

Area 82 Spring Assembly 2024
May 24-26, 2024

The meeting opened at 9:00 am, May 25 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Anne B. chairing.

Welcome to the Annual Assembly! Firstly, we have some housekeeping to talk about.

1. Breakout Room

For the safety of everyone, we will have a 'breakout' room. If anyone decides to use foul language or inappropriate behavior, they will be sent to the 'breakout' room to cool off. First offence, 2 minutes, second offence, 5 minutes, and third offence – removed from assembly.

2. Timer

We will operate a timer. Each person has 2 minutes to speak. When 2 minutes are up, the speaker will be muted. If you wish to speak a second time, you will have 1 minute.

3. Voting Members

If you are a voting member, please rename yourself putting a "1" in front of your name, and indicate which group you are representing. If you are not a voting member, please rename yourself and put a "2" in front of your name. If you leave the room, then you will need to rename yourself again.

I want to thank all for coming to the workshop last night. It was an excellent presentation, and we all learned a lot.

Introduction: Chair, Anne B.	GSD, Dwayne M	Treasurer, Basil M
Sec. Deb C.	D1, Michael H.	D2, Bernie S.
D3, Mark Z.	D4 absent	D5
D6, Steven	D7, Linda	D7
D8	D9, Monty	D10
D12	D13	D14
D15, Nick	D16, absent	D17, Gary O

12 Traditions were ready by Jocelyn B., Aylesford Group.

Sympathies: Remembering those who have passed away since our last assembly.

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| Mark Z: District 3 | Kingston 12 Step Group – Nancy B.
Kingston 12 Step Group – Beckham S.
Bridgetown Group – Leon C.
Cambridge Fellowship – Carole K.
Berwick Group – Wayne J.
Kentville Group – Scott V.
Annapolis Group – Wallace M. |
| Steven: District 6 | David M. regular at Hubtown Group |
| Gary: District 17 | recognize all members in Area 82 who lost their battle with addiction |
| Linda: District 7 | Westville Easy Does it Group – Bernie M.
Westville Easy Does It Group – Dorothy C.
Westville Easy Does it Group – Bob L.
Westville Easy Does it Group – John K.
New Glasgow How Group – Danny B.
New Glasgow How Group – Earl Mac |
| Arnie: District 10 DCM | Bob H. |

Thank you all for your service and we hope you are enjoying the big meeting in the sky!

Mission statement ready by Marie, GSR

Minutes

Minutes from previous assembly were sent out and should have been read before this assembly.

Errors or Omissions:

1. Marie H. should have been Marie M.
2. Gary O – there is a motion in the minutes which was tabled to this assembly. Do we discuss this now?

Chair I would suggest that it go on this agenda. What is that motion?

Gary I believe the motion was from Steven.

Steven This was an ad-hoc committee that was formed to review the possibility of making every Spring Assembly a hybrid meeting instead of Virtual meeting only. The motion was made by Junior, DCM District 11/12. It was brought as a floor action and discussed.

Chair I thought that motion was defeated.

Marie Peggy from Halifax agreed to chair a committee to gather information re Spring Assembly being Hybrid and report back. The motion was carried. (right before seed money for Provincial Roundup)

Chair I do not believe that happened.

Marie Then I believe it needs to be an item for the agenda.

Chair Is Peggy present with us today? No. Ok, if she is not here, then we cannot do anything with it today.

3. Steven – District 3 – Floor Action 4 – It was not even a floor action. It was on the agenda and should not have been listed as a floor action. I forwarded the information to Deb so she is aware of it – it needs to be noted as an error.

Steven **Motion by Steven** to accept the minutes of the previous assembly with the above-noted errors or omissions.

Seconded by Michael H.

VOTE 24 YES 0 NO

MOTION CARRIED

Dwayne suggested we go through voting procedures. Some were having trouble using electronic hands. Dwayne took time to explain “reactions” on bottom of screen which includes green x and red check. If you cannot find x’s or checks, please let us know and we will be aware of that when voting is taking place.

