

# The Triangle

## Area 40's Newsletter

### From the Editor

We're into to a busy time for Alcoholics Anonymous. The events calendar is full. Pre-assembly meetings will be held in three communities, Missoula on March 12, Miles City on March 19, and in Butte on April 2. When I was DCM, the pre-assembly meetings really helped me understand the items on the General Service Conference's Agenda. After attending, I felt like I could help my district make informed decisions on how to vote.

I have gotten back around 30 of the February issues with wrong addresses. Hopefully,

by the time you receive this issue, your DCM will have my list of groups and their addresses to update. It is the intent of the Area that each group receive an issue.

In last month's issue, I had some typos and an un-ended sentence in the article on the Billings Traditions Group. I went to their meeting last Tuesday and they are a very strong group. A couple with suspected drinking problems were there. The group surrounded them with love and was a great example of AA. So, although they were founded in

1980, not 180 AD, the Traditions Group continues to be very strong in support and service of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I want to thank my home group, the Recovery Group, for their help placing labels and sorting the Triangle for mailing. Any group whose secretary sings the announcement about the pink can is dedicated to service in AA.

Since I'm to send out 8 issues per year, I won't be doing an April Triangle. In May you'll have a report from our Area Delegate on the General Service Conference and lots of other good stuff. Thanks for letting me serve.

Carole

### Being a GSR

When I moved to a new city in Montana, I got the chance to be my new home group's GSR. This new service position helped me in so many ways, here are a few:

- enabled me to meet other GSR's in the district and our district committee members.
- enabled me to get to know my new home group members by attending our meeting and

- business meeting
- taught me about AA's service structure (I still have a lot to learn).
- I had the privilege to participate at Area Assembly and meet great people from all over the state.
- kept up-to-date on events around our district and area in order to keep my group up-to-date.

-allowed me to give back some of what has been given so freely to me. These are just a few of the gifts I received from being a GSR. Thanks, Fellowship Group for allowing me to serve and turning me into a service geek!!!!

Jessica P. (Formerly from Bozeman, now from Whitefish)

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Update your group's mailing address with your DCM to assure your group continues to receive the Triangle!

General Service Conference  
April 17-23, 2005



**"I have also had the good fortune to email or speak with the other members of the committee and it is overwhelmingly apparent that those folks absolutely love Alcoholics Anonymous."**



Send Scott letters of support to  
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### From Your Area 40 Delegate

Dear Area 40:

The past couple of months have been very busy and I thank you for the opportunity to be of service. I had no idea God had this in the plan.

The background information for the 55<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference is now available. Included with this edition of the Triangle is a copy of the agenda for the Spring Assembly to be held in Lewistown, MT on April 9 & 10 at the Yogo Inn. Please take a few minutes and review the agenda. If there is an agenda item that sparks your interest, you may request the background information for that item from the Area 40 Standing Committee Chair. All Districts that requested the background information and Area Committee Chairs should have received the information by the end of February.

I have been assigned to the Trustee's Committee at the General Service Conference. My "conference buddy" John F., Panel 54 Delegate, Area 31 Western Massachusetts also serves on the Trustee's Committee and has been very kind to stay in contact and prepare me for "a life changing event".

I have also had the good fortune to email or speak with the other members of the committee and it is overwhelmingly apparent that those folks absolutely love Alcoholics Anonymous. Simply, I am honored to be counted amongst their numbers.

The next two months are packed with travel and commitments. I hope to see you at the following events:

West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference to be held in Rapid City, SD on March 4 – 6. Registration and a schedule for the weekend are available on the Area 40 web site [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org). Area 40 will have the first presentation on Friday evening. The DCMs from Districts 41 & 72, Brian M and Sean B respectively will be the presenters. I know they will appreciate your support. The WCRAASC is a great opportunity to discuss the General Service Conference agenda items with other members of the Fellowship who are involved with General Service.

Three Pre Assemblies are scheduled this year: Missoula on March 12,

Miles City on March 19, and Butte on April 2. The Pre Assemblies provide a sharing session for members of our Fellowship to hear and discuss the Area 40 Spring Assembly agenda items. An informed group conscience is our goal and your participation will assist with attainment of that goal.

The Spring Roundup will be held in Kalispell on April 29, 30 & May 1. I will have the pleasure of giving my first Delegate's report at the Roundup. Hope to see you there.

