

# Area 82 NL/NS Fall Assembly 2025 (non-election)

## AGENDA

Fri. Oct 10	6:00 – 8:00 pm	<p>GSR Service Workshop – “Service Sponsorship” -- Former Area 82 GSD Gerry W., will host a workshop on the very important topic of Service Sponsorship; Gerry will cover topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ what is a service sponsor</li> <li>✓ I have a program sponsor, why do I need a service sponsor</li> <li>✓ how do they differ</li> <li>✓ how do I choose a service sponsor</li> <li>✓ how do I know if I have a good one</li> <li>✓ what do I do if I feel it’s not working</li> <li>✓ after being a trusted servant in a variety of service positions, how do I become a service sponsor</li> </ul> <p>DCM and Area Officers Meeting</p>
Sat. Oct. 11	9:00 – 10:30	<p>Opening Remarks – Introductions – 12 Traditions – Sympathies          Mission Statement          Minutes from previous Assembly read and approved          Business Arising from the Minutes          Approval of Agenda          DCM Reports          Past Delegates Remarks</p>
	10:30 – 10:45	BREAK
	10:45 – 12:00	<p>Treasurer’s Report ~ Approval of TR          Alt. GSD’s Report ~ Approval          GSD’s Report ~ Approval          Archivist Reports ~ Approval          Webmaster Report ~ Approval          Remote Communities Report ~ Approval</p>
	12:00 – 1:30	LUNCH
	1:30 – 3:00	<p>Roll Call ~ All GSRs must be present for Roll Call</p> <p><b>Election (1)</b> ~ notwithstanding the fact that 2025 is not an election year, the resignation of Anne B., the Alternate General Service Delegate (AGSD), necessitates our seeking an interim Alternate General Service Delegate who will serve from the present through to the end of the current term. All interested persons should have their service resumes posted at the Fall Assembly. For the duties of the AGSD please refer to the Area 82 NS/NL Guidelines or the AA Service Manual.</p> <p><b>Election (2)</b> ~ Also on our Election docket – Paul W., Area 82’s Remote Communities Chair will be rotating out of his position at our Fall Assembly, therefore it will be necessary for us to seek a replacement member in this important position. Please consult the Area 82 Guidelines, Version 7, page 14, to find more information about the Remote Communities Working Group. Also if you will be interested in letting your name stand for this position please have your service resume prepared for posting at the Fall Assembly.</p> <p>Old Business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information – That the 2026 Fall Assembly in Cornerbrook elect Alternates for the Area Officer positions if there is no Alternate in place; this stems from a District 3 motion that was passed at the 2024 Fall Assembly;</li> <li>2. Webmaster Guidelines – a motion by Webmaster Marie M. at the ‘24 Fall Assembly regarding the Updating of the Webmaster Guidelines was tabled to the 2025 Fall Assembly</li> </ol>

3. Information – a motion was passed to rescind a 2017 motion regarding misinformation in the minutes; wording was changed and adopted to read “The guidelines are not to supersede the Service Manual”, initially it was to be forwarded to the Spring Assembly but since the Service Weekends have been re-introduced in the Spring time slot, this change has been relocated to Old Business at this, the Fall Assembly; Further, it was agreed at the 2025 Service Weekend to amend this and bring it to 2025 Fall Assembly as the following: “Our AA Guidelines do not conflict with the AA Service Manual.”
4. From the 2023 Fall assembly, a District 17 motion was intended to have Area 82 assist Districts hosting Roundups by covering a financial shortfall should one occur. After much discussion the motion was amended to include “up to \$1,000”; it would appear, from the minutes, that the amendment was voted on but not the full motion including the amendment; this was tabled to the Spring Assembly but with the reinsertion of Service Weekends in the Spring time slot it will now be entertained at this, the Fall 2025 Assembly; to that end, it would be prudent to have District 17 restate the motion with the approved amendment;

New Business:

1. Information: NL is currently working on creating a Service Weekend committee; NS now has a working Service Weekend Committee, consisting of George M., Debbi C., Al G., Jason C. and Mark Z.
2. Information: A Provincial Roundup Rotation beyond 2026 will fall within the purview of the NS Service Weekend; the Roundup is not an Area offering but is provincial in nature;
3. District 17 Motion: “To sever Area 82 by its Provincial boundaries, resulting in two autonomous Areas of Alcoholics Anonymous” see Dist. 17 rationale;
4. Information: Relationship between AA and Al-Anon; George M.
5. Area 82 NL/NS Guidelines – some terminology needs to be amended and updated since reinstating Spring Service Weekends; Mark Z.
6. Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) from GSD Dwayne MacD. From Area 82 to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Service Assembly ~ brought forward for consideration by the Area 82 Area Committee.

WHEREAS: The General Service Conference agenda is not available for review by the General Service delegates until late February, AND,

WHEREAS: The General Service Conference takes place only two months after the agenda is released for review, AND,

WHEREAS: Most Districts within Areas conduct monthly meetings, and therefore may only have one month to review items, and return to groups for discussion, leaving no time to return for another District meeting for an informed group conscience on the item(s), AND,

WHEREAS: Proposed Agenda Items have a deadline of September 30, AND,

WHEREAS: PAIs must be reviewed to determine suitability for the Agenda for the Conference, leaving time for an informed discussion,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

		<p>THAT: Proposed Agenda Items be added to the agenda in the conference year two years after receipt. (i.e. Agenda items received in September 2026 would be added to the agenda for General Service Conference 78, in 2028; leaving an entire year for review by the groups) and,  THAT: A vote of 2/3 of the voting members of the conference the year prior to that scheduled agenda date may, if they determine the agenda item to be of such importance as to require immediate action, add the item to the agenda from the floor.  So moved by Dwayne MacD</p> <p>7. Succession Planning for Area 82 Service Positions: Greg H. and Lisa L.  Area 82 appears to be lacking in properly preparing new service position electees to basically hit the ground running when they start a new service position. A thorough, fulsome discussion could lay the groundwork for procedures and processes that Area 82 could employ to ensure smooth transitions into new service positions and to further ensure that we comply with AA's all important spirit of rotation to discourage 'ownership' of AA positions by one or a small number of members. IMPORTANT NOTE: The spirit of the above is, in no way, meant to disparage members who belong to small groups and/or districts and find themselves with the decision to either refill a position they vacated or leave the position unfilled and vacant;</p> <p>8. How to get people interested and involved in service and service positions; Greg H. and Lisa L.</p>
	3:00 – 3:15	BREAK
	3:15 – 5:00	Continue with Agenda
	5:00 – 6:30	SUPPER
	6:30 – 8:30	<p>Social Event  Active Area Committee Workshop – Hosted by District 15  "The Workings of St. John's Intergroup Office" (In Nova Scotia this function is called Central Service) St. John's Intergroup was formed to look after local needs such as AA phone line, literature orders and inventory, partnering with Dist. 15 on P.I. and C.P.C., maintaining and distributing the AA meeting schedules, looking after the website, organizing events such as conventions. Intergroup Chair Ian C. will elaborate further on these roles and will take comments and questions from those present.</p>
Sun. Oct. 12	9:00 – 12:00	<p>Continue with Agenda Items if Necessary  If Agenda Items are Completed, Proceed to 'Ask-It Basket'  Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</p> <p>If Time Permits Proceed to a Fellowship Meeting</p>