

**Area 82 NL Area Assembly**  
**October 11- 13, 2019**  
**Sydney, N.S**  
**"Love and Tolerance is our Code"**

**FRIDAY                    7:00 PM        D.C.M./AREA OFFICERS MEETING**

Gerry W. opened the meeting at 7:00 pm on Friday evening, October 11<sup>th</sup> with 30 seconds silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Gerry W. then welcomed all attendees and proceeded with introductions. Gary O. read the Twelve Traditions

The minutes of the 2018 Area Committee meeting were read by Samaira G and approved.

**Treasurers Report**

The Area 82 Treasurer, Monique M., gave her report. (Attached)

Steve A. (DCM District 1) had two primary questions.

1. .“What is the exact source of a \$3,897.00 “Credit Memo – Br to Br Business Deposit” made to the Upcoming Budget Reserve account on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ?
2. How do we explain the discrepancy between the Operational Funds bank balance of \$7,528.84, and the Chequing Account Ledger balance of \$6,156.78 ? (difference of \$1,372.06).

*(These questions were not adequately explained at the DCM / Area Officers meeting but were addressed by Monique before the weekend was complete.. JGW)*

**Roll Call**

All of the Area 82 Officers were present, and 15 of the 17 DCMs were in attendance (DCMs from Districts 11 and 16 were not present). District 1 (26 groups), District 2 (17 groups), District 3 (11 groups) , District 4 (7 groups), District 5 (6 groups), District 6 (10 groups), District 7 (14 groups), District 8 (13 groups), District 9 (22 groups) , District 10 (7 groups), District 12 (9 groups), District 13 (3 groups), District 14 (11 groups), District 15 (35 groups) District 17 (6 groups)

## **Review of Agenda**

. With some minor adjustments (predominantly report scheduling) the agenda was approved and the meeting finished at about 10:00 p.m.

## **Friday Night GSR Workshop**

The workshop was hosted by GSO Guest Patrick C. based on the pamphlet “Problems other than alcohol”P-35. Patrick shared his experience, and facilitated both small group discussions and sharing at the microphone. The consensus of attendees was that the sessions were very informative.

Patrick also described his role as General Service Conference Co-ordinator. Part of this role is getting the agenda ready for the conference in April 2020. – He has received 14 proposals from Canada and the US to bring to the conference. The deadline for proposal submissions is December 15, 2019.

## **Saturday October 12**

The Assembly was called to order at 9:00 am. Gerry W. started the morning with a few moments of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. This was followed by a few opening remarks.

## **Introductions of Area 82 DCMS & Area Officers:**

Chairperson- Gerry W., GSD- Kirk S., Alt. GSD- Trudy D., Treasurer- Monique McL., Sec/Registrar- Samaira G., GSO Guest- Patrick C.. DCMS: District 1-Steve A., District 2- Shane S., District 3- Tim MacB., District 4- Peter N., District 5- Stan E., District 6- Brent M., District 7- John Hugh G., District 8- Ron K., District 9- Basil MacL., District 10- Ellen N., District 12- Terry P., District 13- Ed D. , District 14- Jeff B. (Alt. DCM), District 15- Angela C., District 17- Dwight C., Districts 11 & 16- No DCMS

**The 12 Traditions** were read by Shayne S.,

## **Sympathies:**

Members rose and spoke the names of the AA members we have lost over this past year from our Area. A few moments of silence were observed to remember the members who died.

**Mission Statement** was read by GSD Kirk S.

**Minutes from the 2018 Area 82 Assembly** were presented by Samaira G.. No errors or omissions. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Patricia C., seconded by Shane S. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes adopted.

**Review of Agenda-** Gerry W. Chairperson reviewed Assembly Weekend agenda. Agenda was approved..

**D.C.M. Reports** are attached. There are no DCM reports for Districts 11 & 16.

### **GSO Guest**

Patrick C. brought greetings to Area 82 from GSO while describing his role as General Service Conference Coordinator as well as the rewards inherent to Service work. Patrick also informed the body that a New Service Manual has been in the works since 2018. A draft should be ready for this year's conference.

**Past Delegates Address:** There were no past Delegate's at Assembly

### **Treasurers Report**

Monique McL. gave her report. (attached) . After thorough discussion the report was accepted and approved.

**Alt. Delegate Report:** Trudy D. gave her Alternate General Service Delegate report.(attached)

**General Service Delegate Report:** Kirk S. gave his General Service Delegate report.(attached)

### **AACYPAA Report**

Same report as was presented by Trudy D.at both Service Weekends ( attached)

### **Remote Communities Report**

The Remote Communities Report was presented on behalf of Jane B. by Trudy D. ( Report attached)

### **Archivists Reports**

*The Archivists Reports are normally given at the respective Service Weekends. They are attached to this document package for ease of access only)*

## **Webmaster Report**

Matt D. delivered his report. (attached) Some of the salient points were that hosting fees are due for Area82aa.org website. The site is getting over 10,000 visits per month. The Area Forum is up and running and Matt hopes to have all district info. transferred to the new 12 Step Meeting Guide App by end of November.

## **CERASSA Report**

CERASSA report was presented by Kirk. Tim M. Panel 67 Delegate was selected to coordinate the Eastern Canada hospitality Suite in Detroit. A deficit. The 10 Areas represented by CERASSA will be asked to contribute \$350.00 each to cover the unexpected \$3500.00 deficit in the translation services and room overbookings. A lively discussion ensued.

A motion to accept all reports was brought to the floor, seconded and approved.

## **Roll Call**

After lunch Samaira G. held Roll call.

