

**Fall Assembly
Area Officers/ DCM Meeting
Monday, October 3/22**

Dwayne MacD., opened the meeting with 30 seconds of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer and welcomed everyone.

Introductions: Trudy D. (GSD), Gerry W. (Alt. GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Chair), Jocelyn I. (Treasurer), Monique McL. (Secy/Regs), Paul B. (DCM 1), Blair A. (DCM 2), Mark Z. (Alt. DCM 3), Rich D. (DCM 5), Steven D. (Alt. DCM 6), Blaise S. (Alt. DCM 7), Debbi C. (Alt. DCM 8), Brian P. (DCM 9), Mike D. (Rep 10), Wayne P. (DCM 14), George S. (DCM15), Gary O. (DCM 17).

Observers: John W. (D3)

12 Traditions were read by Mark Z.

Monique McL. read the minutes from the May 22/22. Area Officers/ DCM Spring Assembly. Monique motioned to have the minutes accepted as read. Rich D. seconded. Meeting passed unanimously as read.

Treasurer Report: From July 4th, 2022 to September 16th, 2022

Prudent Reserve

Opening Balance: \$15,927.98

Interest: \$33.04

Closing Balance: \$15,921.02

Operational Balance

Opening Balance: \$5,872.59

Banking Fee: -\$11.25

Cashed Cheque: -\$1000.00(2nd time)

Closing Balance: \$4,861.39

Upcoming Budget

Opening Balance: \$9,401.02

Interest; \$20.45

Group Contributions: \$3,411.00

Deposit Fees: \$20.00

TOTAL: \$33,595.25

Dwayne MacD., called for questions 3 times with none. Jocelyn I. made a motion for her report to be accepted as read. Seconded by Debbi C. All in favour motion carried.

Roll Call: There was not an accurate count of the groups, Monique and Dwayne will meet Friday night regarding this.

Review of the Agenda:

- There are two items on the agenda – the Elections and the Budget; that have to get done.
- We had a discussion, whether to start at 6 or 7 PM on Friday night. It was decided to start at 7:00 PM.
- Paul B., motioned to omit reading the minutes from this Assembly and reinstated for the 2023 Spring Assembly. An email will be sent to the DCMs to forward to the GSR's stating the minutes will not be read and they are available, so they should be read prior the Assembly. Seconded by Mark Z. 8 for-1 against. Minority voice did not wish to speak. Motion carried.
- All reports will be read and accepted on Friday night.
- DCM reports and Past Delegate addresses will be at the end of Saturday-time permitting.
- Saturday will start with 12 Traditions, Roll Call and Old Business, then a 15-minute break
- New Business – Elections of Area Positions- Lunch- 12:00-1:00
- Paul B., asked to have item 5 on the agenda to number 3.
- Blair A., asked to have Agenda items for the Financial and Guideline Committees be given sufficient presentation time. As much as needed to number 4.
- Steven D. motioned to remove the need for more to finish the guidelines and background information from the agenda: will give a report from the committee. Seconded by Brian P. Motion carried.
- Brian P. motioned to remove bring back the Service Weekends and background from the agenda. Seconded by Gary O. Motion carried.
- Paul B. asked to have item 6 and 7 to be change. 6 to become 7 and 7 to become 6.
- Monique McL. motioned; Where Gerry will be absent the Active Area Committees meeting to be postponed and be held on Zoom at a later date. Seconded by Gary O. All in favour.
- Time permitting, we will have a GSR Workshop led by George McL. (District9).
- We will not have a GSO guest at this time due a staffing shortage at GSO, also where we may not have the number at the assembly. It was decided not to spend that money in case of a monetary shortfall at the Assembly.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge

Respectfully submitted,

Monique McL

A82 Secretary

AREA 82 Fall Assembly
October 7th-8th, 2022
“A.A. Comes of Age 2.0 Unified in Love and Service”
Himeni Church
105 Alexandra St. Membertou (Sydney), NS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 2022.

The meeting opened with 30 seconds of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Opening Remarks.

Introductions: Trudy D. (GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Chair), Jocelyn I. (Treasurer), Monique McL. (Secy/Regs), Michael A. (ADCM 2), Mark Z. (ADCM 3), Pete N. (DCM 4), Rich D. (DCM 5), Steven D. (ADCM 6), Blaise S. (ADCM 7), Debbi C. (ADCM 8), Brian P. (DCM 9) Arnold K. (ADCM 10), Wayne P. (DCM 14), George S. (DCM 15), Gary O. (DCM 17). **Absent:** Gerry W. (AGSD) sends his regrets. DCMS 1, 11, 12, 13, 16.

Traditions: Read by Steven D.

Sympathies: Were given

Mission Statement: Read by Trudy D.

Business arising from Spring Assembly Minutes: Gary O. asked in regard to the discrepancy of the eligibility in Election of Area Officers. Dwayne MacD., suggested to bring it to the Spring Assembly.

Approval of the Agenda: Two corrections

- Remove GSR Workshop and replace it with “The Ask It Basket”.
- To have a break from 3:00 PM-3:15 PM on Saturday.

