

Area 82 AA Assembly  
**MINUTES**  
October 11-13, 2024

Chairperson, Anne B., welcomed all and opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer

To the people joining us on ZOOM, please rename yourself by putting a 1 in front of your name and the name of your group, if you are a voting member or a 2 in front of your name

Foster Chairman of Host Committee - Welcome everyone –  
First, I want to thank the committee who have worked hard to provide everything you'll need this weekend. If at any time throughout the weekend you need something, please just let us know and we'll try to get it for you!  
A special thanks to Marie and Pedro who set up the hybrid portion and we are very grateful.  
Smoking –no smoking on the church property. There are butt buckets out front to the left.  
Washrooms  
Parking – across the road from curling club which we can use.  
Snacks – coffee, tea, water, are provided by the committee.  
Lunch – will be served at Club 24 – down the street. The registration fee covers this.  
Supper – will be provided for \$20.by the staff at Club 24  
Survey – QR code on the wall. Please fill it out!  
Ask it basket – on the left wall.  
Resumes are posted on the wall. They will be in the chatroom for those of you on ZOOM.

Chair Just a reminder to everyone here PRINCIPLES ABOVE PERSONALITIES and LOVE & TOLERANCE is our code. We have a timer – the first time you speak, you will have two minutes. The second time you speak, you will have 1 minute. If there is unacceptable behavior (swearing or interrupting) you will be timed out for 2 minutes, the second time, five minutes, if a third time you will not be permitted to return to the meeting.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Minutes of previous assembly were reviewed by members at home.  
Minutes were accepted as read.

**BUSINESS ARISING**

GSD, Dwayne **moved to rescind motion from spring assembly regarding misinformation in minutes of 2017. This passed to re-add ..**  
**The guidelines are not to supercede the service manual”**  
The body voted to remove this section and add it to discussion at the spring assembly.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Agenda approved and Accepted.

## DCM REPORTS

District 1 12 Oct 2024

Distinguished AA members, Within the Spirit of Rotation article June 1996 Grapevine, Don P. of Aurora Colorado wrote, " One of the most valuable resources of any organization is the experience of those who have gone before. The sharing of what they've done right, and the sharing of the mistakes they've made, become a solid foundation for continued healthy growth. Because of the wise and spiritual principle of rotation, we in Alcoholics Anonymous are blessed with the constantly vital and always growing pool of people whose primary aim is to service the AA Fellowship." 2024 is the Spirit of Rotation Year for Area 82.

This is where we humbly bow and step away from the responsibilities that we have been elected to do for the past 2 years, to allow others to learn and grow as well. In District 1, we have had our Executive Positions busy since January 2023. I would like to thank Mary W. who is District 1 Treasurer carrying out the Treasurer duties with detailed precision. And of course that person whom all GSR's of District 1 got to know as the guy who filled their email in-basket with important AA treasurers of data, Jonathan our District 1 Secretary, and myself. Due to Tradition 2, the Spirit of Rotation, the three of us will be stepping away from current service positions on 31 Dec 2024. I encourage anyone in District 1 who wishes to enter another phase of their recovery, and carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, to do so at this election year through Service. For this past quarter District 1 has given 2 workshops. The Spiritual and Character Growth through Service, and How to Chair an AA Business Meeting. Our final Workshop for this year will be on the 28th November 2024 as a detailed report of the recent 2024 Eastern Canada Regional Forum that I attended. I hope to see everyone at the District 1 Workshop on zoom at 6 pm. District 1 has been meeting once a month on the last wednesday of every month. Our main purpose of the District is to service the District's groups and convey their conscience to area 82 Executive Members.

I have so much gratitude for the GSR's that have been there every month. We've laughed, became serious, lost patience, thrown in a Rule 62 or two along the way. At the end we learned that it's the District's conscience that rules, even if it's not what we wanted. And we've always left as friends in service, respecting all who attended. That's service!

Midwinter Roundup for 2025. This roundup is a District 1 and 2 host responsibility. We are looking for a Program Co-Chair. We meet on the first Sunday of every month at Club 24 at 1 PM. If you want to get involved in an exciting event that is over as quickly as it started, this is the one. If I may "as Chair of the MWRU I wish to throw in a plug: 45th Annual Mid-Winter Roundup – (Districts 1 & 2) This Fourth Dimension: Sobriety Through Love and Tolerance Saturday Banquet Speaker: Stephanie K (Lewiston, Maine) Friday Evening Entertainment: AA Trivia Night February 28- March 2, 2025 Location – Delta Hotels Dartmouth 240 Brownlow Ave, Dartmouth, NS B3B 1X6 Special room rate \$153. We ( District 1 and 2) also are seeking AA members to become Committee Members for the Nova Scotia Provincial Round-up. This is a rotative arrangement, and June 7-9 2025 it will be held in the Halifax/Dartmouth area. The next Committee Meeting is being held at Club 24 on the 26 of October at 1PM. Please consider this service opportunity as well.

Active Area Committee Meetings - This monthly meeting is an interesting one. All Committee's and DCM's and GSR's if they wish, come onto Zoom and learn the joys and challenges of running a committee. Some areas are small, or new to the Committee world and seek advice from those who have a somewhat successful up and running committees. It's useful, educational, and successful, but only if committee members participate. I look forward to next years new committee members joining in and learning the ropes. I continually seek knowledge in service. It has given me a true purpose in AA. Helping the still suffering alcoholic through service. How amazing is that! As I step away from DCM of District 1 this December, I've let stand my Resume for the position of Area 82 Alternate General Service Delegate. Thank you,

Yours in love and service  
Michael H. District 1 DCM

Bernie here, DCM for District 2 and co-chair of the 2025 Midwinter Roundup for Districts 1 & 2. It remains a privilege to serve as DCM for my District.

District 2 has 17 active groups. The Sheet Harbor Group re-opened its doors a few months ago after a seven-year closure. It meets at 11 am on Saturdays at the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital.

As DCM, I should be visiting all groups in my district, and I have not been doing that. Don't have my own transportation, so I rely on the goodwill of others, which does not always allow me to do that. I do, however, attend central service meetings and Area 82 Active Area Committee meetings, as well as all District 2 business meetings.

Earlier this term, both the Secretary and Alt DCM stepped down for different reasons. We only had one member volunteer to be district secretary until December. As DCM, I assumed the duties of the secretary until the position was filled. We do have an Alt DCM. At our elections on the 20th of this month, I am hoping we will fill all other positions which become vacant at the end of the year.

District 2 and District 1 are looking forward to hosting the 2025 Midwinter Roundup which is scheduled to be held Feb 28-Mar 2 at the Delta Marriott in Burnside. The two Districts are also slated to host the 2025 NS Provincial Roundup in June, although there haven't been any interested members stepping forward to help take care of that, yet. Next meeting for that is Oct 26/24 at 1pm @ Club 24.

