

AREA 82 FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES 2023

- Chair Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.
- Kyle 12 Traditions read by Duane P.
Mission Statement for Area 82 read by Jim M.
- Chair Everyone was asked to read the minutes of the last Assembly before today. Michelle asked about 2 omissions from the Guidelines which are included in the minutes. They will be added after this Assembly.
Motion by Deb C., 2nd by Joan.
Minutes passed

Commented [DC1]: MOVED by Debbi, 2nd by Joan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Pam mentioned that the Roll Call was missing – it will be added

Floor Actions for Agenda

1. Paul B moved to remove the Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee items from the agenda
VOTE – MOTION PASSED
Minority voice heard
RE-VOTE – MOTION DEFEATED. Ad Hoc Committee items will remain
2. Motion by Junior DCM 12, To add “Spring Assembly as Hybrid” to add to Agenda
VOTE – MOTION PASSED
3. Motion by Gary O DCM 17, To add seed money for the Provincial Round-up to the Agenda. **VOTE – MOTION CARRIED**
4. Motion from DCM 3. To discuss the purchase of mementos for exchange at the General Service Conference

After much thought and input from several members whose opinions I respect, the motion from District 3 as originally written regarding this topic will be submitted with new wording. The Area now has a new tool to address this issue. If you have a copy of the original motion that was sent to you with the Assembly agenda, please discard it. That version is no longer the one I am presenting now.

At the Fall Assembly, 2022, the Financial Ad-Hoc Committee presented several recommendations. One of those recommendations approved at that time was that each Area Officer who receives a budgeted amount complete an annual anticipated budget form for expenses. These completed forms will assist the Area Treasurer in the preparation of the annual budget, and provide the voting body an opportunity to view the listed expenses.

This recommendation has been added to the updated version of the Area 82 Guidelines. The anticipated budget forms are housed on the Area 82 website. Once these forms are completed,

submitted to the Area Treasurer, and presented during the budget portion of the agenda, it will become the responsibility of the voting body of Area 82 to review the Anticipated Budget Form and will become the decision of the voting body to approve or deny those expenses. We will see how this new tool works moving forward. This will address the concern raised earlier from District 3.

5. Motion by Dwayne, to move Area Inventory to tomorrow morning.
VOTE passed UNANIMOUSLY.

DCM REPORTS (See Attached Reports at the end of the Minutes)

GSO GUEST

Clint M from the General Service Office introduced himself and mentioned he served as a delegate Panel 64 for A80 along with Boyd B. His role is non-trustee director at AAWS.

PAST DELEGATE ADDRESS

We heard from Sonny S-Panel 57, Kirk S-Panel 69, Boyd B-Panel 67, Trudy D-Panel 71

TREASURER REPORT

2023 Area 82 Financial Summary			
June 30-Sept 30 2023		Bank Reconciliation	Income Statement
Prudent Reserve	\$0.00		
Upcoming	\$10,203.81		
Operating	<u>\$35,350.00</u>		
Total Bank Balance 01/01/2022	\$45,553.81		
Adjustment			
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$45,553.81</u>	\$45,553.81	
Cash Flow			
Contributions	\$13,826.06		
Miscellaneous	<u>\$303.79</u>		
Total Revenue		\$14,129.85	\$14,129.85
2022 Returns	\$0.00		
2023 Returns	<u>\$0.00</u>		
Total Returns		<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Credits		\$14,129.85	
Advances/Expenses Paid	\$29,492.37	<u>\$29,492.37</u>	
Expenses Receipted	<u>\$13,765.37</u>		<u>\$13,765.37</u>
2023 Unused expences	\$15,727.00		
2023 Unused expences advances	<u>\$15,727.00</u>		
Cash Flow/Income		<u>-\$15,362.52</u>	<u>\$364.48</u>
Total Cash		\$30,191.29	
Outstanding Cheques	\$0.00		
Outstanding Despoit	\$0.00		
Total Adjustment	<u>-\$20.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	
Total Bank Balance		<u>\$30,211.29</u>	
Bank Account			
Prudent Reserve (closed)	\$0.00		
Prudent Reserve	\$17,800.00		
Operating	<u>\$12,411.29</u>		
Total Bank Balance 09/30/2023	<u>\$30,211.29</u>		

GSD REPORT

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Gerry

If any GSR wishes to have a hard copy of the report from the General Service Conference, your DCMs will be leaving here today with hard copies.

ALT GSD REPORT

Good morning, friends, my name is Dwayne, and I'm an alcoholic. I am a member of the Hope Group in New Glasgow, NS, and have the honour of serving as your Alternate General Service Delegate for Panel 73. The year has been a busy one for both myself and the GSD. We travelled to St. Catherine's, ON for the Canada East Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, or CERAASA, in February. I was asked to do a presentation on the use of the 12 Traditions Across the Groups. This presentation was given to approximately 300 members. I was very nervous and talked so fast that the interpreters had to ask me to slow down. Seriously, I broke the interpreters. The presentation was very well received. While at CERAASA, I also attended a General Service Conference preparation workshop with our GSD, Gerry. After the closing of the conference, Myself, Gerry, and Past Delegate, Trudy D. attended a meeting with the CERAASA Steering Committee. Area 82 is the next Area in the rotation to host the conference in 2025. It will be held in HRM and will have members from all ten areas from Eastern Canada. Gerry, Trudy, and I are serving on the steering committee, and along with the GSDs and AGSDs from the other 9 Areas in Eastern Canada, meet monthly on Zoom to plan the conference. Make your plans now, folks. All members are welcome, and quite a few volunteer members will be needed. Following the CERAASA guidelines, Trudy, as the immediate past delegate of the host area, has assumed the role of CERASSA Chair. In my role as AGSD, I have also chaired monthly Active Area Committee meetings on Zoom. All members are welcome at these meetings as well. They take place on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 pm NL time, 6pm Atlantic. It is a place for discussion of what is happening in committees in the districts and groups across the area, and a place where people wanting to take part in service can come and ask questions and listen to and take part in the discussion. I know I have learned a lot by attending these sessions, and many great ideas are passed between participants. Information on the time and Zoom ID can be found on the Area Website www.area82aa.org. We are still seeking Co-chairs for Active Area Committees in both Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. The elected Co-chairs of Committees assist and work with the Chair (Alt. Delegate) for the Committees. The Co-chairs, with direction of the Chair provide support in districts and groups to engage in building Committees in their own AA communities, pass on information from GSO, help set up committees in districts that do not have committees, help facilitate workshops, and provide any other assistance that may be required by the districts in their province to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. In Newfoundland we require co-chairs for the Corrections, Grapevine, and Treatment Committees. In Nova Scotia the positions of Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, Corrections, and Grapevine co-chairs are vacant. If you or a member you know are interested in doing AA Service in one of these positions, you may click on the Area 82 Positions tab on the Area 82 Website. The positions are listed, the resume template is there, and the instructions on how to inform the Area of your interest is there as well. I have also been asked, and have attended district meetings, both online and in person, to present workshops. Some of those workshops have just been a general presentation on Area 82 activities and finances, followed by a question-and-answer session. Others have been the earlier mentioned presentation on the 12 traditions with a Q&A. Either way, it's always a learning experience for me. Like taking a sponsee through the steps, I get to do them, too, and learn something new every time. I also regularly attend

