

## **Minutes of the Area 82 NL Service Weekend**

**(Conducted using the Zoom platform)**

(Minutes prepared June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

### **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

9:00 am **Gerry W** opened the meeting with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Gerry W.** discussed a few ground rules, including the fact that the sessions were being recorded for the purposes of minutes and that we would be limiting sharing to two minutes.

**Trudy A** explained the need for placing your contact information in the chat area for the purpose of minutes and keeping our contact lists up to date.

### **Introductions of Area 82 NS Officers and DCM's**

**Kirk S.** (GSD), **Trudy A.** (Alt-GSD), **Monique McL.** (Treasurer), **Gerry W.** (Chair), **Ray S.** (DCM District 12) **Jim D.** (DCM District 13), **Angela C.** (DCM District 15), **Boyd B.** (Past Delegate), **Una H** (Past Delegate),

**12 Traditions (Long Form)** were read by **Loretta D.**

**Mission Statement** of Area 82 was read by GSD **Kirk S.**

**Sympathies:** Members spoke the names of AA members we have lost from the NL section of Area 82 since the Assembly last October. A minute of silence was observed in remembrance of the members and their Service to AA.

**Minutes from the 2019 Area 82 NL Service Weekend** were read by **Gerry W.** Motion to adopt the minutes as read (minor corrections, two typos) was made by **Jim D.** Seconded by **Monique**, approved unanimously.

- Business Arising from the minutes. The Area 82 Guidelines need to be updated to reflect additions / changes made at last Assembly

### **Gerry W. reviewed the Agenda.**

A motion was made to approve the Agenda was made by **Monique McL.** Seconded by **Loretta D.** The agenda was approved unanimously using the yes/no feature in the participants panel.

### **District Committee Members Reports:**

District 12 attached- given by DCM **Ray S.**

District 13 attached- given by DCM **Jim D.**

District 14 attached- given by **Kayla V.** GSR of Carbonear Lunchtime Group  
on behalf of DCM **Jeff B** (who sends his regrets)

District 15 attached – given by DCM **Angela C.**

***\*\*\* Minutes from Districts 12, and 15 were transcribed from the official recording and may have minor inaccuracies.***

### **Past Delegates Address:**

Past Delegates **Boyd B.** and **Una H.** addressed the body.

**Boyd B.** “It is good to see some new faces here today as well as many old friends. I'm thrilled to be here. I want to focus on the word gratitude this morning. Gratitude involves Action. The more I put into Service the more I receive. These people you have with you on the executive are all very experienced. What a great job you guys have done for the past couple of years. Great to see you all. Enjoy the rest of the day. Thanks very much.”

**Una H.** “Good morning everyone. I’m glad to be here and so happy to be a part of this. It’s good to see what you guys have been up to.

**Kirk S** asked for time to play a short video appeal regarding the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition from Leslie Backus who is a non-alcoholic Trustee serving as Treasurer of the General Service Board.

<https://vimeo.com/430834698>

### **Break. Reconvened at 12:00**

### **Treasurers Report:**

Monique McL. Area 82 Treasurer presented a full financial report (attached)

The following synopsis represents a cropped screenshot of the Area 82 bank statement. Full details of the Operational, Prudent Reserve and Upcoming Prudent Reserve are included in the attached Treasurer’s report.

Chequing/Savings	USD	CAD
<a href="#">Operational Funds</a>		10,798.18
<a href="#">Prudent Reserve</a>		14,623.15
<a href="#">Upcoming Budget Reserve</a>		11,279.61
Total:		36,700.94



Canada Emergency Business Account  
**\$40,000 Loan**

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#### Questions / Comments arising from the Treasurer's report:

**Bert F.** "You said something about a Zoom and your contribution to a Zoom meeting. Could you explain?"

**Gerry W.** "When the pandemic shut down the face to face meetings, I went looking for a Zoom platform for Area meetings. We needed a format to accommodate more than 100 members. To get that next level (above basic), we would have to buy 10 licenses. That would bring costs up to \$3250.00 for the year. By then, St. John's Intergroup had already purchased that business package and had some extra licenses available. Area 82 rented one of those licenses for the year. That allowed us to have the extra functionality for a \$325.00 yearly Zoom rental fee."

**Gerry W.** "Cheque # 19 to Remote Communities Chair has not been cashed. How long before the cheque becomes "Stale dated"?"

**Monique McL.** "Six months."

**Valerie W.** "What is normally covered by these expenses? I'm new."

**Monique McL.** "During a normal year, the Area 82 Executive would travel to both NS and NL Service Weekends plus the Assembly. Expenses would include airfare, gas, our meals, our accommodations plus stationery and miscellaneous. Much will be returned this year. It is likely, however, that budgets for the upcoming year will need to be increased. A number of Officers chose to personally absorb some expenses."

**Bert F.** "Area Officers should not be expected to absorb any legitimate Area 82 costs."

**George S.** "We need accurate expense reporting from Area officers to allow for better budgeting"

**\*\* The Chair closed discussion on this issue after several more GSR's spoke to re-iterate and support more accurate expense reporting to ensure better budgeting.**

**Loretta D.** moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by **Patricia B.** The report was accepted unanimously using the yes / no feature in the participants panel. Treasurer's Report was accepted.

#### **Alternate General Service Delegate Report.**

**Trudy A.** presented the Alternate GSD report (attached)

#### **AACYPAA Report.**

An AACYPAA report (All Atlantic Conference of Young People in AA) was provided by Ken B. (attached)

#### **Remote Communities Report.**

A Remote Communities Report was not available.

#### **NL Archivist Report**

The Area 82 NL Archivist position is currently vacant. A report was presented by **Gerry W.** (Report attached)

#### **Webmaster Report.**

Area 82 Webmaster Report was presented on behalf of Webmaster **Matt D.** by **Trudy A.** (Report attached)

#### **CERAASA Report**

**Kirk S.** presented the CERAASA report (attached)

(Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)

#### **Questions / Observations arising from Reports.**

**Pat C.** "Will CERAASA be conducted in Zoom format if Covid 19 is still a problem?"

**Kirk S.** "That decision has not been made yet."

**Bert F.** "The Remote Communities chair is inactive. When do we look at replacing an officer who is not performing the duty they were elected to?"

**Bob T.** “With respect to remote communities, or any other position, if we had somebody in that position that can’t or won’t do the job, it’s time to replace them.”

**Gerry W.** “Yes, the Guidelines cover that as well as does the service manual. We cannot arbitrarily replace them. The decision needs to be made at the Assembly.”

**Trudy A.** “We will continue to try communicating for now. We do not have all the information. She could be working nonstop 12-hour shifts. We cannot ask people to make an uninformed decision.”

**Ken B.** “**Martine** is the first Remote Communities Chair we have had from a remote Area. Wait till the Assembly.”

**Gerry M.** “What if the Archivist came from another District? How important would it be to have to move it if it’s secure in St. John’s? Is there a precedent there?”

**Trudy A.** “According to the Guidelines of Area 82, the Archives would be housed in the District the Archivist lives in. For example, if the archivist lives in District 13 then the alternate archivist would be the DCM of District 13. All the DCM’s from 11 to 16 make up part of the Area Archives Committee.”