Motion by Michael H., seconded by Joan to accept the Agenda as presented.

Gary O Moved, seconded by Dwayne, that this be added as a floor action:

Replacement of statement in the Guidelines - preface pg. 3 “furthermore, this document is in no way to be a replacement to the AA service manual.

VOTE: 30 YES 0 NO

MOTION CARRIED

Mark moved, seconded by Dwayne that Motion # 3, from District 3, be added to Agenda after the elections

VOTE 28 Yes 2 No

Minority voice - none

MOTION CARRIED

Proposed Floor Action:

Floor actions.

Gary moved 2nd Dwayne, to add to the agenda about the guidelines, missing “these do not supersede the guidelines” section has been removed without area approval and wants it added back. passed unanimously to add to the agenda.

Mark motion Dwayne 2nd to add amend agenda, that district 3 motion goes before the elections as this result may change the requirement on the elections. Passed unanimously to move this forward.

Dwayne made a motion, to add an item, about bringing a GSO guest to the assembly. Michael H, 2nd, discussion as follows. To Provide funding of the line item left unfunded in the 2024 Area 82 budget for our GSO Guest to attend the Fall Assembly in person.

1. Our GSO guest not only attends our conference every year to bring the human face to our Area that makes GSO more than a big, non-human entity in New York, but it also gives a conduit of our Area back to the GSO. We are a map, and names on screens and paper to GSO, except for a very few people over the years who have had the privilege to serve the Area as delegate. Our GSO guest brings the personal knowledge of our Area and our members back with them.

2. The GSO Guest is the person who conducts the Area Elections at assembly, except for the first post-Covid Assembly in Sydney, when they couldn't enter the country.
3. We are not 100% sure how well the hybrid meeting is going to go. Area 82 is working on a better platform than we had last year, but it's still an uncertainty until such time as the kinks are worked out.

4. I therefore propose the following floor action:

That funding be made available, either from miscellaneous funds budgeted, or the prudent reserve, or both, to cover the cost of our GSO Guest attending the 2024 Fall Assembly in person, and that the removal of this item be revisited when we have a proven working hybrid model for our Fall Assemblies.

There was much discussion regarding this issue.

VOTE 17 Yes 12 No

Minority voice – yes

RE-VOTE 12 Yes 19 No

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Mark, seconded by Dwayne to approve the Agenda

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED - AGENDA APPROVED

DCM REPORTS

District 1 Report Spring Assembly 2024
District Committee Member Michael H.

Area 82 Executives, DCM's, GSR's and Guests,
District 1 has been seeking an Alt-DCM, Alt-Treasurer since January 2023. We've also been searching for an Archivist for Area 82 that resides specifically in District 1 due to the guideline requirements. The guidelines state that the archivist collection shall stay in the area of where the Archivist is located. The collection is currently being held in HRM, and no move of the collection would be required if the 'new' Archivist came from HRM which includes District 2. Please consider.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community): CPC members reported on the organizations that were researched to reach out to during the month; YWCA, JHS, Laing House, YMCA, & Hawthorne House. PI and CPC are in the process of planning a workshop at Club 24, Feedback is ongoing. Outcomes to be revealed next quarter 2024.

CORRECTIONS: Chair is looking into when AA can go back to putting on meetings, the current communication has suggested a daytime meeting, but further discussion and clarification needs to take place. Once the Chair has updated info, it will be passed on. (meetings at the facility still not allowed at this time)

ENTERTAINMENT: Things are going well. There was a Spring dance on April 20th at the Woodlawn United Church in Dartmouth. It was a success! Chair's plan is to have an event every month or at least every second month if possible. Next on the list of events will be a Meditation afternoon focused on the Prayer and Meditation example in Step 11 to be held hopefully at Club 24.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Chair has been busy visiting members in hospital. These visits are morale lifting in a place that can be lonely for the alcoholic in recovery.

LITERATURE: Continues to provide a critical function for Districts 1 and 2. At times books are sold outside those aforementioned Districts.

