

**Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda
Yogo Inn – Lewistown, MT
April 8-10, 2016**

FRIDAY SESSION

- 8:00-9:00 **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
- 9:15-10:00 **Sapphire Room:** A.A. Meeting – *(back by popular demand. David O. chair).*

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 (5 min. Hard stop at 9:00 am, to be continued in the afternoon)
- 9:15-12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**
- Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy.....Kendall Room
 CPC/Trustees.....Chokecherry Room
 Corrections/International Conventions.....Moccasin Room
 Finance.....Gypsum Room
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC).....Room 252
 Literature.....Judith 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)***
- 9:15-12:00 **Workshop**.....Sapphire Room
 (For those not attending committee meetings)
- Workshop: Three Legacies Condensed** - Led by Past Delegate: Bob H.
- 12:00-1:30 **Recess for Lunch**
- 1:30-2:30 **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*

- 2:30-3:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- Archives/Structure.....Mike D.
 CPC/Trustees.....Paul L.
 Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums.....Jay T.
 Finance.....Mary McC.
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions.....Chris W.
 Literature.....Jake L.
 Public Information/Report & Charter.....Luke S.
 Treatment Facilities/Agenda.....Jessica E.
- 3:00-3:15 **Coffee Break**
- 3:15-5:00 **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 Bob H.
DCM Breakout — Led by Area Advisor Sharon S.

SUNDAY SESSION

- 8:00-8:30 **WCRAASC Report**
Roundup Reports
Intergroup Reports
- 8:30-9:00 **Past Delegate Sharing** (15 minutes each)
- 9:00–9:30 **Delegate’s Report**
- 9:30-9:45 **Coffee Break**
- 9:45-12:00 **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 agenda items discussed by the committees will come to the floor as a brief report of each item considered, reviewed, or discussed with the general sense of the committee of each item, rather than coming as recommendations (motions passed and seconded). Assembly members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer their groups' thoughts on each item. The discussion will provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area, with substantive comments to share with the Conference. For controversial items, or items for which the floor discussion does not provide a clear sense of the Area, the Delegate may request an informal show of hands, for and against, in order to obtain the sense of the Area.

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.

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Mike D

Archives – Area 40

- A. Review Assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
- B. Review Archivist Report
- C. Area Assembly evaluation review

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Consider the proposal to include floor Triangle Report
- B. Consider the proposal to define scope of an ad hoc inventory committee

Archives – GSC

- A. Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.
- B. 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. Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."
- B. Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..."
- C. Consider adding text to the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" regarding A.A. as a resource for small businesses.
- D. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals."
- E. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. West Central Regional Trustee;
 - 2. Western Canada 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.
- E. Review report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating on expanding the pool of candidates to serve the General Service Board and the Corporate Boards.
- F. Consider option presented by the trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected vacancy of Regional Trustees.

Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Jay T

Corrections – Area 40

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

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review draft of video created to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
- B. Discuss report on the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Finance – Mary M

Finance – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

Finance – GSC

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review the Conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A Members.
- C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A Member of \$3,000.
- D. Discuss material from A.A.W.S. Self-Support Committee.
- 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. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.
- C. Review A.A Grapevine Workbook.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Approve request for two observers from A.A. in the Ukraine to attend the 2016 General Service Conference.
- B. Review progress report on plans for French and Spanish translation of all Conference background.
- C. Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships.
- D. Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material with the exception of digital media and works in progress.
- E. Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

Literature – Jake L

Literature – Area 40

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

Literature – GSC

- A. Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Review A.A.W.S. report on "pagination" of Conference-approved digital books.

- C. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A for the Woman."
- D. Review progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- E. Review progress report on the development of literature for A.As with mental health issues and those who sponsor them.
- F. Review progress report on the development of a plan for the systematic review of A.A recovery literature.
- G. Review revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A: Understanding the Fellowship and Its Services."
- H. Consider request for revision to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A"
- I. Consider request to update the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."

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 Agenda Item to have an online Triangle subscription system
- E. Consider Short Form of the Concepts revisions.

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review 2015 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 1. Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
 - 2. Review 2016 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

- C. Review the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 distribution and tracking information for the video P.S.A. "Doors."
- D. Review 2015 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements.
 - 1. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the English and French language versions of the video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza" at a cost not to exceed \$40 ,000, in addition to the distribution work of local public information committees.
 - 2. Consider discontinuing the video P.S.A. "I Thought."
- E. Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or Its Affiliates."
- F. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter GSC

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2016-2017 Edition:
 - 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 2. Consider adding definition of "Service Manual" to Glossary of Service Terms.
 - 3. Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One.
 - 4. Consider draft text for a section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter Nine.
 - 5. Consider removing endnote #4 in Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
 - 6. Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- B. Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for *The A.A. Service Manual Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International.)

