



Pre-Assembly

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2014 Area 40 Events Calendar

- **Deadline to Register for Prison Mini Conference, Contact Lee G., Corrections Chair, July 31st**
- **Emery Bay Campout, Hungry Horse, August 1-3rd**
- ** Picnic and Campout, Dog Lake Campground (Between Plains & Hot Springs) August 2-3rd**
- **Delegate's Day, Anaconda, August 2nd**
- ** Service Workshop, Kalispell, August 14th**
- ** Fireman's Point Campout, South of Columbus, August 15th-17th**
- **Lower Yellowstone Soberfest, Glendive, August 15th-17th**
- **Ray Of Hope Camporee, Flathead Lake, Polson, August 29th-31st**
- **Fall Area Assembly, Lewistown, September 19-21st**
- **Havre Mini-Conference, Havre, September 26th-28th**
- **Fall Round Up, Great Falls, October 10th-12th**
- **Women's Retreat, Flathead Lake, October 31st-2nd**
- **Prison Mini-Conference, MSP, Deer Lodge, November 8th**

For flyers and information see the calendar on aa-montana.org.

If you'd like your activity to be included in the Triangle (and on the Area 40 website) please email it to calendar@aa-montana.org.

Area 40 Fall Assembly Agenda

Yogo Inn - Lewistown, MT

September 19-21, 2014

Friday

8:00-10:00 Assembly Welcome Session

Welcome: Sharon S. - Area 40 Delegate

Answering Service Workshop: Luke S. - Area 40 PI Chair

Leadership in AA: Terry S. - Area 40 Advisor

7:30-8:00 GSRs and visitors sign in with your District's DCM. (DCM's please give the sign in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than noon.)

8:00-9:00 **Welcome**—Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts, Housekeeping
Roll Call, Passed Actions of last Assembly — Area Secretary
Financial Highlights — Area Treasurer
Orientation to the Assembly — Delegate
DCM Reports (hard stop at 9:00 am, continued Sunday morning)

9:00-9:45 **Election Orientation/Posting Nominees for Delegate** - Terry S.

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

10:00-12:00 Standing Committee Meetings:

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy.....*Kendall Room*

CPC/Trustees.....*Room 256*

Corrections/International Conventions.....*Room 252*

Finance.....*Room 270*

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions (GSC).....*Room 164*

Literature.....*Chokecherry Room*

Public Information/Report and Charter & Website....*Gypsum Room*

Treatment/Special Needs/Agenda.....*Room 150*

(Committee Chairs-If your committee does not finish its business during this session, please notify the Area Chair)

10:00-12:00 Workshop - *(For those not attending committee meetings)* - Sapphire Room

The Three Legacies - Led by Past Delegates Bob H and Earl F.

12:00-1:00 Recess for Lunch

Smoking: *The Yogo Inn is a non-smoking facility. Smoking areas have been established outside. Please limit your smoking to these designated areas, use the receptacles provided, and stay away from the doorways.*

1:00-5:00 Elections: Presided by Area Advisor, Terry S.

- Delegate, Area Chair, Area Treasurer, and Area Secretary are elected by Third Legacy Procedure as outlined on pages S21-22 of the AA Service Manual
- Area 40 Service Chairs (CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Literature, Archives, Public Information, and the Triangle Editor) are elected by simple majority

3:00-3:15 Coffee Break - (If elections are completed before 5:00 pm, we will proceed with Floor Assembly)

5:00-7:00 Recess for Dinner

Saturday Session

7:00-8:45 Floor Assembly — Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion

Public Information/Report & Charter

Literature

Treatment Facilities/Agenda

Finance

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy

Grapevine/Policy & Admissions

CPC/Trustees

Corrections/International Conventions-Regional Forums

8:45-9:00 Coffee Break

9:00-10:00 GSR Breakout—Led by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket/sharing

DCM Breakout — Led by Past Delegate: Ask-it-basket/sharing

SUNDAY SESSION

**8:00-8:45 Roundup Reports
Intergroup Reports**

**WCRAAF Report
Remaining DCM Reports**

8:45-9:15 Past Delegate Sharing (15 minutes each)

9:15–10:00 Delegate’s Report

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

10:15-12:00 Floor Assembly - Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion
(followed by general sharing as time allows.)

Adjourn – Travel Safely

Spring Assembly – April 10, 11 & 12, 2015

Remember to make your reservations before you leave.