NEWSLETTER: Chair continues to remind that meeting notices / updates should be sent to both the Webmaster (Webmaster.aahalifax@gmail.com) and the Newsletter (Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com) to ensure your message is communicated to the AA community. Newsletter submissions for all months must be submitted to Newsletter.aahalifax@gmail.com by the 25th of the month to allow for administration procedures prior to release.

MID-WINTER ROUND-UP: The 2025 MWRU holds its Committee Meetings at club 24. Their positions are slowly being filled. It has been determined that the Delta will be the venue as it was for 2024.

District 1's next workshop is Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare SMF-209 being held at 6pm May 29, 2024 on zoom. Our Guest speaker will be Samaira G. This is an important subject to discuss in the open rather than small inner circles. Safety is everyone's responsibility and right.

NS Archives: Continues to be stored in the Halifax area. Support Funding has been reported to the

Treasurer in accordance with the Financial Guidelines page 17/18
https://area82aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Version-6_Oct-31st-2023.pdf. Area 82 actively seeks
NS Archive Chair for 2024/25
Yours in Love and service
Michael H. DCM 1

DCM Report
Spring 2024

My name is Bernie S., and I am DCM for District 2.

Overall, our district is doing well. There are 16 groups. Most of those groups are meeting in person, though we do have a few still on zoom and at least one is now a hybrid meeting. Almost all of our groups have a GSR and failing that, there is group contact so we can keep them informed on matters which affect them. I had noticed that Fellowship Connection had 4 groups in District 2 with unknown status. I knew that at least 2 of those groups were active and after about a week, we were able to change the status to active. The other 2 groups have not responded to any of my hails, so their status remains unknown. I have also notified all the GSRs that once they hold an election, if the GSR or Group Contact changes, they should notify me or the Area Registrar so that the problem does not keep happening.

There continues to be a vacancy on our committee. We do not have a district secretary. In the interim, I have taken on secretarial duties, so we are getting through it. Currently we have a vacancy for Alt DCM, ours had to resign due to heavy workload. Someone has expressed an interest so we are just waiting until he can be properly elected.

A few weeks past, with help of Central Service Chair, I set up a meeting at 902 Man Up Homeless Shelter on Windmill Road, Dartmouth. The meeting will be for the benefit of those living at the shelter and I am encouraging other members to help me put on the meeting, so they are receiving shares from a variety of individuals. Currently, the meeting is for male, female, or gender diverse persons.

Districts 1&2 will be hosting the Fall Assembly this year and although it is still in the planning stages, it looks like it will be a great weekend.

One of the oldest groups in the district, my home group, the Sunrise Group, will hold its 60th Anniversary as a group on July 23 at the Woodlawn United Church, 54 Woodlawn Road, Dartmouth. This will be an open meeting at 7:30.

I attend all district meetings, as well as workshops, and I even try to attend the Area 82 Active Committee meeting held on the last Monday of each month at 6:00 pm Atlantic, 6:30 pm NL. Lately, there hasn't been much attendance at that meeting which I find disheartening. But the struggle against apathy in service work is not something I am unfamiliar with. Being DCM has been a time-consuming role and there is always something to do, but I have found service of any kind to be a rewarding way to serve the fellowship and the god of my understanding.

District 3 DCM report 2024 Spring Assembly

One of the groups in District 3 has failed to reopen post Covid, leaving us with 10 active groups.

A couple of the groups are experiencing low attendance. I have faith this will change in the days moving forward.

District 3 has experienced an issue with a disruptive member. The group involved was provided with documentation from G.S.O. on how to handle the situation, and we thank other Area Officers and the Executive for their input. Hopefully through an informed group conscience this situation will be resolved.

Despite these issues, District 3 remains strong. Monthly meetings are well attended, and the input and topics discussed indicate that our GSRs and groups are well engaged. We hold 15 meetings per week and there is not a night a meeting can't be found in the beautiful Annapolis Valley. We have recently enjoyed a few birthday celebrations with well over 50 people in attendance.

District 3 remains financially secure, being able to support our Trusted Servants with their service responsibilities.

