new 2 year rotation at the October District meeting.

While I have learned so much about AA and about myself, I am looking forward to the end of this rotation, as District 41 DCM, and looking forward to what God has planned for me in the upcoming year. Being in service has always been and will always be a great gift to myself and my recovery.

Thank you,

Yours in Service:

Dawn B.

## **District 42**

All current meetings on State website.

East Glacier Grizzly Group...nice location, great people, stop and see them Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 P.M.

Browning: most nights at Treatment Center at 7 P.M. located on south side of hospital, difficult to locate. Ask at hospital for directions.

Cut Bank: holding steady, help from Treatment Court.

Shelby: very slow, limited participation, help from Treatment Court.

Conrad: good numbers, steady turnout.

Choteau: Doing better, new GSR, most nights 2-3

Chester: new member started meeting

Augusta: Good meeting Friday evening. Not registered on website.

Dutton: part of GF district, steady turnout, members from both Districts 41 and 42. Monthly potluck.

Crossroads: few attendees. 1-3 state side. Hear that they should have stayed in the program. Lots of inmates with AA experience.

Steady turnout to most groups, struggling some nights because of low numbers. Treatment Court sends most new attendees.

Kurt K.

## **District 51**

Hi, my name is Bryan. I am DCM for District 51. Our district currently has (16) active home groups spanning from Malta to Havre and includes both the Fort Belknap and Rocky Boy Indian Reservations. Our District meets the third Sunday of every month at 2:30 at the Alano Club in Havre. The Morning Reflections meeting in Havre has combined with The Third Step Group as one group and the Box Elder Group has recently dissolved its status. We currently have all our district positions filled except CPC. Our CPC chair moved to Billings recently. We were happy to hear that District 11 has welcomed her and made her GSR of her home group. We also had a GSR move to Billings as well, and District 11 has made him literature chair of his home group. So thanks to District 11 for the warm welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well at the Hill County Correctional Institute. We are currently taking a meeting there every Tuesday, rotating between the men and the women. We are seeing up to 20 attendees sometimes at the Men's Meeting. It's like most jail meetings I'm sure. We get a few guys that are just there to get out of their cell and others who sound like they're ready to try something different. It's pretty neat to see some of them bring their own big books from their cells though, and once and a while one of them walks into a meeting after they're discharged, as well.

Our District had a pretty busy summer. District 51 hosted three sobriety campouts over the summer and they all had a pretty good attendance. We also had a Cow Pasture Golf Tournament and a Horseshoe Tournament over the summer to help fund our Fall Mini Conference. It's been encouraging to see more involvement from some of the newer and younger people in the program. Our Fall Mini Conference is coming up in a couple weeks where Gerry will be attending to share his delegate report and Libby will also be coming for a Past Delegate sharing session. The dates for that event are October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.

This experience has had an effect on my life that I would have never imagined. Its proof again that God continues to do for me what I can't do for myself. That's all I got for now. Thanks for letting me serve.

Bryan F.

## District 61

District 61 has 91 meetings throughout the week. District 61 encompasses an area from Boulder in the south, Elliston in the west, Lincoln to the north and White Sulfur Springs to the east.

We have had a busy district during balance of this year in D61. There has been much discussion about Group support. I have gone out to the groups to discuss support. This has been helpful but we have more to do.

As a result, we established an ad hoc committee to put together an inventory for the district. Prior to that being done, we are contacting all the groups with a survey for them to fill out related to their relationship with the district and other information they want to share. The district inventory will be done following the return and analysis of the results of the survey.

We have active district chairs which are doing a fantastic job keeping literature and Grapevine books available to the fellowship, organizing and updating our archives information, keeping our books, flyers and meeting pamphlets available in the community, taking meeting into correction facilities and treatment centers, contacting professionals in our district to inform them of AA and how we can help the still suffering alcoholic. We have active volunteers to go to weekly meetings in the Lewis and Clark jail, MCDC each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Riverside women's treatment correctional center most Fridays and Elkhorn Treatment center in Townsend.

We continue to provide functions for the fellowship, having done our Corrections Conference and Grapefest this summer with Attitude of Gratitude coming this November. Please check the Area website for flyers for this event.

We are currently putting the final touches on the Fall Round Up which will happen October 12-14<sup>th</sup> at the new and revised Delta Colonial Hotel in Helena.

District 61 held elections this past Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Elected were DCM, treasurer, and Public Information. Two of the previous chairs, CPC and Archives will be continuing into a new rotation as they did not hold the position for the entire previous rotation. As you can see, we need more people in our district to step up. I am confident that, just as in the last rotation, people will come forward and fill those needed positions over the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Round Up. Feel free to ask me or the Round Up chairperson, Ginger, if you have any questions or would like a flyer/registration form.

I'm grateful to be here safe, sane and sober.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and thank you for my sobriety.

Carol W. District 61 DCM



## District 71

Hello my name is Dan H. I am an alcoholic I serve as DCM for District 71. District 71 consists of approximately 25 groups and 85 meetings across southwest Montana. We have meetings held in Butte, Anaconda, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Phillipsburg, Melrose, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, and during the summer months Wise River, and Georgetown Lake.

I am happy to announce that we have a new Alternate DCM. Ashley M. has agreed to serve for the remainder of the rotation. I would like to thank Ashley for her service. Welcome to your first area assembly Ashley.

Our corrections chair Ryan K. continues to bring meetings into the Anaconda, Deer Lodge county jail on Wednesday evenings with assistance from other members of our fellowship. Ryan is trying to bring meetings into The Butte, Silver Bow county jail.

Our treatment / B.T.G. chair Ed M. is passionate about the bridging the gap program. Ed works diligently in connecting individuals with temporary contacts to reach out to upon leaving many facilities including M.C.D.C., the Watch program, both C.C.P. programs, and other treatment facilities across our district.

We also have many volunteers in our district bringing meetings into various treatment and correctional facilities. I would like to congratulate our newest group, W.I.T.S (Women In The Solution) for being an A.A. group for a year as of October 24<sup>th</sup>. They are excited to invite all women to there anniversary meeting with a potluck to start at 5:45 P.M. and a speaker meeting at 6:30 P.M. Carlene L. from Helena has agreed to speak for them. Of coarse the meeting is held at the Springs Assisted Living in Butte, Mt.

I was able to attend a Service Rocks workshop in April and had a great time. Thank you again to Libbie L. and Kacie N. for visiting our workshop. I was able to attend many campfire meetings that were great fun and an awesome way to get together with friends. I was happy to be able to jump on an inner tube and float the Big Hole river with friends and boy did I get a sun burn. (note to self they did invent sunscreen for a reason.) Several of our groups hold monthly speaker meetings. Our district is blessed by all those so willing to carry the message and share the experience strength and hope. Delegates day was held just 2 weeks ago and I was able to visit With Gerry. Thank you Gerry and Connie for spending the afternoon with us.

We are planning a Halloween party and dance October 26, at Aldersgate United Methodist church. If you are not doing anything and happen to be in our neck of the woods show up in your costume to have a great time. We will be having a costume contest too. We invite you to appear if you dare!! We are planning a sponsorship workshop in the future as well so we will have more details as we grow closer to that date.

In honor of spirit of rotation we will be having elections in November so I encourage new people to step up into service and be a part of our service structure. It has been a rewarding way to be of service for myself.

I am truly blessed to be of service today, Thank you for allowing me to be of service....

Daniel H.

## District 72

Dist 72 takes in a large portion of Park county, all of Gallatin county, and about half of Madison county. There are approx. 60 groups, and over 100 meetings weekly. Sat. Sept 29 elections for the new rotation will begin. As a dist. we print and update our schedules monthly. We have a roundup chair and active committee for the spring 2020 roundup in Bozeman. Summer meetings in our district rotate to outlying towns. We will be hosting a C.P.C. luncheon in Nov. for medical professionals at the Hospital. The first Sat. of every month we take meetings to M.C.D.C. in Butte. The H.O.W. group will host a workshop on fear Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. At the Fellowship Hall in Boz.. Thanks to all the groups, G.S.R.'s, dist committee members for holding me accountable and making my service easier. Thanks also to all the D.C.M.'s that I've served with.

Yours in Service Dist 72 D.C.M. Bob E.

## District 81

We are located in Western Montana and we have meetings as far west as Trout Creek, north to Polson, east to Seeley Lake, and south to our largest city Missoula with a population of around 70,000 (according to Wikipedia). We have 57 groups, with just over 100 meetings each week.

Our district meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Fourth D Alano Club [at 2:00 pm](#). All our district positions are currently filled and we have started elections to fill the positions for the next rotation. We have about 15 GSRs who consistently attend our district meetings. Also, we have very active district committees. PI in our district has recently been present at a recovery events as well as a couple of Pow Wows; we continue to bring meetings into Recovery Center Missoula, the Providence center in Missoula, and MCDC in Butte through our treatment committee and into Missoula Correctional Facility and Deer Lodge through our Corrections Committee.

We had some wonderful recovery this summer, which included our Founders' Day event where Gerry gave his Delegate's report.

Coming up we have our annual Halloween event, which will be [on Saturday, October 27th](#).

