

**Yogo Inn  
Lewistown, Montana  
April 14 & 15, 2007**

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**Friday, April 13-** Sapphire Rooms

AA meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is held separately from the Assembly and is self-supporting).

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**SATURDAY SESSION – April 14**

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 10:00 a.m.*)

8:00/9:45 **Welcome** – Serenity Prayer, Traditions, and Concepts  
**Roll Call** – by Area Secretary  
**Orientation to the Assembly** – Area Delegate, Andrew W.  
**Reports from the Area Committee Members**  
Area Chair\*  
Area Secretary\*  
Area Treasurer\*  
Triangle Editor\*  
Area Service Chairs\*  
DCM's\*  
Standing, nonvoting service positions\*

9:45/10:00 **Coffee Break**

10:00/12:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives/Structure ..... Kendall Room  
Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums ..... Terrace Room  
CPC/Trustees ..... Employee Lounge  
Finance ..... Gypsum Room  
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions..... Board Room  
Literature..... Room 306  
Public Information/Report..... Room 328  
Treatment/Agenda..... Room 310

(IF YOUR COMMITTEE FINISHES ITS BUSINESS DURING THIS SESSION, PLEASE NOTIFY THE AREA CHAIR)

**Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**

Led by past delegate Robbie S. – “Service and the Home Group”

12:00/1:30 **Recess for Lunch**

1:30/2:30 **Workshop for those not attending committee meetings**

Led by past delegate Ed M. – “Service and the Home Group”

**Standing Committee Meetings (continued)**

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2:30/3:15 **Delegate's Report** – Andrew W. (questions and answers)

3:15/3:30 **Coffee Break**

- 3:30/5:00     **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports/Motions and Discussion**  
Literature \*\* - Linda B.  
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions \*\* - BilliJo D.  
Archives/Structure \*\* - Conrad M.  
Finance \*\* - Curt K.  
Public Information/Report & Charter \*\* - Sean B.  
CPC/Trustees \*\* - Terry S.  
Treatment/Agenda \*\* - Geoff D.  
Corrections/Intn'l Conventions-Regional Forums \*\* - Bill E.
- 5:00/7:00     **Recess for Dinner**  
7:00/8:15     **Floor Assembly / Committee Reports-Motions and Discussion (Cont.)**  
8:15/8:30     **Coffee Break**  
8:30/10:00    **GSR Breakout** – Led by Past Delegates: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing  
**DCM Breakout** – Led by Past Delegates: Ask-it-basket questions and sharing

**SUNDAY SESSION – April 15**

- 8:00/9:00     \***Roundup Reports:**  
                  **Fall 2006 Billings; Spring 2007 Butte; Fall 2007 Great Falls**  
\***Intergroup Reports**  
\***Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous**  
                  **Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Lincoln, NE – Lori F.**  
\***Report on the upcoming West Central Regional Forum**  
\***Report from the ad-hoc committee on establishing an Area 40 800 number – Sean**  
                  **B.**
- 9:00/9:30     **Past Delegate Sharing – Ed M.**  
9:30/10:00    **Past Delegate Sharing – Robbie S.**  
10:00/10:15   **Coffee Break**  
10:15/12:00   **Continue Floor Assembly / Committee Reports – Recommendations – Discussion,**  
                  **General Sharing**

**ADJOURN / DRIVE SAFELY!!!**

*\* **Reports:** 5-minute time limit with two written copies given to the Area Secretary.*

***Floor comments are requested to take no longer than 3 minutes***

***Please note that the rooms this Assembly meets in have been designated smoke free by past action. The Yogo Inn has graciously placed ashtrays/receptacles just outside the outside doors. They have requested that smoking be limited to that area and the bar and that we not smoke in the meeting rooms, hallways or lobby area. Your thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.***

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

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 as an informed *sense of the committee/area*. The purpose of this is to insure our Delegate is provided with a sense of Area 40's informed group conscience and to help him in preparation for the upcoming General Service Conference.

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.

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### **Literature – Linda B**

1. Review trustees' Literature Committee progress report on the "A.A. for the Native North American" pamphlet.
2. Consider a suggestion to add the following text from *The A.A. Service Manual*, "Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions" to "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and the "G.S.R." pamphlet.
3. Discuss requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet.
4. Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet "Can A.A. Help Me Too?" subtitled "Black/African Americans Share Their Stories" to "A.A. and the Black/African American Alcoholic."
5. Discuss a suggestion to revise the pamphlet, "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs."
6. Review trustees' Literature Committee report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
7. Consider a request to produce a pamphlet to replace the discontinued "Letter to a Woman Alcoholic."

### **Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – BilliJo D**

#### **Grapevine**

1. Consider suggestions for new A.A. Grapevine, Inc. items for production in the year 2008 or later.
2. Consider requests to reinstate a section on the subject of alcoholism in the A.A. Grapevine.
3. Review contents of Workbook.

#### **Policy & Admissions**

1. Review dates for the 2010 General Service Conference.
2. Review final report of the General Service Board Regional Composition and Structure Inventory Committee.

### **Archives/Structure – Conrad M**

#### **Archives**

1. Review Workbook.
2. Review the Final Report of the Subcommittee on Archives Recordings, and the "Sound and Video Access Policies."

## **Finance – Curt K**

1. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one time bequest) that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
2. Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for G.S.R. (general service representative) travel expenses from group funds to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
3. Discuss a request to “Develop a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference structure.”
4. Discuss a request “to eliminate volume discounts on literature orders.”
5. Discuss a request “to incorporate shipping costs into literature pricing.”

### **Area 40 Agenda Item for Finance**

1. Discuss the consideration of amending the Area 40 budget to include \$1,500.00 for the Area 40 Treatment Chair to purchase Big Books for the needs of the area’s treatment centers.