Monique made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Seconded by Pete N. All in favour-motion carries.

Reports: Treasurers

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Q & A

Can you explain what the \$750.00 GSD expense was for? The \$750.00 was used to buy mementos for the other GSDs at the Conference. **Isn't that a waste of Area money?** When Tim M., was GSD, he explained the GSDs from the other Areas bring a little something for the GSDs. Our GSDs do A LOT of work for our Area and why should our Delegate go to the Conference feeling less than. Also, in the Welcome package that the new GSD gets there is a paragraph that explains that many GSDs bring mementos as a way to get to know each other and their Areas.

Dwayne MacD., called the question three times, with no further questions; Jocelyn I., made a motion for her report to be accept as presented. Seconded by Debbi C.- all in favour- motion carried.

Dwayne also explained what happened to the stale dated cheque that was cashed. The money will be returned to AREA 82.

Reports: AGSDs, NS Archivists, NL Archivists, Remote Communities: **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED REPORTS.** Anne B., made a motion for all reports to be accept as read. Seconded by Monique McL., all in favour; all reports were accepted as read.

Please see the GSD Power Point Presentation on the Area 82 website.

Meeting adjourned with Responsibility Pledge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, 2022.

Meeting opened with 30 seconds of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

12 Traditions were read by Pete N.

Roll Call

D1 -3/24	D2 -1/13	D3 -0/11	D4 -0/6.	D17- 3/6
D5 -0/6	D6 -4/10	D7 -8/13	D8 -0/9	
D9 -8/18	D10 -3/6	D11 -0/6	D12 -0/8	D13 -0/3
D14 -2/10	D15 -1/32	D16 -0/8		

A total of 48 eligible votes- 4 Area Officers, 11 DCMs, and 33 GSRs

Old Business- George MacL., will be Chairperson for the Elections. Jane (?). and Kirk S. will be scrutineers; Yvonne from D9 is guard.

New Business

ELECTIONS

- **NS Archivist-** Trudy D. by acclamation
- **NL Archivist-** to be voted on at the Spring Assembly
- Corrections and Grapevine. These are two-year positions
- **NL** asked three times, no one was nominated. Position remains open.
- **NS-** asked three times, no one was nominated. Position remains open. Chelsea N. D9 has accepted a position as Co-chair, the position is unknown, and will be figured out.
- **GSD-** Gerry W., by acclamation
- **AGSD-**Dwayne MacD., by acclamation
- **Treasurer, Secretary/ Registrar, and Remote Communities:** Monique McL. nominated Kirk S. for all three-Kirk declined all three.
- **Remote Communities Chair-** Rich D. nominated Paul W. Seconded by Mike C. Paul accepted the nomination. Vote taken. Paul W. was elected as Remote Communities Chair.
- **Area Webmaster-** There were no resumes or nominations. Will be looked after by Gerry and Trudy until the position is filled.
- **Floor motion by Pete N. to revisit the Elections, after Lunch.**
- **Treasurer-** Jocelyn I. will continue as treasurer as she did not complete a two-year term.
- **Area Chair-**Anne B., was nominated by Kirk S. All in favour, Anne accepted.
- **Secretary/ Registrar-** Trudy D., nominated Debbi C. Seconded by Monique McL., all in favour. Debbi accepted.
- **Trustee at Large:** is a four-year term and to have resume in by December 31st. No nominee presented.

Group Change Forms should follow from District Secy->DCM->Area Sect-> Fellowship Connection or GSO. Please let your DCM know if you send them directly to Area or GSO.

2023 BUDGET

Proposed Area 82 Budget 2023

	Approved Budget	Approved Budget	Approved Budget	Approved Budget	Proposed Budget	Approved Budget
-	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023
GSO Conference	\$2,400	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500.00
GSD Exp.	\$3,800.00	\$4,300.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500.00
Alt.GSD Exp.	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500.00
Area Chair Exp.	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Secretary Exp.	\$1,800.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Treasurer Exp.	\$1,600.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
NL Archives Storage/upkeep	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
NL Archivist Travel	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
NS Archives Storage & Upkeep	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,152.80	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
NS Archivist Travel	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,750.00
Webmaster Assembly Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Web Hosting & Domain	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Remote Communities	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
GSO Guest	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
CERASAA/Regional Forum	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Assembly Seed Money	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
International Hospitality Suite	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Zoom	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Misc.	\$250	\$250.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Charges	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Total	\$26,200.00	\$28,700.00	\$27,652.80	\$30,900	\$35,900	\$35,350.00

3. Speaker gets up to five minutes to speak on item, motion or discussion at the Spring or Fall Assembly.

Motion By Michael (B2B). Seconded by Pam (Fresh Start). A vote was taken- 7 for -28 against. There was a lot of discussion Mike C. asked to amend the motion to be able to speak once for three minutes.

Minority voice was heard, amendment was defeated. Second amendment- reduce time from five minutes to three minutes and with no limit on how many times one person can speak. 8 for 40 against. Minority voice was heard, and no one wanted to change their vote. Motion was defeated.

