

**Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
April 10 & 11, 2010**

Friday, April 9- Sapphire Rooms

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

SATURDAY SESSION – April 10

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 Room 412
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions Gypsum Room
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
Past delegate Scott W. "Practicing AA's Principles – The Pathway to Unity"

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

1:30/2:30 **Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**
Past delegate Mark S. "Practicing AA's Principles – The Pathway to Unity"

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

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

3:15/3:30 **Coffee Break**

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

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 Scott W.: 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 2009 Bozeman; Spring 2010 Billings;
Fall 2010 Butte**
***Intergroup Reports**
***Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous
Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Dubuque, IO**

8:45/9:15 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Scott W.

9:15/9:45 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Mark S.

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.

Fall Assembly – September 18 & 19, 2010 Yogo Inn, Lewistown

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Pages 3-8 contain our agenda items and the Area Committees addressing them. Most items come from the General Service Conference. There are nine Area 40 agenda items—one in Archives, three in Area 40 Structure and Policies, two in International Conventions/Regional Forums, one in Public Information, and two “review and report” items (for our delegate’s information for the GSC), one each in Grapevine and in Agenda.

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 (which also appear in each issue of the *Triangle*), and you also can email them through the Area’s website www.aamontana.org should you need them. (NOTE: The process by which items come 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 number of GSC committees have an item in their background materials for election of the conference committee chairperson and/or an “other items” designation, with no background, which appears to be an empty item to allow for any last minute additions. These items are not included in our Area Agenda because our delegate does not need a sense of the Area on them. Review of Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 can help us understand 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 Workbook.
- B. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the feasibility of developing a format (e.g. PowerPoint® presentation) for a self-guided tour of G.S.O.’s A.A. Archives to convey the experience of visiting G.S.O. and the Archives, for those who have not yet visited the General Service Office in New York.

Area 40 Agenda Item for Archives

1. Consider, in light of the principle of self support, funding the Area Archivist to attend the 2010 National Archives Workshop in Macon GA, September 23-26, 2010, for the purpose of accepting seed money for the 2011 event, as well as the workshop banner, for a total expense not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Area 40 Agenda Items for Structure and Policies

3. Review and report on status of hosting the 2011 National AA Archives Workshop [no background — the committee is being asked to provide a status report to our Assembly].

Area 40 Agenda Items for Structure and Policies [continued from Page 3]

1. Consider forming an ad hoc committee to develop a qualifications section, similar to that in the A.A. Service Manual, for each Area service position, proposed qualifications to be considered at the Fall 2010 Area Assembly for inclusion in Area 40 Policy and Procedures.
2. Consider eliminating the Lending Library (audio and video cassettes) currently maintained by the Area 40 Literature Committee Chair, depositing the tapes in the Area 40 Archives.

Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Mary S.

Corrections

- A. Review Progress Report from Trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents.
- C. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities" regarding prior review of regulations and paperwork related to Twelve Step corrections work.
- D. Consider request to add a phrase to the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" regarding the signing of volunteer agreements.
- E. Consider request to add two sentences to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" regarding communication between A.A. members and prison administrators about the specific regulations of individual facilities.
- F. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

International Conventions-Regional Forums

- A. Discuss the upcoming 2010 International Convention.
- B. Review report from trustees' Committee on the site-selection process for International Conventions.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Area 40 Agenda Items for International Conventions-Regional Forums

1. Discuss status of local forum request to General Service Office (status report to Assembly).
2. Consider District 11 and District 81 bids to host 2012 WCRAASC. Review and report time lines, planning and implementation necessary during the rest of this rotation.

CPC/Trustees – Virginia R.

CPC

- A. Review contents of CPC Kit and Workbook.

Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. Pacific Regional Trustee
 2. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

Trustees [continued from Page 4]

- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss a suggestion to clarify the language on page S65 in *The A.A. Service Manual* under the heading “Regional Trustee” regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.

Finance – Linda B.

- A. Review input from the Fellowship gathered by the trustees’ Finance Committee on the following:
 - 1. If we continue to use literature profits to partially fund services, should there be a limit?
 - 2. If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?
- B. “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix”
 - 1. Consider request to replace the "pie charts" on page 12 with text such as:
Each group is autonomous and its informed conscience should determine the contribution amounts to the following entities: District; Area; G.S.O. and Intergroup/Central Office, if one services your district.
 - 2. Discuss request to include information about A.A. Grapevine.
 - 3. Consider request to add Seventh Tradition stories.
- C. Discuss additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about self-support.

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Rich K.

