

# THE TRIANGLE

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## General Service Conference Action on Restructuring "Plan"

Greetings, Area 40! It's good to be back from the 62nd General Service Conference, held in Rye, New York, April 22-28. Thank you all very much for the cards, faxes and emails! Congratulations to Andrew W. on his election as our new West Central Regional Trustee!

The Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations were provided to the Triangle and our Area 40 Secretary at the same time as I sent this brief report to both. I will be providing a longer report across the Area, starting at the Spring Roundup and concluding at the Fall Assembly, with reports in between at all Districts that invite me. I am only addressing one item in this report, the G.S.B. request for support of development of a plan to restructure the Grapevine.

Early in the Conference, this item was introduced. A motion was immediately made to refer it to a Conference Committee. After discussion, the Conference rejected the

referral, at such a late date, to one of our Conference Committees. I voted with the majority. I could see no point to sending the item, with no background and no



GOOD TO BE BACK FROM THE NEW YORK A.A. GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE !

time to do any research, to a committee. Anything a committee could do with the item, the Conference as a whole could do as well.

The General Service Conference considered the General Service Board item asking support for development of a plan to restructure the Grapevine, after

completing all other business except floor actions. After lengthy discussion of it, an amendment was offered and approved, and, as amended, the item was passed with substantial unanimity: "The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board's development of a plan to restructure the current A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structure. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of both entities, as well issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the GSO and 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 amendment, made from the floor, broadened the item to include both of our operating corporations.

I voted in favor of the

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## Greetings from your Area Chair

Thanks to everyone who participated at the Spring Area Assembly. What a great turnout with 139 alcoholics, 108 voting members! We sent our Delegate, Terry S., to the General Service

Conference with a sense of the Area on most items and made some decisions about Area business. It was a very full and productive weekend, thanks to you!

No resting on your laurels now, though. Terry will be making Delegate reports in your District; the deadline

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### SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

**July 1** – All ideas, suggestions, questions, and concerns for the Fall Assembly Agenda (and/or the 2012 General Service Conference) are due. Please submit them to the Area Chair, using the agenda item proposal form and including background material (see Policy & Procedures Manual and Agenda Item Proposal Form at [www.aa-montana.org](http://www.aa-montana.org))



# DCM SPRING ASSEMBLY REPORTS

**District 41-** Once again I want to take a moment to thank all the GSR's and committee chairs and fellow members of District 41 that were able and willing to make the spring assembly this weekend. Thank you for all that you do, for your service and support of the groups in our district. You give much to so many in our district and throughout Area 40. I'm happy to announce that we have 80% of our district groups represented by their GSR as well as alternate GSR's in district meetings and many were able to make the assembly as well. There is an increasing awareness among the groups to be more diligent about their support of district, area, and GSO. I have to say this past year has been a journey that I had not expected. God is working through all of us and I know personally God put in some overtime with me and as what usually happens in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is that I have received far more than I was able to give. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as DCM and am looking forward to giving back as much as possible

The minutes from the Spring 2012 Assembly are posted on the Area web site [aa-montana.org](http://aa-montana.org) I want to express my appreciation to Linda, she has got to be the best cat herder in Area 40 (trying to get committee members, scribes, and others to get reports in is like herding cats). Did you know that the Area Secretary's responsibilities include providing a copy of the minutes within one month of the assembly? We knew it was a daunting task, perhaps unattainable, but Linda has done it again! Thank you Linda!