Speaking of upcoming events, we have been busy planning the Fall 2019 Roundup which will be held [October 11-13th, 2019](#). So mark your calendars.

[In two weeks on Sunday, October 7th](#) we are having a fundraising event for the Roundup. If you love food as much as I do, you will be happy to hear that it will be a Mac n Cheese off!

We would love to see you all at our upcoming events!

Ashley J.

## DISTRICT 91

Hello, Area 40! My name is Kacie and I'm an alcoholic. A cool thing has been happening over the last year and nine months that I wanted to share with you. I have to go backwards a little to get here though. November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, I drank my last drink and went to my first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is the date I've come to protect as my sobriety date and was my first day without a drink and also without any tools yet. That day sucked... like, really, really sucked and the days following weren't so hot either. It takes some time to absorb some solution from AA. At the beginning, there was nothing but that bittersweet Gift Of Desperation. Then, slowly but surely, the shift started to happen. I got a sponsor, we opened the book, and without even knowing it I'd started working the steps. I went to at least one meeting every day and always attended the 7:00 pm New Hope meeting in Kalispell. One night, when I was around a year sober, April A. came to that New Hope meeting and introduced herself as the DCM for District 91. She explained a little about what she did and shared some information about what was going on in the District. I don't honestly remember exactly what I made of her introduction or her announcement, but I do remember feeling that there was something special about it.

Shortly after that I changed sponsors. My new sponsor had just returned from Spring Assembly. She talked about this place like it was some kind of magical kingdom. She told me about standing at the geographical center of the state with her sponsor. Excitement oozed out of her when she recounted meeting some of the Area Committee Chairs. Her passion and enthusiasm for service was seeping out of her pores. That was it, I was hooked, where do I buy tickets? How do I make reservations?

I got to attend that next Fall Assembly with her and I don't think I've missed one since. I haven't always been able to pay my own way, but someone has always said, "Hey, want to ride with us? If you don't mind sleeping together, you can even share our room." If I wanted to get to Assembly, Kim or Libbie or Mary or someone was always there to say get in the car. And you know what? This place *is* a magical kingdom. Kim didn't exaggerate a single thing.

So, back to the cool thing that has been happening that I wanted to tell you about. You guys, I'VE gotten to be the DCM for District 91 this last year and nine months. And I've gotten serve this rotation with a lot of other super, incredibly awesome DCM's, GSR's, and Area Committee Chairs! I've gotten to stand at the center of the state with my sponsor and women that I get to sponsor. I don't just get to meet Area Committee Chairs, I get to share meals with them and build friendships. And it's not even over yet, I still get three more months! I don't know if my service has affected anyone the way that April or Kim's service affected me. But that's the crazy thing about service. I don't think I've ever, not once, given more than I've received in return. Every single thing that I've had the opportunity to do because it was "part of the job" has grown, strengthened, stretched, and enhanced my sober life. People were showing up when I got here – at meetings and in service. Those people who show up, *you people*, save my life every day. And now I get to show up. And what's even more freaking rad is that people are going to show up after me. Mike from Eureka was just elected as our DCM for the next rotation and Sheila was elected as the Alternate DCM and both of them are here today. We haven't held the rest of our committee chair elections yet, but I'm confident those will be filled by willing shower-uppers too. Those folks will have big shoes to fill seeing as how we have a pretty badass District Committee, but isn't it cool that April probably thought the same thing about the folks she got to serve with 11 years ago?

I probably should have told you all sorts of different things in this report, but the truth is I put off writing it until the last minute hoping to be inspired by the pressure of procrastination. Then when I sat down to write it all I could think of was all the cool stuff I've been able to do in service, all the incredible people I've gotten to meet and get to call friends, and all the 24 hours that I've been blessed to put together by doing what you guys show me how to do.

If you want more details about what's going on in District 91, please stop me and visit sometime during the weekend. Or ask one of the GSR's, committee chairs, or visitors over there at the District 91 table. They're pretty cool people and you'd be lucky to meet them if you haven't already.

District 91, thank you for letting me be your DCM. Area 40, I look forward to whatever God has in store next. Alcoholics Anonymous, thank you for my life.

Love and Service,

Kacie N.

## **District 93**

We had a busy summer with campout at Como, Norm's picnic and are gearing up for Halloween. All groups are well attended and we are attempting to rejuvenate a poorly attended meeting and have had one attendee who was looking for Al Anon. Four of us went to Bridging the Gap workshop in Westminster, Colorado. Had good contacts and learned a lot. Howlin at the Moon meeting going strong. Had fire restrictions in August but the smoke has finally cleared the valley. Come visit us!

We have had a change of personnel at the Ravalli County jail so we need to run our list of volunteers through for new applications and fingerprints. MSP are a small group but steady and with a little help we are able to make our own meeting schedule each month.

Nance G.

## **Elections 2019/2020 Rotation**

### **ELECTION ORIENTATION/POSTING NOMINEES FOR DELEGATE**

Welcome Everyone. What a great start to an exciting weekend.

My assignment today is to orient you to and then facilitate the election for the 2019-2020 service rotation. Thank you to Gerry for being our delegate and to all the past delegates that came before us. And thanks to a great area committee for keeping us on our toes for the alcoholics in Area 40.

Our Service manual says,

**The Delegate has a demanding job, not only because a large amount of time and work are involved, but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole. As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas. Yet they are not representatives of their areas in the usual political sense: after hearing all points of view and becoming fully informed during Conference discussion, they vote in the best interest of AA as a whole.**

This morning we are formulating our slate of candidates who wish to stand for Panel 69 Area 40 Delegate. After the list is made, we will continue on with our committee meetings.

Your first assignment is to read the Delegate duties on page S 49 (go ahead and read all of Chapter Six) then find those candidates during the break and ask them any questions you might have. When we return from lunch for the election process, you will be equipped to make an informed decision. Our service manual says this about how we elect our delegate,

**Election of Delegate is by Third Legacy Procedure. It is a special type of electoral procedure used primarily for the election of delegates and for regional and at large trustees at the conference level.**

In Area 40 we use the third legacy for Alt. Del/Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer as well.

**In practice, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the balloting rather than withdraw.**

Your **second assignment** is to go to the service manual again, this time to page S21-23 and read all about how the third legacy procedure works (All of Chapter one is good stuff.) Again, this will equip you in making an informed decision and help the election process move along smoothly.

When we return from lunch, we will have a brief explanation of this procedure, then we'll have to do some math, and the elections will begin.

Again, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer use Third Legacy Procedure. The remaining chairs are by simple majority. I will be recruiting counters and ballot collectors during the break, if you are not a voter and would like to help, let me know.

Your **third assignment** is in chapter 5 of the Service Manual, page S44. Read that too. It says,

**Perhaps more than any other group of people in AA, the area committee is responsible for the health of the Conference structure and thus for growth and harmony in the AA Fellowship.**

Be bold in your encouragement of all who are qualified and eligible to stand. Rally them join us in this important work.

Your **fourth assignment**, if you have time, even if you don't, and even if you've read it before, go back to the beginning -page S1, read about our early history and how the service structure came about. Bill closes that chapter with a statement about how he felt after the first GSC. He says,

**As I watched all this grow, I became entirely sure that Alcoholics Anonymous was at last safe—even from me.**

Your last assignment (groan) is to have fun, be engaged, and be the AA member that God would have you be. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Area Advisor for this rotation, it has been an honor. Yours in service,

Libbie L. Area Advisor

Let's start this election.

### **Election Results**

**Officers** (elected by Third Legacy Procedure as outlined on pages S21-S22 AA Service Manual)

**Delegate**-Paul L.

**Area Chair**-Connie R.

**Area Treasurer**-Ashley J.

**Area Secretary**-Brynn C.

**Area 40 Service Chairs**—(elected by simple majority)

**Archives**-Kacie N.

**Bridging the Gap**-Jessica E.

**CPC**-Terry T.

**Corrections**-Jeremiah S.

**Grapevine**-Shawn N.

**Literature**-Grant M.

**Public Information**-Sabrina C.

**Treatment**-Steve S.

**Triangle Editor**-Catherine B.

### **Workshops:**

*"Preparing for service work-It's ok to ask for help"* Led by Andrew W. , Past Area 40 Delegate Panel 57 & Past WCR Trustee

*"How I learned to play well with others"* Led by Tom A. Current WCR Trustee

## Archives Report

Hello to all the assembly participants, and welcome to all first time attendees. It is good to be back here in Great Falls with all of you.

Well I cannot say I have a tremendous amount of business to report in regards to archives activities since Spring assembly, I would like to pass along a bit of information regarding the evaluation sheets tallying and reporting process. I put together a synopsis of my findings from the evaluation sheets collected last Spring. A few of my findings included that more people turned in evaluation sheets from the venue in Great Falls than those who turned them in at Lewistown. Additionally, I realized that there were more negative comments written in than positive regarding the venue in Lewistown. Understanding that change is necessary and inevitable may help the Area move towards a more permanent solution in venue selection for the future. We alcoholics are a funny lot when it comes to change.