**Valerie W.** “Who is eligible to hold Area positions?”

**Trudy A.** “The Webmaster, Provincial Archivist, Remote Communities Chair are elected from the general membership. The Area officers’ positions, General Service Delegate, Alternate GSD, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are DCM’s who are rotating out plus any Area officer who has not already held the position under consideration. Last year, we voted that past DCM’s who wished, could also let their name stand. A Service resume is required for all positions”

**Bert F.** “Can we link PSA’s from GSO to the Area 82 website?”

**Trudy A.** “I will ask the webmaster.”

**Ken B.** “The job of Webmaster has evolved to a much more complex task. I recommend that the Webmaster have a committee to help him / her with both the work and the decisions.”

**Trudy A.** “The Area Webmaster’s support committee comprises the Area Officers and the DCM’s. A small group of technical support people would be helpful.”

**Gerry W.** Played the video version of the message from Leslie Backus Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee, Treasurer of GSO. <https://vimeo.com/430834698>

**Bert F.** “What is the purpose of CERAASA?”

**Kirk S.** “CERAASA is laid out like a forum. It is held in February, before the April GSC and everything on the agenda at CERASSA reflects the agenda for the GSC. It is basically a workshop before Conference to get the sense of how all 10 Areas in eastern Canada feel about agenda items coming up at the conference. These may be on PI, CPC, Corrections, Accessibility or Literature. It is held in February before Conference and it is important that both the Delegate and the Alternate Delegate attend. It shadows the format of the Conference itself and allows both the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to learn the ropes. It is great for the first-year delegate because he has no idea what he is walking into. It is a real eye opener.”

**Gerry W.** “It allows the GSD to go to the conference for a good informed group conscience.”

**\*\* CERAASA = Canadian Eastern Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly**

***\*\* The Chair closed discussion and moved to Break. Reconvened at 15:00***

**General Service Delegate Report.**

**Kirk S.** presented his GSD Report (attached)

**Questions / Observations arising from the GSD Report.**

**Bert F.** “I heard you mention “The God Word.” What was that all about?”

**Kirk S.** “The Corrections Committee wants to include the pamphlet, “The God Word” in the Corrections Workbook. “

**Bert F.** “You mentioned “The Lords Prayer” in your report. Is it part of AA?”

**Kirk S.** “It came up in the context of the International Convention. The five big meetings are usually closed with the Lord's Prayer. Although we are not having the convention next week in Detroit, we did have quite a discussion on it. A suggested alternative was to close with “The Responsibility Pledge”. Most people were in favor of closing it with the Lord's Prayer.”

**Kirk S.** “There are plans to have pieces of the World Conference done by Zoom next week. The committee will send out links so we can watch the flag ceremony and a couple of the big meetings done by Zoom. The link is available on the aa.org website.”

**Patricia C.** “I heard you talk about pamphlets for black Americans and inclusion. Do you have any idea of the racial balance within AA as reflected by the last membership survey”?

**Kirk S.** “I don't know exactly. We had a variety of ethnic backgrounds at Conference both this year and last. I'm not sure of the exact numbers but the percentage is higher in the USA than it is here in Canada.”

**Gerry W.** called for a motion to accept all reports.

**Kayla V.** moved that all reports be accepted. The motion was seconded by **Ken B.** The reports were accepted unanimously. An opportunity was provided to ask further questions.

**Roll Call**

The roll call was performed by **Trudy A.** (ALT-GSD)

Overall, of the 75 GSO-listed groups in NL, 17 participated in the Service Weekend (a total 23% turnout). GSR's in attendance by District: District 11 (0 of 6), District 12 (3 of 8) District 13 (2 of 3), District 14 (3 of 13), District 15 (9 of 37), District 16 (0 of 8)

(17 out of 75) GSR's, 3 DCM's plus 3 Area Officers (2 Voting) 22 votes total. Chair only votes to break a tie.

**Old Business:**

No Old business

**New Business:**

**1.) DISTRICT 10 AREA 82 PROPOSAL** (See Proposal attached)

*Amend Area 82 Guidelines regarding GSD expenses at General Service Conference in New York*

Read by **Gerry W.**

**Questions / Observations arising from Proposal**

**Jim D.** “I think it is all good but because of the ongoing lack of funds coming in, we need to be extremely careful of our prudent reserve.”

**Pat R.** “It's really nice to be here and to see all your faces you look much better than any classes I ever taught at St. Mary's. I was the one who wrote the background information on this. At the Area 82 website, you can find that if you go to your 2017 Area Assembly minutes it's on page seven. It is under “excess funds Guidelines proposal”. That has got all the information on what was voted into effect. District 10's position is, that, while that's the right idea, there are some things that we feel are necessary to change in that proposal. The biggest one is that in the proposal that is in effect right now, the 2017 proposal, they did the calculation at the Assembly with the information that they had at the Assembly. Our position is that the calculation for this contribution should be done at year end in December 31<sup>st</sup> when we know all the actuals versus the budgets. We also feel that the 2017 proposal emphasizes budget figures only. We feel that it is important to take into account what our actual expenses were. And we only get that updated at the end of the year.”

**Patricia C.** “Do I understand that it is already in effect that the Area pays their bills, sets it's prudent reserve and whatever money is left over goes to New York anyway. Am I correct? Now tell me what's different in this proposal.”

**Pat R.** “That's a really good question that speaks to the heart of why we made this proposal. We think that the calculation needs to be done after all expenses are in. We think that the calculation needs to be based on actual figures, rather than budget figures at the time the calculation is done. According to the 2017 proposal, we are three quarters of the way through the year. We don't have the information from the last three months of the year.”

**Patricia C.** “Eventually the excess winds up in New York, regardless of when it's calculated. It averages out.”

**Trudy A.** “We're supposed to distribute the funds after we have our prudent reserve and our budget met. Any amount over that is supposed to go to GSO as a general contribution. In October when we are at the Assembly, we set our budget for next year. For example, if our budget is \$30,000 then our prudent reserve is \$15,000, because that is half. That means that we need to have \$45,000 in the bank in 2021, to fulfill our expenses and our budget. Whatever money left over at the end of 2020, is supposed to be sent to GSO. It did not happen the last two years because we forgot. We did not even think about the fact that we passed it in 2017. There were no GSR's, DCM's or Area officers who reminded us of that fact. We all forgot. Pat's proposal suggests that we should send the money as an Area contribution towards our General Service Delegate's expenses instead of just going in as a general contribution to GSO.”

**Valerie W.** “I'm confused between what the proposal says and how Pat R. explains it. Pat's explanation has to do with timing, whereas the proposal seems to be about allocation. Can we address the timing separately? If we make a general donation, will GSO allocate it where it is most needed, or do we have to specify where we would like it to go? Is there any good reason for us to specify instead of letting GSO decide where they need those funds to go?”

**Kirk S.** “If we specify that it is for the General Service Delegate expenses, it just goes into that pot and that pot alone. If we do not specify where it goes, then they use it where they need it.”

**Pat H.** “It seems to me that the only difference is one way we can control what the GSO uses it for, and the other way we leave it up to GSO to use it as they need it. I see nothing wrong with leaving it to GSO to use it where they need it.”

**Bert F.** “How are we self supporting ourselves as an Area if we're counting on GSO to help us with our Delegate to New York?”

**Trudy A.** “It would cost us over \$12,000 Canadian to have a Delegate at the General Service Conference. GSO only asks for a certain percentage from each Area per delegate to make it fair to every Area. That way every Area can afford to have their Delegate at the Conference.”