Area 40 committee chairs have been an example of the program in action. Our delegate, Terry S., has been a Savoir Faire--he's been everywhere and with unwavering enthusiasm! We've got a good trusted servant in our delegate. District 41 is not going to be as busy as we were in the last year, but we do have our Founder's Day picnic coming up in June and Savoir Fair will be there and a campout in Monarch at the end of June. I think I speak for many in that we are excited about getting out to the events and roundups around our area this year. I would like to take the opportunity to say good job, Billings, and to all those who put together a terrific West Central Regional Service Conference. Thank you and God Bless. Yours in Love and Service, Casey L., DCM District 41

**District 42.** The district is struggling a little right now. Attendance numbers are down somewhat in all groups. We have 9 groups in our district, but 2

are inactive and only about half the groups are active at the district level. All participating groups report doing OK but numbers are down. August started a meeting about a year ago and they want to become a registered group and join District 72. The meeting at the prison at Shelby is going pretty good. Inmate attendance at meetings has increased over the last couple of months from 2 to 12. Probably, the increase is because we now have 2 nice looking lady volunteers attending meetings. We don't care what brings them to meetings; maybe they will learn something about A.A. Valier had their Lake Francis roundup and it was said to be a success. The next one is being planned for the last weekend in July. Shelby had their annual Christmas party and they had a real good turnout. Choteau had its annual New Years' Eve party and we had a lot of good fun and fellowship. We already

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amendment, and in favor of the item as amended, for several reasons. First, the floor discussion emphasized the following points, which the chairman of the General Service Board assured us would be followed: (a) No plan would be developed without Conference support, and having a plan in case the finances actually get as bad as projected is a very good idea; (b) Any plan will be brought to the Conference before any implementation of it; (c) Both corporations are going to be examined in developing any

plan and (d) In developing any plan, Concept XI and the need either to comply with it or to bring us a proposal for changing it consistent with any proposed non-compliance will be kept in mind,

Of greatest importance, to me at least, was that the Trustees, corporate boards and the General Service Conference are starting to look at our future (the big picture) instead of just reacting to individual agenda items. Why are we not participating more? Why is our membership no longer growing? What do we need to

do differently? What do we need to return to doing? This agenda item, as part of beginning to do some future planning and taking an inventory, makes sense now, and I believe it is in the best interests of A.A. as a whole, to assure A.A. will be there to help the still suffering alcoholic, that we encourage our trusted servants to develop a plan for our consideration, as part of our efforts to assure the continued vitality of our intact message of recovery.

Terry S., Panel 61, Area 40

## Area Chair

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for agenda items for the Fall Assembly is July 1; Groups, Districts and the Area will be conducting elections to select trusted servant for 2013 - 14 — where will you be able to serve? Who are qualified candidates for the position you now hold? Have you had

a chance to read Concept IX and Bill W.'s article "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need"?

If you have not made reservations for the Fall Assembly, please do so as soon as possible. September is a very busy month in Lewistown and the

Yogo Inn fills up early.

Thank you for all you do to help the still suffering alcoholic and for trusting me to serve also.

Your Area Chair and Alternate Delegate,

Sharon S.

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reserved the same banquet room for next year. Yours in Love and Service, Duane C., DCM District 42-

**District 51** headquartered in Havre, Mt. In attendance, we have five voting members as well as two committee representatives. Currently we have 13 active groups and approximately 35 meetings throughout the week and we are working on opening more. We also have meetings at the Eagles Manor retirement home which is an assisted living facility. Our Sunrise Alano club hosts a monthly speaker feed every month except in the late spring and summer months. My home group, the Fireside Group which is said to be the oldest group in town and also hosts a monthly birthday speaker meeting a meeting has recently started in Big Sandy. We are currently working on getting a meeting back up at the jail, as well as, our treatment facility. One long standing meeting, the road to recovery group, which was meeting at the labor hall in Havre, is looking for a new place to hold meetings since they lost the use of the labor hall. District 51 recently purchased a recording device and CD copying tower so that we can record our speakers. Our annual mini conference is scheduled for September 28th through the 30th. We have 4 sobriety campouts scheduled throughout the summer as well. Flyers are available on the table. Personally I look forward to attending Founders Day in Akron Ohio in June. I am going to try to attend as many of the state functions as possible as well. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Leo B. DCM District 51