On Sept 1, I attended the Area 82 Officers meeting to determine if the Proposed Agenda Item from District 6 about the responsibility statement and declaration of unity being included on all pamphlets at next printing would be forwarded to the 2025 General Service Conference in April 2025. That motion was discussed, voted on, and approved by substantial unanimity.

Districts 1 & 2 Central Service Fair was held on September 14 at 321 Main Avenue in Halifax. My Alt GSD and I attended. There was a poor showing of about 15 people, but none the less, it was informative and educational.

Sackville-Bedford AA day was held on September 21 at 45 Connolly Road in Lower Sackville. As always, it was well attended by both districts.

In closing, due to continuing health issues, I will not be staying with service. Even though there is no confirmed incoming DCM yet, I am definitely the outgoing DCM. It has been an experience and I am glad I didn't miss it. I wish the committees all the best.

Yours in love and service,

Bernie S.

DCM District 2

District 3 DCM report

Fall Assembly, 2024, Dartmouth, N.S.

From Annapolis Royal to Wolfville, District 3 is made up of 10 groups hosting 15 meetings per week. Two are women's meetings, one in-person and one on-line.

We consistently have a great turnout for our monthly meetings. The room is filled with healthy debate, informed discussions, and passionate opinions. Individuals feel safe to speak without judgement and at the end of the day we leave with mutual respect as Trusted Servants performing service, never letting personalities interfere with our primary purpose. On some topics we may disagree, but we never become disagreeable.

Our District phone is ringing slow and steady. Several groups carry the phone rotating on a monthly basis.

Cooperating with other Districts, the Public Information Committee is busy with a couple of projects that will hopefully get the phone ringing more often. Obviously, we must get the number out to the public if we want people to call.

Working with District 17, we host meetings at a local treatment facility, receiving positive feedback from both the clients and staff. Bridging the Gap, also cooperating with District 17, is active at the same facility.

Our Newsletter Chair keeps us informed of AA events, notices, celebrations, and any information our members may need to know.

The Secretary provides accurate minutes, so all groups are informed about our district activities and what's developing in our Area.

Our Treasurer provides a transparent and accurate monthly report of the District financial situation relative to current happenings. We were financially able to send a representative to the Regional Forum in Ottawa and as DCM I was financially supported to attend all service functions.

The Literature Chair maintains a variety of material which is distributed to many groups, treatment facilities, and AA events.

We host information sessions prior to our monthly meeting, with well-researched topics selected by the Information Session Chair. A great learning opportunity.

We also have a member who sends the daily Grapevine Quote to a broad mailing list, starting people's day with a positive message.

District 3 remains very engaged. Members have devoted their time to projects and ideas to help Area 82 function better, submitted motions to the Assemblies for discussion, joined Ad-Hoc Committees, regularly attended workshops hosted by other Districts, attended the Active Committee meetings, shared input on Conference Agenda items at the Pre-Conference Assembly, and continue to work on ideas for future consideration.

On several occasions we were invited to host meetings in other Districts. There is nothing better than an old-fashioned road trip of AA members cruising down the highway enjoying Fellowship and laughter. And depending on who's driving, a lung of second-hand smoke.

Cooperating with District 17 we hosted the 2024 Provincial Round-up. It was nice to see so many of you in person. Hugs do heal. To the many volunteers who gave their time to make this event a great experience for those who came to the Valley for Fellowship, thank you for your service.

We recently conducted our elections. District 3 will enter the next two year term with a good mix of experience and some new faces.

I encourage every member, if possible, to become involved in AA service. This is an experience you will not want to miss.

On a personal note - With sadness this is my last report as the DCM for District 3. I would fill this role again without hesitation but accept the end of my term and will give my best effort to support our incoming DCM so they may have the same joyful experience that was given to me.

The GSRs and Committee members of District 3 have provided me with such great support for the past two years. They worked hard to make my role easy.

I have learned so much about myself as a person and this has been the best two years of my recovery.

Some of my proudest moments are when I can stand and say that I represent the voice of District 3. I could not have asked for anything more from District 3 than what I was given.

In service

Mark Z

DCM District 4

Good morning. I am Al G., and I am an alcoholic. I'm a member of the Digby One Day at a Time group. I am the District Committee Member for District 4.

District 4 consists of 6 groups in southwest NS ranging from the Acadian Group in Amirault's Hill, Yarmouth has 2 groups, 12 Step Group and the NS Group, Meteghan has the 24 hour a Day group and Digby has the Nor'easter group and the One Day at a Time Group. We are doing well as a district but do have lots of work to do. Group populations have fluctuated over the past year but we estimated that we have approximately 65 members. It does seem like we are starting to get a few more newcomers. Only half the groups have GSRs but I keep encouraging them to step up! We plan to put on a service seminar this fall. I suspect like many other smaller districts, getting people involved in service work has been difficult. So what happens is the same people having to stay in respective chairs far beyond the two years suggested. Fortunately, we have an excellent Executive to work with as well as a great group of volunteers on the Roundup committee.

We have been talking with the Corrections folks in Yarmouth and something went wrong with our applications. After investigation, the application was lost, and we found out that Corrections Canada has new procedures in place. We have asked all who applied to start another application following the new procedures.

We have looked into getting better social media. We got some help from our NL friends and are working toward that goal. District 4 has also looked into getting a phone which we will advertise on the website. Without stealing District 3's thunder, we are planning to put together a program for November, along with them.

The big news for District 4 is the 3 day Lighthouse Round-up is back!! It is being held at the usual place, Rodd Grand Hotel in Yarmouth Nov 1-3! I brought pamphlets with me. The hotel says it will keep the Roundup price until all rooms are gone! Come out and support us in fellowship and fun!

Yours in service

Al. G

District 4

## **DCM Report - District 5**

Since January of 2023, we have had an active district with Wade L. 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 7 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. Sadly, one of our long running face to face groups in Amherst, The Sunday Morning Group, closed in January.

District 5 continues to host 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.

Since our last fall assembly, we hosted a Christmas Party in December of 2023. 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.

On September 7th, 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, an Al Anon speaker, a supper, an AA speaker, and a dance. We had over 100 people in attendance and a great day of sobriety and fellowship was had by all.

We are currently getting ready for District wide elections for various service positions at the group and district levels.

Yours in Fellowship,  
Wade

District 6 DCM Report - Assembly 2024

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 at 11am Within district 6, we have 11 groups from Shubenacadie, Truro, Bible Hill and Tatamagouche. We have a group that meets twice a week online and the other 10 groups meet in person. This summer we had a new group form. They came together on Friday nights in Millbrook and have become a registered group, we now have more group post 2020 than we had before. We also have a great group of individuals that go and put on meetings at the Eagles Nest Recovery House Shubenacadie. Most recent updates within our district are of updated meeting lists, 12 step lists, answer 365 professional answer service updates, and working with professionals such as doctors and the medical profession. We are still trying to get access to the women’s correctional facility in Truro. Hopefully we will be granted access soon to carry the message beyond the walls.