**Jim D.** “Support Group, District, Area and anywhere we can.”

**Pat R.** “The calculation is done at the time of the Conference, not at the end of the year.”

***Discussion was closed by Chair.***

## **2.) District 1 AREA 82 (See Proposal attached)**

Fresh Start Group Proposal

*Election of Co-Chairs for CPC, PI, Treatment, Corrections and Grapevine to work with and assist the chair (Alt. GSD)*

Read by **Gerry W.**

### **Questions / Observations arising from Proposal**

**Leah C.** “Last year District 15 brought a proposal to the table at our Assembly about a public information chair at the Area level. Being a public information chair myself, I decided to do a little bit of looking around to see why we did not have an Area PI chair. What does an Area PI chair do? I talked to a few PI chairs in different Areas and found out that, typically at the Area level, all across Canada, except for our Area, these committees have a chair at the Area level.”

**Heather C.** “We don't have any chairs for these committees that sit at Area level. It is a money thing. Recently we got together with our Alternate Delegate Trudy. I am the Chair for CPC in District one and two. Trudy has gotten in contact with CPC and PI chairs throughout Area 82 once a month we meet now on Zoom. These co-chairs would work with our Alternate Delegate. It won't cost Area any extra money”

**Valerie W.** “I'm trying to understand. Is there one co-chair for all of those or is it a co-chair for each one? If it is a co-chair for each one, what's the difference between having five co-chairs or five chairs? Is the main difference that the co-chairs will not travel?”.

**Heather C.** “Those co-chairs would work with the Alternate Delegate.”



**Trudy A.** “My understanding is that there would be one co-chair in Nova Scotia and one co-chair in Newfoundland, per committee.”

**Valerie W.** “How are co-chairs, working with the Alternate Delegate, different than what co-chairs would normally do? I'm still learning structure, I don't understand.”

**Heather C.** “In other Areas, they have a chair for these committees that sit at their Area table. We can't afford that. The Alternate Delegate would report on the activities at Assemblies and Service Weekends, instead of having chairs for these committees sitting at the table.”

**Bert F.** “I wouldn't be in favor of that proposal. I would have to check it out with my group and talk to them. We got to keep things simple. I heard Jim D. talking about trying to get his District involved with PI / CPC. I think we must go to the Districts. When we are adding extra people on to this, I just don't see where it's going. I think we're really complicating a quite simple issue.”

***Discussion closed by Chair.***

3.) **DISTRICT 2 AREA 82** (See Proposal attached)  
Sunrise Group Proposal (See Proposal attached)  
*Implement Zoom Conferencing to Facilitate Area 82 meetings*

Read by **Gerry W.**

#### **Questions / observations arising from Proposal**

**Patricia C.** “Are they saying that Area 82 should have its own zoom account? Which means that they can zoom around Newfoundland, Labrador and Nova Scotia?”

**Gerry W.** “That does seem to be the intent of it. Area 82 does have its own account. We're renting it from the St. John's Intergroup.”

**Patricia C.** “Why are we discussing this if we are already doing this?”

**Gerry W.** “We are discussing this because it was proposed before the pandemic and was already on the agenda before circumstances required the use of Zoom. “

**Pat H.** “This one is a no brainer. Zoom is a wonderful tool, especially for remote communities.”

**Ken B.** “Zoom is here to stay. It facilitates so much of our Area work.

***Discussion closed by Chair***

#### **4.) DISTRICT 12 AREA 82 SUGGESTION**

District 12 Area 82

It was suggested at the District 12 Service meeting that it might be advisable to decide at the individual Service Weekends the need to discuss the pros / cons of a physical or virtual Assembly in October.

Read by **Gerry W.**

## Questions / observations arising from Proposal

**Loretta D.** “Personally, I do not want to travel to meet in a large group. I have health issues and I will not want to be gathered in the crowd around the time we might have a second wave. I'm for virtual.”

**Jim D.** “I cannot commit to going St. John's to the Area Assembly, because of my health reasons.”

**Valerie W.** “I'm of the same opinion that it is best to err on the side of caution.”

**Gerry M.** “It doesn't matter. The bigger problem is apathy. Only 22 people were here today instead of the 75 + who should have been. “

**Ken D.** “It would not be prudent for our groups to make a plan to travel now in October. We don't have the resources as we would have if our regular meetings were open. Put off the face to face Assembly for this year. This will allow groups to regroup and get their finances in order.”

**Trisha B.** “Should we not bring this back to the groups for a decision?”

**Gerry W.** “We are the people that are making this decision. We have the Right of Decision, given to us by our groups, our Districts and our Area respectively.”

**Angela C.** “The people who are in this room are the folks interested in Service and have the right to make the decision.”

**Geoff S.** “It may well be that it doesn't matter what decision we make, it may be pre-empted by the government anyway. We have a travel restriction in place that says, “people cannot come from out of province”. We have no idea when that will be lifted.”

**Gerry W.** called the question “Do you want to have the Assembly in the fall in this Zoom format?”

Yes or No. Use the yes/no buttons in the participants panel

The vote was unanimous to cancel plans for the face to face Assembly and to plan for a virtual Assembly in October.”

***Discussion closed by Chair. Break for supper. Back at 7:00 NL time for The Actives Committee Workshop***

The Newfoundland and Labrador Service Day was closed with The Responsibility Pledge.

. Gerry W.



Area 82 NS / NL Chair

AREA 82 NL ONLINE SERVICE WEEKEND  
June 20<sup>th</sup> 2020  
“2020: A Clear Vision for You”

**SATURDAY June 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm NL time (5:30 Labrador time).  
D.C.M./AREA 82 OFFICERS MEETING.**

**FRIDAY June 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM (NL Time) GSR Workshop  
(combined with GSR's and officers from NS)  
The workshop will be focused on the “Many Aspects of Service” and  
will be conducted by Billy N. (Class B Trustee, Past Director and  
GSD)**

SATURDAY: June 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM

- OPENING REMARKS/INTRODUCTIONS
- 12 TRADITIONS/ SYMPATHIES / MISSION STATEMENT
- 2019 SERVICE WEEKEND MINUTES READ / BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- D.C.M. REPORTS
- PAST DELEGATES ADDRESS
- 

11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON BREAK

12:00 NOON

- TREASURERS REPORT
- ALT. G.S.D. REPORT
- AACYPAA REPORT
- REMOTE COMMUNITIES REPORT
- ARCHIVIST REPORT
- WEBMASTER REPORT
- CERAASA REPORT
- 

2:00 PM 3:00 PM BREAK

3:00 PM

G.S.D. REPORT

- ACCEPT ALL REPORTS
- ROLL CALL (*All GSR's MUST be present at this time*)
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- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS:

- Area 82 Assembly Rotation (information only)
  - 2020 St. John's (*election year*)- *already in place in the current rotation*
  - 2021 Halifax
  - 2022 Sydney (election year)
  - 2023 Corner Brook
  - 2024 Halifax (election year)
  - 2025 St. John's
  - 2026 Corner Brook (election year)
  - 2027 Sydney
  - 2028 St. John's (election year)
  - 2029 Corner Brook
  - 2030 Halifax (election year)
- Area 82 NL Provincial Service Meeting / Roundup Rotation.
  - 2020 District 12 (*already in place in the current rotation*),
  - 2021 District 13
  - 2022 District 15
  - 2023 District 16 (?)
  - 2024 District 14
  - 2025 District 12

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5:00 PM SUPPER

7:00 PM Active Committees Meeting hosted by Alternate GSD Trudy A.

<https://zoom.us/j/559167021>

Meeting ID: 559 167 021

**AREA 82, DISTRICT 12 DCM REPORT**  
**to the 2020 NL SERVICE WEEKEND (via ZOOM)**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Good morning friends.

The last thing I expected to do today was report on behalf of District 12.

