

May 26/27, 2023

Chairperson, Anne B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, and welcomed all. Those in attendance introduced themselves:

Anne B	Chair Area 82	Dwayne M	Alt GSD
Deb C	Secretary/Registrar	Gerry W	Area Delegate
Michael	District 1	Blair	District 2
Mark Z	District 3	Pete N	District 4
Wade	District 5	Steven	District 6
Linda	District 7	Monty	District 9 (Alt – Peter)
Mike	D District 10	Alfred	District 12 (Alternate)
Wayne	District 14	Pat	District 15 (Alternate)
Gary	District 17		

No representation from Districts 8, 13, 16

GSRs & Observers Pam, Mary, Tracy, Bonnie

12 Traditions were ready by Pam.

Sympathies:

District 3	Bruce M	Berwick Group	Don B.,	Cambridge Fellowship
	Jim M	Milton Group	Blain	Kingston Grp
District 6	Terry	Hub town Group	Wayne D	New Freedom Group
District 1	Tony D			
District 9	Edith S			
District 12	Bill B.			
District 5	Gloria	Primary Purpose Group		
District 15	Barry A			
District 7	Barry C.			
District	Michelle, Jenny, Karen			
District 2	Perry B	Welcome Group		
District 14	Harold			

Mission Statement of Area 82 was read by Dwayne MacD.

The minutes of the previous Assembly will be discussed. All members were asked to read the minutes before this meeting so they would not need to be read here. Chairperson, Anne, asked if there were any errors or omissions.

Steven I am looking to put three errors/omissions into the minutes. These are as follows:

Agenda Item 5 Finance Ad Hoc Recommendation Section

Item 3.2

Once per year, each person occupying an Expense Eligible Position, will submit to the Area Treasurer, an Anticipated Expense Budget for the coming year, using the Area Anticipated Budget form. From this information and historical data, the Area Treasurer, in cooperation with Area Officers, will produce a budget for the upcoming year.

Motion was made by Mark Z., and seconded by Michael A.

Motion carried.

This is a past motion which is missing from the minutes.

I have submitted this to the Area Secretary and it was discussed the other night. The second omission is

Item 3.2 B

Addition to each Area Officer's responsibilities –
Area Officer's inserted role

Each Area Officer is required to submit to the Area Treasurer, a budget form, in August or September, for the upcoming budget year. This motion was made by Mark Z, I never caught the seconder.

Motion carried.

This motion is missing from the minutes.

Item 3.2 B

To replace the bullet point 4 in the Area Treasurer's Responsibilities:
It reads as follows:

Once per year, in early September, request from all Area Officers occupying an expense eligible position, an anticipated budget for the upcoming year, to the Area Treasurer. From this information and historical data, and in cooperation with the Area Officers, the Area Treasurer will produce a budget for the year, for approval at the Area Assembly. Motion made by Mark Z. seconder unknown.

Motion Carried.

This motion is missing from the minutes.

NOTE:

In looking over this, I discovered that the Finance Ad Hoc Committee had also been looking at this after the Assembly and were aware of this and had sent the same errors and omissions to the previous secretary. I would like to have this noted in the minutes. Thank you.

Chair

Thank you, Steven. I couldn't find any of that.

Steven

DCM District 6 May I add that I will share the Google Drive link on the bottom here so everybody can see the three items. I will get the link for you right now.

Bonnie Hi Everyone. Bonnie – Alcoholic. I just noticed when I was reviewing the minutes from the Fall Assembly that Item 7 - Add ‘implementing and administrating the Zoom Licence to the Chair’s Responsibility to the Guidelines’.

It says that there was a tie vote, and the Chair had the deciding vote and that Dwayne decided to bring it back to the Spring Assembly, but I don’t see a reference to that on the Spring Assembly Agenda for today.

Should that be under old business or new business? Is this something we should be discussing today? I’d just like to put that out to the floor.

Dwayne Alt GSD This is something that should be under “Business arising from the Minutes”, I believe.

Chair Agreed.

Dwayne Is there a motion on the floor to make those corrections? Steven? What is the motion?

Chair The motion is to accept the minutes as read with the addition of the errors/omissions presented by Steven.

Steven DCM District 6 Moved by Steven, to accept the minutes with the errors and omissions presented. Seconded by Samaira.

Chair All in favor – Those eligible to vote please put up your check mark.
VOTE
40 FOR 0 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chair Bonnie pointed out that there was a discrepancy in the eligibility of officers. Do any of you remember what that was about?

Steven DCM District 6 Past Agenda for Fall Assembly.. I don’t have the documentation here, but I do remember there was something about the Chair and Zoom licensing.

Bonnie Item 7 -
Add ‘implementing and administrating the Zoom Licence to the Chair’s Responsibility to the Guidelines’

It says that there was a tie vote, and the Chair had the deciding vote and that Dwayne decided to bring it back to the Spring Assembly, but I don’t see a reference to that on the Spring Assembly Agenda for today.

Is this something we should be discussing today? That is my question.

Chair There was a motion. Tie vote to the chair.

Gerry GSD Just a bit of history behind this, for those who were not here. Because I was the chair at the time that Covid happened. I was the one who picked up the license. It has kind of evolved that it is the responsibility of the Chairperson. There was nothing written down. I guess we just have to formalize that this has become part of the Chairperson responsibility.

Chair Any more discussion on that?

Michael H DCM District 1 Thank you, Bonnie, for bringing that up. To piggyback on Gerry, it was also to ensure that it was in the Guidelines. That's the most important part.

Chair Would someone make a motion please,.

Gerry I will make a motion that
1) the Zoom responsibility stays with the Chair and
2) that it be inserted in the Guidelines

VOTE

35 For, 1 against

Minority vote spoke and changed vote

36 FOR

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Would someone make a motion to approve the Agenda?

Pam Alt DCM District 14 Question – District 14 does have a motion they wish to bring forward.
You would ask that it be added to Agenda now.

Chair What is this concerning?

Pam It is concerning having Zoom accessible at all Assembly Meetings whether Hybrid or Zoom, so that it would be reachable to more groups.

Chair Where should this be added?

Pam Under “New Business” I would think.

Dwayne Alt GSD You need to ask permission from the body to add it, before you do so.

Chair That should be discussed under Old Business under “Hybrid Options” for the Fall Assembly.

Pam Ok...then we’re covered. I did read that, but I just wanted to make sure that we were going to be discussing there.

Mark Z. DCM District 3 I would like to add a proposal from District 3, to the Agenda - Considering using Zoom for Assembly in non-travel years. Let me rephrase that “ Using Zoom for the Assemblies for non-election years “

Dwayne If somebody is bringing forth a floor action – we need to have a motion, a seconder and a vote

Mark Z I make a motion for the use of Zoom for non-election years, at the Fall Assemblies, Gary O seconded.

Dwayne Point of Clarification please. Are you proposing ZOOM ONLY, and no road trips for anybody, on non-voting years?

Mark That is the proposal, Correct.

Michelle GSR Back to Basics Just to add it to the Agenda, right?

Mark Yes, just to add it to the Agenda for discussion

Chair There is a motion on the floor to add to this Agenda, the use of Zoom on nonvoting years
VOTE
29 For, 2 Against – Does Minority voice care to speak?
MOTION CARRIED

Chair **VOTE**
24 FOR 11 AGAINST
MOTION CARRIED.
This will be added to the Agenda.

DCM REPORTS

Reports were read by the respective District Committee Members
(copies are attached)

Dist 1	Dist 4	Dist 7	Dist 12	Dist 16
Dist 2	Dist 5	Dist 9	Dist 14	Dist 17
Dist 3	Dist 6	Dist 10	Dist 15	

No representation from District 8 and no DCM at District 13.

2023 Area 82 Spring Assembly District 1 DCM Report

Good day to all!