Grapevine

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2011 or later.
- C. Review A.A. Grapevine Board report submitted at the request of the 59th GSC that the A.A. Grapevine Board review history of Advisory Actions pertaining to the relationship between A.A. Grapevine Board, A.A. Grapevine office and the Conference Committee, on the decision-making process of matters that affect the Fellowship (i.e. pricing, redesign, name change and promotional items).
- D. Consider the request that: *in order for La Viña to be published on an equal basis with A.A. Grapevine: 1. The La Viña be published in color; 2. The binding be changed to a perfect binding or a sewn binding so that it may be taken into correctional facilities; and 3. More stories be included in each edition of La Viña.*

Area 40 Agenda Item for Grapevine

- 1. Review and report on the Grapevine questions posed by our WCR Trustee.

Policy and Admissions begins on Page 6.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Consider approving admission to the 2010 General Service Conference of Donna G., alternate delegate, Area 33, Southeast Michigan, in place of Derek D., the Panel 59 delegate for Area 33, who resigned.
- B. Approve invitations for two observers from the General Service Board of Venezuela.
- C. Review dates for the 2013 General Service Conference.
- D. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the General Service Conference undertaking a comprehensive inventory of itself.
- E. Discuss report forwarded by the General Service Board regarding the development of procedures for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.

Literature – Lori F.

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member–Medications and Other Drugs.”
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- C. Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- D. Consider request to change a sentence regarding closed meetings in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- E. Consider request to update the pamphlet “A.A. and the Armed Services” with new stories reflecting more recent experience.
- F. Consider request to review the booklet *Living Sober*.
- G. Consider request to define the editorial responsibility of G.S.O.’s Publications Department.
- H. Consider request that the video, "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure" be revised and updated.
- I. Consider request to develop a book on the history of “early pioneer women in A.A.”

Public Information/Report & Charter – Tim M.

Public Information

- A. Consider 2009 Annual Web site Report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information.
- B. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed 2010 television P.S.A. - “My World” – developed by the trustees’ Committee on Public Information.
 - 2. Consider that the 2010 A.A. TV P.S.A. “My World” be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$35,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - 3. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 4. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
- C. Consider adding a statement to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.

Public Information [continued from Page 6]

D. A.A. Videos for Young People Project

1. Consider approving the video with the working title “Animation” as part of the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.
2. Consider the trustees’ Public Information Committee Report on the A.A. Videos for Young People Project.

E. “A.A. at a Glance”

1. Consider replacing the term “drying out” with “detox” in the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section of the “A.A. at a Glance” flyer so that the phrase “provide drying-out or nursing services or sanitariums” is changed to “provide detox or nursing services or sanitariums.”
2. Consider placing the full text of the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section of the service piece “Information on A.A.” into the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section of the “A.A. at a Glance” flyer.

F. Consider development of a policy on the practice of showing full faces of actors who are portraying A.A. members or potential A.A. members in Conference-approved visual media.

G. Consider submitting a request to the trustees’ Committee on the Conference to hold a future General Service Conference on the theme of “Anonymity in a Digital Age.”

H. 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 [Tim M. to provide any background material to Committee at Assembly and provide report to Assembly].

Report & Charter

A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2010 - 2011 Edition:

1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board
3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
4. Review list of editorial updates.
5. Consider request to (a) publish and distribute *The A.A. Service Manual* every other year and in years not produced, distribute a supplement of changes, and (b) publish the A.A. directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) in alternate years when the Service Manual is not published.
6. Consider request that *The A.A. Service Manual* be reprinted only as necessary and consider publishing every 3-5 years with changes sent as inserts to existing manuals.
7. Consider request to gather sharing from the Fellowship concerning the general nature of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
8. On page S23, consider adding “(see Chapter Eleven)” in the paragraph under the heading *Tools Available from G.S.O.* so that the last sentence reads: “They are designed to show groups the kind of help that is offered to groups everywhere by G.S.O., and thus get more people interested in service activity (see Chapter Eleven).”

B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.):

1. Consider request that areas may choose to opt-out of the 30-day pending period to complete processing of new groups.
2. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.)

Report & Charter [continued from Page 7]

C. General Service Conference *Final Report*

1. Consider placing *Additional Committee Considerations, Recommendations That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* and *Floor Actions That Did Not Result in Advisory Actions* following the Advisory Actions.
2. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Treatment/Agenda – Paula H.

Treatment

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee regarding the proposed Special Needs recovery pamphlet.
- B. Consider a suggestion to change "Treatment Facilities" to "Treatment" in the Conference Committee name and in related A.A. literature where appropriate.
- C. Consider two locally created forms - one for treatment clients and one for A.A. members willing to serve as temporary contacts.
- D. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook.

Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2011 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2011 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

Area 40 Agenda Item for Agenda

1. Review and report on the GSC Workshop topic, "Discuss the General Service Conference Agenda Selection Process," for a possible sense of the Area for the delegate.