We have 2 sub committees in District 6 that look after other things out with their responsibilities. They are Public Information and Corrections and next month are voting on a having the position of Co-operation with the professional community. Just last month we had 2 workshops of the 12 traditions and had between 13 -15 people for both weeks. We were in the discussing a district website, the design was all done up and looked good, but at the district level with funds available and having the same information available as the area website we decided halt the process. Recently at our district we had our elections for the next rotation. I am rotating out of this position, and this will be my last assembly representing district 6. I am saddened but equally happy and its been a wonderful experience. I am going to keep this very short today and thank District 6 for allowing me to represent them for the last 2 years and the term before that when I was alternate District committee member. I also would like to thank Area 82 AA. I have been a part of this committee process for the last 4 years and it has been a delight to serve alongside many of you wonderful fellows.

In Love and Service  
Steven D, DCM D

District 7

Hi! My name is Linda Weeks and I am an alcoholic. I am currently service District 7 as DCM. My home group is the Westville Easy Does It Group and we meet every Wednesday and Saturday night.

District 7 has 14 groups and 13 are active. The groups are in the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, as well as the town of Port Hawkesbury. We have one new meeting which started in September called the Serenity group. It meets at 12 pm Sunday at St. John The Baptist Church Hall, High Street, New Glasgow. We have another meeting called Finding Freedom which will start on November 7 at 8 pm at St. John’s United Church Hall in Sherbrooke.

The Westville Easy Does It Group will have its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 26/24 with a buffet and dance. Everything is free. Please come help support the Group

District has 4 committees:

CPC/PI	Mary O.	Corrections	Jon S.
Newsletter	Jane M.	Detox	Anne G & Jim M.

The District 7 Alcathon zoom meetings are still on every day at 10 am(discussion) and 6 pm(speaker)

District 7 meetings are holding their own and we are in good financial shape. I still receive

phone calls from people looking for a meeting, and sometimes inquiries about Alanon.

I would like to thank District 7 and Area 82 for allowing me to serve for the past two years. It has been a challenging and learning experience, and I am very grateful. The GSRs have been very accommodating, and I enjoyed it. It is a service that I hope future GSRs get to experience too.

Yours in service with love  
Linda Weeks

#### DISTRICT 9 DCM REPORT (Fall assembly)

Good morning to all (Bonjour à tous)

Unfortunately, I could not be here with you today but you are in good hand with the District 9 Alternate DCM Peter M who has a Cape Breton accent instead of a French accent.

District 9 is basically within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality. We have a total of 22 groups holding 28 meetings each week including 1 zoom meeting well attended by people from as far as the Niagara peninsula.

We are back at the Cape Breton correctional facility since the fall of 2023. For the moment, we hold a meeting every 2 weeks. The need for such a meeting is very high and we are trying to get more volunteers in order to go every week.

The District 9 newsletter is back after a break for the summer months. Thank you to Kelly B. who took over this important task from Robert T.

We had a very successful Roundup in March 2024, it was nice to be able to have a Roundup after a break of 3 years due to Covid 19.

The financial situation of District 9 is very good, thank you to all the groups for your contribution. 2024 is an election year. In November we are going to have an election for new servants in District 9. They will be in place ready to serve us starting in January 2025.

Yours in love & service.

Monty C.

DCM District 9.

#### District 10 Report to Assembly 2024

Finances Are good and we will be sending Contributions to Area/GSO end of Nov or Early Dec  
Groups are stable. Big Book meetings have started.

CPC/PI Contacted CKBW In Bridgewater. We now have An AA Message on the Airways.

150 Newcomer Kits Have Been Distributed to DRs Offices, Walk In Clinics and RCMP.

Lahave GRP/Action GRP Having A Christmas Gratitude Mtg no Date set yet

Alcohol Awareness Month (November) District 10 will be Distributing 200 Yellow AA We Can Help Cards to RS/Clinics/ Businesses Willing to Display them. Thx to Mark Z District 3 for your Service in Organizing this. Arnie K Will be Incoming DCM 2025.

Yours In Service

Mike D, DCM District 10

#### Alt DCM report for District 12

Good day, my name is Alfred S. I am an alcoholic and the alt; DCM for District 12. We have 9 active groups. The

members of our District 12 are doing their best to carry the message of hope from each group and the Humber Wood Treatment committee volunteers that put of meetings at the Humber Wood Treatment center each week encourage the clients to attend meetings. District meetings were well attended in the past year. Our Public Information committee has a cell phone to receive local calls and is in the process of distributing pamphlets

The district is bigger with District 11 joining district 12 and we are very thankful for the help from some of its members. How ever we are down three groups in Corner Brook and Stephenville area, first the 12 Step Group our Friday night meeting that was going for 48 years, Second the First Thing First group that held their meeting on Sunday night that was going for 16 years. Third the Stephenville Crossing discussion group is no longer in operation, as Bucko N. the person who ran this group, passed away. This meeting was going for 20 plus years.

Numbers remain low at meetings; we have lost a lot of older members over the years. Very few new members staying around but we keep trying. Election held and nobody for DCM, Alt DCM, Treasure. So, I volunteered for DCM, and we have a Secretary, Brian D. I want to say a big thank you to all members in our district for their effort to keep District alive and well.

Yours in service and fellowship

Alfred S.

District 14 Report  
Area Assembly October 12, 2024  
Report prepared by: Pam Quirk, Alt DCM

We continue to try to support district and try to encourage connection with groups in the district. In an effort to make district meetings accessible we hold our district meetings monthly online. We have had attendance from Conception Bay North, St. Mary's, Placentia and Clarenville, though core attendance at district meetings are members of the district committee and 4 groups in the Conception Bay North region.

We support a meeting at local treatment center weekly on Tuesday evenings. This was put on hold during COVID and has resumed.

In an effort to support groups in the district we held an AA day in St. Mary's on June 8 which went over very well.

A new group has started in Clarenville, a Big Book Study on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The district will hold its Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 7, 2024 with AA and Alanon speakers.

We continue to work to promote and support AA throughout the district despite challenges of recruiting people to take on a service role.