**District 61!** We are going strong with approximately 40 groups and approximately 70 meetings per week. You can find a meeting between the hours of 6:30 am and 10 pm in District 61, depending on the day. All of our committee chair positions are currently filled! We take meetings in to Riverside, Elkhorn, MCDC, the local short-term psychiatric center at the hospital, the VA Hospital, and the Broadwater, Jefferson, and Lewis & Clark County Jails. We provide speakers for the Intensive Outpatient and DUI classes provided by Boyd Andrews. We had a great time at the Roundup in October; thank you so much for your support of this great event. That was followed by the Attitude of Gratitude of November,

which was also a lot of fun. We got together with Districts 41, 71 and 72 in Boulder to put on a Pre-Assembly in March that was well-attended. We left well informed and well fed. Terry S. will give his delegate report at the Grapefest on June 16; check the area website for flyers soon. Last Chance Group will host its annual campout June 23 & 24; that happens at the Vigilante Campground. Come join us! Respectfully submitted, Anne B., DCM, District 61

**District 72-** There is good participation with the average of 20-25 members in each group. There are 45 registered groups in the district. Aug 4th Happy Campers, July 21st, HoBo Barbeque. We will be hosting the Spring Roundup April 12- 14th, 2013. The Pony AA meeting has started up again for the summer-season. Thank You, Nick G., Alt. DCM Dist 72

**District 93** We would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to the Pre-assembly and are sorry that a few could not make it due to bad road conditions. We had around 30 people there. Right after it was over we had to eat again. We had our Spring Fling which was well attended. there were 11 acts in the talent show this year. We had people playing and singing songs some of them had even written the music. There was a comedy act and even a Hula dancer. We are now getting ready for our Annual Bitterroot Picnic & Campout at Painted Rocks, June 22nd, 23rd & 24th. Terry S. will be there the morning of the 24th around 10:00 am to give the Delegate's Report. Then in July on the 15th & 16th The Darby Group will be putting on Norm's Picnic on the West Fork. So come and join us. There are fliers on the back table. If they run out thanks to Alex you can find them this year on the web site. If you find yourself in the Bitterroot come join us around the tables. With 16 groups and 28 meetings a week from Lolo to Conner we will be there. Meetings, times, and places are also online and updated. Grateful to be of service, Jay T. DCM District 93

## **West Central Regional Service Conference Billings, MT March 2 - 4, 2012 Final Report**

The West Central Service Conference is held in Area 40, Montana once every eight years. The purpose of the Service Conference is multifaceted with the majority of the time spent discussing the General Service Conference Agenda and hearing the input from the Region. All 8 Delegate Areas from the Region were well represented. In addition, there were presentations and break out sessions that were well attended and offered great information.

The committee was grateful for the opportunity to host the Service Conference. We had first committee meeting in January of 2011 with meetings taking place every month except June

and July. The committee was comprised of 16 committee chairs.

Total registration was 348 plus 3 guests (Ken B, West Central Regional Trustee, Nancy H, General Service Trustee and Saturday night speaker, and Paul W, taper.

The Service Conference had some financial challenges. There was a loss of \$2714.90. A full financial report is available for anyone that wants to review it. After payment of all the bills, the Region is \$1225.68 under prudent reserve.

The financial report, consolidation of input from the evaluation forms and this report will be submitted to the West Central Regional Delegates for their review at one of the Regional luncheons at the General Service Conference. The Delegates will have opportunity to review the data and consider any changes going forward for future Service Conferences.

The banking account and all ancillary items associated with the Service Conference have been transferred to Chris D, Panel 62 Delegate in South Dakota.

The committee wants to thank Area 40 again for the opportunity to be of service.

Regards, Don B. WCRAASC Chairman



## CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 62<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

The following recommendations were approved by the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference and the General Service Board:

### Motion

It was recommended that:

1. The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board's development of a plan to restructure the current A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structures. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of both entities, as well as issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the General Service Office and the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference for approval prior to implementation.

### Floor Action

It was recommended that:

The limit on one-time bequests from A.A. members to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

### Agenda

It was recommended that:

The theme for the 2013 General Service Conference be: "The General Service Conference. Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action."

The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference:

Spiritual Principles for World Service:

The Triangle – More Than a Shape

The General Service Conference Inventory – Why is it Necessary?

