

THE TRIANGLE

AREA 40, Inc.

Volume 20 Issue 3

APRIL 2012

SPRING ASSEMBLY ISSUE

FROM YOUR AREA CHAIR

From Your Editor

An important correction to note from the past issue stating that the Spring Roundup would be April 2-4 when in fact it is 4-6 of April. So, far all who have made their reservations early please double check that the Hotel has not booked you for the wrong dates. Otherwise, you could just wait until the rest of us show up that weekend! For the rest of you pre-register up to April 20 and save yourself five dollars. See you there.
Lee T.
Area 40 Newsletter Editor

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Assembly Schedule /	2 - 5,
Committee Agendas	10-11
Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2	6
Area Map and Committee Assignments	6
Area 40 Contact Information	7
Area Treasurer	8-9
Delegate Notes	9
Calendar of Events & Subscription forms	11 Cover

Hello Area 40 A.A. members and friends! Thank you for sending me, as your Alternate Delegate, to the West Central Regional Service Conference in Billings. I joined about 350 other alcoholics from Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa to hear about their Areas, their experience and thoughts about the theme of the conference (Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in a Digital Age), and their thoughts about the agenda items for the General Service Conference in April. Don B. and his committee did a fabulous job.

March was just the beginning of a busy time in Area 40. I am looking forward to seeing you soon at one of the A.A. events around the state, surely in Lewistown for the Spring Assembly April 14 - 15. Although the block and special rates for the Assembly expired March 23, rooms are still available at the Yogo Inn. You can call 406-545-8721 to make your reservations.

RECORD KEEPING

Hello Area 40, For the DCM's, once again I will be sending out group information sheets. These information sheets were sent out in February and should be completed and returned no later than the 2012 Spring Assembly. Since we just did this at the

The agenda for the assembly is printed in this issue of the Triangle. We have a lot of items to consider, so I hope you have had time to attend a pre-assembly and to visit with your group about both the Area 40 and General Ser-

Calls, Cards, and Prayers!

Terry's address at the General Service Conference April 21-27:

**Terry S. Area 40 Delegate
c/o Hilton Rye Town
699 Westchester Avenue
Rye Brook, New York 10573**

vice Conference agenda items. Although these items will be discussed in committee, with recommendation from the committee to the Assembly as a whole, I am looking forward to lively discussion on the floor and a strong, informed group conscience. If you choose to drive to Lewistown with a full car, you'll have another oppor-

tunity for discussion about what you consider to be important to the future vitality of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Area, the U.S. and Canada, and the world. Please let me know if there is anything I

can do to help you prepare and participate. My experience, which follows sage advice, is that participation is the key to unity. Your voice is so very important.

Terry heads off to the General Service Conference April 21. He will appreciate calls, cards, and prayers! When he comes back he'll be giving his Delegate's Report around the Area. The May Triangle will have information about locations and dates. I hope you will be able to attend

one or more to hear what the Conference decided about all the agenda items we discussed. The first Delegate's report will be at the Kalispell Roundup May 4 - 6.

Thank you for this great opportunity to serve A.A., what a gift.

Your Area Chair and Alternate Delegate,
Sharon S

the Fellowship New Vision and making the database current and accurate for Area 40. Without all your help, this job would be difficult.

Yours in service,
Linda B. Area 40 Secretary

2012 Spring Assembly Schedule

AREA 40 SPRING ASSEMBLY
 Yogo Inn Lewistown, Montana April 14-15, 2012

FRIDAY, April 13 - Sapphire Room
 A.A. meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is separate from the Assembly and is self-supporting; a 7th tradition basket will be passed)