We are hoping to see a large turnout for the 2024 Provincial Round-up, hosting duties shared with District 17. The event will be at the Louis Millet Centre in New Minas on the weekend of June 7, 8, and 9.

At our monthly meetings, we have started sharing the message — this is an election year for your group and the District. Encourage members to get involved. Once this two-year term is complete, we want to keep our groups and District 3 healthy and strong. Let's plan for the next two years of service. That is part of our responsibility.

I am grateful for the support I receive from the GSRs and groups in the District. Representing District 3 as DCM has been one of the highlights of my recovery.

In service
Mark Z
DCM, District 3

**AREA 82, DISTRICT 4 DCM REPORT
to the 2024 AREA 82 N.S. / N.L. Spring Assembly
May 24th – 26th, 2024**

Good morning, my name is Al Gaudet and I am the DCM for District 4.

I was unable to attend the Spring Zoom Assembly due to scheduling conflict. I did inform the Chair that I would not be able to attend.

District 4 consists of 6 groups in Southwest Nova Scotia ranging from Amirault's Hill southeast of Yarmouth to Digby. Group populations

We have begun to see an increase in numbers coming to the meetings since the COVID period though the total number of registered members remains at approximately 65 members.

Our real issue is getting folks into Service Work. At District I do not have an alternate and we are minus some positions. At the group level we are lucky to have 3 GSR's and the rest of the groups sometime send representatives. There are no other positions in each of these groups so if you do have a GSR they would be doing most of the lifting. The other issue we have noticed is the low number of women at our meetings and also the low number of folks between 5 and 20 years sober. There seems to be a nice number of younger sobriety and there is a large number of older sobriety.

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

The Lighthouse Roundup is being organized and we will be having a 3-day event Nov 1-3 back at The Grand Hotel in Yarmouth. We will put the flyer on the events calendar on Area 82 web site.

We have had 8-10 folks apply for the jail. I was told that a few folks have already got their clearance and have started doing meetings.

I have had an excellent Executive to work with and we do have a lot of fun while trying to do the work of AA.

We feel as a District we have to get back to basic AA. Don't drink and work with others through meetings and service work and with that in mind we do plan on putting on a Service Seminar in September. The last Service Seminar was almost 20 years ago.

Yours in Service,
Al G.

**District 6 DCM Report, Spring
Virtual 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 Home group is the Sunday Morning Breakfast Group which meets every Sunday at 11am. Within our district we have 10 active groups and a meeting. All within a small area covering from Schubencadie, Truro, Bible Hill and north to Tatamagouche. We have 1 online group that meets twice a week and the other 9 groups meet in person. Several times a month there are a few meetings held at the Eagles Nest Recovery House close to Schubencadie. At Christmas we had a 4 day alcathon, with the doors open for many hours of the day and night, with most groups participating with time slots to hold meetings, we had great laughs, food and some magnificent fellowship. Again this year we have a roundup committee, which formed at the beginning of the year and are working hard in the background to get a roundup again this year and to end it with some fellowship and games. Flyer and details are available on the area website. Our district 6 meeting list is always in review checking for updates and changes that affect groups. Making sure fellowship connection is updated and records at the General Service Office as well as all other A.A entities being constantly updated and checked. Our 24 hour helpline we have set up is very active, with a helpline staff of professionals screening calls and diverting calls to alcoholics nearby ready to answer 12 step calls or just simply offer a chat or share information on up to meetings within our local area. At the beginning of the year we began to have public service announcements on our 2 local radio stations. Groups are participating and working with our Pi/cpc Chair, who has been working very hard getting packages together for doctors. These packages include a few items for the Medical professional to help understand what we do and then there is an env lope for the doctor to pass onto possible prospects that may have a problem with alcohol. Inside this envelope are a few pamphlets "What is

AA” “ a newcomer asks”, “a meeting list” with our helpline number and a “small letter from an AA member” just for the identification purposes. Many groups are participating by individuals who wish to take packages to their doctors. On this subject NS 211 helpline and our district just recently were in touch, just to clarify we had the proper details of contact. District 6 is in the process of developing a website for our local area. We believe this will be a great benefit in finding us easier. As well as this we still have our district newsletter available monthly and available on the area website and district email address. We still continue to have our monthly District Committee meeting on the third Sunday of each month.