4. Agenda item for Financial and Guidelines Ad- Hoc Committees be given sufficient presentation time.

Motion by Michael (B2B). Second by Gary O. Vote was taken minority voice heard revote was taken. Motion defeated.

5. Ad- Hoc Financial Recommendations:

3. Ad-Hoc Financial Committee Guidelines & Template Recommendations

3.1 Recommendations for Financial Reporting- Motions 6,7,10 & 12 Area 82 Guideline Recommendations for Financial Reporting Section VI - Area Officers Responsibilities

Mark Z. motioned. Seconded by Gary O. to

- A) Replace bullet point 7(The Area Treasurer prepares a quarterly financial report...) in the Area Treasurer's Responsibilities. Vote taken on 3A, motion carries.
- Michael (B2B) motioned to amend the motion **3.1B** that Quarter 3 be emailed to the Districts by October 31st. Seconded by Debbi C. vote taken to amend the motion vote as on the amended motion. Motion passed.
- B) New bullet points for addition to the Area Treasurer's Responsibility as follows

Financial reports to be emailed to District Officers following the quarter end, as follows:

- Quarter 1- ends March 31: Email to District by April 30
- Quarter 2- ends June 30: Email to District by July 31
- Quarter 3- ends September 30: Email to District October 31
- Quarter 4- ends December 31: Email to District January 31.

Mark Z. made a motion to add to Guidelines the Treasurer to have the financial report by of each month. Seconded by Michael (B2B). Vote was taken. Motion carries.

Area 82 Template Recommendations for Financial Reporting

- Quarterly Treasurer's Report- Appendix 1
- Quarterly Financial Report- Appendix 2
- Mark Z. made a motion to accept the use of the templates for future financial recording. Seconded by Doug G. Vote taken; 2 against, minority voice heard. Revote was taken 32 votes for the motion. Motion carries

3.2 Recommendations for Expenses- Motions 8,9 & 11

Area Expense & Anticipated Budget Form- Appendix 3.

Section IX-Expense Policy Mark Z. read the proposed recommendation on this section and made a motion to accept as read. THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON THIS ITEM. Mark withdrew the motion to accept Item 3.2 – no opposition. Mark Z. made a motion to go through the remaining recommendations by each paragraph, before proceeding to the next paragraph. A vote was taken- motion carries unanimously.

3.2 Area 82 Guideline Recommendations for Expenses PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AD-HOC FILES FOR CHANGES TO THE AREA GUIDELINES FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

a) Mark Z. motioned. Seconded by Doug. G. Discussion followed. Mark amended the dates from December 20th to the 31st and remove the 3rd bullet. Amendment passed. Mark Z. amended the original motion. Seconded by Arnold K. to the Area Officers & Committee Chairs to have their expenses and receipts submitted to the Treasurer, no later than Jan.- Nov: the 3rd day of each month. December expenses and receipts to be submitted by the 31st, along with any unused expense funds. Please notify the Treasurer if you are unable to make that deadline. A vote was taken all for - 2 against, minority voice heard, one member wanted to change their vote, revote taken with 44 for-3 against. The motion carries.

Mark Z. motioned. Seconded by Gary O.

b) Replace the current Section IX- Expenses Policy with the Following: Person occupying expense eligible positions serve without financial compensation and they may not, directly, or indirectly, receive any profit from their position. Vote was taken- Motion passed. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED AD-HOC FILES FOR CHANGES TO THE AREA GUIDELINES FOR ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Mark Z. motioned. Seconded by Doug. G. “Advances will be given to any Area Officer upon receipt of their budget form, budget passed at the Assembly and return of any unused expenses”. Discussion followed -Mark amended the dates from December 20th to the 31st and remove the 3rd bullet. Amendment passed. 32 for- 4 against. New motion carries.

Mark Z. motioned. Seconded by Arnold K. to amend the original motion to advances will not be cashed until the year they are allotted for. Vote was taken amendment carries. A vote was taken on the new motion – motion carries unanimously.

Steven D. motioned, seconded by Pam B. to change the wording from “Area Treasurer to Area Executive will use its discretion on frequency and timing of any advances etc.”. A vote was taken 1 against, minority voice was heard. No one wanted to change their vote. Amended motion carries.

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Walter to amend the original motion to “It is in the scope of Area Treasurer’s duty to actively investigate and present to the Area Committee for approval, and implement any technologies or operational efficiencies available to aid in the friction free running of Area expenses handling (i.e., dual signature digital banking, debit card provisions on dual

signature accounts, etc.)” Amended motion carries. A vote was taken on the amended motion; motion carries unanimously.

Mark Z motioned, seconded by Blaise S. All Area Officers and Committee Chairs are responsible to compile the expense forms and receipts monthly to be handed into the Area Treasurer by the 3rd of each month following the month end. Amendment made by Peter District 9, seconded Rich district 5 to make the date the 15th of the month excluding December. 10 for- 22 against Amendment defeated. Original motion voted on- unanimously passed.

