

Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda

Yogo Inn – Lewistown, MT

April 6-8, 2018

FRIDAY SESSION

8:00-10:00 **Sapphire Room:** GSR & guests Welcome Session – Delegate.

8:00-10:00 **Gypsum Room:** Area Standing Committee Chair and DCMs
Welcome Session led by the Area Chair & Area Advisor

SATURDAY SESSION (Sessions held in the Sapphire Room unless otherwise noted)

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 no later than 10:30)

8:00-9:00 **Welcome** — Serenity Prayer
Traditions
Concepts
Housekeeping

Orientation to the Assembly by the Delegate, Gerry R.

Roll Call – Past Actions by Area Secretary, Melinda W.

Financial Highlights by Area Treasurer, Julie R.

Triangle Report by Triangle Editor, Rebecca S.

Chair Report by Area Chair, Paul L.

DCM Reports (5 minute limit; Hard stop at 9:00; Resume at 1:30)

9:00-9:15 **Coffee Break**

9:15-12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy.....Kendall Room

CPC/Trustees.....Gypsum Room

Corrections/International Conventions.....Moccasin Room

Finance.....Chokecherry Room

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC).....Room 150

Literature.....Judith Room

Public Information/Report and Charter & Website.....Snowy Room

Treatment/Accessibilities/Agenda.....Room 164

Workshops

9:15-12:00 (For those not attending committee meetings).....Sapphire Room

– Workshop: *Topic – Group Conscience-The Guiding Force*

Led by Past Delegate: Earl F. Panel 53

– Workshop: *Topic – Participation In All of A.A.-Is Your Triangle Balanced?*

Led by Past Delegate: Mark S. Panel 44

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

1:00-1:30 **Ad hoc Committee Report** – Jessica E.

- 1:30-2:00 Remaining DCM Reports
- 2:00-2:45 Delegates Report (with Questions and Answers)
- 2:45-3:00 **Coffee Break**
- 3:00-5:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
 Public Information/Report & Charter.....Tim K.
 Literature.....Lance W.
 CPC/Trustees.....Luke S.
 Finance.....Julie R.
 Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums.....Hugh M.
 Archives/Structure.....Raymona K.
 Treatment/Accessibilities/Agenda.....James W.
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions.....Jake H.
- 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: Earl F.
DCM Breakout — Led by Past Delegate: Mark S.
- 9:30-10:15 **Ice Cream Social – Gypsum Room**

SUNDAY SESSION

- 8:00-8:30 **Roundup Reports, Intergroup Reports, WCRAASC Report**
- 8:30–9:00 **Past Delegate’s Sharing** – Mark S. & Earl F.
- 9:00-9:45 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
- 9:45-10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:15-12:00 **Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
 followed by **general sharing** as time allows

*Reports: 5-minute time limit with email (or written) copies to the Area Secretary and Triangle Editor
 Floor comments have a 3-minute time limit*

Adjourn – Travel Safely

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The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. There are agenda items that originate in Area 40 and from the General Service Conference. All agenda items from the General Service Conference will be addressed at the General Service Conference later on in April.

The Committee Chairs, DCMs and District Representatives were sent a list of agenda items with the corresponding background information in February. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees, to GSRs in the districts and other interested members of our Fellowship for research, review and discussion, in turn providing for a well-informed conscience and 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 or your DCM. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee (which also appear in the *Triangle*) or you can email them through the Area's website www.aamontana.org should you need them.

The General Service Conference agenda items discussed by committees will come to the floor as a brief report of each item considered, reviewed, or discussed with the general sense of the committee for each item, rather than coming as recommendations (motions passed and seconded). Assembly members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer their groups' thought 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

(NOTE: the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the ***Area 40 Committee System Policy and Procedures*** manual which is available through your DCM and on the web site).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 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 – Raymona K.

Archives – Area 40

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

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Review report from Ad Hoc committee charged with developing a plan to establish and operate an Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair and Committee.
- B. Review Recommitted Agenda Item Proposal from 2017 Fall Assembly: Review GSC Agenda items to decide on 2-3 Agenda Items to discuss by their respective Area 40 committees, utilizing the rest of the Committee time on Area 40 business.
- C. Agenda Item #1 "Commonly used practices of Area 40".
- D. Agenda Item #2 "Revising Archival Policy".

Archives — GSC

- A. Review draft of proposed publication, *Our Great Responsibility: Selections of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970*.
- B. Consider request from the AA Grapevine Board to post the 2017 General Service Conference presentation, "A.A. Grapevine and La Viña" on AA Grapevine's YouTube channel.
- C. Consider developing a policy on distribution of audio recordings of General Service Conference presentations.
- D. Review Archives Workbook.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees - Luke S.

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 the trustees' committee report regarding LinkedIn as a platform for reaching professionals.
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional."
- C. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous."
- D. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional..."
- E. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Trustees – GSC

- 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 AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review proposal to *censure* the General Service Board.
- F. Review proposal to *reorganize* the A.A. World Services and General Service Boards.
- G. Review report on the regional geographic service structure.

Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Hugh M.

Corrections – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair.
- B. Review District bids to host 2020 West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference.