## **Public Information/Report & Charter – Sean B**

### **Public Information**

1. Consider the 2006 annual report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
2. Consider that the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey.
3. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  - a. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. “A Force of Nature” developed by the trustees’ Committee on Public Information.
  - b. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the television P.S.A. “Testimonials.”
  - c. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. “A Force of Nature” at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
  - d. Discuss the 2002 - 2006 Conference Advisory Actions regarding replacement and production of P.S.A.s.
4. Consider a suggestion from the trustee’s Committee on Public Information for the development of a video for young people.
5. Consider a suggested list of early symptoms of alcoholism forwarded by the trustee’s Committee on Public Information, and derived from A.A. literature, to replace the list of early symptoms in item 19 on page 17 in the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings.”
6. Consider a request to include “more information regarding the topic of anonymity of deceased members (posthumous anonymity)” in A.A. literature.
7. Consider a request to change language in the flyer “A Message to Teenagers.”
8. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

### **Area 40 Agenda Item for PI**

1. The Area 40 Ad Hoc Answering Service Committee asks the Assembly to consider rejecting, approving or amending the answering service structure and answering service vendor choices provided by the Ad Hoc Committee to be implemented by your Area Public Information Chair.

### **Report & Charter**

1. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2006 - 2007 Edition:*
  - a. Review a suggested list of duties of a district committee member chairperson (D.C.M.C.).
  - b. Review a description of metropolitan districts that more accurately reflects the number of groups in such a district.

- c. Consider a recommendation from the General Service Board that the following text be added to Chapter Nine in *The A.A. Service Manual*, where appropriate:
 

“The intent of forming regions was to create a vehicle by which regional trustees could be added to the General Service Board and a way to provide a cross section of people who would serve A.A. as a whole – not in a representative capacity. To allow for a balanced rotation, elections of regional trustees are staggered in order that there may be a relatively even flow of new trustees coming onto the board. It was not until 1962 that the formal naming of regions occurred and a redistribution; and, soon afterwards the formation of new regions.”
  - d. Consider a recommendation from the General Service Board that the sentence, “Regional trustees bring to the board’s discussions a regional point of view and experience that is invaluable,” in Chapter Nine: The General Service Board, page S62 in *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2006-2007 Edition, be replaced so that the section reads:
 

“While no trustee can be said to “represent” a geographical section – all trustees represent only the Fellowship as a whole – regional trustees bring to the board’s discussions a diversity of A.A. experience that is invaluable.”
  - e. Consider a suggestion to include the committee scope from each Conference Committee Composition Scope and Procedure document in the Standing Committee section in the Chapter on Conference Committees.
  - f. Consider a suggestion that the last paragraph reading, “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.” be moved from S38 to S72 and inserted as a separate paragraph under “Trademarks, Logos, and Copyrights.”
  - g. Consider a request to add a paragraph titled “District Information,” which includes references to the District Information Change Form (F-43) to Chapter Three.
  - h. Consider a request to add an illustration of the “District Information Change Form” (F-43) to Chapter Three.
  - i. Consider a list of suggested additional changes.
2. A.A. Directories:
    - a. Consider a request to have A.A.W.S. discontinue publishing regional directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
    - b. Consider a suggestion to add to the A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.) a separate subsection within the section “INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE MEETINGS” for listing “Online Intergroups” that request to be listed, and that online Intergroups thus listed provide an e-mail and/or Web site address to be included in the directories.
  3. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

### **CPC/Trustees – Terry S**

#### **CPC**

1. Review “Progress Report on Video Segments Directed to Professionals” from the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities.
2. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
3. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in C.P.C. service.

#### **Trustees**

1. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - a. Northeast Regional Trustee
  - b. Southwest Regional Trustee
  - c. Trustee-at-Large/Canada

2. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
3. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
5. Review report from trustees' Committee on Nominating regarding the option of a Class B (alcoholic) trustee serving as chairperson of the General Service Board.
6. Discuss recommendation from the General Service Board to amend the Bylaws of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc., amended in April 2006.
7. Approve the General Service Board's recommendation that the existing sentence pertaining to regional trustees in the Bylaws of the General Service Board, Inc. (*The A.A. Service Manual, 2006-2007 Edition*, p. S110) which reads:

“Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the years, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, **to advise the Board with respect to regional views and opinions regarding policy matters.**”

be amended so that the sentence reads:

“Class B regional trustees are expected to contribute their time basically during the four periods of the year, viz., each three-day period ending on the day of each quarterly meeting of the trustees of the General Service Board, and, in addition, **to provide the Board their views and opinions regarding policy matters based on Fellowship-wide experience.**”

### **Treatment/Agenda – Geoff D**

#### **Treatment**

1. Review a summary of local sharing regarding use of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
2. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
3. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in treatment facility Twelfth Step work.

#### **Area 40 Agenda Items for Treatment**

1. Consider amending the Area 40 budget to include \$1,500.00 for the Area 40 Treatment Chair to purchase Big Books for the needs of the area's treatment centers.

#### **Agenda**

1. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2008 General Service Conference.
2. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2008 General Service Conference.
3. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2008 General Service Conference.
4. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

### **Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Bill E**

#### **Corrections**

1. Consider the draft Informational Media Presentation Introducing A.A. to Training Academies and In-service Training for Corrections Personnel.
2. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.
3. Discuss ways of stimulating interest in Corrections Twelfth Step work.

**International Conventions-Regional Forums**

1. Discuss and review 2020 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures
2. Discuss concept and details of Local Forums as approved by the General Service Board.
3. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums.

**Fall Assembly – September 22 & 23, 2007**