Presenting to you my first Spring Assembly DCM report as follows:

Introductions of newly elected Executive Trusted Servants of District 1:

Michael H. DCM

Mary W. Treasurer

Jonathan G. Secretary

We require to date an Alternate DCM, and an Alternate Treasurer.

We have yet had anyone propose a name or come forth personally to inquire about
the positions.

Since the 2022 Fall Assembly, our District has been moderately busy.

There has been an ad-hoc committee that stood up for an alternate way to handle the
AA phones. More specifically. a 365 answering service.

A request to move the CPC, PI, Treatment, and Correction committees from Central
Service to District was initiated.

District 1 Carried out a workshop:

November 2022 -" Kindle your passion with service".

Jan 2023 Workshop - " The Role of the GSR". A March workshop, - on Sponsorship",
May Workshop will be this coming Wednesday May 31, on zoom ID # 753 798 8280 at 6
pm AT called

"The Anatomy of a Workshop" with a guest speaker Vera F AAWS NTD Panel 68
Delegate.

Yours in love and service,

Michael H.

District 1 DCM

District 2 Report May 27, 2023

My name is Blair Andrews and I am an Alcoholic and the Treasurer of District 2. The positions of DCM, ~~ADCM~~, and Secretary are currently vacant in District 2, so I am representing the district. District 2 consists of Dartmouth portion of HRM and continues north to Enfield, east to Musquodoboit Harbour, and west to Fall River. District 2 has 17 active registered groups who host a total of 33 meetings a week. Our District meeting is held the third Sunday of each month at 2pm at Club 24.

All groups re: meeting in person, except for four groups which have decided to meet on Zoom. The online groups are new meetings since the pandemic, so the number of in person meetings have not been impacted.

Group representation at our monthly meeting has been increasing, so I am hopeful it will continue to grow.

District 2 has struggled with filling its executive positions during the last year, so it has been challenging at times.

District 2 is supported by the Central Service Committee for Districts 1 & 2 through each group having a Central Service Representative attend their monthly meeting. In addition to the CSR from each group they consist of a Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair of each subcommittee. They are a great help to District 2 by carrying out the work of CPC, PI, Corrections, and Treatment. PI has remained active by meeting with organizations involved in Education, Health Care, Shelters, and Media. Corrections have not been able to meet in person with the residents, but communicate through telephone and dropping off literature. Treatment is holding a meeting once a week at Detox, twice a month at Forensics, and once a week at The Marguerite Centre. CPC has been active with shelter workers, military, and Elizabeth Fry Association. Central Service also has a committee for Entertainment, Literature, Newsletter, Help EMail, Hospital Visitation, Telephone, Webmaster, and Mid Winter Roundup. Bridging the Gap has become part of the Treatment, Corrections, and Telephone committees. I would like to thank Samaira G., Foster L., and Emily S. for their work as the executive of Central Service. More information on what activities and services are being offered is available by visiting aahalifax.org.

The groups have been supporting District 2 financially and is in a position to help with outreach funding where necessary. I am very grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent District 2 in these challenging times. God has given me this opportunity to be part of Area 82 and carry the message to the suffering alcoholic whenever needed.

Yours in Service, Blair A.
Treasurer District 2
Area 82

District 3 DCM report, Spring Assembly, 2023

District 3 covers the area from Annapolis Royal to Wolfville in the Annapolis Valley.. We presently have 11 groups. (1 currently inactive) and 4 other sites hosting a meeting, one of those being a woman's meeting held on Zoom. This gives us a total of 15 meetings per week throughout the valley.

We are off to a fantastic start for the 2023-24 term. All committee positions are filled, some familiar faces mixed with a few newcomers to District service.

We have set up a hybrid option for our meeting and although spotty, gets us through. I am inspired by the early enthusiasm from those in attendance.

- Our AA phone is ringing, slow but steady
- CPC/PI has new committee members brainstorming ideas with a couple of projects are already underway
- We have a new face chairing the District 3 Newsletter. Our Newsletter is always informative, filled with stories, quotes, District 3 celebrations, and other AA events
- There is a new Chair for our Information Sessions. I look forward to the topics she has planned. The first few were very informative. The information Sessions are held one hour prior to our monthly district meeting.
- Co-operating with District 17, the meetings at the Treatment Facilities have returned to a regular schedule.
- we have a member in District 3 sending the daily Grapevine Quote to a long mailing list of individuals, starting everyone's day with a positive message

We are not rich, nor do we wish to be, but our financial situation is stable.

My personal goal for the next two years will be to encourage AA service. I will continue to do this - until the district gets tired of me and kicks me out.

We have a great group of individuals leading the District 3 Committee and I am honoured to be their Trusted Servant for the next two years. I will make my best efforts to represent them with respect, patience, and humility.

With honor and pleasure to serve

Mark Z

DCM, District 3

2023 Spring Assembly District 5 Report

Following District elections in the fall, I was elected DCM, Theresa E was elected Alternate DCM, Michael C was elected treasurer and Sherri E was elected new secretary last month after our secretary elected in the fall asked to step down due to personal reasons.

This Spring, we had a volunteer become the representative for Public Information and Working with the Professional Community. It is our first time having a rep for Public Information since 2018.

District 5 has nine active groups:

- Primary Purpose
- HOW group
- Sunday Morning Group
- Wentworth Group
- Pugwash Group
- Parrsboro Group
- Junction Group
- Oxford Group
- District 5 Online Meeting

Highlights of the year:

- Parrsboro has their first active group in 10 plus years.
- The Sunday Morning Group in Amherst reconvened face to face meetings in the fall. They had been suspended since the onset of the pandemic.
- District 5 AA, in conjunction with Al Anon, hosted a very successful one day round up in September. It was the first roundup since 2019. We will be starting to plan for this year's one day round up in the next few weeks which will take place at Parish Hall in Amherst on Saturday, September 9th.
- District 5 hosted their first Christmas Party since 2019. The party consisted of potluck, a speaker meeting and a dance.
- District 5 was able to reconvene meetings at the Springhill detox in November. We now have AA members host weekly meetings on Wednesday evenings with the intention of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

In April, we had a lovely interdistrict experience when members from the Primary Purpose group in Amherst travelled to Pictou to chair and share a meeting for the Pictou Harbour Group.

Yours in service

Wade LeBlanc
DCM District 5

District 6 DCM Report Virtual Spring Assembly 2023

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 in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Our district has 9 groups. One of those groups currently meets as a virtual online group twice a week. We have 2 meetings that also meet in person. One of which was an old group that has just started back up after several years of closure and is currently in the administration and secretarial process of reactivating with its old group number. The other meeting of the 2 meets several times a month at a recovery center. Our district covers the small area from Shubenacadie, Truro, Bible Hill and north to Tatamagouche.

At Christmas we had a 4 day in person alcathon for the first time in years. Every group within district 6 participated and made the 4 day alcathon possible. It was wonderful to see the unity in our district once again.

As a district we meet monthly for our committee meeting and Since our elections last fall, we have every district position filled for this 2 year rotation.

At the district meetings, we are averaging 80%-90% group representation which I feel is outstanding and at our April 2023 District meeting we had 100% group attendance for the first time that I'm aware of. A 100% group attendance it just blows me away to see how much we care as a district to show up and let our groups voice be heard. To be part of this district and see every group turn up to a district meeting fills me with great hope for the future of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We have an elected Public information chair, who has been checking inventories of AA conference approved literature such as big books and other A.A.W.S material. Public information has updated our district meeting list, and we now have a new version online and in print that was updated early this month of May.

A new district newsletter is now available, every month and available on the area82 website.

The telephone answer service is in the process of several vital updates to the script, group contacts and meeting lists. This service called Answer 365 is a professional service which directs calls to contacts within our fellowship in district 6. Having the correct script and information is of utmost importance, to get the still

suffering heading in the right direction.