Yours in Service
Steven D, DCM D6

DCM District 7 REPORT
MAY 2024

My name is Linda Weeks, I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving District 7 as DCM. My home group is Westville Easy Does It Group, Westville, NS. We meet Wednesday and Saturday nights at 8pm. District 7 consists of 14 active groups from Antigonish County, Guysborough County, Pictou County as well as the Port Hawkesbury Group. This July the New Glasgow How Group will be celebrating 79 years of keeping the doors open. They are one of the oldest groups around. The Steps We Took Group, Big Book Open Discussion Group, changed its meeting time to Fridays at 12noon from 7pm.

District 7 as four different committees:

1. CPC/PI.....Mary O.
2. Detox.....Jim M.
3. Correction....Jon S.
4. Newsletter....Jane M.

All the groups in District 7 are holding their own, with attendance at the meetings being between 15 to 35 people with more at open meetings. There are Zoom meetings every day at 10am, closed discussion and 6pm, open speaker. District 7 is very much keeping the doors open and holding their own. I am still receiving quite a few phone calls from people looking for meetings or their family members looking for help for them. I get a lot of calls from the Cape Breton area and am not sure where to guide them. Our district is financially doing good with no issues there.

Yours in Service
Linda Weeks
DCM, District 7

DCM REPORT – DISTRICT 9 (October 2023)

Good afternoon to all,

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

It is a great pleasure to finally be able to attend the area 82 fall assembly in person here in Cornerbrook, I would like to also acknowledge the presence of Peter M, the alternate DCM for District 9.

We have a total of 23 groups in District 9, holding 31 meetings each week including 2 zoom meetings well attended by people from as far as the Niagara peninsula. District 9 is within the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

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

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

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

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

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

Yours in love & service.
Monty C.
DCM District 9

GSD REPORT – PANEL 73

A copy can be found on area82aa.org

Moved by Dwayne, seconded by Dwayne to accept the report as presented.

VOTE 32 Yes 0 No

MOTION CARRIED

TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer report presented by Basil M. See attached (FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT AREA TREASURER, treasurer@area82aa.org)

Moved by Basil, seconded by Linda W. to have Treasurer Report accepted.

VOTE Yes 31 0 No

Questions:

Steven Should the Prudent Reserve just have the \$13,000.00 or what is the Prudent Reserve for this year?

Basil The \$21,300.00 budgeted is already spent because the advances have been sent out. The individuals cash the cheques and then monitor those monies throughout the year. This is a plus for the Treasurer, as he/she does not need to be on call 24/7 for monies needed. They send me an accounting of their expenditures at the end of each month.

Michelle

There is a form missing showing Budget to Actuals year over year. Could you put it in the rotation for the next quarter, please?

Basil Ok. Apologies if I omitted it. It will be in the report next quarter.

Mark, We reduced the number of bank accounts from three to two. Now, I am planting a seed for the future, maybe we should look at one bank account.

Many thanks from the DCM's and Area 82 Executive were afforded to Basil for stepping into the position and doing a great job.

Report AdHoc Committee-Guidelines, 2022 Spring assembly report, 2024

We presented our "final report" at the fall assembly last October in Corner Brook. The committee did not get a chance to present all the recommendations at that time. I must admit that when I joined this committee, I had a personal agenda which was very limited. I quickly learned, and continue to learn, that like the experience of many backs in April of 1951, A.A.'s tradition 2 is correct . . . the group conscience can act safely as the sole authority and sure guide for Alcoholics Anonymous.

The group conscience changes over the years and we must remember one of the statements by Bernard B. Smith in 1954 when he answered the question **Why Do We Need a Conference?** . . . "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." Tradition 9 says "A.A. as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve." The group conscience of this committee has been responsible, keeping in mind those we serve.