Self-Support – What Does it Mean to the Fellowship?

Primary Purpose – Carrying the A.A. Message

The following inventory questions listed in the "INVENTORY PLAN," which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C., be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences:

### 2013

#### A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

Reflecting on Concept One, how does the Conference ensure that it is the conscience of A.A. as a whole?

How well is the use of floor actions serving us?

Reflecting on Concept Ten, how well is the authority of the Conference defined?

How well does the Conference fulfill the General Warranties of Concept Twelve?

#### B. Composition of Conference

Should delegate areas be more consistently based on actual membership numbers?

#### C. Committee System

Could the committee process be improved to more effectively introduce change in the Fellowship, and if so, how?

#### D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

What improvements could be considered to make sure the agenda selection process is more effective?

How well do all Conference members communicate to the Fellowship about why we have a Conference and how the committee system works? How could we improve in this communication?

#### E. Conference Preparation background, content, delivery, etc.)

How well do the delegates balance their preparation for the Conference, especially in keeping with Concept Three and Article Three of the Conference Charter?  
How could we improve in the practice of our rights and responsibilities under Concept Three and Article Three of the Conference Charter?

#### F. Conference Week Schedule

How can we improve the way time is allotted during the Conference for reports, presentation/discussion/workshop topics, and thorough discussion of agenda items?

How are leadership and participation affected by late night work sessions?

#### G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)

Is the current makeup of the board (numbers and proportions) still the most effective? If not, what changes should we consider?

How could we improve the methods used to solicit trustees and directors to get the most appropriate people interested in the positions?

What more could be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the Fellowship?

#### H. Leadership

Reflecting on Concept Nine, are the qualities of leadership, as identified in the leadership essay in the Service Manual, still the qualities that we should try to encourage in Conference members? If so, how successful are we in encouraging those qualities? If not, what changes should we consider?

**2014**A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

Reflecting on Concept Four, how effective are we in treating all Conference members as equals (no one regarded as second class)?

Reflecting on Concept Five, how well does the Conference facilitate the hearing and resolution of minority appeals/report? How could it be improved?

Does the structure encourage each individual in the Fellowship to feel and act as a member of a “society of alcoholics in action?” If not, how could we improve?

Does the yearlong Conference process effectively encourage all Conference members to lead (or serve) in the spirit of our upside-down service structure? If not, how can we encourage all Conference members to do so?

B. Composition of Conference

Should regional divisions be based on membership numbers, the number of areas contained in each region or some other criteria? Please explain.

C. Committee System

What is the right balance of participation among committee members (delegates, staff) and how can we best achieve that balance?

D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

How well is the message of the Conference theme being carried out throughout the year?

What other suggestions do we have for how to improve the effectiveness of the yearlong process?

E. Conference Preparation (background, content, delivery, etc.)

How can we improve the manner in which Conference background material; is developed and distributed?

F. Conference Week Schedule

At the Conference, what is the difference between being a leader or being a reporter? Can a person be both at the same time?

G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)

Reflecting on Concept Eleven, does the General Service Board exercise serious care in having the best possible assistance in carrying out their duties?

How can this process be improved?

Does the current role of the board most effectively address the needs of the Fellowship? If not, how should their role be changed?

Is the selection/election process for trustees and directors effective and impartial/fair? How would you change it?

H. Leadership

How can we improve the methods of selecting effective leaders and nurturing leadership qualities in our trusted servants?

What more could be done to ensure broad diversity of representation in our A.A. leaders?

**2015**A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

Reflecting on Concept Two, how can we better serve as the actual voice and be an effective conscience for our whole society?

Reflecting on Concept Three, how can we effectively balance the freedoms and responsibilities that come with the right of decision?

How might any one of the Concepts be revised in essence or wording to more effectively and relevantly guide our leaders?

B. Composition of Conference

Is the size and structure (proportions of delegate/trustee/staff) of the Conference the most effective for conducting the work of the Fellowship? If not, how could it be made more effective?

