

Western Washington Area 72

October 2022 Assembly, Renton, WA & Zoom

October 8, 2022

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Western Washington Area Quarterly Minutes
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Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am
Twelve Traditions read by: Christine D.
Twelve Concepts read by: Javier DCM57
Permission to record then meeting: Approved

OPENING COMMENTS:

Discussed who are voting members, Area Elected, Area Appointed, DCMs, Alternate DCMs if DCM is not present, GRS or Alternate GSR if GSR not present. Overview of Roberts rules of order.

Reminder of Zoom etiquette & online and in-room voting review.

Past Delegates Present:

NAME	Panel	Years
Denis Foster	Panel 37	1987 - 1988
Keith M.	61 (Utah Ara 69)	2011 -2012
Jim M.	45 (Northern Costal, CA 06)	1995 - 1996
Barbra M	Panel 41 (Northern Coastal CA 06)	1991 - 1992
Dave T.	Panel 59	2009 - 2001
Alan F.	Panel 69	2019 - 2020
Gail H.	Panel 57	2007 - 2008
Astri	Panel 63	2013 - 2014
Steve C.	Panel 67	2017 -2018
Amy	Panel 68 (Area 62)	2018-2019
Bob	Panel 49	1999-2000
Thad N.	Panel 70 (Area 18)	2020 - 2021
Bruce	Panel 64 (Alaska 02)	2014 - 2015
Ben	Panel 70 (Area 92)	2020 - 2021

Approval of October 2021 Assembly Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by D14 and 2nd by D11

- Passed

ELECTIONS - Facilitated by Reilly K, Pacific Regional Trustee

Panel 73 Trusted Servants

- **Delegate:** Crystal S.
- **Alt Delegate:** Courtney S.
- **Chair:** Lupita Y.M.
- **Alternate Chair:** Eddy M-M
- **Treasurer:** Derek S.
- **Alternate Treasurer:** Lisa S.



PACIFIC REGIONAL TRUSTEE REPORT – Reilly K. (The following is a transcription of audio)

I am from Puyallup and grateful to be back in this area. I got sober in Sant Maria, California on August 7, 1966. I am the Pacific Regional Trustee and currently in Oregon, Area 58.

One of my mentors was a panel 1 Delegate and one of the first Southern California Trustees. He told me a story about arriving at the first General Service Conference. The fifteen Trustees wondered what they should be doing now! They decided to figure out what they are doing with our money. They went over to speak with the Treasurer about money. Some things haven't changed in eighty years!

I was a panel 66 Delegate in 2016. Our conference discussed some important issues. We asked a lot of questions about money, and one night we spent four hours in a loving discussion over one word. That same thing is up on this year's conference that was postponed from 2017. We can move slowly in AA!

As Delegates, we left the conference and thought we got a lot of decisions made. We got to go home and left all this for the Trustees to make happen. Now six years later I find myself as one of those Trustees making it happen after everyone goes home!

So, a little bit about how the conference works on the Trustee side. Delegates serve on thirteen committees and meet at the beginning of the conference. They decide what agenda items to forward to the full conference for discussion and what to take no action on, and which ones need more information and consideration. Every AA member and group has an opportunity to tell their Delegate how they feel about agenda items prior to the Conference and Delegates carry the group conscious to New York.

Trustees can serve on corresponding committees, plus some committees have no counterpart with the Delegates. The Trustee job is to carry out advisory actions and talk about committee considerations. The General Service Board is composed of 21 Trustees, of which I am one, and the day I realized that I am one of those 21 people legally responsible for 2.4 million AA members I freaked.

I serve on the Trustees Committee for International Public Information and Literature. I also serve on the ad hoc committee for participation of online groups in the general service structure, the subcommittee on the 2022 membership survey and the subcommittee for the 5th edition of the big book.

All Trustee committees meet in New York quarterly in July, October, January, and at the General Service Conference in April. Subcommittees meet via zoom regularly. Some Tuesdays I am on zoom all day and after those meetings we continue with projects. A lot of the work is done after the meeting to prepare for the next meeting.

We can call on experts in the field to accomplish some things and this comes out of a budget we approve. There may be a cap in the budget and that can impact our ability to get things accomplished. For example, if we are tasked with creating a video with a budget of \$20,000, once we hit that amount, we must stop and go back to the conference committee to budget it for next year. That is one reason things move so slowly. We cannot make the decision and we wait for the Trustees to make decisions after your feedback.

The committee considerations that we are tasked with usually have three outcomes. 1) We send them to the conference to see if it's what they want. 2) We research and determine if it is possible to complete now. 3) If it will cost more, we may refer it back to the conference for more discussion. Then you get to talk about it next year and see if you want to support that anymore or stop the project. Sometimes we might need more information



from the Delegates. We may ask them for clarification: What was your discussion or we aren't sure we completely understand what you want. That will most likely go back to the conference the next year.

Because the conference meets once a year, things go really slowly. That is because the Trustees are pretty careful about carrying out conference decisions as described in advisory actions. We are aware that the precise wording was determined by substantial unanimity. Sometimes, after hours of deliberation, we cannot agree on one word. So, it goes back to the conference for clarification or suggested wording for consider in your pre-conference meetings.

We always ask ourselves two things: If this is a good use of basket money and what will this do to help the newcomer. This is the baseline of everything we talk about in AA.

I am surprised by the number of individuals who address specific topics to the Trustees outside of using the general service structure, for example, speaking with their homegroup or Delegate first. All the Trustees receive calls and letters from individuals who are lobbying for consideration on a proposed agenda item. We listen to everybody who calls and I try to see if there's a problem that anybody can help with. Often when it's an individual and not a group or someone up and down the service chain of communication, I refer them back to the structure that already exists. For example, I suggest they talk to their GSR, DCM or Delegate. It is important to get the groups input on items. The group conscious is the highest authority. It's very important to listen to the minority opinion to come to an informed group conscious.

In addition to these responsibilities, I have the opportunity to talk with the Delegates in the Pacific Region. I am a conduit in the communication up and down the triangle. You have delegated authority to your Delegate and they can get information from me as a communication chair to GSO. I will get questions for clarification or see what Area 72 needs.

The regional Trustee orientation was in New York for four long days. I got to meet new friends and see old friends again. I learned a lot about information at board level topics. I have gotten to go to different Areas to conduct workshops, speak on topics and go to New York to do business. I went to the Pacific Regional Forum which was amazing, 600 people attended. The presentations at the form were relevant, productive, and current. We had great participation at the mics with insightful questions.

Now I am meeting with the six committees and getting ready to go back to New York for a board meeting. I am enjoying getting to know people throughout the Pacific region and being with you here today.

I am excited to be here and look forward to spending the weekend with you.

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS:

Delegate's Report – Geene F. Area 72, Panel 71

Welcome to our October Area Assembly. Some of you I know..... so I am just now meeting. Regardless you are my people and I love you.

I'd like to offer a special welcome any new DCM's and GSR's, and anyone else new to Area Service. We need you! If there is anything I can do to be of service to you this weekend please come grab me. Area 72 is fortunate to have a wonderful collection of Trusted Servants. I enjoy serving with all. Thank you all for your service! It is my



hope for us this weekend that we all remember why we do what we do, serve our fellow alcoholics in and out of the rooms (both in person and zoom). Service makes 12th Step work possible or more effective.

I have the privilege and honor of serving Western Washington Area 72 as Panel 71 Delegate. At the General Service Conference I was assigned to is the Report and Charter Committee.

I had a lot of people that participated in the Delegate Report Backs from the Conference. But I'd like to take just a couple of minutes and share with you some of the cool historic sights I saw in NY.

New & Exciting in AA

- While our General Service Board (GSB) and General Service Office (GSO) continue to implement the advisory actions from recent conferences, planning for the 73rd General Service Conference is well underway. There will likely be three international observers at the 73rd, from Peru, Central Mexico, and Poland.
- The digital, anonymity protected, Conference Report has been issued. Copies were sent out to our mailing list. I ordered 400 copies of printed reports, which will be distributed around the Area. Printed copies are now projected to be available sometime in October, although due to a paper shortage they will be printed on different paper than usual.
- The 2022 A.A. Membership Survey is underway. In mid-August I received the initial randomly selected list of groups in our Area to be surveyed. The groups selected were given the option of either paper surveys or a digital link. The paper surveys have been received and the links activated. Q&A sessions were held for Delegates on Sep. 12th & 13th. I attended the Sep. 13th session. Much thanks to our DCM's for helping contact groups and updating Fellowship Connection.
- Our General Service Office will be reopening for visitors Oct. 1, 2022. This will be a "soft-reopening". The current plan is to have visitors Monday's, Wednesday's and Fridays. Please call before planning a trip there. The phone number is (212) 870-3400.

General Service Board & GSO

International Convention:

- The 2025 International Convention will be held July 3-6, 2025, in Vancouver Canada.
- GSO has posted a Frequently Asked Questions document on AA.org, to help those with questions regarding travel and border crossing, as well as other questions.
- Registration and housing information will be on the International Convention webpage in early 2024.
- Actual registration site links, forms, and hotel booking links will be communicated to the Fellowship in August/September 2024.
- The International Convention Member Engagement Survey is still open. More information, including how to participate, can be found at Convention Survey.

General Service Board Meeting:

- Our General Service Board met the last weekend of July.
- This meeting was focused on strategic planning, including reviewing financial data for the first six months of the year, reviewing direction provided by the General Service Conference, and determining any need to reforecast the budget. Several changes were made to the 2022 budget, which are detailed in the Financial Update section below.
- One significant change in policy was enacted by the General Service Board:



“For all Conference-approved pamphlets, implementation will take place as soon as possible after conclusion of the Conference at which the changes are approved. In most cases, current inventory (in English, French and Spanish) will be written off or destroyed and replaced with the new, revised materials. For Conference-approved books, the inventory is often greater, and the investment is more costly than pamphlets, so implementation of revisions will take place in consultation with the General Manager (GM), the Chief Financial Officer, and with the AAWS board, as deemed necessary by the GM.

- The Trustees’ General Service Conference Committee has agreed to form a subcommittee on Conference Improvements (SCI) with the scope of continuing review of Conference evaluations and suggesting possible ways to improve the Conference. The committee requested within its scope that the subcommittee give particular attention to developing an approach to accommodate Conference member participation in light of circumstances of a Covid breakout and other situations that may result in a member not being present in meeting rooms during Conference week.

Calls for Stories:

- Fifth edition of our Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2022. For more information please see the announcement on AA.org. As of Sept. 14th, 572 stories have been submitted.
- Fourth edition of the Spanish language version of our Big Book, *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. The submission deadline is December 15, 2022. Details can be found on AA.org.
- Upcoming revision to “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic”. Deadline for submission is October 31, 2022 and details can be found [on AA.org](https://aa.org).

Financial Update

At the July GSB Meeting the Board approved a recommendation from the Trustees’ Finance and Budgetary Committee reforecasting the budget, which reflects:

- Total Revenue of \$16,714,400 (Original \$16, 761,400)
- Contributions of \$11,000,000 (Original 10,000,000) o Historically 44% - 46% are received in the first half of the year, 54% - 56% in the second half
- Literature Profit of \$5,500,000 (Original \$6,534,000)
- Total Expenses of \$18,089,497 (Original \$18,111,969)
- Deficit of \$1,375,097 (Original \$1,350,569)

Note: In 2021 there was a surplus of \$1,697,141. \$250,000 was moved into our Prudent Reserve, with \$1,447,141 used to prepay 2022 expenses. Thus, they are expecting a surplus of \$72,044 for the year.

Grapevine is now projecting:

- Total Revenues of \$1,534,521,
- Total Expenses of \$1,796,73
- Deficit of \$262,218 (Original surplus of \$19,234)

La Viña is now projecting a Deficit of \$557,723 (Original \$402,067) to be covered by the General Service Board.

This information (unaudited) is as of June 30, 2022:

- Contributions: \$5.0+ million (50%+ of budget) - 22% online
- Literature Sales: \$5.8 million (52% of budget) Literature Profits: \$2,744,100 (42% of budget)
- Cost of Goods Sold: \$2.8 million (64% of budget)
- Payroll & Benefits: \$4.7 million (47% of budget)
- Overall Expenses: \$8.2 million (47% of budget)



- Deficit YTD: \$114,000
- Prudent Reserve: Approx. 7.65 months

The mailing address for sending 7th Tradition Contributions to GSO:

Post Office Box 2407
James A. Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Or online contributions: online at AA.org

Publishing & Grapevine

Grapevine will be adding a \$2.49 increase to all books. The top 10 selling books' prices will increase on January 1, 2023, and other books' prices will increase as they go to reprint. Other ancillary items prices will increase on January 1, 2023 as well.

AA Grapevine Upcoming Magazine Topics:

- • October: Relapse (prevention)
- • November Gratitude and Fun in Sobriety

Upcoming Grapevine Books, Planned for 2023:

1. Best of Dear Grapevine.
2. Book for Newcomers

AA La Viña Upcoming Magazine Topics:

1. Sep – Oct: No Matter What
2. Nov – Dec: La Viña Short Stories

New La Viña Book, Now Available:

1. *Sobriedad emocional: Más allá del horizonte*

Upcoming La Viña Books, Planned for 2023 (or later)

1. Best of La Viña
2. *Prayer and Meditation*

New and Updated Materials Now Available:

1. P-9 Behind the Walls: A Message of Hope
2. P-42 A Brief Guide to A.A.
3. P-25 Faith Leaders Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous
4. B-14 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (Large Print)
5. P-43 Twelve Traditions Illustrated
6. DV-07 Your A.A. G.S.O., the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure

Grapevine Podcast: Podcasts, The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour, have now been downloaded over 180,000 times. They are available on many podcast platforms or can be accessed at AAgrapevine.org/podcast
Mixed-Title Volume Discount Test Pilot – A six-month test pilot was running through September 15, 2022. It has been extended until Dec. 31, 2022. Orders will receive a quantity discount based on the quantity ordered for all titles combined, as opposed to purchasing a quantity of one specific title.

Supply Chain Disruptions – Supply chain disruptions continue to be a challenge. An updated AA communication has been sent to the Fellowship via email blast and posted on “What’s New” on www.AA.org.



Final Thoughts and Well wishes

I have been in some sort of services to a district or Area since 1999. The last 15 plus years I have participated in service at the Area level. I have been busy – I would be remised if I didn't also say service is not a substitute for recovery. Many of you have walked this journey with me. You have been there supporting me through major illnesses, a divorce, a PhD program, a marriage, job changes and life. Today – I have a life beyond my wildest imagination. I have friends and family. I am content, satisfied, and like the person I am.

That is a testament of the miracle of AA, and the 3 legacy, recovery, service, and unity.

I want to share with you my favorite line out of the 12x12 = found in Tradition 9 - AA as such out never be organized but we may create service boards or communities directly responsible to those they serve.

This as always inspired me to do service. “Just as the aim of each AA member is personal sobriety, the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within the reach of all who want it. If nobody does the groups chores, if the area's telephone rings unanswered, if we do not reply to our mail, then AA as we know it would stop. Our communications lines with those who need our help would be broken. “

I recently had an experience that I was able to see tangible proof of service and making sure the hand of AA was their when someone wanted to get sober.” Come ask me about it later– and I'll share the story with you. It was nothing short of a miracle.

What a wild trip this has been.

I also want to point out that on the first page of the new Service Manual – Bill W. writes about what service is. What is service? Bill says “ Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die. Hence, an A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer – ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself to a ten-cent phone call and a cup of coffee, and to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action. The sum total of all these services is our Third Legacy of Service.

But I want to remind you...regardless of the service you do – I want to share with you the key to success. It's simple..... love, laughter and connection. The BEST part is learning we all have different opinions that's ok – chose to believe that everyone has good intentions and love for this program.

Laugh – we are not a glum lot – we laugh in AA service. Find a connection with each other. You can do it – in person – or even though we are on Zoom – reach out to each other.

All off these experiences of services have allowed me to grow and become a better person. I will look back on each service commitment and be amazed for my lifetime.

So today I come to you with a full heart for the work we **all** do in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Humor me.

I have asked the DCM's to do this – but I would like you all to try this. I would like you to close your eyes tilt you head up and let the sunlight of the spirit flow into you. Feel the love of AA. Feel that indescribable feeling of the spirit of the 'we'. That is AA love at it's finest.

To me 'we' is synonymous with unity. I am also reminded of fragility of the 'we'.