For this assembly we are going to try a different approach and hopefully this will expedite the process. Nineteen recommendations were considered last fall and the majority passed. (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,18,21,23,24,27,34 and 35) The ones passed are now reflected in version 6 of the guidelines dated 31/10/2023 and currently posted on our area 82 website.

Of the eighteen remaining recommendations, we are suggesting to the group conscience of area 82 that eleven (11,16,17,19,20,22,26,28,30,36 and 37 affect formatting/clarification only and will be presented for your consideration as one motion. Five (10,29,31,32 and 33) will be presented as another five separate motions. Two (15, 25) of the recommendations are being dropped and are underlined. Two (7,8) are being re-introduced and are in **bold**.

Again, I love the fellowship of alcoholics anonymous and the big book of alcoholics anonymous. You are giving me the best days of my life and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart!

John W, Guidelines Adhoc Committee Chair.

GSD REPORT – PANEL 73

A copy can be found on area82aa.org

Moved by Dwayne, seconded by Dwayne to accept the report as presented.

VOTE 32 Yes 0 No

MOTION CARRIED

GSO GUEST

Dwayne welcomed Area 81 (New Brunswick/Pei) Delegate and observer Marianna.

Roll Call

D1-6/23	D2-3/16	D3—4/10	D4-0/6	D5-0/6	D6-4/10
D7-1/12	D8-0/10	D9- 1/17	D10-0/9	D12-0/11	D13-0/4
D14-1/10	D15-3/31	D16-0/8	D17-2/7		

25 Groups out of 188 represented

DCMs present 1,2,3,5,6,7,7,9,10,15,17 10 out of 16 DCMs present

Area Officers Chair, GSD, Treasurer, Secretary, Remote Communities 5 out of 5 present

39 VOTING MEMBERS, plus Chair if tie vote

OLD BUSINESS

ADHOC COMMITTEE GUIDELINES.

All in 1 motion items.

Items 11.16.17.19.20.22.26.28.30.36.37.were asked to be voted in 1 motion.

Michelle w asked if I would be willing to remove item 26 and do this in the individual section. , Steven agreed and made a motion to accept all items except item 26. Vote taken and motion carried.

The recommendations below were approved,. as is.

11. page 8, Section V part a), 2 . . . “that a sentence be added to the end of the 4th paragraph, “that all agenda items to be received 1 month before the last quarterly Area officer and DCM meeting before the assembly” (so all members may be more informed and better prepared)

16. page 11, d, Area secretary registrar . . .to change the first bullet point to,"One responsibility of the Area Secretary/Registrar will include taking the minutes at the Assemblies and report within 2 months to the Area Committee

17. page 11, d, AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR. . to add a new bullet point, "Another responsibility of the AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR will include taking the minutes at the Area Officers DCM quarterly meetings and report within 1 month to the Area Committee

19. page 12, d, AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR, 5th bullet point . . . that the Secretary/Registrar may assume other duties at the direction of the Area Committee be moved to the 3rd last bullet point

20. page 12, d, AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR . . . “that the 7th bullet point wording be changed from annual to quarterly.”

22. page 12, d, AREA SECRETARY/REGISTRAR, 9th bullet point . . . that the words “and past delegates (if requested)” be removed

28. “that an appendix “L” be added to the guidelines which is “simplified Robert’s rules of order for use at AA business meetings” (for ease of reference)

30. page 16, (area webmaster), 4 th bullet point . . . “that the list of contents of the area

website be expanded to include area documents, guidelines, assembly minutes, district newsletters, etc.” (more information available)

36. page 22, appendix D . . . that “an area inventory be done at the spring assembly in the year following the fall assembly nonelection year area inventory” (because it is missing)

37. page 23, appendix E . . . that the section “Conference Panels” on the bottom of the page be removed (not necessary)

Individual motions from the ad-hoc committee

Item 10 - . page 8, section V, part a), 1 and part a), 2 . . . “that “Suggested format to be modified at the discretion of the area chairperson” be removed from each section **32yes 2 no. Minority heard. Revote 20-16 motion carried**

Item 26 - page 5 c, (area 82) last paragraph. . . “that the last paragraph be changed from area officers to area committee.” **22-13, Revote taken, 17-19 motion defeated**

Item 29 - 29. page 14, (archives committee), 3 rd last bullet point . . . “that the third last bullet point (the DCM in the district from which the archivist is a member is automatically the alternate archivist) in a) be removed.”