C. Committee System

Committee system (Structure, Composition, Effectiveness, etc.): Does the Conference committee system function in accordance with our principles?

If not, what changes should we consider regarding: a) structure b) composition c) effectiveness?

D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?

How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness?

E. Conference Preparation (background, content, delivery, etc.)

What more could be done to prepare delegates for the Conference?

F. Conference Week Schedule

What Conference activities give participants the most opportunities to be leaders?

Does the time allotted and the manner in which information is communicated from the trustees and board members allow delegates to adequately understand and/or question their reports? How could this be improved?

G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)



Reflecting on Concept Six, how can the Conference ensure that the authority we delegate to the General Service Board is commensurate with the responsibility we have entrusted to them?

Reflecting on Concept Eight: (a) How well is the General Service Board exercising custodial oversight and how effectively are they serving as the principle planners and administrators of policy and finance? (b) What are the boundaries between oversight vs. delegation? When is each practiced?

Should the Fellowship have more direct influence in the selection of Class A trustees, corporate directors, and General Service trustees? If yes, how might that be accomplished?

#### H. Leadership

How well is the Third Legacy Procedure serving us? How could it be improved?

#### Archives

No recommendations.

(Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.)

#### Cooperation With the Professional Community

It was recommended that:

The current statement regarding "Singleness of Purpose" in C.P.C. literature which reads:

"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"

be revised to read as follows:

"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. Nonalcoholics may attend open A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings."

The text in the "What A.A. Does Not Do" section in the C.P.C. pamphlets "A.A. in Your Community", "If You Are A Professional" and "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" be replaced with the text in the section "What A.A. Does Not Do" in the "A.A. at a Glance" flyer and the entire section read as follows:

What A.A. Does Not Do: A.A. does not: Furnish initial motivation for alcoholics to recover...solicit members...engage in or sponsor search...keep attendance records or case histories...join "councils" or social agencies (although A.A. members, groups and service offices frequently cooperate with them) ...follow up or try to control its members...make medical or psychological diagnoses or prognoses...provide detox, rehabilitation or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment...offer religious services or host/sponsor retreats... engage in education about alcohol...provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or any other welfare or social services...provide domestic or vocational counseling...accept any money for its services, or any contributions from non-A.A. sources...provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.

#### Corrections

It was recommended that:

- The revised draft pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" be approved.
- The pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" be revised with the following changes:
- Replace the first paragraph under the section "Release and paroles" with the following paragraph:

*One point which usually needs to be explained is why inmates have any need of A.A. while they are incarcerated. The answer is that the A.A. program is far more than staying away from alcohol. A.A. has been called a way of life, and its success for groups that meet while in custody shows that this program can help the alcoholic inmate live a sober and contented life, both while in custody and after release.*

- Change the title of the section currently called "Release and paroles" to "Re-entry and Parole."
- The current statement regarding "Singleness of Purpose" in the last paragraph, which reads:

*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.*

Be revised with wording that is consistent with the description of the difference between Open and Closed meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" on page 13, to read as follows:

*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. Nonalcoholics may attend open A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings.*

- The trustees' Corrections Committee develop a draft replacement for the section "A.A. in correctional facilities" in the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" to be brought back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Corrections.

#### Finance

It was recommended that: The annual delegate's contribution be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600.

**Grapevine**

It was recommended that:

- AA Grapevine, Inc. move forward with an audio strategy to have members call in and record their story on 3<sup>rd</sup> party recording technology.
- The stories will be subject to the same editorial process as print stories.
- The Audio endeavor will, at a minimum, break even financially.
- The committee requests that the board ensure that all contracts protect our Traditions, with the option to discontinue any and all contracts at any time.
- The committee requests that a status and financial report be submitted to the 2013 Conference Committee on the Grapevine as background.
- A.A. Grapevine, Inc., carry out the “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items. The “Sunset” proposal is a plan to phase out older or slow-moving Grapevine items and archive them digitally or make them available in another format.

**International Conventions/Regional Forums**

No recommendations.

(Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.)