SATURDAY SESSION, April 14 - Sapphire Room

- 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 at 8:45 am as you leave for the committee meetings)
- 8:00-8:45 **Welcome** – Serenity Prayer, Traditions and Concepts, housekeeping
Roll Call, Passed Actions Fall 2011 Assembly – Area Secretary, Linda B.
Financial Highlights – Area Treasurer, Lori F.
Orientation to the Assembly – by the Delegate, Terry S.
- 8:45-11:00 **Standing Committee Meetings:**
 Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Kendall Room
 CPC/Trustees Room 150
 Corrections/International Conventions Terrace Room
 Finance Gypsum Room
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC) Room 164
 Literature Snowy
 Public Information/Report and Charter & Website..... Judith
 Treatment Facilities/Agenda Moccasin
(If your committee finished its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair)
- 8:45-11:00 **Workshops** (Sapphire Room) - for those not attending committee meetings
 (8:45) "Change – Essential to A.A.'s Growth" led by past delegate Andrew W.
 (10:00) "Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare" led by past delegate Mark S.
- 11:00-12:00 **DCM Reports & Q&A for DCM's**
- 12:00-1:30 **Recess for Lunch**
- 1:30-2:30 **Standing Committee Meetings** (continued at same locations as morning)
Breakout (Sapphire Room) – "What is on your mind and heart" for those not attending committee meetings led by past delegates Andrew W. and Mark S.
- 2:30 - 3:00 **Delegate's Report** – Terry S.
- 3:00-3:15 **Questions & Answers** for Delegate and Ask-It-Basket
- 3:15-3:30 **Coffee Break**
- 3:30-5:00 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion**
 CPC/Trustees – Libbie L.
 Treatment Facilities/Agenda – Colby D.
 Finance – Lori F.
 Corrections/Intn'l-Regional Forums – Terry H.
 Grapevine/Policy & Admissions – Gary E.
 Public Information/Report – Paula H.
 Archives/Structure – Joe H.
 Literature – Mary M.
- 5:00-7:00 **Recess for Dinner**
- 7:00-8:00 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion** (Continued)
- 8:00-8:15 **Questions & Answers** – Ask-it-basket and questions from the microphone
- 8:15-8:30 **Coffee Break**
- 8:30-10:00 **GSR Breakout** – Held by Past Delegate (Mark S.): Ask-it-basket and sharing
DCM Breakout – Held by Past Delegate (Andrew W.): Ask-it-basket and sharing

SUNDAY SESSION – April 15

- 8:00-8:30 **Roundup Reports!**: Fall 2011 Helena; Spring 2012 Kalispell; Fall 2012 Missoula
Intergroup Reports!: South Central Intergroup; Park County Intergroup; Mission Valley Intergroup; Flathead Valley Intergroup
- 8:30-8:50 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Mark S., Panel 44
- 8:50-9:10 **Past Delegate Sharing** – Andrew W., Panel 57
- 9:10-9:45 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion** (continued)
- 9:45-10:00 **Coffee Break**
- 10:00-12:00 **Floor Assembly – Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion** (continued)
 followed by general sharing as time allows

ADJOURN – PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

The Yogo Inn is a non smoking facility, but they graciously place ashtrays/receptacles outside and ask that smoking be limited to the outside smoking area. Our thoughtful compliance and courtesy are appreciated.

Pages 3-9 contain the standing committee agenda items. In addition to reviewing Area 40 reports, there are seven Area 40 agenda items – five for the Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee and two for the Public Information Committee. Most of the committee agenda items come from the General Service Conference agenda which will be held April 22 – 28.

The Area 40 agenda items and background material were sent to their respective committee chairs for distribution to their committees. Copies are also being forwarded to each DCM with the preliminary agenda.

The General Service Conference Agenda and all background materials were sent to all DCM's and committee chairs to be passed on to committee members and GSR's for research, review and discussion. This process, hopefully, leads to a well-informed *conscience/decision*.

If your Group has any comments, questions, or concerns or would like copies of any background information, please contact the appropriate Area Committee Chair. The names, phone numbers, and email addresses of the Area Committee members are in *The Triangle* (the Area newsletter). Your DCM also has this contact information or you can email the committee chair through the Area's website www.aa-montana.org.

(NOTE: The process by which items come to the Assembly is detailed in the *Area 40 Committee System Policies & Procedures* manual which is available on the Area website or through your DCM).

The General Service Conference items on our agenda will not come to the floor of the Assembly as *recommendations (as motions made and seconded)*. Instead each committee will report an informed sense of the committee to the Assembly. We will then seek *an informed sense of the Area on the Assembly floor by discussion and a show of hands* to provide our Delegate with a sense of Area 40's informed group conscience. This "sense of the Area" will assist him in preparing for and participating in the General Service Conference.

A number of GSC committees have an item in their background materials for election of the conference committee chairperson and/or an "other items" designation, with no background, which appears to be an empty item to allow for any last minute additions. These items are not included in our Area Agenda because our delegate does not need a sense of the Area on them. Review of Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 can help us understand our process.

