

District Committee Members (DCMs) and Area Officers Meeting

Meeting held at the Albatross Hotel in Gander, NL Friday, May 29 at 7:30 PM

Steve DCM D15 read the traditions

Introductions:

Steve DCM D14

Pam D14

Alfred D12

Basil Treasurer Area 82

Dwayne GSD Panel 75

George M. Chair

Paul B. Alt GSD

Nick C. Secretary/Registrar

Minutes from Service Weekend in 2025 were reviewed

- Motion to approve minutes Basil, Paul
- Motion carried

Basil Treasurer's Report

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Basil gave us an update on Jack G.'s health. Would like to continue on, does not wish to step down.

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Yours in recovery

Jack Ghaney

NL and Labrador archivist.

Roll Call

10 groups in District 12

10 groups in District 14

34 groups in District 15

3 DCMs and 5 Area Officers

Meeting adjourned around 9:00 PM

Saturday – May 30th

Housekeeping announcements by Pam Q.

Meeting began with the serenity prayer by George M. (9:05 AM)

Introductions by all in attendance

12 Traditions were read by Kelly

Sympathies Len W., Harold W., and Kenny W., Glen P, and Pat K. George mentioned a member from his group.

Moment of silence

Mission Statement: The Mission Statement of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82 is to carry a message of hope, strength and knowledge through communication of Alcoholics Anonymous' Twelve Steps in an efficient and prudent manner.

We Believe: The Twelve Step message is the primary reason for our deliberations. The General Service Representatives, District Committee Members and Area Officers have the opportunity to share, discuss and receive valuable insights that will be of assistance at the local groups.

Action Plan:

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

"We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration.

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

Previous Minutes Read for Approval – May 2025 Service Weekend Minutes

- Ross motion, Ken seconded
- Minutes approved unanimously

George discussed succession planning and the survey to finish a repository for experience from folks doing service positions in our area so that our trusted servants know what they are getting into.

Business arising from the Minutes (No additional)

Any requests for Floor Actions to add items to the Agenda Approval of Agenda (No floor items added).

- Motion by Lisa C. to accept agenda as proposed, Calvin M. seconded
- Agenda approved unanimously

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 12 (D12) Report (DCM Alfred S.)

Good morning, friends. My name is Alfred S, and I am an alcoholic, and I am a member of the Country Road Group that has regular closed discussion of meetings every Thursday night at St. Michael and all Angels Church, Park Drive, Corner Brook NL at 8:00 PM.

Our district has a Treatment Facility Committee with a group of dedicated volunteers, who host AA speaker meetings at the facility on Thursday night. We also have a PI Committee, and we use a cell phone for 12 step work. It is listed on area82aa.org, district 12, and announced to the public.

District 12 has a total of 9 groups. Two groups do not have a GSR. Our district meetings are in Deer Lake, Corner Brook, Stephenville, and Port Aux Basques. District meetings are well attended. Our Assembly and Round Up Committee is working to make sure everything will be ready for Oct 9, 10, 11. We have a block of rooms at the Greenwood Inn with rooms at \$131 and tax per night, with a fixed cut-off date: Friday, Sept. 25, 2026. With this year an election year we are hoping for a great turn out and looking forward to hosting the assembly. We hope to see you there.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve and grow in fellowship and service.

Thank you Alfred S.

District 14 (D14) Report (DCM Pam Q.)

District 14 DCM Report

Service Weekend Spring 2026

District 14 holds district meetings every two months via Zoom to support representation of all groups throughout District 14.

There are 10 active groups in District 14 from Holyrood to Clarenville, Burin to hopefully soon a group in the Bonavista area.

District 14 supports a weekly institutional meeting at the Treatment Centre in Harbour Grace.

District 14 holds an Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance that is well attended by members from District 14 and 15.

Yours in service,

Pam Quirk

DCM – District 14

District 15 (D15) Report (DCM Steve D.)