Unfortunately, Robert B has to step down due to medical reasons so bear with me and please keep an open mind. Before the pandemic there were eight active groups in the district and I hope that after the pandemic, eight groups remain.

Due to the circumstances of the pandemic the district formed a Covid 19 committee chaired by Ken D. and including Don A and Pat H. Together they put in place a Zoom meeting and Corner Brook and vicinity. for sending these meetings has been successful and as have had members from other areas such as Alberta, Ontario, Labrador and etc, which have taken part. I would like to thank this committee personally for bringing AA members near and far. I would also like to acknowledge the new executive and their hard work they have put in this past spring to bring the message of AA to all members and to help focus on the needs of the district. I'm also proud to announce we have a new treatment committee with Shannon P as chair and Crystal S and myself as committee members. We're hoping to be back in Humberwood this fall, but if not, we're hoping to have zoom meetings for Humberwood. I would also like to thank Jocelyn I and Pat H. for their hard work and responsibilities in transitioning the banking details. It took a lot of hard work during this pandemic. I would also like to thank Pat for the budget that she has presented. I would also like to acknowledge that the cell phone for Corner Brook is no longer active. And the calls will be going to the Intergroup of St. John's who have numbers to give to anyone who calls. This is a great savings for the district. We are also open in the fall to have the PI and CPC committee up and running. Presently there are five groups actively participating in zoom meetings. It seems that the younger members are enjoying these zoom formats more than the physical meetings. I think the district will have to discuss this format for future use. Zoom has allowed us to connect with large groups and help connect us with more members. I would also like to acknowledge the group who continues to have group conscience meetings during this pandemic, and that this district will deal with the shortfall of the GSO in the fall. Finally, one last note a lot of GSR's are concerned about getting access back into the churches and schools for physical meetings due to the protocol pandemic.

Thank you in service,

Ray.

## DISTRICT 13 REPORT AREA 82 NS/NL

June 2020

Hi, my name is Jim and I'm an alcoholic. I am the current DCM for District 13.

In District 13, we lost two longtime members of the Gander Care & Share Group within a 24 hour period back in February 2019. They had a combined total of 67 years sobriety.

We have three groups in our District: one in Grand Falls Windsor - Exploits Valley Group, another one in Glovertown – Serenity Group, and Gander – Gander Care and Share Group.

Currently, the District is made up of the following committee members:

DCM – Jim D.

Alt DCM – Stu K.

Sec/Tres – Keith M.

GSR GFW – Kevin S.

GSR Glovertown – Stacey D.

GSR Gander – Loretta D.

We continue to try and recruit someone for the PI position for our District.

At the present time, the regular meetings are being held by 'Zoom' for both GFW and Gander respectively and Glovertown has been provided a list of zoom meeting numbers for their members to avail themselves of if they wish.

The District meets on Zoom using the Gander Care & Share Group Zoom ID number. Gander Care & Share Group Zoom meeting ID# 85361882647 (no password required), as posted on Area 82 website – 'On-Line Meetings' (Zoom Video/Conference Call). Zoom meeting ID's have been shared with all GSR's in our district.

AA contact phone numbers: GFW and area – 709-489-5756  
Gander and area – 709-651-2001

Also, the district shares a PO Box with the Gander Care & Share Group – PO Box 511, Station Main, Gander, NL A1V 2E1

Our current Zoom meetings are being attended by approximately 70% of our members with an increase in visitor AA attendees. AA meetings on Zoom have given members the option to explore AA worldwide. Zoom has also added a new avenue of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in gratitude and service,

Jim D.  
District 13

## **District 14 DCM Report**

**June 20 2020**

### **“2020: A Clear Vision For You”**

Good morning friends, my name is Jeff B. and I Am an Alcoholic, I am the trusted servant as DCM for District 14. Not much to report with everything shut down for covid-19.

- In December 2019 District 14 had it's Annual Christmas Party, it was a sell out event with a great night of food, music and fellowship.
- Plans for District 14 Annual AA Day had to be cancelled.
- District 14 has 13 active groups, 12 registered and 1 new group in in Marystown.
- District 14 is still hosting meetings at the provincial treatment centre “The Grace Centre”
- There has been some effort in starting a group in St. Brides but its slow getting off the ground.
- District 14 now have the position of PI/CPC filled Gerry W from New Dawn Group, who recently moved into the Clarenville area has jumped in to help with carrying the message.

In Closing I would like to Thank Gerry W for putting NL Service weekend off through Zoom. There is a lot of time and preparation in making today to go off with success. I would like to also thank the volunteers who is helping Gerry Behind the scenes.

Yours in recovery and service

Jeff B., DCM District 14

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**to the 2020 NL SERVICE WEEKEND (via ZOOM)**  
**June 20<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

Hi , I'm Angela, DCM for district 15, covering St John's and the surrounding areas. They are made up of 37 groups and approximately 40 meetings weekly. Our district meetings are held at the first Monday of each month with an attendance of between 10 and 20. As of now, all of our district positions have been filled. We have monthly reports from our secretary , our treasurer, CPC PI committee liaison and intergroup provides informational reports.

We do have a literature chair which has been taken over by Nick as he has the information as our secretary. He gives us regular updates on the grapevine, as well as new and interesting literature coming up from GSO. Our Institutions Committee is active in the community, with one registered group at the penitentiary and weekly meetings at the Recovery Center. The institution's report is given every other month. CPC PI Committee have active contacts with the labor union, workplace safety committees, seniors' complexes, professionals and clergy. They provide speakers for the Drinking and Driving Awareness Program run by Eastern Health and at the levels of educational facilities. Hospitals are provided with GSO approved material, PSA's are provided to the local radio and TV networks. The committee also provides speakers for Choices for Youth, and are very involved with area wellness programs.

In our district, we strive to have workshop sharing sessions monthly. As of late we haven't been greatly successful with that, hopefully, are in the future. I have implemented a study the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts to be done monthly by one volunteer GSR. The GSR has the whole month to speak with their sponsor and others and then they give a brief presentation each district meeting. I've started a small library for members of the district to check out on a monthly basis.

In closing, I would like to say COVID-19 has presented many challenges. But here in District 15, we have persevered and put together zoom meetings with the help of intergroup.

I only wish that our 11th tradition was fully respected. Thank you very much for your service .

Angela C.

# Area 82, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador 2020 Budget Report

Item	Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts												
		31-Jan	28-Feb	31-Mar	30-Apr	31-May	30-Jun	31-Jul	31-Aug	30-Sep	31-Oct	30-Nov	31-Dec	YTD Total
GSO Conference	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00												\$ 2,500.00
GSD Expenses	\$4,300.00	\$527.22												\$ 527.22
Alt. GSD Expenses	\$2,000.00													\$ -
Area Chair Expenses	\$1,800.00													\$ -
Secretary Expenses	\$2,300.00													\$ -
Treasurer Expenses	\$2,100.00	\$10.35	\$15.76			\$10.35								\$ 36.46
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$ 1,200.00		\$1,172.28		\$97.69									\$ 1,269.97
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 500.00													\$ -
NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00												\$ 2,000.00
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$ 1,000.00													\$ -
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$ 1,000.00													\$ -
Web Domain & Hosting	\$ 500.00													\$ -
AACYPAA	\$1,000.00													\$ -
Remote Communities	\$2,500.00													\$ -
GSO Guest	\$ 1,500.00													\$ -
Regional Forums/CERASSA	\$1,500.00													\$ -
Assembly Seed Money	\$ 1,000.00													\$ -
Misc	\$250.00				\$325.00									\$ 325.00
Bank Charges	\$250.00	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75								
Total	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 5,041.32	\$ 1,191.79	\$ 3.75	\$ 426.44	\$ 14.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,658.65