**Literature**

It was recommended that:

- The revised pamphlet “A.A. and the Armed Services” be approved.
- The short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service be added to the book *As Bill Sees It*.
- *The final revision of the Living Sober booklet, with changes to outdated language or practices, be approved with minor editorial changes.*
- *The pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service” be revised, and requested that the trustees’ Committee on Literature prepare a draft pamphlet or progress report for the 2013 Conference Committee on Literature.*

**Policy/Admissions**

It was recommended that:

- Satander B. and Daler M. from the General Service Board of India be admitted to the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference as observers.
- Roger B. alternate delegate, Area 89, Northeast Quebec Canada, be seated as a Conference member at the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference because Estelle F., Panel 61 delegate for Area 89, is unable to attend.
- The 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference be held April 19-25, 2015 since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays or hotel availability.
- The use of electronic devices at the General Service Conference be approved in keeping with the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the Conference” as presented to the 2012 General Service Conference, superseding the 2004 Advisory Action regarding the use of personal computers at the Conference.

**Public Information**

It was recommended that:

- The Membership Survey pamphlet and the one-way Membership Survey display be updated to reflect the findings from the 2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey with minor editorial changes.
- The video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza,” developed by the trustees’ Public Information Committee, be approved with minor edits.
- The video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza,” be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local committees, and that the information gathered from the process be forwarded to the 2013 Conference Public Information Committee for their review.
- The revised “Anonymity Wallet Card” be approved.

**Report and Charter**

It was recommended that:

- All changes to *The A.A. Service Manual* be noted by vertical margin change bars in the edition in which the change appears for the first time.
- The following term and definition be added to *The A.A. Service Manual* in Chapter One: Introduction to General Service in the section titled Glossary of General Service Terms:
- “Rotation – the spiritual principle of sharing the responsibility for A.A. through changing leadership.”

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<b>Area 40</b> Checkbook Balance 4-30-12	12,255.54
Prudent Reserve	(11,856.33)
Archivist Account	(1,044.83)
<b>Operating Balance (Negative)</b>	<b>(645.62)</b>

## Area 40 Budget vs. Actual by Line Item

January-April 2012

## Area 40 Budget vs. Actual by Line Item

January-April 2012

	<u>Jan-Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Individual Contributions	346.00		
Group Contributions	7,472.17		
District Contribution	366.28		
7th Tradition	654.56		
Triangle Subscriptions	380.00		
	<u>638.50</u>		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>9,857.51</u>		
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Travel Expenses</b>			
Gas	995.48	1,886.00	4,366.00
Mileage	293.47	462.00	1,147.00
Meals	683.76	1,270.00	2,425.00
Lodging	2,688.59	3,592.00	6,562.00
Air/Train/Taxi fare	0.00	150.00	150.00
Area 40 contribtn to GSC	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>3,239.00</u>	<u>3,239.00</u>
<b>Total Travel Expenses</b>	<u>5,861.30</u>	<u>10,599.00</u>	<u>17,889.00</u>
<b>Rent</b>			
Archives storage	1,400.00	1,400.00	4,200.00
Meeting space	<u>947.32</u>	<u>1,170.00</u>	<u>2,350.00</u>
<b>Total Rent</b>	<u>2,347.32</u>	<u>2,570.00</u>	<u>6,550.00</u>
<b>Literature Expenses</b>			
Lit purchases (not svc mnls)	325.22	760.00	760.00
Service manuals (for resale)	<u>603.10</u>		
<b>Total Literature Expenses</b>	<u>928.32</u>	<u>760.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>
Photocopies / printing	1,201.64	1,350.00	3,475.00
Dues, registration, fees	170.88	170.00	170.00
Postage	381.99	628.00	1,303.00
Supplies	519.12	177.00	322.00
<b>Telephone</b>			
Directory Listings	542.10	520.00	1,750.00
Phone and Conference			
Calls	111.09	100.00	200.00
800 Number	<u>710.50</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>Total Telephone</b>	<u>1,363.69</u>	<u>1,620.00</u>	<u>4,950.00</u>
Miscellaneous expense	<u>25.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>12,799.26</u>	<u>18,024.00</u>	<u>35,569.00</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>(2,941.75)</u>	<u>(18,024.00)</u>	<u>(35,569.00)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>(2,941.75)</u>	<u>(18,024.00)</u>	<u>(35,569.00)</u>