I want to read something from the Big Book, page 17.

We, of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, know thousands of men and women who were once just as hopeless as Bill. Nearly all have recovered. They have solved the drink problem. We are average Americans. All sections of this country and many of its occupations are represented, as well as many political, economic, social, and religious backgrounds. We are people who normally would not mix. But there exists among us a fellowship, a friendliness, and an understanding which is indescribably wonderful.

The “us-versus-them” thinking is prevalent in society at large, and alcoholics can be an especially critical bunch. But here in A.A., we are supposed to be unified in a common purpose, and our experience has taught us that our common welfare must come first. I want to talk about the “we” the unity of AA.

Fun fact - Between page 1 and 164, the word “we” appears 1,102 times in the current edition of the book “Alcoholics Anonymous.”

Mutual respect is important. We leave certain things at the door. I have been in AA long enough that I have watched it transcend all those separating issues and difficulties.

A.A. remind us that practicing our spiritual principles means treating each other with mutual respect and love. We all love Alcoholics Anonymous. We want to stay sober, and we want to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. We don’t have to agree on everything in order to be parts of the same whole. Unity is not conformity. Just because you and I think differently doesn’t necessarily mean that one of us has to be wrong, or that one of us is the better A.A. member. Our diversity of experience and beliefs is our strength. It helps us broaden our reach to the alcoholic who still suffers, offering a wrench for every nut.

I would like to ask you to store in the back of your mind – is what I’m doing strengthening our unity? That ‘we’ is so critical to our existence and yet could be fragile.

“Strengthening” implies taking action to make something stronger. Like exercising a muscle. Or using tools to reinforce existing structure and connections. Our tools are spiritual tools. In the pamphlet “A.A. Tradition, How It Developed,” Bill talks about how our unity cannot automatically preserve itself.

Like personal recovery, we shall always have to work to maintain it. Here, too, we surely need honesty, humility, open-mindedness, unselfishness, and, above all – vigilance.”

There are certain spiritual concepts that I have learned this rotation that I would like to pass along to you you:

- Ask yourself – who is not in the rooms of AA and is there anything we can do remedy this?
- Be bold!
- Ask yourself what if I were “10 times bolder” how would I:
 - Inform and communicate with others about A.A.?
 - Involve and call all A.A. members to action and service?
 - Inspire and attract potential A.A. members and other?
- It was just one of the spiritual sparkle moments.
- Kindness matters.

Please keep this in mind today when we go about the business of AA. My wish for us all today is to be bold, remember to ask who is not in the room, be inclusive and have spirited discussion that are full of grace and dignity.

I’ll close with a quote from A.A. *Comes of Age* (p. 98): “Pride and fear and anger – these are the prime enemies of our common welfare. True brotherhood, harmony, and love, fortified by clear insights and right practices, are the



only answers. And the purpose of A.A.'s traditional principles is to bring these forces to the top and keep them there. Only then can our common welfare be served; only then can A.A.'s unity become permanent.”

Thank you all for listening to me share this morning. If I can be of service to you, your group, or district please ask. I can be reached by email or phone.

Remember If we were “10 times bolder” what could we do for the still suffering alcoholic.

I love you all. I will miss serving you as your Delegate, but I will keep you in my hearts forever. This has been just one spiritual sparkle moment over and over.

One last thing.... Really. On the first Thursday of the month there is a group of us meeting on Zoom to study the new service manual. Anyone is welcome.

When: First Thursday of the month

Time: 7-8pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 869 7880 1884

Passcode: Service

Feel free to join us.

In service,

Geene Delaplane

Western Washington Area 72 – Delegate/ Panel 71

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Alternate Delegate's Report – Heather C.

So much great stuff has happened over the last few months. On July 31st I am married my best friend, and on August 1st I sent my son off to college in Jacksonville, FL and moved to Ketchum, ID. I am so grateful for my family and chosen family keeping me sane! Due to all these significant life changes for me, I was not as active in my alternate Delegate role these last couple months.

I have been actively attending meetings in my new hometown, I have a new homegroup and a few new sponsees. I love how warm and welcoming everyone has been to me inside and outside the rooms in my new community. I have even attended a couple Idaho Area 18 events and keep reminding myself that different does not mean it is bad or wrong, it is just different. I am doing my best to follow the example set by Keith M. when he moved from Utah to Western Washington. I recall Keith saying very little other than asking how he can be helpful and of course – always with a smile!

I plan on helping our newly elected Alternate Delegate up-to-speed and helping them be successful in any way I can.

I cannot thank you all enough. Western Washington Area 72 raised me. In area service I have learned to actively listen with an open mind and heart. I have learned to accept compliments, criticism, and everything in between with grace. I have made lifelong friends. I would not be the woman I am or have the life I have today without you. Thank you!



Cheers,
Heather

Chair Report – Crystal S.

Hello Area 72!

That's eight pre-assemblies in the books! It was so fun to travel around and see all of you. We had wonderful attendance at all of our them with the online pre-assembly hitting 100 participants. I want to thank "the team" of everyone who helped present. We had to make last-minute changes a couple of times, and everyone just stepped right up! The electronic voting using DirectPoll was a success! Most people took to it quickly, some needed a bit of help, but all were supportive of what I am trying to accomplish at the assembly: To be efficient and effective.

Speaking of the assembly, wow, where has the time gone? Our first hybrid assembly. I expect there to be some hiccups technology wise along the way (because when is there not..lol) but I have confidence you will handle it as you have this whole rotation with patience and good humor.

My goals for the last quarter of the rotation is to make sure the next rotation has everything they need to step into their service positions. Everyone at the Area has been working diligently this last year to put together a "handbook" for the person taking over their position. I hope you do the same. I think it's fun to also write a letter to the person about your experience, the highs, the lows, and everything in between.

I'm not crying, you're crying! I cannot express my gratitude enough to each and every one of you for making this rotation as chair the best experience I have had in service! I have to admit, when I made myself available, I was a little nervous of what the attitude of the Area was going to be. We were facing challenges not just in AA, but everywhere, and I was afraid that disunity might find its way into our business meetings. But you did not let it. Instead, as I had to make decisions that were new to us, you all were so supportive. "Sounds good. Let's try it." I was listening closely to make sure our discussion at the mic did not get disrespectful, and it never did. I honestly could not be more excited to have Riley, our Regional Trustee, come facilitate our elections and see how awesome you all are! My dearest wish is that you also had fun this rotation!

As always, if there is anything I can do to help support you, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I hope you have an amazing assembly and wonderful holiday season!

Crystal S., Area Chair

Alternate Chair Report – Karla L.

Hello Area 72!

Wow, this quarter has been significantly busier than prior quarters, being our first in person assembly in two years and my first in-person assembly as the Alt Chair, the learning curve has been steep. It hasn't been easy but I have had so much support and encouragement, it truly has been a great experience.

I heard our pre-assemblies were amazing! I planned to attend all of them but after the first one I contracted COVID and after that we had a death in the family, and I had to travel to Europe for the funeral missing the rest of the pre-assemblies. Thank you to the districts and area servants who made them a success!

I have been meeting virtually with the January 2023 Host Committee (Seattle). The flyer is out. Please pre-register! As well as mail in registrations, the host committee is offering a PayPal payment option with a dedicated email



address to receive registrations. The Quarterly will be at the Crowne Plaza hotel in downtown Seattle, the food is catered which is always more expensive and we do need to sell a certain amount of meals. Please keep that in mind when registering. Talk to your districts and make sure to set aside money to stay on site for meals.

Our 2023 Assembly Host Committee (Longview) will be meeting later this month. Because District 27 is a lower density district, and finding volunteers proved to be a serious challenge, the Area put together a committee to help them with certain aspects of the assembly. It makes sense because so many members of the area committee have actually been on a host committee already and are familiar with the process. The registration flyer for 2023 will be available in January. Today we have save the date flyers!

Please remember and remind your incoming trusted servants that at the April 2023 Area Business Quarterly, we will be taking bids for Area Business Quarterlies to be held in 2024 (Jan, April, July). In January 2023, your district should be talking about hosting a quarterly. If your district decides to hold one, please contact the Area Alt Chair and they will help you through the process. If you need some information before next year, please feel free to contact me.

This past quarter I conducted the election for DCM and Alt DCM in District 43. I am happy for all of the newly elected trusted servants and their upcoming journey on Panel 73!

The Friday panels this year were a lot of fun to create! I was excited we were able to host both in-person and Zoom! I did worry a little about who would be able to be on what panels with in-person and Zoom. In the end it all worked out and my worrying was for nothing. We had 13 Past Delegates for our Past Delegate panel!

After this Assembly up until the end of the rotation, I will be organizing my alt chair stuff to hand over to our next alt chair. I plan to have them participate in host committee meetings and help them up through the January Quarterly and into their rotation to make sure they get a good start on what to expect and do. Crystal was an awesome mentor to me!

Well, here we are almost at the end of our rotation. It's exciting and a little (tiny bit) sad. When I made myself available for alt chair 2 years ago part of my qualification speech talked about how well I herd cats. I had no idea! Boy, my skills were put to the test...in the best way. I feel like I got to know so many people through bid submissions and host committees. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with them and you. Thank you!

Karla L., Alt Chair

Treasurer Report – Lupita

Accomplishments from the past quarter - As I mentioned in my newsletter, my favorite part of being a treasurer and being involved in Area service is getting to visit and speak with groups and districts. In the last quarter, I have been asked to facilitate a handful of group inventories, a district inventory and accompanied Crystal to facilitate district elections. I also had the pleasure of going to every pre assembly to assist groups in the preparation of their representatives for the Assembly.

In addition to visiting groups and districts, I continue to reply to emails and calls along with performing Treasurer duties such as receive and process Area deposits. As the rotation has progressed, my sleuthing skills have gotten increasingly better to find a apply group contributions that come in with vague to no details. Jessica Fletcher would be proud.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - As treasurer, I haven't faced any challenges to facilitate or complete duties necessary as Treasurer, I am always open to feedback to best serve the Area.

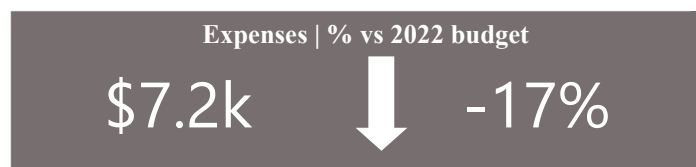
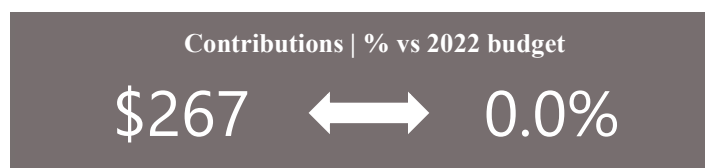
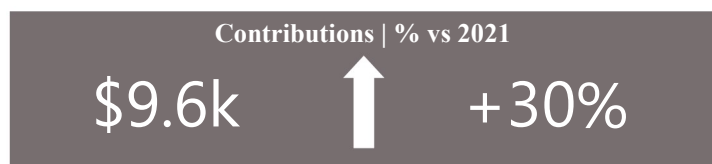


Goals for the next quarter - In my final quarter as treasurer, I hope to get out and visit more groups and districts. I look forward to making myself available to serve your groups for 7th tradition workshops or inventories and elections, if needed. Over the course of the next quarter, Eddy and I will continue to monitor Area finances to ensure we are worthy stewards of your groups' and districts' contributions. Later in the coming months, we will build and present the proposed 2023 budget to the finance committee. To be as accurate as possible, we have a plan to review existing and expected expenses and budget items with each standing and steering committee before sitting down with the incoming treasurer and alternate treasurer to build the budget.

Earlier in the rotation, Crystal gave Eddy and I a couple hefty administrative treasurer tasks to accomplish this rotation. I am happy to say we got them both done, but I look forward to cleaning up my processes so I can best distill them and pass along to our next treasurer.

I am grateful to have served you and your groups. I also consider myself incredibly fortunate to have served along with some tremendous servants. If you have the chance this Assembly weekend, please thank members of the host committee and members of the Area committee for their tireless efforts to serve you and to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Over this weekend, and over the last rotation.

Financial Summary - July - October 2022 Financial Summary



Q3 2022 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

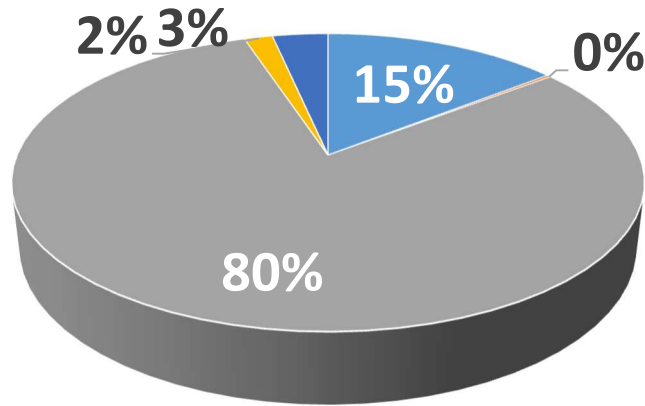
- With the effects of the pandemic continually shifting, comparison of 2022 data for third quarter to data from Q3 2021 numbers and the Q3 2022 budget benchmarks are both relevant measurements to apply to contributions. Expenses (directly resulting from Area 72 service needs, opportunities and requests) have climbed significantly compared to 2021, but with the utilization of virtual meetings and events rather than in person events, expenses remain considerably less than budgeted
- Contributions the last three months were 30% greater than contributions received during the third quarter of 2021. Comparing contributions received to budgeted contributions, third quarter contributions were exactly on pace
- Expenses from July through September were 87% more than expenses incurred in the third quarter in 2021, but they were 17% less than budgeted for Q3 2022. The difference in actual spending and budgeted spending is a result of optimistic budgeting, underspending, and some misapplications of the quarter when expenses would impact our account. (note: for wholistic picture, see year-to-date figures and reports.)



- Overall: Q3 contributions were on pace with budget but since expenses were drastically less than budgeted, there was about a \$7,741 positive “net income”. The largest gap in projected and actual expenses are related to Travel, Standing and Steering Committee expenses.
 - Year to date contributions -11% to budget, expenses -22% budget, YTD “net income” \$17,986.
 - Year to date contributions: +18% compared to 2021, expenses +66% to 2021.
- As we approach the final quarter of 2022, it is more clear which events will continue to be in person, and where the budget projections will be off. Eddy and I continue to monitor the Area’s contributions and expenses to manage your funds responsibly. I caution groups and districts to see the current finances and hesitate when considering contributions to the Area; beginning in 2023 our Area finances start anew.