In addition, I have been asked to share a Delegate's Report at the following: Fireman's Point (Columbus) on June 5, Bozeman on June 12 and Cut Bank on July 30. Thank you in advance to those Districts for asking me to share the Report.

Thanks again for letting me serve at this level in our Fellowship. See you in Toronto.....

Scott W  
Panel 55  
Area 40 Delegate

### How Area 40's Voice is Heard

How come we don't vote on all the General Service Conference agenda items?

The spring Area Assembly is always an exciting one! We get the opportunity to learn more about the agenda items to be discussed at the General Service Conference later in the month of April. If you are new or nearly new to the Area Assembly scene, it can be a little confusing when we are asked for a *sense of the Area* and not for a vote on these items.

General Service Conference agenda items may originate in a group, a district or at an Area Assembly. Background information comes from members just like us who are interested in the issue at hand. The action, however, is taken at the General Service Conference where delegates, trustees, directors, and GSO staff participate in committee deliberations and floor discussions. The recommendations of committees are brought to a vote on the conference

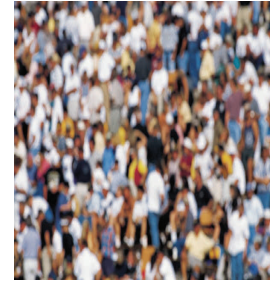
floor where additional discussion most often occurs. With substantial unanimity as a guide, Conference Advisory Actions result and our Board moves forward as directed by the Conference.

So why do we discuss these items and spend so much time with something we don't even vote on? Primarily, we are assuming our responsibility to AA as a whole. Concept One from the Twelve Concepts for World Service states "The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship." The reason for this view resides at the heart of Tradition Two. Tradition Two and the informed group conscience make crystal clear the responsibility each member has to participate in these discussions.

But, we can't all get together annually to discuss the business of AA as a whole. The logistics would be an

International Convention times 12 in terms of people congregating! So we have trusted servants, like our Area Delegate, who attends as Montana's contribution to the informed group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. When we gather at our Area Assembly to discuss the General Service Conference agenda items, it is to inform him of our sense of these items. We give him a *sense of the Area*. He goes to the annual meeting, our General Service Conference, informed but not instructed. We encourage him to listen and consider carefully the thoughts of others who contribute the sense of their areas. And then, we ask him to follow his "spiritual resources of right purpose and collective intelligence with enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and God to insure that our world services will work under all conditions."

Robbie S  
Past Delegate



**Our Area Delegate attends the General Service Conference as Montana's contribution to the informed group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.**

**The elevator is broken.  
Please, take the steps**



Update your group information with your DCM to be current with GSO.



**Overheard at Meetings:**

“When I first came around AA, I only worked two steps: One and nine. I’m an alcoholic and I’m sorry .“

### From Your Area 40 Public Information Chair

In preparing for my new position as Public Information Chair, I took a suggestion from our past delegate, Robbie S, and read the General Service Conference Final Report to see what will be on the upcoming agenda. In the report, I discovered that each Public Information chairperson at the district level could receive a welcome letter and a Public Information workbook from GSO. I then e-mailed our Public Information person at GSO, Gayle R, who confirmed that I only needed to send her the

names of each district’s Public Information chair and they would be put on the mailing list to receive information pertinent to their position. It is amazing what I can discover when following some simple instructions from those willing to share their experience. Thanks, Robbie.

This week, I am sending out a letter to each DCM requesting the name of their Public Information chair

This is a great opportunity for us to receive the information we need to carry out our service position

and reach the still suffering alcoholic.

Please contact me if I can assist your group or district in any way. Thank you for allowing me to participate in my recovery.

Connie R  
Area 40 Public Information Chair

### From the 800 Phone Number Ad Hoc Committee

I’m Laurie C., currently Archives Chair for District 61, Helena, and have volunteered to chair an ad hoc committee to come up with suggestions to implement a state-wide 800 num-

ber. I’m interested in talking to AA members in areas who do not have an answering service, in order to get ideas on how an 800 number could best serve drunks in those areas. My plan

is to have a report for the Area Assembly in April. I love plans!



**Overheard at Meetings:**  
Then there was the time I called in sick on my day off!

### History of Public Information

The 1939 publication of our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, was the first A.A. information available for the public.

By 1941, several

articles on A.A. in national publications helped to encourage understanding and acceptance of A.A. Also significant were good relations with professionals, such as Dr.

