

District Committee Members (DCMs) – Area Officers Meeting

Meeting began at 7:30 PM May 15

Meeting took place at Dalhousie Agriculture College in Bible Hill, NS

Serenity Prayer

Welcome and introductions

7 DCMs, 4 Area Officers, and NS Archivist

12 Traditions were read

Previous minutes were read for approval

Treasurer's Report – Basil M.

Motion to approve by Laura, seconded by Kathy

Report accepted

For report, please contact treasurer, treasurer@area82aa.org

NS Archivist Report

Once again, I would like to say thank you for entrusting me with our NS Archives and a special thanks to all those who have helped in our various tasks to assist us with our responsibilities and vision.

We have an online local, monthly committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month & we invite all officers and DCMs.

Our committee members are actively involved in the following:

Recording & transcribing long-timers' stories, researching AA, NS history (interviewing & transcribing), editing a copied version of "50 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous in Nova Scotia 1946-1996" for future republishing, in office work includes members coming to the office weekly, to help organize for long term storage and inventory work.

We have an ongoing advertisement to recruit helpers on the Central Service Website for Districts 1 & 2 and are always open to new members from all around Area 82, thank you to those who already do!

The archives committee continues to collect items donated on a regular basis and welcome members visits to the office upon request.

We are working with the area webmaster to get items on the website so people can read and listen to both AA history and long timers' stories, hoping to have these available for members as soon as possible.

We have been invited and attended all roundups over the past and current year.

Your continued support is so much appreciated. If your district is looking for the suggestion guides for history and personal stories, please reach out to me and I can email them to you and I have some of them with me, so feel free to pick one up before you leave.

Respectfully in Service,

Kathy S.

NS Archivist, Area 82

Kathy made motion to accept, Sheri seconded

Reported accepted

Roll Call (groups active in the service structure)

District 1 26 groups

District 2 15 groups

District 3 8 groups

District 4 6 groups

District 5 8 groups

District 6 11 groups

District 7 15 groups

District 8 9 groups

District 9 16 groups

District 10 11 groups

District 17 7 groups

133 groups

Reviewed Service Weekend Agenda

Dwayne moved to accept agenda, Monique seconded

Laura motioned to adjourn - Meeting closed around 8:55 PM

Saturday – May 16

Meeting began at 9 AM

Opening Statement

Introductions

12 Traditions were read

Sympathies

Moment of Silence

Mission Statement

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.”

Laura and Tony approved Spring 2025 Minutes

Floor Motions

Gary and Peter moved and seconded need to approve minutes on the area website that have been approved already.

Maria R. GSR downtown Halifax group

Topic: The silence AA Member who cannot read and the AA Gifts of Hope which are made accessible.

Agenda Item: That GO create a compendium to the existing service piece “Making the A.A. Message Accessible”, F-107, on page 15, in the title “Easy-To-Read Literature.”

Easy-to-read literature members with difficulty reading illiteracy and limited reading abilities can be less visible than other accessible other accessibility challenges the group's literature chair can make a point of announcing that many books, pamphlets and Grapevine articles are available in audio format. Many groups read aloud, a practice which can help all new members learn the steps and traditions. Help with reading and comprehension can also be offered one-on-one through sponsors or other groups members. Resources available there are audiovisual resources available through GSO. In addition, several pieces of illustrated and easy-to-read literature can be ordered from GSO, including the Plain Language Big Book. AA Grapevine carries a large inventory of e-books and CDs containing the shared experience strength and hope of individual members.

The information in the compendium could state stories on members that overcame barriers and literacy limitation skills. Make the member feel part of the AA program, strengthen their recovery and sobriety and would help better them understand our program and maybe, just maybe, prevent relapse.

The resources available on page 15 states: “Resources available: there are audiovisual resources available through GSO. In addition, several pieces of illustrated and easy to read literature can be ordered from GSO including the Plain Language Big Book. AA Grapevine carries a large inventory of e-books and CDs containing the shared experience strength and hope of individual members. The compendium will also add a personal touch to the e-books and CDs by members themselves sharing their experience, strength and hope and the gifts of hope which were made accessible. With the help of sponsors and group members they can overcome their reading difficulty. I was informed by GSO that the pamphlet, “Access to AA: Members share on Overcoming Barriers” P-83 (which was previously added called “AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs”) will no longer be published. There wasn't one story among the 12 stories that I read that had a member with literacy limitation skills in the pamphlet, but the stories were spiritually uplifting, and the AA members assistance were phenomenal.