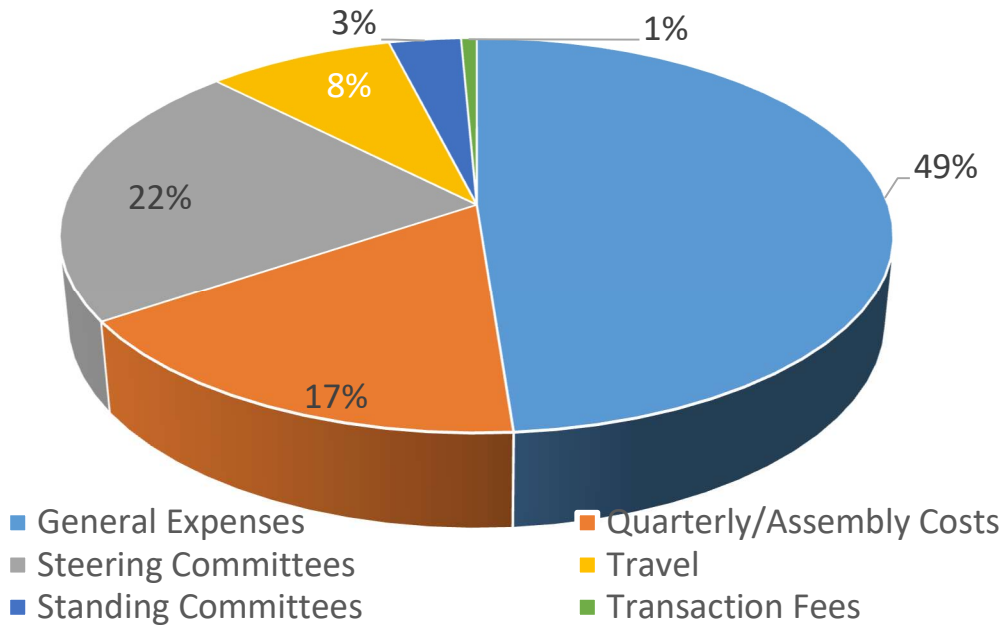
Western Washington Area 72 Q3 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT					
	Actual	Budget	Variance		% of Budget
Contributions					
Contributions	\$ 40,946.65	\$ 42,075.00	-\$ 1,128.35		97.32%
Area Event Income	1,438.12	0.00	1,438.12		
Service Materials	\$ 0.00	\$ 42.00	-\$ 42.00		0.00%
Total Contributions	\$ 42,384.77	\$ 42,117.00	\$ 267.77		100.64%
Expenses					
General Operating Expenses	\$ 16,930.50	\$ 16,089.19	\$ 841.31		105.23%
Bank Disputes/Refunds	-\$ 50.25	\$ 0.00	-\$ 50.25		
Assembly Costs	\$ 1,719.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,719.19		
Quarterly Costs	\$ 4,107.55	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 807.55		124.47%
Delegate Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 1,000.00		0.00%
Other Travel	\$ 2,930.41	\$ 5,625.00	-\$ 2,694.59		52.10%
Standing Committees	\$ 1,126.41	\$ 2,453.00	-\$ 1,326.59		45.92%
Steering Committees	\$ 7,634.11	\$ 13,245.00	-\$ 5,610.89		57.64%
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- Districts
- Groups
- Event Excess Funds
- Committees
- Individual

Western Washington Area 72 FINANCIAL REPORT July - September, 2022				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	2021
Contributions				
4000 Contributions			0.00	0.00
4010 Conferences, Roundups, Committees	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
4020 Districts	6,107.04	6,312.00	-204.96	7,004.86
4030 Groups	34,007.41	33,660.00	347.41	24,896.27
4040 Individual/Anniversary	732.20	2,103.00	-1,370.80	753.82
Total 4000 Contributions	\$ 40,946.65	\$ 42,075.00	-\$ 1,128.35	\$ 32,654.95
4100 Area Event Income			\$ 0.00	
4130 Quarterly Excess Funds	\$ 1,438.12		\$ 1,438.12	\$ 0.00
Total 4100 Area Event Income	\$ 1,438.12		\$ 1,438.12	\$ 0.00
4200 Service Materials			0.00	0.00
4220 Newsletter Subscriptions		12.00	-12.00	48.00
4230 OSD - Area History Book		30.00	-30.00	0.00
Total 4200 Service Materials	\$ 0.00	\$ 42.00	-\$ 42.00	\$ 48.00
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Western Washington Area 72 FINANCIAL REPORT July - September, 2022

Expenses	Actual	Budget	Variance	2021
6000 General Operating Expenses			0.00	0.00
6010 Archives Rent, Utilities and Operating Expenses	4,926.59	5,400.00	-473.41	4,857.94
6015 Ad-hoc/Check In Meeting Expenses		60.00	-60.00	0.00
6017 Quarterly/Assembly Meeting Expenses				-44.34
6020 Bank Fees and Charges		36.00	-36.00	0.00
6030 Computers and A/V Equipment	2,501.11	600.00	1,901.11	0.00
6040 Elected Officer Unallocated (18.4)	743.58	750.00	-6.42	118.24
6051 Variable Budget/Miscellaneous Expenses	1,118.60	2,003.19	-884.59	677.72
6053 Newsletter Printing & Bulk Mailing	5,017.23	3,900.00	1,117.23	3,360.14
6054 Office Supplies	65.53	225.00	-159.47	139.55
6060 Printing and Copying	1,920.55	2,950.00	-1,029.45	0.00
6095 Software, Web, and Tech	566.96	165.00	401.96	10.00
6096 Virtual Meeting Platforms	70.35	0.00	70.35	109.63
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	\$ 16,930.50	\$ 16,089.19	\$ 841.31	\$ 9,228.88



Western Washington Area 72

FINANCIAL REPORT

July - September, 2022

Expenses	Actual	Budget	Variance	2021
6025 Bank Disputes/Refunds	-50.25		-50.25	45.00
6100 Assembly Costs	363.43		363.43	0.00
6120 Assembly Meals	608.00	0.00	608.00	0.00
6130 Assembly Mileage	25.76	0.00	25.76	0.00
6140 Assembly Registration	722.00	0.00	722.00	0.00
Total 6100 Assembly Costs	\$ 1,719.19	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,719.19	\$ 0.00
6200 Quarterly Costs			0.00	0.00
6210 Quarterly Lodging	2,980.15	2,800.00	180.15	0.00
6220 Quarterly Meals	406.60	0.00	406.60	0.00
6230 Quarterly Mileage	720.80	500.00	220.80	0.00
Total 6200 Quarterly Costs	\$ 4,107.55	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 807.55	\$ 0.00
6300 Delegate Costs			0.00	
6330 Pacific Regional Forum (80.3)		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Total 6300 Delegate Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	-\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
6400 Other Travel			0.00	0.00
6410 Misc. Travel (17.1)	647.98	900.00	-252.02	134.12
6415 National AA Corrections Workshop (19.3)	574.79	0.00	574.79	0.00
6420 National AA Technology Workshop (19.3)	-442.92	625.00	-1,067.92	0.00
6425 National A.A. Archives Workshop (19.3)	760.76	1,250.00	-489.24	0.00
6430 PreAssembly (17.2)	1,389.80	2,850.00	-1,460.20	0.00
Total 6400 Other Travel	\$ 2,930.41	\$ 5,625.00	-\$ 2,694.59	\$ 134.12

YTD
Actuals

	Budget	Actuals
Cont	\$ 129,720	\$ 115,605
Exp	\$ 125,466	\$ 97,618
Net	\$ 4,254	\$ 17,987

Q4
Budget

	Budget
Cont	\$ 38,808
Exp	\$ 42,802
Net	\$ (3,994)

TOTAL

	Projection
Cont	\$ 154,413
Exp	\$ 140,420
Net	\$ 13,993



Budget Updates

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ▶ 6500 Standing Committees | ▶ 6500 Comités Permanentes |
| ▶ 6540 Corrections | ▶ 6540 Correcciones |
| ▶ Decrease \$2,100 | ▶ Disminución \$2.100 |
| ▶ 6600 Steering Committees | ▶ 6600 Comités Directivos |
| ▶ 6605 Archives Steering Committee | ▶ 6605 Comité Directivo de Archivos |
| ▶ Increase \$2,100 | ▶ Disminución \$2.100 |
| ▶ Overall change: \$0 | ▶ Cambio total: \$0 |

We have a new Area 72 Mailing Address

Western Washington Area 72
1901 Cornwall AVE
#145-745
Bellingham, WA 98226

Motion to accept the treasurer report: D32 and 2nd by D29

- Passed

Finance Committee Report – Eddy M-M

Hey there family,

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy out there. I can't believe this is our last meeting of the rotation. It has been an honor to be able to serve each of you over the past two years.

I just have a few quick updates for all of you. First, we had a very successful first ever hybrid National AA Technology Workshop!

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If you missed this year's NAATW, recordings of the session will be available at www.nAAtw.org in the coming months. I was also elected to be the Chair of NAATW for this upcoming year.



Second, the finance committee met and reviewed the area's finances. We also discussed and approved a few requests that included additional hybrid equipment that was needed for the assembly, two new wireless microphones, and the printing of a brochure from the Remote Communities Committee within the Accessibility Committee.

The committee also discussed and approved the adjustments to the budget that are referenced in the Treasurer's report.

This past quarter has been a busy one. I traveled to all but one of the pre-assemblies and took part in a great presentation to the Spanish speaking districts about how the General Service Conference works.

If you would like us to come and visit your district, in-person or virtual, please reach out and we will make it happen.

In loving service,
Eddy Matlock-Mahon
Area 72 Alt Treasurer
206-890-5330
alttreasurer@area72AA.org

MOTION 1

We move to create a new Spanish Linguistic District - Presented by Javier D57

Motioned by D1 and 2nd by D4

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- There are currently two linguistic districts in Area 72: District 1 & District 57.
- District 1 covers south of the King/Snohomish County line to Vancouver.
- District 57 covers north of King/Snohomish County line to Canadian border.
- Travel for DCM 1 to attend and facilitate district meetings is a challenge.
- There are several groups in Vancouver and a person is interested in stepping up as a DCM

Discussion:

- Greg: I foresee a problem as we are overlaying districts without geographical boundaries. Linguistic districts and the online district overlap in our Area. N. Florida came up a solution by creating a LCM (Local Committee Member) and they would come together and share information. As a District 25 member I see us having a similar problem, I think we could solve this with LCM.
- Masom D27: On the map Long Beach area is not circled. You talked to Long Beach and Ocean Park...are they also part of this?
 - Yes
- Edith D25: Propose amending the motion to clarify it only includes Spanish speaking groups.
 - Crystal: It states "Spanish linguistic district" please clarify.
 - Edith: Groups speaking Spanish.
 - **Proposed amendment: "Spanish Speaking Groups only within the Spanish linguistic district"**
 - Crystal: Anyone want to 2nd the amendment? No

Motion: We move to create a new Spanish Linguistic District

Motion Passed (364 Yes / 3 No)



HOST COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 2022 Hybrid Quarterly Financial Report (Lacey, WA) Shannon – Host Chair

- Total 142 registration (112/in person and 30 on zoom)
- Total: \$3,912.24
- Expenses: \$2,199.74
- \$500 venue rental
- \$518.47 supplies
- **Excess funds:** \$694.04

2023 Assembly Host Committee Report (Longview, WA) – Karla Alt Chair

- Venue is secured and host committee is formed and starting to meet.

2024 Assembly Host Committee Report (Tacoma, WA) – Megan YP Chair

- Currently forming committee.

2023 January Hybrid Quarterly Host Committee Report (Seattle/Central Districts)

- Registration forms are available - please register in advance.
- Jan 6 -7, 2023 at Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Seattle.
- 30 districts are within 30 miles of the venue.
- Remind your incoming DCMs and those attending to register in advance.

INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORTS

Greater Seattle Intergroup Chair - Astri

Greetings Area 72 Assembly;

I am honored to be representing Greater Seattle Intergroup and to report on our activities over the past year. First, I want to report that over the past year GSIG has answered a reported total of 1,542 calls. 220 of those were 12 Step calls. The remaining calls were from people seeking information about GSIG, AA, meetings and from people who just wanted to talk. As our lease was due to be up this year, an ad hoc committee (20/20 Committee) was formed to research our options. The committee reported they had found no better options, so we accepted the \$2,300 annual rent increase and the new lease has been signed. So, we will remain at our current, 5507 6th Av S, location for the next 5 years. The 20/20 Committee then got busy reviewing and updating our Procedures, they were presented to the GSIG Fall Assembly and were accepted.

As groups decided to meet in person again, many were confronted with churches who now were requiring groups carry their own liability insurance. Calls came in inquiring if they could be a rider on GSIG insurance. Our Office Manager learned the current broker was not willing to take on this “onerous and non-profitable task”. We directed her to research other options, which she did. At our August Board meeting, a proposed new insurance plan which would increase our annual cost by \$1,879, was accepted. The new insurance has now been secured. May 1st GSIG launched a new E Commerce site where we can order online, pay with a credit card and have the order delivered by USPS mail (or pick up at GSIG Office). A pricelist of all items GSIG sells can be found on our website, seattleAA.org. The GSIG Satellite, South End Bookstore also continues to provide service. GSIG has a new U Tube channel. Podcasts are posted each Wednesday. Past Seattle Group speaker talks have also been uploaded there.



We found we had an excess of Spanish language literature. The literature was donated to our standing service committees first and groups first, the rest was distributed to the Spanish Intergroups and Districts. Our Big Book Fund has been used to donate literature to the Downtown Emergency Service Center, the Salvation Army, the PI Booth at the Evergreen State Fair and to a few people who wandered into the office in need of a Big Book. The 2022 Budget was presented at our Dec2021 Fall Assembly. GSIG usually prints a schedule of meetings every 6 months, but due to the frequent changes/updates reported, it was determined that the scheduled Jan2022 schedule run would not be done. The Budget was approved. Personal donations were also significantly down. Our Treasurer reports that year to date, Group contributions are up about 12K. Personal contributions are far below budget while Sustainers declined slightly. Year to date, he reports a loss of about 8K. The Finance Committee, Treasurer and Office Manager report they are starting the building process for the 2023 Budget.

Employee Evaluations were completed by the Office Committee, a report was presented to the Dec/Fall Assembly. The evaluation concluded that over all the Office Committee finds the job performance of the Office Manager, Lara and Assistant Office Manager, Anita to be excellent. We are so grateful to them both.

Our Webmaster was due to rotate in Jan2022, but we have not been able to find a replacement..... so Lee has continued to serve. He created and printed new hard copy meeting schedules based on the information provided by groups as of June 15, 2022. The old schedules were made available to our service committees and groups that need them. Lee has also moved our website to a new hosting site. If you would like to ir

Rob and Julie are our Nightwatch Chair and Alt Chair. They report we continue to need volunteers to keep the phone answered 24/7. It's really easy to sign up for a monthly 4 hr shift or be available to cover a single shift. Simply go to seattleAA.org, select "service" and "phone answering" and then fill out the form.

Our Hospitals & Treatment Chair, Greg and our PI/CPC Chair, David have been working in cooperation with each other, as well as their corresponding Area 72 Standing Committees and have had a very fruitful experience. They have been identifying potential schools, hospitals, senior living spaces, libraries and other places that might benefit from the AA message. As a result, meetings are now being held at Elizabeth Gregory Home (a women's transitional shelter), the Roxbury Salvation Army. There has been outreach to SeaMar Turning Point, Sound Mental Health, Valley Medical, Seattle Medical Post Acute Care, Queen Anne Healthcare, Virginia Mason, Harborview and they are continuing to rout Bridge the Gap requests. Panel presentations have been requested by Seattle Prep High School, and the Fire Department.

Amy our Corrections Chair reports meetings have also opened up at the Juvenile Detention Center and SCORE in Des Moines. They can use a few new Bridge Program volunteers, for people being released and want to connect with AA meetings right away. Also, Corrections Correspondence still need men to write to incarcerated inmates. They are accepting Pink Can contributions for literature as well as old copies of Grapevines and La Vina.

Laurel continues to Chair our Accessibility Committee. She reports they have been looking at LGBTQA and childcare accessibility issues. They continue to serve the deaf alcoholic. They have begun having conversations regarding how to reach the Seattle homeless population. They continue to accept Blue Can contributions. Teresa mans our Archives, continuing to scan old issues of the High & Dry (newsletter) and is placing files on GSIG Google Docs. John is our Newsletter Chair and is continuing to add original content.

We have a new Twelve Step Committee! After work by an ad hoc committee regarding 12 Step Guidelines, the committee proposed forming a permanent 12 Step Committee. The new committee was approved at our June 2022 Spring Assembly. John was made Chair and reports they have now had their first meeting and made their first referral.



Dan is our Third Legacy Chair. The committee hosts a monthly Traditions Study and Quarterly Sponsorship Workshops. Both are Hybrid. If you or your group would like to present on an upcoming Tradition, please reach out to thirdlegacy@seattleAA.org to see what months are still open.

We are not a glum lot.....although we have no Special Events Chair, together we continue to celebrate AA and each other with; Nov Gratitude Get Together; Dec Cookie Exchange and Holiday Party; Jan Plain Ordinary Whoopee Party and our picnic held Aug 21st at Seward Park. In addition, we host Open Mic and Jam sessions on Saturday nights (after the Seattle Group speaker meeting). Check seattleAA.org for more information.

GSIG Board and Committees operate on the same rotation schedule as Area 72. We will be electing a new Board Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary at our Fall Assembly, December 20th. A Nominating Committee has been appointed (Kim-Dist 14, Mike-Dist 42 and the Committee Chair Steve-Dist18). They are visiting potential candidates in their parts of the Greater Seattle Area, talking to them about service at GSIG. *If this is something you might be interested in, go to nominating@seattleAA.org for more information.*

It has been a pleasure reporting to you regarding the happenings at Greater Seattle Intergroup for the past 2 years. I wish you happy trudging in your destined service road.

Always Yours in service,

Astri T.

Greater Seattle Intergroup Board Chair

Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair - Jacob E.