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Peter? The Area Treasurer shall reconcile or reimburse, upon receipt of expenses form and receipts, all Area Officers and Committee chairpersons for reasonable expenses incurred by them while fulfilling the duties and in accordance with this policy. A vote taken- 1 for 46 against. The motion was defeated.

Mark Z. withdrew these two items from the AD-Hoc Recommendations

- a) Lodging and meals are to be at reasonably priced facilities
- b) Area Officers traveling in their own vehicles on Area Business are required to fill their tank upon departure from their home location, at their own cost. Upon their return home they are required to fill their gas tank and provide the gas receipt; with details to and from locations recorded in the details section of their expenses sheet, for inclusion in their monthly report.

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Arnold K. to amend the original motion to “The Area Expense & Anticipated Budget Form Template will be housed on the Area website and/or provided by the Area Treasurer to aid in accurate record keeping of expenses and annual budget development by Area Officers.” The motion was accepted as read. A vote was taken, new motion carries.

There was a lot of discussion on this item and was like the Area Treasurer’s duties in section VI. Monique McL. motioned, seconded by Arnold K. to amend the wording of the motion to “Any unexpected expense is to be authorized in advance by the Area Executive.” Vote on the amendment passed. Discussion on new motion; a vote was taken and amended motion carries.

Mark Z. withdrew Area 82 is not responsible for the expenses incurred by the GSRS or the DCMS. These expenses are the responsibility of the District or Group. (This is already in the Guidelines)

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Michael(B2B)- The payment of the expenses is subject to the current Area 82 Expense policy and is managed by the Area Treasurer. Vote was taken; motion carries unanimously.

3.3 Area 82 Guideline Recommendations for Prudent Reserve & Excess Funds -Motion 11

Section VI- Area Officers and their Responsibility, update as follows in the Area 82 Guidelines. Replace the current Appendix I- Area 82 NS/NL Excess funds with the following:

Appendix I- Prudent Reserve & Excess Funds:

For addition to the Area Treasurer's Responsibilities

Steven D. motioned seconded by Mark Z to amend the original motion to read 6-month balance of the annual budget, as approved at the Fall Assembly for the Prudent Reserve. A vote was taken on the amendment – 7 opposed, minority voice was heard no one wanted to change their vote; motion carries.

- a) Mark Z motioned, seconded by Arnold K.- In January, the Treasurer is Responsible to ensure a Prudent Reserve balance of the annual budget, as approved at the annual Fall Assembly. The Prudent Reserve is an emergency fund to cover expenses in the event Area 82 experiences unusually low Group Contributions, and not to be used as an account for funding the Area Budget in advance. **This motioned has been postponed and sent back to the Ad-Hoc Committee to review this recommendation.**

3.4 Additional AD-hoc Financial Committee Recommendations:

a) Number of bank accounts

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Pam B. to remove a bank account (from 3 accounts to 2 accounts). "We can figure out which account at a later date". A vote was taken; Motion carried unanimously.

3.4 Additional AD-hoc Financial Committee Recommendations: Continued

b) Storage of Financial Reports/ Recordings

Mark Z. motioned, seconded by Blaise S. to amend the wording to read " the Ad-Hoc Financial Committee recommends that financial reports be saved in a cloud-based server associated with the Area Treasurer's email, and be backed up to a thumb-drive to be passed on to future Area Treasurers;" amended motion carried. A vote was taken on the new amendment- motion carried unanimously.

Item 6- Guidelines Ad-Hoc Committee Update- Report given by Steven D., Committee Co-chair-Please see attached report.

One question by Gary O., District 17 proposal about one of the requirements for DCM'S letting their name stand, is they must have served a full two-year term in Area 82 in the Area Guidelines. Will be taken back to the Guidelines Committee.

Item 7- Add Implementing and administering the Zoom License to the Area Chair's responsibilities to the Guidelines.

Mike A motioned for this item to be added to Area Guidelines, seconded by Michael (B2B)- A vote was taken 2 against; minority voice was heard someone wanted to change their vote. A re-vote was taken, it was a tie vote, the Chair had the deciding vote; Dwayne decided to bring it back to the Spring Assembly.

Item 8- Have Spring and Fall Assemblies as a Hybrid Option.

Motion by George S., seconded by Mike C. There was discussion on this item; however, it was the group conscience to take this back to the groups and postpone until the Spring Assembly.

Monique McL, Area 82 Secy

District 2 DCM Report

October 7, 2022

My name is Blair A and I am an Alcoholic and the DCM of District 2. I am sorry and very disappointed I am not able to attend the Assembly this year, due to work commitments as part of the power restoration in Nova Scotia. District 2 consists of the Dartmouth portion of HRM and continues north to Enfield, east to Musquodoboit Harbour, and west to Fall River. District 2 has 14 active registered groups who host a total of 25 meetings a week. Our District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month at 2pm at Club 24. Michael A. is the Alt. DCM, Anne P. is the Secretary, and the Treasurer position is vacant.

All groups are now back to meeting in person, except for one group which has decided to meet on Zoom permanently. Group representation at our monthly meeting has been low but I am hopeful it increases as groups are back to meeting in person. District 2 continues to hold bi-monthly workshops in person at Club 24.