The following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. All items originate in Area 40 (including the items about review of items considered by the General Service Conference (GSC) last spring. *This is our opportunity to formally review the decisions of the GSC and respond as an Area, if we choose to do so.*

The Committee Chairs and DCMs were sent a list of agenda items with, in most instances, corresponding background information by July 15. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees and to GSRs in the districts and other interested members of our Fellowship 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 or your DCM. Your DCM has the names, phone numbers and addresses of the Area Committee (which also appear in the Triangle) or you can email them through the Area 40 website www.aamontana.org 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 and on the Area web site).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition Two for a clearer understanding of the above process.

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

Public Information/Report & Charter – Luke S

Public Information – Area 40

A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair

- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster.
- C. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Triangle Chair.
- D. Consider the request to change the wording of G8.9 and G12.9 in the Area 40 Policy and Procedures Manual.
- E. Review the status of the 2013 Fall Assembly agenda item submission to update the A.A. Service Manual.
- F. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, along with those for Public Information, and discuss the activities of the Public Information Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Public Information committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Report & Charter

- A. Review the results of all Report & Charter committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Literature – Nick D

Literature – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair
- B. Consider the request that Area 40 forward an agenda item to be placed on the 2015 General Service Conference agenda, asking that the conference conduct a review of all Alcoholics Anonymous pamphlets, to identify conflict with the 12 Traditions.
- C. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Literature, and discuss the activities of the Literature Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Literature – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Literature committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities/Agenda – Brandon M

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair
- B. Consider recommending a theme and discussion/workshop/presentation topics for the 2016 General Service Conference.
- C. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Treatment, and discuss the activities of the Treatment Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Agenda

- A. Review the results of all Agenda committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Finance – Libbie L

Finance – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Triangle Chair
- C. Consider the proposed 2015 Area 40 Budget.
- D. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Finance and Treasurer, and discuss the activities of the Finance Committee and Treasurer during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Finance – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Finance committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Kira A

Archives – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archivist
- C. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those for Archives, and discuss the activities of the Archives Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Area 40 Structure & Policy

- A. Review the non-election assembly framework implemented since the 2012 Fall Assembly.

Archives – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Archives committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Grapevine/GSC Policy & Admissions – Sam B

Grapevine – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine Chair
- B. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those in place for Grapevine, and discuss the activities of the Grapevine Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Grapevine – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Grapevine committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Policy & Admissions

- A. Review the results of all Policy & Admissions committee items considered,

reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Cooperation with the Professional Community/Trustees – Serena R

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair
- B. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those in place for Cooperation with the Professional Community, and discuss the activities of the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Review the results of all CPC committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Trustees

- A. Review the results of all Trustee committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC

Corrections/International Conventions Regional Forums – Lee G

Corrections – Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair
- B. Review the General Guidelines and Qualifications for Area 40 Trusted Servants, and those in place for Public Information, and discuss the activities of the Public Information Committee during the 2013-2014 rotation.

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review the results of all Corrections committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Review the results of all International Conventions/Regional Forums committee items considered, reviewed, and discussed at the 2014 GSC.

Spring Assembly – April 10, 11 & 12, 2015

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ELECTION ASSEMBLIES

My name is Sharon S. I am an alcoholic and currently serving as your Area Delegate. Two years ago, at the 2012 Fall Assembly, I was elected (by lot, in other words from the hat) to this position. I am grateful for the trust and willingness that put my name in the hat, and grateful that it was the one drawn. These past few months I have been thinking about our election assemblies and the process we use to elect our area delegate, chair/alternate delegate, secretary and treasurer.

In the beginning (1950, quite a few years before my first Area Assembly), a general service assembly was held only to elect committee officers and the delegate to the Conference meeting. Since then, we have used this opportunity to make other decisions about how to best serve the alcoholic who still suffers and as an opportunity for groups and districts to share their experience, strength and hope. Our 2014 Fall Assembly is an election assembly.

Once it was decided to have a General Service Conference, selection of the A.A. members to attend the conference was given much thought and consideration. Our early members wanted to avoid destructive politics and struggles for prestige and glory and, believed that many of these problems were caused by personal nominations and in close elections. Written ballots and no nominations, the two-thirds vote, a way to gradually eliminate lower vote-getters, and a lottery in the case no candidate achieves two-thirds was the solution— our Third Legacy Procedure. I am hoping we will have a good turnout at the Fall Assembly and many will see it in action and that there will be several candidates standing (not running) for Area service positions.