We are also in the process of updating our district guidelines after careful review. As a district I am really enjoying every groups participation in almost everything we are doing. A roundup committee was formed at the beginning of the year and district 6 has a 3 day roundup coming up in July, the first 3 day mid-summer roundup in Truro for many years. We as a district are very much looking forward to this again and the scheduled baseball game afterwards. Yes the last part may not be AA but this is the fellowship outside the fellowship which is as important as ever.

There are several groups in town now that are carrying free AA Conference approved pamphlets and books. Grapevine material and subscriptions are available at one group and for sale. Also more commonly AA Conference approved Books are for sale within one of our groups.

Yours in Service

Steven D, DCM D6

District 7 REPORT BY LINDA WEEKS, DCM,
May 27, 2023

District 7 consists of 14 AA groups. We have one new group that started up in December, 2022.

It is "The Steps We Took Group". It is an open Big Book Discussion group that meets on Thursdays at 5:30pm -St. John The Baptist Catholic Church Hall, High St., New Glasgow, and are a very small group.

The groups in the district say attendance is increasing. Our district consists of groups from Antigonish County, Guysborough County, Pictou County as well as Port Hawkesbury Group itself.

There still meetings being held on Zoom at 10 am, CD and 6pm, OS, daily. The in-person meetings and Zoom meetings are continually getting new members, especially younger people.

District 7 has four different committees

1. CPC/PI
2. CORRECTIONS/INSTITUTIONS
3. DETOX
4. LETTER.

District 7 is very much holding its own. All groups are keeping their doors open.

Yours in Service, Linda Weeks, DCM, District 7



DCM REPORT - DISTRICT 9 (May 2023)

Good afternoon to all (Bonjour à tous)

Over the last month, I had the opportunity to visit the Westside, Sydney

Mines, Lifeline and Membertou groups. Also, keep in mind that the LEAN ON ME zoom meetings are still going on Monday and Thursday at 8 Pm. The zoom number and password is available in the District 9 newsletter.

We have a total of 23 groups in District 9, holding 31 meetings each week. Thank you for carrying the message in each community in CBRM.

We lost a good and dedicated member. Edith S. passed away in April. Many of us attended her funeral on April 26th. Also, congratulations to Blair Y. of the Membertou group who had 35 years of sobriety on May 11th.

2 good and very active AA members sold their house and relocated to Ontario on May 9th. Thank you Danny and Chantal for your all your contributions to the AA fellowship in District 9 over numerous years. Good luck in Ontario and stay safe and sober.

I had a few area 82 executive meeting over the last month and myself and Peter M just attended the spring assembly on Zoom this weekend.

The district 9 Newsletter is back. For the moment, myself and Joe M. are taking care of it. If you are interested to take over, please let us know.

Also, I manage to create a new email account which is now: District9newsletter@hotmail.com.

Yours in love & service. Monty C

DCM REPORT – DISTRICT 10 JUNE 2023

We currently have 7 active groups in District 10 plus 1 womens Zoom meeting.

Each group as of April 30th, Finances are good.

District 10 Finances are also good. Attendance at In person Meetings steady 15-20

CPC/PI We sent 12 Big Books/Old Grapevines Up to Nunavut.

We also made up 80 Beginners Packages, Half went to Bridgewater, Half to Chester Basin RCMP, DRS Offices and Walk in clinics. We are also in the process of organizing Mayday 2024.

Michael Dunlevy

DCM

District 10

DISTRICT 15

Nick Camizzi 9 Beauford Drive St. John's NL 709-763-1459 dc.md15nl@gmail.com

May 27, 2023

AA Spring Assembly

Good Day,

District 15 comprises the eastern Avalon Peninsula of Newfoundland. We have 36 registered groups in the district, with about 17 groups financially contributing to our district on average the past 2 years. There are 39 in-person meetings and 26 online meetings throughout the week. Our monthly district meeting is held on Zoom on the first Sunday of the month at 6pm. On average we have anywhere from 7 to 13 people in attendance at our meetings. We held our district election on January 8th. The DCM, Nick Camizzi, our ADCM, Pat H., and our Treasurer, Greg H., won the election by vote or acclamation and are planning on serving through December 2024. We have unfortunately not been able to find someone willing to be the district secretary, and various GSRs have volunteered during the meetings to take minutes.

We're experiencing the normal issues of getting members more involved in service in the group and district level.

- St. John's intergroup sponsored the spring convection on April 14-15. Attendance was excellent at around 185 persons.
- The CPCPI Committee which is funded by both via Intergroup and the District will be running a major social media campaign through the next year.
- The new district website, <https://www.aadistrict15newfoundland.org/>, has been continuously updated through the volunteers on the website committee
- The St. John's Intergroup website <https://www.aastiohns.com/> has also seen significant improvements over the past few months
- St. John's Intergroup is sponsoring a Founder's Day Event on June 10th
- There's been issues getting volunteers to monitor the AA helpline both during the afternoon at the office and during afterhours. A few more volunteers have come forward and it appears that we will have enough for the summer
- We are planning on running a joint sharing session with Intergroup on AA service this fall. No date or specific focus has been decided yet.

Yours in service,

Nick Camizzi DCM, District 15

2023 DCM Report District 17 Area 82

NS/NFLD spring Assembly May 26th, 27th, & 28th on ZOOM

I am an Alcoholic, my name is Gary O. and I have the privilege of serving District 17 as a member of the Hantsport AA Group. We meet Monday nights which is a 12 promises a step meeting and Friday Nights Closed Discussion meeting. We have Approx. 55 AA members in District 17. District 17 stretches West of Mt Uniacke, Exit 3 on the 101 and East of the Greenwich Exit: 11 on the 101. We have 7 registered Groups and 1 meeting. Wolfville Thursday night

Ciroupe (also does Hybrid) and Tuesday morning meeting, Hantsport Monday and Friday evening, Brooklyn Tuesday night, Three Mile Plains Wednesday night, St Croix Thursday and Sunday night, Windsor Saturday night and Harvest House Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. All groups are up and running although attendance has been slow coming back which has affected the 7th Tradition in most Groups.

Pete L. serves as the Alt.DCM and Inter District Insurance Chair, Monique McL. is our Treasurer, Tracy W. is our Secretary and this year's Round — up Chair, Kirk J. does our Newsletter, Dwight C. is our CPC/PI Chair, Evelyn C. is our Entertainment Chair, Paul M. is our Phone answering Chair, Marsha P. is our Literature Rep and Gary O. is our Treatment and Bridging The Gap Rep with Crosbie House. We meet once a month doing regular AA group updates and reports, discuss information coming from Area, we talk about concerns members may have about District, Area and GSO. We do workshops on various topics and Concepts discussion and also discuss ways of getting the AA message out to our District. We have 4 AA Groups from District 17 and 4 AA Groups from District 3 going into the Crosbie House on Tuesday evenings to put AA meetings on for the Clients. We share some responsibilities with District 3. We are happy to report we are bringing back the Windsor and Area Mini Round — up with this year being a 1 day event August 5th. For those coming early you can camp Friday night on site (Limited space, no amenities after 11 pm. And no hook up). Before going back to a 3 day event we want to see what the attendance will look like this year. Our Entertainment Committee is doing a Family Camp out at Smiley's Provincial Camp Grounds again this year from August 11th to the 13th lots of fun and fellowship. Camping for this is free and there will be a donation basket if you would like to help our committee for future events. I would like to thank our District Committee members for their interest, support and great work they have volunteered to do. I would also 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

Chair welcomed Una

Good morning friends. My name is Una and I'm a REAL Alcoholic! I am happy to be here. I am back in NL, in Clarendville, even though my home group is the Gander Care group, and I am very happy to be a part of that. So, I am back and I just want to let the guys know that if there is anything I can do to help anybody – I reached out to Gerry in January to offer any help to the Area, that I am here and would be only to happy to help. It's great to be a part of this! Thank you.