	<u>Jan-Apr 12</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	9857.51		
<b>Expenses</b>			
Spring Assembly	3,741.30	5,000.00	5,000.00
Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Regional Service Conference	1,597.02	2,250.00	2,250.00
<b>Delegate Expenses</b>			
Area 40 share to GSC	1,200.00	3,239.00	3,239.00
Other Expenses	0.00	700.00	700.00
Other Expenses NYC	0.00	75.00	150.00
Roundups	0.00	0.00	600.00
Travel expenses	<u>44.64</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>
<b>Total Delegate Expenses</b>	<u>1,244.64</u>	<u>4,014.00</u>	<u>6,089.00</u>
<b>Area Chair Expenses</b>	187.54	310.00	1,000.00
<b>Archivist Account</b>			
Archivist Display & Travel	0.00	0.00	500.00
Archives Storage	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>4,200.00</u>
<b>Total Archivist Account</b>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>4,700.00</u>
<b>Literature Chair</b>			
General lit. purchases	<u>928.32</u>	<u>760.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>
<b>Total Literature Chair</b>	<u>928.32</u>	<u>760.00</u>	<u>760.00</u>
<b>Public Information Chair</b>			
Area Hotline Expenses	710.50	1,000.00	3,000.00
Directory Listings	<u>542.10</u>	<u>520.00</u>	<u>1,750.00</u>
<b>Total Public Info. Expenses</b>	<u>1,252.60</u>	<u>1,520.00</u>	<u>4,750.00</u>
<b>Website</b>	155.88	170.00	170.00
Triangle	1,500.15	1,500.00	4,000.00
Committee Post/Supplies	407.83	300.00	500.00
Committee Travel	272.89	550.00	1,000.00
Computer Hrdware/Software	0.00	150.00	150.00
Conference/Phone Calls	<u>111.09</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<u>12,799.26</u>	<u>18,024.00</u>	<u>35,569.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<u>-2,941.75</u>	<u>18,024.00</u>	<u>-35,569.00</u>



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- The current illustration on page S16 be modified in the following manner:
- Replacing the bottom section of the illustration that deals with the General Service Board and its two operating corporations with the corresponding section from a previous version, minus the table-and-chair graphic.
- Changing “District Committees” to “Districts.”

**Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities**

No recommendations.

**Trustees**

Andrew W. was elected as West Central Regional Trustee.

Marty W. was elected as West Canada Regional Trustee.

It was recommended that:

The following slate of trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in April 2012.

Class A Trustees

Terrance M. B., FACHE  
 Frances L. B., Ph.D.  
 Corliss B., B.Ed.  
 Ward B. E., D.D.  
 The Honorable Rogelio R. F.  
 John F., M.D.  
 Michele G., J.D.

Class B Trustees

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 Donald C.                  Don M.  
 Nancy H.                  Ed N.  
 Barbara K.                Pamela R.  
 Roberta L.                Clayton V.  
 J. Gary L.                 Andrew W.  
 George M.                 Marty W.

The appointment of the following officers be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2012:

Officers of the General Service Board

Chairperson	Ward B. E., D.D.
First vice-chairperson	Pamela R.
Second vice-chairperson	Michele G., J.D.
Treasurer	Terrance M. B., FACHE
Secretary	El N.

The January 2012 appointment of the following officers by the Chair of the General Service Board be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2012:

Assistant Treasurer	Donald M.
Assistant Secretary	Rick W.

This appointment process is in accordance with the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws.

The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in April 2012:

Andrea B.	J. Gary L.
Rod B.	George M.
Joe D.	William N.
Phyllis H.	Rick W.
Roberta L.	

