

**Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda**  
**Yogo Inn – Lewistown, MT**  
**April 10-12, 2015**

**FRIDAY SESSION**

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8:00-10:00     **Sapphire Room:** GSR and DCM Welcome Session – led by the Delegate.  
                  **Snowy Room:** Area Standing Committee Chair Welcome Session – led by the Area Chair and Area Advisor  
                  *(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** (5 min. Hard stop at 9:00 am, to be continued in the afternoon)

9:10-12:00    **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:** *Sticking to Our Principles: Tolerance, Freedom and Responsibility* Led by Past Delegate: Terry S.

10:15 - **Workshop:** *Safety and Respect - Practicing the Principles begins in our Home Group* Led by Past Delegate: Mark S.

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**

***Reports: 5 minute time limit with email (or written) copies to the Area Secretary and Triangle Editor***  
***Floor comments are requested to take no longer than 3 minutes***

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

Literature.....	Jake L.
Public Information/Report & Charter.....	Luke S.
Archives/Structure.....	Mike D.
CPC/Trustees.....	Paul L.
Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums.....	Jay T.
Finance.....	Mary McC.
Treatment Facilities/Agenda.....	Jessica E.
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions.....	Chris W.
Ad-hoc Committee Report.....	Sharon S.

**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 Terry S.

**DCM Breakout** — Led by Past Delegate: Mark S.

**SUNDAY SESSION**

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

**8:30-9:00 Webmaster Election**

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

**9:30-10:45 Delegate's Report**

**10:00-10:15 Coffee Break**

**10:15-12:00 Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**  
(followed by general sharing as time allows.)

**Adjourn – Travel Safely**

**Fall Assembly – September 18-20, 2015**

**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](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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### **Ad hoc Committee – Sharon S**

- A. Review the process and questions to be used for the Inventory at the 2015 Fall Assembly.

### **Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Mike D**

#### **Archives – Area 40**

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

### **Area 40 Structure & Policy**

- A. Consider the proposal to have as a standing agenda item for the Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee a process for the evaluation of the previous Area Assembly and the reporting of those results
- B. Consider the request for short and long term changes to the Area 40 Webmaster service position

### **Archives – GSC**

- A. Review Archives Workbook.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees - Paul L**

#### **Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40**

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

#### **Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC**

- A. Review contents of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook

### **Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee;
  - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee;
  - 3. Trustee-at-large Canada
- 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 the recommendation from the General Service Board to approve the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., as amended, to comply with the New York State nonprofit law.

## **Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Jay T**

### **Corrections – Area 40**

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

### **Corrections – GSC**

- A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.).
- B. Discuss ways to engage members in Corrections service.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

### **International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss the upcoming 2015 International Convention.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

## **Finance – Mary M**

### **Finance – Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

### **Finance – GSC**

- A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- C. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.
- D. Discuss A.A.W.S. report on a plan regarding translation of Conference material.
- E. Review Self-Support Packet.

## **Grapevine/GSC Policy & Admissions – Chris W**

### **Grapevine – Area 40**

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

### **Grapevine – GSC**

- A. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- B. Review new business plan for La Viña.
- C. Review revised text of the pamphlet “A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print.”
- D. Discuss ways to increase organization-wide support for Grapevine and La Viña, such as:
  - 1. How to recognize and support the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous, Grapevine and La Viña, as fully integrated parts of A.A. and its service structure.
  - 2. How to provide concrete support for Grapevine and La Viña throughout the Fellowship and service structure, including the use and purchase of Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions, books and other items.
  - 3. How to put the many recommendations from the General Service Conference that encourage organization-wide support of the International Journals of Alcoholics Anonymous into practice Fellowship wide.
- E. Discuss ways to encourage A.A. members and groups to purchase Grapevine and La Viña Subscription Gift Certificates to give to their local service committees for distribution to help carry the message of A.A.
- F. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2016 or later.
- G. Review A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

### **Policy & Admissions**

- A. Approve request for a representative from the General Service Board of the Czech Republic to attend the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference as an observer.
- B. Review dates for the 2018 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider proposed revision to the policy regarding General Service Conference audio recordings.
- D. Consider request that a recording of the A.A. meeting at the opening dinner of the General Service Conference be provided to each member of the General Service Conference.

## **Literature – Jake L**

### **Literature – Area 40**

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

### **Literature – GSC**

- A. Consider the revised draft pamphlet “Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Service Agencies” with the new title “Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services.”
- B. Consider the revised draft pamphlet “Your A.A. General Service Office.”
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic.”
- D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.
- E. Consider producing a book combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- F. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Woman.”
- G. Review the full text of “The A.A.W.S., Inc. Policy on Publication of Literature.”

## **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 give BTG Coordinators generic email addresses on the website hosting service

### **Public Information – GSC**

- A. Review 2014 annual report from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. website.
- B. Review Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan
  - 1. Consider suggestion that the trustees’ Public Information Committee explore the use of specific social media platforms and social networking platforms as potential channels for sharing information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. Discuss how to increase A.A. member participation in local public information work.
  3. Consider exploring a project for anonymity videos produced by A.A. members for A.A. members.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s)
1. Consider approving the proposed video P.S.A., "Doors."
  2. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed video P.S.A., "Doors," at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local public information committees.
  3. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
  4. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
- D. Review the final draft of the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 Membership Survey."
- E. Discuss a brief video on anonymity produced to accompany the annual Anonymity Letter to Media.
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

### **Report and Charter GSC**

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2015-2016 Edition:*
1. Review list of editorial updates.
  2. Review revisions from A.A.W.S. Board.
  3. Review revisions from A.A. Grapevine Board.
  4. Review revisions from General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.
  5. Consider request to update *The A.A. Service Manual* to better reflect how the General Service Office's database is utilized for reporting and sharing group information.
  6. Consider request to add text regarding reactivating districts or groups to the section "Stimulating Interest in General Service" on page S23.
  7. Consider draft text for a new section on "Regional Forums" to be added to Chapter 9 (The General Service Board) on page S71 before the "World Service Meeting" section.