I called the library and the librarian gave me the percentage of people with literacy limitation skills from Statistics Canada: 49% of adult's literacy skills are below high school level, 19% lowest level cannot read instructions on a medication bottle.

As a footnote I asked how many Americans had literacy limitation skills and she quoted the national literacy institute; 79% have literacy limitations, 41% sufficient literacy skills and 43 million Americans can't read.

Hence, this agenda item came up because of my personal experience while chairing a Big Book study in my home group. When I sat around the table members shared but one member said "pass I can't read". I will not forget the look in his eyes. I went home that night and relive the experience mentally and prayed on it, what came to me was the third step spiritual principle of faith. I further meditated on the saying "faith without works is dead". So, I believe the experience was meant for me to take action.

As a member of the Downtown Halifax group and GSR, I can stress enough how important it is to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic and how we are responsible when anyone anywhere which is up for help the hand of AA needs to be there to offer the message of hope no matter what's the challenge. Closing thank you everyone for your time to my service sponsor for her assistance and secretarial skills.

Yours in service Maria R, GSR, downtown Halifax group, District 1, area 82

Maria, Dwayne – added to agenda

Bob, Gary agenda approved

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 1 – DCM Barney W. (Presented by Mary W.)

Hello,

My name is Barney W. and I'm a member of Back to Basics in Halifax.

I have recently been elected and have the privilege to serve as the Dcm for District 1.

District 1 currently has 26 in person and one online group as well as approximately 10 additional meetings.

Of these groups we have around 16 active GSRs that attend our monthly online district meeting.

Our Executive at District 1 has experienced a lot of change in this past year. I felt well supported by our current members and I look forward to the opportunity of recruiting for the unfilled roles.

Our district sub committees continue to make progress in their respective fields with a notable effort from our corrections chair, Dave T, who this Wednesday, organized the first meeting at the Halifax jail since March 2020.

In closing, I'd like to thank all the new members who have stepped forward to participate in General Service in District 1. May we continue to grow fellowship, unity and recovery in Nova Scotia.

Yours in service,

Barney W.

Dcm Dist.1

District 3 – ADCM Jay C.

District 3 Alt. DCM report

Service Weekend, 2026, Truro Nova Scotia

Hello folks, I'm Jay and I'm the district 3 alternate DCM. District 3 ranges between Bridgetown to Wolfville in Nova Scotia. We have 10 groups and 13 meetings per week, of which include a hybrid format meeting and two women's groups (one in person and one online). Each year we host a multi-day alcathon over the holidays with incredible attendance and fellowship.

We're seeing new faces get into service at the District level, and have had steady attendance in our meetings. It's been a pleasure to see newcomers stick around and quickly develop bonds within the fellowship.

District three continues to be highly involved in Area proceedings, with ongoing great attendance at assemblies and service weekends, with interest from our groups and GSRs in Area affairs and beyond. Topics in district meetings range from AA world wide to individual group matters.

Within our communities, we've had amazing success through CPCPI in providing information to the public. This spring we had a booth at a local Home Show for our second consecutive year, giving the public access to bookmarks with our phone number and pamphlets. We also have a billboard up in a high traffic area, and a second one looking for the right home.

Bridging the Gap works with District 17 to share our message at a local treatment facility and both districts also host meetings each week. This continues to be a great success with clients expressing appreciation, able to get to know AA and AA members.

We also host a meeting each week at a local detox unit, however, due to the time of day in which we've been permitted to go, attendance is sparse as day program clients have often gone home already. With ongoing conversations with the facility, we're seeking a solution. Despite enthusiastic support from staff we work with, upper management has been a roadblock.

We host an information session prior to each district meeting. After struggling to fill the position of info session chair, we decided to change things up and now each month a different group or member hosts the session with a topic of their choosing, creating another chance for members to get comfortable with chairing, and for added diversity in material and perspectives. We've seen amazing success so far.

I thank all our trusted servants for their continued excellent work. It's an honour to witness such love for the program and dedication to service. We work together in good spirit and communicate amongst each other effectively and productively.

