

# Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda

Holiday Inn – Great Falls, MT

April 5-7, 2024

Virtual Zoom Meeting ID: **983 5741 6479** Password: **area40** [Link to Zoom Meeting](#)

## FRIDAY SESSION

7:30pm – 8:00pm	<b>Full Assembly Introduction</b>	Mansfield Room
8:00pm – 9:00pm	<b>Assembly Attendees Welcome Session</b> -Led by Delegate, Kacie N.	Mansfield Room
8:00pm – 9:00pm	<b>Area Committee Meeting</b> -Led by Area Chair, Lisa C.	Russell Room

## SATURDAY SESSION

7:30am – 8:00am	GSRs and Visitors, sign in with respective DCMs <i>DCMs, please turn in completed sign-in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00 am.</i>	Mansfield Room
8:00am – 9:15am	<b>Welcome:</b> Serenity Prayer, Twelve Traditions, Twelve Concepts, and housekeeping items <b>Assembly Orientation</b> Delegate Kacie N. <b>Roll Call &amp; Past Actions</b> Area Secretary Lynne W. <b>Financial Highlights</b> Area Treasurer Jake L. <b>Chair Report</b> Area Chair Lisa C. <b>Area 40 Inventory Report</b> Area Advisor Connie R. <b>DCM Reports</b> – 5-minute limit with a hard stop at 9:15. Continued in afternoon.	
9:15am – 9:30am	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

*Note: You do not have to be a voting committee member to attend a Standing Committee Meeting.*

*All are encouraged and welcome to participate in any committee meeting that interests you.*

*Workshops are available for those who choose not to attend a committee meeting.*

9:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Standing Committee Meetings</b>	
	Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy	Lobby Suite Room #101
	Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees	Lobby Suite Room #100
	Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums	Missouri Room
	Finance	Lobby Suite Room #104
	Grapevine and La Viña/Policy and Admissions	Lobby Suite Room #105
	Hotline/Report and Charter	Lobby Suite Room #107
	Literature	Russell Room
	Public Information; Website	Lobby Suite Room #103
	Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda; Bridging the Gap	Lobby Suite Room #106

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

9:00am – 11:00am	<b>Workshops Led By Past Delegates (topics TBD)</b>	Mansfield Room
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<b>Recess for Lunch and Fellowship</b>	
1:30pm – 2:00pm	<b>Remaining DCM Reports</b>	Mansfield Room
2:00pm – 2:30pm	<b>Delegate's Report with Questions and Answers</b>	Mansfield Room
2:30pm – 3:45pm	<b>GSRs Share Group Conscience of Founders' Writings Questions</b>	Mansfield Room
3:45pm – 4:00pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
4:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion</b>	Mansfield Room

Hotline/Report and Charter	Bruizer G.
Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda	Hugh M.
Public Information/Website	Rick H.
Corrections/Int'l Conventions and Regional Forums	Mark H.
Archives/A40 Structure and Policy	Jody T.
Finance	Jake L.
Literature	Jessica S-K
Grapevine and La Viña/Policy and Admissions	Martin N.
CPC/Trustees	Ty K.

5:00pm – 7:00pm	<b>Recess for Dinner and Fellowship</b>	
7:00pm – 8:45pm	<b>Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion</b>	Mansfield Room
8:45pm – 9:00pm	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
9:00pm – 10:00pm	<b>GSR Breakout</b> Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Mark S. <b>DCM Breakout</b> Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Andrew W.	Mansfield Room Russell Room
10:00pm	<b>Fun and Fellowship</b>	Missouri Room
<b><u>SUNDAY SESSION</u></b>		
8:30am – 9:00am	<b>Roundup Reports:</b> Fall 2023, Spring and Fall 2024, Spring 2025 <b>Intergroup Report(s)</b> <b>YPAA Report(s)</b> <b>West Central Regional Service Conference Report</b>	Mansfield Room
9:00am – 10:00am	<b>Past Delegate Sharing:</b> Mark S., Panel 44 Andrew W., Panel 57, Past WCR Trustee (2012-2016)	Mansfield Room
10:00am – 10:15am	<b>Coffee Break and Hotel Check Out</b>	
10:15am – 12:00pm	<b>Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion</b> <i>Followed by General Sharing as time allows</i>	
12:00pm	<b>Close – Responsibility Statement</b>	

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

**Reports must be submitted to:**

Lynne W. – Area Secretary ([secretary@aa-montana.org](mailto:secretary@aa-montana.org))

*The Holiday Inn graciously placed ashtrays outside.*

*They ask that smoking and vaping be limited to the outside smoking areas and away from doorways.*

*Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.*

**Adjourn – Travel Safely!**

Fall Assembly – September \_\_ - \_\_, 2024, Holiday Inn – Great Falls  
Reservations: 406-727-7200

The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees to which they have been assigned for review. Some agenda items originate in Area 40, and the rest are from the Agenda for the 74th General Service Conference. These will be discussed at our Assembly and decided at the General Service Conference in April 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Hotline/Report and Charter – Bruizer G.**

#### Hotline – Area 40

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

#### Report and Charter – GSC

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2024-2026 Edition:*
  1. Review list of editorial updates.
- B. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- C. Discuss the reporting of Simple Majority Items.