District 2 is supported by the Central Service Committee for Districts 1 & 2 through each group having a Central Service Representative attend their monthly meeting. In addition to the CSR from each group they consist of a Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair of each subcommittee. They are a great help to District 2 by carrying out the work of CPC, PI, Corrections, and Treatment. PI has remained active by meeting with organizations in the Education, Health Care, and Armed Forces industries. Corrections have not been able to meet in person with the residents, but communicate through telephone and dropping off literature. Treatment is holding a meeting twice a week at Detox and twice a month at The Marguerite Centre. CPC has not been active since the Chair position has been vacant. Central Service also has a committee for Entertainment, Literature, Newsletter, Help E-Mail, Hospital Visitation, Telephone, Webmaster, and Mid Winter Roundup. The Ad-Hoc Committee for Bridging the Gap is transitioning their findings to the Treatment, Corrections, and Telephone committees. I would like to thank Samaira G., Foster L., and Emily S. for filling the vacant executive positions at Central Service in February. More information on what activities and services are being offered is available by visiting aahalifax.org.

The groups have been supporting District 2 financially and is in a position to help with outreach funding where necessary. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity and encouragement to serve as DCM of District 2 for the past three years. God has given us this opportunity to push through our fears and carry the message to the suffering alcoholic in new and creative ways. I have enjoyed being involved in Area 82 for the past 6 years and will continue to work in service where my higher power feels I am needed.

Yours in Service,
Blair A
DCM District 2

Area 82

DCM report - District 3

2022 NS/NL Assembly

District 3 covers the area from Annapolis Royal to New Minas in the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia. No different from the others, District 3 experienced a challenging two-year period, trying to follow government guidelines and restrictions, temporary closures of our meeting rooms, and facing the unknown. We have 11 groups and although some are struggling to return to their pre-covid form, all are making gains.

The district meetings continued, first in-person, then moving to the zoom, evolving to a hybrid format, now back to being in-person. Although attendance was lower than normal, we managed to keep the business of AA alive and functioning in our district.

We recently held our District elections of Trusted Servants for the upcoming two-year term, and I am pleased to announce that all positions are filled. We have some returning faces in different roles to offer their experience and some new members with a keen interest for service.

- The number of calls to our phone line is slow, but steady.
- CPC / PI has been inactive for the past few months, but now has a small group committed to get things rolling again with enthusiasm and new ideas.
- Our monthly Newsletter has been interesting and informative with contributions from several members in our district.
- Our institutional commitments were slowed a bit by the virus, but we continued to host meetings when allowed to do so. Several of our groups rotate to fill this service. Our Bridging The Gap program has been very successful. All institutional meetings seem to be returning to a normal rotation.
- We host Information Sessions prior to our regular monthly meeting and using zoom, we were able to have input from members from outside our area. These sessions have been well received and informative.

District 3, in co-operation with District 17 hosted the 2021 Provincial Round-up in June of that year. We could not meet face to face but it was sure nice to see people from around the area tune in on zoom. Al-Anon also took part of this event. I was honoured to be named the chair of that event and worked with a keen committee of volunteers to make the event successful.

I was also honoured to be named chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee reviewing the Area 82 Guidelines, and a couple of members from this district were involved with the Financial Ad-Hoc Committee, proving we still have a strong core of members dedicated to AA service.

District 3 would like to send out positive thoughts to our Brothers and Sisters in the Fellowship who were so negatively affected by the recent storm. Please reach out if you need us. You are not alone.

This was a very positive experience for me to serve as the DCM for District 3, and I hope to see many of you again in my travels.

Submitted respectfully in Service, John W., District 3

**AREA 82, DISTRICT 4 DCM REPORT
to the 2022 AREA 82 N.S/N. L Fall Assembly**

Sydney, N.S

October 7th-9th,2022.

Good day friends, my name is Pete N. the DCM of District 4. OUR district consists of active groups dispersed over a large area from Digby to Amiraaults Hill, southeast of Yarmouth. I am delighted to report that all groups are still in existence and all but one (Digby Onne Day at a Time Group) are back to live in person meetings. the reason for this is that they hold their meetings at the Digby General Hospital and may never reopen their doors to outside organizations. As a result, the group is Actively looking for a new home. They still conduct a well- attended evening Zoom meeting seven days a week, which has attracted participants from across Canada as well as some from the U.S. and the U.K.

To say that COVID has not had some drastic effect for our Groups would be a lie. Attendance is down in some groups and two Groups do not have GSRs and members seem hesitant to get involved.

Our annual Lighthouse Round-up in the fall, at least for this year, will just be a one-day event on Saturday, Oct 22nd District 3 has kindly joined us as co-hosts and will be held at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre (ABCC) in Cornwallis Park. This facility is on the border of Districts 3 & 4 and offers inexpensive lodgings for both the western part of Nova Scotia, as well-appointed dining room. A copy of the Round-up flyer is available here for anyone who may be interested in attending, but I will need to confirm your attendance this weekend.

Although COVID is far from over, lessons learned through the last 2 ½ years is allowing Groups (except Digby) and individuals to ease back into some form of normalcy.