W. D. Silkworth, Rev. Sam Shoemaker and Dr. Harry Tiebout.

In 1956, the Public Information Committee of the General Service

### From Your Area 40 Secretary

Hello Area 40 from beautiful and sunny Columbia Falls, Montana.

I'm your Area 40 Secretary for these next two years. By this day, I hope all DCM's have received their Group Updates sent from GSO.

Please give special attention to getting "new" group infor-

mation recorded as soon as possible, and sent back to GSO in the pre-addressed envelope. DCM's will enjoy getting to know their new GSR's. Please contact me for any further assistance.

Make plans to attend a Pre-assembly event that will be held in your

area prior to our Spring Assembly in Lewistown April 9 and 10.

These gatherings help all of us to be more informed about the AA business that takes place in Lewistown for Area 40, the state of Montana.

Yours in Service,  
Paul W



**Service has gotten Paul acquainted with a personal computer. Good job, Paul!**

### How Standing Committees Work

STANDING COMMITTEE is a committee named and represented in the structure of Area 40, focusing on a specific ways to accomplish our primary purpose.

STANDING COMMITTEE-ALTERNATE ASSIGNMENTS: For the purpose of dealing with business at the General Service Conference level, alternate assignments are made to the Standing Committees of Area 40. This allows committee members in Area 40 to review and discuss agenda items from these General Service Conference committees. Agendas from these alternate assignments will be the responsibility of the committee to which they are assigned. The 2005-2006 Committee Assignments are found on page 14.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: The individual elected by the Assembly to serve a two year term as the chairperson of a specific committee. It is suggested that the standing committee chairperson:

1. Stay in contact with all members of his/her committee as well as other standing committee chairpersons.
2. Before holding a standing committee meeting, make the agenda available to committee members. Be available to discuss all the material and questions to be covered.
3. Encourage committee members to carefully consider the agenda items.
4. During the committee meeting, try to keep the committee's focus on completing the agenda and being unified as a committee.
5. Following the committee meeting(s), prepare the report to be presented to the Assembly. (see Committee Report-Form)
6. Be available to districts throughout Area 40 for the purpose of sharing experience and information on carrying the AA message through the committee's service channel. (i.e.: into jails, prisons, hospitals, etc)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Committee meetings are scheduled to be held at each Area Assembly. Usually two sessions for committee work are held, except during an election assembly, when time may limit the sessions to one. It is the responsibility of the Standing Committee Chairperson to conduct a smoothly functioning meeting.

Anyone is welcome to attend a committee meeting as long as the numbers of individuals in a certain meeting location do not exceed those deemed safe by the hosting facility and/or Fire Marshall regulations.

It will be at the chair's discretion as to time allowed for individuals to participate in discussions during the committee meeting. A proposed guideline is two minutes per person on each discussion item. Such guidelines must be in place due to time constraints for committee business to be conducted. Participants are reminded of an additional opportunity to discuss recommendations when reports are given to the full Assembly.

**Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda**

**Yogo Inn  
Lewistown, Montana  
April 9 & 10, 2005**

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**Friday, April 8**- 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 9**

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, Scott W  
**Reports from the Area Committee Members**  
Area Chair\*  
Area Secretary\*  
Area Treasurer\*  
Triangle Editor\*  
Area Service Chairs\*  
DCM's\*

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 Mark S – "Recovery 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 Loren B– "Service and the Home Group"

**Standing Committee Meetings (continued)**

- Archives/Structure ..... Kendall Room
- Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums ..... Terrace Room
- CPC/Trustees ..... Employee Lounge
- Finance ..... Gypsum Room
- Grapevine/Policy & Admissions ..... Board Room



**Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda Continued**

- Literature .....Room 306  
 Public Information/Report .....Room 328  
 Treatment/Agenda .....Room 310
- 2:30/3:15 **Delegate's Report** – Scott W (questions and answers)  
 3:15/3:30 **Coffee Break**
- 3:30/5:00 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports/Motions and Discussion**  
 Literature \*\* - Louise M  
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions \*\* - Gail M  
 Archives/Structure \*\* - Dennis O  
 Finance \*\* - Sid G  
 Public Information/Report & Charter \*\* - Connie R  
 CPC/Trustees \*\* - Lloyd B  
 Treatment/Agenda \*\* - Lee G  
 Corrections/Intn'l Conventions-Regional Forums \*\* - Gary O
- 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 10**