District 15 DCM Report:

District 15 has had busy year since the last Service weekend.

Fall Assembly

In October the District hosted the Area 82 Fall Assembly in St. John's. The assembly was well attended. One of the major votes taken was on the issue of a potential request to separate NL and NS. The motion was defeated by a significant majority.

Workshops:

The District in cooperation with Intergroup, put off three workshops since the last Service weekend. In September a sharing session on Service. In March of 2026 a workshop was held on the Home Group. Both of these were hybrid. At the recent IG spring convention, the district held an in person session on Sponsorship. These workshops and service sessions have been well received and form one of the core activities of the District.

Presence at IG conventions

Apart from putting off workshops, the district has had a visible presence at the last two IG conventions. At the recent spring convention, we offered Plain Language Big Books for donation

by members to the men's and women's corrections committee. This went very well and we are planning to do the same for the Recovery centre at the Fal convention. Conventions often attract members who are new to AA. Having a table with information and a chance to interact with district committee members has some value.

Re-structuring of committee responsibility

For the past decade or so, IG has been responsible for the operation of almost all the activities within the district area. Following discussion with GSRs and IG, a decision was made to house the corrections and treatment centre committees under the District directly. Since doing this, a new women's corrections committee has been struck and will hopefully start meetings soon. IG has retained the responsibility for CPC/PI, the office and the phones. Formalization of this arrangement is underway in the preparation of our first set of District guidelines. A draft of these guidelines is under review by an ad hoc committee. It is hoped that we will have a draft to circulate for review by the groups in the fall.

We site

District 15 has its own web site - see our sign! Under the capable hands of the Alt-DCM Lisa C. it has recently undergone a revision and updating. Lisa has also included a fabulous glance at the history of AA groups in the district. Check it out! Thanks Lisa

Contact list

Our treasurer, Tammy N, has spent many hours updating our district group contact list. It has been a tedious job but has resulted in an invaluable tool. Thanks to Tammy

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Year ahead.

Our plans for the year ahead include a Fall workshop, participation in the Area 82 Assembly in Corner Brook and hopefully ratification of District guidelines and solidifying the institution committees. All of this is done in an effort to fulfill our primary purpose to help the suffering alcoholic.

Big books for recovery centre will be discussed at the intergroup fall convection

Past General Service Delegates (GSD) Address

Gerry W. Panel 73

- Discussed the feelings of saying present at General Service Conference when Area 82 was called. Keep it friendly.

Tammy also said that anyone interested in donating books can talk to her (this in reference to Steve's D15 report above)

George thanked the past delegates for their service

Treasurer's Report (Basil M.)

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Alt. GSD Report (Paul B.)

Alt GSD Report

Good day everyone, My name is Paul B and I am serving as your Alt GSD P75/82. It Has been Great Privilege to serve as your Alt GSD in so many capacities in the first 7 Months.

This position allows a trusted servant like me to gain valuable experience in the Delegate's duties, often leading to them becoming a strong candidate for Delegate in future terms

The excitement started, in the first few Months when I got an invitation to attend and do a presentation at the NAAD (North American Alternate Delegates) meeting and to meet all

the other Alt Delegates throughout the world. Being part of this committee, enables me to collaborate and learn from other AA members on the importance of the AA Structure and the knowledge within AA

One of the other important committees that I am a part of along with Dwayne our GSD is the Cerassa Sterring. Committee With this committee you get to learn how Cerassa functions and to be a part of a very important function of AA. The next CERASSA will be held in St Hyacinthe Quebec in 2027.

I also Chair the Area Active Committees Meetings. These meetings are held the last Monday of the month with the Zoom number on the Area website. We have representations from PI, CPC, Archives, Corrections, and Remote Committees. In January, I started to invite other members from other Areas to attend our meeting. We have had members from Canada and USA join our meeting and since then Our average attendance is close to 25 members per month and would love to have more of you join us. There is a lot of experience and knowledge shared at this meeting with members sharing what is going with their committees with in their Area and Districts This meeting is only one hour long and accomplishes lots of ways to carry the message within the fellowship, which is our Primary Purpose.