While I was preparing for this assembly, I had the opportunity to read through portions of the General Service Conference report. The portion that excited me most as a member of the recovering community was the section on the depth of our responsibility statement and inclusion rather than exclusion when it comes to the openness of addictions within the meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous. There again, I believe it is time this topic made its way to the conference level and into the hearts of many of us in recovery. The responsibility statement does say, "Anyone, anywhere," after all.

Much of my time over the course of this last few years, aside from my duties as your Archives committee chair, have been involved in working with women in jail through another 12 step program. Had I not personally been grounded in the AA program, it would have been difficult for me to step into that Arena and help at the level I do. It is for this reason that I most likely will be looking in a different direction when it comes to service work in recovery.

It has been one of the toughest years for me in regards to personal and health issues that I can remember in a very long time. I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Archives committee chairperson and wish the absolute best to the incoming rotation as they endeavor to untangle whatever this rotation leaves left hanging in the balance. I wish that I had had the opportunity to do more in regards to settling these issues. However, I am not a decision maker, only part of the process just like all of you.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the rest of Panel 67 Area committee. It has been a pleasure and an honor serving alongside all of you and I appreciate your patience and help with my duties in the light of my personal circumstances. I also greatly appreciate your friendship and support as I seek to restructure my life and what lies ahead of me and my own recovery.

It is such a Bittersweet position at the last assembly of the rotation the rotation in service to the Area. Though I do not know what the future holds, I know who holds the future, "A loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience!" Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to trudging the Road of Happy Destiny with all of the new friends that I have made along the way. in-service,  
Raymona K.

## Archives Committee Report

Convened at 10:15 in the Russell Room. Voting members present: Raymona K, Bryan F, Daniel H. out of five possible. Representatives of District 93 and 42 not present.

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Raymona K. Archives Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair: Raymona read her report.
2. Review Archivist Report: Earl read his report.
3. Review activity of Archives Committees throughout Area 40.

### Structure & Policy — Area 40

Area Assembly Evaluation Report: Raymona reviewed the evaluation forms. One evaluation outlines just the current venue and the other reviews the process of choosing a venue. Forms available on SurveyMonkey. Dan commented that the ad-hoc committee has oversight of the evaluation for a venue change. Discussion about what information is needed. The committee focus is on the General Evaluation, not the site choice evaluation. Adding an N/A choice for those questions that may not be applicable.

The new evaluation will be focused on the efficiency of the venue to conduct Area business.

Review Ad-Hoc Committee report re: Assembly Venue. Report not provided.

Consider Agenda Item: “Assembly Venues are ADA Compliant”. Motion by Bryan F., seconded by Daniel H. **All venues that host the Area 40 Area Assembly must be ADA compliant.** Motion passed unanimously.

Consider Agenda Item: “Update Area 40 Map and District Descriptions” – Earl and Joe gave background about the fluidity of the districts. Each district and group have the autonomy to be in or out of the district. However, Earl will update the map to be less specific about the “boundaries”. Motion by Bryan, seconded by Daniel to have Earl update the map accordingly.

Archives — GSC Review the results of all Archives committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2018 GS



## Archivist Report

Greetings Area 40, I am Earl F. and I am an alcoholic, currently serving as the Area 40 Archivist.

I have not been very active since we last met in the Spring of 2018. I attended the Area 40 Spring Round-up in Gt. Falls with a display of our collection. I also attended the District 41 Founders Day celebration at Ryan Dam with a collection of items and pictures of our founders and was asked to present a short history of Area 40. I am looking for an invite to the 2018 Fall Assembly in Helena and any other up-coming activities or events that folks might like a display of our history.

I have been very busy at work and with my own growing business so I have been slow to get the Past Actions and Policy and Procedures documents updated, but I am happy to report that after some encouragement from caring members of our fellowship and some assistance from our Area Advisor, both documents are current and reflect actions and changes adopted at the 2018 Spring Assembly. If you have seen the updated Policy and Procedure document, you will notice two new appendices: one that has a history of Area inventories and the other that is for a history of Ad Hoc committees. These sections are incomplete at this time as I need to go through the past minutes to accurately record these. Hopefully, I will have time to work on these sections this winter, and they will be completed by the next Assembly.

Our repository is very adequate for our needs at this time and is serving our needs well. The temperature and humidity stays within acceptable ranges and it is easy to keep the light blocked out. We have yet to have any District contact me with a desire to house their Archives as passed at the Spring Assembly. I have been contacted by a couple of different groups to see if we wanted any of their old documents, and I have made arrangements to pick them up this weekend, so that I can go through them. As we are coming to the end of a rotation, I ask that anyone who is changing positions or not serving any longer and does not need any files, letters, emails or documents that they have accumulated during this rotation, please come and see me this weekend so that we can make arrangements for me to pick up these items after you are through with the rotation. I only want them if they are going to be no longer used. Please pass them on to the person who is rotating into your position if they can be helpful. Again, I want to remind the DCM's and Districts to include me on your mailing lists or let me know if you are distributing District minutes through the District pages on the web page. If your event or activity is placed on the Area 40 web site calendar, I will get copies of flyers from there.

A friend in the fellowship and I were visiting this Spring and mentioned that I would be traveling to Denver this late summer and he mentioned that there was an exhibit on the Dead Sea Scrolls this summer at the Denver Museum. Lori and I went to see it while there and one of the more fascinating sections was what archival measures have been taken to preserve the items since their discovery. Obviously, there were a lot of mistakes made; some caused irreparable damage and others not so much. The importance of preserving and recording our history is paramount, whether it is for our own use or for the use of future generations. I have heard it said many times at meetings, "If we forget where we have been, we will probably return." Accurate histories can help us to not make the same mistakes over and over again, and when we do make the same or similar mistakes a record of our corrective measures will help us to grow through them.

Thank you for your assistance in helping me to keep the current history of the Area, your trust and for allowing me to serve in this capacity.

## Corrections

Hi, my name is Hugh and I am an alcoholic. Proud to be serving as your Area 40 corrections chair. Since our last assembly, I have been bust. In May, I attended the spring roundup in Great Falls, and enjoyed great fellowship and awesome speakers. In late May I drove down to Warm Springs and worked with the counselors and inmates at Watch West. June brought the founders day celebration in Great Falls, and also the Unity Campout both had a lot of good fellowship and way too much rain! I don't remember weather ever affecting my drinking, so I didn't let it stop me from having fun with my fellow members. In August, I went down to the Fireman's Point Campout and was a judge for the world-famous Spam Cook-off. I had no idea all that you could make with Spam; from smores to Fudge, but the stuffed mushrooms were awesome and the winner. We had great fun and fellowship and speakers. We also had a workshop with a lot of discussion on bridging the gap. In September, we had our End of Summer bash bbq in Great Falls. We played games, fed about 50 people and enjoyed good fellowship. Last weekend I went down to Anaconda and enjoyed the Watch reunion and Big Ed and I put on a workshop on bridging the gap and living sober outside the correctional facilities. The past 2 years have been a blessing to serve you. Somethings never change. I still hate computers and suits, but wouldn't change a thing about the experience.

## Corrections Committee Report

2018 Fall Area 40 Correction's Committee Report We had 17 people in our breakout with 4 voting members. I would like to thank all the members who attended and were active in our meeting. We had great discussions on how the corrections is going in the districts and how to implement the bridging the gap forms into our jails. We also discussed how to get more people involved in the volunteering in both BTG and just taking meetings into the different correctional facilities. We discussed the books being sent into the jails and prisons and how we can make sure that the inmates are able to keep them. I brought up how Kurt has a label that he puts into the Big Books at the Shelby Prison so that the books then belong to the inmates. **We then had Rick H. from Bozeman (district 72) give his bid for the 2021 West Central Regional Forum and Ashley from Missoula (district 81) gave hers. Because there were only 2, we decided that both would give their reports on the floor.**

## 2018 Fall Area 40 Pink Can Report

I would like to thank all the districts, groups, and individuals for their contributions to the Pink Can Fund. As of yesterday, September 21st, we have \$3637.09 in our checking account, and 2154.00 in inventory. During my rotation, we have been able to supply a number of alcoholics that are incarcerated with books and maybe a lot of hope that they can change their lives if they want to and are willing to do the work. Books have been sent to Montana State Prison in Deerlodge, Anaconda Jail, Butte jail, Butte prerelease, Connections Corrections in Butte, Start Program in Anaconda, Watch West in Warm Springs, Ravalli Jail in Hamilton, Crossroads Correctional Prison in Shelby. Cascade Detention in Great Falls, Hill county Jail in Havre and Lewis and Clark Jail in Helena. Jake and I are looking into buying subscriptions of the Grapevine for the prisons in Deerlodge, Shelby, Glendive, and the Women's prison in Billings. We will let you know when we get the job done. Once again, thank you all for our continued support of the Area 40 Pink Can Fund.