our Remote Community AA Zoom meeting on Wednesday nights. This is a hybrid discussion meeting with members from Makkovik, Labrador, and several members from across Area 82, and other parts of Canada. It's a great meeting, feel free to Zoom in. Information can be found in the Area meeting list on the website. I have learned over the past 10 months that the position of Alt. GSD requires a lot of time, commitment, and hard work. My group meets three times a week, and I often miss home group meetings to attend online service meetings in my AGSD role. As well as the activities listed above, I had the honour of helping our GSD prepare for the General Service Conference. While he carried the bulk of the load, I had to tag along and be familiar enough with the agenda items for the conference to be prepared to step in to represent the Area if the GSD could not. Just for the record, I have forbidden Gerry to "could not". Although it is time and work intensive, I am thoroughly enjoying my time as Alternate General Service Delegate and thank the members of Area 82 for allowing me to fill the position for this rotation. For service nerds like me, the challenges of this position are a small price to pay for the joy and enhanced sobriety that come from the service I am able to perform. Thank you, Yours in Love and Service,

Dwayne MacD. Alt. GSD, Area 82 NL/NS

Moved by Dwayne seconded by Michael H. to accept the reports as presented.

VOTE – PASSED unanimously.

ROLLCALL

DCMs

D1	Y	D6	Y	D12	Y	D17	Y
D2	Y	D7	Y	D13	N		
D3	Y	D8	N	D14	Y		
D4	Y	D9	Y	D15	Y		
D5	Y	D10	Y	D16	N		13/16

GROUPS

D1-12/22.	D2-5/13.	D3-10/11.	D4-1/6.	D5-0/6.	D6-3/10.
D7-6/13.	D8-0/10.	D9-1/23.	D10-3/7.	D12-7/12.	D13-1/4.
D14-5/10.	D15-7/32.	D17-?			

59/18

TOTALS 13/16 DCMs 59/187 GROUPS 4 Area Officers = 76 voting members

OLD BUSINESS

Vacant Positions in Area 82

Webmaster We have a person interested in the Webmaster position, but they have not forwarded a resume so cannot be considered at this time.

Co-chair Is there anywhere here who would like to let their name stand for open positions. We have several Co-chair positions available presently:
 NL Corrections Co-chair, Grapevine Co-chair, Treatment Co-chair
 NS CPC Co-chair, PI Co-chair, Corrections Co-chair, Grapevine Co-chair
 If interested, please forward a resume to the chairperson.
 No one stood for any position.

Dwayne Motion by Dwayne, to move Area Inventory to tomorrow morning

VOTE passed UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

Mark DCM 3 Motion from District 3
To see the practice of 7th Tradition funds provided to the Area budget not be used to purchase mementos for exchange at the General Service Conference.
Michael H DCM 1 seconded.
Discussion arose.

Dwayne As Alt GSD I will not vote. GSD & Chair will also abstain.
VOTE FOR 37 + 15 online = 52 OPPOSED 8+7 online = 15
Minority Voice was heard. Anyone wish to change their vote? YES
VOTE FOR 35 + 11 online =46 OPPOSED 18 + _2 abstained

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 2.

From Baccalieu Trail Group – There are still areas in our province where travel is a challenge, and many groups cannot afford to send a GSR in person. According to the 12 Traditions, Number 1 states “our common welfare comes first, personal recovery depends on AA unity”. Number 2 states “for our group purpose there is only one ultimate authority, a loving God as He may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.” We believe this speaks to the need to have all voices heard. Tradition 3 states that “the only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking” It does not state that we need to contribute financially to send people on trips to have the voice of the Area heard, when there are other options that do not cost money. Although it has been discussed that money is not an issue to attend Spring and Fall Assemblies, there are still areas where this presents a challenge, especially in NL where the cost of travel can be quite high. We suggest making the Area Assemblies more accessible to all districts and groups, by providing option to attend via zoom. Finally, Tradition 12 states that “Anonymity is the spiritual foundations of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.” We speak to this to ensure that the financial principles are taken into consideration, and not the wishes of just a few who want to have the meetings held only in person .This motion was presented and passed at District 14, to be presented to the Area Assembly . Wayne Parsons DCM 14

Wayne MOTION by Wayne, Seconded by Steven
In order to have the Area Assemblies more accessible, all Area meetings will have the option for groups and districts to access by Zoom.
.A rousing discussion took place.

Boyd Motion to call the question. Seconded by Dwayne
VOTE –64 + 20 online FOR 8 + 2 online AGAINST

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Wayne: In order to have the Area Assemblies more accessible, all Area

meetings will have the option for groups and districts to access by Zoom.

Seconded by Steven Dunn D 6.

VOTE – 40 FOR + 21 online = 61 7+1 online = 8

Minority Voice was heard.

Kirk Note – We must make sure this is really working before voting! For instance, there were 12 people voting online earlier, now there are 21!! How are we going to make sure that those online are there for Roll Call AND voting. How are they multiplying?? There has to be the same number voting online and there was when Roll Call was called.

Pam I opposed. I want to reiterate that we are not opposed to zoom, but we need to set some guidelines, expectations etc. We had great discussion this morning with about half the voting members – they missed the discussion...that may have influenced the way they vote! Let's make sure we're doing this in the AA way.
NOBODY CHANGING THEIR VOTE –

MOTION CARRIED

ITEM 3.