Yours in service,  
Pam Q, Alt DCM  
District 14

D 17

Welcome all, I am Alcoholic, my name is Gary Oickle and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as DCM. I am a member of the Hantsport AA Group. We meet on Monday nights at 7pm, which is a 12 Promises

and 12 Step meeting. Each week we do a discussion on a Promise and the matching Step number. We also meet on Friday Night at 7pm which is also a Closed Discussion meeting on topics from the floor. We have Approx. 50 AA Members in District 17. Being a small District with groups in fairly close proximity of each other we support each other's AA group. District 17 stretches West of Mt Uniacke, exit 3 on the 101 and East of Greenwich, Exit 11 on the 101. We have 7 registered Groups in District 17 and 1 meeting. Wolfville Thursday night Group( Hybrid) , Wolfville Tuesday morning meeting, Hantsport Group Friday and Monday nights, Brooklyn Tuesday night Group, Three Mile Plains Group Wednesday night, St Croix Group Thursday and Sunday nights, Windsor Saturday night Group and Windsor Downtown morning meetings, Monday , Wednesday and Friday. Attendance has started to come back to normal since Covid and we have been getting some new members coming to the meetings.

Pete L. serves as our Alt DCM. Monique McL. serves as our Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, Tracy W. serves as our Secretary, Floyd P. is our CPC/PI Chair, Evelyn C is our Entertainment Chair, Floyd P. is currently doing our telephone answering service and Marsha P. is our literature Rep. I also am a Treatment Rep. and Bridging Gap Rep. for District 17. District 3 and 17 work jointly on putting meetings on at Crosbie House Society and Bridging the Gap for the 28 day Treatment facility.

The Provincial Round up held at Louis Millet Center in New Minas this year in June was a huge success Host committee members from District 3/17 and Alanon. Thank you to all members of the committee for a volunteer job well done. Also it would not have been a success if it was not for you, the members who attended, Thank you. The Windsor and Area Mini Round-up held in August was also a huge success and well attended. The Family Camp out at Smily's park was back this year in August and those who attended really enjoyed themselves.

It is with regret and sadness that I will report the Hantsport AA Group had 3 members pass on in July and August - Ira R., Kevin S., and Debbie F. Also the Three Mile Plains Group also lost a member Charlie S.

I want to thank the Groups and members of District 17 allowing me privilege of serving as DCM this rotation. It is with regret that I will not be letting my name stand at Area as I have health issues that can make me unavailable at any time. I am still active at the District Level. I would like to congratulate the members of District 17 in their upcoming 2-year term at District and Area level starting in Jan 25. I would like to say that being involved in AA Service over the past 35 years at Group, District and Area levels has made my journey in Sobriety much easier and I have made many new friends along the way. I hope we soon see a turnaround in people interested in AA service at all levels.

I would like to thank our Area 82 Committee and all District Committee members for their interest, support and the great work they have volunteered to do. I would 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

## **PAST DELEGATE ADDRESS**

We are very fortunate to have three past delegates in our midst today!  
Billy P 59, Tim P 67, Kirk P 69  
Thank you for your service!

**TREASURER REPORT** [see attached](#)

**Motion by Basil to accept Treasurer Report. Seconded by  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GSD Report to the 2024 Area 82 Fall Assembly**

Good day, friends, my name is Dwayne MacDonald, and I am an alcoholic. I have the honour and privilege to serve as the Panel 73 General Service Delegate for our Area 82, finishing the rotation for Gerry W., who was unable to continue after January. Since my last report at the Spring Assembly, I have continued to fulfill the duties of General Service Delegate for the Area to the best of my abilities. These duties not only included meetings with the other 92 North American Delegates, and GSO Staff and Board, but, more importantly, with the Area Committee and DCMs. I have fielded numerous calls and emails from DCMs, Groups, and individual members asking for direction, or for information. I don't always have the answer, but I do have a good working relationship with our GSO Staff member for eastern Canada, Rainer, and have gotten to know Delegates across the continent who are more than willing to help and can always find an answer. In August, myself and Anne B. attended the Eastern Canadian Regional forum in Ottawa. I drove up, and shared gas with the Area 81 Delegate. Not only did it save both Areas a couple of hundred dollars, but the time Marietta and I spent together was extremely enlightening to us both. Our Areas have very little in common in some ways that we carry out our primary purpose. But we do have a lot in common, as well. Marrietta and I talked about setting up a Service Manual workshop to run weekly for 13 weeks once or twice a year, with GSDs and Past GSDs coming in to facilitate. With Zoom, the cost will be minimal. Area 49 has a wonderful workshop on tape, and they have given us permission to utilize it. Hopefully we will have this organized and ready to go early in the new year. The Forum was amazing. It is like a mini conference, with trustees, board members, and GSO staff, and delegates, Alt GSDs and members from across Eastern Canada. Many presentations were made. I made a presentation on Love and Tolerance. Following my presentation, I facilitated a discussion on the topic. It was a great sharing session. As a part of our Area's duties at the forum, I hosted meals with members of the GSD Board. Members from Area 82 present joined us to get to know the Board Members. Michael H, Marie MacL, Kirk S, and Deb C all made the journey to Ottawa and joined us for the meals. John W. joined us for the forum on Saturday. As your GSD, I Also sit on the 2025 CERAASA Committee. The conference will be held here in Dartmouth this coming February. Registration is now open, and can be found on the Area Website under the events tab. Finally, the 74th Conference final report is available on the Area Website. I have very few paper copies available for those unable to get it online. Please come and see me during free time this weekend for a copy if you are unable to view it online. I am happy to report that the state of AA in North America is alive and well. Thank you,

Yours in Love and Service,  
Dwayne MacDonald A82 P73 General Service Delegate  
Area 82 – Interim Alt GSD Report  
Fall 2024

**INTERIM ALT GSD REPORT**

It has been my honor to serve as your Interim Alt GSD. In this role I served as the Chair for the Area 82 Active Committees. Although there was not great attendance, those who participated got to share how their districts were carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

From these share, others were able to borrow ideas and use as they are or enhance them and make

contacts in other districts. The cooperation shown by this group of people was inspirational , for example one district had an idea and the result of sharing that one idea is now four districts are all cooperating and a project is a go for November. It's wonderful to see unity in action.

Committee meetings are the last Monday of the month at 6:00 pm NS time and 7:30 NL time. Any Active Committee in Area 82 is more than welcome to attend or come along as an observer. The zoom # and meeting schedule are on the Area 82 website.

In late August, due to your confidence in me, I was able to travel to the Eastern Canada Regional Form in Ottawa. There, my commitment to service was renewed while listening to the volunteers and employees , both alcoholic and non-alcoholic! These folks are dedicated to making sure AA remains as Bill and Bob intended by carrying the message of recovery all over the world.

We learned from the US Trustee at Large, Marietta, about AA in other countries where alcohol use is strictly forbidden (which has never stopped an Alcoholic). The meetings there must be held in secret due to religious beliefs. On your next trip to Cuba – plan to attend a meeting and take AA materials with you as they are very hard for those folks to get. Fascinating information!

I also attended almost all the meetings of the planning committee for this Assembly. What a great job they have done and managed to all we needed plus more! I would like to personally thank them all for a job well done! Please help me with a round of applause for Foster, Marie, Sarah, Noelle, Pedro and Chris and the members of their committees.