Chair Thank you for being here! Now...Trudy...

Trudy Hey everyone. My name is Trudy and I am an alcoholic. It is my first Past Delegate's address and is very exciting for me. I have been involved in service at the Area level for the past 10 years and have heard them call on the Past Delegates and have listened to what they had to say. I have always looked up to them and heard great things - now I am a Past Delegate – WOW....REALLY?? I can't believe it! As your immediate Past Delegate, I sit on the CERRASA Steering Committee Chairperson, and I want to put a plug in for the CERRASA which will not happen until February 2025, but I want to talk about it every chance I get. It is scheduled for Dartmouth NS – it's going to be a great time, and I hope everyone in our area will be able to attend. More information will follow as we get closer to the event. I would like to thank all who supported me during my time as the Delegate, and I am here to help in whatever capacity I can. I am so proud of our area, for all it is doing, for all the people with a love of service, and are showing up at the events we have. I want to thank you all for your service, because it is very important. That is all I am going to say.

Chair Dwayne, would you like to present the Treasurer's Report ? Debbi – did you have something to say?

Deb Just a reminder to the DCMs to send an electronic copy of their report to me at secretary@area82aa.org, to be added to the minutes.
Thanks

Chair I had that added after all the reports, see?

Dwayne Not especially...but I will.....the last time I gave a Treasurer's Report, I swore it would be the last time I would do so....(chuckles)
My name is Dwayne and I'm an alcoholic. Can you all hear me?
Jocelyn is moving today and she sent a note:

Update for April 2023

For Financial Information please contact treasurer@area82aa.org

This is where we stand to date.

Upcoming budget reserve has been renamed Prudent Reserve. The Treasurer did not have access to do transfers in and out of the Upcoming Prudent Reserve account to the other account online because of the way it was set up originally. The Upcoming Budget Account did have the ability to do that so when the money was transferred out of the Upcoming Budget Account, the money from the Upcoming Prudent Reserve was moved in and it was renamed. So the only two accounts we have are the Operational Account and the Prudent Reserve Account. The account named Upcoming Budget account is sitting there in Limbo. There is nothing in it and it is not being used. That's all I have.

Alt. GSD Spring 2023 Assembly Report

Good morning, friends, my name is Dwayne, and I'm an Alcoholic. I have the honor to serve as the Alt. General Service Delegate for Area 82, Panel 73. It is a very busy position. A lot of work. I quite often have to offer apologies to my home group because I must miss my home group meeting on Monday evening quite often to make meetings as AGSD.

This year, so far, I have done my best to help GSD, Gerry W. as much as possible to prepare for the General Service Conference, (although he was so well prepared, that not a lot of help was required), and prepared myself as much as possible if, for any reason, Gerry couldn't attend, and I needed to step in.

I have served as chair of the Active Committee meetings, which take place on the last Monday of the month. The link to the meeting will be on the website under events. Please feel free to attend if you are a committee chair in your district and would like to share ideas or ask for ideas from the chairs of other districts. All are welcome to attend as observers.

I have also acted as Co-chair for the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee; the report will follow.

In February, along with the GSD, I attended the CERASSA conference in St. Catharines, ON. This is the service assembly for the GSD/Alt.GSDs of the 10 Eastern Canadian Areas, as well as any other members that chose to attend. There were almost 400 AA members in attendance, including the Eastern Canadian Trustee, and the Trustee at Large for Canada. I made a Presentation on the 12 Traditions to the CERASSA body. The Conference was very informative, and it was great to meet the others with the same position in Eastern Canada's other Areas.

I also attended a District meeting, at their request to do a workshop with a question/answer session involving Area 82 and Conference items. If any other District would like a workshop, feel free to contact me.

As AGSD for Area 82, I am currently serving on the Steering Committee for the 2025 CERAASA Conference being hosted by Area 82.

I have also attended numerous meetings on Zoom with AGSDs from all Areas, these meetings are basically a version of Active Area Committee meetings for AGSDs.

The AGSD Position involves a lot of work, but it is keeping me sober and out of trouble, and I am loving the job. Thank you,

Yours in Love and Service,
Dwayne MacD, Alt GSD A82-P7

GSD

Report found at Area 82 website under docs

Archives NS - Trudy Dunphey

Hello friends,

I took over in October 2022 as Kathy (outgoing Archivist) thought it best to move the Archives before the winter started creating havoc with travel from Bridgewater to Truro. I am the Archivist for NS only. NL has its own Archives.

We started out with 2 lockers in Truro as there was nothing else in Truro to rent due to the hurricanes and people using lockers while their houses were fixed. In January we were able to get 1 10 x 10 locker which is large enough for our needs. With help from the Alternate Archivist (Steve DCM District 6) and a couple of group members from that district we bought 2 bookshelves and set them up in the locker. It helps us to have items out so we can see what we have to get ready for various round ups.

I have attended the 1 day Midwinter in Districts 1 & 2, the 3 day Midwinter in District 9. I will be attending the Provincial 3 day roundup in June in District 7 and the Windsor area District 17 round up in August. My greatest thanks to these round ups for allowing me to attend and bring the Archives to more of the fellowship.

I got a Sponsee to build a wooden box with a plexiglass top to show the 1st edition big book we have that is signed by Bill W. This gives me goosebumps no matter how many times I look at it. We also have the original Saturday Evening Post with the Jack Alexander article that we all have had some experience hearing about.

If you or your group has anything that you believe could be given to the Archives to share with the fellowship for years to come, please feel free to call me or email me at the contacts below.

Financially I will not have enough funds in the Upkeep and Storage portion of my budget due to the rental fees being higher in Truro than they were in Bridgewater by about \$60 a month. The DCMs all agreed at the Area Officer/ DCM meeting last week that it was ok for me to use funds from the Travel budget to supplement these costs. The DCMs are the Archives Committee, and they can be contacted as well if you or your group has any questions. In October we will be able to hopefully have a more accurate record for next year's budget.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve this Fellowship as the "Keeper of the History" for NS. I believe that without our past we cannot find our future. It is my honor and privilege to serve this fellowship.

Yours in Service,

Trudy D

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Gerry Whelan - Archives NL

Right now the Newfoundland Archives are stored and paid for for the year. They are in good shape and have attended one of the many conventions in the St. John's area. We have a potential Archivist who would be a good choice, if he gets elected at the Spring Assembly. Today or tomorrow, we'll be talking to Jack and asking him if he'll let his names stand, and if the Newfoundlanders will let him do the job.

Remote Communities

This is my first report – as yet, I have not received any requests for assistance. I have contacted the DCMs and asked if they had a Remote Committee in their districts. Some agreed to be contacts in districts 16, 12, 4, 7 and 10. I am still going to try to get to everybody. I have been doing some reading and attended the Intra area Remote Committees meetings as much as I can. I need to learn much more than I know now. I plan to pick supplies to make up some 'meeting in a box' packages for anyone who is wanting to begin a meeting in a remote location. I want to remind people that even though zoom is available, many areas do not have good internet, or sometimes even a computer or smart phone. Thanks

Transportation Ad Hoc Committee

Dwayne

We tried to get together over the past two weeks and couldn't find a mutual time when all were available. I will give you what we have, and one recommendation which is coming forward. Hopefully we will be able to go forward after the Assembly as well. Our committee met to discuss the cost to and from Assemblies, for members having to cross from NL to NS and vice versa. It was decided that the committee should investigate the costs of communal travel via bus or ferry. A letter was composed detailing the needs of the area along with three levels of service for 20, 30, and 50 passengers. The service could then be ramped up to 70, 80, or 100 passengers just by adding the two together with a good estimate of costs. The letters were sent to the three biggest bussing companies in NS, and one in NL. All but one company responded letting us know that all the buses are booked in advance for a full year, so booking a charter for the 2023 Fall Assembly is not an option for large bus companies. Pricing was provided though with caveat that booking up to 18 months away, the prices are subject to change.