That's all from me,

Jay C, Alternate DCM for district 3

District 4 – DCM AI G.

AREA 82, DISTRICT 4

DCM REPORT to the AREA 82 - N.S. Spring Workshop May 15th – 17th, 2026

Good morning, everyone my name Al and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 4 and a member of the Digby – One Day at a Time Group which meets twice a week on Monday and Friday night at 7:00 At the Digby Hospital.

District 4 consists of 6 groups in South West Nova Scotia ranging from the Acadian Group in Amiraault's Hill to Yarmouth which has two groups, 12 Step Group and the Nova Group around to Meteghan and the 24 Hour-A-Day group on to Digby which has the One Day at a Time group and finally to Annapolis Royal which has the Annapolis Royal Group. There are two meetings which are not registered, the Upper Clements Candlelight Meeting and a new meeting which started on Wednesday afternoon in Meteghan River. We also have one on line meeting which meets every night of the week.

We are doing well as a District but do have lots of work to do. Group populations have fluctuated over the past year but we estimated that we have approximately 100 members. It does seem like we are starting to get a few more newcomers getting to the doors of AA. The great news is we have GSR's in all the groups. I suspect like many other smaller Districts, getting people involved in Service work has been difficult. What we have noticed is the same people having to stay in their respective chairs far beyond the two years they signed up for. Fortunately, we have an excellent District Executive to work with as well as a excellent group of volunteers on the Roundup committee.

We started meetings again at Corrections Canada in Yarmouth. We have 3 people putting on a weekly meeting. We have been very well received and the different people look forward to our meetings. We are working on getting more members involved. It had been a year now so doing really well

We have looked into getting better social media. One of our members finally got some air time on the French radio station regarding AA. They will air it for 6 months and have another look at it then. District 4 has also gotten a cell phone and it has been getting a few calls. We also had a champagne in November to had out small cards to local business with the new cell phone number on it.

The big news for District 4 is the 3-day Lighthouse Roundup is back again this year. It is being held at the usual place The Rodd Grand Hotel in Yarmouth Nov 6-8, 2026. The price is going up a bit but still very affordable for a great weekend. Come on out and support us in fellowship and fun.

DCM District 4,

Yours in Service,

Al Gaudet

District 5 – DCM Sheri K

Good Morning, my name is Sheri Kenny and I am a recovered alcoholic. I have the honour to serve as the DCM for District 5 and I am a member of the Parrsboro Potluck Group which meets in Parrsboro Monday evenings at 8pm.

Our district includes Mike C. as the Alt DCM, Theresa F. as the treasurer, Peter C. as the secretary, Wade L. as literature Rep, and Chris P. as our Public Information rep.

District 5 has 8 active groups hosting 12 meetings a week. In particular we host 2 meetings a week at the Detox Centre in Springhill. District 5 has meetings located in Parrsboro, Pugwash, Wentworth, Springhill, Oxford and Amherst.

We continue to have 6 of our 8 groups represented by GSRs with the other two groups having points of contact, showing an increase in service work.

We continue to try and gain access to the Springhill Prison to offer AA meetings but have not been successful.

Since last Service Weekend we hosted a Christmas party for AA and Al-Anon in December 2025. There was a potluck supper followed by meeting and finished with fellowship. The attendance was low but we are hoping to change that this year.

On 12 September 2026 we will co-host along with Al-Anon a one day Roundup at Christ Church Parish Hall in Amherst. The day will include hourly AA and Al-Anon meetings, Fellowship, AA and Al-Anon speakers, lunch and supper followed by fellowship.

We continue to work on collecting members long time stories and groups that have a long history. We also updated our meeting list and printed it in pamphlet form for distribution.

All of our birthday celebrations were well attended. In particular the Wentworth group, who celebrated 6 birthdays on one night had over 50 people in attendance. Junction group had 3 birthdays celebrated with over 40 people in attendance

Thank you,

In loving service, Sheri Kenny

District 6 – DCM Laura C.

District 6 DCM Report – Spring Service weekend 2026

My name is Laura, and I am an alcoholic.

