

**Area 40 Spring Assembly Agenda**  
**Holiday Inn – Great Falls, MT**  
**April 5-7, 2019**

**FRIDAY SESSION**

- 8:00-10:00     Mansfield Room: Assembly Attendees Welcome Session - led by the Delegate.  
8:00-10:00     Russell Room: Area Standing Committee of Area Chairs and DCMs

**SATURDAY SESSION**

- 7:30-8:00     Sign in: GSR's and visitors sign in with their District's DCM  
                  (DCM's please give the sign in sheets to the Area Secretary no later than 10:00am)
- 8:00-9:00     **Welcome:** Serenity Prayer, Traditions, Concepts, Housekeeping  
                  **Orientation to the Assembly** by the Delegate,                     Paul L.  
                  **Roll Call - Past Actions**        by Area Secretary,                     Brynn C  
                  **Financial Highlights**            by Area Treasurer,                     Ashley J.  
                  **Triangle Report**                    by Triangle Editor,                     Catherine B.  
                  **Chair Report**                        by Area Chair,                         Connie R  
                  **DCM Reports** (5 minute limit; hard stop at 9:00. Continued in afternoon)

9:00-9:15     **Coffee Break**

9:15-12:00     **Standing Committee Meetings:**

Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy	Russell Room
CPC/Trustees	Executive Suite "B" Room (7 <sup>th</sup> floor)
Corrections/International Conv. -Reg. Forums	Missouri Room
Finance	Boardroom (2nd Floor)
Grapevine/Policy & Admissions	Lobby Suite "A" Room
Literature	Lobby Suite "B" Room
Public Information/Report and Charter & Website	Executive Suite "A" Room (7 <sup>th</sup> floor)
Treatment Facilities/Agenda/Bridging the Gap	Trigg Room

**Workshops:** (For those not attending committee meetings) Mansfield Room

10:00-12:00 **Workshop: *Topic "Is AA Relevant in Today's World?"***

Carole B., Panel 59 & Current General Service Trustee & Libbie L. Past Area 40 Delegate  
Panel 65

12:00-1:30     **Recess for Lunch**

1:30-2:00     Remaining DCM Reports

2:00-2:45     Delegates Report (with Questions and Answers)

2:45-3:00     **Coffee Break**

3:00-5:00     **Floor Assembly (Committee Reports, Motions, and Discussion)**



All the following is a list of agenda items and the Area Committees they have been assigned to for review. There are agenda items that originate in Area 40 and from the General Service Conference. All agenda items from the General Service Conference will be addressed at the General Service Conference later on in May.

The Committee Chairs, DCMs and District Representatives were sent a list of agenda items with the corresponding background information in February. This information is then passed on to other members of those committees, 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 and 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's website [www.aamontana.org](http://www.aamontana.org) should you need them.

The General Service Conference agenda items discussed by committees will come to the floor as a brief report of each item considered, reviewed, or discussed with the general sense of the committee for each item, rather than coming as recommendations (motions passed and seconded). Assembly members will have an opportunity to ask questions and offer their groups' thought on each item. The discussion will provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area, with substantive comments to share with the Conference. For controversial items, or items for which the floor discussion does not provide a clear sense of the Area, the Delegate may request an informal show of hands, for and against, in order to obtain the sense of the Area

(**NOTE:** the process by which items are submitted, dispersed, considered and brought to the Assembly is detailed in the ***Area 40 Committee System Policy and Procedures*** manual which is available through your DCM and on the web site).

Review Concepts I, II, III, X, XII and Tradition 2 for a clearer understanding of the above process.

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

## **Archives/Area 40 Structure & Policy – Kacie N.**

### Archives - Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Archives Chair.
- B. Review Archivist Report.
- C. Review activity of Archives Committees throughout Area 40.

### Structure & Policy – Area 40

- A. Area Assembly Evaluation Report.
- B. Consider changing the Secretary and Treasurer requirements to 6 years of Sobriety.
- C. Consider changing the manager of the Pink Can Funds from the Area Corrections Chair to the Area Treasurer

### Archives – GSC

- A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

## **Corrections** **International Conventions Regional Forums** **Jeremiah S.**

### Corrections - Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Corrections Chair.
- B. Report on Pink Can income and disbursements.
- C. Review activity as it relates to Corrections in the Groups and Districts of Area 40.

### Corrections - GSC

- A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
- B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

### International Conventions/Regional Forums - GSC

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

## **Public Information/Report & Charter – Sabrina C.**

### **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 Activity of Public Information Committees in Groups and Districts throughout Area 40.
- D. Review Ad-hoc committee report on Area Answering service.

### **Public Information – GSC**

- A. Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
  - 1. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
  - 2. Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.
  - 3. Consider request that the video PSA "My World" be discontinued.
  - 4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).
- D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."
- E. Consider request to update language in the flyer "A.A. at a Glance."
- F. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- G. Review the 2018 trustees' Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

### **Report and Charter – GSC**

- A. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
- B. The A.A. Service Manual, 2018 - 2020
  - a. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of The A.A. Service Manual.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)

## Treatment/Accessibilities/Agenda – Steve S.

### Treatment/ Accessibilities/Agenda - Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treatment Chair.
- B. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Bridging the Gap Chair
- C. Review activities of Treatment Committees in Districts and Groups throughout Area 40.

### Treatment/ Accessibilities - GSC

- A. Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.
- B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”
- D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
- E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.
- F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

### Agenda - GSC

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2018 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference.

## **Grapevine/GSC Policy & Admissions – Shawn N.**

### **Grapevine - Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Grapevine Chair.
- B. Review activity among the Groups and Districts of Area 40 as it relates to the Grapevine.

### **Grapevine - GSC**

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.
- B. Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine.
- C. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- D. Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.

### **Policy & Admissions - GSC**

- A. Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- B. Review report from G.S.O.’s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.
- C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.
- E. Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.”
- F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings.”
- G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.

## **Literature – Grant M.**

### **Literature - Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Literature Chair.
- B. Review Literature activity in Area 40.

## Literature - GSC

- A. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanish speaking women in A.A.
- B. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- D. Review progress report regarding updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.
- G. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- H. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services' "Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials."
- J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group."
- K. Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- L. Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- N. Consider suggestion to add "Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- O. Consider request to update the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- P. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.

## **Cooperation with the Professional Community and Trustees Committee**

**Terri T.**

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community - Area 40**

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 CPC Chair.
- B. Review activities of Districts and Groups as it pertains to Cooperating with the Professional Community.



## Cooperation with the Professional Community - GSC

- A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
- B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
- C. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

## Trustees – GSC

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
  - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
  - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- B. Review slates 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 draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.

## Finance- Ashley J.

### Finance - Area 40

- A. Review assembly report of the Area 40 Treasurer.
- B. Consider financing Correction Chair to attend National Correction Conference.

### Finance - GSC

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
- C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- D. Review Self-Support Packet.