Hugh M, Area 40 Correction Chair

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

I am thankful to be sober and serving as your PI/Hotline chair for Area 40. As Always, the majority of the PI job has been dealing with Answer Net, the Area 40 Hotline and communication with groups and Districts to update the volunteer lists and get AA volunteers to answer the Hotline calls. I have to admit, I have become very frustrated at times with the way our hotline is set up. The Answer Net goes through multiple employees and each problem you solve with the way calls are handled then starts again because the employees who learned how to do it correctly has left and a new one has taken over yet to be trained. It is an ongoing battle to keep the Hotline following any guidelines to handle incoming calls. About a year and a half ago, I found out in the past someone had told them to call 3 volunteers in the city where the caller was calling from and after the third call and no answer to just email a call log to the PI Chair and then we would deal with it. I asked them to change that protocol and call down the list of volunteers until they reached someone and connected the caller with a AA Volunteer. This led to many calls taking up to 30 calls to get a caller connected, probably hours of time the Answer Net operator spent on the call, and eventually leading to them in August re-evaluating the way they charge us. So at end of July we were sent an email notification they would start billing us a flat rate each month covering up to 300 minutes of time, then would bill .96/minute after. I did some calculations and quickly realized this would average \$500-\$1000 a month or more to continue as our current protocol of calling until you reach a volunteer. I told them to go back to the 3 calls then email me until we decide what to do with this situation at the Area level. The main problems from this are: about 10% of the calls now get answered right away with a volunteer answering in the first 3 calls. Then the email goes out to me, who being at work and with only a smart phone and limited time and availability while at work may take till that evening to get a volunteer to connect with the caller with a few even going unanswered. The Next problem, is we only have had 1 month billed under the new billing structure and it was \$359.88 about a \$120.00 more than our average the previous 2 years. I also submitted a motion which my friend Sharon S. had drawn up for this Fall's Area Agenda, and it was regarding making it so Area 40 will "fund" the Answering service. This new price issue and chance that we may need to switch service etc. may affect that motion so I will discuss this with the Area PI Committee and see what the committee would like to do with this and if we will bring the motion to the floor or kill it in Committee.

Otherwise, I have not been asked to attend any group or District's except to communicate by email and phone which I have done frequently and hopefully fulfilled my duty as your trusted servant. I look forward to finishing out 2018 and Rotating out of the PI position, Thanks for allowing me to serve Area 40 and stay sober!

Tim K

## PI Committee Report– Chaired by Tim K. and opened at 10:15 am

### Attendance – \*Voting Member

\*Tim K.

Brandon M.

Diane S.

\*Nancy G.

\*Kacie N.

Mike P.

\*Serena R.

Melinda W.

Terri T.

Tim reviewed how the PI committee is formed and read his Area Public Information report.

Brandon gave his Webmaster report. Discussion ensued on the implementation of the app called Meeting Guide. Brandon reviewed question and answers provided by the developer of the app available at [www.meetingguide.org](http://www.meetingguide.org). Brandon has also talked directly to Josh, the creator of the app, to get additional information. In all of the research that Brandon has done, he has not come across anything that indicates there would be any kind of compromise to Traditions or Anonymity.

**Motion: PI committee recommends that the Area 40 Webmaster work with meetingguide.org to get Area 40 meetings listed on the Area 40 website to the Meeting Guide app. All four voting members present voted in favor of this motion.**

District 72 is very active with PI/CPC work and is currently working in cooperation to plan a luncheon for the professional community regarding healthcare. This event is planned for some time this November.

District 91 has a very active PI chair, Margaret, who gets help from group PI chairs in the district. She makes sure pamphlet racks are filled at schools, hospitals, and institutions as well as making Big Books available in the local libraries. The Northwest Montana Intergroup has a separate hotline number which is successful and very active but has at times caused confusion amongst district volunteers as to which number they've volunteered for. This is a separate expense from Area 40 AnswerNet and is funded by group contributions.

District 93 combines the PI chair with the web chair. The PI chair has recently updated the call list for volunteers available for AnswerNet. They don't receive a lot of calls from AnswerNet though.

District 41 shared they also have a separate hotline number and it has created some confusion in the District and creates additional expense.

Tim reviewed how AnswerNet was established in the Area, how it works, and the modifications that have been made over the last rotation leading up to the current obstacle being faced with the changes to how Area 40 is billed by AnswerNet.

Tim read the proposal submitted prior to the change in billing for AnswerNet.

Committee unanimously voted to take no action on this motion.

**The PI committee recommends that an ad-hoc committee be created for the purpose of finding a cost effective solution for the Area 40 Hotline. The ad-hoc committee will provide their report prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to the Area Chair for inclusion as background material to groups. This motion was voted on and unanimously agreed to by all voting members.**

PI – GSC

Reviewed items on agenda and no further discussion on those items.

## WEBMASTER REPORT

Since the Spring Assembly we average 4.3k(up from 3.6k) users / month and 27k pageviews / month (up from 22k)on our website. The vast majority of these, ~75%, have been to our online meeting lists. This section of our website continues to be the most viewed section. It is extremely important that we keep these lists as updated as possible. DCM's please let me know if you have any issues with getting these meeting lists updated.

74% of all visits to the website continue to be from a mobile device.

There are currently 866 meetings listed on our website, 832 hotline volunteers and 394 BTG volunteers

There have been quite a few requests to get our online meeting lists into a mobile app – MeetingGuide (meetingguide.org). I have spoken with Josh @ MeetingGuide and have received the necessary information to move forward with this. The PI Committee was informed and I look forward to what comes out of committee.

We continue to get email from people looking for a meeting, wanting to get sober with the help of AA, and others asking about what the requirements are for them to attend a meeting.

I want to take some time and talk about the importance of keeping all of our information up-to-date on the website, as it pertains to meeting lists, BTG and 888 volunteers.

Members within Area 40 continue to submit items for the Calendar of Events – please keep these coming in. I love to see what is happening in / around Area 40, and it is also our second highest viewed page on the website.

Districts are also continuing to send in meeting minutes, district events, etc to be posted on their respective mini-sites. For those who may be unfamiliar, each district has a mini-site available to them. Simply send me an email ([webmaster@aa-montana.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-montana.org)) to get items added to your mini-site.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve Area 40 as your webmaster.

Respectively,

Brandon M

## **TREATMENT REPORT**

Because of God, AA and people, I got to wake up sober this morning. I've got to double my efforts all summer and by the grace of God I have not had to take a drink today. I'm very blessed and my gratitude flows deep to have been able to serve Area 40. I was able to participate in 4 workshops/presentations so far this rotation and was able to meet Patrick C. from GSO and now Richard B. is at the desk. I owe amends to the Area 40 body, because you beautiful people sent me to Bloomington, MN to the "27th Annual BTG Workshop Weekend" where my recovery process began and I have not turned in my room, meals, copy expense, exc. So, I have been informed that I created a situation where the Treatment/Accessibilities' budget for the next rotation will not be set properly, and for that I am sorry!

I thank you for the flow of gratitude as I was reconnected with my very first sponsor from early 1982 on my sobriety birthday 9/11/2017 and received an 8-year medallion at the "2218 Alano Club" "Jitter's noon meeting" and for that I am very grateful today. Recovery, Unity, and Service is what allows me a daily reprieve. Suit up and show up and participate; boots on the ground, is not enough!

I participated at our Spring Roundup in Great Falls as the Literature chair and the books were sold. Thank you, Grant M., and district 41 for providing the AA conference approved books. Participation is the key.

I attended my very first assembly 9 years ago. This beautiful month of September in Lewistown. I'm in a recovery process where I just want to continue to stay open-minded, teachable, and continue to keep incorporating AA's message into my recovery! I will double my efforts on BTG at the Area 40 level. I have many to thank for their service. Brandon, Julie, Gerry, Paul, Valerie, Eva, Patrick, and Jessica E. I have struggled with not a lot to do as your Area chair the last 6 months, so I called Patrick C. in New York at GSO and was instructed to put out an email to all the DCMs and lost internet and computer problems, so it never went out to anyone and was very discussed about my not fulfilling directions from Patrick or Paul L., although I'm very happy to be here at our fall assembly and we are saving treasury money as we have 3 area chairs here from Great Falls. Finally, I am able and willing to stand for an Area chair service position. God bless you all and your families and beautiful people.

And finally, thank you from the heart, mind and soul to Bill O, Jana L, and Jaymie Christian at the ups store.