Area 40 Policy and Procedures <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/area/policyProceduresFall2013.pdf> includes service guidelines and qualifications for all Area service positions and the current officers and chairs are available for questions and discussion. Candidates for all Area Service positions are asked to state their sobriety date and service background. The A.A. Service Manual suggests anyone thinking of standing for delegate consider a few questions. With a few minor changes, these are good questions to ask when considering standing for any service position, so I am including them here:

How well did you do in current or past service positions? Did you enjoy the responsibilities?
Were you active?
Have you discussed the possibility with your family and employer? Will the time be available for the work required?
Have you read about the position in the Policy & Procedures and Service Manual?
Are you familiar with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts?
Have you talked to others who have held the position to get an idea of the time and effort required?

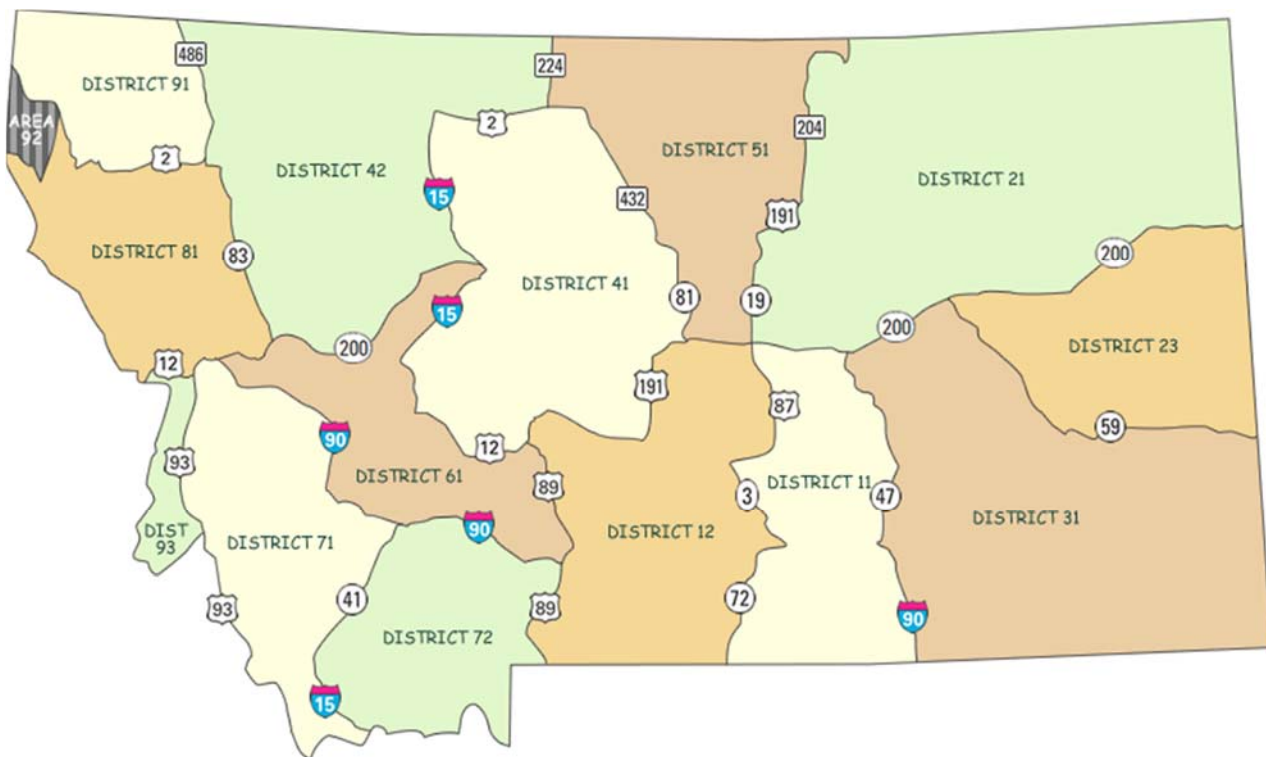
I really like the first question, as it has that quality of self-appraisal. I was able to look back over my years of service and admit where I did not do a good job and where I did well and acknowledge where I might need help. For example, as Area Secretary I was late getting the minutes out four out of four times! The miracle there was that I didn't quit after the first missed deadline! This was the lesson for me in that position, keep showing up until it's done!

The other experience I have to share is this: eventually, after all my analyzing and worrying and decision making, I let God decide. In other words, if I am able, I stand; God takes care of the rest! And what a fabulous job He does.

Thank you for this experience and I'm excited to hear stories about rotating on to our next service opportunities!

Yours in Love and Service,

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