

20Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda
Yogo Inn - Lewistown, MT
April 5-7 2013

FRIDAY SESSION

- 8:00-10:00 GSR and DCM Welcome Session – led by the Area 40 Delegate
(GSR's, please sign in with your District's DCM at this time)
- 8:00-10:00 Area Standing Committee Chair Welcome Session – led by the
Area 40 Chair/Alternate Delegate

SATURDAY SESSION

- 7:30-8:00 GSR's and visitors sign in with your District's DCM. (DCM's please give the
sign in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than noon.)
- 8:00-9:00 **Welcome**—Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts, Housekeeping
Roll Call, Passed Actions of last Assembly – Area Secretary
Financial Highlights – Area Treasurer
Orientation to the Assembly – Delegate
DCM Reports (hard stop at 9:00 am, to be continued in the
afternoon)

9:00-12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

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

*(Committee Chairs-If your committee finishes its business during this
session, please notify the Area Chair)*

Workshops.....*Sapphire Room*
(For those not attending committee meetings)

9:00 - "AA-Beyond your Home Group walls."
Led by Past Delegate Scott W.

10:00 - "Autonomy and Unity: How's that work?"
Led by Past Delegate Loren B.

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

1:00-1:30 **Demonstration of Area 40 Website** – Area 40 Webmaster Alex M.

- 1:30 - 2:00 **Remaining DCM Reports**
- 2:00-2:45 **Delegate's Report with Q&A**
- 2:45-3:00 **Coffee Break**
- 3:00-5:00 **Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums
CPC/Trustees
Treatment Facilities/Agenda
Public Information/Report & Charter
Literature
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions
Archives/Structure
Finance
- 5:00-7:00 **Recess for Dinner**
- 7:00-8:45 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- 8:45-9:00 **Coffee Break**
- 9:00-10:00 **GSR Breakout**—Led by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket/sharing
- DCM Breakout** — Led by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket/sharing

SUNDAY SESSION

- 8:00-8:30 **Roundup Reports**
Intergroup Reports
WCRAASC Report
- 8:30-9:00 **Past Delegate Sharing** (15 minutes each)
- 9:00-9:45 **Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- 9:45-10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:00-12:00 **Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
(followed by general sharing as time allows.)

Adjourn - Travel Safely

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Remember to make your reservations before you leave.

***Smoking:** The Yogo Inn is a non-smoking facility. Smoking areas have been established outside. Please limit your smoking to these designated areas, use the receptacles provided, and stay away from the doorways.*

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 February. 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 should you need them. The names, phone numbers, and email addresses of the Area Committee members are also in The Triangle (the Area newsletter) and on the Area's website www.aa-montana.org.

The General Service Conference items that were submitted to the committees for review will not come to the floor of the Assembly as recommendations (a motion passed and seconded) but will instead be addressed through discussion to ensure that our Delegate is provided with a sense of Area 40's informed group conscience and to help her in preparation for the upcoming General Service Conference.

Please review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 in order to learn more about the above process.

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

Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Lee G

Corrections – Area 40

- A Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair

Corrections – GSC

- A. Pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals":
 - 1. Review draft replacement for the section "A.A. in correctional facilities" and two additional revisions.
 - 2. Discuss a review of the entire pamphlet.
- B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss how we engage A.A. members in corrections service.
- D. Discuss how we use available resources in support of local corrections Twelfth Step work

International Conventions Regional Forums

- A. Discuss selection of three cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2025.
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2015 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.

- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees – Serena R

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair

Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Discuss suggestion to revise text in the section *Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities* in the pamphlet “If You Are a Professional...” to reflect current A.A. experience.
- B. Discuss how local C.P.C. Committees are utilizing new technologies to provide information about Alcoholics Anonymous to professionals.
- C. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service work.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Trustees

- A. Review resumes 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. Review the General Service Board’s proposed plan regarding the slate of directors for the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board.