- 8:00/9:00 **\*Roundup Reports:**  
**Fall 2004 Helena; Spring 2005 Kalispell; Fall 2005 Missoula**  
**\*Intergroup Reports**  
**\*Report from the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) in Rapid City SD – Julie R**  
**\*Reports from the ad-hoc committees:**  
**1. On taking workshops around the state – Robbie S**  
**2. On revising Area 40 Policy and Procedures – Kevin N**  
**3. On establishing an Area 40 800 number – Laurie C**
- 9:00/9:30 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Loren B  
 9:30/10:00 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Mark 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, the cafe portion of the dining area and the "bar" and that we not smoke in the meeting rooms, hallways or lobby area.**

## Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda Continued

**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.

### **Literature – Louise M**

1. Consider revised draft introduction developed by the Publications Department and reviewed by the trustees' Committee on Literature to be added to the front matter of the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, as recommended by the 2003 Conference and per additional consideration of the 2004 Conference Committee on Literature.
2. Consider revised draft pamphlet "Too Young?"
3. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on "Young People and A.A." pamphlet.
4. Review trustees' Committee on Literature progress report on the Spanish-language Third Edition Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*.
5. Consider revised draft text for the section titled "Service Sponsorship" on page 28 in the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
6. Consider the revised draft comic book format pamphlet "It Happened to Alice!"
7. Review draft manuscript of the revised pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
8. Consider revised text for the section titled "The A.A. Grapevine" in the pamphlet "Your A.A. General Service Office."
9. Discuss suggestion to develop a publication oriented toward and addressing the concerns of A.A. members with long-term sobriety.
10. Discuss suggestion to replace the term "sexual preference" with "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic."
11. Discuss request to revise the table of contents in *Living Sober* by creating "unity," "service," and "recovery" sections and by including a subtitle under chapter titles.



## Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda Continued

### **Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Gail M**

#### **Grapevine**

1. Consider request that in 2006 or later, the Grapevine produce a collection of stories for young people, drawn from previous issues of the A.A. Grapevine magazine, similar to *Spiritual Awakenings*.
2. Consider request that in 2006 or later, La Viña produce an audio compact disc of La Viña stories on Steps Seven through Twelve as a companion to its CD of stories on Steps One through Six.
3. Review Workbook.

#### **Policy & Admissions**

1. Review dates for the 2008 General Service Conference.
2. Discuss report from trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding the use of laptop computers at the General Service Conference.
3. Consider requests to revise the timetable for the election of one delegate in the Western Canada Region to allow for two odd and two even panels in that region
4. Consider request that a second Conference Committee on Literature be formed.

### **Archives/Structure – Dennis O**

#### **Archives**

1. Review Workbook.

### **Finance – Sid G**

1. Discuss self-support.
2. Review and discuss report from trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee on delegates' fees.
3. Discuss request to include information on how to obtain a tax ID number in the "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" pamphlet.

### **Public Information/Report & Charter – Connie R**

#### **Public Information**

1. Consider 2004 annual report from the trustees' Committee on P.I. regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
2. Review and approve final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2004 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
3. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  - a. Consider approving the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - developed by the trustees' Committee on Public Information.
  - b. Review information on centralized redistribution, tracking and evaluation of television P.S.A., "We Know What It's Like."
  - c. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. - "Living in Chaos" - at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.
  - d. Consider removing the phrase "and taking pills" from the P.S.A. "Teenager," spot #6, on the radio P.S.A. CD item #R-10.
4. Consider report from trustees' Committee on Public Information recommending first steps in determining the feasibility of replacing two videos, "A.A. - Rap With Us" and "Young People and A.A.," with estimated initial project costs not to exceed \$20,000.

## **Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda Continued**

5. Consider a suggestion to replace/update the video "Alcoholics Anonymous – An Inside View."
6. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

### **Area 40 Agenda Items for PI**

7. Consider the Area Webmaster establishing "dummy" email addresses for all committee chairs which would then be automatically forwarded to their personal email address. The dummy addresses would protect the chair's anonymity. For example, to contact the Area Delegate, the email address would be delegate@aamontana.org. The webmaster would program the website to forward the email to the delegate's personal email address.
8. Consider publishing an anonymity protected version of the area's newsletter, the Triangle, on the Area's website. The Triangle Editor will remove all last names and personal information from each issue and provide to the webmaster.

