

Area 40 Pre-Assembly Agenda

Hosted by Districts 81, 91, and 93

City Life Center

1515 Fairview Ave (Enter from Benton Ave), Missoula, MT
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Background for Agenda Items: <https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard/>

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11:00 - 11:30 am Potluck

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Opening, Welcome, and Introductions

Session 1: 12:10 – 12:55 pm Group Breakouts [City Life Center Room] Zoom Breakout Room #

Finance – Lynne W. / Jessica E.W./ Ty K.[Main room 1] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Archives / Area 40 Structure and Policy – Jody T./ Hugh M./ Rick H. [Main room 2] Zoom Breakout Room 2

Corrections/ International Conventions and Regional Forums –(Mark H. / Lisa C. D. / Sean R.) [Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

Session 2: 1:10 – 1:55 pm Group Breakouts

Literature – Lance W./ Lisa C.-D./ Jody T. [Main room 1] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) / Trustees -Karon K./ Mark H./ Jessica E.W [main room 2] Zoom Breakout Room 2

Treatment and Accessibility/Agenda/Bridging the Gap- Ty K./ Lynne W. / Sean R[Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

Session 3: 2:10 – 2:55 pm Group Breakouts

Public Information (PI) /Website - Mark H. / Ty K./ Lisa C.-D. [Main room] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Grapevine and La Viña/Policy and Admissions - Hugh M. / Jody T. / Lynne W. [Main room 2] Zoom Breakout Room 2

Hotline/Report and Charter- Lance W. via Zoom/ Sean R. / Jessica E.W. [Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

3:10 – 3:55 pm General Discussion and Closing

Agenda Items For Session 1: 12:10 – 12:55 pm

Finance – [Main room 1] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Finance – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer

Finance GSC

- A. Review Self-Support Packet.
- B. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
- C. Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
- D. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).

Archives / Area 40 Structure and Policy [Main room 2] Zoom Breakout Room 2

Archives – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair
2. Review assembly report or the Area 40 Archivist, Rick H.
3. Review activities of Archives Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Area 40 Structure and Policy

1. Review Fall 2025 Assembly Evaluation Report

Archives – GSC

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.
- B. Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46)

Corrections/ International Conventions and Regional Forums – [Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

Corrections – Area 40

1. Review the assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair
2. Review the written report on Pink Can's accounting income and literature disbursements
3. Discuss ways to distribute literature to alcoholics who are detained in a facility as a result of a law enforcement action(PnP) that can be purchased through the Pink Can
4. Review activities of Corrections Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Corrections – GSC

- A. Review the content and format of the Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
- C. Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”

International Conventions and Regional Forums – GSC

- A. Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.
- B. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums

Agenda Items For Session 2: 1:10 pm – 1:55 pm

Literature – [Main room 1] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Literature – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair
2. Report on current literature availability, pricing, and ordering specifics.
3. Review activities of Literature Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Literature – GSC

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- B. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish.
- D. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- E. Review progress report on the update to the book Living Sober.
- F. Review progress report on the development of a Plain Language Big Book amendment process.
- G. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.

- H. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.
- I. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) / Trustees -[Main room 2] Zoom Breakroom 2

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Area 40

- 1. Review the assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair
- 2. Review activities of CPC Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Cooperation with the Professional Community – GSC

- A. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
- B. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
- E. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - i. Pacific Regional Trustee
 - ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure.
- F. Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet “Do You Think You’re Different?”
- G. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

Treatment and Accessibility/Agenda/Bridging the Gap-[Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

Treatment and Accessibilities – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment and Accessibility Chair
- 2. Review assembly report of the Alt Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair, Sean R.
- 3. Review activities of Treatment Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40
- 4. Discuss accessibility barriers in Area 40 and service materials available to groups

Treatment – GSC

- A. Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.
- B. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- C. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.
- E. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.

Agenda – GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vine. (PAI 91)

Agenda Items For Session 3: 2:10 – 2:55 pm

Public Information (PI) /Website [Main room] Zoom Breakout Room 1

Public Information – Area 40

- 1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Public Information Chair
- 2. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Webmaster, Alex M.
- 3. Review activities of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Public Information – GSC

- A. Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan
- B. Review report on the GSO Podcast, “Our Primary Purpose.”
- C. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.
- D. Review report on Google Ads.
- E. Review report on Meeting Guide app.
- F. Review report on GSO’s A.A. website.
- G. Review report for AAWS “Online Business Profiles.”
- H. Review AAWS Social Media Policy.
- I. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.
- J. Review draft revision of the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” (P-47).
- K. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

Grapevine and La Viña/Policy and Admissions - [Main room 2] Zoom Breakout Room 2

Grapevine and La Viña – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine and La Viña Chair
2. Review activities of Grapevine and La Viña Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40

Grapevine and La Viña – GSC

- A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
- B. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.
- C. Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña
- D. Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).
- E. Review the AA Grapevine/LaViña Media Platforms report.
- F. Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

Policy and Admissions – GSC

- A. Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- B. Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.
- C. Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)
 - i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.
 - ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.
 - iii. Discuss creating a “Conference Committee on Digital Communications.”

Hotline/Report and Charter- [Back room] Zoom Breakout Room 3

Hotline – Area 40

1. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Hotline Chair.
2. Review activities of Hotline Committees and Chairpersons in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.

Report and Charter – GSC

- A. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition.
 - i. Review list of editorial updates.
 - ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in The AA Service Manual.
 - iii. Review progress report on the development of a new “Amendments” section to be added to The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- B. Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.
- C. Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.
- D. Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.