One more thing I would like to point out is that in what other organization can you find volunteers who work so hard to meet the needs of others. Thank you all for your time, energy and love of AA, and for allowing me to serve as your Interim GSD.

Yours in service  
Anne B., Interim GSD  
Interim Alt. GSD

## **ACTIVE AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CPC report was given orally by Kathy. **No copy**

Area 82 2024 Fall Assembly  
Archivist Committee Report Alt-Archivist

For this quarter, Alt-Archivist has continued the duties of securing the collection at the Metro Storage Facility in Bayers Lake Industrial Park with monies provided for the year by the Treasurer January 2024. The current 2024 financial line item for travel expenses for round-up participation is at its very minimum ( \$500) where no roundups had been forecasted. There has been an invitation in Yarmouth for the annual Lighthouse Roundup. There will be an Archivist representative in attendance for this event November 1-3, 2024. The 2025 financial line item was forecasted for projected financial planning purposes, 5 roundups with travel expenses under the auspices that the inviting roundup committee pays 50% costs. This financial arrangement is in accordance with the Area 82 Archivist Guidelines. Things to think about: After Election the collection may/may not have to be moved to the area of the new Archivist Chair's location. There is no specific budget line for moving the archivist collection although it could be placed under "upkeep". If for example the newly elected archivist member lives in Yarmouth, the collection is large enough to warrant a large van rental plus fuel etc. The collection currently fills a 5 by 10-foot storage facility. Yours in love and Service Michael H. Alt-Archivist DCM District 1



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Area 82 Remote Communities Report  
Fall 2024

The purpose of a Remote Community Committee is to create awareness in the types of challenges faced by some in getting help of our program. Barriers can be geographic, language, or cultural.

My job as Chair of the Remote Communities is to form a committee to come up with shared experiences and ideas on how to help those people needing help.

So far, I don't get much interest so I am mostly on my own with some help from friends in AA. If anyone wants to start up a committee in their district, I would enjoy talking to them to begin a sharing of information. I can be reached through the Area 82 website, under contacts at the bottom of the page.

Lately, I have been working on some ideas around the cultural aspect. I am looking at a way to make info available to migrant workers. It's pretty quiet most of the time but lately I did get some questions. I recently give away my one Big Book and now I need to get some more!

I got a request about information from a person leaving a rehab in NS and going back to work to NWT.

I should mention that the IARCWG has a committee planning on 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Remote Communities form on Zoom. A flyer with more info will be sent out. The tentative date is December 1/24

Yours in Service  
Paul W.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>D01</b>	<b>8 of 24</b>	<b>D02</b>	<b>5 of 17</b>	<b>D03</b>	<b>8 of 10</b>	<b>D04</b>	<b>2 of 06</b>
<b>D05</b>	<b>0 of 06</b>	<b>D06</b>	<b>6 of 11</b>	<b>D 07</b>	<b>5 of 14</b>	<b>D08</b>	<b>2 of 09</b>
<b>D09</b>	<b>3 of 16</b>	<b>D10</b>	<b>3 of 10</b>	<b>D12</b>	<b>1 of 11</b>	<b>D12</b>	<b>1 of 11</b>
<b>D13</b>	<b>0 of 04</b>	<b>D14</b>	<b>1 of 11</b>	<b>D15</b>	<b>4 of 32</b>	<b>D16</b>	<b>0 of 08</b>
<b>D17</b>	<b>4 of 07</b>						

**TOTAL OF 53 GROUPS OUT OF 196 GROUPS** **26.53%**

<b>DCMs present</b>	<b>1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,15,17</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Area officers</b>	<b>GSD, Treas, Sec</b>	<b>03</b>

53 Groups, 3 Area Officers, 15 DCMs = 71 VOTERS including 11 ONLINE

**ELECTIONS**

Tim M., past Area 82 Delegate facilitates the election procedure.

<b>GSD Dwayne MacD</b>		<b>by Acclamation</b>
A-GSD	Ballot 1	Michael H 36 Anne B 32
	Ballot 2	Michael H 38 Anne B32
	Ballot 3	Michael H 37 Anne B 33
	Ballot 4	Michael H 35 Anne B 35

**Billy C. moved to go to a fifth ballot. Dwayne seconded MOTION FAILED**

Elected from the hat

<b>A-GSD</b>	<b>ANNE B.</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	<b>GEORGE MACL</b>	<b>by Acclamation</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>BASIL MAC L.</b>	<b>by Acclamation</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>NICK</b>	<b>by Acclamation</b>
<b>Alt Treasurer</b>		No Resumes
<b>NS. Archivist</b>	<b>KATHY S</b>	Elected 56 Tony 12

New Floor actions allowed to come at this time (should have been done at Approval of agenda but were allowed to proceed)

**FLOOR ACTIONS FOR AGENDA**

**Floor Item 1**

**Motion** by Basil MacL. seconded by Billy . to add this motion to the Agenda -  
**That monies for donation from an individual, group or district, to a standing committee in the area, should come through the Area 82 Treasurer, then dispersed by the Treasurer, to that standing committee “ This provides clarity and transparency.**  
 Discussion was had with many statements for and against

**VOTE 39 + 8 online YES 47 5 + 8 online – NO 13**  
 Minority Voice was heard.  
 Anyone like to change their vote? No  
**MOTION CARRIED - will be added to Agenda**

Basil	Michael D., since this email came through you, would you kindly bring the Area’s answer back to your district.
Michael	Yes

**Floor Item 2**

Mark Z Right now, the Area Guidelines states that:  
 “It is in the scope of the Area Treasurer’s role, to actively investigate and present to the Area Committee for approval, and implement any operational efficiencies available to aid the

friction free running of the Area finances handling i.e. dual signature, digital banking, debit transfers etc. “

**MOTION** To have the Area Treasurer investigate the above.  
**VOTE** 48 YES 0 AGAINST  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 1 District 6  
Consider bringing back AA Service Weekends

We request that bringing back AA service weekends be on the Agenda for discussion at this Fall Assembly. Many members remember these weekends as a place to bring service sponsees and others interested in service. At our last Assembly, it was noted that we only had 25 groups represented. Why is attendance so low? Are we doing something different than we used to? Many members talked about these weekends as a unifying experience, with numerous people standing for the same positions rather than nobody standing at all. We request that this item be added to the Agenda under

Stephen My district feels now that we made a hasty decision in bringing this forward and would now like to remove it from the agenda. We would like more time to review and possibly re-submit at a later date.

**Motion to remove from Agenda – seconded by Laura.**

**VOTE FOR 45 + 6 = 51 AGAINST**

Minority Voice was heard.