After lots of discussion from the floor .*Steven amended* to the below item due to the group's recommendation. New amendment is.....**should the archivist resign or be unable to complete their term, the DCM of the district where the archives is stored, would become the caregiver of the safe storage until a new archivist can be elected.** **33 - 1 against minority heard, Revote 32-2 . motion carried.**

Stopped at 5.07pm for supper

Item 31 - page 17, b(Expense Policy) 5th paragraph of section b “that the full paragraph beginning with “The Area Executive will use their discretion” be removed” **15-11 minority voice heard no Revote- motion carried**

Item 32 page 18, section X, 2nd bullet point . . . that the 2nd bullet point “Only past delegates are eligible and one year must have relapsed since their term as delegate ended” be removed. **Steven moved Michelle W 2nd, -Motion carried unani-**
mously

Item 33 page 18, section X, 5th bullet point . . . that the 5th bullet point “in the event of a vote, the eligible members will be requested to describe their service experience” be removed (because resumes are posted) **Steven moved 2nd Jocelyn B - Long discussion 8 -21 motion defeated.**

Item 8 pg 7, amendment after amendment was suggested, the passed amended motion goes as follows. The words will reflect **“that we vote on any vacant open area positions to be filled on an interim basis, at an area officers and Dcm meeting”** **This item passed, minority heard, Revote taken. Amended motion above carried.**

Item 7, pg 5., part D . . . (To be included before the sentence starting Minutes of these meetings) and the wording goes as follows . . . “all A.A. members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting and may speak with the permission of the chair, after all voting members have spoken, but they do not have a vote”

after very long discussions, question was called, passed to call the question and then vote on the passed. **motion carried.**

Ad-hoc committee is now complete.

NEW BUSINESS

District 3 motion

Delete the second paragraph, version 6, page 6 of the Area Guidelines, and replace with : Members who wish to let their name stand may do a resume to show their past and present service in AA. These resumes will be posted prior to the elections for people to view. Members do not have to be present to be elected.

Moved by Mark Z, seconded by Nick C

Lively discussion took place

Steven requested Mark amend the original motion removing the last section –

Mark agreed to remove "Members do not have to be present to be elected"

Question was called

Amended motion is

Members who wish to let their name stand may do a resume to show their past and present service in AA. These resumes will be posted prior to the elections for people to view.

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTIONS

Treasurer Basil M wishes to let his name stand for Interim Treasurer from now until the end of the term
UNANIMOUS to elect Basil

AGSD Dwayne requested that Anne B. be allowed to cover both roles (Chair plus AGSD) to the end of the term. A consensus vote was had.

Next item of New Business.

District 7 That no more than three (3) changes can be made to the Area 82 guidelines at any one (!) Area 82 Assembly, unless required by an emergency, with the passed motion to take effect immediately AND THAT : If a motion is made to introduce more than three (3) changes to the guidelines at one (1) assembly, the decision as to whether or not the Area faces an emergency which demands more than three (3) changes will be decided by a majority of the voting members present at the Area 82 Assembly prior to the motion to make more than three changes AND THAT The passing of this motion will be considered notice of motion for the Area 82 Fall Assembly that the Area 82 guidelines to be updated to include the decision of this motion.

District 7 **DCM, Linda requested to table this motion to the Fall Assembly 2024. MOTION TABLED**

Next item of New Business

District 6 – Groups receive anticipated budget forms and proposed budget 6 weeks prior to Fall Assembly.

Background Information.

Quote below from pages 28-29 of the A.A. Group Pamphlet. **What Is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?** The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.

