

Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda

Holiday Inn – Great Falls, MT

March 31-April 2, 2023

Virtual Zoom Meeting ID: 859 2647 2043 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, Kacie N.	Mansfield Room
8:00pm – 9:00pm	Area Standing Committee Chair Meeting -Led by Area Chair, Lisa C.	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 Kacie N. Roll Call & Past Actions Area Secretary Lynne W. Financial Highlights Area Treasurer Jake L. Chair Report Area Chair Lisa C. 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 Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums Finance Grapevine and La Viña/ Policy and Admissions Literature Public Information/Report and Charter; Website & Hotline Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda; Bridging the Gap Hotline/Report and Charter	Missouri Room Lobby Suite Room #101 Lobby Suite Room #103 Lobby Suite Room #102 Lobby Suite Room #105 Russell Room Trigg Room Lobby Suite Room #104 Lobby Suite Room #110
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*****If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair*****

9:30am – 11:00am	Workshop: Led by Libbie L., Past Delegate <i>AA Blackout Bingo: Getting Acquainted with the Service Manual and other Conference Resources</i>	Mansfield Room
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Recess for Lunch and Fellowship	
1:00pm-1:30pm	Elections – Presided over by Area Advisor, Connie R. Election of Tech Committee Co-Chairs Election of Area 40 Archives Chair	Mansfield Room
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: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion Archives/A40 Structure and Policy Grapevine and La Viña/Policy and Admissions – Martin N. CPC/Trustees – Ty K. Literature – Jessica S-K Finance – Jake L. Corrections/Int'l Conventions and Regional Forums – Mark H. Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda – Hugh M. Public Information – Rick H. Hotline/Report and Charter – Xavier G.	Mansfield Room
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Recess for Dinner and Fellowship	
7:00pm – 8:45pm	Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion	Mansfield Room
8:45pm – 9:00pm	Coffee Break	
9:00pm – 10:00pm	GSR Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Libbie L. DCM Breakout Ask-It-Basket & Sharing with Earl F.	Mansfield Room Russell Room
10:00pm	Fun and Fellowship	Trigg Room
8:30am – 9:00am	<u>SUNDAY SESSION</u> Roundup Reports: Spring 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024 Intergroup Report(s) YPAA Report(s) West Central Regional Service Conference Report Appoint Inventory Ad Hoc Committee	Mansfield Room
9:00am – 10:00am	Past Delegate Sharing: Libbie L., Panel 65 Past Delegate Sharing: Earl F., Panel 53	Mansfield Room
10:00am – 10:15am	Coffee Break and Hotel Check Out	
10:15am – 12:00pm	Floor Assembly: Comm. Reports, Motions, and Discussion (cont'd) <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:

Lynne W. – 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 8-10, 2023, Holiday Inn – Great Falls

Reservations: 406-727-7200 Promotion Code: AE4

The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees to which they have been assigned for review. Some agenda items originate in Area 40, and the rest are from the Agenda for the 73rd General Service Conference. The latter will be addressed at the General Service Conference in April 2023.

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 group 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.

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. The committee chairs will provide a general sense of the committee's view on each GSC item, rather than providing recommendations on these items (motions passed and seconded in committee). Assembly members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer their groups' thoughts on each item during the Floor Assembly. The discussion will provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area and 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](#)).

The process set forth above is grounded in [Concepts I, II, III, X, XII](#), and [Tradition 2](#).

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

Archives/A40 Structure and Policy

Area 40 Structure and Policy

1. Review Fall 2022 Assembly Evaluation Report
2. Consider whether to revise the "Bridging the Gap Duties" and "Alternate Area 40 BTG Duties" as outlined on pages 31 and 32 of the Area 40 Policy and Procedures
3. Consider proposed description of Tech Committee Co-Chairs Roles and Responsibilities

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

Archives – GSC

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.

Grapevine and La Vina/Policy and Admissions – Martin N.

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 AA Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Review progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts.
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2024 or after.
- D. Consider a request to provide all area alternate delegates the same Conference materials as sitting delegates.

Policy and Admissions – GSC

- A. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. Review dates for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- C. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the GSC between meetings.
- D. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.
- E. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees – Ty K.

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 mental health professionals.
- D. Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous."
- E. Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada

- 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.

Literature – Jessica S-K

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

Literature – GSC

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- C. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- D. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- E. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic."
- F. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American."
- G. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* - Spanish.
- H. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.
- I. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- J. Review revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- K. Review revised draft of the Literature Committee workbook.
- L. Review request to update the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?"
- M. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI's) related to the Plain Language Big Book Translation.
- N. Review update on video animation for the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- O. Discuss cost effective media options that welcome young people to A.A. as an alternative to revising the 'Too Young?' pamphlet
- P. Review update on the proposal for Big Book or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides.

Finance – Jake L.

Finance – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

Finance GSC

- A. Consider request that materials produced and maintained by A.A. World Services, AA Grapevine, La Viña, and the General Service Office (GSO), clarify that the General Service

Board (“GSB”) is the A.A. entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that GSO is the A.A. entity which performs the processing of all A.A. contributions.

- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- C. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
- D. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- E. Review Self-Support Packet.
- F. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI’s) regarding the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

Corrections/International Conventions and Regional Forums – Mark H.

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. Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship.
- B. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss service piece, “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” (SMF-209) and its revisions.

International Conventions and Regional Forums – GSC

- A. Discuss selection of cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2035.
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.’s expense.
- C. Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- D. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Treatment and Accessibilities/Agenda – Hugh M.

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 – GSC

- A. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never too Late.”
- B. Review progress report on Military audio interviews.
- C. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.

- D. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Consider request to do an Accessibilities Inventory of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout its services and structure.
- F. Discuss carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities.
- G. Review progress report on Bridging the Gap Workbook and other service materials.
- H. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap.”
- I. Review progress report on GSO’s Guidelines for Remote Communities.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2024 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2022 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Review feedback from Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications.
- G. Review a report and draft plan for a future Conference Inventory.

Public Information – Rick 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 activities of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review the 2023 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 2022 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs.”
- C. Review progress report on the development of a GSO Podcast.
- D. Review report on “YouTube Performance.”
- E. Review report on “Google Ads Performance.”
- F. Review report on “Meeting Guide Performance.”
- G. Review the “2022 Third Quarter Report on A.A.W.S. Board Oversight of GSO’s A.A. website.”
- H. Review report on “AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast.”
- I. Review report for “Online Business Profiles.”
- J. Review report on analytics.
- K. Review progress report on the Young People’s Video Project.
- L. Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
- M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:

1. Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A.A. at a Glance”
 2. Review progress report on revision to the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings”
 3. Review progress report on revision to the flyer “A Message to Teenagers”
- N. Review progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.
- O. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey process.
- P. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey results reporting.
- Q. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
- R. Consider request to implement an Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account.

Hotline/Report and Charter – Xavier G.

Hotline – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Hotline Chair.
2. Consider current job description of Area 40 Hotline Chair and propose revisions, if necessary.
3. Determine who will serve as secondary/alternate contact for the Hotline.
4. Review activities of Hotline Committees and chairpersons in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

Report and Charter – GSC

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2023-2025 Edition:*
1. Review list of editorial updates.
 2. Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “Groups.”
 3. Consider the request for specific changes to the 2021-2023 version of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
 4. 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.”
 5. Review feasibility report of an ASL translation of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- B. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- C. Consider posting an anonymity-protected Conference *Final Report* on aa.org.