Thank you for allowing me to Serve as Your Alt Delegate

Yours in Service

Paul B Alt GSD P75/82

Break

GSD Report (Dwayne M.)

Lisa C. discussed some of the timelines of wanting the change to an offensive word in the Big Book

Delegate Report to the NS & NL Service Weekends It's been only a few weeks since I returned from the 76th General Service Conference in New York City. To say it was one of the best times in my sobriety would be an understatement. I remain amazed that a simple drunk from the back woods of Cape Breton was asked to play such a part in our program, and I'm deeply grateful to the groups of Area 82 for the opportunity to represent you. Serving on both the Literature and Archives committees at the 76th General Service Conference provided a front-row seat to the making of history of our Fellowship. • The 5th Edition Big Book: In the summer of 2025, our committee faced the monumental task of reviewing 48 stories- pared down from over 2,500 submissions—each of us to suggest our

top 10 choices to be added to the back of the 5th Edition manuscript. We also undertook the difficult work of selecting 10 stories from the 4th Edition to be replaced. The first task was very difficult. All the stories were amazing. The second task was almost impossible. It was like asking me which ten friends to remove from my life. I was also given the honour of reviewing the final draft manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous (5th Edition) this past January. I am happy to report that after the unanimous recommendation of the Conference Committee on Literature, and a lengthy discussion, a vote of substantial unanimity of the conference issued an advisory action for publication. The 5th Edition of the Big Book is slated for publication in early 2027. • Last fall, at our Area 82 Assembly, an Innu member of Area 82 shared how the use of a specific racial slur in our literature made her feel unwanted. I brought this concern to the Conference Committee on Literature, where there was a unanimous vote to recommend its removal. During the discussion, the GSO Staff member assigned to Literature told us that the word had been removed from the French version and many other pieces of AA literature as an Editorial change. I am proud to report that after a powerful discussion on the Conference floor, the motion passed with substantial unanimity to remove the term from the Big Book, followed by a floor action to remove it from all AA literature. As a member of the Archives Committee, I had the opportunity to review the new Archivist Handbook, and snag a couple of copies of our two hardworking Archivists in NS and NL. With the Equitable Distribution of Workload agenda, the Archives Committee also discussed the item dealing with group members who do not reside in an Area serving in Area Service positions. No Action was taken by the Committee, as this was deemed to be covered by the 4th Tradition, and should be a decision of each Area. I have asked that it be added to our Fall Assembly Agenda for discussion and updating of the Guidelines to reflect the Area 82 Decision on this matter. The Tuesday Study Group Beyond the Conference walls, a beautiful initiative has grown alongside my friends and fellow Delegates: Gerry W. (Area 82 Panel 73), Alan W. (Area 84 Panel 74), and Marietta McC. (Area 81 Panel 74). What started as a simple idea of leaning the Service Manual and Concepts together has become a thriving “AA Service Manual and 12 Concepts for World Service”, study. A short presentation of 15-20 minutes is done by a different presenter each week, followed by an open question and discussion time. We have been joined for presentations by Trustees, GSO Directors, and staff, and past and present GSDs, and attendance and participation of members from all across Canada and the USA, that have opened a massive learning curve for all of us. Please join us. The meetings take place every Tuesday evening at 6 pm NS/ 6:30 pm NL. The login information is on the Area 82 website under the EVENTS tab. If you are participating in the Service structure, it is a great way to learn the ins and outs of AA Service. Bring a friend, too. Looking Ahead This is my final year as your Delegate, and I am currently processing a massive amount of data from the Conference committee agendas, outcomes, and floor actions. I will be working

with the Webmaster to post summaries in the Delegate's Corner soon, and I look forward to presenting my full, detailed report at our Assembly in October. In the meantime, my door is always open. I am available for calls or emails to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Conference or our Area's business, as well as to conduct workshops for your groups or Districts. Yours in Love and Service, Dwayne MacD. GSD, Area 82, Panel 75 Literature & Archives Committees

Remote Communities Report (Paul W. absent, report read by Nick C.)