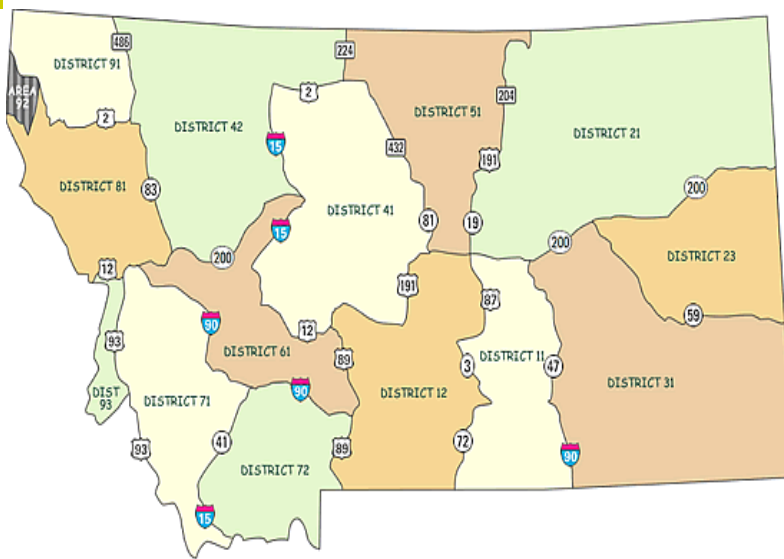
The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board in April 2012:

Ami B.	Clayton V.
Donald C.	Albin Z.
Michele G., J.D.	[vacancy]
Nancy H.	[vacancy]
Don M.	

**NOTE:** The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Bylaws state that its board shall be comprised of “no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) directors.”



## AREA 40 DISTRICT MAP



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, Scooby, Winnett, Wolf Point  
 District 23—Crane, Glendive, Fairview, Savage, Sidney  
 District 31—Absarokee, Baker, Broadus, Busby, Colstrip, Crow Agency, Forsyth, Jordan, Lama Deer, Miles City, Terry  
 District 41—Fort Benton, Fort Shaw, Great Falls, Lewistown, Stanford  
 District 42—Browning, Chester, Conrad, Cut Bank, Choteau, Shelby, Valier  
 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

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE—JULY 2012

- 1–3— **LARAMY, WY** — Area 76 Spring Convention — Tom H. , Christina C.
- 8–10— **TALLY LAKE CAMPGROUND** — at Tally Lake Campground Loop A—Founders' Day Campout — Wendy, Steve S.
- 9–10 — **MALTA, MT** — at Trafton Park off HWY 2 on N. Central — 2nd Annual A,A, Cookout — Donna D.
- 9 — **GREAT FALLS** — at Ryan's Dam — Founder's Day — Terri F.
- 16— **HELENA, MT** —at the Wilson House—Grapefest — Dee G.
- 16— **BUTTE, MT**—at *Alder Gate Methodist Church—Treatment/Corrections/CPC Workshop* — No contact
- 22–24— **PAINTED ROCKS STATE PARK CAMPGROUND** — at Painted Rocks State Park Campground—Bitterroot Picnic/Campout — Jay T. DCM
- 22–24— *Near YORK, MT —at Vigilante Campground—Last Chance Group Campout* — Steve B. , Bill C.
- 29 – 1 — **SOUTH OF BIG TIMBER** — Beartooth Mountain Conference — Rick T. , Jesse V. , John S., Cindy S.
- 29 – 1 — **NIEHART, MT**—Neighart Campgrounds—Unity Campout — Steve D.

### JULY 2012

- 14–16 — **EUREKA, MT** — at Camp 32 —Tobacco Valley Group Campout—Lynda R.
- 15–16 — *Near DARBY, MT* — see flyer for map — Norm's Picnic—Marty

### AUGUST 2012

- 24–26 — **FORT PECK, MT** — at Downstream Campout—Wild West Soberfest—Laura S. or Joe G.

### SEPTEMBER 2012

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

### OCTOBER 2012

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

### SPRING 2013

- 11–14—**BOZEMAN**—Spring Roundup

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