Total cost to the Area for a 56 seat coach Halifax-Corner Brook With stops in Truro, New Glasgow, Antigonish, Port Hawkesbury, and Baddeck and N Sydney including ferry travel and the hotel room for the driver while in Corner Brook

Approximately \$15,000.00

Broken Down Approximately \$268.00 per passenger round trip
This would still leave the people living in Yarmouth to get to Halifax to the bus, on their own.

The Committee also contacted Danny MacGillivray, manager of CHAD transit - Pictou County Transit as well. There are 23 rural transit companies operating across Nova Scotia. Mr. MacGillivray agreed to bring a request for pricing and availability to a meeting of the Transit companies to see if it would be feasible to do a run from Yarmouth to Truro on the Fundy and South shore highways to N Sydney in a transit relay sort of thing. This would entail walking on to the ferry at N Sydney and off at Port Aux Basque. But we have not had a response from the charter company at Corner Brook at this time. The Rural Transit Association is yet to meet and discuss the proposal.

A third option would be for Area 82 to form a Ride-share Committee. This would entail a few members working together to build a spreadsheet database of members needing a ride, and members who are driving. Members could let the committee know if they need a ride, or if they have room in their vehicle for riders. For example, I am taking my vehicle and I would have room for three riders. I would let the rideshare committee know and I would be placed in the database as having room for three. If another member from my area needed a ride, they could, they could let the committee know and the committee would put us together, and update the database if we decided to travel together. This is the most economical way to travel at the moment.

Estimate \$140 fuel cost
\$578 ferry cost (4 pp in a vehicle)
\$179 per person round trip (including ferry)(4pp in a vehicle)

This would be less costly again, if people in NL decided to ride-share as they would not have the ferry cost. It would be applicable for them coming this way next year.

The recommendation for the committee in the short term would be to form a Transportation Ride-share committee to create and operate a ride-share database with the ongoing investigation of the costs and availability of buses for future events.

Chair Thank you, Dwayne, for all your hard work.

Ad Hoc Guidelines Committee

- Steven This item is scheduled on the Agenda between 3-5. Our Chair is unavailable at this time. We would like to present this report at that time.
- Dwayne As a Point of Order, this is the Agenda. We are now doing Active Area Committee reports. If you have recommendation to change the guidelines, that would be in the Agenda under new business. The report of the work you've done over the past 6 months would be presented now, under the Active Area Committee reports. If your chair isn't available then we could wait until then.
- Steven Well, Dwayne, we've got between 3-5 pm. That's where it is. We will wait. We've not got any recommendations so we'll wait until that time. Thanks.
- Dwayne Ok. Thank you.

Website Report

- Trudy I am submitting this report on behalf of Gerry and myself. Gerry is the webmaster for NL and I am the webmaster for NS. It has been an exciting year so far with no major issues. We do have Tyler, the past webmaster on speed dial if needed. With groups re-opening and changing locations after COVID, there is a lot of activity for us to keep up with, in both provinces. With web hosting services, the site posting fees were paid for three years in 2021 and will be renewed in July 2024. The cost will be \$266.00USD so we will need to put this amount in the 2024 budget. The domain name fee is paid until October 2023. The 2022 rate was \$12.47US – we will be renewing that in October 2023.

Website stats –

I got very excited when I found the page that had all the graphs and numbers on it and started looking through it. The 2023 stats, January-April – there were an average of 36,200 visits per month, with visits to 38,000 pages from 8,500 unique visitors per month. I would be a unique visitor the first time I used the page. Just to know that we have that many people accessing the website, and clicking on our pages was a bit mind-blowing for me. I started thinking about the importance of keeping everything up to date at all times.

The most viewed page is FIND A MEETING, followed by AREA DOCS and AREA EVENT pages, and the NEWSLETTERS following after that. All information on the site is as current as we know now – if you have changes, please advise the webmaster@area82.org. When

forwarding files to be posted – it is easiest if they are in PDF format but if you only have MS word or Open Office, we have ability to convert before posting. Again, it is easier if they come to us in PDF. There have been over 400 emails, sent and received to the webmaster inbox so far this year. Any requests for changes to the content or display of the overall site can be sent to the area reps or to us and we will forward to the Area for consideration. The interactive map is still only working on a desk top format - not working on cell phones. There are links below the map showing the different districts. Click there if looking for different district. We are still looking for a format which will work on our website. It is out there – we just haven't found it yet. If you have webmaster experience, or IT experience and you might be able to help us figure that out, please reach out to us. We are doing the best we can and we appreciate all you patience and guidance. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Area 82 in this capacity.

Chair Thank you Trudy

The Financial Ad Hoc Committee

Blair Our Committee had a meeting in January to discuss our next steps and ensure that the approved proposals from the Fall Assembly had been implemented. A document was prepared and sent to the Area for the Guidelines to be updated. Proposals were prepared to cover the two items sent back from the Fall Assembly and sent to the Area for distribution. We also worked with the Area Treasurer on several occasions to implement the new financial templates for the 2022 year-end and the 2023 reports. We understand that the Guidelines are still being reviewed by the Ad Hoc Guidelines Committee, but they have been updated with the approved proposals from the 2022 Fall Assembly. We recommend that these be updated to reflect anything approved from the Spring Assembly 2023, available for review by the Area body, and discussion had, where necessary. We feel this has been a great experience to improve the reporting and understanding of the Area Finances for everyone.

New Proposals

We have two new proposals that are focussed on expense policy and excess funds, which I believe we will cover under New Business. That is my report.

Chair Is it the recommendation of the body that I go through each one of these reports separately to ask for approval? Opposition to that?

Chair The motion on the floor is to accept the reports as read. All in favor please put up green check marks. If opposed, your red X. Ok, would minority voice like to speak?

Blair I do not oppose the motion, I just agree with Steven, that we should be accepting individually, so that we have time to ask questions on each report. That is why I'm opposed.

Chair Someone else must make that motion, then, when we see how this one goes. Would anyone like to change their vote?
VOTE
22 For 1 against
Motion carried.

Steven Can I make a Floor Action? I would move that for future reports, that reports be accepted individually after each report is read.
 Seconded by Gerry.
Motion carried unanimously.

ROLL CALL

District 1

Primary Purpose Group
 Hfx Sunday morning HERE
 Welcome Group HERE
 Westend Group
 Four seasons Group
 Acceptance Group
 Back to Basics Group HERE
 Only Requirement Group
 Lions' Den Group
 New Hope Group
 Fresh start Group HERE
 Second Chance Group HERE
Count 7 of 26

Sunday Night Serenity
 Grateful Group
 Freedom Group
 Timberlea closed discussion Group
 Bedford Group
 Atlantic Group
 Serenity Sisters Group
 Any Lengths BB Study Group
 St. Margaret's Bay Group
 Lost & Found BB Discussion Group HERE
 Downtown Hfx Group HERE
 Highland Park Group HERE

District 2

Living Sober Group
 Sunrise Group
 Fall River Group
 Tallahassee Group
 Harbour Group
 Porter's Lake Group
 Gaston Road Group
 Serenity Corner Group

Downtown Dartmouth Group HERE
 Cole Harbour Group
 Keep it Simple Group HERE
 Early Risers Group
 Colby Village Group
 Circle of Sisters Group
 Enfield Group

Count 2 of 17

Does DCM have any information about All Beliefs Group and Safety Net Group?