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities/Agenda – Brandon M

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – GSC

- A. Review report on Spanish and French translations of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- B. Review report on the pamphlet "A.A. For the Alcoholic With Special Needs" formatted for alcoholics who are blind, deaf or learning challenged.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Discuss how Special Needs-Accessibilities Committees can communicate the various ways to make meeting places accessible to *all* alcoholics.
- F. Discuss ways that Special Needs committees might help groups prepare in advance for the arrival of deaf/hard of hearing alcoholics.

Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2014 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2014 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

Public Information/Report & Charter – Peggy H

Public Information – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster.

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review 2012 annual report from the trustees' P.I. Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Review report from trustees' P.I. Committee on A.A. Video P.S.A.s.
 - 2. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 3. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
 - 4. Review interim report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video P.S.A. for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza."
- C. Discuss Fellowship sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven.
- D. Review report from trustees' P.I. Committee on establishing a Public Information Social Media Page.

- E. Consider a request from A.A.W.S. for permission to use commissioned online stores to sell and distribute digital A.A. literature.
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report & Charter

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2013-2014 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 2. Review suggested text describing the duties of the chairperson of the General Service Board.
 - 3. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 4. Consider adding “Advisory Action” and “Additional Committee Consideration” to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
 - 5. Consider suggested text from Publishing Department on the “spirit of rotation.”
 - 6. Consider request that “the definition and composition of an Area Assembly be modified for consistency and clarity in Chapter Four.”
 - 7. Consider request to revise the description of “Director (nontrustee)” in the Glossary of General Service Terms on page S19.
 - 8. Consider request to update information about suggested qualifications for area registrars on page S45.
- B. Review revised draft text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report* and consider request regarding editing Area Highlights.

Literature – Bob T

Literature – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair

Literature – GSC

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service.”
- B. Review final report on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality, along with the draft pamphlet.

- C. Consider a request to replace language in the second paragraph of the dust jacket of the 4th Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- D. Consider a suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the *open* meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- E. Consider a request to add an index to the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Consider a request to add the subtitle ‘None Left Behind’ to the newly revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” pamphlet.

Grapevine/GSC Policy & Admissions – Sam B

Grapevine – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine Chair

Grapevine – GSC

- A. Review Audio Strategy status report.
- B. La Viña magazine:
 1. Review the results of the 2012 assessment of La Viña as a bimonthly, perfect bound, black and white, 68-page magazine.
 2. Consider discontinuing the requirement for the current format of the La Viña print magazine (i.e. 68 pages, perfect bound).
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2014 and later.
- D. Review the Grapevine Workbook.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Consider suggestion that delegates who are elected to be alternate chairperson of a primary Conference committee would not be eligible to serve as chairperson of a secondary Conference committee.
- C. Review suggestion to revise the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the General Service Conference.”
- D. Review report from the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the role of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions in granting admission to international observers at the General Service Conference.
- E. Consider changing the deadline for the submission of Conference Agenda Items from January 15th to December 15th.

- F. Consider request to revise the timetable for the election of one of the four delegates in Ontario to allow for two odd and two even panels in that province.
- G. Discuss the concept of combining the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy/Admissions Committees.

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Kira A

Archives – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archivist

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Consider the request to revise article G7.6 of the Area 40 Policy and Procedure Manual
- B. Consider the request to move the Area 40 archives repository, from its current location in Helena, to The Valley Trades Center, Highway 287 North, Ennis, MT 59729

Archives – GSC

- A. Consider a proposal to revise the video *Markings on the Journey*.
- B. Consider a proposal to publish a commemorative “75th Anniversary Edition” of the First Edition, First Printing of *Alcoholics Anonymous* in April 2014.
- C. Consider a request to post selected archival audio recordings on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- D. Review Archives Workbook.

Finance – Libbie L

Finance – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Triangle Chair

Finance – GSC

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.
- C. Review report on self-support from the trustees’ Finance Committee.

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