

Area 82 NL Service Weekend May 10th, 2025

Held at Clarendville Inn

Meeting opened at 9:02 am with the serenity prayer

Address by DCM D14 and congratulation to Paul with 30 years sobriety

Introductions of those in attendance

12 Traditions were read by Tammy

Sympathies were read D14 Ray and George, D7 Tom and Jim, John D9, D15 Lans, Tom, and Bruce D15, and Ernie D14, and Jim P.

Moment of Silence for remembrance

Mission Statement: The Mission Statement of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82 is to carry a message of hope, strength and knowledge through communication of Alcoholics Anonymous' Twelve Steps in an efficient and prudent manner. We Believe: The Twelve Step message is the primary reason for our deliberations. The General Service Representatives, District Committee Members and Area Officers have the opportunity to share, discuss and receive valuable insights that will be of assistance at the local groups.

Action Plan:

1. Present the message in a positive, concise manner.
2. Discuss Area/District business in a focused, orderly, time-sensitive way.
3. Recommend through informed group conscience sessions considerations to be brought to the Assembly, where all final decisions are voted on and approved.
4. Provide opportunities for constructive growth through shared examples, proven research, Twelve Steps, the Traditions and Twelve Concepts.
5. Communicate in a clear, concise and appropriate way the successes and concerns of those we represent.
6. Provide as much information as possible so that we will walk away from a Service Weekend or Assembly with as much understanding of Alcoholics Anonymous and Service.
7. 7. Read page 40 of The A.A. Service Manual. *“The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairperson of the board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:*

“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block

from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

“We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

“We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

Minutes reviewed from Fall 2024 Assembly – Secretary/registrar will work with webmaster to fix links in past minutes (**Action Item: Nick**). During next NL Service Weekend we will review the 2025 NL Service Weekend.

Approval of the Proposed Agenda

Add to agenda provide space for a meaningful discussion on how to attract members into service. Starts at the group which is the top of our triangle (Pam D14 DCM).

- This is something that needs to be discussed early on in the agenda
- Eliminate negative connotations of service

Add to agenda rotation schedule for service weekend (Alfed D12 DCM)

Calvin motion to approve agenda, Karen seconded

Agenda as amended was approved unanimously

Authorized Voters (GSRs, Authorized Group Reps, DCMs, Area Officers, NL Archivist):

Simple majority: 13, 2/3rd majority: 16. (24 present)

Pam makes a motion to add item to the agenda after DCM Reports. Dwayne suggested at start of New Business given that reporting is generally done first. Pam amended her motion to move motion to the beginning of New Business. Motion accepted. Alfred's motion will go at the end of New Business (Item 8).

DCM Reports

D12 DCM (Alfred)



D12 DCM
Report.docx

D14 DCM (Pam)



District 14 report -
Service weekend Ma

D15 DCM (Greg)



District 15 Report
10-05-25.docx

Two people entered the room, changing the vote calculation.

Simple Majority: 14; 2/3rds Majority: 18

Past Delegate Addresses

Panel 55 Delegate (Una)

- Back in NL and wants to help in any capacity she can

Panel 65 Delegate (Boyd)

- Great to see all the folks still involved in service
- Happy to meet some of the new faces

Panel 73 Delegate (Gerry)

- Primary Purpose
- Are we doing the best we can to carry the message, are we doing the best we can to get new people involved

Treasurer's Report

For further information, please contact the Area Treasurer, treasurer@area82aa.org

Discussion of what a prudent reserve is (50% of the operating budget)

Alt GSD Report (Anne)



Alt GSD Report May
2025.docx

GSD Report (Dwayne)

Thanks to the Alt GSD for taking over for the GSD since he couldn't go due to work

GSD is available for workshops in all of Area 82 with both Zoom and in-person

gsd@area82aa.org

Remote Communities Report (Paul)



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NL Archivist Report (Jack)

- Discussed issues with health and doing his service work
- Issues with the archives and the small storage locker and going through all the contents
- Will inquire about getting a bigger locker
- Purchased some ammo boxes
- Will transfer material from old laptop to new laptop
- Much of our archive is undocumented – probably only about 30% is
- After we get the larger storage space Jack will be reaching out to DCMs across the island to see what other materials might be available
- Some discussion/questions/thanks after the report
- Questions / comments group anniversaries, oral tradition

Webmaster Report (Marie's report, given by Anne)



Webmaster Report
April 2025.pdf

Update on the 2025 International Convention (Dwayne)

Can still register (AA.org)

Expecting about 60,000

\$500 contribution for the eastern Canada hospitality suite

Looking for volunteers

Canada East Region AA Service Assembly (CERAASA) Report

Dartmouth, NS this year

Only 11 members from Area 82

134 in attendance

Effectively a large service weekend

Canada eastern region forum next year in Drummondville, QC, August 21-23, 2026

Calvin motion to accept reports, Boyd seconded.

Motion carried, unanimously

Lunch

ROLL CALL (Nick)

District 12 (1/9)

District 13 (2/5)

District 14 (6/9)

District 15 (12/27)

District 16 (0/8)

21 GSRs or authorized voters, 4 Area Officers, 1 NL archivist, 3 DCMS = 29

21 of 58 groups represented

Old Business

“A DCM must serve two years in Area 82 to let their name stand for an Area position.” This motion was tabled at the 2024 Assembly. On May 5, 2025, District 17 revisited this to say “Our Aa Guidelines do not supersede the AA Service Manual.”

- Suggestions such as splitting these into two motions, replacing supersede with contradict

New Business

Making service more attractive in NL

- Importance of a service sponsor
- Importance of the 12 steps
- Folks discussed their experience with service over their sobriety
- Woman sponsors
- Participation by the 4 districts representative here is far higher than it was in the last two assemblies
- Committees to figure out ways to increase service?
- Survey of membership

Item 1

- Believe this was put to rest at the Fall 2024 assembly – we need to investigate some missing content in the 2024 Fall Assembly minutes

Item 2

- Anonymity
- Not enough labeling on contributions
- Education groups on how to best send contributions with proper identifying information

Item 3

- Challenges with travel, distance etc.
- Lack of representation in Labrador

Item 4

- General Service Guidelines 1969

Item 5

- NL Archivist should be giving their presentation during either the Spring Assembly or the Service Weekend during the DCM/Area Officer Meeting

Break

Item 6

- Consensus support

Item 7

Consideration of rotating officers

- More detail on the area guidelines

Item 8

- Proposed NL Spring Service Meeting Rotation
- Discussion of the difficulties of booking the service weekend for the first weekend we've done this in person since 2019
- Whether we should giving the rotation to each district (12, 13, 14, 15)
- Support for hybrid meetings
- Questions about service weekend in Labrador
- Pam motion seconded by Greg held in either District 13 or 14 for Spring 2026
- Motions carries

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM

Yours in Service,

Nick Camizzi

Secretary/Registrar Area 82