

2024 West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference

Connecting with
Love, Unity, and Service

March 1-3, 2024

Location:

Grand Hotel

1505 North Broadway

Minot, ND 58703



Hosted by Area 52

Future WCRAASC Hosts

2025 – Area 76 Wyoming

2026 – Area 24 Iowa

2027 – Area 35 Northern Minnesota

2028 – Area 40 Montana

2029 – Area 63 South Dakota

Future Forum Locations

2025 - Area 41 Nebraska

2027 - Area 35 Northern Minnesota

2029 - Area 24 Iowa

2030 - Area 36 Southern Minnesota

2033 - Area 76 Wyoming

2035 - Area 63 South Dakota

2037 - Area 52 North Dakota

Why do we need a Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the *board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:*

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

“We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

“We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

Welcome to the 2024 West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference

***“Connecting with Love,
Unity and Service”***

The Purpose of the WCRAASC

The purpose of the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Conference (*hereinafter referred to the WCRAASC*) is to develop greater unity among members, groups, and areas of the WCR; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences, and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. Recovery, Unity, and Service should always be the primary purpose for each conference. The thought of how we can better serve Alcoholics Anonymous should never be compromised.

Delegates of the West Central Region

Notes and Information

24	Iowa	Julie S.
35	Northern Minnesota	Diane R.
36	Southern Minnesota	Meg H.
40	Montana	Kacie N.
41	Nebraska	Nick K.
52	North Dakota	Rachel Mc.
63	South Dakota	Dave D.
76	Wyoming	Steve M.

2024 WCRAASC Schedule

CONFIDENTIAL: This is a General Service publication. Full names are sometimes used, in accordance with A.A. Tradition, in order to encourage the sharing of experience, strength and hope throughout the West Central Region of Alcoholics Anonymous.

All General Sessions will be moderated by the Area's Delegate with a panel of two A.A. members from each Area. The topics for each session are drawn from the General Service Conference Agenda and other issues that affect A.A. as a whole.

**All Sessions will be in the Convention Center
unless otherwise noted.**

The Hospitality Room is located in the Kevske Room on the Lower Level.

Schedule for the WCRAASC March 1-3, 2024

Friday, March 1st

- 2:30 pm Registration Opens
3:30 pm Early Bird Meeting
5:30 pm First Timer Orientation
6:30 pm **Welcome and Opening**
Rachel Mc. - Area 52, Panel 73 Delegate
Steve S. - 2024 WCRAASC Committee Chair
Mike L. – West Central Region Trustee
Kerry Meyer - Class A Trustee/WCR Point of Contact
6:45 pm **General Session**
Topic – **“Overcoming the Barriers to Participation.”**
Dave D. - Area 63, Panel 74 Delegate
7:30 pm **Meet the Delegates**
8:00 pm Break
8:15 pm **74th GSC Agenda Items**
10:00 pm Ice cream Social in Hospitality Room (**Kevske Room**)

Saturday, March 2nd

- 7:00 am Early Bird Meeting
8:00 am **Welcome**
Rachel Mc. - Area 52, Panel 73 Delegate
Steve S. - 2024 WCRAASC Committee Chair
8:15 am **74th GSC Agenda Items**
10:30 am Break
10:45 am **General Session**
Topic – **“Connecting Home Groups to The Conference Throughout the Year to Better Inform the Group’s Conscience.”**
Steve M. – Area 76, Panel 74 Delegate
11:30 pm Lunch Break (on your own)
1:00 pm **74th GSC Agenda Items**
2:30 pm **General Session**
Topic – **“1728 Sponsorship.”**
Diane R. - Area 35, Panel 74 Delegate
3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm

Break-out Sessions

1. **Writing Workshop on the Pamphlet: “So You Think You Are Different?”**
Kacie N. - Area 40, Panel 73 Delegate & Vera F. - AAWS Non-Trustee Director Grand Ballroom (lobby level)
2. **Founders Writings: “What Should Be Considered/Required When Changes Are Proposed.”**
Rachel Mc. - Area 52, Panel 73 Delegate International Room (lower level)
3. **Participation of Online Groups in the Service Structure**
Meg H. - Area 36, Panel 73 Delegate Maple Leaf Room (lower level)
4. **Who’s Not in the Rooms?**
Julie S. - Area 24, Panel 73 Delegate Minot Room (lower level)

4:15 pm

Break

4:30 pm

74th GSC Agenda Items

6:00 pm

Dinner Break (on your own)

7:30 pm

Open Speaker Meeting – Vera F., AAWS Non-Trustee Director, Lanesborough, MA

8:45 pm

Break

9:00 pm

74th GSC Agenda Items (if needed)

Sunday, March 3rd

- 7:00 am Early Bird Meeting
8:00 am **Welcome**
Rachel Mc. - Area 52, Panel 73 Delegate
Steve S. - 2024 WCRAASC Committee Chair
8:15 am **General Session**
Topic – **“Safety Throughout the Structure in Our Fellowship.”**
Nick K. - Area 41, Panel 74 Delegate
9:00 am Past Trustee Sharing / Ask It Basket
10:15 am Rotating Trustee Comments – Mike L.
10:30 am **Conference Closes**

Notes and Information

Area Restaurants

North Minot

Hardees, KFC, Qdoba, El Arepazo (Venezuelan), Marketplace Foods (Deli)

Downtown & Central Minot

Prairie Sky Breads, Iron Horse, Starving Rooster, Whiskey Nine, Thai Hot2, Ebenezer's, Charlies Main Street Café, Planet Pizza, 10 North Main, Don Tapatio, Noodle and Company, Jimmy John's, Jersey Mikes, Subway, Bones BBQ, Spicy Pie, Marco's Pizza Sammy's Pizza and Chicken, Pizza Hut, Starbucks, Minot's Daily Bread, Dominos

South Minot

Paradiso, Slim Chickens, McDonalds. Burger King, Taco John's, Taco Bell, Taco Feliz, El Reparó, Mexican Grill and Cantina, Longhorn Steak house, Panera, Applebee's, Perkins, Denny's, Baan Rao, Try Thai, Badlands, Five Guys, Dakota Square Food Court, Mi' Mexico, ND Asia, Sakura, Starbucks