GUIDELINES AD HOC COMMITTEE

AD HOC GUIDELINES REPORT

Ad hoc committee, guidelines, final report, October 7, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity and privilege to serve on this committee! To participate in this process with Heather, Jo, Leah, Samaira and Steven has been an opportunity for me to spend time with a wealth of experience and wisdom and not only learn more about our fellowship and program, but to be even more grateful, that by the grace of God, I am part of it. I also want to thank those people we reached out to for assistance throughout the process. We completed our review prior to the spring assembly in 2023 and an updated version of the guidelines including all corrections and motions we identified from the 2014 service weekend up to and including the service weekend in October of 2022 are reflected in version 5 dated May 15, 2023 which was posted on our area website within a week of completion of our spring assembly earlier this year. On June 12 this year, a year to the day after our first meeting, we sent out a list of 37 recommendations, some with a brief background, for distribution to as broad an audience in area 82 as possible so that all members would have an opportunity to be familiar with them and be prepared for this service weekend. "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority --- a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern." The group conscience of our committee is now passing these 37 recommendations on to the group conscience of area 82 for your consideration. Steven D. has graciously offered to present them to you, one at a time. While individual members of the committee are past the point of having an opinion on any of the recommendations, there are a few present today who may be able to answer any questions as to the background of the recommendations. "A.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." I have no idea why I have felt compelled to include the 9th tradition in this report other than to say that, for some time now, an

inner voice has been urging me to do so. I love the fellowship of alcoholics anonymous and the big book of alcoholics anonymous. You are giving me the best days of my life and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart! John Whelan

Paul John, as I reiterated this morning, I was told by one of your committee members that there were changes coming to light at this assembly. Are you aware of these changes, and/or are there changes going to be made to these 37 recommendations?

John The Guidelines document as presented at this Assembly is completed, with 37 recommendations which went out to groups on June 12/23, to be voted on here. Steven will be presenting the recommendations today.

Guidelines Committee

Steven **Recommendation # 1 – Inclusive Language**
“that inclusive language (gender neutral) be used throughout the Guidelines:”
(always inclusive, never exclusive)
Motion by Steven, seconded by Joan to approve.
VOTE – 38 + 16 online = 54 5 OPPOSED

Minority Voice was heard.

Gerry Not opposed to neutral language in general, but we are going to shotgun blast our Guidelines here. We’ll have to go back to the beginning. We’re adding a whole new layer of complexity when it’s already complex enough!

Tracy Are we changing Her/him too? Because that, too, is gender bias.
Chair Anyone wishing to change their vote?
MOTION CARRIED

Steven **Recommendation # 2**
Throughout....”any time in the Guidelines the Service Manual is referenced, the page number(s) will also be referenced “(for ease of reference)
Motion by Steven, seconded by Joan to approve.
VOTE 50 + 16= 66 5 + 1 online OPPOSED 0
MOTION CARRIED

Steven **Recommendation # 3**
Page iii, Preface, last paragraph...be changed to “In order to bring a substantive proposal before the Area Conference, a Notice of Motion must be generally given. This is to provide members and the Area with some prior warning that they are not called upon to consider a matter unexpectedly” (to clarify notice of Motion)
Motion by Steven, seconded by Shannon to approve.
VOTE 34 + 18 online = 52 3+ 2 online OPPOSED.
Minority voice was heard.

Dwayne Part of the process is that we have a right to bring a question from the floor. There may be time sensitive issues that come up from time to time that would be brought

up as a floor action – if we have this in place, that would not be allowed to happen.

Chair

Does anyone wish to change their vote?

VOTE 28 + 16 = 44 AGAINST 16 + 4 = 20

MOTION PASSED

Steven

Recommendation #4

That the words “proven research” be dropped (we have no data of proven research)

Motion by Steven Seconded by Joan to accept.

VOTE 434 + 13 = 56 AGAINST 0

MOTION PASSED

Steven

Recommendation # 5 - “why do we need a conference”

Page 1, point 7that this section be dropped and a completely new section be added titled “why do we need a conference” referencing page 40 of the service manual and print that entire paragraph in this section as item 7. From page 40 of our service manual (for ease of clarification)

Motion by Steven, seconded by Doug to accept.

VOTE 47 + 19= 66 AGAINST 0

MOTION CARRIED

Steven

Recommendation # 6

Page 3....That the third paragraph (We have come to realize that our collective memories cannot retain all the experience, knowledge, and wisdom that have been passed on to us orally. Our experience suggests that unsubstantiated historical references are unproductive)on page 3 be removed, and added as a second paragraph to Purpose on page 1 (a more pertinent place to help describe the purpose of the guidelines).

Motion by Steven,

VOTE 44 + 15 = 59 AGAINST 0

MOTION CARRIED

Steven

Recommendation # 7

Page 4, part D....(To be included before the sentence starting Minutes of these meetings) and the wording goes as follows : “all AA members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting and may speak with permission of the chair, after all voting members have spoken, but they do not have a vote” (always inclusive, never exclusive)

Motion by Steven seconded by Amie to accept.

MOTION DEFEATED

Minority Voice heard

Samaira

I wanted to talk about everyone having a vote. In our Guidelines it says that anyone who wishes to speak needs to ask permission from the chair to speak. We have seen

this in action today. We are trying to change that to ensure that everyone attending should have a voice.

Mark District 3 – The AA way is to open up everything to AA members. There are no secrets here. If any member has information to offer, or questions to ask, they should be allowed to do that. Business has been conducted at these meetings, and decisions were made. GSRs should have been there to have a voice.

Anne I want to say that we need to ensure that we are doing things here in the ‘AA way’. We need to follow our Guidelines. For instance, this morning we had a rousing discussion, but only half of the voting members were present. They missed an important discussion that may have influenced how they vote.

Chair **VOTE RETAKEN MOTION IS DEFEATED.**

Steven **Recommendation # 8**
Page 6, section IV....”that the first and second paragraphs in section VI on page 6, both starting with “In the event” will have the wording changed to reflect: that we vote on any vacant Area Officers positions to be filled at any time of year, at the quarterly Area Officers/DCM meeting” (more timely)
Motion by Steven, 2nd by Bev to accept.

Discussion
Pam

Where we just defeated Recommendation # 7 and we are talking about voting in Recommendation # 8 – I believe they are contradictory.

Marie I know there is a motion on the floor – I don’t know how we could pause this – If we have 20 more recommendations that we have to go through – which are ALL important, and we are taking 10 minutes per motion – that is another 3.3 hours! I believe we would do a much better service to the committee who is presenting the recommendation, to put the rest on the Agenda for the Spring Assembly.

Don I was DCM for 3.5 years and i feel we should work today to resolve as much as we can here today.

Steven withdrew the motion to accept recommendation #8

Chair You will have to withdraw your second.
Bev. I withdraw my second.