**RE-VOTE FOR 12 + 5 = 17 AGAINST 38**

**MOTION DEFEATED** - This stays on Agenda for discussion.

Discussion Billy explained -  
The service weekend was a weekend at the end of May when we all got to know each other. We all met face to face and new people in service had a chance to meet and discuss items with people in the service structure. Now, we are not meeting like this and the new people in service are not getting the exposure and training they need to do a god job.

Pam I am not against having service weekends back, but I feel the lack of involvement is much more complex than just the lack of service weekends. In Newfoundland, we have been two years trying to get people involved again, through online meetings. I don't think that bringing back service weekends is going to make a great difference in bringing our participation numbers back up.

George Just a reminder to everyone – Service weekends are not voting weekends. They are a means of bringing topics forward for discussion, and an opportunity for teaching and learning.

Gary One of the reasons we stopped doing the service weekends was that we had to wait a whole year to vote on anything coming forward. The other reason was as a money saver for the groups. It has not proven to be better on ZOOM because of the poor attendance shown. I think we need to bring back service weekends so we can see items to be voted on and discuss them at length. That way, we are all informed before we come to Assembly, and we'd spend a

lot less time discussing when we are at Assembly.

- Mark Z. I was a huge supporter of Zoom Assembly weekends, but I was wrong. They are not working. I am OK to admit that I was wrong on this, and I hope people consider bringing back the service weekends.
- Dwayne When we had our service weekends, there was no rush to get anything passed. GSRs and Delegates, DCMs all sat together and discussed those things which were on the agenda for the Fall Assembly. When we arrived for the assembly in the Fall, the items had already been hashed out and we were prepared to vote. We came to assembly with much more knowledge and much less time was spent asking questions and discussing issues. We had more involvement of the GSRs because they had been in on the discussions. I am very much in favor of bringing back the service weekends.
- Monique Gary put forward a proposal re doing a hybrid Spring Assembly meeting because of the delays last year. Why couldn't Nova Scotia meet in Truro or Halifax, and Newfoundland meet somewhere in Newfoundland, and meet online together? If we did it that way and a vote was necessary, then that could be done. We could still have the camaraderie and still get business done. Kind of a hybrid Service weekend and Assembly pertaining to each province.
- Samaira GSR Second Chance – The service weekends we had in Truro were at the residence of the college there – we were together all weekend, eating, meeting, sleeping and smoking! The opportunity to break bread together and ask questions, and discussing thing was so useful! If you have never been to a service weekend -- please vote so you can experience that!
- Steven Let's gather more information – there is no need to make a decision here today. Let us take time to talk to our groups and make sure we're making the right call.
- Pam I agree we should be in person, if we can be! Our challenge is geographic...We might need to implement a hybrid in Newfoundland/Labrador.
- Chair The weekend has paid for itself by way of a registration fee, room rental, and meal package. Please take this back to your groups for consideration. The motion was to consider bringing back the service weekends.
- Gary I think if we wait until the Spring Assembly to vote on this issue, we are making a big mistake. We have more of a group conscience here today than we've had in a long time. Seconded by
- Motion: That we take the Spring Assembly away and we return to service weekends, leaving it up to each province how they would like to conduct their own. Seconded by
- Michelle GSR Back to Basics  
I haven't discussed this with my group so it would be tough for me to vote on this without doing so. I feel it needs to go back to the groups in order to get a conscience of the groups.
- Mike Actually mine was the district asking for us to hit the pause button on this, because we didn't

have enough information and couldn't make an informed decision. The history is that we started doing spring assemblies so we could be more responsive to what was coming out of GSO. Also, the venue we had back then may not be available or affordable to us now. Let's do some research and see if we can find a place that's viable. I suggest we hit pause and do more research.

- Nicole Hi, I'm an Alternate GSR and this is my first assembly. If we'd have had a service weekend, then I might have understood what was going on in this room half the time. I am filling in for my GSR and it's a blessing. I'm very passionate about this program – it saved my life and my family! From what I know, the service weekends were very informative for new GSRs  
I want to be able to say "Come to this service weekend and explore with me! Let's figure out where we want to be in service!"
- Laura I was looking at the number from the last 4 years we had service weekends – the attendance was 121, 108, 111, and 115. That is more people than we have participating this weekend. I think it shows that we should be having our service weekends again.
- Trudy Permission to speak?  
I want to bring up a point of information. The next two assemblies are in NL. So those groups who are having trouble sending their GSRs to a service weekend and an assembly.
- Billy I'd like to speak on the motion. Anybody who is questioning themselves as to whether they should make a decision for their group – This was an agenda item which all the groups had gotten. They all knew it would be coming to the floor. As trusted servants, when we attend AA assemblies, our groups have trusted us to make a decision for them.
- Michelle I understand that, but this was not presented as a motion – it was a discussion topic. The district that brought it forward asked for more time to present a more comprehensive picture, and that is what I told my group. My group didn't want the service weekend back. I would like to know more – I don't understand the implications.
- MOTION That we take the Spring Assembly away and we return to service weekends, leaving it up to each province how they would like to conduct their own. Seconded by**
- VOTE FOR 52 AGAINST**
- Minority voice was heard
- Michelle More investigation is needed
- Marie My group willing to discuss more but is a no on the info we have
- Steven More time to investigate NEEDED
- Monique The proposal says "CONSIDER bringing back the service weekends. I love the service weekends but like Mike mentioned "could we get the AC again, whatever...I think we need more investigation. It's only a year that we have to wait.
- Chair Does anyone want to change their vote? No  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- Chair I think a committee should be struck to investigate going back to Service Weekends. The motion was to stop having the Spring Assembly and start having service weekends, but it did not give a timeline when we would do this.

Gary I put the motion on the floor. We have seven months, almost eight months to figure it out between now and May. I think the full intention of this floor was to expect that we would see this happen in the spring.

Steven DCM 6 – Re your motion – I wonder if we’ve made a grave error. There was a motion from District 7 in old business. District 7 requested it be removed, and it was removed. We did not vote that this item be removed. It was just removed because they requested it. Now, when I requested to remove ours, we had to vote to have it removed. I don’t understand, and I want to know what the difference was between the two?

**Linda D07** requested District 7 motion that there be no more than three (3) corrections to the Area Guidelines in any one assembly, from the Agenda. Seconded by

Billy Question? When was District 7 motion removed?  
 Chair It was removed tonight.  
 Billy Sorry, I didn’t hear it. The thing is – if we already accepted the agenda, then we should have accepted it as written. If this had come up before we accepted them, and we wanted something removed then maybe we’d have a leg to stand on, but....we have already voted to accept the agenda as presented.

Pam Clarify – Point of Order  
 There was a motion to consider re-introduction of service weekends. That was the motion that was brought forward, but the OTHER motion came from the floor without us ever considering voting on the first motion. This is a point of order – we need to think about what we did. We allowed a second motion without ever dealing with the first motion.