James W., Area 40 Treatment/Accessibilities Chair

## **TREATMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

James called meeting to order at 1015

James would like to thank all the people that have helped him to be here

Moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer

Personal Introductions

In attendance: James W, Jana L, Bill O, Jim M, Jessica E, Clancy W, Penny R, Ed M, Bob E, Justin G, Jody T, Kurt K, Maureen W, Annie L

James gave his report (separate attachment)

Maureen W- district 93 voted a new treatment chair who will start in December

Kurt K District 42 very active in the treatment court

Jody T, district 51 here for informational purposes

JusTin district 81 treatment chair, active with psyc meetings, mcdc meetings (low attendance)

BoB E District 72. Mcdc meetings, new btg chair doing well, and meetings at the Jail

Ed M, district 71, bringing meeting into mcdc twice a week, bring meetings into 7 facilities, not allowed to take meetings into watch program, bringing meetings into warmsprings and Galen and anaconda jail prerelease will not allow BTG to come into facilities, but try to reach out while at the meetings, having a hard time finding people to help and attend

Penny R, district 61 filling in as btg for the treatment go to riverside (correctional treatment facility) bring meetings into the jail, MSP (dearlodge) prison, and mcdc. Also went into the family drug/treatment court to let them know about BTF, district had a cpc “mega committee” workshop, and taking meetings into the BHU  
Clancy also added that they took in meetings to the lewis and clark jail, their treatment chair for 2019 is still unfulfilled but looking hopeful

Annie district 91, here for informational purposes

Jim district 11, here for informational purposes, involved as a mentor in the vet treatment court, working on getting BTG involved in the court process. AA feeling exclusion from vet programs

Jessica district 91- here for informational purposes

Bill O district 41 treatment chair, taking meetings into RMTC, 3 meetings weekly in the hospital, corrections chair is vacant singleness of purpose taking meetings for the woman into the jail, did workshop in January that went really well, trying to get into the drop-in facility for outpatients from gateway

Jana district 41 here to take notes and for informational purposes

Short break – resumed at 1115

2018 final report Treatment and Accessibilities

The title of the pamphlet “accessibility for all alcoholics” be changed to “access to AA: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers

The proposed changes by the trustees committee on cooperation with the professional community treatment and accessibilities to the pamphlet “accessibility for all alcoholics” be approved with additional revisions

The scope of the conference committee on treatment and accessibilities be expanded

Read from the treatment and accessibilities and what happened at the 2017 conference committees on treatment and accessibilities advisory action

What is approved and what is not and some in the service overseas do not get internet connection. Found that there is aa approved chatrooms for internet meetings found through the gso website

Spoke about internet accessibility

Discussed hard of hearing and deaf accessibilities in the different ways to be able to spread the message

Went over anonymity in the digital age to purchase posters

Read treatment accessibilities” desk chair, Patrick’s report. Patrick was replaced by Richard recently

James expressed gratitude for all who participated in helping with the breakout session.

Closed with the responsibility statement at 1152

## Grapevine Report

First of all, I want to thank everyone here for entrusting me with the responsibility to serve as your Area 40 Grapevine Chair. Just a short two years ago I blundered into my duties like a deer in the headlights without a clue what *amending a motion*, *moving to recommit*, *making a floor action*, or *declining to consider a floor action* meant. Actually, I still don't, but I have learned the position is so much more than all the procedural formality.

Right off the bat, as I unpacked the Area Grapevine display from the pile of stuff the former Chair dumped into the back of my car, I discovered it needed a considerable amount of repair. With some glue, a few cans of paint, a strategic screw here and there, a lot of procrastination, and finally the construction a stand to hold the banner, I think I can pass it along to the next Chair in pretty good shape. I also worked with the Grapevine staff in New York to update all the literature in the display.

I have made myself available to speak and provide the display at Area events. My final appearance will be at the Fall Roundup in Helena where I will conduct a "How to write an article for the Grapevine" workshop. In addition to working on articles, we will talk about how to submit them. I will also make myself available for follow up work after the Roundup for anyone who feels they need it.

I put together an email list of everyone interested in getting the monthly grapevine newsletters sent to me from New York and semi-diligently forwarded them to those on the list. I'm told this was especially helpful to District and Home Group Grapevine chairs when they are called on to give their reports.

While communicating with the Operations Manager at AAGrapevine, Inc. in New York, the opportunity came up to possibly serve on the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board. In that regard, I plan to propose an idea to use pink can money on the Area level to fund what would hopefully become multiple permanent subscriptions in all the correctional institutions throughout the country. In Montana, that could be as many as 50 subscriptions a year. If we consider states like California, Florida and New York, the subscriptions could be in the thousands, increasing the Grapevine's print circulation, which is under 70,000 a month, by a fairly significant percentage. I will continue to pursue this idea with New York and the incoming Grapevine and Corrections Chairs after my rotation ends. There is a possibility we could start a pilot program in Montana.

Finally, in keeping with my mission as Grapevine Chair, I want to encourage everyone here who doesn't already subscribe to the Grapevine to consider going ahead and doing so. There just happens to be a bunch of Grapevine subscription forms right over there on the table. If you don't want to date yourself by enjoying the handling of actual paper, you can get the Grapevine App, which allows you to subscribe, download the magazine, listen to a sample audio story, watch a video, email stories to friends, and even browse through 60 years of Grapevines. Just Google AA Grapevine and your on your way.

Jake How – Grapevine Committee Chair

## GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE REPORT

Voting committee members:

Dan L.– Dist. 91 GVR

Judy J.– Dist. 41 GSR

Dennis G. – Dist. 21 Alt. DCM

Shawn N.– Dist. 61 Alt. DCM

Mark H. – Dist. 93 Grapevine/GSR

Jake H. – Area Grapevine Chair

Guest:

David A.– Dist. 61 GSR Townsend Serenity – iraossim3451@mt.net

Seven people attended the 2018 Fall Assembly Area 40 Grapevine committee meeting, including all the voting members. Dan L., Judy J., Dennis G., Shawn N., Mark H., David A, and the crusty old Committee Chair all rolled through our duties with lots of laughter and a rewarding feeling of service and responsibility.



After reviewing the Chair's attempt at an Area 40 Grapevine Chair Report, we discussed activity among Groups and Districts in Area 40 as it relates to the Grapevine. Judy J. from District 41 reported she has distributed Grapevines at every area event except one. Shawn N. of District 61 said the Grapevine is being distributed in the jails and is very well received. Mark H from District 93 says subscriptions are being sent to the jail. Dan L. from District 91 says the District has a Grapevine display that travels to different home groups when they are hosting the monthly District meeting. Jake H. reported the Whitefish Group pays for six subscriptions and puts them in a display for free distribution to members in sort of a library format.

After a brief foray into a sort of aimless camaraderie, we got back to business and reviewed the results of Grapevine committee items considered, reviewed and discussed at the 2018 GSC.

At the Conference it was recommended that:

AA Grapevine, Inc. allow sales of Grapevine and La Viña books, single-issue magazines (as available), and other products to non-AA entities, such as (but not limited to) hospitals, treatment centers and book stores. [Note: As a current practice, AA Grapevine, Inc. does not seek outside sales for magazine subscriptions.]

AA Grapevine, Inc. continue to seek opportunities to expand bulk sales. [Note: AA Grapevine, Inc. currently offers volume discounts and will respond to requests, rather than solicit sales from outside entities.]

AA Grapevine, Inc. provide notification to A.A. World Services' list of non-A.A. entities to let them know that they can now purchase AA Grapevine and La Viña books, single-issue magazines (as available) and other products.

La Viña be published at its current frequency of six times per year as a service to the Fellowship, with perfect binding, at 68 pages, and in full color.

The revised pamphlet "AA Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" be approved and the title changed to "AA Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print and Other Media."

We reviewed the results of the Policy and Admissions committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2018 GSC.

At the Conference it was recommended that:

Valley K., general secretary of the General Service Board of A.A. India, be admitted to the 68th General Service Conference as an observer.

The "Process for Polling the General Service Conference between Annual Meetings" be approved.

Two consultants from the firm Impact Collaborative be admitted to the 68th General Service Conference <sup>[L]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> on Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27, 2018 as observers. [Note: This was a special request from the chair of the General Service Board for approval of two representatives from the firm contracted to conduct a communications audit initiated by the General Service Board.]

## **LITERATURE REPORT**

Hello area 40 My name is Lance W. and I'm a alcoholic. Also serving as your area 40 literature chair. Since I been in this position I am learning more n more about the importance of literature as to carrying the message. Just hearing story's told about bringing a big book to the most assorted spots like deep north into Canada or Listening to our past trustee...I believe Billy N share a story at the fall assembly about sending literature into some parts of Europe to a solider. Listening to the story's always brings me great hope and utilizing the literature like the pamphlets to bring about recovery. Since our last assembly I did not do much as your literature chair. But I did get more pamphlets and service manuals and was able to attend the Boulder pre assembly. Unfortunately, long story short, I caused a leak happened in the house which caused damage to some of the literature. Most of the damaged items was disposable. But yeah I feel really bad thought I kept them in a save spot but unfortunately it happened. But feel free to take a look at the display help yourself to some pamphlets. And any questions I would love to help you with. And Thanks again for letting me serve.

## **LITERATURE COMMITTEE REPORT**

All in attendance were voting members Lee Deb Nadine and Jennifer and the non-voting members were Jerry Susan Steve and Fran all from districts 51,41, 93, 6, 11, and 9.

1. I have read my chair report to the committee all have agreed.
2. We have discussed about literature activity and area 40. We've talked about what should I do with the water damage literature. Which are a handful of pamphlets, general service conference reports from mid-2000s and two medium displays of the 2014 survey membership. who shared her experience with the non-profit a literature a member had a question about.

### **Literature - GSC**

we have reviewed the results of all the items considered reviewed and discussed.

There are list of pamphlets that have been approved for revision.

