

Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda  
Yogo Inn - Lewistown, MT  
April 11-13, 2014

**FRIDAY SESSION**

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

**SATURDAY SESSION**

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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.....Judith Room  
Corrections/International Conventions.....Moccasin Room  
Finance.....Gypsum Room  
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC).....Room 164  
Literature.....Chokecherry Room  
Public Information/Report and Charter & Website.....Snowy Room  
Treatment/Special Needs/Agenda.....Room 150

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

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

9:15 – Workshop: *Early Service Work in Area 40*  
Led by Past Delegate: Maryann W.

10:15 - Workshop: *Communicating Our Legacies*  
Led by Past Delegate: Andrew W.

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

1:00-1:30 **Area 40 Archives Workshop** – Area 40 Archivist Earl F.

1:30-2:00 **Remaining DCM Reports**

**2:00-2:45 Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**

Archives/Structure  
CPC/Trustees  
Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums  
Finance  
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions  
Literature  
Public Information/Report & Charter  
Treatment Facilities/Agenda

**2:45-3:00 Coffee Break**

**3:00-5:00 Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**

**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 Andrew W.**

**DCM Breakout – Led by Past Delegate: Maryann W.**

**SUNDAY SESSION**

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**8:00-8:30 Roundup Reports  
Intergroup Reports  
WCRAASC Report**

**8:30-9:00 Past Delegate Sharing (15 minutes each)**

**9:00-9:45 Delegate's Report**

**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.**

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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 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](http://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.

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition Two for a clearer understanding of the above process.

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

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### **Venue Ad hoc Committee – Paul L**

- A. Consider the Fall 2013 floor action: That the Area form an ad hoc committee to investigate other venues for the Area Assembly that are preferably centrally located and special needs accessible, and bring back recommendations to the Spring 2014 Assembly for a vote at that Assembly.

### **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 that an ad hoc committee be formed to explore possible solutions to the problem of some Area committees not having all of their appointed members present at the Area Assembly and available to participate in the decision making process of the committee.

- B. Consider the proposal to redistrict the groups of Ashland, Birney, Busby, and Lane Deer to be included in District 31.

**Archives – GSC**

- A. Review revised draft video *Markings on the Journey*.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

**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. Consider changes to the section, “Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities” in the pamphlet, “If You Are a Professional...”
- B. Consider changes to the pamphlet “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional.”
- C. Review contents of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

**Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
  - 2. Pacific Regional Trustee.
- 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.

**Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Lee G**

**Corrections – Area 40**

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

**Corrections – GSC**

- A. Consider request for revisions to the section “What A.A. does NOT do” in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals” to be consistent with similar text in C.P.C. literature.
- B. Consider the development of a new video to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” (DV-08).
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

**International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2015 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

**Finance – Libbie L**

**Finance – Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer
- B. Consider the request that commencing with the 2015 Budget, Area 40 consider incorporating all Archives/Archivist expenses and income into the general Area 40 Budget. This would eliminate the separate Archives Restricted account, and eliminate the \$500 budget line restriction for Archivist display and travel.

**Finance – GSC**

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

**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 update.
- B. Review A.A. Grapevine Board proposal to the 2014 Conference Committee on the Grapevine to significantly reduce the La Viña deficit.
- C. Review report from A.A. Grapevine Board on feasibility of producing one book in American Sign Language (ASL).
- D. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2015 and later.
- E. Reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of the Grapevine.
- F. Consider a request “to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the A.A. Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines.”
- G. Review suggested changes to pamphlet “A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print” (P-52).
- H. Review Grapevine Workbook.

### **Policy & Admissions**

- A. Approve admission to the 2014 General Service Conference of Jennie Herd, alternate delegate, Area 85, Northwestern Ontario, in place of Ken Baker, the Panel 63 delegate for Area 85.
- B. Review dates for the 2017 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider a request that an anonymous electronic voting system be utilized at the General Service Conference on all nonelection votes for a trial period.
- D. Reconsider the 2008 Conference Advisory Action regarding responsibility for site selection of the General Service Conference.

### **Literature – Nick D**

#### **Literature – Area 40**

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

#### **Literature – GSC**

- A. Review the draft revised pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service.”

- B. Review revised draft of the proposed pamphlet on spirituality.
- C. Discuss suggested change to the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated.”
- D. Discuss suggested changes to the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship.”
- E. Discuss suggested changes to *Living Sober*.
- F. Consider the use of the circle and triangle as an unofficial A.A. service mark on Conference-approved literature.
- G. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness.
- H. Consider a request to add “Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the Primary Purpose (Blue) card.
- I. Approve a correction to inaccurate text related to the addition of appendices in the Preface of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

### **Public Information/Report & Charter – Luke S**

#### **Public Information – Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster.
- C. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Triangle Chair
- D. Consider the request to add Montana A.A. Intergroups as entities that can submit events to the Area 40 webmaster for inclusion on the Calendar of the Area 40 website.

#### **Public Information – GSC**

- A. *Review 2014 Comprehensive Media Plan from the trustees’ P.I. Committee.*
- B. *Consider report from the trustees’ P.I. Committee regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Website.*
- C. *Consider that the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey.*
- D. *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.*
  4. *Review final report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video P.S.A. for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza."*
- E. *Consider revisions to the Anonymity Card (F-20).*
- F. *Review progress report on development of a brief video on anonymity.*
- G. *Discuss how delegates might stimulate local discussions in light of ongoing anonymity concerns.*
- H. *Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.*

#### **Report and Charter**

- A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2014-2015 Edition:
1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
  2. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
  3. Review list of editorial updates.
  4. Consider draft text for "Advisory Action" and "Additional Committee Consideration" as additions to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.
  5. Consider draft text regarding duties and qualifications of "Secretary and Registrar" on page S45.
- B. Consider request to modify Article III of the Current Conference Charter.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report:
- Reconsider the 2013 Conference Advisory Action regarding editing Area Service Highlights.



**Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities/Agenda – Brandon M**

**Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair
- B. Report on the item passed at the 2013 Fall Assembly recommending “that the Treatment Committee develop a mechanism to ascertain special needs accommodations and report back to the Spring Assembly in 2014.”

**Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – GSC**

- A. Consider proposal to revise the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity.
- B. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

**Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2015 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- D. Review the revised description of the Conference Agenda Committee in Chapter 8, Conference Committees in the 2013-2014 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual.

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