

AREA 40 FALL ASSEMBLY

Yogo Inn
Lewistown, Montana
September 22-23, 2012

FRIDAY, September 21 - Sapphire Room

A.A. meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (*This meeting is separate from the Assembly and is self-supporting; a 7th tradition basket will be passed*)

SATURDAY SESSION, September 22- Sapphire Room

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 as you leave for the break and committee meetings*)

8:00-9:00 **Welcome** — Serenity Prayer, Traditions and Concepts, housekeeping
Roll Call, Passed Actions Spring 2012 Assembly — Area Secretary, Linda B.
Financial Highlights — Area Treasurer, Lori F.
Orientation to the Assembly — by the Delegate, Terry S.
DCM Reports¹ — starting with District 11, stop at 9 am continued Sunday AM

9:00-9:45 **Election Orientation/Posting Nominees for Delegate** — Carole B.

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

10:00-12:00 Standing Committee Meetings:

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy..... Kendall Room
CPC/Trustees..... 252
Corrections/International Conventions..... Terrace Room
Finance..... Gypsum Room
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC)..... 256
Literature..... 164
Public Information/Report and Charter & Website 270
Treatment Facilities/Agenda 150

(If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair)

10:00-12:00 Workshops (Sapphire Room) - for those not attending committee meetings

(10:00) The Triangle — “More than a Shape” led by past delegate Bob H.

(11:00) “Primary Purpose - Carrying the A.A. Message: How can Area 40 better serve and reach the alcoholic who still suffers” led by past delegate Maryann W.

12:00-1:00 **Recess for Lunch**

1:00-5:00 **Elections:** presided by Area Advisor, Carole B.

- Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary are elected by Third Legacy Procedure as outlined on pages s21-22 of the AA Service Manual
- Area 40 Service Chairs (CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Literature, Archives, Public Information, and the Triangle Editor) are elected by simple majority
- Area 40 Candidate for Class B Trustee at Large is elected by Third Legacy Procedure

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¹ Reports: 3 minute time limit with email (or written) copies to the Area Secretary and Triangle Editor

- 3:00-3:15 **Coffee Break**
(If elections are completed before 5:00 pm, the Floor Assembly begins)
- 5:00-7:00 **Recess for Dinner**
- 7:00-8:45 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
Archives/Structure – Joe H.
Public Information/Report – Paula H.
Finance – Lori F.
Treatment Facilities/Agenda – Colby D.
Literature – Mary M.
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums – Terry H.
CPC/Trustees – Libbie L.
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Gary E.
- 8:45-9:00 **Coffee Break**
- 9:00-10:00 **GSR Breakout** – Led by Past Delegate (Bob H.): Ask-it-basket and sharing
DCM Breakout – Led by Past Delegate Maryann W.): Ask-it-basket and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION – September 23

- 8:00-8:45 **Roundup Reports1:** Spring 2012 Kalispell; Fall 2012 Missoula; Spring 2013 Bozeman
Intergroup Reports1: South Central Intergroup; Park County Intergroup; Mission Valley Intergroup; Flathead Valley Intergroup
DCM Reports1: Continued from Sat morning
- 8:45–10:15 **Continue Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- 10:15-10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:30-10:55 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Maryann W.
- 10:55-11:20 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Bob H.
- 11:20-11:45 **Delegate's Report**
- 11:45-12:00 **General Sharing**

ADJOURN –PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

Please mark your calendars:

**2013 Spring Assembly, April 6 – 7, 2013;
2013 Fall Assembly, September 21 - 22, 2013**

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The following is a list of the Area Committees and their agenda items. The Fall Area Assembly Timeline (page 26 Area 40 Policy & Procedures, Spring 2012) states:

- July 15: Area Chair has assigned these items [ideas, suggestions, questions, and concerns Background information] to committees and has sent Standing Committee Chairs the information.
- August 1 Standing Committee Chairs make certain all information for their committee is out to each committee member.

This timeline allows 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 chairs; their names, phone numbers, and email addresses are in *The Triangle* (the Area newsletter; or you can contact them via email through the Area's website www.aa-montana.org. (NOTE: the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the **Area 40 Policy & Procedures** manual which is also available on the Area's website . Select Area Committee, then Forms and Other Documents, then scroll down to Other Documents and select Policy & Procedures).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 for a more clear understanding of our process.