**WEBMASTER IS OWED for 2019 Expenses. He is not advanced, but reimbursed.**



# Area 82, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador Chequing Account Ledger 2020

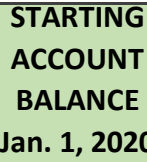
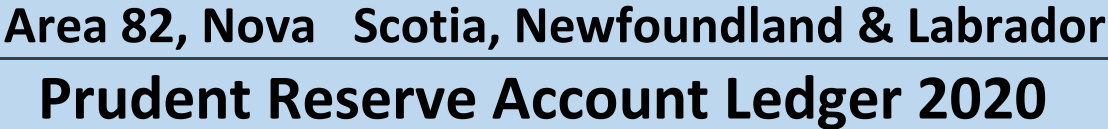


Ledger  
Balance  
Jan.1, 2020

\$5,656.12

Outstanding  
Cheques

DATE	CHEQUE NUMBER	WRITTEN TO	REASON FOR CHEQUE	DEBIT AMOUNT	DEPOSIT AMOUNT	Cheque Number	Amount
02-Jan			Bank Fee	\$3.75			
03-Jan			Transfer from Upcoming Budget		\$23,043.88		
03-Jan	11	GSO	Conference	\$2,500.00			
03-Jan	12	Kirk (NY Delegate)	Expenses	\$5,800.00			
	13	VOID					
03-Jan	14	Gerry (Area Chair)	Expenses	\$1,800.00			
03-Jan	15	Samaira (Secretary)	Expenses(Stop Payment issued 19/04/2020)	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00		
03-Jan	16	Monique (Treasurer)	Expenses	\$2,100			
03-Jan	17	Kathy (NS Archivist)	NS Archivist Storage	\$2,000.00			
	18	Matt (Webmaster)	Matt has not submitted his receipts				
03-Jan	19	Martine (Remote Communities)	Expenses	\$2,500.00		19	\$2,500.00
03-Jan	20	Trudy (Alt.Delegate)	Expenses	\$2,000.00			
	21	VOID					
03-Feb			Bank Fee	\$3.75			
11-Feb	22	Gerry (Area Chair)	NL Archivist Storage	\$1,172.28			
02-Mar			Bank Fee	\$3.75			
01-Apr			Bank Fee	\$3.75			
20-Apr	23	Gerry (Area Chair)	Zoom/NL Storage Arrears/ Expenses over 2019	\$1,007.04			
01-May			Bank Fee	\$3.75			
31-May			Transfer from Upcoming Budget		\$500.00		
				\$ 23,198.07	\$ 25,843.88		
Ledger Balance					\$ 8,301.93		
ACTUAL RBC ACCOUNT BALANCE (Ledger Balance Plus Outstanding Cheques)					\$ 10,801.93	Total	\$ 2,500.00
Prudent Reserve Account Balance					\$ 14,623.15		
Upcoming Budget Reserve Account Balance					\$ 11,279.61		



**\$12,967.11**

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**Area 82, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland & Labrador**  
**Upcoming Budget Reserve Account Ledger 2020**



STARTING ACCOUNT BALANCE Jan. 1/20	\$30,709.54
DEBIT AMOUNT	DEPOSIT AMOUNT
	\$16.06
\$10.00	
\$1,388.60	
\$23,043.88	
	\$1,700.00
	\$3.51
\$9.00	
\$0.60	
	\$1,919.00
	\$3.14
\$11.00	
	\$228.24
	\$1.50
\$1.00	
\$1.93	
	\$1,921.20
	\$0.43
\$8.00	
\$500.00	
\$250.00	
	\$1.00
\$ -	
\$ 25,224.01	\$ 5,794.08
Balance	\$ 11,279.61



Item	Budgeted Amounts	Notes
✓ GSO Conference	\$2,500.00	2500
✓ GSD Expenses	<del>3800</del> \$4,300.00	4300
✓ Alt. GSD Expenses	???	2000
Area Chair Expenses	18,000 \$2,200.00	1800
✓ Secretary Expenses	\$2,300.00	2300
✓ Treasurer Expenses	\$2,100.00	2100
NL Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$1,200.00	1200
NL Archive Travel Expenses	\$500.00	500
✓ NS Archive Upkeep & Storage	\$500.00	2000
NS Archive Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00	1000
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$800.00	1000
Web Hosting & Domain	900	
Remote Committee	2000	
NS/NL Area Active Committees	4AY For PAR \$3,500.00	3500
GSO Guest	\$1,500.00	1500
Regional Forums/ CERASSA	\$1,500.00	1500
Assembly Seed Money	\$1,000.00	1000
Misc	\$250.00	
Bank Charges	\$250.00	
Total	\$25,400	0

14,600

19,000

25,100

Line on

25



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Chequing/Savings	USD	CAD
<a href="#">Operational Funds</a>		10,798.18
<a href="#">Prudent Reserve</a>		14,623.15
<a href="#">Upcoming Budget Reserve</a>		11,279.61
<b>Total:</b>		<b>36,700.94</b>



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Make or change an appointment

## Alternate GSD report NS Service days 2020

Hello all my fellow zoomers,

I have the privilege of serving Area 82 as the Alternate General Service Delegate. When I was elected to this position, I was both humbled and frightened all at the same time. I can say that I remain both still today.

When we started our journey in January 2019 we had never heard of Zoom, Zoom bombers, Zoom links, and the list goes on. This year we have been forced into a new and exciting platform to carry our message and to enhance our programs with messages from around the globe. We have certainly adapted on the fly and I am so proud of us all!

As the AGSD one of my duties is to chair the active area committees. When I started in January 2019 those committees consisted of Webmaster, Remote Communities, Archivist and AACYPAA/MCYPAA. This year has seen me, with the use of Zoom, be able to start a new type of communicating with the committees in our area.

We started a Zoom committee meeting that is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. This is the place where any of the committees in our Area can come together and meet in the new normal face to face gatherings. We have allowed the district committees, no matter what table they sit at in our respective districts, to hear about what has been done each month by those groups. We get to ask each other questions about how this or that has been done and this has allowed us not to try and invent the wheel for each new committee and district.

The DCMs have already spoken of the Committees they have in their districts during their reports this morning. I have been asked by Districts 1 and 2 to give a brief report on the committees that they share and meet at their Central Service table. So here goes!

Ad Hock Technology – Marie is the chair and they have been working hard on getting us up and running in this time.

CPC – Heather C- They have not been able to do much physically during this time, but they are working with PI to help in any way needed.

Corrections – Troy S.- The Corrections Committee is comprised of 23 members volunteering in service behind the walls at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility. Two weekly meetings are traditionally held at the facility. It is policy that 2 men and 2 women are in attendance for any given meeting. Due to COVID-19, all meetings are currently on hold. Alternate meeting options are not an available option due to security and staffing levels. However, some committee members continue to work with inmates via telephone. There are also members within working the Steps with each other currently. Literature inventory continues to be maintained in the facility with placement in the library, Chapel and provided for distribution by Case Workers/Prison Staff during these unprecedented times. We are extremely fortunate in District 1 and 2 to have a great working relationship with the Senior decision makers in the facility and Provincial Department of Justice.

Entertainment – Shawn M- Due to these Covid days they have not been able to plan any activities.