Due to time restraints, Steven jumped ahead to some recommendations that were thought to pass quickly, and forward the others to a later date.

Steven **Recommendation #9 Voting Members**
Page , section IV, 1st paragraph....”to include the Webmaster, Remote Communities and

- Archivist to the voting body of Area 82 Assemblies (always inclusive, never exclusive)
Motion by Steven, seconded by Doug
Discussion?
- Gary O Can we add to the recommendation that as long as the webmaster is an A.A member.
- Steven**
Chair **I would like to amend that motion.**
Yes – would the seconder of the motion be amenable to adding the words “MUST BE AN AA MEMBER” Seconder agreed
- Steven **Recommendation #9 Voting Members NEW AMENDMENT**
Page , section IV, 1st paragraph....”to include the Webmaster (MUST BE AN AA MEMBER), Remote Communities and Archivist to the voting body of Area 82 Assemblies (always inclusive, never exclusive)
Motion by Steven, seconded by Doug
36 +10 = 46 OPPOSED 3
Minority Voice called – NONE
MOTION CARRIED
- Steven. **Deferred the following**
Recommendation 10 – DEFERRED
Recommendation 11 – DEFERRED
- Steven **Recommendation # 12- Page 8, c, (Minority Voice)**.... That the entire paragraph be replaced with “after a vote on a motion or recommendation, persons voting in the minority position must have the chance to speak. After hearing any minority voices, the chair will ask if any wish to alter their previous vote. If so, a new vote will take place to again establish a majority. (fifty % plus 1) (This better reflects our actual current practice.)
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED
- Steven **Recommendation #13**
Amended the motion to read: 9a) ...”that the second and last bullet points be place with a second bullet point “the delegate is expected to attend all area assemblies, regional forums and CERAASA.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED
- Steven **Recommendation # 14 Alternate Delegate** pg 9.
That the second bullet point be replaced with ...”the alternate delegate is expected to attend and submit a written report on all area assemblies, regional forms and CERAASA as they hold a seat on the CERAASA steering committee and are required to be capable to fulfill the duties of the delegate if necessary.” The eighth bullet point should be removed. Motion by Steven,

MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following
Recommendation # 15 – Deferred.
Recommendation # 16 – Deferred.
Recommendation # 17 – Deferred .**

Steven **Recommendation # 18**
Pgs 9, 10, a,b,c,d,...”that the 9th bullet point (The Area Secretary/Registrar, other duties are outlined in the AA Service Manual.(be moved to the 2nd last bullet point” and “that other area officers be included in this motion within their responsibilities as the last bullet point”.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following
Recommendation # 19- DEFERRED
Recommendation #20 - DEFERRED**

Steven. **Recommendation # 21**
Page 10 d – AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR, 7TH bullet point ...”that the Area Secretary/Registrar is expected to attend all Area Assemblies and quarterly Area Officers DCM meetings “ to be moved to the first bullet point.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following
Recommendation 22 – DEFERRED**

Steven **Recommendation # 23**
Page 11, d, AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR, 11th and 13th bullet points.....”to combine 11th and 13th bullet points to read as follows....” The Secretary/Registrar is responsible for approved amendments to Area Guidelines and is responsible to include on approved amendment document to the Area Guidelines with the Assembly minutes after each assembly.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED.

Steven **Recommendation # 24**
Page 11 d, AREA SECRETARY/RESISTRAR, 3rd last bullet point.....”Area Secretary/ Registrar is responsible to put the unapproved minutes of the area assemblies and quarterly area officer/DCM meetings on the Area website.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following
Recommendation # 25 – DEFERRED
Recommendations # 26 – DEFERRED**

Steven **Recommendation # 27**
Page 12, AREA TREASURER, ..."statement" at the end of the Area Treasurer be moved to page 4(section ii – C, Area 82 a more pertinent place to help describe the purpose of the guidelines.
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following**
Recommendation #28 - DEFERRED **Recommendation # 31 - DEFERRED**
Recommendation #29 – DEFERRED **Recommendation # 32 - DEFERRED**
Recommendation #30 – DEFERRED **Recommendation # 33 –DEFERRED**

Recommendation # 34
Page 16, section 10....that the last bullet point (7th)...'the voting members of the area assembly elect the General Service Trustee nominee" be removed (redundant, found in 1st bullet point).
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven **Recommendation # 35**
Page 19, appendix B....that "underneath the line Roll Call and above Old Business, "ELECTION" be added (because it is missing).
Motion by Steven,
MOTION CARRIED

Steven. **Deferred the following**
Recommendation #36 – DEFERRED. **Recommendation # 37 –
DEFERRED.**

17 of 19 Recommendations PASSED. 1 was defeated and 1 was withdrawn.
18 were deferred.

Sunday 8:30

Chair Opened with the Serenity Prayer
Kyle read the 12 Traditions.
Gloria read "Why Do We Need A Conference?"

AREA INVENTORY WILL BE NOVEMBER 5 @ 3PM ONLINE. ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT.

CLARIFICATION – AD HOC REPORT

Steven Made a point of clarification that he stated the previous night. He has made an error in wording, he mentioned “that he was taking the remainder of the items to the Ad Hoc Committee to explain the deferment process and forward them to the Spring Assembly 2024. He stated that upon further thought, the Ad Hoc Committee work is completed and that the items will be forwarded to the Spring Assembly . No opposition.

BUDGET SUNDAY

Dwayne In Jocelyn’s absence, I will present the proposed budget. Dwayne mentioned the contributions from this weekend, which was 1,723.00, which leaves us with 25,857.44. That is all available funds with our Prudent Reserve. In the past we would do the budget anyways, and then when the returns come in, we apply them to the next year’s budget. But we are already applying last year’s returns to this budget because last year’s returns are a part of that \$25,000. So, if we apply this year’s returns from unused expenses and unused budget. That is every cent that we have to budget with a Shortfall – 7,692. 50

Michelle Are you including the budget money from this year that is unspent?

Dwayne No, we are not allowed to do that.

Marie \$6,250 NS Archivist seems very high.
Webmaster travel – is that for bringing someone along to do the zoom?
I would really like a lens on the NS Archivist expenditures.

Michelle That was part of the Guidelines amendments in May, and those should have been done based on part of the budget process. I think it is blatantly untrue that we are not going to have any money come January and really struggle with the language around having no cash. If we don’t have the cash to fund this budget, then let’s do just half of it.