Remote Community Service Weekend Report May 16, 2026

There is not a lot to report but a couple of things I should mention.

I was able to get a mtg in a box to Lodge Bay Labrador taken by a member who was heading back there. Ive obtained a Big Book, and 12&12 book and some pamphlets about The AA Group, Treasurer and the 12 Questions. He has intentions to try to get a meeting started up there. Says they may be able to use a room at the fire hall which is being built.

The Makkovik mtg had their first business meeting on Feb. 11, 2026, and discussed becoming a registered group and zoom. They decided to stay on Area 82's Zoom platform and to change the mtg name to Area 82 Remote Communities mtg and change the time to 730pm AST. The meeting is still taking place on Wednesdays and is well attended.

I also purchased a few books called Our Stories (First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Recovery.) I sent two to a lady in Makkovik and I gave one to a member to take to the Eagle's Nest.

That's All Thanks

Paul W. R.C.

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Webmaster Report (Marie M. absent, report read by George M.)

Area 82 Webmaster Report

Date: May 2026

Overview

Report Period: October 2025 – May 2026

Prepared by: Marie M

Website url: <https://area82aa.org/>

Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service in the capacity of webmaster for Area 82 NFDL/LAB/NS.

Since my last update in October there haven't been many significant changes. It's been a period of maintaining. With the help from Nick and Basil, the biggest effort since October has been removing/replacing the documents that contain financial information.

Here is the recap of the docs removed/replaced:

Area 82 Docs that need to be edited or removed	2024 Assemblies
Area 82 Financials - Remove Q1 Budget Report – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove Q1 Expenses – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove Q1 Financial Summary – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove Q1 RBC Confirmation – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove Q1 Revenue – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026	- Remove "Area 82 Financial Report" Excel Object in 2024 Fall Assembly Minutes. Minutes are now approved. – MM Removed the embedded link and re uploaded a pdf version. Feb. 11, 2026 - Replace 2024 Spring Assembly Minutes with updated copy with account screenshots removed. MM Replaced Feb. 11, 2026
Quarterly Area Officers and DCM Minutes December 16th, 2020 has a screenshot of the account balances along with the account numbers. Needs to be removed. – MM Removed the link Feb. 11, 2026	2023 Assemblies - For Spring Assembly there is some discussion of budget/expenses for area 82 executive positions and prudent reserve listed but no specific account tables or screenshots. I don't believe this problematic and can be left as is in my opinion. MM, OK - For Fall Assembly, I removed the screenshot of the financial summary from the 2023 minutes. That is attached along with this file. It can just be uploaded to the website. These minutes are also approved by the assembly. MM Feb. 11, 2026 – These were only 3 attachments to this email. None were for 2023
2025 Service Weekends Newfoundland/Labrador Service Weekend - Remove current copy of NL Service Weekend Minutes and replace with new one attached to this email. The embedded budget objects have been removed. – MM Replaced Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr RBC Contribution – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Budget Report – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Revenue – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 Nova Scotia Service Weekend - Remove current copy of NS Officer and DCM Meeting and replace with new copy that has the embedded budget objects removed. – MM Replaced Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove current copy of NS Service Weekend Minutes and replace with new copy that has the embedded budget objects removed. – MM Replaced Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Budget Report – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Expenses – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Financial Summary – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr RBC Confirmation – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026 - Remove 2025 1st Qtr Revenue – MM Removed Feb. 11, 2026	2022 and earlier Assemblies - I think these three documents are fine, the dead link to the 2022 Assembly Agenda can be removed as that's unnecessary. MM Fixed the link Feb. 11, 2026 - Many of these minutes just have budget and group contribution tables without specific account information. I believe these are okay we can leave those as is. MM, OK

I have also updated the following:

- The position page with new icons
- The contact list with new/replaced DCM's and folks that had errors in the contact information.
- Completed all normal website updates such as meeting updates, newsletter updates, event additions, meeting minute updates as well.
- I answered three inquiries from people who were looking to attend a first meeting and unsure what to expect.