District 1 had 7 out of 26 groups  
District 2 had 3 out of 17 groups  
District 3 had 7 out of 11 groups  
District 4 had 1 out of 7 groups  
District 5 had 0 out of 6 groups  
District 6 had 5 out of 10 groups  
District 7 had 8 out of 14 groups  
District 8 had 2 out of 13 groups  
District 9 had 11 out of 22 groups  
District 10 had 7 out of 7 groups  
District 11 had 0 out of 6 groups  
District 12 had 2 out of 9 groups  
District 13 had 1 out of 3 groups  
District 14 had 1 out of 12 groups  
District 15 had 3 out of 33 groups  
District 16 had 0 out of 7 groups  
District 17 had 4 out of 6 groups

There were only 62 out of 209 groups represented at Area 82 Fall Assembly.

Including Area officers, DCM and groups represented there were 81 eligible voters in the room.

### **Election of Remote Communities Committee Chair.**

The only resume' received was from Martine T. who lives in Labrador and is already connected with the remote committees, her resume' was accepted and all were in favor for her taking the position.

### **Election of NL Archivist;**

No resume was offered. The vacancy will be brought back to districts and deferred to NL Service Weekend.

### **Under Old Business**

It was necessary to verify that the wording of Section VI of the Area 82 Guidelines (Area Chairperson's Responsibilities) be amended (previously approved) to include. "Area Chairperson is responsible for organizing Area 82 Nova Scotia Service Weekend";\_After lengthy discussion, a couple of votes taken, the majority chose to support the previously agreed change to the wording.

### **New Business**

#### **2020 Budget presentation**

Monique M presented a proposed budget for 2020, A line by line examination allowed the budget for 2020 to be set and approved at \$28,700.00

#### **Eastern Canadian Regional Hospitality Suite**

Kirk S. provided (for Tim M.) an Update on the Eastern Canadian Regional Hospitality Suite in Detroit. Tim will be looking for volunteers and help as the event gets closer.

#### **Proposed Area 82 Assembly Rotation**

1. 2020 St John's (election year) already in place.
2. 2021 Halifax
3. 2022 Sydney (election year)
4. 2023 Corner Brook
5. 2024 Halifax (election year)

6. 2025 St john's
7. 2026 Corner Brook (election year)
8. 2027 Sydney
9. 2028 St john's (election year)
10. 2029 Corner Brook
11. 2030 Halifax ( election year)

Area assembly rotation was approved,

### **Proposals**

**First Proposal** This proposal was deferred from the last Assembly. After some discussion it seem that Tim's proposal was too close to the second proposal, and was decided to go with second proposal. It was also noted that a proposal needs to go through proper channel to be classified as a proposal at Area Assembly. Proper channel should be (a) group to district (b) district to Area (c) Area to GSO World Service.

#### *First Proposal read;*

*After listening to the discussion at both Service Weekends I feel compelled to make changes to my proposal. The amended proposal reads as follows.*

*I propose starting with the elections being held at the Area Assembly in 2020 that we elect our Area officers in the following manner.*

*We elect our Delegate and Alternate Delegate from the sitting Area Officers and Sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months).*

*We elect the following Area Officers from sitting D.C.M.'s (must have held D.C.M. Position for at least six months) who let their name stand, and accept nominations from the floor. Those nominees will be past Area 82 D.C.M.'s and past Area 82 officers who have not held the position previously. (Past Delegates May not stand for any position ).Those nominees will give a brief update on the Service Activities since their time in Service to Area.*

*Note: Members must be present to let their name stand.*

#### **Second Proposal;** presented by District 17 Area 82 Hantsport Group

An amendment to the Proposal wording was presented to the Assembly by Steve A. (DCM District 1). Steve's amended wording read; "That all current and past committee members along with sitting Area Officers be allowed to let their name stand for Area positions providing they have not held that position in the past. Past and present committee members do not have to be

present to let their name stand. Votes are taken on resumes.” The amendment to the wording was approved by the Assembly and after lengthy discussion it was voted on and was approved.

*Full original Hantsford Group Proposal attached;*

**Third proposal** Pictou Harbour Group Proposal for an Interactive Map of Area 82 ( attached)  
The Webmaster explained that this “work is already in progress” A motion was then made by the Pictou Harbour Group GSR to withdraw the proposal; based on this information. The motion to withdraw was seconded and it was decided unanimously to remove the proposal and allow the webmaster to keep moving forward.

**Fourth proposal;**

*Fourth proposal was;*

District 17 Wolfville Group proposed to amend the wording in the 12 concepts. (full proposal attached)

After some discussion and reading the proposal from Wolfville Group in District 17, there were a number of emails with that group and GSO. Changes needed were addressed and answers given.

**Fifth proposal;**

*Fifth proposal was;*

District 15 Recovery Group put forward a proposal that area 82 develop and implement a public information capacity on an area wide basis. (proposal attached)

With the large geographical location in the area 82 and seems every district is doing their own thing, that at an area level each district could come together and help each other to carry the message.

This proposal failed on a vote of 26 opposed 22 for. The minority voice was fully considered. The sense of the room was that the proposal was too open ended and that the Alternate GSD role already held coordination / liaison responsibility as Chair of Active Area Committees.

**. Sunday Morning.**

The weekend ended with GSO AA speaker. Patrick C shared his story of experience, strength and hope..

***\*\*\* I need to say a huge “thank you” to the many sources ( who shall be anonymous) who supplied invaluable information from their own reports and memories which helped me flesh out these minutes.. Errors and omissions are likely rife , we will do our best to correct errors as they are indicated.***

Gerry W

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'GW' in a cursive style.

Area 82 NS / NL Chair