1. Consider that the category title "ONLINE MEETINGS" be changed to "ONLINE GROUPS/ONLINE MEETINGS" in A.A. Directories.
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities/Agenda – Jessica E

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – Area 40

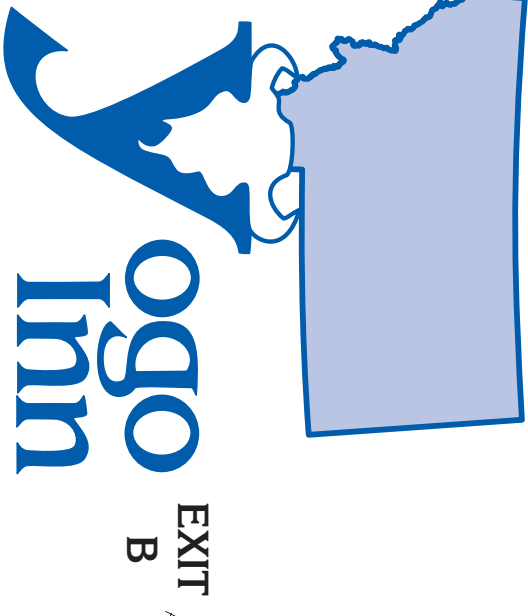
- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – GSC

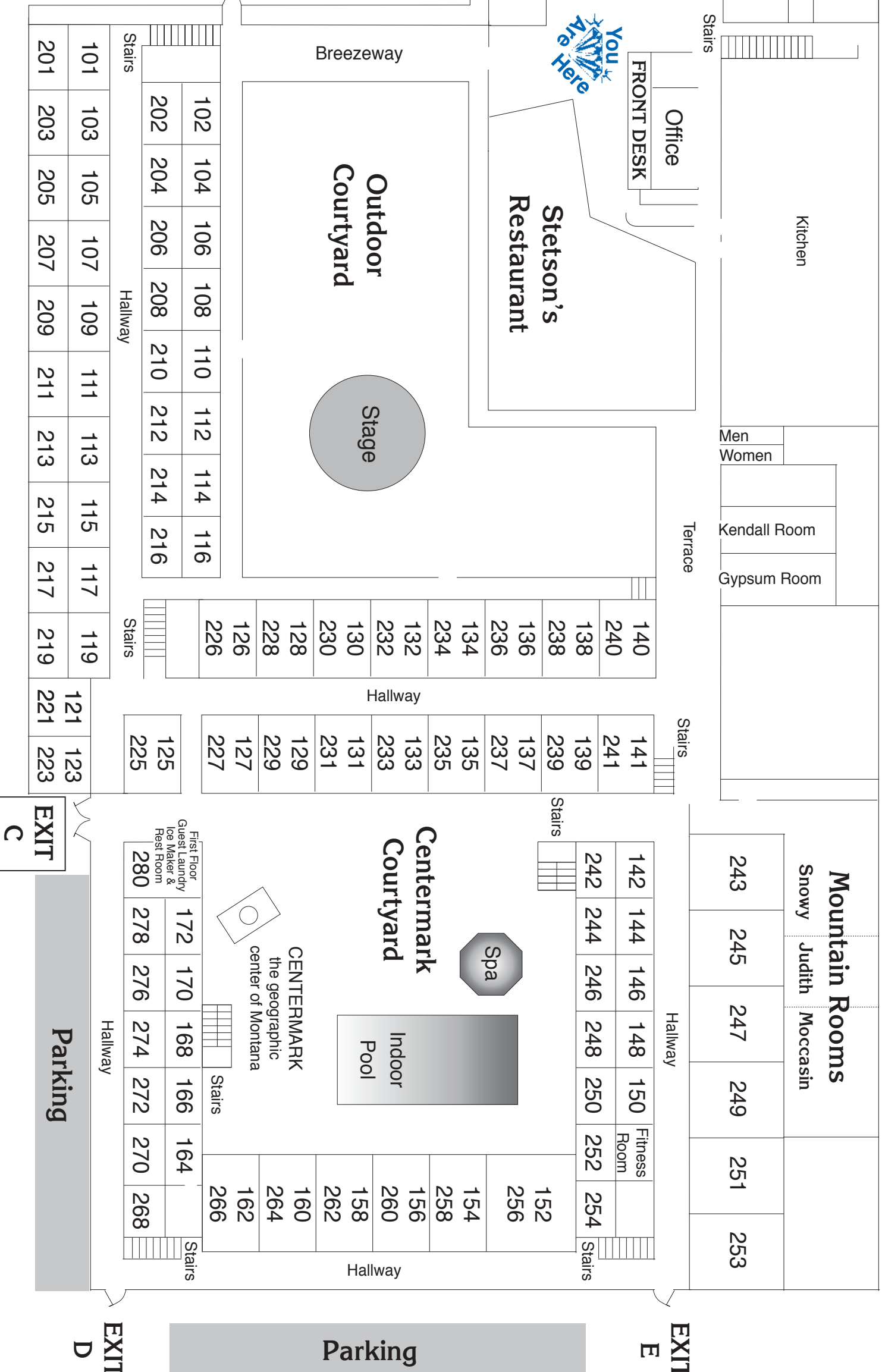
- A. Consider removing "Special Needs" from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities' name and throughout the committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure.
- B. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- ### **Agenda**
- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2017 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2017 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- D. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

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