## **Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda – Hugh M.**

### Treatment and Accessibilities – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment and Accessibilities Chair.
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair.
3. Review activities of Treatment Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

### Treatment – GSC

- A. Review progress report on Military Outreach Project (formerly known as the Military Audio Interview).
- B. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap.”
- E. Review updated Bridging the Gap service material.
- F. Review report on what resources are currently available from the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine to meet accessibility-related challenges and how those resources are communicated to the Fellowship.
- G. Review P-27 “A.A. in Treatment Settings” for effectiveness and relevance.
- H. Review F-4 “Where do I go from here?” flyer for effectiveness and relevance.
- I. Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community.

### Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2025 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2025 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2025 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2023 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Review feedback from Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications.
- G. Review Conference Inventory plan for the 2025 General Service Conference.

## **Public Information – Rick H.**

### Public Information – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair.
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster.
3. Receive report from Ad Hoc Committee Reviewing the Area 40 Website Guidelines.
4. Consider proposal to change the location of the “Virtual Meetings” link on the Area 40 website.
5. Review activities of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

## Public Information – GSC

- A. Review the 2024 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
  - 1. Review the 2023 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs.”
  - 2. Discuss progress report on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
  - 3. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.
- C. Review report on the GSO Podcast.
- D. Review report on AAWS YouTube channel.
- E. Review report on Google Ads.
- F. Review report on Meeting Guide app.
- G. Review report on GSO’s A.A. website.
- H. Review reports on AAGV/La Viña media platforms.
- I. Review report for AAWS Online Business Profiles.
- J. Review report from working group on improving analytics across media platforms.
- K. Consider revised proposal to develop an AAWS Instagram account.
- L. Review progress report on the Young People’s Video Project.
- M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:
  - 1. Review progress report and draft on revision to the flyer “A.A. at a Glance.”
  - 2. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Speaking at Meetings Outside of A.A.”
  - 3. Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers.”
- N. Review results of A.A. Membership Survey convenience sample pilot.
- O. Review content and format of PI Kit and Workbook.

## **Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums – Mark H.**

### Corrections – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair.
- 2. Report on Pink Can income and disbursements.
- 3. Review activities of Corrections Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

### Corrections – GSC

- A. Consider updated Singleness of Purpose text to replace the existing paragraph in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals.”
- B. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” for effectiveness, relevance, and intended audience.
- D. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.\*
- E. Review progress report on updating A.A. Service Material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.\*

### International Conventions and Regional Forums – GSC

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the Flag Ceremony to be taken at the 2025 International Convention.
- B. Discuss an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Internet broadcast of the Convention Flag Ceremony for the 2025 International Convention.
- C. Discuss a report concerning virtual programming for the 2025 International Convention.
- D. Discuss options for closing the Big Meeting at the International Convention.
- E. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.
- F. Discuss the production of anonymity-protected videos of other highlights of the Convention as a way of sharing the spirit and enthusiasm of the 2025 International Convention with A.A. members.
- G. Discuss the production of a delayed, anonymity protected, digital access video product offering of the three big meetings at the 2025 International Convention.

### **Archives/A40 Structure and Policy – Jody T.**

#### Area 40 Structure and Policy

1. Review Fall 2023 Assembly Evaluation Report.
2. Receive Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Policy and Procedures Revisions.
3. Consider proposal that Area 40 read “Why Do We Need a Conference?” at its assemblies.

#### Archives – Area 40

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

#### Archives – GSC

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

### **Finance – Jake L.**

#### Finance – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

#### Finance – GSC

- A. Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of various services provided by the GSB.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

- C. Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders.+
- D. Review video "Hope" for effectiveness and relevance.\*

## **Literature – Jessica S-K**

### Literature – Area 40

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

### Literature – GSC

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review progress report regarding revisions to the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- C. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic." (Retitled: "Black in A.A.: Experience, Strength and Hope.")
- D. Review progress report or draft of the revised pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- E. Review progress report or draft manuscript of the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos - Spanish.
- F. Review draft manuscript of the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- G. Review progress report on the development of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- H. Review progress report on the video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- I. Review progress report on video adaption of the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- J. Review progress report on revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- K. Consider a request that the words "Donation" and "Contribution" be swapped under Warranty One in "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" pamphlet.

## **Grapevine and La Vina/Policy and Admissions – Martin N.**

### Grapevine and La Viña – Area 40

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

### Grapevine and La Viña – GSC

- A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2025 or after.

- C. Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Viña.
- D. Explore the services provided by AA Grapevine and how they should be funded.
- E. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the Asian and Asian-American alcoholics in A.A.\*

### Policy and Admissions – GSC

- A. Review GSO general manager’s memo regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. Review dates for the 2027 and 2028 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
- D. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.
- E. Discuss revising procedures for electing the Delegate chairperson, Conference Committee chairpersons and their alternates.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees – Ty K.**

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

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

#### Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
- B. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
- D. Discuss effectiveness and relevance of CPC videos currently on aa.org.
- E. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.\*

#### Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. West Central Regional Trustee
  - 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”+
- F. Discuss guidelines or parameters for deadlines of Conference agenda items.

\* 2024 EDW distribution  
+ Carryover from a previous EDW plan