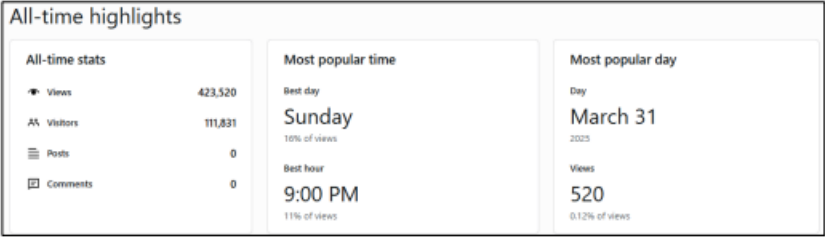
Area 82 Site Stats

Difference between “views” and “visits.”

- Views are counted each time a specific page or post is viewed, while visitors are counted as unique individuals who visit the site. A Visitor can have multiple views. You can count on views to be higher than visitors.
- Views can help us understand the popularity of specific pages, while visitors can give us an idea of the overall reach and popularity of the site.

All Time Highlights

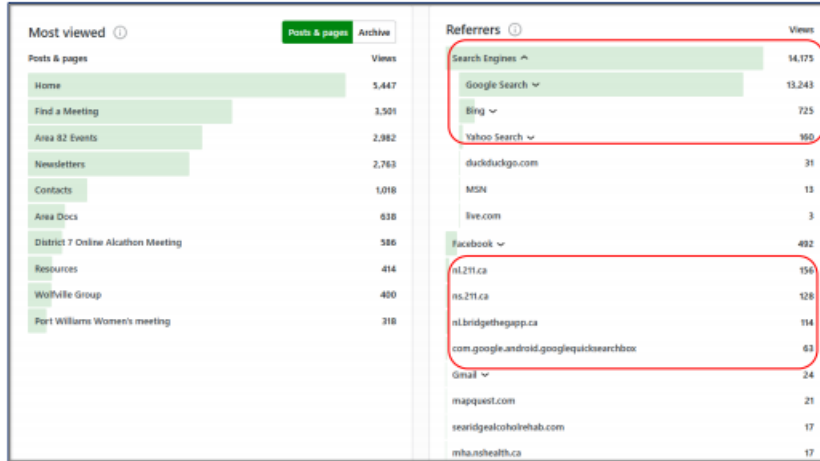
- March 31st we had the most views at 520. This is unchanged since last report.
- Sunday night at 9pm seems to be a popular time for folks to be interested in AA. This has shifted from Monday to Sunday since last report.



We average 270 views per day, which is up by 10 views per day since last report.



November 01, 2025 – May 06 2026 Highlights & User Activity



Where Users Visit from and Where Users Go

6k fewer Canadian, 2k more US and UK jumped up to 3rd place



The "Newsletter" pages are the most popular visited followed by events.

Clicks ⓘ		Views
All clicks		
area2aa.org ^		3,797
/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/February-March-26-District-7-Newsletter.pdf		179
/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/December-25-January-26-Newsletter.pdf		144
/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/District-6-Early-Bird-Mid-Summer-Round-Up-2026.png		138
/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/March-April-26-District-7-Newsletter.pdf		136
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/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/H5-SW-2026-Flyer-with-Costs-and-Details-1.pdf		129
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www.sahallfax.org ^		817
sahallfax.org/meeting-list/		531
sahallfax.org/mid-winter-roundup-2026/		153
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sahallfax.org		19
www.area82aa.org v		212
zoom.us v		199
us06web.zoom.us v		147
us02web.zoom.us v		115
www.aa.org v		107
www.aastjohns.com v		103
aa-district15newfoundland.org		97
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I am excited to continue helping to carry the message and I am looking forward to making some great updates to the site