Help Email – Michael A.- This is a wonderful tool that helps anyone who has questions to get answers. Some of the types of questions are about how to find a meeting and other general AA questions.

Hospital Visitation – Allison M.- During this past month, the committee continued to adapt to the "new normal." We have found that many who could not get to meetings during COVID circumstances are able to access the Zoom Meetings to attend online. That being said, volunteers continue to be available for those who do not have access to the internet and need a meeting or fellowship. Once again, I just ask that CSRs take back to their groups that if there is a member who does not have internet access, there are options available to help bring AA to them. Volunteers are happy to make a phone call to chat AA anytime the need is there.



Literature – Cathy M. has a bookstore now open. It was a slow time when Covid started to interrupt things but now that things are starting to open up hopefully groups will need physical literature again!

Newsletter – Kelly D. chairs this committee and has put her own look to the Districts 1 and 2 newsletter. If you would like to see it for yourself, you can find it on the [aahalifax.org](http://aahalifax.org)

Mid-Winter – more will be revealed

**PI - Leah C.- The PI Committee has 5 active members and we meet the 1st Saturday every month where we brainstorm ideas to carry the message. Our committee has had a busy year with various projects, health fairs and presentations. We have also developed a couple of PI Pamphlets which explains to the fellowship and the public what we do in Public Information. Since the COVID 19 crisis we have been very busy getting information out to Dr. Offices, and Organizations to let them know we are still here and letting them know about Zoom online meetings. We also had 3 radio stations carry PSA's during the pandemic. We recently gave a presentation with Maritime Business School as well presented at the East Coast Music Association panel on Alcoholism, both were on the Zoom platform. Our committee has been attending the Area 82 Committee meetings which have been a wonderful opportunity to share ideas among the different Districts, and because of Zoom I have attended workshops all over North America along with PI/CPC Chairs from other Districts in Area 82.**

Telephone – Sharman M. chairs this committee. The phones are still being handed around to the respective volunteers (observing health guidelines). The phones are still being answered 24/7 and the number is 902-461-1119

Treatment – Stephanie J.- As expected all facilities remained closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As things are beginning to open up again, I will be contacting Detox, Forensics and Marguerite Center in Jun to see when they may expect to resume meetings.

Webmaster – Pedro G.- He is amazing...I can say no more because I do not understand a word he says (I am not technologically minded)

I have had some challenges contacting the Remote Communities Chair. I and other members of the executive have tried to contact her. As of today, I have not been able to speak with her.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me to be a small part of the many sides of service in the Area.

Trudy Alfors

Alternate Service Delegate Area 82



## All Atlantic Canada Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

### Report on Assembly that included AACYPAA

At the 2017 Area 82 Assembly it was decided to include AACYPAA in the assembly to be held in Corner Brook in 2018 when it would be hosted there in the Fall of 2018. A committee was formed to work along with the Assembly committee to include topics and representatives for members who would be considered under the umbrella of AACYPAA.

Shannon P was elected as chair, and he formed a committee that discussed how best to include AACYPAA in the assembly/round-up. AACYPAA was included in all notices and advance flyers.

The round-up meetings were centered around AACYPAA related topics and the speakers for all the events were representing that younger, or “young at heart” members. A panel discussion concerning issues and problems facing the younger members, and our guest from GSO, Racy J, sat on that committee. The speaker for the dinner meeting for the Assembly and for the farewell spiritual meeting were both representatives of the AACYPAA group.

Overall, the committee felt the inclusion of AACYPAA was beneficial to both the AACYPAA group and all other members as everyone had more knowledge of issues, and the benefits of coming to AA at an earlier age. This committee suggests that AACYPAA be included in the rotation of Assemblies that have an opportunity to coincide with a Round-UP AACYPAA event.

There has not been any follow up meetings of AACYPAA since this assembly

Humbly submitted  
Ken B  
Committee Member  
AACYPAA

## **NL Archives Report June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The role of NL Provincial Archivist is currently vacant.

An active search for an appropriate archivist is underway. It is imperative that the role is filled by an AA member who can devote the time and attention to properly carry out the duties of the archivist. While that search continues, the Archives are safe and secured.

The Archives are stored in climate-controlled storage at the U-Haul premises at 183 Kenmount Road, St Johns, NL. The Archives are accessible by the current DCM for District 15 and the Area 82 Chair.

The rental is paid up to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Gerry W.

Area 82 NS / NL Chair

## **AREA 82, Webmaster REPORT**

### **to the 2020 NS SERVICE WEEKEND (via ZOOM)**

Hi, I'm Matt. I'm an alcoholic

First of all, I'm sad that I had some urgent things in my personal life come up, so I'm unable to attend the rest of the service weekend. But I did want to come in and give the update here. I will disappear shortly afterwards.

The webmaster report is, as in all other walks of life, been a unique year for the area 82 website and among the fellowship. We will continue to adapt our online presence to keep reaching out to alcoholics. As the situation with COVID-19 develops and changes with in-person meetings coming back online, I will be taking that opportunity to fully migrate the site to the new meeting list format that was introduced last fall. I'll communicate with the DCMS on how updates will be maintained in that new system. It will be simpler and more accurate than it was previously. And we'll also have a standard format across the area since all meetings are listed the same way instead of the mixed bag of meeting list formats that we've had in past years. To move on to the administrative side, I'll now discuss our web hosting services. The domain name fee renewal was paid in October, at a cost of \$54.51 for three years. Renewal is coming up October 15 2022. And following on the resolution at last assembly, the site hosting fee renewal was paid in November, at a cost of \$358. 20 us for three years. Renewal isn't coming up again until November 19, 2022.

The area Forum has been a hot topic over the past year or so. It was up and running with Gerry Trudy and I as administrators on the site. Since my last report, I'd been dealing with the behind the scenes spam problem that was overwhelming the site with auto requests. After a brief period of resolution, the problem became much worse. I pulled the forum last month. I do believe I have resolved the issue now with a number of security updates with a number of pieces of the platform. And I will be reposting the new Forum in the coming weeks. (hopefully without the spam issue).

Website cleanup since my last report, I been continuing to clean out and archive all the information in the website databases going back to 2011. It's a slow and tedious process as it's not always clear what will break old links that are still active on the site. However, I expect to have this complete for my hand over to the new webmaster at the end of the year.

Website visits statistics. In 2019, we had an average of 9300 visits per month from 4900 unique visitors per month. That changed in 2020. No doubt because of COVID. We're up to 17,000 visits per month with 6900 unique users. Traffic has picked up. So far this year (up to today) there have been 380 emails received and 180 sent with a large portion of that related to the rollout of online meetings to support recovery during COVID-19 pandemic. This is greater than all of the correspondence in 2019 in half the year.

However, in these communications, I as webmaster have the relatively easy job of posting the links and times of meetings. I just like to take a moment now to acknowledge the tireless work of DCM's, GSR's, meeting organizers and other technical supporters in setting up all the zoom accounts and setting up all the zoom meetings so that I have something to post on the site. It's been critical continuing to provide the message of recovery to all of us. So please take a short moment today to be thankful for these enthusiastic and energetic individuals that have made sure that dozens of meetings with many meetings per day are available for all of us to continue receiving the fellowship and support that we need to say stay sober and help others to achieve sobriety As always, any requests for changes to the content or display of the overall site can be sent to area representatives or me for addition to the website. I thank you all for the opportunity to be of service.

Take care and keep God close in your lives.

Thank you very much

Matt D.

