

**Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
April 18 & 19, 2009**

Friday, April 17- Sapphire Rooms

AA meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is separate from the Assembly and is self-supporting).

SATURDAY SESSION – April 18

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.)*

8:00/9:45 **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 Service Chairs*
DCM's*
Standing, nonvoting service positions*

9:45/10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00/12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**
Archives/Structure Kendall Room
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums Terrace Room
CPC/Trustees Room 310
Finance Gypsum Room
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions Room 412
Literature Snowy
Public Information/Report Judith
Treatment/Agenda Moccasin

WHENEVER YOUR COMMITTEE FINISHES ITS BUSINESS,
PLEASE NOTIFY THE AREA CHAIR OR SECRETARY

Workshop for those not attending committee meetings
Led by past delegate Mark S. – “Our Commitment to Carry AA’s Message—
Gratitude in Action”

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

1:30/2:30 **Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**
Led by past delegate Bob H. – “Our Commitment to Carry AA’s Message—
Enthusiasm in Action”

Standing Committee Meetings (continued) SAME LOCATIONS AS 10:00/12:00

2:30/3:15 **Delegate’s Report** – Carole B. (questions and answers)

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

- 3:15/3:30 **Coffee Break**
- 3:30/5:00 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports/Motions and Discussion**
 Archives/Structure ** - Tim H.
 Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums ** - Mary S.
 CPC/Trustees ** - Virginia R.
 Finance ** - Linda B.
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions ** - Rich K.
 Literature ** - Lori F.
 Public Information/Report & Charter ** - Tim M.
 Treatment/Agenda ** - Paula H.
- 5:00/7:00 **Recess for Dinner**
- 7:00/8:15 **Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion (Cont.)**
- 8:15/8:30 **Coffee Break**
- 8:30/10:00 **GSR Breakout** – Led by Past Delegate Bob H.: Ask-it-basket and sharing
DCM Breakout – Led by Past Delegate Mark S.: Ask-it-basket and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION – April 13

- 8:00/8:45 ***Roundup Reports: Fall 2008 Kalispell; Spring 2009 Missoula;
 Fall 2009 Bozeman**
***Intergroup Reports**
***Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous
 Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Casper, WY – BilliJo D.**
- 8:45/9:15 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Mark S.
- 9:15/9:45 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Bob H.
- 9:45/10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:00/12:00 **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*

The rooms this Assembly meets in are designated smoke free by past action. The Yogo Inn graciously places ashtrays/receptacles just outside the outside doors, and asks that smoking be limited to the outside smoking area and the bar. Please do not smoke in the meeting rooms, hallways or lobby area. Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Pages 3-7 contain our agenda items and the Area Committees addressing them. Most items come from the General Service Conference and will be fully addressed at the General Service Conference later this month. There are four Area 40 agenda items—two items (related) in Archives (that Committee’s secondary assignment includes Area 40 Structure and Policies and the two items involve both assignments), one in Corrections (that Committee’s secondary assignment includes forums) and one in Public Information.

Each Area Committee Chair was sent the committee's agenda items with available background information in February, to share with other members of the committee for research, review and discussion, for a well-informed committee *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.aamountana.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 Area website).

The General Service Conference items on our agenda will not come to the floor of the Assembly as *recommendations (as motions made and seconded)*. Instead each committee will report an informed sense of the committee to the Assembly, and we will seek *an informed sense of the Area on the Assembly floor by discussion and a show of hands*, to provide our Delegate with a sense of Area 40's informed group conscience, to assist her in preparing for and participating in the General Service Conference.

A review of Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 can help us have a clearer understanding of our process.

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

Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policies – Tim H.

Archives

- A. Review contents of Archives Workbook.
- B. Discuss ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship.

Area 40 Agenda Items for Structure and Policies

- 1. Consider a request that Area 40 submit a Proposal at the 2009 National AA Archives Workshop to host the 2011 National AA Archives Workshop
IF AND ONLY IF RECOMMENDING SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL, THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO ADDRESS ITEM 2:
- 2. Consider a request that Area 40 fund the Area Archivist to attend the 2009 National AA Archives Workshop in Woodland Hills, CA., to present an Area 40 Proposal to host the 2011 National AA Archives Workshop (funding not to exceed \$1,500).

Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Mary S.

Corrections

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals, focusing on those that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- D. Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members' complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents.

International Conventions-Regional Forums

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2010 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed extranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums.

Area 40 Agenda Item for International Conventions-Regional Forums

- 1. Discuss a recommendation from the 2008 Area 40 Corrections Committee that Area 40 request a local forum from the General Service Office.

CPC/Trustees – Virginia R.

CPC

- A. Review the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field.
- B. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors.

Trustees

- A. Review résumés of candidates for:
 - 1. East Central regional trustee
 - 2. Southeast regional trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/U.S.
- B. Review slates 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 A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.
- F. Discuss suggested revision to procedure for distribution of trustee election résumés at the General Service Conference.

Finance – Linda B.

- A. Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action “the trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups.”
- B. Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition Poster.
- C. Discuss other aspects of self-support

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Rich K.

Grapevine

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine and La Viña Workbook.
- B. Consider request that the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that “the Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer” be rescinded.
- C. Consider request that the 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded:
“To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. NOTE: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

Policy & Admissions

- A. Approve invitations for one observer from the General Service Board of Brazil, S.A. and two observers--One from the General Service Board and one from the General Service Office of Colombia, S.A.
- B. Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- C. Review “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure”.
- D. Consider a request to formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.’s commentary on Concept V.
- E. Discuss proposal requesting a General Service Conference inventory.

Literature – Lori F.

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- C. Consider request that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.
- D. Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective A.A. members.
- E. Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “A Newcomer Asks” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Consider request to change the title of the pamphlet “44 Questions” to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- G. Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.
- H. Consider request to publish a book of stories from members in remote communities.
- I. Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.
- J. Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative (G.S.R.).

Public Information/Report & Charter – Tim M.

Public Information

- A. Consider 2008 annual report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding GSO's A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider a request to add the text "Provide initial motivation" to the section "What A.A. does NOT do" in the pamphlet "A.A. at a Glance."
- C. Review updated text and graphics of the pamphlet "A Message to Teenagers..." which utilizes selected text and graphics from the current "Too Young?" pamphlet.
- D. Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
- E. Consider request "to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors' offices, etc."
- F. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 2. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
 - 3. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 television P.S.A., "I Thought."
 - 4. Review revised draft script of "Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD," and consider recording revised script at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- G. Consider draft of the "A.A. Videos for Young People Project."
- H. Consider draft 2010 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.
- I. Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- J. Discuss suggestion that Public Information committees "explore the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in their endeavors."
- K. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Area 40 Agenda Item for PI

- 1. Review and report the status of the Area 40 866 number.

Report & Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2009 – 2010 Edition:
 - 1. Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how non-trustee directors are selected, on page S75.
 - 2. Consider suggestion to add a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
 - 3. Consider proposal that every change to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be approved by the General Service Conference.
 - 4. Consider suggestion to change the title "Conference Language" on page S19 to "Glossary of Conference Terms."

ITEM A, REPORT AND CHARTER, continues with No. 5, on the next page (page 7)

5. Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” on page S63.
 6. Review suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
 7. Consider revised suggestion regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page S70.
 8. Consider request to clarify language on page S65 regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.
 9. Review letter requesting an “inventory” of various items related to the General Service Conference Charter.
 10. Consider suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65.
 11. Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names.
 12. Review list of suggested additional changes.
- B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.): review list of suggested changes.
- C. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

Treatment/Agenda – Paula H.

Treatment

- A. Review revised video, *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Discuss a proposal that Treatment Facilities literature include information that would assist Treatment Facilities committees with their effort to inform treatment professionals about A.A. and to carry the A.A. message to patients in out-patient treatment programs.
- C. Discuss request that the Conference Committee on Treatment Committees expand its scope to include services to Special Needs Committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the “Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs.”
- D. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment endeavors.
- E. Review contents of T.F. Kit and Workbook.

Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

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