[NOTE addition at top of page 6]

The following Committees/Committee agenda items are listed in order of presentation.**CPC/Trustees – Libbie L.****Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC) - Area 40**

- A. Review the Area 40 CPC Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC) – GSC

- A. "A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD:
1. Discuss report on replacing the current "A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material.
 2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.
- B. Consider adding the phrase "nonalcoholics may attend as observers" to the "Singleness of Purpose" statement in C.P.C. literature.
- C. Review contents of Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.

Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for and slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
1. West Central Regional Trustee.
 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee.
- B. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- D. Review report from the trustees' Nominating Committee on the "Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate."

Continued on next page

TREATMENT/AGENDA – Colby D.

Treatment – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Treatment Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities – GSC

- A. Discuss trustees' progress report on the review of the video Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.
- C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 General Service Conference.
- B. Determine the inventory questions listed in the "INVENTORY PLAN," which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C. that will be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences.
- C. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.
- D. Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2013 G.S.C.
- E. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form

FINANCE – Lori F.

Finance – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Treasurer Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Triangle Editor Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Finance – GSC

- A. Consider suggestion to increase the Conference delegate fee.
- B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests.
- C. Review proposed Self-Support Kit.
- D. Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.
- E. Review information concerning General Service Office/A.A.Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014.
- F. Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Viña per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that "La Viña continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Services Board as a service to the Fellowship."

GRAPEVINE/POLICY & ADMISSIONS (GSC) – Gary E.

Grapevine – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Grapevine Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Grapevine – GSC

- A. Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine's Audio Strategy.
- B. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
- C. Consider "Sunset" proposal for Grapevine items.
- D. Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position "Grapevine Representative" into the Service responsibilities and duties of the "General Service Representative."
- E. Review Grapevine Workbook.

Policy/Admissions – GSC

- A. Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62nd General Service Conference as observers.
- B. Review dates for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- C. Consider modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.
- D. Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service Conference.

Motion from the General Service Board to the 62nd General Service Conference

The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board development of a plan to restructure the current Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structure, while retaining the Grapevine's independent editorial voice. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine, Inc., and address as well issues of governance and

operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference for approval prior to implementation.

PUBLIC INFORMATION /REPORT AND CHARTER & WEBSITE— Paula H.

Public Information (PI) – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 PI Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the operation of the Area 40 888 number.
 - 1. Area 40 888 number status.
 - 2. Area 40 Structure & Policy Committee Agenda Item E regarding PI responsibilities for phone directories.
- C. Review the Area Webmaster Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- D. Consider all business pertaining to the Web site operated by Area 40 Inc.
 - 1. Consider use of the Area 40 website as secure repository for the collection of Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact (BTG) information from each district in Area 40. Each DCM or District designee would input the temporary contact information for their District. Each DCM or designee would be responsible for maintaining and updating current information. In order for the list to be complete and functional, it is suggested that each person signing up as a BTG contact would list their full name, mailing address, city, state, zip code, sober date, gender, age range, phone number and email. However, it would be up to each person signing up on the list whether or not to use his or her full name. First name and last initial are sufficient to make a contact. Since the website is a protected site, passwords for the functioning of editing, and viewing contact information will be restricted to the DCM, or district designee and the Area 40 web master.
 - 2. Consider forming an ad hoc committee, including the webmaster as a member, to consider ways to place Area background material and other material, such as contact information for Bridging the Gap and Temporary Contact participants, on our Area web site in secure locations

Public Information (PI) – GSC

- A. Consider 2011 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.
- B. Review the final draft of the "Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey" pamphlet.
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
 - 1. Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza."
 - 2. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A., "My World."
 - 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., "Tengo Esperanza," at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, as an addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - 4. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
 - 5. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.
- D. Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.
- E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.
- F. Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card.
- G. Review contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook.