Thanks! Marie

Pam moved motion to accept all reports, seconded by Ross

Motion passed unanimously

Roll Call

D12: 4/10

D13: 1

D14: 4/11

D15: 11/34

DCMs: 3

5 Area Officers (AO)s

28 total. Consensus vote was taken to allow Lisa to represent her group despite her absence during roll call. Una also may represent her group if she makes it by the scheduled roll call time of 2pm. That would make the voting members 29 if she arrives.

Lunch

Clarifications after lunch. Only 3 groups representing from district 12. 12 groups from District 15 (Veronica representing Alone No More Group), and 5 groups from District 12 (Una representing from Clarendville Big Book Study). Total of 30 voting members.

Donation to the NL archives from Calvin – A framed copy of the original 6 steps in Bill's handwriting

George discussed a brief story from early AA about possible AA number 3

Old Business

1. Area 82 Current Guidelines language update – Nick and Mark

Discussion of Guideline Updates. Best course of action is for the spring assembly only to be changed at this time. Nick will just send the body approved changed to marie to upload a new version of the guidelines to the website. Going forward, at the fall assembly, we could discuss a literature committee that looks after all necessary changes to the guidelines as voted by the assembly body.

2. NL Service Weekend Rotation Schedule

NL Service Weekend Location going forward. Groups and districts in Newfoundland should think about this for the fall assembly and decide if they can support or host the service weekend. Should be it be in a specific central area each year or should it rotate through willing districts on a schedule?

New Business

1. A motion was passed at the 2024 Fall Assembly to have the Area Officer Alternate positions filled at the 2026 Fall Assembly. See page 29 in the Service Manual for some information on the Alternate positions. Elections will take place in the fall for positions that currently do not have an Alternate, namely: Alternate Chair Alternate Treasurer Alternate Secretary These elections will take place at the Fall Assembly and immediately after the elections for the following positions: Delegate Alternate Delegate Chair Treasurer Secretary/Registrar
2. Succession Planning plus attracting members to new service positions– Area 82 is committed to supporting new and incoming Trusted Servants with the knowledge, skills and attitudes deemed necessary to be informed and ready to assume their new positions. a. Current holders of the positions will be surveyed to determine the knowledge, skills and attitudes deemed necessary to efficiently represent AA in these respective positions. b. Another survey will address: what I now know about service and this position that I wish I had known prior to being elected. c. Another

survey will ask trusted servants to outline the key and essential duties of the positions they hold. d. With the help of the Webmaster, the Chair will collect and collate all information gathered and create space on the Area Website to house and promote this vital information. e. Workshops and presentations will promote the information gathered to assist and encourage members to consider running for positions to further the goals of Area 82.

3. Request from District 17 (Monique) to include the following for discussion at our Service Weekends: Are we doing enough to educate our Groups (Districts and Area) on the disbursement of funds at the Group (District and Area) levels?
 - a. We hope the GSR workshop on Friday evening at least helped the communication on the issue
4. Requested by Dwayne MacD. – Discussion regarding amending the Area 82 Guidelines: There is a discussion emanating from a number of Areas and Districts covered by our GSO – GSC. The discussion began as a result of the proliferation of dedicated online meetings/groups that do not usually contain in-person meetings. The issue is whether or not a person from outside the geographic area of the meeting/group could represent the meeting/group in a service position.

Let me give you a concrete Example: Let's say there is an online meeting that began in Clarendville during COVID. One member, Sally, hasn't missed a meeting in four years, she chairs meetings and knows all the members by name. The group has decided to register with New York and become involved in the service structure. Sally has decided to let her name stand for the GSR position to represent her group at the District 14 District meetings. Sally happens to be from San Diego, California. Would this create enough of a dilemma to have Area82 amend our Guidelines to include a residency requirement to act in a service position?