8. Consider request to include a chart in the section “Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices” on pages S41-S42.
- B. Reconsider 1990 Conference Advisory Action regarding the table of contents for *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- C. Discuss the A.A. Directories:
  - Review report from A.A.W.S. Board on alternatives to A.A. Regional Directories (Canadian, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.).
- D. Discuss the General Service Conference *Final Report*.

### **Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities/Agenda – Jessica E**

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

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

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

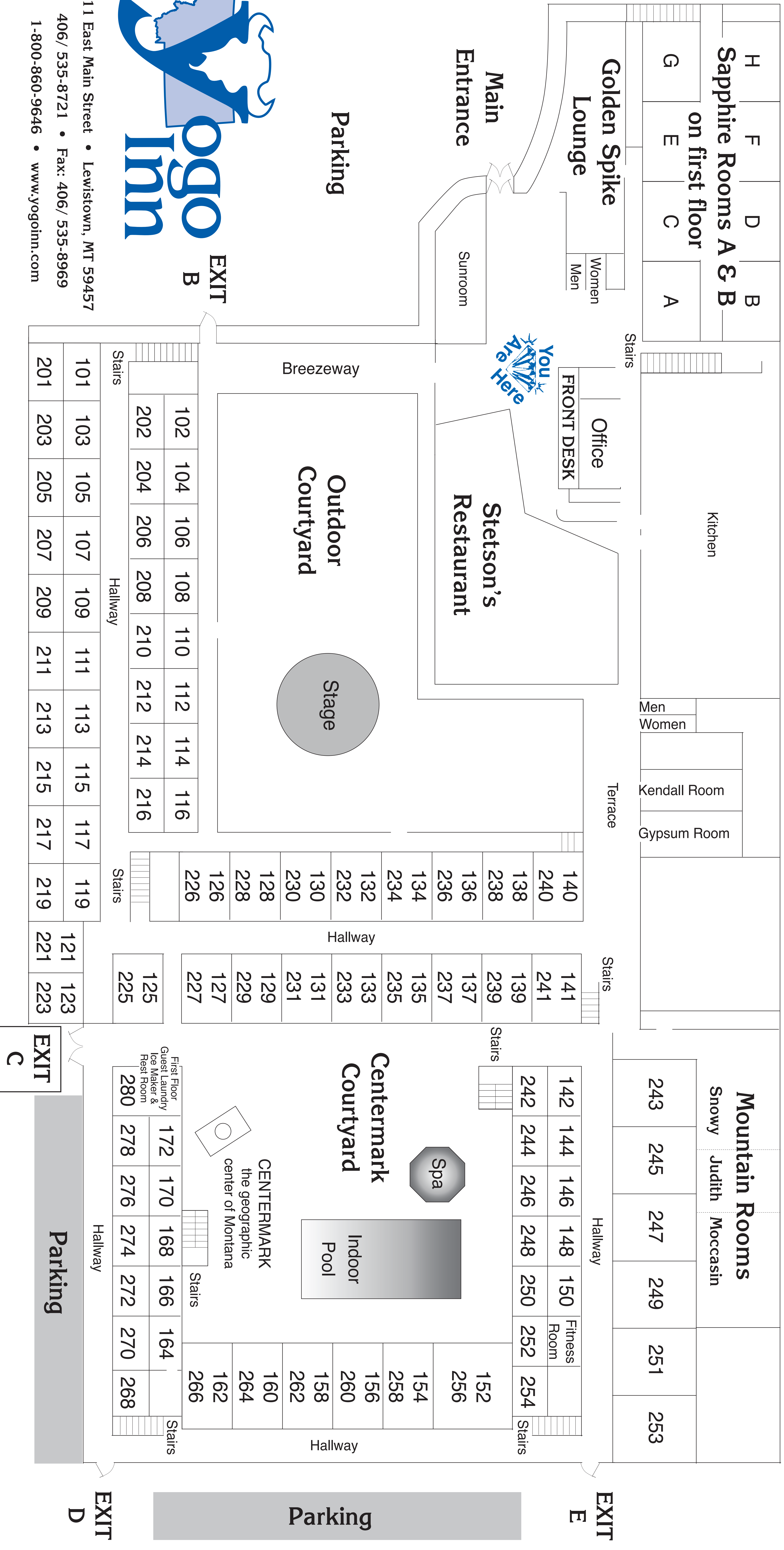
- A. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- B. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

#### **Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- F. Discuss adding review of the Conference week schedule (Conference Agenda) to the standing items on the committee agenda.

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Sapphire Rooms A & B on first floor			
G	E	C	A

Office	FRONT DESK
Kitchen	

Men	Women
Kendall Room	
Gypsum Room	

<b>Mountain Rooms</b>				
Snowy	Judith	Moccasin		
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Women	Men
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