I am and gratefully service as the current District Committee Member (DCM) for District 6. My Homegroup is the Broad Highway Group, we meet at 7:00PM on Friday nights in Brookfield. In district 6, we have 11 groups from Shubenacadie, Truro, Bible Hill, and Tatamagouche. We have a group that meets twice a week online and the other 10 groups meet in person. We also have a great group of individuals that put-on meetings at the Eagle Nest Recovery House in Shubenacadie.

We have 3 sub committees in District 6:

1. Public Information
2. Corrections
3. CPC

We currently have all our service roles in the district filled and have been having a great representation of GSRs at our district meetings.

We had a workshop on Gossip and the importance of anonymity. We plan to have another one the importance of rotation in Service.

We have a round up coming up July 24-26 there are flyers here: Registration is \$24 and the banquet \$65 if you have to purchase tickets you can pay me or I have a square device which you can pay with using your card. We hope to see you all here.

We hope to have more activities or events in the coming year too, so stay tuned!

In Love and Service

Laura C DCM District 6

District 7 – DCM Blaise S.

Hi, my name is Blaise Sullivan. I am the DCM for district 7

We have 16 groups in our district

We meet on the third Sunday of each month. We have eleven groups, on average, meeting regularly at our district meetings.

We have a corrections chair,

detox chair and a PI CPC committee chair. Our monthly newsletter helps to keep our groups and members of district 7 connected. We typically have a workshop presented by different groups at our district meetings.

We are also hosting the provincial round up June 12 to 14th in stellarton

District 8 – Debbie C. (giving report on behalf of DCM Joe S.)

Area 82 – District 8 Report

May 15, 2026

At present, District 8 has had a slow but steady increase in membership over the past two years. (at least, in the groups that stay connected with the district committee) There are a couple groups that we do not hear from, and we are not sure how they are doing.

The district has nine (9) active groups with two groups holding two meeting a week, the other seven (7) offering one meeting per week. Our area covers from L'Ardoise-Cheticamp eastern half of CB island and from Baddeck to causeway.

The group at Skye Glen is holding a BB study presently and before that they went through the 12&12. This is a valuable contribution to the district. The Inverness group holds two (2) meetings per week which are hybrid – this has been a great boost to the numbers – sometimes we might have 16-18 in attendance online and other face to face in the hall.

We have a P.I. person but no other sub-committees at present.

At the district committee meeting we experienced with a couple of meditation workshops out on my Robin M from Dartmouth. GSD Dwayne M. also did a workshop on service. These workshops seemed to increase interest in service, but getting the bodies to suit up and show up is still a problem here.

Unfortunately, District 8 has only one consistent speaker meeting, which happens on Saturday night in Margaree. It would be nice to see more speaker meetings.

Deb Campbell for

Joe Stewart

DCM District 8

May 15/26

District 9 – Peter M.

DCM Report – NS Service Weekend – May 16, 2026 Good morning, friends, my name is Peter and I'm an alcoholic. I am also a grateful member of the Lifeline Grp. which meets in North Sydney every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the basement of St. Joseph's Church on Archibald Ave. It is also my privilege to be currently serving as the DCM representing District 9 which is located on Cape Breton Island and includes a fairly large area encompassing the entire Cape Breton Regional Municipality or CBRM as it's usually called and also Iona which is located in Victoria county plus there is a zoom meeting listed on our Meeting Schedule. We currently have 16 active registered groups and 5 unregistered meetings holding 27 meetings per week which includes two First Nation reserve meetings, Membertou and Eskasoni both of which have active registered groups. We hold our District 9 Business Meetings typically on the third Sunday of each month from September through June and pause meetings for July and August. All AA members are welcome to attend and take part and the meetings are generally fairly well attended. In District 9 we have two active standing committees namely PI/CPC chaired Joe M. and a Corrections Committee which currently holds meetings at the Cape Breton Correctional Facility on Monday and Sunday evenings chaired by Monty C. Both committees are well managed and represented. We also issue a Newsletter on a monthly basis which is very well managed by our Newsletter Editor Erica H. Our district is also well served by our Secretary Malcolm C., Treasurer Monty C. and Alternate DCM Noelle D. We also convene an Ad-Hock

committee every year composed of volunteers from throughout District 9 for the purpose of holding our annual AA Mid-Winter Roundup. Yours In Love and Service: Peter M, DCM District 9

District 10 – Sherry W.