At last year's assembly, I was happy to report that we had just invested in a high quality hybrid meeting setup so that the many service committees that utilize our back meeting room could begin to seamlessly meet both in person and via Zoom. This year, I am even happier to report that our back meeting room has now become a vibrant hub for hybrid gatherings. Not only do most of our local service committees now use our Meeting Owl setup, but it has also been utilized by several Area standing committees for their quarterlies. And this past July, the 80th Birthday Celebration of Puget Sound A.A. was held hybridly to great success, uniting members of our seven districts and beyond. Thank you to everyone who was a part of the initial proposal of a hybrid setup, the discussions at the board, district, and group levels on whether to invest in such a setup, and the eventual purchase and installation of the equipment. Through your efforts we have made A.A. service work more accessible in our seven districts and the Area for years to come.

The greatest strength of our CSO Board this past year and indeed the entire rotation has been our unity. At every board meeting, after the opening preliminaries are completed, before we get into our reports and business, we take time to say the A.A. Declaration of Unity together. "This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come." This sets the intention that whatever challenging discussions and decisions lie before us, we will work through them together, and I'm proud to say that has always been the case for us this rotation. Thus I want to use my final report to the Assembly to once again thank my fellow board members for their willingness, month after month, to engage in the challenging work necessary to keep our CSO going. Most importantly, you've proven that though we can perhaps never avoid long and tedious board meetings, we can get through them with cooperation and grace by fully listening and trusting each other. And a huge thank you to our Twelfth Step Service Committee and their volunteers for the vital work they do in answering both our 24 hour a day phone line and 24 hour a day website chat button. Each month when we hear how many 12th step calls you have facilitated, it reassures our board that the time and energy we put into keeping the CSO's doors open are so, so worth it.



My greatest hope for the future is that our CSO board continues to operate with the spirit of love, tolerance, and unity with which it has consistently done this past rotation. Our experience over the last two years has proven that if we focus on unity first, our business decisions will for the most part flow naturally from discussion to a group conscience. And when there are inevitably problems and friction, they will be but opportunities for us to learn and grow, both individually and as a committee. It's been an honor to learn and grow as your CSO board chair this past rotation. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Eastside Intergroup – Nancy Office Manger

Accomplishments from the past quarter - Eastside Intergroup has spent more than a year meeting with our Districts and Committees re-writing our By-Laws which are now in effect. The positions will rotate on the same cycle as the Area positions. We have created a new Board position that will be filled by a member from each District.

With the Pandemic keeping us from holding our regular events the past couple of years, we are excited to say that we held our Picnic with over 200 people in attendance on July 30th and our annual Pancake Breakfast on September 10th. People were excited to be back together in person again and both events were fun filled fellowship events. Even though these events are meant to be our way of saying thank you to the community rather than fund raisers, we actually made some seed money for next year.

We now have a mascot in our office, Doug's new dog Benedict.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - Our Lease is up in August 2023 and our building has been sold so we are looking for a new location.

We need more volunteers in our office. It's been tough getting our calendar filled since the pandemic. We are holding a Volunteer Workshop/Appreciation lunch on December 16th at 11:00. This is to let volunteers know what volunteering at the Intergroup office entails and to thank the current volunteers.

Our Grapevine & Literature position has been open for awhile and we would like to find someone to fill it.

Goals for the next quarter - Build a solid volunteer base as stated above. And fill all of our committees.

Be available to our Districts for any assistance they need with filling positions during their elections.

Find a new office.

Thank you, Nancy

Eastside Intergroup – Board Chair – John

- Finished bi-laws to align their rotation with districts and Area 72.
- Had pancake breakfast after COVID and summer picnic which were well attended.
- Challenges: looking for a new office as the lease is up in August 2023.
- We need office volunteers so if you are looking for a service opportunity, please contact us.
- Visit our website eastsideAA.org.

Snohomish County Central Office – Stacey

- We are made up of 115+ volunteers to answer phones, etc.
- We support Districts 2, 3, 12, 19 and 57.



- Most districts had summer picnics with great turnouts.
- Releasing new schedules.
- We are privileged to have the local Hispanic National Host Committee meeting at Central Office in Preparation of September, 2023 Hispanic National Convention for the United States, and Canada. It will be held in Seattle.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) – Eddy M-M

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Our Stories Disclose III (OSD III) Committee Report – Carol H – OSD Chair

We are still hard at work finalizing the manuscript of our book! We have encountered and overcome several obstacles in the process, and we are very grateful to Rob M. and Maryland N. for their hard work in making sure every hyphen and comma is in its proper place. It's tedious work, laying out the text and graphics for a book, but we now have Book 1 (about the districts and groups) 90% completed.

Next will come Book 2, which is about the Assembly and Area Standing Committees. We anticipate that we will be completing layout and graphics by the end of this year.

As shown in the chart below, we have pre-sold 1,111 sets of books, for a total of \$16,665.00. We are still accepting pre-sale orders, and we have placed flyers on your tables for your convenience. Tari B. is in-person at the Assembly, and she will be happy to assist you in placing your order.

Type of Transaction	Books Sold	Total \$
Web Sales Stripe	520	\$ 7,800.00
Square 2018	58	\$ 870.00
Square 2019	340	\$ 5,100.00
Square 2020	106	\$ 1,590.00
Square 2021	78	\$ 1,170.00
Square 2022	9	\$ 135.00
Totals	1111	\$ 16,665.00



We have been running a trivia contest in our Newsletter article, but we have only had 2 winners so far. Are the questions too hard? Too easy? Are people not reading the Newsletter? Please check out our articles in the Newsletter and enter for your chance to win a FREE set of Our Stories Disclose III.

We have already started on compiling the sales information to prepare for distribution of the published books. We are now looking at mid-2023 to receive the published copies. We will be verifying information that we have over the next few months so that we can hit the road running to distribute the books. We will be asking for your support in helping to distribute the books – we will be happy to accept volunteers across the Area to assist with this effort.

As always, we are grateful for the support you all have given us. It's YOUR book, and you have patiently worked with us to make it happen.

Thank you.

Please call or email me if you have any questions.

Carol H. Ours Stories Disclose Chair

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Archivist – Maryland N.

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- Archives Quarterly on Aug 6th; Juan R. Presented on the History of Latin American Members and the Spanish language big book (9 versions)—definitely a must see if working with our Hispanic Members
- The ASC took the Traveling Display to the four day Step Ashore Conference 8/11-14/2022. We had over 225 guests
- We have gone thru the Traveling Display and done a 100% accession number issuance; and gone through the 100+ books in the Repository and eliminated duplicates and removed non-archive items from the inventory
- A member stopped in Repository to pick up the PNC equipment for hand off to Oregon and while there resolved our ten year old issue with accessing the information in the FoxPro database.
- A member donated a cassette digitizer that converts the recording and saves it on a USB stick.
- Continued work on the PNC digitization for turnover to Oregon the PNC Archivist
- Annotated 50+ items to be Deaccessioned
- Attended the NAAAW in Little Rock 9/22-9/25; I also presented at the Workshop on Leveraging Apps to make Repository Catalogs using Word Narrate function; and determined that Area 72 is fortunate for our Archives Committee. THANK YOU ALL for the Archives of WWA72!!! The next NAAAW is in Sudbury Canada and I will take our Canada flag banner that we used until 1995; the 24th NAAAW will be in 2024 in Area 24! I hope we put a bid in for the 2026 NAAAW.
- I was selected to serve on the National AA Archives Workshop Advisory Board
- We were gifted an English and Spanish copy of WOMEN PIONEERS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS by a member from Area 09. This is the result of an archives project done in Area 09.
- At the NAAAW our Archives was gifted an 1878 thread sewn SIX NIGHTS WITH THE WASHINGTONIANS from the Oklahoma Archivist
- Had to purchase two new 5 TB external drives for the PCs at Repository

Challenges you have or are currently facing

- We need a script written that will result in movement of data from the Appointed and Elected shared drive to the Digital Repository shared drive



- We need a volunteer that can convert our FoxPro database to a SQL database
- Inventorying our audio and historical technological items

Goals for the next quarter

- Taking the Traveling Display to Assembly 10/7-9/2022, we have four of us to chaperone the collection.
- We have the plan and individual in place to organize the 5TB of Archives records on our Repository PC and then move them to the Digital Repository
- I have arranged with James, Theron and possibly Hal of Area 58 to conduct the Regional Conservation Workshop—this will be hybrid in Tacoma on 10/29/22 from 10-2. This is done by Area 92/58/72. And it was our turn to hold it in 2020 but COVID delayed it. We need to do it with a tracking camera so it may need to be done at CSO
- We are preparing an updated Delegates Presentation
- We are preparing a new display of the GSO Archives photographs (27 total)
- Share our processes and procedures on the new Technology In AA – Forum (TIAA) Archives channel
- Our November Quarterly is 11/5 and April Hegner, GSO Assistant Archivist will present

GSR SHARING

Topics: Unity through service & Moving Forward Together

- Patty S D25 GSR: We are putting together a workshop to share experience, strength, and hope for new people coming into the rotation. Area folks are coming. The topic is going to be unity through services. Because we have the ability to do so much virtually, we can include people from all over the Area. We have a service manual workshop and starting a traditions workshop and other events.
- Andrew GSR D28: We are hosting a gratitude banquet that is free. We've been around since 1978 and serving our community and alcoholics everywhere. The Rochester group taught me about service. We are hosting a picnic in the summer. We have been in the same building for 44 years. This is my first assembly.
- Belinda GSR Bellevue Group: We started in 1954 and the first meeting was on the east side of Lake Washington. There were 18 members and in 1980, then 100+ and in 1990. We have added birthday night and speakers meeting. Today we take people from treatment to meetings, we have a holiday party and potlucks. We have breakout meetings. Merial started the meeting and her philosophy: a way to our heart is through food. She always brought cookies and we continue the tradition.
- Anna W GSR D44: We meet daily at 8AM, the Morning Meeting. We adapted well to the pandemic and online meetings. We are now hybrid on Friday, Sat, and Sunday and Zoom only meetings the other days.
- Drew West Seattle: I started my journey in West Seattle. I am now on Vashon Island and we are a noon meeting. Zoom saved the life of many and myself at 7 months sober. This is my first assembly and I am having a wondering experience. We are starting our first men's meeting in November.
- Luanne GSR A Vision For You: I have been here for three months! Here I am.
- Scott Lake City Group: Over the past year we have been working on hybrid as it's necessity for homegroup members. Gratitude for everyone and the growing pains to make that happen. Like how we are mirroring discussion here about gender as we do in our homegroup and GSO. I am thinking about the people who aren't here and how we can do a better job to carry the message.
- Houston GSR D40: PTP meets 7 days a week online and 6 days a week in person. We meet simultaneously. As a group we voted to maintain our current schedule and speak as one voice and not separate into online only and in-person only. Our online meeting at 7am is getting individuals across the nation.
- Brian GSR Lynwood Alano Club: I started feeling unified by making coffee and getting more confident, then arranging speakers, then they asked me to be a GSR and I started feeling more welcome. This is my first assembly. One of the most amazing experiences of my life.



- Rose GSR Shoulder to Shoulder in Vancouver: I got a committee together this rotation along with a big book study. We did a bingo night and the proceeds went to intergroup. We can do amazing things together.
- David GSR D16: We are a brand-new group, *No Matter What Group North* and could use support.
- Gail GSR D44: On Wednesdays we are online only and Fridays in-person. We are having a gratitude banquet on November 19th.
- Britney Back to Basics: I am going to be bringing back to my homegroup I wasn't brave enough to share and I now have the inspiration to be brave.
- Lorrie: Unity through Service: My growth came through this program. I didn't want it at first. At first, I was shy and didn't take the Alt. GSR position. After doing the steps and over the last 18 years I became who I am because of the program, thank you.
- Sue D19: As GSR I started learning from others I saw doing service and they showed me how it's done. It's not just about doing service at a larger level but it's also about 1:1 to welcome the newcomer.
- Steven B D22: Our meeting is online 7 days a week at 7am. It helps those who cannot get out to meetings. We do steps, traditions, and speaker discussion meetings. AND we do not have to drink Folgers coffee anymore! Check out NopAA.org EMZ - Early Morning Zoomers.
- Brianna D29: I learned how to do things in AA I did not think was possible. I am about to be a DCM and do not know what that looks like but I will learn from others.
- Katelin GSR Serenity now in W. Seattle: We will be hosting our gratitude banquet in November. This is my first assembly and I am very excited to be here.
- Terry D42: We are the oldest group in D42 and been in the same church for 40 years. On March 11th 2020 we closed the doors and within two weeks we had zoom. That saved lives of those in the group. We fellowshiped before and after. Now we re-opened.
- Scott GSR D42: broadviewAA.org - Happy Hour meets at 5pm Monday - Friday and has a wide range of sobriety. Meets online and in-person at the Phoenix club. We have a speaker and birthday meeting, agnostics meeting and other meetings. I've been around since the 80's and now have 8 years. I have such a sense of belonging and love the GSR position.
- Lillian Sober and Free: This is my first time here. Unity got me to do the GSR position. I am excited to be here. Our homegroup is LGBTQ+ meeting and the most supportive meeting to anyone who comes through the doors.
- Maggie GSR Mt. Vernon: Pink Ladies has been around 30 years. We tailor meetings to greet new comers and will move away from our weekly strategy if someone new attends.
- Mary GSR Fairhaven Group D11: We study the big book on Thursday. Then on Sunday another piece of literature. I thought unity meant no conflict when I arrived. The structure and traditions and minority opinion stands out to create unity. Minority opinion is important in our homegroup.
- Sandy N. D10: Fog Cutter group started in the 90's. We have been on zoom and many new individuals have joined. We get people from all over. We are enjoying zoom and have not found a large enough location to have hybrid. In my experience the minority opinion is also very important and I am having an amazing experience.
- Dave M.: McKinley Hall is in Tacoma and when it started it was a lot like New York. We have meetings often and some offer hybrid. We invested in a lot of equipment to support the meetings. We are inviting and keep the room clean, painted, have two bathrooms and coffee is always on.
- Chris GSR Donut Dunkers: Our group just discussed equality and are having passionate conversations about inclusion.
- Dick GSR D9: We study pamphlets and are going to start studying the golden books. I started by following someone around and went to a district 9 meeting. I've been there ever since. The web of recovery is strong because of all this.



- Laurel GSR D21: We are a book study. I got sober in Bellingham and recently moved to Aberdeen. Being a GSR made me get back into being a real homegroup members. Service works.
- Bobby D34 Stepping Up Group: We study the steps and traditions. The past Delegate panel last night was so empowering.

MOTION 2

We move the Area Archivist is an Appointed Trusted Servant and shall have full Right of Participation, as defined in Concept IV, in Area 72 Quarterlies and Assemblies.

Selection of Area Archivist will be as follows: The Archives Steering Committee (ASC) will follow internal guidelines on selection of Area Archivist, forward selection to elected Trusted Servants for approval and inclusion on the slate of candidates to be approved at the first Area 72 Committee Meeting following the election of a new panel.

Motion by Archivist and 2nd by D16

Presented by Carina, Area Archives Chair

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Per the Area 72 Handbook, the current job description for the Area Archives Chair is: The Area Archives Chair participates in the Area Assembly and Area Quarterly Meetings as an Appointed Officer, chairs quarterly Archives Committee meetings, chairs monthly Archives Steering Committee meetings, facilitates Repository site-selection decisions, and produces articles for the WWA72 Newsletter. (Selected by the Area electeds and confirmed at the January Quarterly of new rotation. It's a two-year term).

The current selection of Area Archivist is: The Archives Steering Committee will select, replace, or reappoint an Archivist using the currently established process, which requires ratification by the Area Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation. The Archivist serves a four to eight-year term (nominally 6 years) if reconfirmed by the Archives Steering Committee every two years.

Duties of Area Archivist: The Archivist will have archival experience and will manage archives work parties, coordinate archives training efforts, maintain the digital catalog, maintain a consistent filing system, manage our repository, represent the Area at National AA Archives Workshops, and manage collections such as artifacts, paper, audio information, photographs, and videos.