Report and Charter - GSC

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2012-2013 Edition:
 - 1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
 - 2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
 - 3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
 - 4. Review list of editorial updates.
 - 5. Consider suggestion for revising text on "Conference Panels," on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term "panels."
 - 6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the "spirit of rotation."
 - 7. Consider suggestion to replace the "STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE" illustration on page S16 with a previous version.
- B. Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Concept II: The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

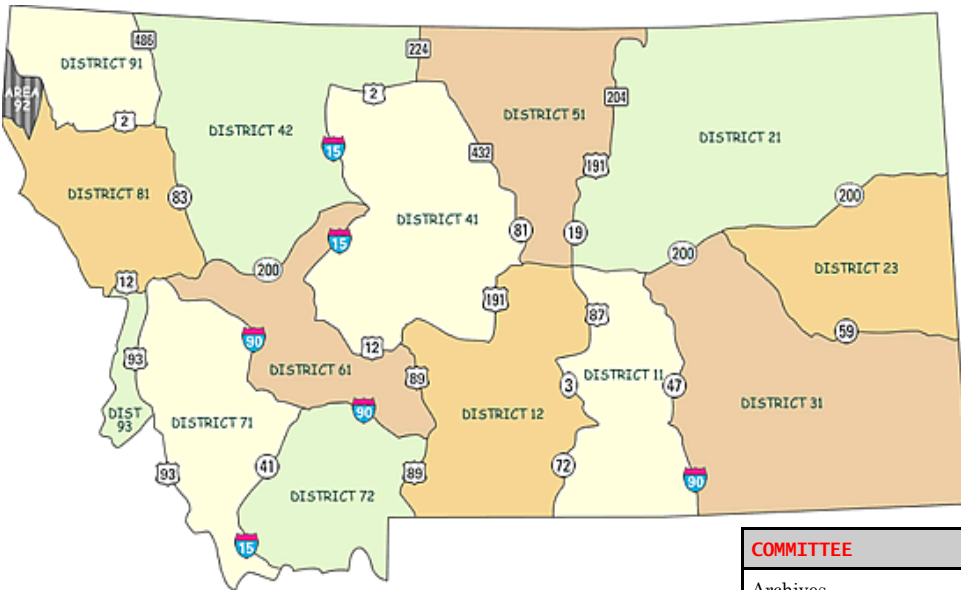
Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.” are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Area Map



- District 51—Box Elder, Chinook, Dodson, Fort Belknap, Harlem, Havre, Hays, Malta
- District 61—Boulder, Elliston, E. Helena, Helena, Lincoln, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs
- District 71—Anaconda, Butte, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Drummond, Hall, Jackson, Lima, Phillipsburg, Sheridan, Twin Bridges, Warm Springs, Whitehall
- District 72—Big Sky, Belgrade, Bozeman, Emigrant, Ennis, Gallatin Gateway, Gardiner, Livingston, Manhattan, Pony, Three Forks, Virginia City, West Yellowstone, Wilsall
- District 81—Alberton, Arlee, Clinton, Frenchtown, Haugan, Hot Springs, Missoula, Noxon, Seeley Lake, Pablo, Plains, Polson, Ronan, St. Ignatius, St. Regis, Superior, Thompson Falls, Trout Creek
- District 91—Big Fork, Columbia Falls, Coram, Eureka, Kalispell, Lakeside, Somers, West Glacier, Whitefish
- District 93—Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Hamilton, Lolo, Stevensville, Victor

- District 11—Billings, Garry Owen, Hardin, Huntley, Lodge Grass, Pryor, Roundup
- District 12—Big Timber, Bridger, Columbus, Fromberg, Harlowton, Joliet, Laurel, Red Lodge
- District 21—Culbertson, Glasgow, Plentywood, Poplar, Scoby, Winnett, Wolf Point
- District 23—Crane, Glendive, Fairview, Savage, Sidney
- District 31—Absarokee, Baker, Broadus, Busby, Colstrip, Crow Agency, Forsyth, Jordan, Lame Deer, Miles City, Terry
- District 41—Fort Benton, Fort Shaw, Great Falls, Lewistown, Stanford
- District 42—Browning, Chester, Conrad, Cut Bank, Choteau, Shelby, Valier

COMMITTEE	DCM	DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
Archives	23, 91	11, 81
C. P. C.	72, 81	71, 91
Corrections	11, 21	12, 41
Finance	12	61
Grapevine	42, 61	31, 72
Literature	93	42, 51, 61
Public Information (PI)	31, 71	21, 93
Treatment	41, 51	11, 23

Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's 2010-2012

Position	Name	Email
----------	------	-------

CHAIRS

Delegate	Terry S.	delegate@aa-montana.org
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	Sharon S.	chair@aa-montana.org
Secretary	Linda B.	secretary@aa-montana.org
Treasurer	Lori F.	treasurer@aa-montana.org
Archives	Joe H.	archives@aa-montana.org
CPC	Libbie L.	cpc@aa-montana.org
Corrections	Terry H.	corrections@aa-montana.org
Grapevine	Gary E.	grapevine@aa-montana.org
Literature	Mary McC.	literature@aa-montana.org
Public Information	Paula H.	pi@aa-montana.org
Treatment	Colby D.	treatment@aa-montana.org
Triangle Editor	Lee T.	triangle@aa-montana.org

DCM's

D
I
S
T
R
I
C
T

N
U
M
B
E
R

11	Brandon M.	dcm11@aa-montana.org
12	Sandy A.	dcm12@aa-montana.org
21	Laura S.	dcm21@aa-montana.org
23	J. Scott W.	dcm23@aa-montana.org
31	Corrina H.	dcm31@aa-montana.org
41	Casey L.	dcm41@aa-montana.org
42	Duane C.	dcm42@aa-montana.org
51	Leo B.	dcm51@aa-montana.org
61	Anne B.	dcm61@aa-montana.org
71	Peggy H.	dcm71@aa-montana.org
72	Catherine J.	dcm72@aa-montana.org
81	Erin G.	dcm81@aa-montana.org
91	Sam B.	dcm91@aa-montana.org
93	Jay T.	dcm93@aa-montana.org

Non-Voting Officers

Advisor	Carole B.	advisor@aa-montana.org
Archivist	Gerry R.	archivist@aa-montana.org
Webmaster	Alex M.	webmaster@aa-montana.org

Area 40, Inc.
Budget vs. Actual by Committee/Project
January-February 2012

Budget vs. Actual by Line Item
February 29, 2012

	<u>Jan 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income	3612.63		
Expenses			
Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Regional Service Conference	0.00	0.00	2,250.00
Delegate Expenses			
Area 40 share to GSC	1,200.00	0.00	3,239.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	700.00
Other Expenses NYC	0.00	0.00	150.00
Roundups	0.00	0.00	600.00
Travel expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total Delegate Expenses	1,200.00	0.00	6,089.00
Area Chair Expenses	0.00	70.00	1,000.00
Archivist Account			
Archivist Display & Travel	0.00	0.00	500.00
Archives Storage	<u>700.00</u>	<u>700.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>
Total Archivist Account	700.00	700.00	4,700.00
Literature Chair			
General literature purchases	<u>807.25</u>	<u>260.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>
Total Literature Chair	807.25	260.00	760.00
Public Information Chair			
Area Hotline Expenses	0.00	500.00	3,000.00
Directory Listings	<u>308.70</u>	<u>270.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>
Total Public Information Chair	308.70	770.00	4,750.00
Website	0.00	0.00	170.00
Triangle	348.07	1,000.00	4,000.00
Committee Chair Post/Supplies	42.00	218.00	500.00
Committee Chair Travel	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Computer Hardware/Software	0.00	150.00	150.00
Conference/Phone Calls	<u>97.45</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Program Services	<u>3,503.47</u>	<u>3,218.00</u>	<u>35,569.00</u>
	<u>109.16</u>	<u>-3,218.00</u>	<u>-35,569.00</u>

	<u>Jan-Feb 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Group Contributions	3,286.92		
District Contribution	245.71		
Triangle Subscriptions	<u>80.00</u>		
Total Income	3,612.63		
Expense			
Travel Expenses			
Gas	0.00	50.00	4,366.00
Mileage	0.00	10.00	1,147.00
Meals	0.00	10.00	2,425.00
Lodging	0.00	0.00	6,562.00
Air/Train/Taxi fare	0.00	0.00	150.00
Area 40 contribution to GSC	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,239.00</u>
Total Travel Expenses	1,200.00	70.00	17,889.00
Rent			
Archives storage	700.00	700.00	4,200.00
Meeting space	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,350.00</u>
Total Rent	700.00	700.00	6,550.00
Literature Expenses			
Lit. Purchases (not Service Manuals)	245.65	260.00	760.00
Service manuals (for resale)	<u>561.60</u>		
Total Literature Expenses	807.25	260.00	760.00
Photocopies / printing	294.36	800.00	3,475.00
Dues, registration, fees	0.00	0.00	170.00
Postage	95.71	368.00	1,303.00
Supplies	0.00	50.00	322.00
Telephone			
Directory Listings	308.70	270.00	1,750.00
Phone and Conference Calls	97.45	50.00	200.00
800 Number	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Telephone	406.15	820.00	4,950.00
Miscellaneous expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
	<u>3,503.47</u>	<u>3,218.00</u>	<u>35,569.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>109.16</u>	<u>(3,218.00)</u>	<u>(35,569.00)</u>
Net Income	<u>109.16</u>	<u>(3,218.00)</u>	<u>(35,569.00)</u>

