

Area 82 NS Service Weekend May 30th- June 1st, 2025

Held in Truro, NS

Meeting opened at 900 am with the serenity prayer

Introductions of those in attendance

12 Traditions were read by Malcom

Sympathies were read for various members

Followed by 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 NS Service Weekend we will review the 2025 NS Service Weekend. George discussed the importance of succession planning with respect to a motion that carried at the assembly.

Approval of the Proposed Agenda

Proposed Amendments:

7b. How to get people interested and involved in service and service positions (previous 7 now is 7a)

8. A need for creating a NS Service Weekend Committee

9. Revisit provincial roundup schedule and establish a host district for 2026 NS Service Weekend

10. Ask it basket

7b, 8, 9 originally moved by Dwayne, then amended to add item 10, then seconded by Austin

Agenda as amended was approved unanimously

DCM Reports

D1 DCM (Samaira)



D1 DCM Report -
Samaira (page 1).pdf



D1 DCM Report -
Samaira (page 2).pdf



D1 DCM Report -
Samaira (page 3).pdf



D1 DCM Report -
Samaira (page 4).pdf



D1 DCM Report -
Samaira (page 5).pdf

D2 DCM (Amy)



D2 DCM Report -
Amy.pdf

D3 DCM (Mark)

9 groups left in this area

Thanks to Mark Z for CPC/PI

Should have good attendance (8 at last district meeting) at the international convention

D4 DCM (Al)



D4 DCM Report -
Al.pdf

D5 DCM (Sheri)



D5 DCM Report -
Sherry.docx

D6 DCM (Laura)



D6 DCM Report -
Laura.pdf

D7 DCM (Blaise)



D7 DCM Report -
Blaise.docx

D8 DCM (Joe)

Not a whole lot of members and communications given geographies

9 groups in district

District meeting going well

Tripled attendance with zoom usage at district meetings

D9 DCM (Peter)



D9 DCM Report -
Peter.docx

D10 DCM (not present – no report)

D17 DCM (Monique)



D17 DCM Report -
Monique.docx

Past Delegate Addresses

Panel 59 Delegate (Billy)

- 15 years ago when he served
- Great to see the big crowd
- Importance of service sponsorship
- Get to someone who has done the job that you're trying to do

Panel 65 Delegate (Kirk)

- Let your name stand for positions. The rewards are enormous
- Can't repay AA. It was challenging but I enjoyed it

Treasurer's Report

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

Some explanation on how the funds are allocated to area officers and archivists and how those expenses are accounted for on a monthly basis

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

Dwayne has retaken over duties as GSD

Also serves on CERAASA board

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

Would like to start a weekly service weekend in combination with Area 84

Was really happy with how things went with the NL Service Weekend last month

gsd@area82aa.org

Remote Communities Report (Paul)



Remote Communities
Report - Paul.docx

Add remote communities meeting to website

69 People Registered

NS Archivist Report (Kathy)



Archivist Service
Weekend Report 202!

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



Webmaster Report
April 2025.pdf

Update on the 2025 International Convention (Dwayne)

Effectively a big roundup

Can still register (AA.org)

Expecting about 50,000

\$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

Any member is welcomed to attend

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

Calvin motion to accept reports, Boyd seconded.

Billy discussed the eastern Canada hospitality suite at the international convention.

Motion to accept all reports moved by Samiera, seconded by Bob M. No discussion.

Motion carried, unanimously

Lunch

Congratulations to Monique on 16 years sobriety today.

ROLL CALL

District 1 (2/23)

District 2 (3/15)

District 3 (5/8)

District 4 (2/7)

District 5 (1/8)

District 6 (3/11)

District 7 (9/15)

District 8 (3/8)

District 10 (1/9)

District 9 (4/18)

District 17 (2/7)

35 GSRs or authorized voters, 2 Area Officers, 1 NS archivist, 9 DCMS = 47. Chair (3rd Area Officer) only gets a vote in case of a tie.

35 of 129 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
- Should read “Our Area Guidelines do not supercede the AA Service Manual.”
- Mark: During the 2024 Assembly a changed motion to this passed unanimously: Members who wish to let their name stand may do a resume so as long as they put a resume of their present and past service and that resume is to shown for viewing. This is part of the current Area 82 guidelines.
- Gary: Minutes from 2017 were missing and there was a misunderstanding.
- Dwayne: NL service weekend suggests we use “conflict” with service manual instead of “supercede.”

New Business

Item 1

- Dealt with last fall assembly
- Difficulty with e-transfers with dual signature

- Motion was withdrawn by Mark

Item 2

- Poorly marked contributions from members and groups
- Some violate anonymity
- Can't figure out where the contributions are coming from

Item 3

- Guidance on p. 112 Appendix F of the AA Service Manual
- George will send examples of times when GSO approved splitting areas and didn't approve splitting areas

Question about hybrid meetings re: upcoming assemblies (separate from the items)

Voted down at 2024 Fall Assembly because of various reasons like equipment expenses and the difficulty communication between those on Zoom and those on persons

Item 4

- Let's be friendly with our friends pamphlet
- Relationship between AA and Al-Anon

Item 5

Item 6

- Consensus support from NS voting members

Item 7a

- All in part of increasing service in Area 82 generally plus alternates for Area positions in Area 82 coming in 2026

Item 7b

- Lisa L will be assisting with Greg H. in NL to increase service across Area 82

Item 8

- Jason would love to be part of committee
- Basil gave a statement on the challenges of getting the NL service weekend spun up
- Requests to make the venue for the NS Service Weekend more accessible next time

June 10th Unity Group Antigonish 8:00PM 90 years of AA 1935-2025 Brenda Speaking

Item 9

- District 7 accepted to host 2026 NS Provincial Roundup
- Continue to think about whether your district can host future provincial roundups after 2027
- Some question and discussion on whether this is even the subject of the area business

Item 10 Ask if Basket

Meeting adjourned around 350PM Saturday, May 31st

A big thanks to the area officers and anyone who assisted with taking notes and making recordings so that I could produce minutes in absence.

Yours in Service,

Nick Camizzi

Secretary/Registrar Area 82