

**Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
September 19-20, 2009**

Friday, September 18, 2009 - 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 19, 2009

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, April A.
Orientation to the Assembly – Area Delegate, Carole B.
Reports from the Area Committee Members
 Area Chair*
 Area Secretary*
 Area Treasurer*
 Triangle Editor*
 Area Standing Service Committee Chairs*
 DCM's*
 Area Archivist*
 Area Webmaster*

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

9:45/10:45 **Delegate's Report** – Area Delegate, Carole B.

10:45/12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions.....Terrace Room
Literature.....Room 208
Public Information/ReportRoom 250
Treatment/Agenda.....Room 428
Archives/Structure Kendall Room
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums..... Gypsum Room
CPC/Trustees Room 310
Finance.....Room 328

(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 Loren B., Past Delegate:
“Practicing These Principles in All Our ‘Service Affairs.’”

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

1:30/2:45 **Standing Committee Meetings** (*continued—see room assignments above*)

Workshop for those not attending committee meetings

Led by Earl F., Past Delegate:
“This We Owe to AA's Future”

2:45/3:30 **West Central Regional Trustee Sharing** – Ken B.

3:30/3:45 **Coffee Break**

3:45/5:15 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports/Motions and Discussion**

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions..... Rich K.
Literature..... Lori F.
Public Information/Report & Charter Tim M.
Treatment/Agenda..... Paula H.
Archives/Structure Tim H.
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums..... Mary S.
CPC/Trustees Virginia R.
Finance.....Linda B.

5:15/7:00 **Recess for Dinner**

7:00/8:15 **Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion** (*continued*)

8:15-8:30 **Coffee Break**

8:30/10:00 **GSR Breakout** – Led by Past Delegate Earl F.: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing

DCM Breakout – Led by Past Delegate Loren B: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION – September 20, 2009

8:00/8:30 * **Roundup Reports: Spring 2009 Missoula; Fall 2009 Bozeman; Spring 2010 Billings**
* **West Central Fall 2009 Regional Forum; *Intergroup Reports**

9:00/9:30 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Earl F.

9:30/10:00 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Loren B.

10:00/10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:45/12:00 **Continue Floor Assembly / Committee Reports** – Recommendations – Discussion, General Sharing

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* **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

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The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. All items originate in Area 40 (including the items about review of what the General Service Conference did this last spring, which is our chance to look at whether we want to respond to any GSC action or inaction).

The Committee Chairs and DCMs were sent a list of agenda items with, in most instances, corresponding background information by July 15. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees and to GSRs in the districts and other interested members of our Fellowship 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 or your DCM. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee (which also appear in the *Triangle*) 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 and on the web site).

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.

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC) – Rich K.

Grapevine

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Grapevine and the action or inaction upon each item.

Policy & Admissions (GSC)

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Policy & Admission and the action or inaction upon each item.

Literature – Lori F.

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Literature and the action or inaction upon each item.

Public Information/Report & Charter – Tim M.

Public Information

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in PI and the action or inaction upon each item.

B. Discuss the status of the Area 40 Toll Free Hot Line.

Report & Charter

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Report & Charter and the action or inaction upon each item.

Treatment/Agenda – Paula H.

Treatment

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Treatment and the action or inaction upon each item.

Agenda

A. Consider implementation of a standardized format for submission of Agenda Items to Area 40, including the following header items, to facilitate intent, benefits, funding, background, and reasoning for proposed change: “(1) Describe Your Proposal; (2) List the Primary Benefits to the Area; (3) Estimate of funding required; (4) Additional Background; (4) How did the Proposed Change come to be; (5) Why should the change be made; (6) Final Comment.”

B. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Agenda and the action or inaction upon each item.

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Tim H.

Archives

A. Consider budgeting \$1000.00 per year to the Archives Committee, for defraying reasonable and proper expenses of the Archivist for travel and display of Area Archives at AA Functions (including group/district/regional events) within Area 40, limited to three (3) activities per year on a first come first serve basis by requesting group/district on a rotating basis.

B. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Archives and the action or inaction upon each item.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

A. Consider modifying the Area 40 election procedure to require that all nominations for Area Standing Committee Chairs and for the Triangle Editor be made by the District Committee Members (or the alternate in the absence of that DCM), with each district making not more than one nomination for a particular position.

B. Consider changing Paragraph G10.12 of the Area Policy and Procedures Manual to read “The Triangle Editor must be computer literate with knowledge of word processing software. If necessary, Area 40 will provide the Editor with a computer, printer, scanner and all software necessary to produce the Triangle.”

C. Consider changing the last sentence in paragraph G 11.4 of the Area Policy and Procedures Manual to read “The Secretary must be computer literate with knowledge of word processing software.”

D. Consider adding a guideline to the Area Secretary at G 11 of the Area Policy and Procedures Manual to read “The Secretary will serve as the Area Registrar and be responsible for updating GSO’s database, Fellowship New Vision (FNV). As Registrar, the Secretary will update group, district and Area information and work closely with each DCM to assure the Area groups are receiving correspondence from the General Service Office.”

E. Consider adding a guideline to the Area Chair at G 13 of the Area Policy and Procedures Manual to read “Shall work throughout the rotation with the Area Standing Committee Chairs and the Triangle Editor regarding succession planning for the next rotation and with the Chairs and Editor will seek out persons interested and knowledgeable to stand for election in the next rotation.

F. Consider adding a line item for pre-assemblies to the Area 40 budget, to defray the expenses of Area Officers and Chairs for participation in three (3) pre-assemblies each spring, one in each generalized portion of the Area — Eastern, Central and Western Montana — either face to face or by teleconference (per the host district's preference for each pre-assembly each year, keeping in mind expenses), with the districts in each portion conferring and deciding whether to hold such a pre-assembly and, if it will be held, which district will host it.

G. Review the Triangle inventory.

Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Mary S.

Corrections

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Corrections and the action or inaction upon each item.

International Conventions-Regional Forums

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in IC-RF and the action or inaction upon each item.

B. Consider responses to the passed recommendation, at the Spring 2009 Area 40 Assembly, that the Corrections Committee request a Local Forum on Corrections from the General Service Office to be held in the spring of 2011 in Great Falls, and that any district wanting to place a bid for location as well as suggest theme(s) other than Corrections for this Local Forum may submit same to our Area Chair by July 1, 2009.

C. Consider including Miles City as a second location along with Great Falls for a 2 day Local Forum event for Spring 2011.

D. Discuss how Area 40 should begin preparing for the 2012 West Central Regional AA Service Conference (what deadline for districts to submit requests to host, how to research the appropriate guidelines, etc., and who will be responsible for early planning and preparation).

CPC/Trustees – Virginia R.

CPC

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in CPC and the action or inaction upon each item.

Trustees

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Trustees and the action or inaction upon each item.

Finance – Linda B.

A. Review the items on the 2009 GSC Agenda in Finance and the action or inaction upon each item.

B. Prepare and propose the 2010 Area 40 Budget, with consideration of additional expenses incurred should any or all of the agenda items in other committees that have expense factors pass.

Spring Assembly – April 10-11, 2010