THE

A NOTE FROM YOUR AREA TREASURER

Hello Area 40:

Attached (previous page) are the financial statements for the first two months of 2012. As of the end of February, we still have a positive operating balance. This could change very quickly.

Last month, I mentioned sending our Area contribution of \$3,239 to GSO for the General Service Conference this month. Because I realized that we had the WCRAASC the first weekend in March (it was great, by the way), and we also have three pre-assemblies prior to the Spring Assembly, I decided to send in the minimum amount of \$1,200.00 for now. The balance that we have budgeted, \$2,039.00 will be sent as funds become available. If funds do not become available, expect this to be a topic for discussion at the Assembly.

Since the end of February, I have received \$710.00 in funds to deposit - \$455 from the sale of Service Manuals at the WCRAASC, \$10 in Triangle Subs and \$245 in group contributions.

I have 2,039.27 in new payables, \$1,215.05 of which has already been paid. I have not received Answernet invoices for January or February, and I have not received the billing for printing the latest Triangle. I expect one more reimbursement request for the WCRAASC. Group contributions to date are approximately even with the same period last year. While the districts have been doing pretty well in keeping up with paying for their respective portions of the answering service invoices, I want to remind everyone to remind the groups that we are also incurring directory listing charges. Last year these charges amounted to \$1,414.20. We are now at the point in our finances where we have no "cushion" in our operating balance. **DCMs, please remind your groups that they will have to increase contributions this year by approximately 75% to meet our budget.** We do have a large prudent reserve which is there for times when group contributions fall short. However, I hope that the groups can increase contributions to meet the budget that was voted on last Fall. Please contact me with questions.

BOTTOM LINE	
Checkbook Balance 2-29-12	\$ 15,621.43
Prudent Reserve	(11,856.33)
Archivist Account	(1,044.83)
Operating Balance	\$ 2,720.27

Yours in service, Lori F. Area 40 Treasurer

CALLING AREA 40!

At our Spring Assembly, I am looking forward to getting the informed group conscience of our Area on the General Service Conference Agenda items. I hope you are discussing those items in your groups, and attending one of our three preassemblies. Some of the items I hope you are discussing are set out in this article. Background information on all of the agenda items has been provided to all of your DCMs and Area Officers and Service Committee Chairs.

Finance B GSC, Item B. Review the current \$3,000.00 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests. *This proposal would increase the maximum annual individual contribution to \$15,000.00, five times the current amount, and increase the maximum one-time bequest from the estate of a member to \$75,000.00, twenty-five times the current amount.*

Public Information (PI) B GSC (2 items): Item D. Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities. *How comfortable are we, in Area 40, with having this presence on Facebook? AND* PI, Item E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven. *A change to a Tradition by the General Service Conference cannot be made without first asking the consent of the registered A.A. groups of the world [this would include all A.A. groups known to the general service conferences around the world] and getting written consent of at least three-quarters of all groups responding. FOR THE FULL PROCEDURE, see The AA Service Manual (2011-2012 Ed.), pp. 105-106, 5th paragraph of AA RESOLUTION@ offered by Bill W. and adopted at the 20th Anniversary Convention of A.A., 1955.*

Literature B GSC, Item A. Discuss progress report from the trustees=Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. *Last year, Area 40 was not substantially in favor of this item, with a split between those who wanted it reconsidered and withdrawn, and those who thought it perhaps might be okay, depending upon its actual content, which the Conference did not see. This year, the Conference will receive a progress report with 23 unedited stories selected by the Trustees= Committee and a draft introduction. This is not considered a draft pamphlet, which probably means that the soonest any draft pamphlet will be coming to the Conference will be in the 2013 Conference. How does Area 40 feel about this item this year?*

