

**Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
September 20-21, 2008**

Friday, September 19, 2008- Sapphire Rooms

AA meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is held separately from the Assembly. This meeting is self-supporting. Expenses include room rent and coffee/tea.)

SATURDAY SESSION – September 20, 2008

7:30/8:00 GSR's and visitors sign in with their District's DCM. (*DCM's please give the sign in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m.*)

8:00/9:30 **Welcome** – Serenity Prayer, Traditions, and Concepts
Roll Call – by Area Secretary, Connie R.
Orientation to the Assembly – Area Delegate, Andrew W.
Reports from the Area Committee Members
Area Chair*
Area Secretary*
Area Treasurer*
Triangle Editor*
Area Service Chairs*
DCM's*
Standing, nonvoting service positions*

9:30/9:45 **Coffee Break**

9:45/10:30 **Election Orientation/Posting Nominees for Delegate** – Scott W.

10:30/12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives/Structure..... Kendall Room
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional ForumsTerrace Room
CPC/Trustees..... Employee Lounge
Finance Gypsum Room
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions328
Literature310
Public Information/Report & Charter.....Sales Office
Treatment/Agenda412

(IF YOUR COMMITTEE FINISHES ITS BUSINESS DURING THIS SESSION, PLEASE NOTIFY THE AREA CHAIR OR SECRETARY)

Workshop for those not attending committee meetings

Led by Area Secretary, Connie R. – “Fellowship New Vision – The Group Registration Database”

12:00/1:30 **Recess for Lunch**

1:30/5:00 **Elections:** Presided by Area Advisor, Scott W.

* Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary are elected by Third Legacy Procedure as outlined on page s20 of the service manual.

* Area 40 Service Chairs (CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Literature, Archives, Public Information) and the Triangle editor are elected by simple majority.

(If elections are completed before 5:00 pm, we will proceed with Floor Assembly.)

5:00/7:00

Recess for Dinner

7:00/8:15

Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion

Archives/Structure..... Conrad M.
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums Bill E.
CPC/Trustees..... Terry S.
FinanceCurt K.
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions BilliJo D.
LiteratureLinda B.
Public Information/Report & Charter..... Sean B.
Treatment/Agenda Geoff D.

8:15/8:30

Coffee Break

8:30/10:00

GSR Breakout – Led by Past Delegate Ed M.: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing

DCM Breakout – Led by Past Delegate Maryann W.: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION – September 21, 2008

8:00/8:30

***Roundup Reports: Spring 2008 Helena; Fall 2008 Kalispell; Spring 2009 Missoula**

***Intergroup Reports**

***Area Workshops Report**

8:30/9:00

Election of Area 40 Candidate for Trustee at Large – Third Legacy Procedure led by Area Delegate, Andrew W.

9:00/9:30

Past Delegate Sharing – Ed M.

9:30/10:00

Past Delegate Sharing – Maryann W.

10:00/10:15

Coffee Break

10:15/10:45

Delegate's Report

10:45/12:00

Continue Floor Assembly / Committee Reports – Recommendations – Discussion, General Sharing

ADJOURN / DRIVE SAFELY!!!

** Reports: 5-minute time limit with two written copies given to the Area Secretary.*

Floor comments are requested to take no longer than 3 minutes

As of May 1, 2008, the Yogo Inn is a non-smoking facility including the stairs of the main entry way. Your thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.

The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. All items come from the General Service Conference and will be fully addressed at the General Service Conference later this month. In addition, there are Agenda Items that pertain to Area 40.

The Committee Chairs should have received a list of agenda items with, in most instances, corresponding background information sometime in August. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees for research, review and discussion, in turn providing for a well-informed *conscience/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. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee or you can email them through the Area's website www.aamontana.org should you need them. (**NOTE:** the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the *Area 40 Committee System Policies & Procedures* manual which is available through your DCM).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 for a clearer understanding of the above process.

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

Archives/Structure – Conrad M.

Archives

- A. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Archives and discuss the activities of the Archives Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.

Area 40 Item for Structure

- A. Review the report from the Ad Hoc committee concerning the Pre-Assembly structure currently utilized in Area 40.
- B. Consider adopting the Ad Hoc Committee on Pre-Assemblies' recommendation as modified by the Archives/Structure Committee as Area Policy and adding a line item for Pre-Assemblies to the 2009 Area 40 Budget.
- C. Evaluate the Area 40 Workshops for usefulness and effectiveness.

Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Bill E.

Corrections

- A. Discuss ways to carry AA's message to alcoholics in correctional facilities within Area 40.
- B. Discuss the effectiveness of the Pink Can Program and ways to improve it.
- C. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Corrections and discuss the activities of the Corrections Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.

International Conventions-Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums.

CPC/Trustees – Terry S.

CPC

- A. Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to be a resource to the legal/criminal justice system.
- B. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for CPC and discuss the activities of the CPC Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.

Trustees

- A. Review the responsibilities for Trustee-at-Large.
- B. Discuss the process for electing a Trustee-at-Large.

Finance – Curt K.

- A. Discuss the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical, of fully funding G.S.O.'s services to the fellowship through AA member and AA group contributions. Report the results of the discussion back to the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee.
- B. Consider the proposed 2009 Area 40 Budget.
- C. Discuss self-support.

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – BilliJo D.

Grapevine

- A. Discuss the A.A. Grapevine's legacy of self-support.
- B. Consider ways to increase awareness of the Grapevine and La Viña's roles in the Fellowship today.
- C. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Grapevine and discuss the activities of the Grapevine Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.
- D. Review Grapevine committee items discussed at the GSC.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Evaluate Area 40's process for providing information.

- B. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedures regarding the Area's newsletter, "The Triangle", in particular, the number of issues published per year.

Literature – Linda B.

- A. Discuss the process for updating AA literature.
- B. Discuss AA literature available in electronic format at www.aa.org.
- C. Review Literature committee items discussed at the GSC.
- D. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Literature and discuss the activities of the Literature Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.

Public Information/Report & Charter – Sean B.

Public Information

- A. Review the progress of the Area's toll free answering service.
- B. Review the progress of the implementation of the links to District websites from Area 40's website.
- C. Review the guidelines of the Area 40 Website.
- D. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Public Information and discuss the activities of the Public Information Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.

Report & Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Treatment/Agenda – Geoff D.

Treatment

- A. Review Area 40's Policy and Procedure for Treatment and discuss the activities of the Treatment Committee during 2007-2008 Rotation.
- B. Discuss ways to carry AA's message to alcoholics in treatment facilities within Area 40.

Spring Assembly – April 18-19, 2009