- a. Would need to make a decision as an area on how to move forward with in this reality – this is not a GSO issue each group (group, district, area etc. needs to decide for themselves.
 - b. There is nothing in the current guidelines that speaks to this issue
5. Request from District 7 (Blaise) to include the following for inclusion at the Fall Assembly: Members at the Fall Assembly in Corner Brook must be present and in person in order to vote on motions.
 - a. George will attend a District 7 meeting to get more background to be more informed
 - b. Dwayne gave a full background of the issue over the past several years – the area had approved a trial of hybrid in the 2024 Assembly in Dartmouth. It went poorly and the body never re-visited the issue.

- c. There's nothing in the guidelines about equipment, internet speed considerations, costs, or procedure on when connection is lost for people online.
 - d. Issues are more about our use of the technology than the technology itself and also effective communication.
- 6. Item 1 Motion - Archivist is requesting that another budget line be added to the Archivist budget sheet. Currently we have 2 lines: 1) Storage 2) Upkeep and Travel Expenses. Proposing to change line 2 and to add a third line: 1) Storage 2) Travel Expenses 3) Office Supplies, Insurance and Equipment Item 2 Motion - Archivist is requesting to have the Archivist term changed from 3 years to 4 years. Item 3 (for discussion) Would like to discuss when the archivist position will be voted on, at the Service Weekend or Assembly. Before COVID it was at the service weekend. The last two Archivists were elected at the Fall Assemblies.
 - a. Can't really deal with this issue at the moment since Jack is not present.

Revisited item 4 before break.

Dinner

Workshop: Service Sponsorship – Foster L. Cole Harbour Group (Presented by Gerry W. - A copy of this presentation should be available on the Area Website).

Sunday Morning May 31st, 2026

Meeting began again at 9:09 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Question: What is the deal with Our Father at AA meetings

Some discussion ensued about group autonomy and history of religion, spirituality, Christianity in AA.

Ask it Basket

What happens when the alternate doesn't get voted in as the primary position?

- Opportunity to let their name stand for alternate positions, no guarantee that the alternate because the primary. Seek an opportunity to be of service elsewhere.
- Dwayne discussed his experience with not getting an Area service position in 2017/18 after he let his name stand.

What is GSO? Why is GSO failing to budget and stick to it?

- Covers Canada and USA. GSO is 1 of 68 GSOs across the world
- AA literature: pamphlets, big books, 12 and 12, translations etc.
- Service structure can ask for direction
- Group support
- Provide the Conference

- Face of AA to the professional community and public information
- Completely dependent on the 7th Tradition. Prudent reserve of about 11 million dollars about 5.9 months of operating expenses. Discussion of the power of the purse.
- Less than 40% of groups in US and Canada contribute
- Literature costs have been raised to meet budget since money from groups is not enough
- Discussion of suggested gratitude donation dollar amount (1 USD = 1 year of sobriety)
- Trying to increase contribution for the delegates to reduce the burden on GSO

Can we try to make the area docs more accessible by using more plain text?

- Discussion of feedback I received about embedded documents for minutes

What can the GSR do for individual group members?

- Caring the message individually and steering the group that way

Ways and means to attract members to service?

- Shouldn't feel like a punishment
- We are responsible for being a trusted servant to be an example of what service is and encourage these newer people to get more involved
- Finding way to make sure service is not seen as separate from the groups as something that happens over "there" and not "here"
- Read the pamphlet on the position of the role you are taking on
- Someone took me by the hand
- Who in the crowd has a service sponsor and who is a service sponsor

Closing Remarks

George M. thanked everyone for coming

Dwayne M. thanked everyone for coming

Calvin motion to adjourn.

Meeting closed, followed by a Fellowship Meeting at 1035 AM

Yours in Service,

Nick Camizzi