

Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda

Holiday Inn – Great Falls, MT

April 8-10, 2022

Virtual Zoom Meeting ID: **897 9774 2436** Password: **area40** [Link](#) to Zoom Meeting

FRIDAY SESSION

7:30pm – 8:00pm	Full Assembly Introduction	Mansfield Room
8:00pm – 9:30pm	Assembly Attendees Welcome Session -Led by Delegate, Connie R.	Mansfield Room
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Area Standing Committee Chair Meeting -Led by Area Chair, Kacie N.	Russell Room

SATURDAY SESSION

7:30am – 8:00am	GSRs and Visitors, sign in with respective DCMs <i>DCMs, please turn in completed sign-in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00 am.</i>	Mansfield Room
8:00am – 9:15am	Welcome: Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts, and housekeeping items Assembly Orientation Delegate Connie R. Roll Call & Past Actions Area Secretary Lisa C-D. Financial Highlights Area Treasurer Jake L. Chair Report Area Chair Kacie N. DCM Reports – 5-minute limit with a hard stop at 9:15. Continued in afternoon	
9:15am – 9:30am	Coffee Break	

*Note: You do not have to be a voting committee member to attend a Standing Committee Meeting.
All are encouraged and welcome to participate in any committee meeting that interests you.
Workshops are available for those who choose not to attend a committee meeting.*

9:30am – 12:00pm	Standing Committee Meetings	
	Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy	Missouri Room
	Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees	Lobby Suite Rm# 101
	Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums	Lobby Suite Rm# 103
	Finance	Lobby Suite Rm# 102
	Grapevine and La Viña/ Policy and Admissions	Lobby Suite Rm# 105
	Literature	Russell Room
	Public Information/Report and Charter; Website & Hotline	Trigg Room
	Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda; Bridging the Gap	Lobby Suite Rm# 104

****If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair****

9:30am – 10:37am	Workshop: Led by Gerry R., Panel 67 Delegate <i>What a Concept? I can't go through with it!</i>	Mansfield Room
10:53am – 12:00pm	Workshop: Led by Mike L., West Central Regional Trustee <i>Finding Balance with Traditions 3, 5, & 10</i>	Mansfield Room
12:00pm – 1:30pm	Recess for Lunch and Fellowship	
1:30pm – 2:00pm	Remaining DCM Reports	Mansfield Room
2:00pm – 2:45pm	Delegate's Report with Questions and Answers	Mansfield Room
2:45pm – 3:00pm	Coffee Break	

3:00pm – 5:00 pm	Floor Assembly: Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums Literature Finance Public Information/Report and Charter; Website & Hotline Webmaster Report Hotline Chair Report Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy Archivist Report Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda; Bridging the Gap Bridging the Gap Report Grapevine and La Viña/ Policy and Admissions	Ty K. Dan H. Jake L. Jake H. Alex M. Sabrina C. Don M. Brynn C. Earl F. Paul L. Jessica E. Jody T.
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Recess for Dinner and Fellowship	
7:00pm – 7:45pm	West Central Regional Trustee Sharing: Mike L.	Mansfield Room
7:45pm – 8:45pm	Floor Assembly: Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion (Continued)	
8:45pm – 9:00pm	Coffee Break	
9:00pm – 10:00pm	GSR Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Gerry R. DCM Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Mike L.	Mansfield Room Russell Room
10:00pm	Fun and Fellowship	Trigg Room

SUNDAY SESSION

8:30am – 9:00am	Roundup Reports: Spring 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 Intergroup Report(s) YPAA Report(s) West Central Regional Service Conference Report 2022 Assembly Hybrid Tech Report	Mansfield Room
9:00am – 9:30am	Past Delegate Sharing: Gerry R., Panel 67	Mansfield Room
9:30am – 9:45am	Election of Triangle Editor	Mansfield Room
9:30am – 9:45am	Coffee Break and Hotel Check Out	
9:45am – 12:00pm	Floor Assembly: Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion (Continued) <i>Followed by General Sharing as time allows</i>	

Reports: 5-minute time limit **Floor Comments:** 3-minute time limit

Reports must be submitted to:

Lisa C-D. – Area Secretary (secretary@aa-montana.org)

The Holiday Inn graciously placed ashtrays outside.

They ask that smoking and vaping be limited to the outside smoking areas and away from doorways.

Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.

Adjourn – Travel Safely!

Fall Assembly – September 9-11, 2022, Holiday Inn – Great Falls

Reservations: 406-727-7200 Promotion Code: A4A

All 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 in May.

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, 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' 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

(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 website).

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.

Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums – Ty K.