Yours in Service Pete N

DCM District 4

DISTRICT 6 REPORT FALL ASSEMBLY 2022

My name is Steven and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the Alt Dcm for District 6. Just now we have 10 groups in our district covering Great Village, Tatamagouche, Truro, Bible Hill, Stewiacke and Shubenacadie. With several of these groups meeting twice a week and 2 of these groups are covering some online meetings. Mostly all groups are face to face again Our District meetings are on a monthly basis online via the zoom platform. Due to some recent difficulties not all members were able to attend our last committee meeting and unfortunately we had to postpone our elections. These elections are scheduled for this month for our upcoming rotation and take place Sunday 16th of October. District workshops are still ongoing to help us learn and grow within our district, and for assemblies and the pre conference we have started to come together to review items and background material together to gather as much information as possible and to be well informed. Our PI/CPC chair is still going around, posting flyers, passing on information to professionals, ie Doctors, Hospitals, Police and even going into senior homes. We have a telephone answer service which costs us a little money. This phone gets answered and a contact list of members in several locations within our district get phoned for 12 step calls. With our District having a small number of groups with very low contributions, we are always looking for cost effective ways to carry the message.

Yours in Service

Steven D, ADCM D6

Blaise, for sitting in for me and reading this report at the fall assembly 2022!!

Report from Darrell Mac N DCM District 7

Sorry to not be able to make it to this assembly. District seven is compiled of thirteen AA groups. Twelve of those groups are active and one has yet to open back up after covid, but they are staying in touch. Most groups are seeing a steady increase in numbers since covid restrictions have been lifted. There seems to be a respectable number of newcomers around the rooms. The online Zoom meeting are ongoing with two daily, although the numbers are not what they once were, they are going strong. District seven had an incredibly fun and successful Provincial Round Up back in June 2022. Thanks to all who supported and volunteered. In September we had our elections for incoming DCM and Committee members. Congratulations to our incoming DCM Linda W. Information change forms have been handed out. District seven has a CPC/PI Committee, Corrections Committee, Detox Committee, and a Newsletter Committee. District seven has had a number of changes over the last two years, but we are a resilient group and AA is alive and well in District 7

Yours in love and service Darrell Mac N DCM District 7



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DCM Report DISTRICT 9- Brian P.

Good evening, friends, my name is Brian and I am an alcoholic. I am DCM for District 9. We are attending our Assembly in person this weekend and it will be the first time since the last Fall Assembly in Sydney in 2020. It is good to back under the same roof.

District 9 involves all of Cape Breton County under the governance of CBRM. We have 20 active live groups and 1 virtual group. The zoom group was started of course with the pandemic and has helped plenty of suffering alcoholics, especially those who are unable to attend a live meeting. Our groups are situated in individual towns of Sydney, New Waterford, Glace Bay, Dominion, Louisburg, Esiason, Membertou, Sydney Mines, North Sydney, Sydney River, Boisdale, Iona & Point Edward. We have lost a few groups because of Covid; however, we have gained a few new groups during the last couple of challenging years.

The PI/CPC committee chaired by Joe Mac is making headway back to the public and professional community after being hand-cuffed because of the pandemic. The committee is strong.

Our corrections committee is chaired by Dave K. Dave is now trying to open up the lines of communication with the correctional facility in our area. We know we have to get back to this facility to help the suffering alcoholics that are incarcerated. We are closed off to corrections the last while and Dave is doing his best to open up the dialogue with them. We anticipate a full return to regular meetings when all restrictions are lifted.

Our Newsletter that was created by Basil Malc., our former DCM, is in full swing. Stan P is our Newsletter Editor and he had big shoes to fill taking it over from Basil. He is doing a great job. The Newsletter keeps our District updates with Schedule changes, announcements, and great information from the archives.

I want to thank Peter M, Bob M, Susan R, for their District Service. Also, I want to thank the Area Officers & committee members: Trudy, Dwayne, Joycelyn, Gerry, Monique & Kathy.

I am humbled by the selfless service of all who have given so much to this great organization of AA. I want to thank all of you who have allowed their names to stand for election. I want to thank all of my district for allowing me to serve as your DCM.

Yours in Love & Service Brian P DCM District 9

Good evening my name is Arnold K., I am the Alternate DCM for District 10. We have six live in-person meetings and two on Zoom. We have two, possibly three which have Big Book Meetings. The District finances and Group finances are stable and well looked after. The District is having trouble to get members to fill service positions. Groups in the District are having trouble to get people to step up and accept responsibility; and to give back what was freely given to them. I would like to thank all the DCMs and Delegate for their hard work and dedication; and all the GSRs for their hard work. Well done my servants.

Yours in Service

Arnold K.