The following Committees/Committee agenda items are listed alphabetically. The committee chairs will present in the order listed on page 2 of the agenda (7 pm Floor Assembly).

ARCHIVES/AREA 40 STRUCTURE & POLICY — Joe H.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Archives

- A. Review the Area 40 Archives Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Archivist Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- C. Review the Area 40 Past Actions document and/or status.
- D. Review the Area 40 Policy and Procedures (Spring 2012).
- E. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Archives.
- F. Discuss the activities of the Archives Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- G. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Review the Ad hoc Committee for Non-election Assembly Agenda Framework report
- B. Consider the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation that the non-election assembly framework be modified to include an orientation, allow more time for standing committee work, and engage all in attendance in the work of Area 40 per the attached documents.
- C. Consider the proposal that the Area 40 Chairperson will refrain from placing any agenda item, which they, themselves, have either authored, or co-authored, on any Area 40 Assembly agenda.

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Archives Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

CPC/Trustees — Libbie L.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC)

- A. Review the Area 40 CPC Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to be a resource to professionals in Area 40.
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for CPC.
- D. Discuss the activities of the CPC Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

Trustees

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

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on CPC and Trustees Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

CORRECTIONS/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS — Terry H.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Corrections

- A. Review the Area 40 Corrections Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Pink Can Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- C. Discuss ways in which A.A. can continue to carry the message to alcoholics in correctional facilities in Area 40.
- D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Corrections.
- E. Discuss the activities of the Corrections Committee during 2011-12 Rotation.
- F. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Corrections and International Conventions/Regional Forums Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

FINANCE — Lori F.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Finance

- A. Review the Area 40 Treasurer Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Consider the proposed Area 40 Budget for 2013.

- C. Discuss group participation in Area 40.
- D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Finance and Area Treasurer.
- E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Area 40 Treasurer for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Finance Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

GRAPEVINE/POLICY & ADMISSIONS (GSC) – Gary E.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Grapevine

- A. Review the Area 40 Grapevine Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss the Grapevine and La Viña's roles in the Fellowship today, including e-publishing and the Grapevine website (I-say Forum, daily quote, sobriety calculator, Try it free).
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Grapevine.
- D. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Grapevine and Policy/Admissions Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference

LITERATURE – Mary M.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Literature

- A. Review the Area 40 Literature Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Discuss the role of AA literature in the Fellowship today, traditional publishing and e-formats.
- C. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Literature.
- D. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.

GSC (as time allows)

- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Literature Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

PUBLIC INFORMATION /REPORT AND CHARTER & WEBSITE– Paula H.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Public Information (PI)

- A. Review the Area 40 PI Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.

- B. Review the operation and status of the Area 40 888 number.
 - C. Review the Area 40 Triangle Editor Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
 - D. Review the Area Webmaster Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
 - E. Consider all business pertaining to the Web site operated by Area 40 Inc.
 - 1. Review the Ad Hoc Committee for Additional Information on the website Report.
 - 2. Consider recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee.
 - 3. Review the status of Spring 2012 action to use the Area 40 website as secure repository for the collection of Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact (BTG) information.
 - 4. Discuss the District 61 ad hoc committee proposal defining responsibilities for the maintenance, use, and coordination of BTG information on the Area 40 website. (Assigned to Treatment Committee)
 - F. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Public Information, Triangle, and Webmaster.
 - G. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair and Triangle Editor for the next rotation.
- GSC** (as time allows)
- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on PI/Report and Charter Agenda Items at the 2012 General Service Conference.

TREATMENT/AGENDA — Colby D.

AREA 40 BUSINESS

Treatment

- A. Review the Area 40 Treatment Chair Fall 2012 Assembly Report.
 - B. Review the status of Spring 2012 action to use the Area 40 website as secure repository for the collection of Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact (BTG) information.
 - C. Consider the District 61 ad hoc committee proposal defining responsibilities for the maintenance, use, and coordination of BTG information on the Area 40 website.
 - D. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures for Treatment.
 - E. Discuss information, orientation, and support for the new Committee Chair for the next rotation.
- GSC** (as time allows)
- A. Review GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Considerations and No Action Taken on Agenda Items for Treatment and Agenda at the 2012 General Service Conference.