Area 82 Webmaster

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## CERAASA REPORT 2020

Hello fellow members. Here is a brief CERAASA report of the committee reports since we last met. The committee has struck up a new Purpose, Schedule, Composition, Responsibilities/Duties. These are just drafts as of today, because they will have to be approved at the next CERAASA. At present we are fine tuning some of the duty's of the host committee. The 2021 CERAASA will be held February 26-28, 2021 in St. Catharines Ontario. Flyers have been sent out to all Delegates, I have about 150 on my counter, hope to be able to get them out soon.

All debts from last years CERAASA have been paid and the start-up fund is in place. We are hoping with the new guidelines and the monthly Zoom meetings we are having, that everything will run smoothly from here forward. All 10 Delegates and Alt. Delegates with our Regional Trustee have been partaking in these meetings to iron out all kinks and help make sure we have all successful CERAASA's from here forward.

2021 CERAASA: hotel; For reservations at Holiday Inn & suites call [toll free] 1-877-688-2324 or 905-688-2324.

or on the web: <http://ceraasa.org/en/> Room rates are \$139.00 plus taxes

Room block deadline is Dec. 26, 2020 Use code CERAASA

Thank You All For Your Service

Kirk S.

A82 P69

## 2020 G.S.D. REPORT

JUNE 2020

Hello Friends my name is Kirk S. And I have the pleasure of serving Area 82 as your Panel 69 Delegate. The 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference was held in may by Zoom. We have tried our best with the times we are in and having to get the work of AA done. A big thank you goes out to all GSO staff for their patience with those of us who are not tech savvy. They worked long and hard days from home, to make sure we were all up to speed.

Conference began May 16<sup>th</sup> with a welcome from Michele Grinberg, chair of the General Service Board. Followed by remarks from Greg Tobin, General Manager at G.S.O. Greg then went on to roll call and review our agenda.

The committees broke into their own work space in the afternoon. We had very limited time to review items to bring to the floor. Really glad we as a group on P.I. Met ahead of conference. Each committee only had 45 minutes to present and have passed agenda items. Therefore we would be lucky to have one passed with the question and answer time on each item being part of the 45 minutes.

The following are the committees reports:

### Cooperation With The Professional Community

#### Committee Considerations

Discussed discontinuing the pamphlet "AA in Your Community" and took no action. Noting an update of the language and style is needed. Update with a focus on modern settings and various formats, such as digital resources.

### Corrections

#### Committee Considerations

Report heard from AAWS's publishing director on effects to provide digital distribution of AA literature into correctional facilities. Several options identified. Also reported Publishing plan to make most AA pamphlets staple-free. They also reviewed the Workbook and Kit and suggested adding the Pamphlet "The God Word".

### Finance

Recommended; Add draft language related to virtual basket in the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money And Spirituality Mix." PASSED

### Grapevine

Recommended: Change name to Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Vina. PASSED

#### Committee Considerations:

Request Grapevine Board consider developing gender neutral language options and bring a revised plan back to 2021 GSC.

### Literature

Recommended: Update video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure." PASSED

AAWS policy "Policy on Publication of Literature: update Pamphlets and other AA Materials. PASSED

Committee Considerations: Report back to the 2021 conference for the following pamphlets; The Twelve Traditions Illustrated, The Twelve Concepts Illustrated, AA's Three Legacies, Too Young, Young People in AA, Pamphlet for Spanish Speaking Women.

### Policy / Admissions

Recommended: Process for Approving Observers to the Conference be approved. PASSED  
Recommended: General Service Conference implement electronic voting for trustee elections starting in 2021. PASSED  
Recommended: Continuing review of dates for the GSC be changed to consider dates with timing and years to review as requested by the General Manager. PASSED

## Public Information

Recommended: Adjust all AAWS video titles for search engine Optimization. {SEO} PASSED  
Committee Considerations:

Reports reviewed and accepted: Annual Report regarding aa.org and aagraevine.org; GSO communications department report on the AAWS Meeting Guide App; status of Google AdWords/Grants; PI comprehensive Media Plan to create video shorts based on pamphlets; Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs; AA Membership survey. Report back to 2021.

Accepted report distribution and tracking information on PSA “Changes”: new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations; Report on the development of two PSAs. Draft to 2021.

Create a new form of communication: request information be gathered on Social Media before moving forward, i.e.: Suggested: Shared experiences; safety & etiquette, Anonymity. Report or draft proposal back to 2021.

AA Podcast; develop and bring back to 2021.

Committee shared concerns on the relevancy of a print copy workbook and PI kit. Suggestions included: explore developing a service committee App; Create PDF version; broader sharing; more accessibility in PI work; reflection of AA digital assets and how applied to PI work [such as You Tube, Meeting Guide App, etc] Report back to 2021.

## Report And Charter

Recommended: Amend article 4 of current conference Charter to read From: '3/4 vote of all conference members' TO: 3/4 vote of all conference members PARTICIPATING IN THE VOTE" PASSED

Committee Considerations:

Review and accepted: Report from Publishing re: timely and accurate preparation & publication of 2020 GSC Final Report.

Reviewed draft of AA Service Manual, requested update draft incorporating suggestions from the committee be brought back to 2021.

Discussed restoring two paragraphs with footnotes to Concept Eleven previously removed by 66<sup>th</sup> GSC. TOOK NO ACTION

## Treatment/Special Needs/Accessibility

Recommended: Revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” updating for currency and inclusion to reach broader scope of treatment settings, and that a progress report or draft be brought back to 2021. PASSED

Committee Considerations:

Suggested that the trustees' committee develop a Bridging The Gap Workbook and bring a progress report to 2021 GSC

## Trustees

Recommended: The approval of the slate of trustees and officers for General Service Board and A.A.



Grapevine, Inc. Board. PASSED

Approval of the slate of Directors for A.A.W.S.----RULED OUT OF ORDER

Approval of the slate of trustees for A.A.W.S. As presented. PASSED

Committee Considerations;

The slate of directors, summary of events re: Appeal: amend by-laws of the GSB specifically eligibility of past delegates to apply. Report to 2021

Archives

Committee Considerations:

Considered request for the development of a book on AA history from 1955 through the present.

Suggested Committee consider possible themes, content ideas and the time period such a book might cover. Report back in 2021

International Conventions/Regional Forums

Committee Considerations: Accepted report from Talley Management outlining steps taken prior and post cancellation of the 2020 International Convention.

Discussed the using of The Lord's Prayer for closing the big meetings. Wide range of discussion followed.. Also encouraged interest in Regional and Local Forums. Many suggestions offered.

AAWS/GSO REPORTS

Due to the Virus Interruption no audit was available at the time. A special Virtual meeting will be held when final figures are available.

FLOOR ACTIONS

The following floor actions FAILED a motion to decline consideration and will be forwarded to the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference.

1-Recommended: Proposal to revise the pie chart percentages emphasizing that any percentages included are only suggestions and examples,

2- Recommended: Due to many agenda items being forwarded to the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC. Consider extending the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC by as many as three working days, whether 71<sup>st</sup> is face to face or digital.

3- Recommended: Consider developing a PSA about AA geared toward minorities.

4- Recommended: 70<sup>th</sup> GSC approve slate of directors for AAWS as originally submitted.

5- Recommended: Pamphlet "AA for the Black and African-American Alcoholic" be updated to include fresh stories & a new title.

6-Recommended: Slate of directors of AAWS as submitted be approved.

7-Recommended: Launch of Google AdWords- Grants halt until the 71<sup>st</sup> approves and the Ad Hoc Committee progress report from Finance be immediately released to all members of the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC..