Alt, DCM District 10

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 15, AREA 82, OCTOBER 8th, 2022

I am very pleased to be presenting this my fourth and final report, as District Committee Member (DCM) of District 15, Area 82 of Alcoholics Anonymous. Like for so many others before me, the past two years, as DCM, has afforded me the opportunity to experience more of the service aspect of this great program. Most importantly the program continues to provide me, with a life free from active alcoholism. On September 17th, I am pleased to say I celebrated my 7th AA birthday. Since my spring report, I'm pleased that while COVID is still prevalent in District 15, the government has relaxed most of the restrictions it had implemented in the past few years. This has resulted in meeting spaces becoming available once again for AA groups. In some instances, Meeting locations have returned and in others new locations have had to be found.

Both the District 15 Committee and Intergroup have resumed meetings following the summer break. Intergroup met on August 31 and the District on September 11. As of September 26, 2022, I am pleased to report that District 15 currently has 63 meetings per week consisting of 36 in person meetings, four of which are hybrid and 27 online meeting. Early in the COVID epidemic, Intergroup purchased a number of Zoom licenses for various groups to use for meeting purposes. During the pandemic a number of groups have since purchased their own individual Zoom licenses. Intergroup has recently decided to curtail it's bulk purchase of licences effective December 31st, 2022. Groups without their own license will now have to purchase their own and become self supporting. Now that the fall season is underway it seems that group attendance is rising. Groups report attendance ranging from as approximately as low as 10 to 50 per meeting. It is felt that overall, compared to the last couple of years, these numbers are encouraging. The seventh tradition seems to be increasing moderately in comparison to the spring of this year.

Some recent feedback from groups on issues of concern indicate difficulty for a number of groups being displaced from their meeting locations. A number of Roman Catholic Churches, within District 15, have been sold as part of a court settlement for sexual abuse cases, resulting in a number of our AA Groups having to find alternate locations for their meetings. This is very unfortunate as in some cases the groups have met in a particular location for decades.

Alternate locations are often quite difficult to obtain. At this point, it appears online meetings are a part of the future. Not only have they fulfilled crucial role during the pandemic but the capability of reaching out to remote communities and to individuals who are unable to attend in person meetings enables AA to reach out to the alcoholic who still suffers like never before. At this point it has not been possible to determine approximate numbers attending these meetings. However, it appears that AA within District 15 is relatively alive and well despite these uncertain times. Nevertheless, we will continue to live in an environment of “one day at a time”.

Plans are under way for a fall convention to be held November 25th and 26th at the Lantern in St. John’s. It is a very positive sign to see the organization and planning for such a convention get underway so early in the fall. A real indication of the commitment of some members. Additionally a date has been reserved for the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance to be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville, St. John’s, in December, 2022. The District continues to be in need of volunteers in all areas of service. Maintaining office hours, answering the phone, 12 step calls, CPCPI continue to require additional participation from the membership. Currently those involved are being stretched very thinly. There have been several attempts in recent years to attract volunteers but it seems that it has become more difficult to attract and maintain sufficient volunteers in service. It was recently decided that the Chair of Intergroup and the District Committee Member would visit each group in the coming weeks to emphasize the need for greater service by the membership. District 15’s website is continuing to evolve. Training is ongoing and we are hopeful in the not to distance we will have a couple of members dedicated to maintaining the website on a go forward basis. I want to again thank Lisa C. for her expertise in developing and thus far maintaining the site.

The District’s CPCPI committee continues to be impacted by the aftermath of the pandemic. The committee’s outreach to schools, post secondary institutions remains on hold as the school system remains reluctant to readily open its doors to the broader community. However it is hoped that this may change at some point over the current school year. At it’s first meeting in October more specific plans will be developed for over the fall and winter.

In closing I want to thank the executive members of the district Bob H, Geoff S. Nick C. and all our GSRs for their support and guidance throughout my term as DCM of District 15, Area 82. To my fellow DCMs throughout the area I thank you for your input into the many issues we’ve had to discuss. I have enjoyed my term and the fellowship I have experienced. Thank you sincerely and I wish you the very best in the months and years ahead.

Yours in service,

George S.

DCM, District 15

Area 82

October 8th, 2022

2022 DCM Report District 17 Area 82

NS/NFLD Fall Assembly Oct 7th /8th Sydney NS

I am an Alcoholic, my name is Gary O and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as the DCM. I am member of the Hantsport AA group. We have Approx. 70 members in our District. District 17 runs West of Mt. Uniacke, Exit 3 off the 101 and East of Greenwich, exit 11 off the 101. District 17 has 6 Registered AA Groups, Wolfville Thursday night, Hantsport Monday and Friday nights, Windsor Downtown Morning meeting (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), Windsor Saturday Night Group, Brooklyn Tuesday Night and St Croix Thursday and Sunday nights. We have 2 AA Meetings, Wolfville Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Brooklyn location. All Group and meeting times are on the Area 82 Web site with times and location. I am sorry to report we have 1 Group that shut down earlier in the spring, Three Mile Plains Fresh Start Group. A few AA members have started a meeting on Wednesday evening at the Brooklyn location doing the Joe and Charlie tapes to keep a Meeting on Wednesday Evening. It has now changed to a discussion meeting.