Dwayne The topic that was brought to the floor was not a motion. It was an agenda item to be added to the agenda. This agenda item was being discussed when the motion was made by Gary. There was never a motion from District 6. The only motion on this item is the motion brought to the floor by Gary.

Tracy GSR Hantsport – These motions were distributed to everyone in my group, we discussed it and voted in favor of it. It is unfair for the district to bring it forward and then to pull it down. It should be voted on whether it is withdrawn or not..

Chair But District 7 motion should have been voted on . But it came from Old Business (minutes of the last assembly)

Tracy I just want to ensure that it doesn’t get withdrawn without a vote.  
 Chair It won’t

Mark DCM 3 - Yes, we voted to approve the agenda, but then we blew that out of the water and we allowed someone to come in after roll call. So the agenda kind of went haywire. So can’t say that we are following the agenda now, when we didn’t follow it earlier. We have got to make up our mind one way or the other.

Chair **Linda DCM 7 moved that the agenda item proposed by District 7 that states there should be no more than three (3) changes to the Area Guidelines at any one assembly be removed from the Agenda Seconded by Steven.**

Monique I see empty chairs and I think if all people are not back, we won’t have an accurate vote. Should we take the Roll Call again??

Chair No.  
**VOTE FOR 38 + 10 AGAINST**  
**MOTION PASSED** – The Agenda item will be removed.

**Item 2 – District 6**

Proposed agenda item - Deadlines for receipt of items for Assembly

must be in by midnight February 1<sup>st</sup> for Spring Assembly and July 1<sup>st</sup>. for Fall Assembly. If your group is putting forth items for the assembly they need to be to the Chair by these dates.

Trudy If we do not have a Spring Assembly, this means that all of the agenda items for the Fall Assembly will have to be in before we have the service weekend. (so, February 1)

Steven The reason for putting this in is because we felt it better to have an exact date when agenda items are due. The dates could be changed as we discuss this. We felt it was important for the area conscience to discuss the matter.

Chair Yes, but as Trudy just said, if we are having a service weekend in the spring, all the motions would have to be in before said service weekend. So that deadline date won't work.

Steven True. But we felt it better to have an exact date. We can change that date to any date we want.

Michelle I wonder if it would work if we used February 1 for the service weekend or Spring Assembly and July 1 for the Fall Assembly. We would have to decide at service weekend what would be submitted for the Fall Assembly, right?

Mary Just so I understood....At the NS service weekend, the DCMs & GSRs voted on what was going forward to the Fall Assembly. Is that correct?

Trudy Past Delegate What happened at the service weekend is that any agenda items that were coming to the floor at the Fall Assembly were discussed. When we talk about having service weekends again, many people said they wanted to have them again so they could have the discussion, and better understand what they were voting on in the Fall. So, the agenda items have to have a date that is going to be out to give groups time to see them and discuss them before the service weekend. These are the items which will be on the floor for a vote at the Fall Assembly. No additional items will be brought to Assembly, unless they are brought up as floor actions.

Chair Would a deadline of February 1 give ample time for the groups to discuss and give feedback to DCMs?

Trudy As long as the incoming Chairperson has the agenda out a couple of months before the service weekend. The last six service weekends were held the first weekend of June. The NL service weekend was held the last weekend in May.

Marie Acceptance Group – My group felt there was way too much time before assembly to talk about items. My group would prefer to have agenda items brought to them closer to the assembly. We would need to talk about the items in April, after having met at Assembly u October. Then we're going to spend between April and Spring assembly/service weekend. We need between April and October to talk about motions. I get that we need time to take it back to our groups, but I feel this is not being efficient or tight with timelines. I would like to see the Spring assembly a bit later.

- Gary D 17 – If February 28 was the deadline for agenda items. The DCMs meet April 1, GSRs are welcome to sit in on that meeting to listen. Probably some of those agenda items will be discussed then. Then, GSRs have information to bring back to groups. More information will be available at the service weekend, to update groups again. There’s lots of opportunity to talk about the items. February 1<sup>st</sup> date rushes things to get items in.
- Michelle Just a question since I’ve never been to a service weekend....would we get all the Fall assembly items February 1<sup>st</sup>, for both NS and NL, so we could review all items in advance?
- Chair Probably by the end of February rather than the first of February. March 1 sounds even better. There would be an Area Officers meeting in April, and service weekend in May, where information would be shared on items. Then bring back to groups and all will be well informed at the Fall Assembly.
- Nick D 15 – Has the motion been amended to March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for items for Fall Assembly? Can we vote on that?

**MOTION** Nick moved  
**That all agenda items for Fall Assembly be to the Chairperson by midnight March 1.**  
**Monique seconded.**  
**VOTE 48 YES 4 NO**

**Minority Voice**

Marie My group feels it is too early to start talking about things for the Fall Assembly. We don’t know anything about a service weekend. It seems not organized enough for me, so I vote against.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 3 – District 3**

Mark Issue: Lack of a safeguard for Area 82 in the event one of the Area Committee is unavailable for an event or is unable to complete their term.

Background: With the recent resignation of Committee members, Area 82 found itself with several vacant roles. At the 2024 Spring Assembly, a motion to elect an Alternate Treasurer was approved. Following this example, electing an Alternate for each Area Committee Member will allow the smooth operation of Area 82 business if one of the Committee is unable to attend an event or is unable to complete their current term. The Alternate would be able to step in, having gained some experience with the role, allowing for a smooth continuation of proceedings..

**Motion:** **by Mark Z., DCM 3, seconded by AI G.**  
**We propose that Alternate Service roles be elected for all Area Committee positions at the next Fall Assembly, Halifax, 2024.**  
 The responsibilities of the Alternate would be duplicate to the primary Committee Member as outlined in the Area 82 Guidelines.

Stipulations:

- a) Alternate roles are for training and to gain experience, understood to be back-up roles only.
- b) Alternates are not voting members unless they are filling in for the primary Committee member.
- c) Extra funds are not needed. When called to fill in, Alternates will use the same funds budgeted for the Committee Member in the primary role
- d) Filling vacated positions on an interim basis will occur at an Area Officer / DCM meeting until

the next Assembly.

e) Alternates are not assumed to automatically step into any role. Electing suitable candidates to fill any role remains the responsibility of the voting body.

f) Any member, including the Alternate, is eligible to let their name for a primary role if a Committee Member steps down.

Several roles are currently vacant. Alternate roles may be more appealing as they may provide a better understanding of the role before someone is comfortable enough to submit a resume for a primary role.

Area 82 currently has an Alternate General Service Delegate and recently approved the election of an Alternate Treasurer.