Dwayne That’s the point of breaking it down so all could see it. Thank you.
Any other questions before we go through the line items? OK, with the line items, can we go through each line, explaining where the money is, and then we will ask you to accept the budget as presented?

Gary DCM 17 – I am feeling uneasy here – I took my time to do the Ad Hoc Committee for Finance...You can say “The Treasurer’s not here” but you knew beforehand that we were doing the budget. If we’re not going to follow our Guidelines, then why are we wasting our time doing the Guidelines?
MOVED BY Michael, 2nd by John that we table the 2024 proposed budget and set up a meeting online to do it later. Discussion?

Joan GSR – I thought we should go through each item, line by line, and vote on each

individually.

Tracey GSR Hantsport – most of the material I brought with me today was emailed to me in the past. Yours can't be the only computer on the planet with the information we need. Could we contact someone right now who had that emailed to their phone, who could go and get it copied? I drove seven hours to get here.

Gary DCM 17 – Yes, we are disappointed, but we are not pointing fingers. We are hearing that this is the Treasurer's fault, but right here on the Area 82 website is the Area 82 financial plan – we can download it.

MOVED by Marie H., 2nd by Boyd B.
to give the Area Officers an opportunity to fill out the forms and send them out to DCMs and groups, then we'll meet online to do the budget at a later date online.

Dwayne to call the question and stop discussion.
VOTE 44 + 5 FOR none opposed.

Motion Carried

Dwayne Motion on the floor – Marie H, 2nd by Boyd B
Is that the Area Officers gather up the forms and email to the Secretary/DCMs/Groups and we meet later to approve the budget.
VOTE 46 + 5 No opposed

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET

***Voted to do at a later date, due to the anticipated budget form not being available.
With this item there was much resistance, and discussion, due to previously passed items about anticipated budget forms.***

NEW BUSINESS. ITEM 4

Junior MOTION by Junior, seconded by Michael H.
To have Spring Assembly as a Hybrid

Michael DCM 1 – We did make the Fall Assembly as a hybrid – we cannot be hypocrites here – everyone should be involved. If there is someone who doesn't have a computer, they still should be involved.

Gary O DCM 17 – We voted this in last year stating that the Fall Assemblies would be full hybrid. The reason we did that because of the financial burden on the groups in the Area and to cut our budget back. Now we're going to turn around and push it right back up there again. We argue about the same things every assembly. I speak for my district – if we're going to host this provincial roundup – I can't see me attending an assembly too – I don't know how we could do it!

- Trudy I love the hybrid format. I fully support it. If we are going to have a Spring Assembly Hybrid, then we need to have a Spring Rotation (physical location) for the Assembly. NL Spring & NS Fall as we do for Fall? Will there be years where both are in the same province? There are many things we need to work out before we pass this. If we wanted to vote this in today – we need a committee to find a location to host, a rotation, etc....I don't think we can possibly vote this in today.
- Junior We've been travelling for many years across this island and over to NS. Costs don't really matter – people will have to do what they must do to get to meetings. Right now we're only getting 25% or 30% of the members while using Zoom.
- Boyd Called the question All in favor of closing the discussion.
 VOTE 47+5 = 52 Moved by Junior, To make the Spring Assembly a Hybrid meeting
 VOTE 39 +3 – 42 AGAINST 10 + 2 = 12
MOTION CARRIED
Minority Voice wish to speak?
- Chair Would anyone like to change their vote? YES
- All in favor of making the Spring Assembly a Hybrid meeting.
 VOTE 16 + 2 = 18 AGAINST 31 +4 = 35
MOTION DEFEATED
- Dwayne I am willing to get some people together and collect information. If anyone is willing to step up and join a committee, let me know. Peggy agreed to chair a committee– if you would like to help, please contact Peggy. Peggy's info to be given to secretary, secretary will send out to DCMs looking for people willing to sit on the committee.
- Dwayne Moved, seconded by Joan.
 To accept Peggy stepping up to chair a committee to gather information re Spring Assembly being hybrid, and report back
 VOTE 43 + 4 – 47 AGAINST none
MOTION CARRIED
- Chair We are looking for the person (GSR) who has the least amount of service.
 Cathy Would Sonny and Cathy please come forward. Sonny presented Cathy with a Book.

SEED MONEY FOR PROVINCIAL ROUND UP

- Gary O DCM – 17. The reason I am bringing this to the Assembly body is because Districts 3 & 17 have agreed to host the Provincial Roundup 2024. It's not the usual rotation, but the district which was scheduled was unable, so we stepped in. As a committee, we are struggling with whether to have it 1 day or 2 days....traditionally it has been Fri-Sun but in these financial times, we are unsure about what to do. Our districts have supplied seed money to get started. We decided to take it back to our groups, and if

there is a shortfall, would the groups cover it? I know that in the past, some districts have received seed money from Area and some have not. I would like to make a motion –

MOTION by Gary, second by Linda W. That in the event of a shortfall at a Provincial Roundup, regardless of area hosting, Area would cover the shortfall. MOTION to amend by Gary, Tracey seconded the amendment. “up to \$1,000.00”

VOTE 39 + 5 = 44 Opposed none

MOTION CARRIED

Steven DCM 6 – I really like this motion but for this to be added to the Guidelines, it would require a Notice of Motion submitted, so we would have a chance to review it. This would mean bringing it to the Spring Assembly.

Mark DCM 3 – I do not support, as I do not believe Area should be covering the Provincial Roundup

Tracey GSR Hantsport – Our district is hosting this with district 17 – I would like to remind everyone that if you come out to the Roundup – there will be NO shortfall. Thanks

Gary O DCM 17 – I only want it to be added to the Guidelines IF the body decides to cover shortfalls. It needs to be in the Guidelines, that’s all.

CHAIR **MOTION IS TABLED UNTIL THE SPRING ASSEMBLY**

SPRING ASSEMBLY HYBRID MEETING

Junior D 12 spoke on the floor action which was approved yesterday re Hybrid Spring Assembly. Junior mentioned that not everyone likes Zoom and that certain people are not familiar with computers, and he wants the same opportunity for all, at BOTH assemblies. Moved by Junior to accept the motion and was 2nd by _____

Vote initially passed, minority voice was heard and re-vote taken.

MOTION DEFEATED.

A motion was put on the floor to bring it to the Spring Assembly, the motion was rescinded. A formation of a committee to discuss the options of a Hybrid Assembly. Peggy volunteered to chair a committee to review these and bring information to Spring Assembly as an agenda item.