DCM What info do you need?
Deb They are not in Fellowship Connection, so I need information in order
to include them – especially a GSR or Contact

District 3

Aylesford Group HERE
Fundy Group
Middleton Group
Kingston 12 Step Group
Cambridge Fellowship Group
Bridgetown Group
Count 2 of 11

Berwick Group
Kentville Group
Annapolis Group HERE
Candlelight Group
Meadowview Group

District 4

Digby one day at a time Group
Nova Group
12 Step Group
Count 1 of 6

Acadian Group HERE
24 Hr a day Group
Nor'easter Group

District 5

Wentworth Group
Junction Group
Pugwash Group
Sunday Morning Group
Count 0 of

Primary Purpose Group
Oxford Group
HOW Group

District 6

Truro 12 Step Group
Sunrise Trail Group HERE
Back to Basics Group
Hubtown Group
Free Spirit Group HERE
Count 5 of 10

Shubenacadie Recovery Group
Hill Group HERE
A woman's Way group HERE
New Freedom Group HERE

District 7

The Steps We Took Group
Antigonish Group
Port Hawkesbury Group HERE
Stellarton Discussion Group
Hope Group

Guysborough Group
Unity Group
Easy Does It Group
Aspen Group
Pictou Harbour Group

Cape George Group
Auld's Cove Group
Count 2 of 14

New Glasgow HOW Group HERE
Lismore Shore Group

Steven May I make a point of information please. District 5 has 5 out of 10 GSRs present, and you counted 4. I would like to double check. We have New Freedom, Free Spirit, Sunrise Trail, Hill Group, and A Woman's Way.
Deb Thanks! 5 of 10 for District 5

District 8

Never Alone Group
Isle Madame Group
Margaree 12 Step Group
Les Voyageurs Group
Serenity Group
Count 0 of 9

Recovery Group
HOW Group
Unity Group
L'ardoise Action Group

District 9

Growing Hope for Women's Group
Boisdale Serenity Group
Westside Group
Glace Bay Alano Group
Arcano Group
Membertou Group
HOW Group
Tuesday Morning 12&12 Group
Friday Day Group
Courage to Change Group
Lean on Me Group
Count 0 of 21

Lifeline Group
Sydney Mines Group
Praying Hands Group
Chameau Group
Ashby Discussion Group
Dominion Sandbar Group
BB Discussion Group
Reserve/Midway Group
Friends of Bill W Group
Sydney Central Group

District 10

New Hope Group
LaHave Group HERE
Fellowship Group
New Beginnings Group
Count 2 of 7

Action Group HERE
Simple Coffee Group
Lunenburg Serenity Group

District 12

Country Road Group
Curling Group
Corner Brook East Serenity Group
12 noon Group

12 Step Group
Pioneer Group HERE
Pasadena Group
South Shore Group

One Day At A Time Group HERE
Sunday Morning Breakfast Group
Count 2 of 10

First Things First Group

Alfred Excuse me – we only have 9 active groups in our district 12
Deb Thanks Alfred – if I run through them again, can you clarify which
 groups I called which are not active? NOT ACTIVE
 Happy Hour Group, 12 noon group, Steps to Freedom Group
 I am still counting 10 – thanks for your clarification

District 13 – No DCM

Exploits Valley Group
Glovertown Group
Count 0 of 3

Care & Share Group

District 14

Easy Does it Group
Mortier Bay Group HERE
New Horizon Group HERE
Friday night group HERE
Baccaleiu Trail Group HERE
Count 4 of 10

Brigus Group HERE
Clarenville Area Midway
St. Mary's Group
Carbonear Lunch Group

District 15

Stepsisters Book Study
Acorn Group HERE
Serenity Group
West End Group
Beaconsfield Group
Happy Hour Group
One Day At A Time Group
Unity Group
Sobriety Beyond Group
Reason to Believe Group
New Found Group
Courage to Change Group
Women for Recovery Group HERE
Miracles in Sobriety Group
Friday Alone no More Group
Sunday morning Group
Central Group
Sobriety for Lunch Group
Count 5 of 35

Sunday morning Action
East End Group
Pleasantville Group
Cocktail Hour Group
Trepassey Group HERE
I am Responsible Group
3rd Tradition Group
Recovery Group HERE
Second Chance Group HERE
Back to Basics Group
Better Life Group
Plain & Simple Group
Winners in Sobriety Group
First Step Group
Read & Share Group
Rise & Shine Group
New Hope Group

District 16 – NO DCM

Friendship Group

Twin Cities Group

Last Chance Group
Mushuau Innu Group
Lifeline Group
Makovic
Count 0 of 9

In God's Hands Group
12 Step Recovery Group
Sunflower Surrender Women

Distict 17

Windsor Morning Group
St. Croix 12 Step Recovery HERE
Three Mile Plain Group
Windsor Morning Group
Count 3 of 7

Brooklyn Group
Hantsport Group HERE
Wolfville Group HERE

Total numbers 35 groups of 205 groups present.

DCM Dist 1	Here	DCM Dist 2	Here
DCM Dist 3	Here	DCM Dist 4	Here
DCM Dist 5	Here	DCM Dist 6	Here
DCM Dist 7	Here	DCM Dist 8	Absent
DCM Dist 9	Here	DCM Dist 10	Here
DCM Dist 12	Here	DCM Dist 14	Here
DCM Dist 15	Here	DCM Dist 17	Here
Area Delegate	Here	Alt ASD	Here
Secretary	Here	Chair	Here
Treasurer	Absent		

Count 52 VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT (as Trepassey GSR is also DCM Dist 14)

OLD BUSINESS

Open Positions – Archivist NL

Gerry nominated Jack Ganney as Archivist NL/Labrador. Seconded by Gary. Jack accepted the nomination.

Chair would all NL/Labrador members please raise a green check if in agreement with Jack becoming the Archivist for NL/Labrador.

Paul Point of order – is he allowed to identify himself and his qualifications please?

Chair Jack, would you please identify yourself and tell us your qualifications?

Jack Well, my name is Jack and I am an alcoholic. I am sober 10.5 years

and I am still with the original group I sobered up with. I was Treasurer with that group for the first year and a half and 2013-2015 I was GSR. I have been part of the organization committee for conventions held here in the spring and fall, three times as chair and a couple of times as co-chair.

I was GSR for my group a second time, until 2021 when I stepped away from it. I have been PI Chair for the past year. I am also co coordinator for the intergroup office, and coordinator is going away for the summer, so I'll be taking over the office. I am one of five members who do after hour calls – that is, we take calls 24/7.

Chair The vote was 12. Please remove your checkmarks.
Welcome aboard, Jack

Hybrid Options for Area 82 Fall Assembly 2023

Chair Do we know who brought this up? Steven, was this you?

Steven I think it was George S., Past DCM, District 15.

Much discussion occurred about this.

Dwayne My motion was that we HAVE a hybrid Fall Assembly, and that it be Area Officers and DCMs work together at the next quarterly meeting to come up with the most cost-effective way to put it in place for the Fall.

Samaira Thank you so much. So it is to have a hybrid meeting for the Fall and you guys will figure it out

Dwayne Yes. The Area Committee will do what they can to put it in place and look to the DCMs to make sure it is the most viable option.

Samaira Thanks so much, Dwayne

Chair May I ask, are we still doing discussion? Wayne

Wayne Anne, I just want to say you're doing a really good job chairing this meeting. I don't envy you, keep it up, there's only a short time left.

Chair Thanks Wayne Steven

Steven So, we do have another item on the agenda, regarding all Zoom events.

Chair That is a different item.

Chair OK. Let's try this. If you are in favor of having a hybrid meeting for the assembly in the Fall and having the Area Committee do everything in their power to find the cheapest way possible and the Area Committee will be meeting with the DCMs to get it going. If you are in favor of that, please, raise your green checkmark now.

VOTE

36 FOR 01 OPPOSED Would the nay vote like to speak? No.

Motion carried.

Financial Ad Hoc Committee
Recommendations

Blair Chair Finance Committee - What I am going to do is read the recommendations which have already been sent out to the Area, then I'm going to make a motion have it accepted. So I'm going to do one at a time for everybody.