Jeff S. is serving as Alt DCM and District Treasurer. Devin T. is serving as Secretary, Melanie F. looks after our News Letter, Marsha P. is our Literature go to, Dwight C. is our AA Phone Service Chair and also Chairs CPC/PI, Pete L. Chairs our Inter District Insurance Program currently serving Districts 3,7,10 and 17. We still have room on the Policy for any Groups looking for Insurance. Evelyn C. Chairs our Entertainment Committee, I am also serving as Institutions and Treatment Chair working with District 3 Chair on Bridging the Gap with Crosbie Center clients. Once a month Kevin from District 3 or myself will go in and meet with the client at Crosbie. We share a bit about our before and recovery journey. Then we leave time for the Clients to ask questions they may have about their after Care Program and what our rooms have to offer. We have people set up with Crosbie for when the Clients go back to their Communities. District 3 and 17 also has AA Groups set up to go in on Tuesday evenings and put AA Discussion meetings on.

Groups are finally all opened back up and some offering a Zoom meeting at the same time. Still not as much travel within the Groups. Open birthday meetings have started in all of our Groups. I would like to thank Evelyn C. and her AA Entertainment committee for doing an AA/Al Anon Family camp out Saturday evening (with a fire pit, hotdogs and of course marshmallows) and Family day on Sunday at Smiley's Prov. Park. This was held on 13th and 14th of August. It was a great day of fun, lots of food, open Discussion meeting and music. We were also privileged to have the Crosbie Clients join us on Sunday Afternoon for the meeting and fellowship.

District 17 has lost another dedicated AA member, Barry A passed on Sept 4th. Barry was very well known for his coffee making and cleaning up at just about every Round - up he attended.

I would like to thank all AA members in Area 82 for their Service to AA in these very trying 2 years to keep the AA rooms open and carrying the message of hope and recovery to those

suffering from Addiction and Isolation. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve in AA in Area 82 as a DCM again.

Outgoing DCM
District 17 Gary.

NS ARCHIVIST REPORT

My name is Kathy SC, I am alcoholic, thank you for having me here this weekend and thank you for allowing me to give you this report.

Finally I am at the point where I will say goodbye to you as your Area 82 Nova Scotia AA Archivist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Higher Power and Alcoholics Anonymous for this huge privilege that was bestowed to me. What this opportunity has done for me is indescribable, but please know that it has contributed to my growth in AA and my program to making the person who you see in front of you today.

Today I am not going to tell you about the Archives and what we have done with them, I think they speak for themselves. And yes, I say "we" , as I have never been on this journey alone. From having the privilege of meeting and knowing the man (Robbie C) , who actually started the Archives way back in 1974 , to working with his brother (Warren) , who's only dream was to restore a very torn and depleted Archives, to the countless others who have assisted me throughout my term. Too many to list, but know I appreciated all of you and your help. BUT !! Rather I would like to give you my "wish list" for the Archives and your new Archivist.

I only wish you the very best in your new position as the new Archivist. My wish is that the Archives will continue to grow, to be seen, to be touched and to be learned from. My wish is that the Archives will continue to be able to afford to travel to as many AA events as possible, and my wish is that members continue to consider the Archives a safe haven for their treasures they bestow to us. My wish is that the Archives be taken to the next level technically -something which is out of my skill set. As the Pandemic has shown us, technology is the next "Coming of Age" for AA and we must go forward towards that.

My wish is that I have done enough for you and that you, who have taken the time to come to visit the Archives , have come away with just a bit more knowledge of our AA history. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this privilege - to be able to serve and to give back to a program that never falters to give to me.

I thank you for your patience with me, your support , for your time and especially for loving me back to life.

Yours in Service
Kathy Silver-Crowe

Guidelines Ad-Hoc Committee Progress Update

We have met almost weekly, sometimes in person and sometimes online. We identified a 3-step process and a clear outline for our goals.

1. The first stage was to review the minutes from 2015 through 2022 and identify corrections required, this has been done and submitted to the secretary.
2. The second stage is to review the guidelines and this is where we are at now. We are having some healthy discussions, some of which are leading to recommendations, some which are not, but we are being very thorough and it is a great learning process for all of us and we are having a lot of fun with it.
3. The third stage, when we get together will be to identify a process for recording what changes are made and when. We have been in contact with the General Serviced Office and emailed the chair of the General Service Conference and class A trustee Linda Chezem, asking about AA copyright, can we include AA service material and AA Conference approved literature material within our guidelines, would this infringe AA copyright. I received several emails of correspondence from Linda, which benefitted us greatly.

Stage 1 was completed as we reviewed past agenda items from all Assemblies, looking for motions and the background behind it, to see if they had passed or failed and to cross reference these with the area guidelines to see if they have been updated in the guidelines. We went back to the 2015 and had to request the 2017 from our archivist as we could not find it on the area 82 website. It took a few months just to complete this stage. At the beginning we had chosen a year each to review, after a few weeks, it was decided to go back to 2015 and every single one of us, all 6 of us to go back over every single year. So, if someone missed something, then the other 5 would surely pick up on it. It was a long and tiring process but we believe we have found those corrections and are waiting on the guidelines being updated. We have emailed those corrections to be updated.

Steven D.

Co-Chair