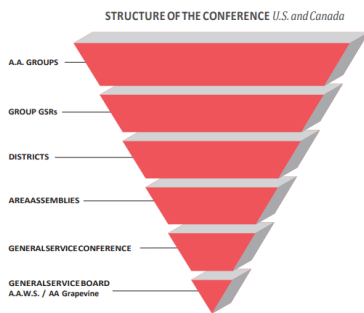
MOTION PASSED

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 am, NL time.

DCM REPORTS.

Districts 1 Area 82, Fall Assembly

Corner Brook NL/LBDR 6-8 October 2023



References: a) 2021-2023 AA Service Manual

District 1 Introduction

My name is Michael H. I am the District 1 Committee Member (DCM 1) of Area 82 for the term of 2023-2025. We are currently 22 groups strong of which 21 are registered under the new Fellowship New Vision (FNV) Service Numbers , 19 active, and one registered Virtual.

We currently are seeking an Alternate Treasurer, and Alternate DCM.

Modem Operandi - Just the Facts

District 1 holds monthly meetings, the last Wednesday of each month. We average 6-7 GSR's attending each month. This is a 30% average of GSR attendance.

This meeting is controlled by an agenda including reports from the Executive Committee, including Financial Budgets, issued proposals, votes on motions. Such as General Service Conference Proposals, Area 82 Motions, ad-hoc committees ..etc.

Communication

Current news/events to Groups are updated through their GSR's via email; subjects such as Box 4-5-9, the Grapevine, new literature, all future events from the District 1, and 2 Central Service, area 82 and GSO/B. This non-exhaustive list includes General Service Conference Proposals, GSR reports on Group Conscience decisions updates, and District 1 Conscience Decisions through GSR voting.

During the District 1 monthly meeting we continually learn by members volunteering each month to give their interpretation of a particular Tradition and Concept.

Our District also presents workshops bi-monthly on zoom. Gratitude to Paul B. of the Welcome Group who has taken up the logistical duty of finding subject matter and guest speakers while we are lacking an Alternate DCM at this time.

As District 1 DCM , I regularly attend all quarterly Area Officer and DCM meetings, monthly Active Committee Meetings.

The more I know, the less I understand, so I am here for the long haul, one day at a time.

Yours in love and service,

Michael H. District 1 DCM

District 2 DCM Report – Fall Assembly

My name is Bernie S., DCM for District 2. I am honored and humbled to be representing District 2 again. I have only been in this role since June, so I am still working out some of the kinks in the district, primarily communication problems. I had planned to attend the assembly in person, but a health concern has prompted me to attend via zoom.

Overall, our district is doing well. There are 19 groups in District 2. Most of those groups are meeting in person, though we do have a few still on zoom and at least one is now a hybrid meeting. Almost all of our groups have a GSR, but failing that, there is a group contact, so that we can keep them informed on matters which could affect them. In February, we will host our annual mid-winter roundup. Theme is The road To Happy Destiny. Last year this was only a one-day event, but we are pleased to announce that in 2024 it will be a three day event. That will be jointly hosted by Districts 1 & 2.

The recent hurricane caused us to re-schedule our September meeting and took a toll on attendance. A technical issue with our secretary's email slowed us down in receiving correspondence about the Assembly. I was able to provide my GSRs with the recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee, the motion concerning the gifts for New York, and the motion from District 14, so they are not completely unaware of what we will be discussing this weekend.

I have not attended the Area 82 Assembly as DCM since 2005, so I am looking forward to the weekend talks.

Yours in Service,

Bernie S., DCM, District 2

District 3 DCM report — Fall Assembly, 2023

Time has passed by quickly. It's hard to believe we are already in October. Being DCM has been a fantastic experience, mainly because of the positive support and participation from the GSRs and

Committee members in District 3. Our district has 11 groups hosting 15 meetings per week throughout the Annapolis Valley. Our monthly meeting is regularly attended by 15 or more voting members, plus visitors who are showing interest in future service roles. Our secretary keeps the groups well informed with detailed meeting information, delivered in timely fashion mixed with (in my opinion) his lame sense of humour. Our Treasurer keeps us well informed of the district finances with monthly reports. Thanks to the groups, District 3 remains financially solid. Our district phone is ringing slow but steady, rotating through the district to groups who wish to participate. Through a series of changes we have now reduced our costs to \$15 per month for the service. CPC/PI is actively getting the message into the public eye. In mid July, in conjunction with local mental health groups and the local Detox unit we held an open AA meeting as part of the days agenda_ They wanted to see What AA WES an about. The question and answer session that followed demonstrated there was interest, support, and respect for our Fellowship: We are hoping this will lead to once again hosting a weekly meeting at the Middleton Detox Unit that faded away during the pandemic.

Our District 3 literature Committee continues to be busy. Their effort and dedication sometimes gets overlooked but we really appreciate everything they do for our district.

AA -as a whole working closely with District 17, Bridging The Gap and Institutional meetings are running smoothly with great communication and participation from both districts, Positive feedback is received regularly from both the clients and the facility. The monthly Newsletter announces birthday celebrations and other AA events, also containing article and stories submitted from AA members.

Information Sessions are held prior to our monthly meetings. The sessions have been fantastic with topics well researched by the Information Session Chair. Judging by the questions and participation from those in attendance, the effort has been greatly appreciated.

District 3 is fortunate to time a woman% meeting providing a safe space for women to share with each other. The meeting is currently held on Zoom, Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. Meeting ID: 936 657 566 PW: 765 717. Please spread the word to other female members.

In co-operation with District 17, planning is underway to host the 2024 Provincial Round-up. This is set for the weekend of June 7, 8, and 9, 2024, at the Louis Millet Centre in New Minas, N.S.

Groups are starting to host and attend other meetings to share in the celebrations. AA in District 3 is returning to the pre-pandemic "good-old-days."

An honour to serve, Mark Z, DCM, District 3

AREA 82, DISTRICT 4 DCM REPORT- to the 2023 AREA 82 N.S. / N.L. Fall Assembly

Good morning, my name is Al Gaudet and as of September 24th, 13 days ago, I assumed the duties of DCM for District 4 from Pete Nordland who has held the position since the last Fall Assembly that was held in Corner Brook 5 years ago. Pete has kindly drafted up this annual report for me to present and I will finish it off with a short self-introduction. District 4 consists of 6 groups in South West Nova Scotia ranging from Amiraault's Hill south east of Yarmouth to Digby. Although Group populations have fluctuated over the COVID period, in total it is estimated that we have approximately 65 members. We did lose one Group during this period, but this was not directly related to COVID. Two of the Groups in Yarmouth do not currently have a designated GSR, but have provided a contact person to call in case someone is looking for a meeting in their area.

