

Area 82 Active Committees Meeting

June 27th, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm NS time

Chaired by Gerry W. Area 82 NS/NL A-GSD

In attendance.

Gerry W. Area 82 Alt-GSD

Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI, CPC and Literature)

Boyd B. (District 15 PI) Area 82 NL PI Co-Chair

Steve D. (District 6) Alt-DCM , Ad-Hoc Guidelines Committee member

Paul W (District 6) PI Chair

Angela (District 6)

Gerry opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. He apologized for the half hour departure from the normal opening time. (prior AA commitment conflict)

Gerry explained that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of better minutes and asked if anyone had any objections. No-one did.

Gerry referenced the location of the May minutes on the Area 82 Website at <https://area82aa.org/area-docs/>. The sense of the room was that the minutes are available and that no corrections were necessary

- Two ad-hoc committees have been formed to make recommendations on financial practises and Area 82 Guidelines. They are chaired by Blair A (DCM D2) and John W (DCM D3)
- Hybrid meeting of Makkovik Group has been going for over three months now. Well attended with four new sober members in the community. (One for his first meeting last Wednesday). This meeting license is covered by Area 82 under Remote Communities. We (Area 82) has supplied a shipment of Big Books and pamphlet literature for this group as well.
- I have been attending a monthly North America Alternate Delegates meeting where the Alt GSD's share what works in their areas
- I also attend a monthly Inter-Area Remote Communities Workgroup Meeting
- A page has been created on our Area 82 website to list vacant Area positions and the associated job description.
- A page dedicated to professionals has been added. (Actually an external link to the "For Professionals" page on aa.org)

- A suggestion was made at the Assembly Workshop that we have a speaker who could address some aspect of Service / Committee work to open our monthly Active Area Committees. Pending
- We also now have a copy of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions translated into Mi'kmaq that will be going on the website soon. I'm waiting to hear back from Dwayne MacD on that one. He's promised to get somebody from the AA Mi'kmaq community, to go through it to make sure that we're not putting inaccurate information on our website.
- Unfortunately, Mark Z, because of work commitments is forced to step down as the Area 82 NS PI Co-chair. We appreciate all the time and effort he has put into his Service to AA.
- Right now, most of our active area committee co chair positions are open. The Newfoundland and Labrador PI Co chair position is filled. Boyd B is still sitting in that job. The NS Corrections Co chair is being filled by John W. All others are open.
- Two ad hoc committees have been formed and are meeting regularly. One committee is working on recommendations for our guidelines to bring to the Assembly in the fall. The other ad hoc committee is for recommendations to improve our financial reporting process. A separate account on Zoom has been set up for each of them from the Zoom budget. The two ad-hoc committees are working completely independently, reporting back to me in time to generate motions for consideration at the Fall Assembly.

- ***Steve D. (District 6) Alt-DCM***

I'm Steven D, I am alternate DCM for district 6. I'm also a member of the Guidelines ad hoc committee formed just after the spring assembly to review our current Area 82 Guidelines and supply recommendations for improvements to them. These recommendations will be examined by Area 82 at the Fall Assembly.

1. Our committee has now met four times. The first meeting focused on forming the committee.
 2. The second week was devoted to developing a clear objective and a good overview of the existing Guidelines as well as decisions taken at past Assemblies. We were each assigned a set of Assembly minutes going back to 2015 for review.
 3. At the third meeting we decided that we should review these minutes together instead of as an individual project and to include a review of the minutes from Service Weekends and Area officer / DCM meetings as well.
 4. At the fourth meeting we set a target of two weeks for this expanded review with the intent to meet in person after that two week period.
 5. There is plenty of discussion every week, and the proceedings are being recorded for the purpose of generating minutes / reports.
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- **Boyd B. (District 15 PI and Area 82 PI Co-Chair)**

The District 15 CPC-PI committee breaks for the summer months. No update until September. I'm still connected via the Co-Chair of PI position I hold in Area 82. Boyd answered some questions from Steve D. regarding the Social Media ad campaign experiment conducted by District 15 this spring. The details and results are included in the last set of minutes available on the Area 82 website. (Right above this set) 😊

- **Clayton (District 1 & 2 PI)**

Hi, everyone. Good evening. My name is Clayton and I am chair of the District 1 and 2 PI Committee. My Committee and I meet on the second Saturday of every month at 10:00am.

The public information committee has done some good work over the past month. Three main points of interest.

1. We have put in an order for PI pamphlet material.
2. In Districts one and two (Halifax and Dartmouth), we held a ServicePalooza event, Saturday June 18th at 45 Connolly Drive. The purpose of the event was to drum up some interest in Service. It was decently attended and three new folks signed up to come check out PI, It was good event. There were some snacks with pretty good fellowship as well.
3. There is a First Responders Mental Health event being held here in September. One of our Committee members will be following up on what we need to do to have a presence at this event.

- **Paul W (District 6) Chair; PI**

1. I spoke with a lady at the community college to let them know we could provide AA speakers
2. I continue to drop in wherever we usually placed our information poster. It contains our 24 hour number as well as the area 82 website. Anyone calling the

AA number for District 6, reaches an answering service which takes the callers number and then contacts a member who calls them back. I put them on bulletin boards all over the place. Most people I have talked with are satisfied that they can reach AA online for now.

- ***Darlene H (District 6) Corrections (In absentia verbal report by Angela)***

Darlene is looking after meetings at the Nova Institution for Women. Initially they were scheduled to go back into the institution in December of 2021.

She has reached out to the admin contact, Tammy, to schedule the required volunteer training so that we can return to the facility as soon as Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. All appropriate forms have been submitted and she is waiting for a response.

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- The meeting adjourned at 7:40 NS time with the Responsibility Statement
- Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm NS time, 6:30 NL time on July 25th, 2022

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88688093457>

Roughly transcribed by

Gerry W.