District 10 DCM Update

Advancing Recovery and Community within the AA Fellowship

Overview

District 10 continues to move forward in its mission to support recovery and foster a sense of community within the AA fellowship this report offers a comprehensive summary of recent activities including meetings workshops outreach initiatives literature management and notable events in individuals our aim is to keep members informed celebrate successes and highlight opportunities for growth and improvement.

Meeting and Groups

The district has experienced steady growth in its meeting roster there are currently 14 active meetings and eleven groups over the past year, 5 new meetings were launched with three still going strong in recent months.

Workshops and Events

District 10 hosted several successful workshops in January focusing on the 12 steps these events attracted over 50 participants who engage in guided discussions and breakout sessions as part of the workshop attendees were divided into 12 groups - each representing a step - where they created quilt blocks inspired by their respective steps the collaborative quilt was assembled and leader awarded in April at her traditions workshop the quilt was won by a member celebrating one year of recovery making marking a significant milestone.

The final workshop the spirit of service retreat is scheduled for September 11 and 12 Dr. Ray Baker a renowned addiction specialist from British Columbia with 40 years in the AA program will attend as a guest speaker the retreat will feature a Nova Scotia potluck on Friday night followed by a workshop and Dr. Baker's keynote on Saturday the event will be held at the Seaside Centre in Eaglehead near Liverpool

Outreach Initiatives

Ron D from our group has played a key role in crafting public service announcements for broadcast on local radio stations helping to carry the AA message to the wider community. Additionally, dozens of AA calling cards featuring a QR code linking directly to the district 10 website have been distributed AA kits containing pamphlets and meeting schedules continue to be delivered to hospital ERs, RCMP detachments health centres and the local detox centre.

Literature Management

Cathy has taken over the literature role in district 10 managing books and medallions for over a year she has benefited from support from districts 2 and 3 and now orders directly from the

GSO to 12 step store in Hollywood. Cathy's dedication and nonjudgmental approach has been invaluable to the district.

Teamwork and Collaboration

district 10 thrives on teamwork with members supporting each other at meetings and events the collaborative spirit continues to bring groups together strengthening the fellowship and advancing the district's mission

Sherry Williams

District 17 – Monique M.

District 17 DCM Report

NS Service Weekend

May 15th-17th/26.

Good morning, friends, my name is Monique McLaughlin and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 17. District 17 consists of the area from exit 3 (Mount Uniacke) on highway 101 to exit 10 (Wolfville/ Greenwich) of the 101. Our district has 7 groups and 3 meetings per week. On Monday and Friday nights at 7 PM there are meetings at the Hantsport Group, Tuesday nights at 8PM is the Brooklyn Group, the Three Mile Plains Fresh Start Group meets Wednesday evenings at 7 PM, St. Croix meets on Thursdays and Sunday night at 7 PM and the Wolfville Group meets at 8PM and is a hybrid meeting, Windsor Saturday Night Group meet at 630. The Windsor Morning Group meet Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00AM and the Wolfville morning meeting is an online meeting at 10 AM

The members of District 17 committee are myself as DCM a newsletter editor, Cyril L. is our alternate DCM and chair of our telephone answering service, Gary O. is our treasurer and institutions representative. Unfortunately, we lost Mike M in February who was our secretary, he was an exceptional member and enjoyed doing service work, we will definitely miss him in our district. Tracy W was nominated and voted in is interim secretary for the remainder of the term. Thank you Tracy. Floyd P is our PI/CPC representative and Lyndy McL. is our entertainment chair. District 17 continues to work with District 3 in facilitating Bridging the Gap and alternating weekly meeting on Tuesday evenings at the Crosbie House in New Minas.

We are doing OK as a district and like other districts it's not always easy to get newer members to step up for service. And I think this is common in many organizations not just that of Alcoholics Anonymous. We had a New Years Eve event, with a potluck supper, meeting and dance; we had more than 60 people attend and we managed to ring in the New Year at 12:00 AM. We have not had any activities with the entertainment committee so far this year, as a couple of our members have passed and some family members have passed as well, so unfortunately to have an event has been a little difficult. We are planning on having the picnic in the park in July at Smiley's and also making preparations for the Windsor and Area Mini

Roundup in August. We have a little something different planned for the supper hour this year. Plus, a dance and karaoke. Also, we are also going to have a Port-a-Potty for our campers.