Corrections – GSC

- A. Consider request to create a pamphlet for inmates who are to be released after long term incarceration.
- B. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

International Conventions/Regional Forums – Area 40

- A. Review bids from Area 40 Districts to host the 2020 WCRAASC.

International Conventions/Regional Forums - GSC

- A. Discuss selection of cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2030.
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2020 International Convention at A.A.'s expense.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Finance – Julie R.

Finance – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer.
- B. Consider Agenda Item to amend G 12.5 in Area 40 Policy and Procedures.

Finance – GSC

- A. Consider developing a method to standardize increases to the limits on individual contributions and bequests to the General Service Board.
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

Grapevine/GSC Policy & Admissions – Jake H.

Grapevine – Area 40

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

Grapevine – GSC

- A. Review social media report regarding Instagram, Facebook and Google for Nonprofits.
- B. Review Audio Strategy status update.
- C. Review report on 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales.
- D. Reconsider the 2014 Conference Advisory Action regarding La Viña.
- E. Review revised text of the pamphlet “A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings In Print.”
- F. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2019 and later.
- G. Review Grapevine Workbook.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Approve request for one observer from A.A. in India to attend the 2018 General Service Conference.
- B. Review dates for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- C. Review report on the process, implementation and status on the site selection of the General Service Conference.
- D. Review draft process for polling the General Service Conference between annual Conference meetings.
- E. Review progress report on options for equitable distribution of the workload of Conference committees.
- F. Consider request to develop a policy for the use of the Conference dashboard.
- G. Discuss the following question from the trustees’ International Committee: “Does the U.S./Canada have a role/responsibility in assisting in the development of A.A. structures around the world through sponsoring other countries via direct invitations to observe our General Service Conference.”

Literature – Lance W.

Literature – Area 40

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

Literature – GSC

- A. Consider proposed revisions to *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
 1. Request to add an appendix reflecting recognition received from the Library of Congress.
 2. Request to add the A.A. Preamble and Responsibility Statement.
 3. Request to add an endnote to Bill W.'s story acknowledging co-founder, Bob S.
- B. Consider request that A.A. (U.S./Canada) publish "The God Word" (a pamphlet currently published by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain).
- C. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet for atheist and agnostic members.
- D. Consider request for the development of a pamphlet based upon A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- E. Review report and suggestions on the inclusion of language related to safety in A.A. literature.
- F. Review revised draft pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman."
- G. Review revised draft pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
- H. Review draft pamphlet "A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues."
- I. Review revised draft pamphlet "Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services."
- J. Review progress report and draft revised text for the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- K. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- L. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- M. Consider request for revision to Living Sober.
- N. Consider request for the development of a new book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- O. Consider request to update the video "Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- P. Consider request to change the subtitle of the pamphlet "G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A."
- Q. Consider request for the development of a new pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women alcoholics.
- R. Consider request to add a section on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- S. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.

Public Information/Report & Charter – Tim K.

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 2017 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Review 2018 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan
- C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed video PSA "Changes."
 - 2. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed video PSA "Changes," at a cost not to exceed \$42,000, in addition to the work of local Public information committees.
 - 3. Review the 2017 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.
- D. Consider approving a Young People's Video submission.
- E. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" which expand content on Traditions Eleven and Twelve and adds information related to safety in A.A.
- F. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous" which update language, contact information and information on the prevalence and severity of alcoholism and add information related to safety in A.A.
- G. Review a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Google for Nonprofit YouTube channel.
- H. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information Committee Report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- I. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter GSC

- A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2018-2020 Edition:
 - 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 2. Consider request for changes to chapters 2, 3, and 5.
 - 3. Consider adding "Panel" to the Glossary of General Service Terms.
 - 4. Consider adding graphics on page S75, above the section A.A. World Services, Inc., that visually display the positions on each of the three corporate boards.
 - 5. Consider adding text regarding standing committees from "The A.A. Group" pamphlet.
 - 6. Consider removing the following statement from the section Area Newsletters or Bulletins: "Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other A.A. material."
 - 7. Consider developing a plan for a revised editorial review process.
- B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International).
- C. General Service Conference Final Report.
 - 1. Consider request that Conference committee additional considerations be published in their entirety both in the printed Conference Final Report and the anonymity-protected digital version.

Treatment/Accessibilities/Agenda – James W.

Treatment/ Accessibilities/Agenda – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair
- B. Review Agenda Item for the Treatment Chair to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop in Denver, CO. in September 2018.

Treatment/ Accessibilities – GSC

- A. Review the trustees' committee report on Cooperation with Armed Services Exploration Strategies.
- B. Review proposed revisions to the pamphlet "Accessibility for All Alcoholics."
- C. Discuss ways that remote communities concerns might be addressed by the Conference.
- D. Review summary of the Fellowship sharing on the need for additional material to support carrying the A.A. message to Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing A.A. members.
- E. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- F. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2019 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2019 General Service Conference.
- D. Conference Evaluation:
 - 1. Review summary of the 2017 General Service Conference evaluations.
 - 2. Review General Service Conference Evaluation Form.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

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