" AA for the Women", "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" retitled "Experience Strength and hope: LGBTQ alcoholic in AA". "Inside AA.: Understanding the fellowship and its services" Draft pamphlet "Experience Strength and Hope: AA for the alcoholic with mental health issues and their sponsor" and also the GSR pamphlet to "G.S.R. General Service Representative: Your Groups Link to AA as a whole". The following text to be added to living sober. The God word pamphlet, AA 3 legacies, Spanish speaking women.

Conference Committee took no action on the Preamble, responsibility, statement, and end note to Bill W story. Atheists Agnostic Pamphlet. They also look forward to reviewing a progress report for the twelve traditions Illustrated and Too Young and Young People and AA.

## **CPC REPORT**

Well it was a slow summer for a CPC. I received calls from Colleen from Helena on how to reach professionals in her district and she kept me on my toes. As you have realized by now... I am unable to attend area due to work. My favorite travel partner will be giving this report. I'm sure by now we have a new incoming delegate and fresh rotation in all the other chairs. I would like to thank all of you serving Area 40 and sacrificing your weekend to be here. The only reason I got involved in service at area level was the ability to not say no to service. I may not have said yes but I couldn't say no. What hooked me was the love for our great state and not accepting the state of our hotline. Every month I took action to inform the district or our area about the current state of the hotline. My hope is that we never take the area out of our area assembly. Each item voted on is discussed at the group level, because they fund us, and every group member has the opportunity to transmit their voice through the GSR. I hope you all fall in love with service and meet new lifelong friends on your journey.

Luke S.

## **CPC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Libbie L. Area Advisor, Dawn B. DCM 41, Don M. DCM 11, Mike R DR 12, Gene A DR 51, 6 visitors

Thanks to Karen T. for taking notes.

### **Review activities of Districts and Groups as it pertains to Cooperating with the Professional Community.**

We heard from seven districts about work going on for CPC in our Area. We are meeting with medical professionals, clergy, police, fire departments, schools and treatment centers. Some have been reviewing the workbook to become familiar with services available and tools for communication. Discussed Sponsor your Professional program. We are excited for a new network of contacts for CPC work in Area 40.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC**

### **Review the results of all CPC committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2018 GSC.**

The committee reviewed and discussed the CPC items from the 2018 GSC.

#### **Advisory Actions**

1. Pamphlet revisions to “AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional.”
2. Pamphlet revision to “Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous.”
3. Pamphlet revisions to “If You Are a Professional.”
4. AA World Services, Inc. to develop a company page on LinkedIn.

#### **Additional Considerations**

1. That those creating the LinkedIn page add disclaimer clarifying that AA is not affiliated with any of the organizations that are promoted on the LinkedIn company page.
2. That the CPC/Treatment Accessibilities consult with health care professionals to determine if there are unique issues for military and military veterans that could be added to the pamphlet “AA as a Resource for Health Care Professionals.”
3. CPC Kit and Workbook suggestions.

### **Trustees — GSC**

### **Review the results of all Trustees committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2018 GSC.**

The committee reviewed and discussed the Trustee items from the 2018 GSC

### Advisory Actions

1. Slate of trustees of the GSB elected at April 2018 Annual meeting.
2. Slate of officers of the GSB elected at April 2018 Annual meeting.
3. Slate of directors of the GSB elected at April 2018 Annual meeting.

### Additional Considerations

1. Class B trustee candidates for Eastern Canada reviewed and approved.
2. Reviewed proposal to censure the GSB and took no action, but asks that major decisions and/ or need to initiate litigation be promptly reported to the fellowship as appropriate.
3. The Committee recognizes that GSB, AAWS, and AAGV Inc's could be brought into litigation by other parties and in no way wants to limit their actions required to protect these corporations.
4. Reviewed proposal to reorganize AAWS and GSC boards and took no action, but request the Trustees Nominating Committee develop procedures for partial or complete reorganization and report at the 2019 GSC.
5. Consider a possible survey of past regional Trustees regarding workload and ability to fulfill all responsibilities.

### GSC Took No Action

In the spirit of AA parity, the process for election of Trustee-at-Large US be revised so that the number of delegates voting from each region be equal to the number of delegates in the smallest region, and that the voting delegates in each region be drawn by lot.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We are coming to the end of another rotation – just when we've finally figured out what we're supposed to be doing!

It's been a busy summer for me personally with the move to a new house in July, so I'm still in that "getting settled" process. But I have continued to pay the bills of Area 40, receive your contributions and send out monthly financial reports. As I mentioned before, those reports can be found on the Area 40 website under "Financial Reports." Thanks to Brandon for posting them! And many thanks to all the groups, districts and individuals for their generous support of our Area!

As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, the checkbook balance was \$21,527.25, about \$1,150 less than this time last year. Subtracting the 4-month prudent reserve leaves us with an operating balance of \$9,767.25. As I mentioned in my highlights, we are running in the black, \$4,332 of income over expenses. However, that's before we pay our fall assembly costs and the Archives rent due in November which will use up most of that operating balance – not including any future income. But I have faith that our fellowship will continue to support the services it asks from the Area.

As a reminder, and to help with next year's comparisons and budgeting process, I ask the Area officers and chairs to please get your expenses to me as soon as possible. I have a limited supply of paper expense reports with me if anyone needs one. Or you can go to the Area 40 website and download the form to send me with your receipts.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for this opportunity to serve, to learn, to meet challenges, to confront fears and most of all, to grow in this fellowship. As with most experiences in Alcoholics Anonymous, I have received far more than I've given.

In love & service,

Julie R.

Area 40 Treasurer

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Full sitting committee consisting of voting members: Gerry R., Area 40 Delegate; Paul L., Area 40 Alt. Delegate/Area Chair; Steve S., Dist. 23 DCM; Tom R., Dist. 71 DR; Julie R., Area 40 Treasurer plus 4 AA members: Rick W., Alt. GSR; Cindy D., Dist. 41 Treasurer; Sheila J., GSR; Jerry D., Dist. 11 Treasurer, were in attendance.

Julie chaired and opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer. Introductions of voting committee members were made followed by introductions of non-voting members.

### **Agenda items for Finance – Area 40:**

1 – Julie gave the Area 40 Treasurer's report. (see attached)

2 – Committee reviewed the 2019 proposed budget worksheet, discussed and made 4 changes. Had a motion to accept the budget as changed, seconded and was passed unanimously.

### **Agenda items for Finance – GSC:**

Committee review the result of the 2018 General Service Board advisory action pertaining to personal donations to GSO which raised the personal donation to be the same as the bequeathal amount of \$5,000.00. Committee also reviewed additional considerations of the GSC Finance not resulting in any action.

Additionally, at the request of the Delegate and Regional Trustee, the WCRAASC IRS filing requirement dilemma was presented with two possible solutions. (see attached) Thoughtful discussion was had. The sense of the committed was to go with option #2.

Meeting adjourned shortly before noon.

### **WCRAASC IRS filing requirement :**

The West Central Region is non-compliant with IRS filing requirements, due to our income exceeding \$5,000 per year. Additionally, the ability to set up a bank account by the area hosting the WCRAASC has become increasingly difficult, due to stricter policies at banks. The region does have an employer identification number, but that provides only a partial solution. To be compliant, two options have been considered by the delegates in meetings with the WCR Trustee.

The first option is for each area to fully assume the recording and reporting to the IRS with their organization's legal identity during the time that the respective area is responsible for the WCRAASC. This reporting would likely span two years, as the transfer from one area to the successive area takes place during the summer after the WCRAASC.

Because this transfer is from one independent organization to another, this money would need to be recorded as income for that area's reporting year. The income generated from registrations, etc., likely starting late in the year through early March of the next year would also be considered income. Depending on the respective area's reporting requirements, costs and profits may or may not need to be reported. Each area would want to consider the reporting requirements for the time the area is hosting the WCRAASC.

We likely will need unanimity from the 8 areas to be able to utilize this option.

The second option is for the region to file for formal recognition as some sort of organization, e.g., 501-C-3, or 501-C-7, etc. Because the annual revenue for the WCR is below \$50,000, the current filing requirements are a simple, online form that is required each year, declaring our annual revenues. There are some initial filing requirements, plus some costs. An estimate at this time is it would be in the neighborhood of \$400-\$500. The region would want to also develop a consistent reporting process, especially who the responsible person would be to fulfill this requirement.

	<b>Final 2019 Budget</b>
Spring Assembly	6,300.00
Fall Assembly	6,300.00
Regional Service Conference	2,300.00
Regional Forum	2,300.00
Regional Trustee	800.00
Delegate Expenses	
Area 40 share to GSC	1,800.00
Other Expenses	400.00
Other Expenses NYC	750.00
Roundups	325.00
Travel expenses	1,600.00
Total Delegate Expenses	<b>4,875.00</b>
Area Chair Expenses	600.00
Archivist Account	
Archivist Display,Supplies & Travel	150.00
Archives Storage & Utilities	3,900.00
Total Archivist Account	<b>4,050.00</b>
Literature	
General literature purchases	150.00
Total Literature	150.00
Public Information	
Area Hotline Expenses	3,400.00
Directory Listings	2,400.00
Total Public Information	<b>5,800.00</b>
Website	200.00
Triangle	2,500.00
Committee Chair Post/Supplies	300.00
Committee Chair Travel	2,000.00
Computer Hardware/Software	150.00
Ad Hoc Committee	325.00
Annual Filing Fee	20.00
TOTAL	<b>38,970.00</b>

## Assembly Location Ad hoc Committee Progress Report

### Fall 2018

The 2018 Area 40 Spring Assembly created an Ad hoc committee to “explore further venue locations” for the Area Assembly and to report its findings at the Fall 2019 Area Assembly.