Discussion:

- Carina: I am bringing this motion on behalf of the Archives Steering Committee (ASC). To try and simplify this topic.
 - On the back of the agenda/pamphlet there is a list of the committee members. The electeds and the appointeds and are listed there.
 - The Archivist is appointed by the ASC and this motion is to formally make them an Area Appointed to get a vote.
 - The Archivist is present at all events, they are funded to attend and participate in all the business.
 - They are selected by the Archives Steering Committee and the Archivist is presented in January with all the other Appointed in January. This motion says the ASC recommends the Archivist to



the Elects to pick from. This would align the process for all the other appointeds. We would like to give them the vote.

- Victor GSR Stay Gold: What is the term the Archivist serves?
 - Average 6 years and could be 8 years.
- Mike: Has the wording changed? I understood they would send their selection to the electeds and they would choose, vote for all of them or none of them. Or could the elects choose from any resumes that are sent in for the Archivist position, not just the resume the ASC puts forward?
- David: Archivist studies history, understands our past, has a unique view of our Area and a good idea of how to vote.
- Gary Alt DCM10: Concept 4 talks about the right of participation and 3 talks about right of decision. The concepts should make this clearer.
- Heather Alt. Delegate: 10 years ago when we split Archivist and Archives Chair. I went back to the newsletter background in the motion and it was specifically not a voting member as the Archivist didn't want to deal with the business/administrative side. They wanted to focus on the archives. I want to know what is changed? Is this a rotation that is interested or is this what we want for the future. And now we are changing the workload back. They are already doing a lot.
- Rita ASC Member: I have been an archivist for six years in a different capacity. Being on the steering committee, I get to know the job of the Archivist and Archives Chair. They are two distinct positions. The Archivist knows the history, responsible for the digital and paper repository, they participate in business meetings and manage the archives budget.
- Frank DCM25: My concern is that currently the appointed positions are chosen by the Elected trusted servants. We elected and then delegated responsibility to them. This selection will come from outside of the body, from the ASC. They are not elected or selected by the body. They will put forward an individual for ratification which is essentially rubber stamping. Now they will have a vote for 6 – 8 years and our other roles are two year rotations. We have many people who participate who do not vote such as Intergroup Chairs.
- Ian a member: I learned a lot today about the Archivist position. My perception is about the selection process. I asked Mary if she is re-approved as part of the slate, which she is approved every two years by the DCMs in January at each rotation. On the selection process, if the DCM approve individuals as part of the ratification process it should not be a rubber stamp. We should be considering these individuals carefully.
- Tom R D42: This does not make sense to me. Why didn't they have the ability in the first place? Also, the rotation is something to consider. The words that bother me are, "following the election of a new panel." A few rotations ago a motion got rid of all the spending caps, and gave the finance committee oversight. This seems to take power away from the GSRs. The GSRs do not participate in this.
- Danny a member: I am not a voting member. I am influencing more by speaking than I would be with one vote. The ability for our Archivist to speak is the most important thing. This is currently blocking someone from speaking on a minority opinion because they are not a voting member.
- Cindy D7 Archives Committee Chair: I have gone through a similar experience as Archives Committee Chair. I didn't know the difference between the Archives Chair and Archivist. They are different positions and the Archivist knows all the history. I support this motion. They have so much to contribute.
- Member: In the past, the Archivist did not want the responsibility and now they do. Question in our homegroup was if they have the ability to vote do they have to vote and participate?
- George past Central California Archivist, Chairman of a NAATW in the past: The Archivist is very informed about what's going on in the Area, it's one vote. I support this.



- Mary Archivist: The selection process - we call every two years for ASC members. The ASC are members of Area 72. I put my resume forward every two years. They forward my resume to the Chair. It's just goes through scrutiny from the ASC. Anyone is welcome to submit a resume and anyone can join an ASC meeting. About what happened in 2012 when we split the roles. I wasn't there, I shouldn't be held back for the vote in 2012. That was the sentiment of the GSRs then. But we should focus on what is the sentiment now.
- James Webmaster: Every two years the Archivist submits a resume to the ASC and they decide. They could go six years; they might not go that long. We shouldn't assume it's six years, they could opt out after two years.
- Karen PI Chair: We have just elected our six officers, they then nominate a slate of people. The Chair hand pics the Secretary and they are included in the slate. This is a parallel of the ASC picking the Archivist and the Chair pics the Secretary. They all come to the January quarterly for review. We have a few specialized positions that don't have standing committee responsibilities such as the Webmaster and Language Chair.
- Dave GVL T Chair: My sponsor said you want to know about area business go to the archives and spend time there. If we don't vote for this we will lose some information.
- Linda D GSR D10: Every time we amend a motion that has already been made, we must go to the Archives and research the past motions. If they are going to be a wealth of information for us, they should be able to vote.
- Laura DRU North: "Appointed" word bothers me. It doesn't bother me some individuals have specialized skills. It bothers me they are not being selected in a democratic way and being selected by the GSRs. Also, one personality wanting the ability and another personality not, that becomes personalities before principles.
- Beth Newsletter Editor: It isn't about how they are elected; it's about how they get a vote. It isn't about one vote in this body. If you want to change how the archivist is appointed, do your research and bring a motion.
- Patty D25 Let's Do It Group: I have a concern about how this position is not voted in by the body. Also, it is longer rotation than two years. I agree with the right of participation and the right of decision. We need to take a step back and if we approve this, then is this going to be a rotation of every two years.

Motion Passed

Minority Opinion: Caroline: Part of the reason given is that the archivist has such broad knowledge. In that scenario it would make more sense that one vote does not seem to make a difference. It's about influencing and making sure the GSRs have the information, that would have more of an impact. If the vote is to have the voice of the groups. I am not sure if I am missing information.

Does anyone want to reconsider their vote?

- No member came to the mic

Motion passed (282 Yes / 60 No)



APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility – Jesse W.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - This past quarter I had the opportunity to travel to several districts to get people excited for service and accessibilities in the next quarter. A lot of people think about wheelchairs when they hear Accessibility and are surprised to learn that there is so much more to the accessibility committee, things like Childcare, American Sign Language interpretation, and online or phone meetings for members who are home bound are all accessibility issues. The Remote communities subcommittee has continued to grow. More people from the peninsula and up north in Whatcom county are becoming involved we are getting our brochure on more small ferries and in community and tribal centers.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - The big challenge for the next quarter is getting prepared for the end of the rotation. Many committee members for the next rotation have already started coming to the quarterlies and will be continuing on into the next rotation, so getting them caught up and prepared is a challenge. Having members starting at the end of this rotation should help for a smooth transition but making sure everything is documented and stored correctly so that it can be easily accessed by the next chair is a challenge.

Goals for the next quarter - The main goal for the next quarter is to provide a smooth transition for the next rotation and the next accessibility chair. We are also having our last quarterly October 15th and would like to have all the newer chairs as prepared as possible. Also continue to work with districts and intergroups to keep updated and accurate meeting lists with accessibility descriptions like wheelchair accessibility, childcare/childfriendly meetings and ASL interpreted meetings. The remote communities subcommittee is helping to host another roundtable in December with the hope of being able to hand the event off to the Inter-Area Remote Communities Committee in the future.

Archives – Carina W.

Do you know how your Archivist or Archives Chair is doing? If not, you might consider checking in on them. It might've been a while since anyone asked, and they're surely busy getting ready to wrap up this year.

Following are some of the things that have happened since my last quarterly business report:

- **2022 Summer Archives Quarterly.** Our third quarterly of the year was held on August 6th. Once again, it was very well attended by Archives representatives from throughout Area 72 and visitors from other Areas. Juan R., Area 06 and the Sixth AA History Symposium, gave an amazing and highly engaging presentation on Latin American Alcoholics Anonymous history.
- I attended the **National AA Technology Workshop**, which was hosted by our very own Area 72 this year. It was so exciting to learn about all the experience and technology solutions people are sharing with one another. I can't wait to see how some of this vast experience will be leveraged to move our own Area Archives forward!
- The **Archives Steering Committee (ASC)** determined at the September monthly meeting that all current six ASC Members will continue their service in 2023.

2022 Fall Archives Quarterly

Yup, this will be the last one for this rotation. As such, we will have a full agenda so I'm adding an extra hour to the schedule, since I anticipate we might need it.

Saturday, November 12th, 2022

10am to 3pm

<https://area72AA.org/events/month/2022-11/>



I'll send my usual email with a flyer and such... and maybe be able to get it published in our Area Newsletter.

And super seriously right now... thank you again for allowing me the privilege to serve as your Panel 71 Area Archives Chair. It's been a wild ride, and I look forward to remaining available to support the next lucky person who gets the opportunity to serve in this Appointed Position. It might sound kind of weird, but with all the work still needed to get our Area Archives digital space setup, this position is majorly cutting edge.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Jerry F.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

First, we had a wonderful quarterly.

Rod C. CPC committee chair for Puget Sound Central Office made a presentation about the outreach to JBLM. With Covid, all the AA meetings on the military base stopped. A call came in to the 12 step committee on the PSO hotline from JBLM. So, the 12 step chair, the treatment chair, the CPC chair and all the local Pierce County DCMs got together and met with JBLM brass. Before meeting with JBLM brass, Rod asked each DCM to send names of veterans and others who were willing to support meetings on base and had base access. Meanwhile, a local Major started his own meeting on base and asked PSO to put that in the schedule data base. The bottom line is that AA is beginning to come back to the base and it needs support.

Rachel T. CPC Chair from district 24 made a presentation about the Senior Health and Wellness Fairs. Staffing booths at professional fairs is one way the CPC committee carries the A.A. message to professionals who may be in contact with the still-suffering alcoholic. We connect with the professionals who work at Senior Facilities, Health and Wellness providers, Domestic Violence Advocates, Behavioral Health Professionals, Social Service providers and advocates, Grant funded programs that support seniors, etc. We talk to them one on one, ask them questions about their programs, ask how we can help and provide literature and links to meetings. Afterwards, we follow up with the people we met. As a result, we were able to become a resource for the community that serves seniors health and wellness needs and we were able to get information about AA into community newsletters and to become part of their resource lists.

Jane S. CPC Chair from district 34 made a presentation about her continuing efforts to get into Overlake Hospital and shared the PowerPoint presentation she prepared. Jane has been working with the Behavioral Health Administrator at Overlake for almost two years. Given the staffing shortage, they came up with a plan to provide an AA video presentation which the Behavioral Health Administrator would then share with all departments at the hospital. Jane arranged volunteers and figured out how to make their presentation “anonymous”. With Covid, staff shortages, and turnover, Jane has not yet been able to make the presentation but she has established an ongoing relationship and planted the seed.

Jerry F. CPC Chair for Area 72 made a presentation about the opportunity he and Monte A. CPC Chair for D-8 had to talk with the counselors and therapists at the St. Martin's University Health and Wellness Center. The neat thing about this presentation was that the University sent over a list of subjects they wanted addressed. The subjects were: What is the history of AA? The theory or beliefs that inform AA? The impact AA has on its members? What does an AA meeting involve? What is the availability of AA meetings in the area? Is AA appropriate for college students to attend? Are there any folks who AA is not appropriate for? Are there any folks who are more likely to be successful in AA? Are there exclusion criteria? Do you have to be 18 years old to attend?

James W. Web Chair for Area 72 made a presentation about using QR codes on flyers, business cards, etc. James took the group on a tour of www.qr-code-generator.com. Discussion of Static vs. Dynamic QR codes. Static Codes provide 100% anonymity. Dynamic Codes has an internet connection so people can track



people who use the code. The company who created the code then obtains the IP address of the person accessing the information and is able to determine their preferences. James had everyone in the audience use their phone to access a code he created during the meeting.

One of the lessons of the AA experience seems to be that in order to continue growing and to spread the AA message, we must repeat again and again our experience, strength and hope. There are continually new members, suffering alcoholics and, in this case, nonalcoholic friends whom we hope to reach.

ABOUT AA, A Newsletter for Professionals, Spring 1989

Ongoing Projects:

Outreach to health care professionals:

The CPC committee continues to encourage every AA member to carry the message to the health care community one alcoholic talking to one health care provider. This is very simple and easy service that makes you feel useful and glad you are part of AA. I like to think that telling my doctors I am in AA is my amends to my doctors for lying to them for so long.

You can take part in this program by talking to your doctor and by encouraging others at your home group or other meetings to talk to their doctor.

The CPC committee has everything you need:

- -A-1 Health Care AA Member Instructions and suggested script
- -A-2 Health Care Dr. Letter for in person delivery
- -A-3 Health Care Dr. Letter electronic delivery.
- -Health Care pamphlets: -P-23 AA for the Health Care Professional, P-11 The AA member, Medications and other Drugs, P-42 A Brief Guide to AA and P-3 Is AA for You.

This project will make you feel better about your service. And when you feel better about your service you will start attracting people to service.

Plus, we get the multiplier effect. A doctor is going to see hundreds or 1000s of patients and their colleagues are going to see hundreds or 1000s of patients.

If you are going to your doctor or any health care professional and are willing to tell them that AA works, contact me and I'll email or mail you everything you need.

cpc@area72AA.org,

Jerry at 425 530 0532.

Outreach to Seniors:

We continue to carry the message to the Older Alcoholic. This is another very simple and easy service that makes you feel useful and glad you are part of AA.

We have everything you need to take action.

- -Suggested script
- -Laminated flyer with information about a great home group called "Let's do it" which is newcomer friendly and meets every day at 9am.
- -Senior Outreach Form to complete with the names, addresses and phone numbers of any place you contact so we can build a database.



- Pamphlets: P-22, AA for the Older Alcoholic, Never Too Late, P-42, A brief guide to AA, P-24, Frequently Asked Questions About AA, P-2, and Is AA for You, P-3.

Contact me: cpc@area72AA.org, Jerry at 425 530 0532 and join us.

Corrections – Derek S.

Accomplishments from the past quarter

1. NEW!!! Corrections Committee Webpage with Volunteer Registration. Our Ad Hoc Committee met every Saturday since the completion of our Corrections Workbook Study to update the webpage given AA.org's new website capabilities. We presented it at our Quarterly and voted to go live. You can now visit us at: <https://area72AA.org/area-72-committee/service-committees/corrections-committee/>.

Or go through the normal channels from our Area 72 home page by clicking the drop-down menu entitled "About Area 72," selecting "Committees," and then selecting "Corrections Committee."

We have designed the page to be user friendly for viewing on your tablet or smartphone with links to all the corrections literature and videos provided by AA.org. Based on input on the ad hoc committee's presentation at our quarterly, we will be making additional improvements to the page including access to the Spanish language versions of the literature and videos when our users use the translation function when viewing our webpage, a method of providing better communication among the various district corrections chairs as we work to streamline our bridge and literature coordination, and a method of tracking our volunteer list and providing connections between volunteers and those taking meetings into the facilities. As always, there is room for improvement. Our Ad Hoc committee will continue to meet to discuss these improvements, work on an updated flyer with all of the correctional facilities in Western Washington and the A.A. contact within the intergroup or district serving that facility to provide to our incoming servants. I want to thank our ad hoc committee for their great work and participation. They are David S., our Area Corrections Bridge Coordinator and Corrections Chair of Eastside Intergroup, Vass S., our Corrections Literature Coordinator, Robert E., District Corrections Chair from District 7, John M., District Corrections Chair from District 8, and Suzanne W., District Corrections Chair from District 24. All of them are extremely dedicated trusted servants and it was an honor to work with them week in and week out. My own recovery has become intertwined with seeing them on a weekly basis. And last but not least, I want to thank our Web Servant James who took a concept and content and built a living and breathing webpage that does in real time what we could only imagine. Thank you James!

2. September 2022 Corrections Quarterly. Our Corrections Committee met for our September Quarterly at Puget Sound Central Service Office for our second hybrid quarterly with half the attendees in person and half on Zoom. And from the feedback I received it was a success. The highlights are State Correctional Facilities are opening back up and the Corrections Committee has a new webpage! We expect large literature orders soon to follow!
 - December Corrections Quarterly – Hybrid – location to be determined: We voted to have the December Corrections Quarterly (Saturday, December 17) as a hybrid, location to be determined.
 - Corrections Committee Reports:
 - David S., our Corrections Bridge Coordinator: David is also corrections chair of Eastside Intergroup. Two bridge requests came in this quarter. Comparatively, pre-pandemic, we were getting 4-6 bridge requests per month. One is being release to District 9 and DCM Andrew M. will be handling getting that member to meetings on the outside. Another is being released to Pierce County



and PSCSO Corrections Chair Mike C. will be handling get that member to meetings on the outside. Kirkland Jail is opening and accepting new volunteer applications.