As I mentioned earlier Mike M from the Brooklyn group passed, Dwight C. a former DCM of District 17 passed in April, also Marsha P. from the Hantsport Group, she was also our Literature Representative.

I would like to take the opportunity to our thank Area Officer and other DCMS for the hard work they continue to do throughout the year.

Yours in love of AA service

Monique McLaughlin D17 DCM

Past Delegates Address

Kirk Panel 69

Joys of service

Dave Area 81 Panel 64

Treasurer Report – Basil M.

Fix Bank Account date on 2026 Area Financial Summary Sheet to January 1, 2026 (2025 now)

Please don't put identifying information on envelopes sent to treasurer, it breaks anonymity

We no longer put full financial information on the website since its accessible to the public

For report, please contact treasurer, treasurer@area82aa.org

Paul B. – Alternative General Service Delegate (AGSD) Report

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

Dwayne M. – General Service Delegate (GSD) Report

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

Paul W. – Remote Communities Report

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.

Kathy S. – NS Archivist Report

Once again, I would like to say thank you for entrusting me with our NS Archives and a special thanks to all those who have helped in our various tasks to assist us with our responsibilities and vision.

We have an online local, monthly committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month & we invite all officers and DCMs.

Our committee members are actively involved in the following:

Recording & transcribing long-timers' stories, researching AA, NS history (interviewing & transcribing), editing a copied version of "50 Years of Alcoholics Anonymous in Nova Scotia 1946-1996" for future republishing, in office work includes members coming to the office weekly, to help organize for long term storage and inventory work.

We have an ongoing advertisement to recruit helpers on the Central Service Website for Districts 1 & 2 and are always open to new members from all around Area 82, thank you to those who already do!

The archives committee continues to collect items donated on a regular basis and welcome members visits to the office upon request.

We are working with the area webmaster to get items on the website so people can read and listen to both AA history and long timers' stories, hoping to have these available for members as soon as possible.

We have been invited and attended all roundups over the past and current year.

Your continued support is so much appreciated. If your district is looking for the suggestion guides for history and personal stories, please reach out to me and I can email them to you and I have some of them with me, so feel free to pick one up before you leave.

Respectfully in Service,

Kathy S.

NS Archivist, Area 82

Marie M. – Webmaster Report (Presented in her absence)

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

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

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

2025 Service Weekends

Newsstand/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

2024 Assemblies

- 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

2022 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 2022 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 – [Those were only 5 attachments to this email. Never were for 2022](#)

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.

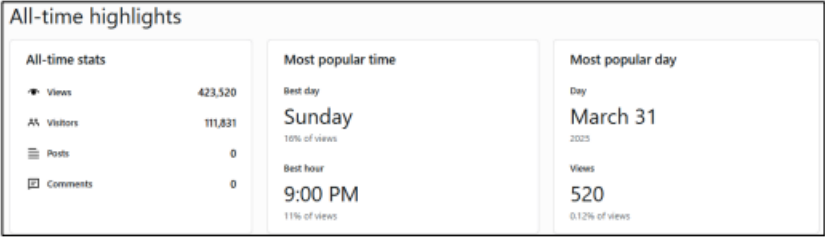
Area 82 Site Stats

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

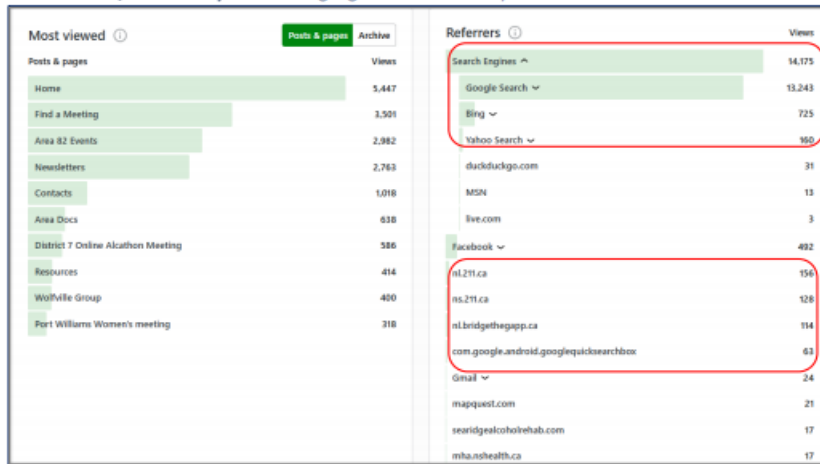
- March 31st we had the most views at 520. This is unchanged since last report.
- Sunday night at 9pm seems to be a popular time for folks to be interested in AA. This has shifted from Monday to Sunday since last report.