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities B GSC, Item B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness. *Submitted by Area 79 (British Columbia/Yukon), this pamphlet is intended to help an alcoholic who suffers from mental illness to identify, also to assist the Fellowship in understanding the unique difficulties of the mentally ill alcoholic, and perhaps also to be a useful tool for medical professionals who have contact with mentally ill patients who also have a problem with drinking. How does Area 40 feel about this proposed new pamphlet?*

Policy/Admissions B GSC, Motion from the General Service Board to the 62nd General Service Conference, requesting that the General Service Conference support the General Service Board development of a plan to restructure the current Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structure, while retaining the

Grapevine's independent editorial voice. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine, Inc., and address as well issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference for approval prior to implementation. *This item is a motion adopted by the General Service Board, which will be presented to the Conference immediately after the reports of the corporations near the beginning of the Conference. The item has not been assigned to any Conference Committee and will not be considered by the Conference until after all Conference reports and decisions are finished, near the end of the Conference. There is no background material for this item. It is far different from any agenda item that the Conference ordinarily considers. The adoption of such a plan@ might require, depending upon what it actually proposed, asking the consent of the registered A.A. groups of the world, although it might be framed to avoid such a requirement.*

Corrections B GSC (2 related Items), Corr., Item A. Review the draft revision of the pamphlet At Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.@ and Corr., Item C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video At Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.@ *This pamphlet and this video have been resources many members of our Fellowship have found very useful in Corrections work, but there has recently been some thought that these materials need to be updated. What does Area 40 think about the need for updating the pamphlet and/or the video?*

Terry S., Panel 61, Area 40 (Montana)

2012 SPRING ASSEMBLY AGENDA

Continued from page 5

ARCHIVES/AREA 40 STRUCTURE & POLICY — Joe H.

Archives– Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Archives Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Archivist Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- C. Review the National AA Archives Workshop Committee Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Review the Area 40 Web site content, with particular attention to consistency between the Web site guidelines and Area 40 Policy and Procedures, suggesting changes to the web site guidelines as may be necessary for consistency with Policy and Procedures.
- B. Consider a method of replacing an Area Officer or Area Advisor who resigns or becomes unable to serve.
 - 1. In the event that the Delegate resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate shall become the Delegate and the Area Advisor shall assume the Area Chair duties until the next Area Assembly when a third legacy election shall take place to select an Area Chair to fill out the term.
 - 2. In the event that the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, or Secretary resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Advisor shall assume the duties of the position until the next Area Assembly when a third legacy election shall take place to select someone to fill out the term.
 - 3. In the event that the Area Advisor resigns or becomes unable to serve, the Area Chair shall appoint a Past Delegate to complete the rotation.
 - 4. If for some unusual, unlikely, or unforeseen circumstance this replacement process does not work, the following process will be used:
 - a. The available Area Officers (Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) and the Area Advisor (or a previous past Delegate if the Area Advisor is unavailable) will confer to determine the best solution given the specifics of the vacancy or vacancies;
 - b. An Area Committee meeting will be scheduled as provided in section 1.4 of the Policy & Procedures Manual (audio conference or other meeting technology would be acceptable) to discuss the recommended solution;
 - c. The Area Secretary, or person designated by the officers, will poll the Area Committee as outlined in Sections G11.3; G13.3; and G14.4.
- C. Consider that Area 40 form an ad hoc committee to revise the current Assembly Agenda process, in light of the comments and suggestions in the Fall 2011 Assembly Inventory, and present their proposed revisions to the Fall 2012 Assembly.
- D. Consider removing inconsistencies in Area Secretary and Area Treasurer Guidelines and Qualifications. These inconsistencies were created as a result of the action passed at the Spring 2011 Assembly to include qualifications for Area service positions. Qualifications were accepted for these positions which require the Area Secretary to use GSO member database software (Q11.3 In addition to the computer requirements defined in the general section this position also requires the ability to use the GSO member database software) and the Area Treasurer to use electronic spreadsheets and financial software (Q12.4 In addition to the computer requirements defined in the general section this position also requires the ability to use electronic spreadsheets and financial software), but the ad hoc committee failed to delete conflicting language in the Guidelines stating that it is not a requirement to be computer literate or to use a computer for these positions. Statements to be removed:
 - 1. **G11.4** ... If the Secretary does not want to use a computer, it will not be required. It is not a requirement to be computer literate to hold the position of Area Secretary.
 - 2. **G12.4** ... If the Treasurer does not want to use a computer, it will not be required. It is not a requirement to be computer literate to hold the position of Area Treasurer.
- E. Consider including language in the Service Guidelines and Qualifications of the Area 40 Policy & Procedures to reflect the following responsibilities, which have evolved with the 800 number, for Public Information and Area Treasurer (for consistency with other 800 language in the Treasurer's responsibilities):
 - 1. The PI Committee Chair's responsibility to review and sign contracts with all the directory listing services and to share that information with the Treasurer for budgeting purposes.
 - 2. (Area Treasurer responsibility) The Area will pay for all directory listing services related to the 800 number.
- F. Review Area 40 Policy and Procedures updates which reflect past actions (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, and Fall 2011) since last update (September 2010).