- Vass S., Corrections Literature Coordinator: Vass was absent but gave me a report by email. No literature orders yet, but Vass is a long-time corrections servant and reported that Olympic Corrections Center and Clallam Bay Corrections Center are now open to in-person meetings but we have a shortage of A.A. members to go into these facilities. In Vass' absence, the committee discussed literature orders and available pink can funds from Seattle, Eastside and Pierce County Intergrups. Originally, the committee believed literature orders coming in would be an indicator of things opening up. In reality, we are seeing facilities opening up and then literature orders follow. So we are expecting some large orders as things reopen. For example, Judy S, our Monroe liaison has request literature from Eastside Intergroup Corrections Chair David for literature to take into Monroe Correctional Complex, which is now also open.
- Mike C., Peirce County Intergroup Corrections Chair, reported that not a lot is going on within the Pierce County Intergroup covered area. Pierce County facilities have been pretty quiet, most facilities in the county are state run [DOC] and are not open [statewide]. City of Puyallup Jail is open to in-person meetings and have request AA come back in, so meetings have been going in for about a month and they have been replenished with literature, very exciting. Also, were able to get literature into Pierce County Jail.
- Dan P., District 32 Corrections Chair, reported on Seattle Intergroup Corrections in Amy F.'s absence. They are looking for male volunteers to go into Seattle Correctional Facility known as SCORE, and the Federal Detention Center at SeaTac just open up to In-Person meetings. And the juvenile facility, girls and boys, is also now open and they need volunteers for that also. King County Jail; is not open yet. If you are interested in going in, please contact corrections@seattleAA.org.
- Robert E., District 7 (Clark County): The facilities are still shut down but has been delivering literature and to Clark County Jail, the Juvenile Facility and Skamania County Jail regularly (monthly basis).
- John M., District 8: Currently meeting online in Thurston County Jail, both men and women. On the State level, Cedar Creek Corrections Center and Washington Corrections Center at Shelton are now open to in-persons. None of the other five facilities covered by District 8 have reopened yet. Preparing to hand over the position to the incoming Corrections Chair, whomever that may be.
- Veronica H., District 11: District 11 covers Whatcom County Jail work center (longer term) and downtown jail (short-term) and women's corrections and juvenile detention. All have reopened to in-person AA meetings. Having meetings every night looking for her replacement. Also, filing up the volunteer lists to go into the facilities.
- Dennis L., District 21 was absent but Stafford Creek Corrections Center (State facility) has reopened to meetings but its hit or miss. Dennis is also in contact with Aberdeen Jail and South Bend Jail. And is also reaching out to Parole Officers in his District to see about carrying the message on that front.
- Suzanne W., District 24: Main facility in her district is Monroe Correctional Complex (also known as Monroe State Prison of MSU). Judy is the previous liaison and has stated in-person meetings have started up on Tuesday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 9:30 am. There are four units at Monroe that have A.A. meetings. Each volunteer needs to work with that facility's liaison Heather (non-AA volunteer coordinator for the facility in general). Contact Suzanne at dist24corrections@area72AA.org.
- Bill G., District 25: Newly elected Corrections Chair for our new online District. Nothing to report but he comes to us with corrections experience and it was great having him at the quarterly.



- Dan P., District 32: Dan is attending Seattle Intergroup monthly corrections meetings and is now their corrections bridge guy. And he is helping with King County Correctional Facility (SCORE)'s in person meetings.
- Angel, District 34: Has been working on bridging work re: Spanish speaking releasees from county jails and getting them to Spanish speaking meetings. Most are Spanish speaking and show up at Angel's home group. Also, has been attending Seattle Intergroup Corrections Committee meetings and has posted volunteer forms for SCORE with his District to generate interest.
- Bob N., District 38: Kirkland Jail is opening up to in-person. Working with David S to facilitate those and learning the position, coming up on another election cycle.
- Leah W., District 43 Corrections Alt Chair and incoming Corrections Chair, congrats Leah! Currently providing DOC with schedules and literature. Kitsap County Jail is not open yet. They are doing zoom meetings in the juvenile detention center and meetings have started in the Washington Corrections Center at Shelton and they are accepting new volunteers. If anyone is interested send an email to dist43corrections@area72AA.org. They will send the link over.
- Janie M., District 45: Not a lot to report. Hoping with things opening up, District 45 will be able to get some literature in. Having a hard time making contact with Pierce County Jail; and Puyallup.
- Ginger R., District 46: Still taking meetings into Island County virtually, they probably will stay online going forward. Has a replacement lined up for District 46 Corrections Chair will take over as contact with the Island County Jail. Working on a handbook to pass to the new corrections chair.

2. National Correction Conference in Chicago, IL November 11-13. Wish me luck as I head to Chicago in November to attend the National Corrections Conference. A GSO sponsored event, this is the fifth annual conference. If it was anything like last year's conference it should be a very moving experience. I will report at the January Area Quarterly even though my rotation will have ended. Our Area should benefit from my attendance and hear a full report. See the website at <https://nationalcorrectionsconference.org/> if you are interested.

3. Shout out on Service Manual and Concept Studies: I have been attending Seattle Intergroup's monthly Service Manual Study every first Sunday, a shout out to Denis F. and Astri T., it will be two years attendance for me this month, and I have joined Crystal S's monthly Concept Study every first Wednesday, and the South Sound Seven's 2021-2023 Service Manual Study, also with Crystal, every last Thursday of the month through December. Come join me, they are a ton o fun.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

There is and will be an ever-growing need for corrections volunteers to go into facilities as things reopen. We have been waiting for this moment the entire rotation and now that it's here, it's a little overwhelming. Please register on our webpage if you are interested in volunteering and we will get you connected with facilities in need. And I expect some large literature orders will be coming through, right at the turn of the rotation. Just to add to the confusion.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

Continued Work on the Webpage. I intend to continue to host our 9:00 am ad hoc committee meetings through the remainder of the year as we make the improvements described at the beginning of this report above.

Handoff Handbook. Its due and I am behind so I will finish that off in time for the new corrections chair. It is supposed to be due by the assembly. Not sure if I am going to make that deadline.

Interested in Corrections? We will continue to generate interest in District, Intergroup and Area Corrections by improving our organization, communication, information and outreach with the goal of building a rich



trusted servant community for future Area servants to draw from. We think our new webpage will be an integral part of this process. If anyone has any questions about service and/or wished to volunteer to go into facilities, please register through our corrections committee webpage or email me directly. I am available and respond to emails regularly.

In closing, In closing, I am available to any Intergroup, District, Home Group and the like to share on corrections, personal recovery, or to moderate group inventories, or assist in group resolution. Just email me as I am always happy to be of service. Corrections@area72AA.org.

Yours in service,
Derek S.

Grapevine and Literature – Dave V.

I have really enjoyed my time this last 2 years working with everyone at the group and district levels. It has been such a joy to see people learn and grow.

Being appointed during covid was a challenge. I questioned how to show someone literature without handing them a pamphlet or book. Using the excuse, “covid” was tempting. Thankfully, AA.org, grapevine and Lavina has the option to view and print. This allowed us to spread the word more easily to groups especially Zoom and other on-line platforms. I was able to go to online district meetings sharing this information.

I step up displays at Step Ashore conferences at Ocean shores these past two years. All of this is made me realize the importance of literature and how we can be spread the AA word in many forms.

Because of the volunteers and district literature reps for these last two years we have made a few accomplishments. We have two new trifold displays for pamphlets in both Spanish and English which you can see out in the lobby. We went through the literature in stock, streamlined and updated all the pamphlets and books.

Also thank you to the district representatives that volunteered to host our quarterlies. Special thanks to Javier DCM district 1 Spanish district for hosting our last quarterly. It was such a joy to work with him to host the 1st Spanish committee quarterly and promote Spanish and English literature

Please go to your favorite intergroup or online to AA.org, grapevine or Lavina to look for your favorite literature and to see all the new publications

Thank you
In Service
Dave V.

Language Coordinator – Lisa S.

Hello Area 72. My goodness, this is the last report I will be making as Language Chair. It has been such a pleasure serving the Area in this position. Before getting into my committee report, I'd like to share with you that this has been my favorite service position I've ever had. Why, you ask? Well, it's because of the relationships I've formed in this role. We work with incredible interpreters. Reggie and Claudia are gems. They have done all of our Spanish interpretations of this rotation, which is a big commitment to our Area. We are lucky to have interpreters that are truly invested in the work we do. I've also been very fortunate to have gotten to get to know the Hispanic community better. I've learned about their tight camaraderie, eaten incredible food after their district meetings, witnessed passionate leadership and participating during several group inventories, and first-



hand experienced the spirituality and fun during a group's anniversary celebration. This is worth highlighting because it's so very different from other English-speaking group anniversary celebrations that I've attended. In this community, group anniversaries are opportunities for a Public Information meeting. They bring in speakers, set up loudspeakers, bring in a live band, cook up enough food to feed a couple hundred people, encourage family, friends and prospects to join members in this celebration, and then dance. The experience of the Centralia group's anniversary celebration in August was honestly the most fun I've had in years. I couldn't stop smiling! I didn't understand most of what was said, but it wasn't a problem. There was such love and joy happening that I couldn't stop myself from smiling and dancing. I hope all of you will participate in one of their group's anniversary celebrations. I know that I will attend more of them myself.

I had the joy of serving the Area as PNC's Program Chair this year. It was a very big responsibility that required creativity, thoughtfulness, lots of time and of course, relationship building. I am thankful that I was able to serve the Area in this additional capacity this rotation. The program panelists and speakers were inspirational and shared a wealth of experience and perspective on how we can be united in love and service during this time of growth in A.A.

The next Language Chair is in for a real spiritual treat. This service position is so meaningful through its impact and the relationships. If this sounds like something you would like to experience, I hope you will submit your service resume and indicate that you are very interested in this particular position. I'm most grateful that I did

Accomplishments from this rotation - The Language Steering Committee has made meaningful contributions to the Area throughout panel 71. We were able to support increased Hispanic member participation in Area standing committees by adding Grapevine/Literature to the list of already interpreted committees: Archives and Corrections. We adjusted the composition of our committee to include Spanish-speakers and a hard-of-hearing member. This allowed us to have greater awareness of the needs of those communities that we support with language services. We provided interpretation and encouragement to our Spanish-speaking DCMs and a D34's archives chair during the preparation meetings for their presentation at PNC called Love and Inclusion: Our Hispanic Community. They also presented it a second time during one of Friday's panels. We submitted a floor motion at the last assembly requesting that we pay for ASL interpretation at PNC this year. The motion was approved and we were able to provide requested services so that members from our Area who needed ASL could participate at PNC. I visited over half of our districts and talked about the work our committee does and learned about districts' language needs. I was able to meet and talk about the work of our committee with the Translation Chairs for Areas 58 and 92. That was a treat for all three of us and I hope that connection will continue with the next Language Chair. We developed a committee playbook to handoff to the incoming Language Chair for more clarity into how to do the different aspects of this position and the responsibilities of the committee. We also made it through several challenges we faced, which will be outlined below. Overall, our committee feels good about our contributions to the Area and efforts to be more inclusive than before.

Challenges faced during this rotation - There were a few challenges our committee faced over the rotation. We started off the rotation with the loss of our translation company. After a preliminary review of costs to use other companies, we asked one of our interpreters, Claudia, if she was interested in helping us for the same rate we paid the previous company. She has provided Spanish translation for 5 quarterlies and 2 assemblies, as well as many documents in between those business meetings. We are very grateful for her service in this way. Another challenge we faced was having challenges getting the Spanish newsletter completed and out to our community members. We had issues with the formatting challenges after translation from Word to Google Docs and back to Word. Then, we had a printing company change. The result was that we did not translate as many newsletters as our committee is responsible for completing. A third challenge we faced was navigating a provider rate change. We were able to talk about how we could set up the next rotation's committee for greater success by developing a



process for connecting with all interpreters on our list about their interest in remaining on our list for the upcoming year and simultaneously confirming their rate so that we can plan for rate increases accordingly. Lastly, we had some budget imbalances early in the rotation; however, with the help of our Treasurer and Alt Treasurer, we were able to have our budget adjusted so that we could ensure our ability to provide the language services needed for the Area.

Goals for the rest of the rotation - For the last three months of our rotation, our committee has two primary goals. We are committed to completing its review of translation companies and making a decision about which service provider we will begin using in December. This will make the work of next year's committee easier and set them up for success at translating the newsletters into Spanish and sent out on time. We also will ensure that we have interpreters present at several more standing committee quarterlies, including the Accessibilities quarterly, which will be ASL interpreted. We are very excited about the ability to serve this need so that a new district accessibilities chair can participate in service without the barrier of language.

Newsletter Editor – Beth R.

Accomplishments from the past quarter: I'd love to wax poetically about a number of accomplishments I've done this past quarter, but frankly as the newsletter editor, there isn't a ton of accomplishments from quarter to quarter. I submitted the newsletters on time and they were published and mailed, that about covers it.

Goals for the next quarter: The goal is simply to finish this rotation by publishing the last 3 newsletters. That's all folks.

Public Information – Karen S.

First Things First: It has been a pleasure to serve as your Public Information Chair this rotation. This commitment kept me sober while facing health challenges and uncertainties. Thank you. Serving in Public Information is about A.A. members meeting the general public where they are at, carrying the A.A. message (not my personal story) of recovery, and training A.A. members on our traditions, literature and anonymity so autonomous groups' actions do not affect A.A. as a whole. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and work with your creative, diligent and caring district and intergroup/ CSO PI chairs, representatives and members and DCMs, to successfully carry the A.A. message of recovery to the general public. In Feb 2021 PI members agreed to accept the public health emergency as reality and to collectively learn and use technology to carry the A.A. message to the general public. We succeeded in (1) reaching audiences digitally that previous PI committee rotations have not been able to reach, (2) re-establishing relationships with numerous school districts, universities, libraries, police and fire departments, senior centers, conferences and fairs, (3) created online trainings, scripts and PowerPoints for districts and subsequent rotations to use, (4) several districts' shared the databases they built to help make subsequent transitions smoother for incoming PI folks and (5) we built trusting relationships and grew in recovery together. PI / Public Information members rock! 😊

GSRs and A.A. Members with several years of sobriety are invited to consider making yourself available to serve in a district or intergroup Public Information committee as a chair, representative or member. To learn first-hand what PI service is all about, you are invited to attend our fall quarterly on November 12, and/or participate in planning of the 2023 North American CPC/PI conference, and/or participate in the National PI Work Group, and/or attend 1-4 of the upcoming sessions on Demystifying of the A.A. Comprehensive Media Plan. This report includes a sampling of what Public Information Service entails, the logistics for these upcoming events, and goals we have for the next / final quarter of PI in Panel 71:



Accomplishments from the past quarter

Special thanks to the 45+ A.A. volunteers who staffed a shift between Sept 2-4, 2022 at the **A.A. booth at the 2022 Washington State Fair** and carried the A.A. message of recovery to state fair attendees (for the first time in three years). A.A. Volunteers included: Sheena, Jim L, Jim J, Mike C, Michael P, Wendy E, Karen S, Cindy G, Craig R, Tom F, Al B, Ron H, Dick Mc, Jim F, Linda F, Andy M, Tom D, Angie P, John P, David R, Tim U, Brody W, Brian C, Steve B, Tom W, Molly K, Laura C, Pat N, Bill M, Romina M, Liz F, Robin M, Nick R, Norm W, Dean T, Kathy T, Cliff A, Anthony G, Mark S, John C, Irene G, Paul B, Dave M, Mike R and Leimoni C.

The host districts require volunteers to attend a training once every two years before staffing the A.A. booth at the Washington State Fair. Kudos to Jim J, Jim L and Michael P/Parker for organizing the three annual training workshops in (2021 and) 2022 and scheduling the volunteers! On July 28 & August 21, I presented at the second and third hybrid workshops, **“Speaking at Non-A.A. Functions & Anonymity”** hosted by Districts 9, 44 & 45. Grateful to be accompanied by co-presenters Dy A and Craig R. Contact pi@area72AA.org to request a copy of the workshop PowerPoint & list of A.A. resources on anonymity.