Corrections – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair
2. Report on Pink Can income and disbursements
3. Review activities of Corrections Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review contents and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Reconsider use of the term “person in custody” in A.A. literature.
- C. Consider requests to limit changes to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- D. Discuss request to make A.A. literature changes slowly and with A.A.'s primary purpose in mind.

International Conventions and Regional Forums - GSC

- A. Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Literature – Dan H.

Literature – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair
2. Review activities of Literature Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40
3. Consider a request to/that:
 - a. Reverse changes made to the 12x12 by the 2021 GSC
 - b. No further changes be made to any of Bill W's writings
 - c. Clarifications, explanations, or definitions needed for Bill's writings that have been approved by the GSC can be added in an appendix such as was done in the Spiritual Experience appendix in the 2nd printing of the Big Book
 - d. Add Forward in Bill W's writings to address issues raised by 1939 language/terminology

Literature – GSC

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in *Living Sober* and the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- C. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- D. Review draft pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- F. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- G. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- H. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- I. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- J. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
- K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.
- M. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- N. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- O. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy:
 - 1) Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?"
 - 2) Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?"
 - 3) Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."
 - 4) Review the draft update of the pamphlet "This Is A.A."
- P. Review progress report regarding strategy to make current literature accessible in all possible formats.
- Q. Review progress report regarding Literature Committee workbook.
- R. Discuss changes to the text of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.
- S. Consider an update of the book *Experience, Strength and Hope*.

Finance – Jake L.

Finance – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer
2. Review report from the Virtual/In-Person Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee

Finance – GSC

- A. Review Self-Support Packet.
- B. Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
- C. Consider request that all proposed changes to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* be handled in footnotes.

Public Information/Report and Charter – Jake H.

Public Information – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster
3. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Hotline Chair
4. Consider having the Triangle newsletter be digital-only, eliminate printed copies, and require a minimum of four newsletter publications per year with additional publications to be the discretion of the Triangle Editor.
5. Review activities of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review the 2022 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 1. Review the distribution and tracking information for two video PSAs:
 - i. “Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall”
 - ii. “Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party.”
 2. Review the 2021 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs.”
- C. Review a progress report and the G.S.O. Podcast Plan.
- D. Review report on “YouTube Performance.”
- E. Review report on “Google Ads Performance.”
- F. Review report on “Meeting Guide Performance.”
- G. Review the "2021 Fourth Quarter Report on A.A.W.S. Board Oversight of G.S.O.'s A.A. website."
- H. Review report on “AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast.”
- I. Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
- J. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:
 1. Consider suggestion to revise the flyer “A.A. At a Glance.”
 2. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings.”
 3. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”
 4. Consider request to retire and replace the “A.A. Fact File.”
- K. Review request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.

- L. Review report on development and distribution ideas for the “A.A. Triennial Membership Survey.”
- M. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter – GSC

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- B. Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2021-2023 Edition.
- C. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled “Amendments.”
- D. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
- E. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor's Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees – Don M.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair
- 2. Review activities of CPC Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
- B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.”
- C. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for the mental health professionals.
- D. Consider creating a new pamphlet designed to help C.P.C. committees reach as many doctors as possible.
- E. Review content and format 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 slate 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. Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.”
- F. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” to include stories reflecting greater diversity.

Archives/Area 40 Structure and Policy – Brynn C.

Archives – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
2. Review assembly report or the Area 40 Archivist
3. Review activities of Archives Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Structure and Policy – Area 40

1. Review Fall 2021 Assembly Evaluation Report
2. Review report from the Triangle Editor/Newsletter Ad-Hoc Committee
3. Consider changing the Triangle Editor position from a rotating position to a non-rotating position

Archives – GSC

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda – Paul L.

Treatment and Accessibilities – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment and Accessibilities Chair
2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair
3. Review activities of Treatment Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Treatment and Accessibilities – GSC

- A. Review progress report on pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic.”
- B. Review progress report on military audio interviews.
- C. Discuss draft version of A.A. Guidelines for remote communities.
- D. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” to reflect the importance of the group as a “spiritual entity” as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.
- G. Consider request to revise text in the chapter “Getting plenty of rest” in the booklet *Living Sober*.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2023 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2021 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.

Grapevine and La Viña/ Policy and Admissions – Jody T.

Grapevine and La Viña – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine and La Viña Chair
2. Review activities of Grapevine and La Viña Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Grapevine and La Viña – GSC

- A. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- B. Review progress report on Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2023 and later.
- D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship.

Policy and Admissions – GSC

- A. Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. Review dates for the 2026 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss the procedure: "Process for Approving Observers to the Conference."
- D. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the G.S.C. between meetings.
- E. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
- F. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story "Freedom from Bondage" in the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- G. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" to reflect shared experience on service sponsorship.