Archives– GSC

- A. Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

LITERATURE – Mary McC.

Literature – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Literature Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Literature – GSC

- A. Discuss progress report from the trustees' Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- B. Consider the draft of the revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet.
- C. Consider the final draft of the revised Living Sober booklet.
- D. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service."
- E. Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
- F. Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- G. Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to As Bill Sees It.

CORRECTIONS/INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS – Terry H.

Corrections – Area 40

- A. Review the Area 40 Corrections Chair Spring 2012 Assembly Report.
- B. Review the Area 40 Pink Can Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

International Conventions/Regional Forums - Area 40

- A. Review the 2012 WCRAASC Committee Spring 2012 Assembly Report.

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review the draft revision of the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals."
- C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- D. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

International Conventions/Regional Forums - GSC

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums.
- B. Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.

END AGENDA ITEMS

Calendar of Events

APRIL 2012

- 7 — **CORVALIS GRANGE** — Area 40 Spring Fling and Pre-Assembly — Jay T.
- 14-15 — **LEWISTOWN** — at the Yogo Inn — Area 40 Spring Assembly — Sharon S.
- 28 — **GREAT FALLS** — at the Civic Center — 12 Step Study — Dan D., Denise P.

MAY 2012

- 4-6 — **KALISPELL** — at the Red Lion Hotel — Area 40 2012 Spring Roundup — Mary M., Chair

JUNE—JULY 2012

- 9 — **GREAT FALLS** — at Ryan's Dam — Founder's Day — Terri F.

22-24 — **PAINTED ROCKS STATE PARK CAMPGROUND** — Bitteroot Picnic/Campout — Jay T.

29 - 1 — **SOUTH OF BIG TIMBER** — Beartooth Mountain Conference — Rick T. , Jesse V. , John S., Cindy S.

SEPTEMBER 2012

22-23 — **LEWISTOWN** — at the Yogo Inn — Area 40 Fall Assembly — Sharon S.

OCTOBER 2012

5-7 — **MISSOULA** — 2012 Fall Roundup — Rob H. ; Andrew Ware, Heather

SPRING 2013

11-14 — **BOZEMAN** — Spring Roundup

FUTURE ASSEMBLIES:

Spring 2013 Assembly
April 6-7

Fall 2013 Assembly
September 21-22

THE TRIANGLE
AREA 40, INC.
P.O. BOX 1791
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403

Non Profit
US Postage
PAID
Permit #237

Great Falls, MT

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CONFIDENTIAL

Where to Mail Group Contributions?

**Area 40 Inc.
Box 863
Ennis, MT 59729**

Remember GSO contributions go to:

**PO Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163**

Please make sure your contribution checks are made out to **Area 40, Inc.**

TRIANGLE SUBSCRIPTION FORM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SUBSCRIPTION FOR YOURSELF, A FRIEND OR YOUR GROUP,
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM. THE COST OF THE TRIANGLE IS \$10 PER YEAR.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AREA 40, Inc. (See, above)
SEND THIS FORM TO:

**AREA 40 TRIANGLE
PO BOX 1791
GREAT FALLS, MT 59403**

Group

Individual

YOUR NAME _____

GROUP NAME _____

GSR/CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

Number of years enclosed amount _____

Number of subscriptions requested _____

Subscription Information:

Groups are encouraged to be self-supporting with their Triangle fee. "Expired" over the mailing address indicates that a current contribution has not been accounted. Groups will receive the Triangle regardless of subscription status due to a Past Action of the Area Assembly.