Facilitated an informative and animated virtual **Public Information Summer Quarterly on August 14th** from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Thanks to Joe D, District 39 PI Chair for hosting and providing technical support. We further advanced my goal of ensuring subsequent rotations have the tools and PI contacts for them to carry the A.A. message without missing a beat. The agenda was created by incorporating feedback in the 2017 inventory, 2018 communications audit, recent General Service Conferences’ Advisory Actions, and the A72 PI Committee Members’ survey response into PI service work. Special thanks to Tim C. for designing the A72 google form survey, which directed the topics addressed by our speakers.

Our **three guest speakers from GSO and GSB** helped us expand our skills and resources: Morgan B., GSB PI ACM and Tom H., GSB Public Information Chair, and Patrick C., GSO Staff Public Information Coordinator. Morgan and Tom presented on: Implementing the 2022 Comprehensive Media Plan, Analytical Performance Metrics (Websites and Google Ads) & Anonymity on Social Media update. Patrick presented on: Sharing PI issues GSO is working on & GSO seeks input: New PSAs and videos. What changes are needed in the PI Workbook/Kit? What barriers are we encountering in reaching to the General Public? How are things changing in library interactions? Schools? Other Institutions? PI Coordinator Patrick invites PI members to share their suggested revisions to the outdated PI Workbook in writing and to share their PI experiences, challenges and needs with him at publicinfo@AA.org.

Oral and/or written reports were received from Districts 10, 11, 12, 14, 24, 27, 33, 39, 40, 9, 44, 45, and 54, Eastside Intergroup and Puget Sound South CSO, PI chairs in Areas 03, 48, 49, 68, 74, 83 and 92 and OIAA (Sweden). A72 PI folks carried the message to numerous institutions in the last three months, including local libraries, police stations, fire stations, senior centers, community centers, congregations & faith leaders, community fairs in Maple Valley, Black Diamond & Kent, staffed booths at the WA State Fair in Puyallup and Pride LGBTQIA+ parade in Seattle, conferences, county public health, detox centers, hospitals, middle & high schools, community colleges, homeless service providers, hotels, motels, and trained A.A. members on Safety in A.A. and speaking at non-A.A. events and Anonymity.

Attended the **A.A. North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum – A.A. in Remote Communities**, “Beyond Language, Culture and Geography: Sobriety Within Everybody’s Reach” on July 16th.

Shared with the Into Action Committee, A72 District 17’s experience with its submission to GSO for the GSC to consider recognizing online meetings as groups on the 2021 GSC agenda. Expressed need for inclusion of online groups in A.A. Service Structure, especially for PI to reach more people. Actively participated in the **“Town Hall for Online A.A. Groups”** held virtually on August 6, 2022. Reviewed and commented on Into Action’s draft submission to GSO for the GSC to consider creating an online area.

Participated in August 14th **Web Steering Committee Meeting**. After the steering meeting we learned from the Alt Area Chair that we had been invited to host an online panel on Friday night at the upcoming 2022 Assembly, entitled “Anonymity in the Digital Age.”

Attended the August 27th online **Area 72 Pre-Assembly** hosted by District 25.



Several A72 members served on the host committee for the hybrid **National A.A. Technology Workshop – NAATW** on September 9-11, 2022. Participated in the event online, along with 264 other online attendees & 74 in-person attendees. Kudos to Steering Committee members *Lois L, Eddy M-M, Mary T, James C., Maryland and Robin!*

Hosted virtual **Public Information Literature Studies** on the first/(second when holiday) Monday and the second Wednesday of July, August and September. Districts shared upcoming outside events, booths, parades and presentations, sought fellow PI volunteers and reviewed key pieces of A.A. literature, to ensure folks are prepared to carry the A.A. message of recovery to the general public.

At the August 22 planning meeting, I expressed willingness and availability to serve and was elected as Conference Chair of the **2023 North American CPC/PI Conference**. We are organizing and forming committees and welcome all A.A. members with PI and/or CPC service experience to volunteer for a committee chair or member position. Our goal is to make this an annual, self-supporting PI and CPC conference with broad U.S. and Canadian PI and CPC committee members and GSO and GSB participation. Committee chair positions filled so far: Conference Chair, Program Chair, Registration Chair and Secretary. Open Chair positions: Technology Chair, Translation Chair and Treasurer. Questions and/or interested in participating, email:

ourgreatresponsibility@gmail.com

Supported District PI chairs as they continue to discuss the “Safety in A.A.” guidance within their districts to address safety issues that arise in home groups. Invited to and presented at several district committee meetings on Safety in A.A. guidance documents with GSRs, covering “**Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare**” (SMF-209), Safety Card (F-211) and Safety Flyer (F-228), reissued April 2022.

Participated in the **National Public Information Work Group** (when I didn’t have an A72 commitment).

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with:

- Orientating new committee chairs who rotate in during the second half of the rotation. It is suggested that people complete this form: <https://area72AA.org/district-trusted-servant-update-form/> to help with this and to receive the PI kit and A72 monthly newsletter. After the August Quarterly, learned that the A72 district trusted service form that district committee chairs routinely complete is sent to their DCM and Standing Committee Chair but has NOT been sent to the A72 Registrar. This likely explains why district chairs have not received their Public Information kits this rotation. Notified the Area Webmaster after August PI Q; James remedied this gap.
- Finish reviewing PI portions of A72 handbook, draft a PI standing committee transition document for the next chair, and continue organizing PI paper & digital files for Area Archives.
- Continue Public Information webpage revision discussions and draft proposal.

Some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter:

- Prepare for and chair an **online panel on Friday night at the 2022 Assembly** on “Anonymity in the Digital Age.” Members who use social media are encouraged to attend!!
- Participate in the **2022 Washington State Tribal and State Leaders Health Summit** Sept 27-28.
- Continue to encourage A72 district participation in the **National Public Information Work Group** on 2nd Saturdays, 9-11 am. Meeting ID: 878-0311-3474 & Passcode: 411
- Expand participation in the planning committee for the **2023 North American CPC/PI Conference**. Next meeting 9.26, 4 pm PT. Monthly Meeting ID: 898 5379 1345 Passcode: 2023



- Prepare for and participate in the **Demystifying the A.A. World Services Comprehensive Media Plan Workshops** hosted by A83, Eastern Ontario, on Nov 16, 23, 30 and December 7.
- Continue to work with the Delegate and DCMs to answer questions, investigate and support groups and districts, as **safety, anonymity and/or media challenges** arise and group and/or district assistance is needed. Visit district meetings to answer questions about Public Information and promote PI service work. I enjoy participating in district meetings and welcome invitations; contact me at pi@area72AA.org.
- Support **PI monthly sessions Oct 3 & 12, Nov 7 & 9 & Dec 5 & 14 -> discuss A72 PI webpage**.
Oct 3, Nov 7 and Dec 5 (1st Mon) at 7:15 pm: Meeting ID: 895 5492 9995 Passcode: PublicInfo
Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14 (2nd Wed) at 7:00 pm: Meeting ID: 824 6136 0573 Passcode: 572915
- Do my part to leave the PI files and documents in better shape than I received them in. Finalize a standing committee transition document (summary of the Public Information chair position duties and learnings for the next rotation's chair) and submit to Area Chair. Finish organizing paper and digital files and deliver to Area Archives – expected completion before year-end.
- Prepare for and facilitate the virtual **PI Quarterly on Saturday Nov 12th** from 1-4ish pm. Tech support to be provided by District 33. Meeting ID **896 5804 3250** and Password **995504**

Registrar – Robin M.

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- Monthly All 93 Registrars Meeting
- November 12, 2022 Workshop be Spanish-Speaking available.
- November 15, 2022 Workshop be All 93 Areas be in attendance.
- Monthly Registrar Check-in Meetings on 1st Sunday 9:30 am
- Monthly Registrar Workshop 2nd Saturday 9-11am.
- Check Area 72 Website Calendar for dates.
- Monthly All 93 Virtual District Structuring
- Helped setup many Areas information for their voting on a Virtual District for their Assembly.
- Helped by sharing my “Registrar Handoff” Handbook
- Monthly Newsletter printing to Skagit Publishing
- October Area72 Directory to Minutemen Press for Hardcopy
- Attended (4) Preassemblies: S. Seattle, Duvall, Everett, Ridgefield for the Archives Motion representing Archives Steering Committee and the Discussion topic on Virtual Groups.
- Attended the NAATW as part of the Committee.
- Attended the Pacific Regional Forum at Salt Lake City.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with.

Trying to update district meeting locations. What I had with the Area 72 website did not match. So if incorrect, please email at registrar@area72AA.org.

At NAATW came to conclusion that “Airtable” would not work for our Area. Just create more work but the District Registrars may want to use it. We use “Excel” and I have experience quick workarounds to update from “FC” .csv files to spreadsheet.



At the Pacific Regional Forum, I was able to talk to GSO about the printing and publishing problems with kits and books, especially the Big Books and 12 X 12. This last glitch is due to not able to print the sleeves of the literature so it hold up printing whole process. It was suggested that with the upcoming 5th edition, think about the printing contract that nothing will delay it due to paper or sleeve or whatever may come up in the future. That way books and literature can reach the still suffering Alcoholic quicker than later. Sleeves can always be purchased later. This could be 2023 Discussion Topic as to what our Area thinks is important in this issue so our Delegate can take that to April 2023 GSC.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.

- Cleanup FC as much as possible
- Continue to do one-on-one scheduling on zoom.
- Archiving Registrar work and read for November 6, 2022 workshop
- The Area72 Website be easy to find and easy to understand the Registrar Forms.
- Next GSO and All 93 Registrars Meeting is October 2022.
- Upcoming Registrar will be thoroughly trained for this position and provided with many tools.
- If you are interested in this appointed position for next rotation, please email me and we can schedule an One-on-one zoom meeting.

Secretary – Courtney S.

Hi Area 72,

Since the July quarterly it has been a busy time! I attended the pre-assemblies to take notes and present on assembly agenda topics. I loved the opportunity to travel to all the different geographic regions of Area 72. I have to say that has been a highlight of the year. There is nothing like getting to see people face-to-face, hear from the GSRs directly and have a lot of fun along the way. There were times I was laughing so hard I was crying. That connection, joy and fun was what I had been looking for in a bottle which I have found in AA. We tested directpoll for electronic voting which went well. While there will be some challenges, I think it will be helpful at the assembly.

For the rest of the rotation my goals are to finalize the Secretary Handbook for the next person who steps into the role, hold another Taking Meeting Minutes Workshop (Thursday, November 10th), and save all the relevant documents into the electronic archives drive.

A hand off to the next rotation is so important! It can be coffee maker at the homegroup, DCM or Committee Chair. Please consider creating something that documents how to do the position successfully. Anything will help!

I know it is going to be a fun and exciting election assembly. I look forward to the hybrid event, hearing all the reports and electronic voting. There are some excellent Friday night panels too! I am grateful for the dedication and deep thought that goes into each and every area event. Thank you to all the committee members for their hard work this rotation.

As always please let me know what I can do to help support you for the remainder of the rotation!

Thank you,
Courtney

Sound System Operator – Mary T.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - We started off this past quarter with our first hybrid quarterly with all our own gear. I say "We" because I have two people that I couldn't have done it without, Conrad and



Anthony. We learned a great deal from the process, like it takes more than one person to run things, it takes 3 and we made a pretty good team. Conrad and Anthony will be present to help run the technology and sound at the Assembly in just a couple weeks.

I was able to assist with a few of the Pre-Assemblies in August and the NAATW in September. Both Conrad and Anthony were able to assist at the NAATW which was held in South Center. We were able to work through some of what we are still missing with our technology set up so that we will be ready for the Assembly. We had a great time and learned a lot.

The NAATW was fantastic, and Area 72 was a great host to all who joined us from across AA both in person and virtually. Eddy was phenomenal as our Host Committee Chair. I was asked by the program committee to put together a panel and discuss our concepts and technology. Crystal, our Area Chair, and Betsy S from Arizona spoke on concepts 2, 4, 6, 9, 10 and 11.

Over all the accomplishments have been as a team. Conrad, Anthony and I will be getting together over the weekend of October 1st to do a dry run through of our equipment to make sure that we have it all down. We want you to have the best possible experience and I think we have a couple really cool surprises in store of all of you.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - Challenges that I currently face are needing people who are interested in being a part of the online tech team for the Assembly. We are working through getting enough virtual helpers who are not a GSR, Alt GSR, DCM, Alt DCM or other trusted servant who wants to help with the upcoming assembly. We have a couple long days of tech work and could always use people who would like to volunteer and are comfortable with technology and helping others with it.

Goals for the next quarter - My goal right now is to get the new technology documented for the next Sound Engineer. We have made so many changes to the set up and layout of what we do over the last several months that we are going to photo document it all during our set up at the assembly so that I can use all the photos to finish building the step-by-step guide.

I am so excited to finish out this rotation with so many positive steps forward in our hybrid setup for Area 72. We have had several Areas reach out as a result of NAATW and the Pacific Regional Forum that was just held in Salt Lake City that are interested in what we are doing

Treatment – Chuck P.

Greetings Area 72

First of all, I would like to say what a blessing it has been to be able to step in to be the treatment chair when Jodi needed to step down. I was handed a committee that was already doing amazing things. Catherine is our secretary and she did an amazing job doing our minutes and helping with our quarterly's. I am also very grateful for her help and keeping me grounded. I would also like to thank Terry from district 24 who helped throughout the rotation with zoom and letting me run ideas thru him.

I would also like to thank all the host districts for hosting our quarterly's. Super special thanks to all the district treatment chairs for all the work they have done and staying in touch with treatment facility's during this difficult time. They have been relentless in trying to back in to treatment facilities and passing on the message of Alcoholic Anonymous.

A special thank you to the intergroups which included Eastside intergroup, Greater Seattle intergroup, Puget Sound Central office, Snohomish County Central Office.



I would also like to thank Linda our Bridge the Gap chair. She is responsible for all of the out of state bridge forms that come to her. Thanks to all the committee members who stayed the course during a pandemic answered the bridge the gap request.

We will be having our last Area Treatment quarterly on October 15th at 9am. We are planning a hybrid meeting with in person meeting at Greater Seattle intergroup. Please check out Area 72 web page to see if there are any changes.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve Area 72 as the Treatment chair, my life has been enhanced by more than I could have ever dreamed.

In Service
Chuck Pickens
Area 72 Treatment Chair

Web Chair – Bill W.

Accomplishments from the past quarter: We had technical difficulties w/ the July quarterly, most did not get the email of the link & flier sent out or there were alternate links (I only created 1) but people couldn't get in so we did not have a quarterly. As a result the quarterly will be sent to the web standing committee as an invitation as well as a flier. BBQ'd for the northern district Pre-Assembly. Had an inquiry about court slips & email addresses. I suggest anyone not comfortable w/ using a personal email create a group@emailaddress.com email for confirmation of court slips when holding meetings on zoom

Challenges you have or are currently facing My challenge remains the same, I have had to work pretty much every day & had scheduled travel that cannot be canceled around having plenty of employees. That has not been the case these past 1.5 years & so the vast majority of my resources has been on work & not much else.

Goals for the next quarter We have a quarterly scheduled for October 22nd

Topic: Area Web Standing Committee Quarterly
Time: Oct 22, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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<https://area72AA-org.zoom.us/j/82141356498>

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Webmaster – James S.

Accomplishments from the past quarter

Successfully broke my knee ... what a blessedly painful experience. When one sets out to do something, we do it right. Seriously, feeds for districts are getting added to the Meeting Guide app with more frequency, so meetings are getting more and more out there. Archiving content of the Area 72 site proceeds, I have not been informed if pages requested are ready for content removal, but rest assured - they will be. This is one item that will be



ongoing - with each rotation. Feeds are stable, the numbers are holding steady and the only item that needs to be worried about is winnowing down copies between feeds (or meetings that are now feed based) and ones directly inputted via a meeting change / add request form. Work on materials for my replacement is ongoing. I know it was requested that the material be completed by the Assembly; however, that did not happen. I have arranged for a content review by past-Webmasters once it is ready, so I can be assured that the materials will be relevant and useful. Current plan is to have it resemble a collegiate course VS traditional training docs, complete with a syllabi - docs for reference and videos to view. Since it is ALL as reference, emphasis will be on hands-on training first. I have written several essays for the newsletter and am continuing to contribute. As of now, I am trying to NOT make it resemble the great novel, merely a reference work. I have participated in the NAATW conference, as part of the host committee, though my role as facilities chair had to be re-evaluated once I broke my knee. I am still assisting with zoom / video conferencing as that does not require me to be on my feet. Full conference report to be added as an addendum below. As of this writing, the corrections page work has been completed and installed on the area website. I encourage everyone to go to the new page, under Service Committees > Corrections. It truly was a collaborative effort, there is SO MUCH we can do for other committees. I have created & started pages for a few other committees. If they desire something similar to what the corrections committee did, we can arrange to get that process started - who knows where it will go.