In order to have a more fully informed group conscience, the committee designed a questionnaire to ask all Area 40 AA members, GSR's, DCM's and Area Committee members their opinions. We want the opinions of the people currently coming to the Area Assembly but we also want the opinions of the AA members who will be taking service positions and attending Area in the future.

The Area Assembly Location Questionnaire is designed to determine if Area 40 AA members prefer one or a number of Assembly locations, the effect driving distance has on their attendance, and preferences for hotel amenities. Additionally we have asked those who don't attend Area to tell us what keeps them from attending. We are also asking if it's important for attendees that lodging and meetings be in the same location. Having separate lodging and meeting facilities might lower costs for Area Assembly.

You can see the Area Assembly Location Questionnaire on the overhead. This Questionnaire can be taken online or you can fill out a paper copy and mail it to the address on the Questionnaire. An email with the Questionnaire and web address was sent to all Area DCM's and the Area Committee members. We asked your DCM to forward this email and the attachments to GSR's so the GSR's could encourage their group members to participate. If you haven't received this email, see me after this session.

Paper copies of the Questionnaire are at the back of the room. There are 150 copies so please take only a few. There are also business cards with the web address of the survey available. There are approximately 50 cards per District.

One possible problem: some browsers won't connect to the web address for the Questionnaire. If you have this problem, try another browser.

**The Area Assembly Location Questionnaire results will be tallied November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, so please submit your responses before that date.**



## **FUTURE ACTIONS**

Develop criteria for Area Assembly location selection

Determine if driving distance affects Area Assembly attendance

Evaluate options and their effect on fostering greater participation by geographically remote Districts in Montana.

Take into account member preferences for hotel accommodations

Compare costs of particular possible Area locations

Use selection criteria to evaluate possible Area Assembly locations

Investigate using technology to allow remote Districts to participate in Area Assembly

## **End of Report**

### **Some possible questions and answers.**

How many people have taken the questionnaire? As of Thursday morning, 48.

If anyone asks about preliminary results of the Questionnaire: We will send out the results shortly after November 1<sup>st</sup>.

How do I contact Sherry Coleman? Email: [scoleman0907@gmail.com](mailto:scoleman0907@gmail.com) and cell phone: 406-240-3232

Sunday, September 23, 2018

## **Roundup Reports**

### **Spring 2018 - Great Falls**

My name is Cindy and I was chair for the Spring 2018 roundup in Great Falls. We had a blast! We had a great turn out with 265 people registered. The total was a bit less than we were hoping for but nonetheless, we had a great time, thanks to a great committee and all their hard work.

We had 3 awesome speakers, one that had never before spoken in front of that many people and he killed it! He had people laughing and crying. We had a talent show and a dance which were both a success. We danced until they kicked us out. We also had a raffle and a 50/50 drawing that everyone seemed to enjoy. And for the first time ever, the GF roundup did not charge attendees for coffee. We trusted the 7th Tradition and our expert budgeting would pay for it and it did.

We gratefully passed on to the Helena Roundup the seed money given to us by the Butte Roundup. And from our proceeds, we were able to donate funds to our District, to the Unity Campout, to Alanon, to the Area Pink Can, and purchase a gift card for the lady who designed our banner. We also had enough funds left over to get our next GF Roundup started.

It was truly an honor and a privilege to be the Chair. It is something I never thought I would or could ever do. This is really the program and God working in my life. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Cindy D. District 41

### **Fall 2018 -Helena**

What a great year it has been preparing for the 100th roundup in Area 40. GF fronted us \$500 of the \$1500 seed money to get started with printing and other start up expenses. I am blessed to be surrounded by a committee of all stars. Some with loads of experience and some with none but lots of enthusiasm.

The theme is "Fellowship of the Spirit".

We have taken a group conscience as a committee to put a book together for future roundup committees, in any area, as an aid to the process. Our hope was to have this on the area website by now, but unforeseen complications have prevented that. We will accomplish that, even if it's after the roundup.

Thank you to Dist. 61 for allowing me to serve.

In service,

Ginger T.

### **Spring 2019—Kalispell**

May 17-19, 2019 Red Lion Hotel

Speakers chosen. Committee meetings making plans. Look for flyer on Area 40 website.

Steve S.—Flathead Valley Intergroup

Chuck-Billings Intergroup

Founders Day, Cooney Campout both had great turnouts.

Christmas Party will be in the Shrine Auditorium

Hotline #: 888-607-2000

Terry T.—Billings

March 6-8. 2020 West Central Regional Service Conference

2020wcraasc@gmail.com

### Past Delegate Sharing—Andrew W.

A sober adventure story. Attended International in Montreal in early sobriety. Plan now for Detroit 9/2019.

### **Fall 2018 Delegate's Report**

Good morning, my name is Gerry, and I'm a very grateful alcoholic.

First things first, congratulations to the members of the newly elected Area 40 Committee. Thank you all for your willingness to serve. Fair warning, you have three months to suit up, buckle up, and prepare yourselves for the ride of your lives. I guarantee you that every bit of love, gratitude and respect that you put into your new positions will be returned to you tenfold. I look forward to the good work that you all will do. Next things next, and speaking to the still active and alive, members of the current rotation, folks, we are not done.

True, yesterday we finished our elections for the upcoming Area 40 committee, and it looks like we have another good one coming in, but, I assure you that there are still drunks who are out there, right now, who are looking for us and who do not understand, nor do they care, that we have only three month's left in this rotation. That there's some good folks coming down the road next January They are looking for us, and the life saving message that we carry, now, today and again tomorrow, and next week, and next month. We are not done. We cannot stop now.

We do not have the luxury of shutting down after this assembly and waiting for the next rotation to begin. Our responsibility statement says very clearly, "I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible." When it comes to a disease as deadly as ours, we are provided no opportunity to "mail it in." We all must stay diligent and active to the very end of our assigned responsibilities. We are not done. Our current positions continue to require our attention and our best effort to the end of our rotation.

I'll fill you in on what I have left to do, but, before that, I should probably tell you I've been up to since we met last spring.

I'd like to begin that with a big thank you to this body for helping me to prepare for my duties at the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. By now, many, if not most, of you have heard my conference report at one of the ten I've given around the state since I returned last May. What I'd like to do today is to give a quick rundown of some of the highlights of the conference using the Final Conference Report.

The most discussed item before, during, and after the Conference has been, without a doubt, the matter of the Original Printer's Manuscript. Given that time is short, I will not give the extensive background involved and will speak more directly to the outcome of the matter.

Many people thought that this issue had the potential of tearing our Fellowship apart and, for a while, it sounded like they were right. I admit that there were times when I seriously questioned the words and actions of everyone involved in the controversy. But, as with any item we deal with, that's exactly what I and everyone else needed to do. Trust but verify, continues to play a key role in establishing what we in AA have come to call an "informed group conscience."

I believe that everything that happened with this item has provided us a great example of the true beauty of how our Fellowship operates, especially with regard to our service structure. To truly be effective in what we do, we need to be able to hear every side of every issue, to learn and to understand as many of the facts as possible. In our deliberations we need to ask for accountability, transparency, and principled action, just as we need to do our best to practice patience, kindness, tolerance, and love.

While none of that was done perfectly in this instance, I feel it was all certainly done with earnestness and sincerity, by enough of the Fellowship, that the matter was resolved just as it needed to be. The end result was that all sides were heard, AA stayed intact, and we have all been provided an opportunity to grow in our understanding of the principles that guide us as a Fellowship.

You can find a thorough summary and timeline of the actions of AAWS and the General Service Board on page 30 of the Conference Report. Those of you who attended one of my reports this summer know that, while the two agenda items dealing with censure and reorganization of the board did not come out of the Conference Trustees Committee, and the two floor actions dealing with the same matters were voted down 120 to 14 on the floor, the matter was given a good and thorough discussion at the end of the Conference, benefitting from a well thought out minority opinion and a courageous and principled Conference Chair.

An Advisory Action that I was able to cover in some of my reports, but not all, was made by the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. Advisory Action #13 can be found on page 45 and recommends that AAWS develop and maintain a company page on LinkedIn.

It is important that I note that despite Area 40 expressing strong reservations about this item during our Assembly last spring, I voted for it at the Conference. The reason I did was that three major points of concern, 1.) The idea that AA might present itself as a subject matter expert on alcoholism 2.) plans for establishing a sort of "About Alcoholism," or "Gray Pages," section, and 3.) the idea that AA could "assert its relevance and enhance its reputation," were all excluded from the CPC committees discussion on the item when they presented their recommendation to the floor. I felt that this was a significant adjustment which helped the item take a much more prudent and reasonable approach.