We do have 2 Zoom meeting in Area 4. Digby - One Day At a Time Group has 4 meetings 7 days a week at 7:00 PM and Nova Group (Yarmouth) has a meeting Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 7:00

PM. Our District Round-up got back on its feet last Oct 22nd, 2022 and was held at the Annapolis Basin Conference Centre in Cornwallis Park as a one day event. We had a little over 90 attendees and received very positive feedback. We are having a similar Round-up this fall on November 25th, this time though being held at the Digby Pines Resort. Am hoping that some of you can join us so I can see you once again. Although I am going to let Al discuss this in more depth, it appears to me that, at least in District 4, but I suspect in many other Districts, getting people to become involved in Service work has been very difficult, ending up with the same people having to stay in their respective chairs far beyond the two years they signed up for. Fortunately, I have had an excellent Executive to work with and they have also volunteered to remain on the Board with Al. I have thoroughly enjoyed my extended stay with Area 82 and I wish you all great success in the future.

A bit about my service in AA. I sobered up out west and while in Calgary I was honored to hold most of the positions that would be in a group from Treasurer, Chip person, Greeter Literature/Grapevine, Phone list person, GSR, Intergroup, Public Information and Hospitals and Institutions. I moved to Digby approx. 20 yrs. ago but due to work and travel I felt it would be wrong to hold any positions if I was never there. I did volunteer for GSR 5 years ago and held that for 2 years. I revived the District newsletter a number of years ago as I figured I could do that job where ever I travelled . I then retired and old the District I was open to more service work. I was asked and accepted the DCM position a few weeks ago. Hopefully I can keep up the great work my predecessor Pete has done over the past 5 years. Yours in Service, Al G.

DCM Report - District 5

It's been a pleasure to be the DCM for District 5 since January of this year.

Since our last fall assembly, we hosted our first Christmas Party since 2019 in December of 2022. The party started with a potluck for supper followed by a speaker and finished with a dance. It was well attended and the members had a great time. Since January of 2023, we have had an active district with myself as DCM, Theresa E. as alternate DCM, Mike C. as Treasurer and Literature Rep, Sherri K as secretary, and Max D as PI and CPC rep. We currently meet monthly to talk about district business and to be updated on area and GSO business.

We currently have 8 active in person groups and are able to offer face to face meetings 6 nights a week throughout Cumberland County. District 5 continues to host a nightly online zoom meeting at 8 pm.

District 5 was able to reconvene weekly meetings at the detox center at the Springhill hospital. With help from AA members of Cumberland county we've hosted meetings every Wednesday since December of 2022. On September 9th, District 5 co-hosted with Al Anon a one day roundup at Christ Church Parish Hall in Amherst. It was a fantastic day of sobriety. The day included fellowship, hourly AA and Al Anon meetings, lunch, a display from the NS AA archivist, an Al Anon speaker, a supper, an AA speaker, and a dance. We had 120 people in attendance and a great day of sobriety and fellowship was had by all. Yours in Fellowship,

Wade LeBlanc, District 5 DCM

District 6, DCM Report, October 2023

My name is Steven and I am a recovered alcoholic. I currently serve as the District Committee Member (DCM) for District 6. My Homegroup is the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group which meets every Sunday in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Within our district we have 10 active groups and a meeting. All within a small area covering from Shubenacadie, Truro, Bible Hill and north to Tatamagouche. We have 1 online group that meets twice a week and the other 9 groups meet in person and a weekly meeting, which is held at a recovery center in Shubenacadie.

This past summer we had our first 3 day midsummer roundup in many years and it was a great success. Afterwards we had a ball game that followed, for some fellowship outside the fellowship.

With corrections we are still trying to gain access to carry our message to the Nova Institute for women, with the correctional facility at Truro. Our corrections chair is in the process of getting volunteers to fill in the proper paperwork and getting all background checks complete, and hopefully soon we can get back into help put meetings on again.

Our A.A. Helpline has just been updated with a revised script. The 12 step list for the helpline has just been updated with new names added and some older members who have served previously removed. A meeting took place between the telephone liaison officer and the professional answer service we pay for. To explain exactly what our goal is by having this service.

Our Public Information chair is looking at forming a sub-committee here at District 6, due to the volume of tasks he has been asked to carry out. The Sub-Committee would consist of the following committees, cooperation with the professional community, public information, treatment and accessibility, literature and corrections. The Literature committee is looking at forming, asking questions like is our district big enough for a central services or local intergroup? Is it cost effective and do-able in such a small district? All this information and several ideas are being looked at.

This Christmas we are planning another 4 day alcahthon on Dec 24th and 25th and again on Dec 31st and Jan 1st. This will be in person and details will be shared when all planning has been done.

We have regular updated meeting lists available and have an elected member who does our monthly district newsletter.

We still continue to have our monthly District Committee meeting on the third Sunday of each month online and plan to review this by the end of the year, whether to continue online or back in person.

Yours in Service
Steven D, DCM D6

District 7 DCM Report, October 2023.

My name is Linda Weeks, I am an alcoholic. I am currently the DCM for District 7, Nova Scotia. My home group is the Westville Easy Does It Group, Westville, NS. District 7 consists of fourteen groups from Antigonish County, Guysborough County, Pictou County and the Port Hawkesbury AA Group. Our District meets every third Sunday of the month at 2 pm in the Antigonish How Club Rooms, Antigonish, NS. New Glasgow How AA Group is 78 yrs old, being the oldest group in Nova Scotia. Pictou Harbour Group Celebrated 73 years this year. The Westville Easy Does It Group will be 49 yrs. old on October 24

and will be celebrating its Anniversary on October 28, 2023. The Pictou Harbour Group, with the help of other groups in Pictou County, host the Christmas/New Year's Alcathon, December 25 and Boxing Day, December 26; also New Year's Eve day, December 31 and New Year's Day, January 1.

District 7 consists of four committees:

1. CPC/PI Liaisons are Mary O. and Ann G.
2. Detox Liaison is Mary O.
3. Corrections/ Institutions ...Vacant
4. Newsletter...Jane M.