1 – Expense Policy

Update the Guidelines Policy section 1X to as follows :

Existing bullet point –

Area 82 provides an advance of funds to respective Area Officers and Committee Members to fulfill their duties while performing Area Business as per the approved budget. So we want to add the following to the guidelines, below the bullet point.

A portion of these advance funds covering lodging, meals and travel:

- A) lodging & meals are to be comparatively priced facilities as near as possible to the event taking place, suitable to fulfill the needs of those participating**
- B) While performing AA business, trusted servants who use their own vehicle are required to fill their tank when departing from their home location then submit all gas receipts incurred during the trip, recording these amounts in the detail section of their monthly expenses sheet.**

Second bullet point

Is to reduce costs by lodging and travel combine with other members travelling to the same event

**I move that the presented changes be made to the Area 82 Guidelines
Seconded by Michelle, Back to Basics**

Chair Discussion?

Blair Sure...The point that Dwayne is referring to is

- A) While performing AA business, trusted servants who use their own vehicle are**

required to fill their tank upon departure from their home location then submit all gas receipts incurred during the trip, recording these amounts in the detail section of their monthly expenses sheet.

Chair **A rousing discussion occurred on this item.
Blair, could you just re-read the motion please**

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Dwayne **I would like to propose an amendment please. I would like to propose that we remove the part about filling the tank before leaving or coming back. The reason for the amendment is that the person bringing forth the motion said it really doesn't matter, you're putting the receipt in and we're going to trust you anyways, so basically, that's what we're doing now. I don't think we need to edit the guidelines to say it. So, I will put that motion forward.**

Michael H **I second that motion**

Chair **OK .All in favour use your green checkmarks please**

Dwayne **This is all in favor of withdrawing that**

Chair **All in favour of withdrawing that from the Guidelines**

Michael C **Sorry, I have a question just for understanding. For an amendment, do we not have to ask the person who brought forth the motion if we**

can amend the original motion? If they accept it, then we vote?

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Blair This is Dwayne's amended motion, if that's ok...

Dwayne That's fine, Blair

Chair Who seconded

Michael H I seconded

Chair OK. All in favor of accepting this motion with amendment please put up your green checks. Those opposed raise a red X
VOTE IS UNANIMOUS. MOTION CARRIED

Chair Blair, you have part 2 to present

Blair So, part 2 – (I hope it doesn't get so heated)
The second motion is pertaining to Appendix I
Prudent Reserve and excess funds update:

The new wording in the guideline will be:

In January of each year the Area Treasurer is responsible to show a balance of 4 months of the Annual budget, as approved at the previous year's Fall Assembly. Once the Prudent Reserve is set for the year, the funds in the account should not be withdrawn unless the

Area is not able to meet its immediate operation obligations. Ex. Zoom, contractual agreements, from its operational account. Withdrawals from the Prudent Reserve should be voted on and approved by the Area Executive. The Prudent Reserve is not intended to, nor should it be used as an account for funding the area budget in advance. At the Spring and Fall Area 82 assemblies, and in consideration of the most recent Area 82 financial statements it will be determined by Area 82 conscience what to do with any excess funds.

IN ADDITION

We also need the Area Treasurer's responsibilities amended to read: In January of each year, the Area Treasurer's responsibility is to show a Prudent Reserve balance of 4 months of the Area 82 annual budget, as approved at the Fall Assembly 2022.

I move that the Area 82 Guidelines be approved as stated.

Chair Do we have a seconder?

Samaira I second

Chair Floor is open for discussion.

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**Chair Those in agreement please raise your green checkmarks
Those opposed please raise your red X**

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Dwayne My apologies, I was just making a point of order that the information provided about the motion was incorrect.

Chair **VOTE**
22 FOR 4 AGAINST
Would the nay votes like to speak?
MOTION CARRIED

Dwayne a) the thing that was mentioned when we started all this Ad Hoc committee stuff was that we had too much money sitting around doing nothing, and now this motion is actually going to have money sitting around doing nothing. An emergency, in my view, is if we do not have the funds to do the primary purpose of the area – to bring the message to the still suffering alcoholic, then that is an emergency. As it stands now, when this motion passes we will have about \$7,000.00 if the next motion passes, to budget for next year. We cannot budget based on what is already out there this year because that doesn't come back until after the budgeting process is done. Basically what we're doing with this motion is saying we are going to budget with what we've got and then use whatever comes in next year to cover the budget for next year, leaving absolutely nothing for the following year, and no ability to use our Prudent Reserve. So it may not hit us really bad this year, and it may not hit us really bad next year, but two years from now, we're going to be broke, with no ability to use what we have and only 2/3 of what we had before in the Prudent Reserve. That's the reason that I'm against this, I'm telling you right now – we're going to

be in bad shape in a couple of years as a result of this vote.

Chair Thanks Dwayne

Chair **RE-VOTE**
13 YES 18 NO SOME ABSTAINERS
Those who abstained – do you have no opinions?
MOTION IS DEFEATED

NEW BUSINESS

Alternate Treasurer Position

Michael Back to Basics Group. Yes. It's great that we're moving along and I would like to thank you all for the process that I just witnessed. This is another process and is to create a new position of Alternate Treasurer for Area 82 Executive Committee. At the Fall assembly, a lot of great recommendations were passed to assist our Treasurer in the reporting of the Area finances and it was amazing. We believe that since there were so many recommendations that an alternate treasurer would assist the treasurer and make her job easier. This would also cover other financial needs such as being a backup if our treasurer was not able to attend Area functions. This position will have a vital role in working with and assisting the treasurer at the area level and will provide a second pair of eyes to ensure the financial procedures are followed to the best of the area's abilities. This is not a personal thing, but it is a structural thing and common sense. As we all know, this is one of the most scrutinized positions at any level and should have some kind of support especially when so many new changes were implemented at the Fall assembly. I only wish that there was an alternate treasurer at the district level – there isn't one because nobody want to step up to do it. Thank you.

Chair Thank you Michael
Floor is open for discussion

Michael I make a motion to adopt a new position of alternate treasurer in Area 82, to assist the treasurer with all duties, with no budget, acting only as a backup.

Samaira I second the motion

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Dwayne Point of Information, Madame Chair

The Treasurer has had a lot of help from the Financial Ad Hoc Committee this year, as well.

Blair We'll need a seconder on this motion. It doesn't say in the motion if the alternate treasurer will need to be at the assembly or not. If they are, then there would be a cost attached.

Chair Samaira seconded that motion.

Point of Order

The understudy was not a part of the motion, it was just an addition from my brain. It's a scary spot, for two minutes, c'mon in!

Dwayne Point of Order & Point of Information, Madame Chair
A seconder can only withdraw their second if the motion contains an amendment is made that they don't agree with

Blair DCM District. Can we call the question?

Chair All in favor of call the question, please raise your green checkmarks, and all opposed please raise your red x
VOTE IS UNANIMOUS
MOTION CARRIED

Chair All in favor of the motion of having an alternate treasurer position please raise your green checkmarks, all opposed raise red x
VOTE 20 FOR 14 AGAINST

Would the nay vote like to speak?

Chair Is there anyone wishing to change their vote, after hearing the nay voters? Deb, did you wish to say anything?

Deb Just that I want to change my vote

Chair **RE-VOTE**
8 FOR 22 AGAINST
MOTION DEFEATED

Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines

John W. I am going to present the report, and with the permission of the Chair, I will answer any questions
We began meeting on June 12, 2022, and we met every 2 weeks for approximately 1.5 hours mostly on Zoom on Sunday evenings. The first thing we did was review all meetings from all assemblies from 2014, up to and including Spring 2022. We paid particular attention to

motions carried and compared them to version 4 dated 01/01/21 of the Guidelines which is posted on our Area 82 website. We identified the corrections required and forwarded them to the Area Secretary. We continued to identify corrections required as we reviewed the Guidelines. These corrections varied from wrong page numbers to motions approved at an assembly and not reflected in the Guidelines. Periodically we forwarded further corrections required to the Area Secretary.