An additional consideration related to this item, came out of the committee I served on, Public Information. That consideration noted the importance of AA's continued exploration of social media and social media platforms to better carry our message to the public. In putting this consideration forward we recognized the tremendous potential for reaching those who are looking for us, as well as the importance of listening to every side of an issue while avoiding the practice of contempt prior to investigation. That consideration can be found on the second bullet point under Public Information on page 53.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> I received an email that explained that the General Service Office discovered an error with the 2019 hotel Conference dates. The signed contract was for April 21-27, 2019, however, the approved Conference dates, as voted on during the 2016 Conference, were April 28-May 4, 2019. As a result, the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions, along with the Trustees' Committee on the Conference recommended that all Conference members be polled as soon as possible to address the matter.

Following discussion by the GSO, including the likelihood of altering some post-Conference assemblies and, keeping in mind the continued effort of being mindful of major holidays, it was recommended that:

The dates of the 2019 General Service Conference be moved to **May 19-May 25, 2019**.

The matter was turned over to the members of the Conference to decide whether or not the change should be made. Though not an official part of the polling process, an impromptu email discussion took place among the delegates during the time that the vote was being taken. During that discussion I heard many delegates express concern that the change might cause significant scheduling and financial concerns farther up the inverted triangle as initial conference report dates might need to be changed.

GSO agreed to compensate any area that experienced a financial setback as a result of a change of date which required them to terminate any contracts and reschedule their events. I discussed the potential change of dates with the District 91 Roundup committee chair and while we agreed that the date would conflict with the spring 2019 Area 40 Roundup, the dates of our event would not be changed, and that Area 40 would not incur any financial loss as a result.

In fact, despite all the concern expressed about the "potential problems" during the delegate's discussion, I only heard a few voices state that it actually would cause problems. Based on that, and the fact that I've learned to approach these kind of matters with the understanding that I serve AA as a whole and that "Our common welfare should come first," I voted to change the date. The majority voted 111 to 26 to change the date, and, after a motion to reconsider failed, the 2019 date of the General Service Conference was officially changed to May 19 – 25, 2019. This means, of course, that Paul will have to wait a whole month longer for his trip to New York.

Moving on, I have mentioned before that I had the good fortune to be elected to serve as the Chair of the 68<sup>th</sup> Conference Committee on Public Information. This required that I attend the Board weekend in January of this year. It was during that weekend when I first hear of a communications audit that had been done of the AA service structure. The preliminary findings were presented to the Trustees at that time, and the final Audit Report was shared with the Conference members in late August. According to Michele Grinberg, Chair of the General Service Board, the purpose was to "focus on a number of important areas that are critical to our overall ability to communicate effectively, both within the Fellowship (i.e., to each other) and to the general public – those outside the Fellowship, whether they are interested in A.A. or are still-suffering alcoholics looking for a solution."

Michele went on to say that, "On a positive note, the findings indicate that A.A.'s primary purpose is alive and well at the group level. However, communicating that primary purpose and other information is getting somewhat lost at the Board level, within the Conference structure, and at the administrative level."

One Advisory Action that the Public Information put forward likely would not have been put forward, were it not for a conversation that was had in Victor Montana last spring during an Area 40 pre assembly. During that conversation one of those in attendance pointed out that, while the agenda item dealing with the proposed revision of the pamphlet Understanding Anonymity mentioned the addition of language regarding safety, there was no such language actually presented in the proposal. I carried that point back to the Conference PI Committee and they decided to put forward the Advisory Action #40 on page 47 which recommends that the Trustee's Committee on Public Information develop language to that effect and present it to the 69<sup>th</sup> Conference PI Committee.

So, if you've ever wondered why we take the time to review material that we think we might have little to no input on, you now know the answer... because one "oh, by the way," conversation in a place like Victor, Montana can, and does, make a difference to the Trustees and the Delegates of the General Service Conference.

Another Montana voice heard at the Conference was that of 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Robert C. from Helena. He wrote about his experience carrying the AA message of recovery into Iraq when he was deployed there during Operation Desert Shield. His story was one of several published in the Remote Communicator, the newsletter of the Remote Communities Committee which has traditionally met on the Saturday prior to the Conference, for over twenty years.

As a result of a conversation started at last year's conference, the Remote Communities Committee recognized the military as being a "remote community" based on the difficulties involved with identifying oneself as an alcoholic in military culture, and made that the theme for this year's meeting. They sent out a request for stories from active and retired military which I sent on to the Area DCM's. 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Robert C. responded with a pretty incredible story of his experience which I forwarded to the Remote Communities Committee. I have a copy of that newsletter with me this weekend if anyone would like to read it.

So, I mentioned that the Remote Communities Committee has met on the Saturday before the Conference all these years. The reason for that was that it was not recognized as an official part of the Conference. That is about to change. An Advisory Action by the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee during this year's Conference recommended that the scope of its committee be expanded to support the work being done in remote communities. That advisory action can be found on pg 48 of the Conference Report.

Both those developments, regarding how we address carrying the message to the military were, for me, some of the most significant accomplishments of this two year rotation.

In the interest of saving some time, I will encourage you all, when you get home, to go through the rest of the report not only to get caught up on all the information that it provides on this Conference and upcoming Conferences, but also to study how it is laid out and the type of information it provides. It is one of the best tools you'll have for understanding how the Conference operates as well as how it relates to the rest of the service structure. Please remember that having it sitting on your bookshelf will accomplish the same thing that a tool sitting in the tool box does... nothing, unless you actually pick it up and use it.

My role as a member of the Conference did not end when the General Service Conference ended. Since then, GSO has worked hard to keep Conference members abreast of what has gone on since we left New York.

Personally, I feel the Communications Audit provides our Fellowship with some great information that could benefit us for years to come as the findings are disseminated among us and methods are proposed from within the fellowship to evaluate and address the areas of concern that are identified. If you're interested in reviewing the document, please let me know and I will get you a copy. I have already forwarded copies to each DCM and members of the Area 40 Committee and you can get one from them. I encourage everyone to look it over.

In addition to the continuing correspondence with GSO, our Regional Trustee, Tom A., who is here with us this weekend, has done a great job of staying in touch with all the delegates in our region via conference calls and emails. He has worked hard to keep us apprised of the proposals and developments around each board weekend, and has also been very active in helping us to keep focused on how we, as a region, can do a better job of helping our fellowship carry the message and to better communicate among ourselves. The discussion we had yesterday, regarding the tax status of the West Central Region, is just one example.

Speaking of communication, it is not lost on me that this is my final Delegate's report at an Area 40 Assembly. Now, I've been known to get a little emotional when I give these things, to the point that one would naturally assume that, this being my last, I'd have the hanky out and be blubbing already. There's nothing wrong with that of course. My passion and gratitude have been two of the greatest gifts given to me in recovery and I have no problem celebrating either with a good, heart-felt, expression of either one. But, the thing is folks... we're not done. Were this the end of the rotation, sure, I might choke up and call for a big old sloppy group hug, but we're not done.

After this weekend, I have two remaining delegate reports to give, one at the Helena Roundup and the other at the Havre Mini-Conference. I also have a final conference call with our regional trustee, Tom and all the other delegates in the West Central Region, and I will also participate in the biannual Area 40 Audit Committee to aid the effective transfer of our finances to the new Area 40 Treasurer, and I will also meet with our incoming Panel 69 Delegate, Paul to assist him with preparing for his duties in the next rotation.

In fact, before any of us give a final sign off for this rotation I would encourage you all to take one final look at your current job description if you have one. I'm pretty sure that you'll find one or two final duties that you've overlooked or may have forgotten about that, if done, would greatly benefit Area, your District, or whoever follows you into the position.

At the very least, may I leave you with one of the best reminders about what to consider at the end of a service rotation in Alcoholics Anonymous. It came from a past Delegate who is no longer with us, Robbie S. from Whitefish. Her recommendation was a simple reminder that when we it comes time to rotate to remember that we never rotate "out" of service, we always rotate "on" in service.

Alcoholism takes no breaks, my friends. We are not done.

## **MOTIONS passed at this Assembly:**

### **Archives Committee:**

- Proposal to request that the Area Archivist update the Area 40 map to adjust the district border lines to better reflect meetings represented in each district.

69 for / 0 against Passes unanimously

- Proposal to request the venues used to host Area AA Assemblies must be ADA compliant.

76 for / 0 against Passes unanimously

### **PI Committee:**

- **Motion:** PI committee recommends that the Area 40 Webmaster work with meetingguide.org to get Area 40 meetings listed on the Area 40 website to the Meeting Guide app.

71 for / 0 against Passes unanimously

- **Motion:** that an ad-hoc committee be created for the purpose of finding a cost effective solution for the Area 40 Hotline. The ad-hoc committee will provide their report prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to the Area Chair for inclusion as background material to groups.

65 for / 0 against Passes unanimously

### **Finance Committee:**

- **Motion** to approve 2019 budget

72 for / 0 against Passes unanimously



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**2019-2020**

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