Since being DCM, I have received many telephone calls from people looking for meetings in our district. There are meetings on Zoom daily, 1Gam closed discussion, with the 12 & 12 on Thursdays and the Big Book Discussion on Saturdays. 6pm meetings are open speaker. Attendance at these meetings are from all over the world, well attended. District 7 is very much holding its own. I am proud to say all groups are keeping their doors open.

Yours in Service Linda Weeks, DCM District 7

DCM REPORT – DISTRICT 9 (October 2023)

Good afternoon to all,

On October 3rd, myself and Peter M. attended the Louisburg group meeting, small group, only 3 members, we encourage you to go around and support other groups in District 9. We also attended and survived the area 82 (NS & NL) assembly last weekend in Corner brook. I will take this opportunity to read the report that I did on behalf of District 9 at the fall assembly.

It is a great pleasure to finally be able to attend the area 82 fall assembly in person here in Corner brook, I would like to also acknowledge the presence of Peter M, the alternate DCM for District 9. We have a total of 23 groups in District 9, holding 31 meetings each week including 2 zoom meetings well attended by people from as far as the Niagara peninsula. District 9 is within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

I am happy to announce that District 9 will resume holding meetings at the Cape Breton Correctional Centre in the near future. We got the ok from the province of Nova Scotia, we have 6 volunteers, I took the requested documents to the correctional centre and waiting to hear from them. We are looking forward to be able to carry the message in there after a long break of 3.5 years since the beginning of the Covid 19.

The District 9 newsletter is back, thank you to Robert T. who recently took over this responsibility from myself and Joe M.

We are also in the process to implement the Bridging the gap program within District 9.

We are planning the District 9 roundup that will take place in March 2024. We should have a committee in place by the next District 9 meeting on October 15th.

The financial situation of District 9 is very good, that is why, myself and Peter M were in a position to attend this assembly this weekend.

Yours in love & service.

Monty C. DCM District

DCM Report District 12, Area 82 Oct. 07, 2023

Good morning friends, my name is Junior W, and I am an alcoholic. I am a member of the South Shore

Group that has regular closed discussion meetings every Wednesday night at Vine Place, Crestview Avenue, Corner Brook, NL at 8:00pm. Our district has a treatment facility committee with a group of dedicated volunteers, who host AA meetings at the facility on Thursday night. We also have a PI committee, and we are using a cell phone, for 12 Step work. It is listed on area 82aa.org, District 12 internet site and announced to the public. District 12 has a total of 12 Groups. This is from Deer Lake to Corner Brook and Stephenville. If you recall I reported a Spring Assembly that District 11 has joined District 12. Now our district is from St. Anthony to Port Aux Basques. District meetings are well attended with a fine group of GSR's and support members. As you know we have an Assembly and Round-up Committee in place the past year, busy preparing for this great weekend. I am grateful for their hard work and perseverance and time they have put into making it work. Together We Can. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow in fellowship and service.

Junior W

2023 DCM Report District 17 Area 82 -NS/NFLD Fall Assembly October 6th- 8th Corner Brook NFLD.

Welcome all. I am an Alcoholic, my name is Gary O. and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as the DCM. I am a member of the Hantsport AA Group. We meet Monday nights which is a 12 promises and matching step meeting and Friday Nights Closed Discussion meeting. We have Approx. 55 AA members in District 17. District 17 stretches West of Mt Uniacke, Exit 3 on the 101 and East of the Greenwich Exit 11 on the 101. We have 7 registered Groups and 1 meeting. Wolfville Thursday night Group (also does Hybrid) and Wolfville Tuesday morning meeting, Hantsport Monday and Friday evening, Brooklyn Tuesday night, Three Mile Plains Wednesday night, St Croix Thursday and Sunday night, Windsor Saturday night and Windsor morning meeting, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. All groups are up and running although attendance is still not back to where it was pre Covid which has affected the 7th Tradition in some Groups. Pete L. serves as the Alt.DCM and Inter District Insurance Chair, Monique McL. is our Treasurer, Tracy W. is our Secretary, Kirk J. does our Newsletter, Dwight C. is our CPC/PI Chair, Evelyn C. is our Entertainment Chair, Paul M. is our Phone answering Chair, Marsha P. is our Literature Rep and Gary O. is our Treatment and Bridging The Gap Rep with Crosbie House. Kevin from District 3 and I share this responsibility rotating every other month. We do this once a month on a Wednesday afternoon. It involves us identifying with clients as Alcoholics and explaining what Bridging the Gap is about. We also leave time for the Clients to ask questions about AA and meetings. Our District members meet once a month doing regular AA group updates and reports, discuss information coming from Area, we talk about concerns members may have about District, Area and GSO. We do workshops on various topics and Concepts discussion and also discuss ways of getting the AA message out to our District. We have 4 AA Groups from District 17 and 4 AA Groups from District 3 going into the Crosbie House on Tuesday evenings to put AA meetings on for the Clients.

I am happy to report our annual Windsor and Area Mini Round-up held in August was a success this year. We had 135 in attendance. We held it on a Saturday instead of the usual 3 days. With all the prices of things going up, and not sure after not having the Round-up during Covid how we would do financially, especially with attendance being down in our general area. With the heavy rain storm we had in July that shut Smily's Park down for the remainder of the year, we had to move our Camp out. Evelyn and Dwight opened up their property for the week end and moved the campout there.

Our District suffered 6 tragic losses in July and August, 1 Adult and 3 youths in the floods and 2 twenty year olds in a tragic automobile accident. Events like this really shake up small Communities.

District 3 and 17 will be your 2024 NS Provincial Round —up Hosts. We have met once to start forming

a Committee and discussing details. It will be held at the Louis Millet Center in New Minas. It will be held the week end of June 7th ,8th and 9th. We are not sure of the length of the Round-up as we cannot assume that our Districts are going to cover a short fall if we have one so we have put it back to our Groups for their opinion and support. We have approval from our District groups for the seed money, more info to come. Whatever we decide we are counting on you the AA members to make this a success. It's a scary adventure with the economy and price increases on everything.

We are also very pleased with the District 17 Inter District AA Group Insurance Committee and District 1 and District 2 Insurance Committee which have pretty well completed a joint merger as one Committee and under one policy. This should be quite a savings to the AA Groups which would help the Groups in the 6 Districts involved. Thank you to Foster L. and Pete L. for all their work making this merger possible. I would like to thank our District Committee members for their interest, support and great work they have volunteered to do. I would also like to thank all AA members in Area 82 for their service to AA and carrying the AA message to the still suffering Alcoholic, be it new to our fellowship or experienced. In the Love of AA service

Gary O. DCM District 17.