Our next step was to review these Guidelines, always keeping in mind “for our group purpose, there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience”. For the most part we followed a simplified “Roberts Rules of Order” used at AA business meetings, and when any member had a recommendation we discussed it. After a motion was made and seconded, we voted on it. Only then did it become a recommendation which would be brought to the area as a whole. We skipped the section referencing Finance and Financial Officer responsibilities, because there were items on the Fall 2022 Assembly Agenda which may have affected the Guidelines, in particular from the Ad Hoc committee on finance.

In February 2023 we switched over to version 5, which was not posted on our website, but reflected all motions carried at the Fall 2022 assembly. We reviewed the sections we had skipped and double checked for corrections required. We have completed our review and we have 39 recommendations for changes to the Guidelines. As well, we have scrutinized version 5 of the Guidelines for corrections required. We have been in contact with our Area Secretary and offered our help, an offer which has been accepted, to make the corrections for her review so that the correction version 5 can be posted to the website.

The next step in our process was to provide background information for the 39 recommendations, to be sent out to everyone for review and distribution to groups to prepare for any motions on the Agenda for the Fall 2023 assembly. I am sure I speak for all on the committee, thank you for the opportunity. With your permission, I will try to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Chair Thank you John. Does anyone have questions for John?

Samaira I just want to make it clear that there were two parts of the guidelines we did.

ONE was corrections – those were items passed but not put into the guidelines. We were not creating anything. We looked at minutes

from 2014, and one set wasn't on the website and somebody found them somewhere

TWO – was the recommendations – This is where we looked through the Guidelines and made recommendations for changes. That might have been as simple as the mission statement should be on the last page instead of the first page. If something was missing like a bullet point needed to be added, we recommended that it should be added. They weren't massive recommendations. I think once everybody reads the recommendations, I think it will be voted on as a whole. They are all self explanatory. Thank you John.

Steven I just want to say to Samaira, that there was a motion to accept all the reports as presented, and seconded, but it was added that in future, we would vote on each report individually so there would be time for questions. We wouldn't be voting on the group of reports altogether.

Chair Thanks Steven. Mark, your district had a motion to use Zoom on nonvoting years of assembly.

Mark DCM District 3. After hearing the discussion and all the valid points for Hybrid, and the Area researching the Hybrid option, District 3 would like to withdraw the proposal at this time.

Dwayne We do have another item to address, Madame Chair
Ladies and Gentlemen, I apologise, I will just take a few minutes of your time. During the Old Business, I should have brought up the item of Co-chairs for the Active Area Committees of NL/Labrador and NS. At this moment in time, we have openings in NS for Grapevine, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community Co-chairs for Active Area Committee. Is there anyone present who would be interested in letting their name stand for any of these vacancies?

In NL/Labrador we have vacancies in the areas of Treatment, and Grapevine co-chairs. Is there anyone in NL/Labrador who would let their name stand for these vacancies?

Ladies and Gentlemen, I strongly suggest you bring these vacancies to the attention of your groups. These are posted on the website under co-chair positions. If anyone would like more information or has interest in these, please have them contact me. This would have been mentioned in the Area Committee Workshop, but the presenter called at supertime with regrets, so perhaps we can re-schedule for another day. I will contact him to reschedule.

Chair If we've agreed to have a Hybrid meeting for the 2023 Fall Assembly. I would suggest that if that works out, we will continue it forward, but I don't know. Would the Spring assembly still be on Zoom? Dwayne would you care to answer?

Dwayne So, the motion that was passed was to attempt a Hybrid as best we could for the 2023 Fall Assembly. If your group is interested in it going forward, first you would put your background together and bring it to a district meeting. You would ask your DCM to send it up the line to be put on the agenda for the Fall 2023 Assembly

Angela Each group is autonomous, each group decides how it spends its money.

Mark Just for clarification - we are investigating the use of Hybrid for the Fall 2023 Assembly, or is it a GO?

Dwayne It is a GO for this Fall. The investigate part was for us to investigate the cheapest way we could do it and bring that back to the DCMs to tell them what we found.

Mark Thank you for the clarification.

Dwayne The motion passed was that we do it, and that we would investigate the cheapest possible ways to do it, and we would bring our investigation findings back to the DCMs. If it is going to cost \$10,000.00 to bring wi-fi to Bennett Hall for the weekend, we are probably not something that we could reasonably do. But if it possible, at all, then we'll do it. That was the point that I was making in the motion when I said we will bring the viable options to the DCMs to see what would be best for the Area.

Chair OK? Gerry did want to say something.

Gary I need clarification from Gerry. I know NL/Labrador always has a Roundup with their Assembly. The DCM from that area mentioned that if the attendance was down, it would affect their Roundup. If half of us go on Zoom, does that effect the process of their having the Roundup and Assembly?

Dwayne Point of Information
People who are attending by Zoom would still be required to pay a registration fee. That being said, if you haven't paid your registration fee for this virtual assembly, please forward your registration fee to our Area Treasurer by e-transfer or snail mail.

Steven DCM District 6. Dwayne, I have a question regarding the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee – The recommendation of the committee to form a Ride Share committee with ongoing Investigation for cost and availability for buses for future events. What else is happening after that? Did we have a look at what we're going to do going ahead? As a district, we would like to try to get plans in place already.

Dwayne Because we did not hear back from the charter company in Corner Brook, or the rural transit companies here in NS, we don't have information on that at this time. I did not get the information in time to get it on the agenda, I would happy to take this on in my role as Active Committees Chair, to strike a committee and put a spreadsheet together, to try to go that was for the Fall Assembly. Perhaps we could have a better handle on what are the costs and availabilities and I can put that on the agenda for the Fall Assembly.

Steven Maybe even a separate spread sheet for people who would be willing to share a room to keep costs down. Just please make sure you put Gerry on his own as nobody wants to hear his CPAP machine all night.

Dwayne That's a wonderful idea. I'll go ahead and do that. Thanks very much

Mark We talk about if voting will work, and whether or not voting is going to work. Haven't we done it before? It does work. What event was that?

Gerry It was at an assembly and we did the elections that way. We had a crew from Area 83 come down and help us.

Gary DCM District 17. For those who haven't been to Corner Brook, for those flying, you just don't fly into Corner Brook. You will have to rent a car in order to get across from Deer Lake to Corner Brook.

Chair Jocelyn said there was a transportation committee who would come to the airport and pick up people and get them where they need to go. Apparently they are associated with the Roundup.

Gary DCM District 17 . Well, I didn't know that. That's news to me, then.

Chair Alfred, was I correct?

Alfred Yes...do you hear me? I am the chairperson for the Roundup and transportation will be looked after. Anything we can do to help in any way.

Chair That would be great. Thank you very much

Samaira So I don't know when I am supposed to say this, so I am going to say it now. I want to say how much I appreciate this assembly and how some of the members were able to do the tenth step so quickly. From the bottom of my heart, it meant so much to me as a member of this committee and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and how well we can come together.

Chair Thank you all for being here, for your patience, for your Points of Order and Information. It shows me I have so much more to learn. As Dwayne said, by the time I rotate out, I'll know this job pretty well.

Steven I just want to double check – are we coming back tomorrow or are we finished just now?

Steven Then I will make a motion to adjourn this meeting.

Chair May I have a seconder?

Dwayne I second

Chair Thank you. I will see you all in the Fall.
Please help me close with the Responsibility Clause.

I AM RESPONSIBLE

WHEN ANYONE ANYWHERE

REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT

THE HAND OF AA

ALWAYS TO BE THERE

AND FOR THAT

I AM RESPONSIBLE

Yours in Service
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