The new positions to be created and open for election would be:

- 1) Alternate Chair
- 2) Alternate Secretary / Registrar
- 3) Alternate Webmaster
- 4) Alternate Archivist for each province
- 5) Alternate Remote Communities

- Dwayne GSD I appreciate where this is coming from. We did have a very bad rotation with regard to turnover. Gerry got sick, then Jocelyn got sick. This is not the first time this has happened. We amended the Guidelines to cover if somebody was unable to fulfill the position. It used to be that the other area officers would fill in. We altered it to say that if someone cannot fulfill their role, then we can call a meeting of DCMs and Area Officers and elect an interim to fill that position, until the next assembly when a new person would be elected. We agreed to have an alternate treasurer – we brought it to an election and we did not have anyone willing to step up. If we add six more alternate positions that we can't fill. At this point in time, I would have to vote against this.
- Gary I am neither for or against, but I would suggest that the alternates be living in close proximity to those people doing the job.
- George I am in a puzzle, while I appreciate the input from both gents. Last night we talked a lot about succession planning. I was asked after I was elected chair "what about succession planning, what about the alternate chair?" I support the role of alternates for succession planning, so there might be a seamless transition. If a position goes unfilled, then I say it's up to me to find an alternate chair, who can be presented at the spring meeting. My role for the next year and a half, is to train that person to take over from me.
- Marie Acceptance Group – my group agreed with this motion. This should be amended so elections would be held at Fall Assembly 2025.
- Monique Windsor Sat Night – we couldn't get an Alt treasurer – where will we find alternates for all these positions?
- Basil We would need to be taking GSRs to find alternates – what we really should be seeing are DCMs stepping into these positions. GSRs might be fine in these positions, but would we want GSRs with no experience to fill them?
- Sandy First we need to get people interested in service again! Nobody stepping up!
- Mark Some positions will not be filled, it's true. My answer would be Hope, positivity and responsibility!
- Pam Only two elections today – all others by acclamation. How are we looking for sponsorship in service work??

Michelle My group supported the motion. Would like the word 'elected' be changed to 'established'  
Tonight I asked how did the DCM 3 get 8 out of 10 GSRs at this conference?? He harassed us!  
Responsibility to encourage and train!

Kathleen I would not jump into a position without doing an alternate position first, in order to learn.

**Mark We propose that Alternate Service roles be elected for all Area Committee positions at the next Fall Assembly 2025**

**VOTE 47 OPPOSED**  
**MOTION DEFEATED**

Mark **We propose that Alternate Service roles be elected for all Area Committee positions at the next Fall Assembly 2026. Seconded by Michael H.**

Billy Why not just have the DCMs be the alternates?

**VOTE 29 FOR 18 AGAINST**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### Item 4 – District 3

Regarding Registration fees for AA Zoom only events.  
Mark asked to withdraw his district's motion based on new information.  
**WITHDRAWN**

#### Item 5 by Marie MacL

Motion to Update Webmaster Guidelines July 04, 2024  
Submitted by: Marie M.– Area 82 Webmaster with the support of the Area 82 Committee  
Subject: Proposal to Update Webmaster Guidelines

Marie asked to remove this item and table it until the next Assembly.  
Motion to table was carried.

#### BUDGET 2025



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Marie a) I would like to talk about the Fall Assembly and Zoom. I can work from my living room as the webmaster. I want to be clear that it is not my responsibility as webmaster. I am on the Assembly host committee, and I helped out today in that capacity. For the Fall Assembly next year (hybrid),

b) you will need to ensure that you have a technical person to make that happen. I don't believe any proposal came forward to recommend how we might do a hybrid format. This is why there was an assessment this time around. It was the host committee who put together the technology to run this hybrid meeting, it was not the webmaster.

c) Also, the zoom account is in the budget as the Chair's responsibility – does setting up the technology for the hybrid meeting fall to the Chair?

I would also like to say that I love my job in service, both as webmaster and as GSR for my group. I took great care in preparing a Webmaster Report for this assembly, and I was not asked to read it. I am also very aware of some of the comments made online earlier. I take to heart when someone uses language such as 'ego-driven', and work to balance that. I want to share with the assembly all of the data I have gathered since becoming webmaster, but I do want to check my ego! I should have put my hand up to say that there is a Webmaster Report.

Dwayne Thank you for your service, Marie. Usually, the ADCM presents all the reports. We were amiss in failing to realize that your report was not read.

Chair Please accept my utmost apology for the oversight, Marie. If you would, we would like you to present your report at this time, so that it will be added to the Assembly Minutes.

Gary D 17 Yesterday we made a motion to ensure that line in the Area Guidelines that the Area 82 Guidelines would not supersede the Service Manual. It was to be brought to the Spring Assembly – since we are now not having a Spring Assembly, I would like to make a note that it be brought to the Fall Assembly 2025. This is so it doesn't get lost.

Foster I would like to say thank you to all on behalf of the host committee. Thank you for keeping is sober this past seven months. Anything we do in service of AA enhances our sobriety. We need to put this building back to the way we found it, so anyone who can, please help us to clean up after ourselves.

Chair At this time we will have the Webmaster's Report (attached)



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Thank you, Marie, and again, please accept my apologies for forgetting to ask for your report. Thank you for all you have done for me in preparing for this assembly. I will ensure your report is included in future agendas.

Foster Our committee will be forwarding all unused supplies (lanyards, posters, etc) to the next Provincial Roundup committee.

Chair Ask it basket – one question.  
How do we encourage people to get over the fear of service, for positions in the AA structure.

George My sponsor said "stand at the door and welcome people in" – Just start small! Get involved!  
Monique The return of the Service Weekends will help a lot, because Alt DCMs and DCMs come together.

Steven Get a service sponsor, to walk you through the service structure.

Marie Attraction not promotion – yes, but I feel it's up to me to encourage others and to send a positive message about being in service. I replace "I have to do this" with "I GET to do this!"

Jay Encouragement from the people in service that I am capable!

Nicole I started by setting up and taking down; then as secretary, then as alt GSR. My sponsor is active in service – I want to be like her, and I want to HAVE what she has!

Gerry Don't just read to your sponsees from the service manual....take them with you when doing service! Show them!

Dwayne My first sponsor is sitting at the other end of this table. She took me with her to the district meeting. I had no idea what a service meeting was, but when I left there that day, I had the job of doing a monthly newsletter for our district. I stayed active at district and area to this day. Service to AA is a vital part of my sobriety. Service is giving back to the program that saved my life. A service sponsor is just your sponsor in service, who will teach you the traditions and concepts, and warranties. That's how we get it and that's how we pass it on.

Billy Getting people involved is ok, but you need to EXPLAIN to the person what their duties are? IE The Grapevine Rep in a group is the Alt GSR....did you know that?

Gary When I came and got involved in service. I couldn't even get up to read. I have ADD, no confidence. Encouragement from the people in the rooms helped my and convinced me that I can learn, and I can serve.

Marie **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Final meeting closed with the Responsibility Clause.