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
/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/Cape-Breton-Mid-Winter-Round-up-2026-flyer.pdf		132
/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/January-February-26-Newsletter.pdf		130
/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/NS-SW-2026-Flyer-with-Costs-and-Details-1.pdf		129
/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/November-December-Newsletter.pdf		112
/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Updated-Poster-April-2026-Nova-Scotia-Provincial-Round-Up.png		110
/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Version-7-Area-82-Guidelines.pdf		91
/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Early-Bird-Flyer.pdf		91
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www.sahalfax.org ^		817
sahalfax.org/meeting-list/		531
sahalfax.org/mid-winter-roundup-2026/		153
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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
aadistrict15newfoundland.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

- Monique motion to adopt all reports, Heather seconded – motion passed

Roll Call

59 Voting members

7 of 9 DCMS

Remote Communities, NS Archivist

No webmaster

D1 9/26

D2 2/15

D3 4/8

D4 2/6

D5 1/8

D6 1/11

D7 8/15

D8 2/9

D9 6/16

D10 4/11

D17 4/7

43 groups

9 DCMs

7 area officers

Old Business

1. NS Round up Rotation

- Discussion
- New rotation was voted on, it passed
- Minority voice was heard – District 8 isn't here to agree that they can't or can do it – Discussion of 2nd and 4th traditions
- District 8 can't do 2027
- 3 and 17 now for 2027.
- Make sure that DCMs are checking in advance for the next few years to see if they have a venue availability to host.

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

- Discussion of the guideline edits to remove references to spring virtual assemblies and replace with references to spring service weekends.

3. Discussion of where the NS Service Weekend should be held annually. Current location at the Dal Ag College in cheap and centrally located. Because this is a NS-only issue, we can make a decision on this and not wait to the fall assembly.

- Motion by Peter, seconded by Mary to continue hold the service weekends here at the Agriculture College in Truro/Bible Hill next year, and review annually.
- Most in favor
- 3 opposed, minority voice was heard
- Maria discussed accessibility issues at the current venue.
- Revote
- Motion passed
- Consensus vote on providing more food than the current registration vote provides
- 34 in favor, 14 opposed

Question of whether we should continue the business on the agenda before workshop, going try our best to get business, workshop, and dinner this evening

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?
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 Antigonish 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 7 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?
 - Discussed guideline change between version 6 and version 7 of the area guidelines that spoke to this issue. The current guidelines allow anyone to serve in the area

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.
 - Brief discussion of this issue
6. Request from NS Archivist Kathy S. 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
 - Laura seconded the motion
 - Motion was withdrawn – Treasurer and archivist will discuss how to best itemize the budget and costs, but its likely no update to the template is needed.
 - 2 Motion - Archivist is requesting to have the Archivist term changed from 3 years to 4 years. Kathy will serve through June 30, 2029, then the new NS archivist will take over on July 1, 2029.
 - Moved by Heather, seconded by Laura. Motion carried – NS archivist will serve for 4 years.
 - 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. Heather made a motion that it will be at the spring service weekend, seconded by Laura. Voting will not take place at NS Spring Service Weekend, starting in 2029. Kathy's current term will end on June 30th, 2029. Motion carried.
7. F107 Easy to Read Literature
 - Discussion (Plain language big book and US/Canada literacy issues)

Dinner

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

Sunday Morning – May 16

Meeting began again at 9:00 AM with the Serenity Prayer

Ask-it-Basket

I do not have the questions/discussion of this at the moment. This will be added a later date if available.

Meeting closed at 10:25 am with closing remarks from Dwayne, George, and Paul.

Fellowship Meeting followed.

Yours in Service,

Nick Camizzi