### **Report & Charter**

1. Review *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2004 – 2005 Edition.
  - a. Review editorial updates to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
  - b. Review updated chart to replace "A.A. Grapevine, Inc." on page S80.
  - c. Consider adding proposed text pertaining to the A.A. Grapevine Digital Archive and Reprint Policy.
2. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
3. Discuss A.A. Directories.
  - d. Consider request to include online meetings in languages other than English, French and Spanish in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."
  - e. Consider request to include adding Web site information for online meetings listed in A.A. directories under "ONLINE MEETINGS."
  - f. Consider placement of a central office serving Native North American People in the A.A. directories.

## **CPC/Trustees – Lloyd B**

### **CPC**

1. Review shared experience on ways local committees approach professionals in addition to writing letters, for possible inclusion in the C.P.C. Kit.
2. Consider ways that members share information about A.A. one-on-one with professionals, for possible inclusion in C.P.C. materials.
3. Discuss the need for a pamphlet directed to the criminal justice system.
4. Consider request to create a video for professionals.
5. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

### **Trustees**

1. Review resumes of candidates for regional trustee and trustee-at-large:
  - a. East Central Regional Trustee
  - b. Southeast Regional Trustee
  - c. Trustee-at-large/U.S.
2. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board.
3. Review slates of directors of A.A. World Services and Grapevine Corporate Boards.
4. Review request that the qualifications for regional trustee and nontrustee director be updated to include the following:
 

"That an Appointed Committee Member not be eligible as a Regional Trustee or nontrustee Director candidate until one year after his or her last service as an Appointed Committee Member."

## **Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda Continued**

5. Discuss recommendation from trustees' Nominating Committee that new language be added to the Bylaws of the General Service Board regarding successor terms of Class B trustees in the event of resignation or death.

### **Treatment/Agenda – Lee G**

#### **Treatment**

1. Review results of survey regarding activities of local committees involved in Treatment Facilities service.
2. Consider request that the "Singleness of Purpose Statement" currently used in six C.P.C. pamphlets be added to the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities."
3. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

#### **Agenda**

1. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2006 General Service Conference.
2. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
3. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2006 General Service Conference.
4. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

### **Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums – Gary O**

#### **Corrections**

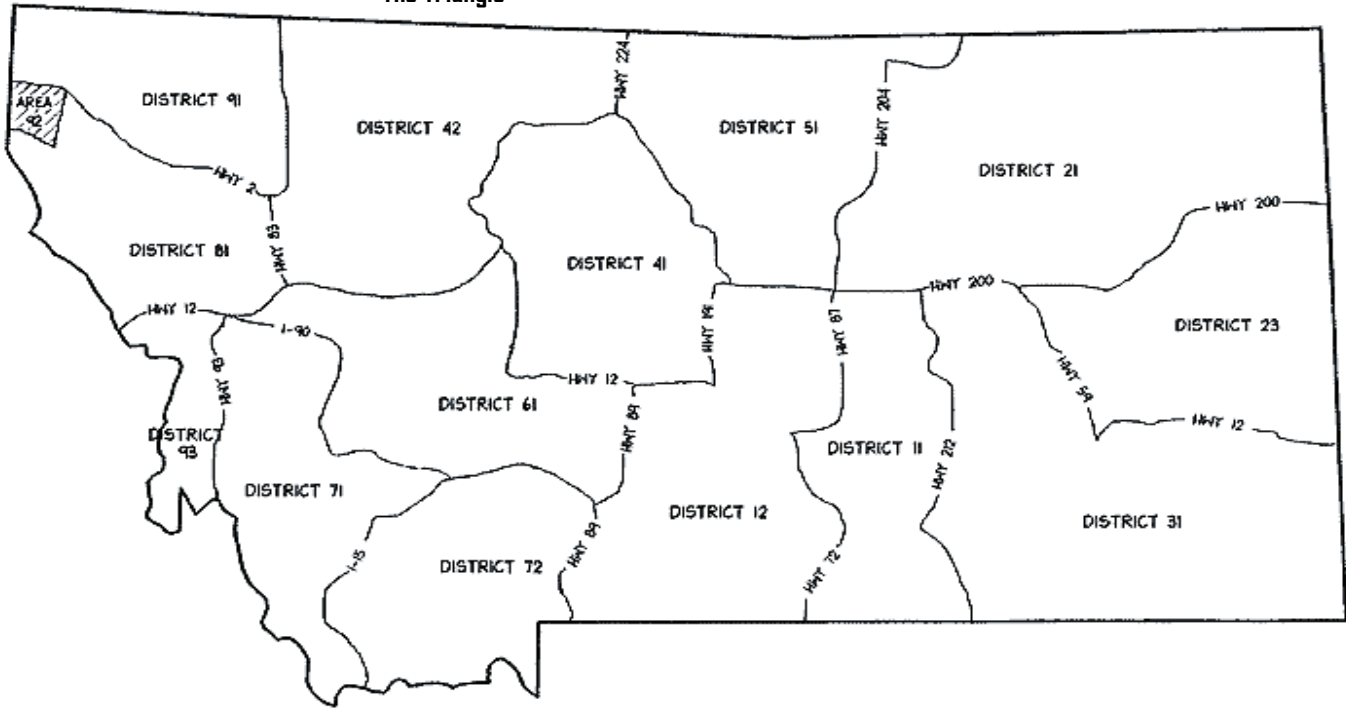
1. Consider including the following statement on A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals":  
"Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as 'substance abuse' or 'chemical dependency.' Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend *open* A.A. meetings, but only those with a *drinking* problem may attend *closed* meetings."
2. Consider the revised updated draft manuscript of *A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate*.
3. Review Final Report exploring the feasibility and cost of producing and distributing an informational video introducing A.A. to training academies for corrections personnel. [Note: the estimated cost of production and distribution is \$50,000.]
4. Review the draft service piece on "Guidelines for the Development of Workshops Introducing A.A. in Training Programs for Correctional Personnel."
5. Consider suggestion that the name of the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities be changed to the Conference Committee on Corrections.
6. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