Thank You

Kirk S

Panel 69

Area 82

## **Area 82 Proposal**

To be discussed at 2020 Service Weekends and Area

### ***In Reference to***

Section VI – Area Officers and their Responsibilities – b) Alternate Delegate

- The Alternate Delegate is the chair of Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.), Public Information (P.I.), Treatment, and Corrections Committee and the Grapevine Representative for the Area.

### ***Proposal*** from Fresh Start Group, District 1

For each province of Area 82 Nova Scotia/Newfoundland and Labrador to elect a Co-chair for the following committees: Corporations with Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine, at their respected Service Weekends.

The elected Co-chairs of Committees will assist and work with the Chair (Alt. Delegate) for the above-mentioned Committees. The Co-chair with direction of the chair will provide support in districts and groups in engaging in building Committees in their communities passing information from GSO, help set up committees in districts that do not have committees, help facilitate workshops or any other assistance that required by the districts in the province, to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Chair/Alt. Delegate will report on all the committees for both provinces at the service weekend as well as a yearly Area 82 Assembly.

### ***Background:***

We have contracted over 10 Areas on how they run their Area Committees. We have found that in their Area, they have Chairs of the 4 Committees. Corporations with Professional Community, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections, and Grapevine. With the size of our Area, we have decided to only have the Alt. Delegate to be the Chair of those committees, mainly a money issue as having 5 additional members of the Area Committee would be quite an expense.

### ***Conclusion:***

By adding Co-Chairs to our committees at Area, we will be more connected with all the Districts Committees and with both Provinces. We will be able to close the gap that we have created by not having Area Chairs for the important work Committees to, sharing the message to all who want help from Alcoholics Anonymous

## **DISTRICT 10 AREA 82 PROPOSAL**

To be discussed at the 2020 Service Weekend  
Vote to take place at Area 82 Assembly 2020

PROPOSAL: Amend Area 82 Guidelines to read as follows:

(Under Section IX – Expenses) Area 82 provides an advance of funds to respective Area Officers and Committee members to fulfill their duties while performing Area business, as per the approved budget (page 13, Area 82 Guidelines).

***In addition, Area 82 offers to pay an amount equal to or greater than the Delegate Fee for their General Service Delegate to attend and fulfill the duties at the General Service Conference in New York. In years when there are funds in excess of budgeted expenses and the Prudent Reserve, the payment shall be equal to the excess after allowance for adjustment of the Prudent Reserve.***

REASON:

Area 82 has had more than \$5000 in past budgets at year-end. Despite budget surpluses, Area has paid only the Delegate Fee and GSO has paid the remainder. If Area 82 has enough money to cover more of the GSO Conference cost share, District 10 unanimously agrees Area 82 ought to pay a larger amount for our Delegate to fulfill his or her duties while attending the Conference.

District 10 moved and carried a motion to present this proposal to Area 82.

Yours In Sobriety,  
Michelle Pierce, District 10 Secretary  
On behalf of District 10

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

We think that the following information will be helpful in promoting an informed group conscience as regards our proposal:

**A. *How much does the Conference cost?*** We looked at a letter from GSO's Chief Financial Officer, who estimated that the 2019 Conference cost was approximately \$1,140,000 US\$. GSO estimates that there are about 135 attendees – including the Area Delegates, the Trustees, the Directors and GSO Staff. So if we divide the total estimated cost (\$1,140,000) by the total attendees (135), we get the cost per participant, which is about \$8,400 US\$ for 2019. Here's what the cost per attendee looks like for the past few years:

2019 est	8,400	Manhattan (location)
2018	8,100	Manhattan
2017	5,500	Rye Brook
2016	7,400	Manhattan
2015	7,800	Manhattan
2014	5,800	Rye Brook

**B. *What does GSO suggest we contribute?*** GSO does not ask for the entire cost per person. When it writes to our Delegate, as it did in January 2020, it says that the Conference Fee is \$1,800 US\$ per Area. This amount was established at the General Service Conference in 2017, and was a raise of fee from \$1,600 to \$1,800. There are three points to notice here:

- The Conference Fee letter comes in January, just three months before the Conference. Our budget for the upcoming year must be planned and approved in October of the previous year, so we have to estimate the amount to budget. (We need to keep in mind that GSO reimburses the Delegate for his/her airline ticket. This is an expense of the Conference, and not an expense for Area 82.)
- The Conference Fee is stated in US Dollars. The exchange rate varies year to year. The Bank of Canada has averaged the 2019 exchange

rate at \$1.00 US = \$1.3269 Canadian. This means that the \$1,800 US Conference Fee amounts to approximately \$2,400 Canadian in 2019.

- The Conference Fee does not come close to covering the cost of the Conference. Even if all Areas in North America (93 of them per the 2019 Final Report) paid the \$1,800 Conference Fee, the amount paid would come to

$$93 \text{ Areas} \times 1,800 = \$167,400$$

And this represents only a small portion of the total cost – only about 15%.

The letter from GSO goes on to say that they appreciate voluntary contributions, and through Oct. 31, 2019, they had received approximately \$358,000 in Area Contributions and Additional Contributions toward the 2019 Conference. So we can see (since \$358,000 is greater than \$167,400) that some Areas DO contribute more than the Conference Fee. In 2019, Area 82 contributed \$2400, the Canadian equivalent of the Conference Fee.

**C. Can Area 82 afford to contribute more? Up to and including the current estimated total remaining excess over the Prudent Reserve?** At January 1, 2020, our Treasurer's email to all Districts showed that we had Canadian funds in the bank of

Operational Funds	5,656.12
Prudent Reserve	12,961.40
Upcoming Budget Reserve	<u>30,709.54</u>
Total on hand	49,327.06

The minutes from the 2019 Area Assembly say that the 2020 Budget was set at \$28,700. Subtracting shows us, in Canadian funds,

Total on hand	49,327.06
Less 2020 budget	<u>-28,700.00</u>
Excess above budget	20,627.06
Less Prudent Reserve	<u>-14,350.00</u>
Excess remaining	6,277.06

The Area Prudent Reserve is defined as one half of the amount of the current year's budget. Now we know that 2020 actual expenses will be less than budgeted expenses since few are travelling and officers' travel makes up a large part of the budget. And we need to have a prudent reserve against the next year's budget. But we need to be mindful of Concept XII, Warranty One, which warns us against the accumulation of too much money. Indeed, it says "no great excess of group contributions over legitimate operating expenses is ever likely to be seen."

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the District 10 proposal.

## **ZOOM Conferencing App**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> at the regular business meeting of the Sunrise Group, it was decided with substantial unanimity that the following motion be added to the Service weekend and Assembly agenda.

### **Motion**

The Sunrise Group of District 2 Area 82 so moves that Area 82 implements Zoom Conferencing to help improve communication within Area 82.

### **What is ZOOM?**

Zoom is a web-based video conferencing tool with a local desktop client and a mobile app that allows users to meet online, with or without video.

### **Why Zoom in Area 82?**

For a long time in Area 82 poor communication has been an issue in part due to our geographic make up. With Zoom, communication can be greatly enhanced. Communication between Committees, (P.I., C.P.C., Corrections, Treatment Facilities), Districts, Area Officers, Remote Communities, and the list goes on. Zoom can be used for webinars and other training tools.

### **What is the cost?**

There is a free version of the Zoom App, although it is limited. For a cost roughly \$200.00 a year all our conferencing need would be covered.

Thank in advance for considering this Motion  
Sunrise Group.