We at District 6 believe that spending 3 different days and approximately 10 hours approving an area budget was unnecessary. We cannot be asked to have a well informed group conscience and approve a budget when the proposed budget is handed out 10 minutes before the start of an assembly. This pertinent information has to be studied as stated above and all views have to be heard. Therefore we make a notice of motion which is stated above.

**UNANIMOUS YES VOTE
MOTION CARRIED**

Next item on New Business

District 15 Motion that Area 82 convene a Special Inventory meeting of Officers and DCM/GSRs to discuss ways to ensure that the assembly meetings are a safe space, and that they are consistent with the principles and spirit of the AA program.

Since an inventory recently was conducted, Nick withdrew his motion.

Next item of New Business

District 1 On January 31, 2024 District 1 voted unanimously to request that an Alternate Treasurer Position be placed as "New Business" on the Agenda of the 2024 Spring Assembly.

BACKGROUND

3rd Quarter 2023, Treasurer stepped down placing the responsibility for the next year on the existing Executive staff to share Treasurer responsibility. 3rd Quarter 2023 Archivist stepped down. A position that helped the treasurer. January 2024 Area 82 GSD stepped down yet another position that was to help the day-to-day operations of the Treasurer. All these positions now vacant, have weakened the operational capability of Area 82.

It is the view of District 1, that having an Alternate Treasurer is critical to ensure a seamless safety net to the operations of Area 82. This position will have a vital role in working with and assisting the treasurer at the Area level and to provide the treasurer with another pair of eyes and to assure the financial reports and procedures are followed to the best of their ability. This is not an apprenticeship, nor understudy. This is a back-up position to ensure continuity of financial operations.

Finances

There are no extra finances required for the Alternate-Treasurer. The Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer would be on the same Budget Line-Item. Where if the Treasurer could not attend a function that was required, the Alternate would attend in their stead.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Floor action 1.

District 17 Gary O.

I have concerns about the expense it costs the AA Groups in Area 82 to attend the Fall Assembly. I have been to NFLD for the Assembly in my service time 7 times and in those times, I have had to stay longer than planned in Oct. (5 times) due to the weather. This last trip we were to leave Port Aux Basque Sunday Morning and did not leave until the Monday night crossing. This meant extra Meals, Hotel, and a berth which lucky we did a 3-way split thanks to Dwayne MacD. I also had a loss of a day's pay which I absorbed. I know we cannot plan the weather, but it seems to be trouble sum in Oct. I am sure the NFLD members have experienced the same coming to NS.

Groups are finding it hard financially and cannot continue to absorb these unexpected costs. I would like to propose 2 scenarios for motion at the Spring Assembly. The purpose would be to vote on which option is best for Area 82. Then vote on that option. I would like to keep the focus on financial costs for the AA groups and Area Officers. This may also help bring the attendance numbers up at the fall assembly. If passed comes into effect in 2025. If these are turned down at the Spring Assembly let's move on. This was passed by all AA Groups in District 17 to bring to the Spring Assembly.

Option 1

That we move the Spring Assembly of Area 82 to the first weekend of May (Zoom). Fall Assembly is the long weekend in September (Hybrid) in either Province depending on rotation of the Assembly.

VOTE TO MOVE DATES

MOTION DEFEATED

Option 2

That NS and NFLD find a central location for each Province to meet for the Fall Assembly and use Zoom for the connection for the 2 Provinces. This would save our Groups a lot of money that can put to use for service. Also, our elected officers can stay in their own Province.

This note is not intended to divide us in any way, just looking at our options for better use of our AA funds. I fully enjoy going to NFLD and the Hospitality is second to none.

VOTE

MOTION DEFEATED

Floor action 2

That added section to be re-added goes as follows "**Furthermore, this document is in no way to be construed as a substitute, alteration or replacement of The A.A. Service Manual**" at the preface above a copy of the area82 guidelines should be held by: **question was called, and vote taken to read this line. 24-1 minority heard, Re-vote taken, motion carried.**

Steven motioned to adjourn the meeting, at 10.45pm, |Everyone seconded this.