#### **International Conventions-Regional Forums**

1. Consider the concept of broadcasting an encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed Intranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
2. Discuss the upcoming 2005 International Convention.
3. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Special Forums.
4. Discuss the concept of restructuring and/or increasing Forums (Regional/Special).

### **Fall Assembly – September 17 & 18, 2005**

The Triangle



District 11—Billings  
 District 12—Laurel  
 District 21—Wolf Point/Glasgow  
 District 23—Glendive  
 District 31—Miles City  
 District 41—Great Falls  
 District 41—Cut Bank/Choteau/ Shelby

District 51—Havre  
 District 61—Helena  
 District 71—Butte  
 District 72—Bozeman  
 District 81—Missoula  
 District 91—Kalispell/Whitefish/ Eureka

**Committee assignments (correct version)**

<b>ARCHIVES</b>		<b>CPC</b>		<b>CORRECTIONS</b>		<b>GRAPEVINE</b>	
DCM	23	DCM	12	DCM	31	DCM	51
DCM	11	DCM	61	DCM	91	DCM	93
District Rep	42	District Rep	72	District Rep	93	District Rep	41
District Rep	51			District Rep	61	District Rep	23
<b>LITERATURE</b>		<b>PI</b>		<b>TREATMENT</b>		<b>FINANCE</b>	
DCM	71	DCM	81	DCM	42	DCM	21
DCM	72	DCM	41	District Rep	11	District Rep	12
District Rep	31	District Rep	21	District Rep	91	Delegate	
District Rep	81	District Rep	71			Area Chair	

## 2005 Calendar of Events

- **MISSOULA —Pre-Assembly Meeting—Mar 12**
- **HELENA– Pockets of Enthusiasm– Mar 18-19 - [www.aapockets.org](http://www.aapockets.org)**
- **MILES CITY—Pre-Assembly Meeting—Mar. 19**
- **BILLINGS– Founder’s Day—Mar. 26**
- **BUTTE—Pre-Assembly Meeting—Apr. 2**
- **LEWISTOWN—Area 40 Assembly– Apr 9-10—[www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org)**
- **KALISPELL– Spring Roundup– Apr 29, 30, May 1**
- **DEER LODGE—Freedom Group Mini Conference—May 7 Deadline for attending Mar. 7th.**
- **CONRAD—District 42 Spring Fling—May 14**
- **COLUMBUS-Delegate’s Report-June 5**
- **TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA– AA’s 70th Birthday-June 30—July 3-[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)**
- **CUT BANK—Delegate’s Report-June 30**
- **BIG TIMBER– Beartooth Mountain Conference– Aug 5-7– [www.beartoothmountainconference.com](http://www.beartoothmountainconference.com)**
- **MISSOULA– Fall Roundup– Sep 9-11**
- **LEWISTOWN—Area 40 Assembly-Sept 17-18—[www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org)**
- **GREAT FALLS– Regional Forum– Sept 30, Oct 1-2**
- **KALISPELL—FALL REFRESHER– Oct 15-16**

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