Challenges you have or are currently facing

- Challenge : Writer's block. How best to say things with as little a BS as possible - be empowering and impart wisdom distilled as experience to my successor. Answer : this is something I wrestle with, but am always trying to do better in. I will NOT get it perfect, but my successor can be rest assured that the position is not broken and will not break down, its not in 'hands free' mode either - so its actively in process.
- Challenge : vision, where will this position go from my time? Have I helped it along, or added hurdles to its next iteration? Answer : I ask questions, get and give feedback, impart wisdom and attempt to be an 'added to' and not a 'taking from' in this area. Ultimately, time will tell, its not in my wheel house.
- Challenge : Conceptual - whether the technology motion passes or not, work on next steps. If it does not pass, work on getting it into the quarterly process - which can mean a few things. If it does pass - working with the (current) sound chair & alt-treasurer on committee makeup and the nitty gritty. Answer : I am always up for that.
- Challenge : what to do about initiatives looked at during this rotation. What to do about the upgrade to glideapp, or the documentation site. Answer : The glideapp is something that simply requires a purchase, which I have requested, so it's in process. The documentation piece ... that is a long range item. Something that will take time and will be done right. I have only planted a seed, asked some questions - its up to subsequent committee's to go from here.

You will notice an obvious challenge I have omitted here, challenge : what to do next. In this regard I am searching in many places - I will be a catalyst for change. Will I be making myself available for the next rotation? Sadly No. I have given it deep thought, prayer and meditation. I have consulted with my wife and it's time. I made a promise to the one I love, to spend some time with them. They have been a (Normie) service widow for the last 21 years. They have sacrificed far more than I - so very much - it's time to give them some back. Doing this will allow me to carry the message of service outwards, going back to my roots will enable me to be a better trusted servant in the future - rather than moving up a chair. Remember Concept 9 : our best possible trusted servants ...

Goals for the next quarter

Give my successor the best training possible, so they hit the ground running!!! There will be loose ends from this rotation, they will be easily tie-off-able or easy to continue. Publish any new pages or updates to the corrections



page. Get more feeds up. Attend events responsibly and not spread COVID. Do more training sessions for G-Suite.

NAATW Report

Man o'man, what a conference. If you were there, you know what an experience it was. Truly grateful to Eddy and the National Committee for putting on such a great show. The workshop was held in Tukwila / Renton, WA - at Hotel Interurban, September 9-11. There was a main panel track and a secondary track on Saturday partially throughout the day. All the panels were truly amazing. I even got to present a panel on Google G-Suite and Area 72 as well, the presentation has been added to the Assembly Documents page already - in case anyone wants to download and view it. A couple of highlights,

The workshop on translation was incredibly insightful. Alise & Shannon covered the differing translation platforms that were available, their types (technology-speak for how they did it) and their usage. It was really cool hearing the experience of the presenters from different Areas and how they were leveraging the power of available translation services to communicate across the language barrier to speak the language of the heart.

There was a panel about adoption of technology as a unification factor that was incredible. Don M really smashed the ball out of the park. When listening to his panel, I was routinely brought back to challenges encountered during the rotation - or my entire service history - and how technology can truly be a unifying factor in our message and what we can do as a fellowship.

Hats off to Jacob (PS CSO Chair) for his insightful panel on technology and implementation for Central Service Offices. He made something that could be interpreted as daunting, seem pretty common sense. I heard more than a few ppl ask him for his time afterwards to pick his brain.

The Code for Recovery guys were amazing as always. Showing off some of the items they have been working on, getting us excited to see what's next. Here I found out about a couple of items that I immediately implemented on the area site, one being a button that is available on the individual meeting page - to request / suggest changes to the meeting itself, so that the meetings can always be more accurate. Another was a feed source comparison tool, which runs every couple of days and reports on the differences between our site and the feed's source data. This will allow us to remove or add any needed meetings so that all the meetings are always in sync and we're all speaking with a single voice. Always a good thing.

Lastly, there was a Blast from the Panel - Cultural effects of Technology on AA. Man oh man, it smashed it - really amazing. The panel was held just before COVID rocked our collective world, so looking back at it from where we are now, lent it even more incredible power and perspective. When I was watching this replay, I was frequently in awe - my jaw literally dropped a couple of times - it was THAT GOOD.

I will leave my report on that note, if you can - go to <https://nAAtw.org/archival-content/> and view the panels from previous workshops, they are all literally amazing and will blow your mind and fire you up.

Closing thoughts

Well, I followed what Dr. Bob said, I didn't scr** it up. This is my last report as your Webmaster. I want to thank you for this incredible opportunity to serve you - the fellowship. It has been fraught with challenges, but you have been gracious and patient. There is no amount of words, feelings or ways to communicate my gratitude to you and the rest of the Area for this opportunity to serve you. May your higher power always bless the road you travel on.

Aeternum in tuo debito et in sempiterno servitio ...

James C.



Young People's Chair – Meghan K.

Accomplishments from the past quarter. This last quarter was a relatively quiet one for me in terms of service: I attended the Area 72 July Quarterly, facilitated the Area 72 July Young Person's Quarterly, attended a Delegate report meeting, and the Pierce County pre-assembly.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Attendance at the last quarterly meeting was on the small side, though I hope to encourage some more attendance for the final quarterly of the rotation in October.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. In the next quarter I'm looking forward to hosting the final Young Person's Quarterly meeting of the rotation, and setting up a warm hand-off with the incoming chair for the next rotation. I also hope to speak with each DCM about their district's Young Person's chair position for the next rotation.

MOTION 3

Move for Western Washington Area 72 to create a technology steering committee. The technology steering committee shall consist of Sound System Operator, Webmaster, and at least three AA member volunteers. Additional volunteers may be appointed for periods of time to assist with additional tasks at the discretion of the steering committee. The technology steering committee is charged with meeting the technical needs of Area, including but not limited to making Area business meetings hybrid, managing the Area email/cloud storage system, online meeting platforms, and assisting with technology education/workshops - Presented by Eddy M-M

Motion made by Alternate Treasurer and 2nd by D25

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2002 and 2004 when the positions of Area Web Servant and Area Sound System operator were adopted by motion, the technology needs of the Area were very different than they are now. Each rotation the Area Web Servant and Area Sound System Operator has taken on more and more responsibilities. Resumes of members that are available to fill these positions becomes less and less. With the rapid advancements we have made over the past few years, the jobs that we are now asking the Web Servant and Sound System Operator to perform is a lot for a single position.

This would not replace the Web Steering Committee, and they would still be the stewards of the Area's online presence and content information. This would also allow for better collaboration and coordination for the Area Committee needs without increasing the workload of the Web Steering Committee or diverting them from their primary focus.

Below are the original motions to create Website Committee, Web Servant and Sound System Operator along with the job descriptions in the current handbook.

Discussion:

- Eddy, this was inspired by the team in this room, sitting at the tables with their tech hub to make this event as inclusive as possible. This isn't sustainable for the Sound individual. We have several volunteers here to make it run smoothly and we are supporting their costs which were approved by the Finance Committee. This new committee would take on the hybrid events along with the email system. We have



over 700 email address to manage along with the website and online meeting schedule. This will free up time for the Webmaster to focus on the website and be a resource for the districts.

- Crystal: This is a steering committee, we aren't creating an appointed position. They are doing a job and not a voting member. We have other steering committees including the Web steering committee and Language committee.
- Mike Alt GSR: Steering committees are different than standing committees, what's the difference?
 - Steering committee members are reimbursed for the job we are asking them to do. Travel expenses.
- Houston GSR: It's concerning to me that there's no chair to the committee. I was told it would shift between the Webmaster and Sound person. Steering committees need chairs, this committee is all about logistics. Someone needs to lead the coordination of that.
- Alt DCM 27: To clarify, in the background it references past motions, are those all included in this motion?
 - Those are historical motions, for example 02.X is from 2002 assembly motion.
 - There is no zoom job description and Sound just took it on.
- Jerry Alt GSR: Our group had members interested, is there a sobriety requirement and how do we get into it? But are we reinventing the wheel when we revote in every two years?
 - Anyone who is interested would be asked to submit resumes. appointed Webmaster and Sound will get together and select members based on their needs.
 - This would not be a two year rotation, it could be helping on one project, such as helping with the Assembly.
- Victor GSR: Should accessibility be included in this committee?
- Gary Alt DCM: Our district was one of the first that came up with a hybrid meeting. Technology changes quickly. Who is this committee going to be accountable to? The Sound or Webmaster? Or will this evolve into a Chair position?
- Cindy Alt GSR D45: I think we need to get help for those overburdened but how many more meetings would they need to go to?
- Sergio, Rule 62: Can we include a linguistic part in the committee? Since we want to use support from the Webmaster and Sound.
 - This was intentionally written vague so the committee could see what needs the Area has at the time. Identify who has the background and the workload that works best to lead the meetings. The needs of the Area can change and the committee can be adjusted.
- Heather Alt Delegate: This is written much like our other steering committees so this isn't a new idea. Also, this is happening, we need this support. They are currently getting funded by the Finance Committee as a stop-gap. We need you to tell us if this is something you want us to keep doing.
- Thom R: We have a talented pool locally that is untapped. When the pandemic started, I wrote a zoom security guide to support the fellowship and helping groups around the world. Helped GSO write their guidelines. For example, this committee would coordinate the untapped talent.
- Ginger R. GSR D46: My concern is there is nothing specified about who will chair the committee.
- Taylor GSR Heartbreakers: The responsibility statement comes to mind. Are we reaching those who need our help.
- Dave GSR Just for Today: There is a steering committee for the web, why isn't the Webmaster trying to allocate more money to the steering committee already in place?
 - The web steering committee is responsible for our Area 72 website content and adhering to our traditions and anonymity. This is different.
- Guy H member: Is it standard for steering committees to be funded by this?



- Yes, our previous motions said we would fund people to do their jobs (travel, meals, registration). If this motion gets passed, we could budget for it proactively. We are currently using the variable budget which is only meant for new things that are not known expenses.
- John DCM 27: Are Webmaster and Web servant the same - Yes. Is a Tech steering committee and web steering committee the same? No.

Motion Passed

Minority Opinion:

- John DCM27: The Tech steering committee is to made up of at least three AA member volunteers. There was no indication in the motion that these are paid positions. What are they paid? (They are not paid)

Vote to reconsider? No

Motion Passed (351 Yes / 6 No)

ASSEMBLY BIDS

2027: District 11 Whatcom County, Lyndon, WA

District 11 hosted the assembly in the past at this location in 2014. Planned to host in 2020 but it was canceled due to COVID.

Location:

- 12 miles north of Bellingham with multiple rooms to host our panels.
- RV sites and hotels available
- Wifi is available for hybrid option

Cost:

- Estimated \$50 registration, with all meals and registration estimated at \$135. Coffee is included.

DCM SHARING

District 1– (Spanish speaking District South of King/Snohomish Counties) DCM Javier

- I keep motivating GSRs to attend and it's been working.
- We finished a district inventory and D7 was the host.
- We had our elections and they were good. The next DCM will be Francisco.
- We also elected a Secretary, Treasurer, Alt Treasurer, Chair, Archives, PI chair.
- I will be creating the D1 website.
- The creation of the new district today was important.

District 2 – (Camano Island, NW Snohomish County, Arlington, Stanwood) DCM Caleb

Not Present and no report given.

District 3 (SE Snohomish County, Lake Stevens, Highway 2 Corridor to Steven's Pass) – DCM Bryson

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- Meeting attendance is up, and more meetings are now either hybrid or back to face-to-face.
- Attended the appropriate Area meetings and communicated with GSRs.



Challenges you have or are currently facing

- We continue to have open service positions at the district level.

Goals for the next quarter

- Identifying and electing new trusted servants for all District positions for the next rotation.

District 4 – (Skagit County Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley) - DCM Jeri H.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - *As Alt DCM, I have learned a lot about District level operations and working with a variety of GSR's representing several diverse AA groups in the Skagit Valley. It has been good to move from a GSR myself to now Alt DCM to get acquainted with this new position and its responsibilities. It has certainly taught me new ways to motivate people in service to their groups and the District.

*I made an effort not only to communicate Area information but also attempted to do some education of GSR's including topics such as DCM University information, importance of Service, Hybrid meetings, GSR Survival Tips, Assembly Panel Information, and the new AA Service Manual.

*I continued to try to inspire the GSR's to see the "bigger picture" of AA Service and give each of them a vision for themselves of a larger role within AA.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - *Covid was probably the biggest challenge to most, if not all of us, during this rotation. We navigated Zoom meetings and then moved to hybrid and in-person only. Some of us worked with Hybrid meetings in our groups and learned how these platforms could reach more people. The more ways, the better, in my opinion. It came with its challenges for those of us who are not as computer literate.

Goals for the next quarter - *I am actually in the process of relocating to Denver, Colorado, this month, so I will be leaving District 4. I have gained so much confidence in my leadership abilities which I will use in service to the Denver AA community. I have also appreciated my District DCM and mentor, Jeri H., and her belief in my abilities. AA and its members have both saved and changed my life. I am grateful beyond words. Thank you.

District 7 – (South Clark/Skamania Counties) DCM Shalia/Alt DCM Deanna

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- 1) We had a successful pre-assembly, collaborating with D37 to host and provide a venue and snacks.
- 2) We began elections, in the Spirit of Rotation, of our District Officers on the District Committee.
- 3) Our Groups are joining forces to host, decorate and serve at our Gratitude Dinner in November. This is an annual way we support our local Intergroup office. Plus, it is fun to come together and celebrate ALL that we have to be Thankful for in this amazing sober life!

Challenges you have or are currently facing: Observing groups face the challenges of going from strictly online to strictly in person or hybrid. Also defining what the service positions look like when being an online meeting or hybrid meeting.

Goals for the next quarter: Pass the Baton on to my new DCM and be as supportive as possible!

District 8 – (Thurston and Mason Counties) DCM Thomas L.

- We had our elections and filled many positions; Chuck will be the new DCM and Debbie will be the Alt.
- We are having a gratitude banquet with AA and Alanon speakers.
- Maintaining unity within our districts with Zoom has been important. I have been able to support groups that were dealing with decisiveness and navigating challenging personalities. It is going well and we are seeing the unity.



District 9 – (Central Tacoma, Fircrest) DCM Andrew M.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - Our greatest accomplishment for the quarter now ending was hosting the July Quarterly. Shannon H, Mary G, Christina Y were the folks involved in hosting and accounting for the event. Dick M, as Registrar, moved beyond his comfort zone and found that with support he was able to meet all of the Quarterly challenges. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to most of the other members of the South Sound Seven as well who offered both moral and physical support in putting on the event.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - Covid still affects many aspects of our district and the area. Two people ended up with Covid after the Quarterly. While truly unfortunate, neither party passed the illness on to others, and they themselves have recovered.

Our district has had a couple of resignations late in the rotation, and there seems to be an overall sense of inertia regarding the ability to perform service in-person. I am hoping that the new rotation will see an overall improvement in this regard.

Goals for the next quarter - We recently held our elections for new Trusted Servants for Panel 73. It is exciting for us to announce the following: Bud W, DCM and Shannon H, Alt-DCM. In point of fact all of our elected positions were filled but one. A special thank you to Donna H, past DCM for District 45 and current member of the Archives Steering Committee for guiding our election process. The spirit of service in District 9 continues to be strong, and it's exciting to see what will be coming next.

Our main focuses for the ending of this rotation is a strong turnout at the coming Area Assembly, a successful in-person District 9 Gratitude Banquet, and preparation for all of the newly elected Trusted Servants to get their sea legs and select appointed positions for approval at the first D9 business meeting in January 2023 as we ramp up once again to help the still-suffering alcoholic.

District 10 – (Kitsap Peninsula) DCM Patrick / Alt DCM Gary

This last quarter District 10 Trusted servants have been working extremely hard to get the meetings back up and running to full strength. I am happy to report that both our Silverdale Group and Our Friends of Bill Group have both relocated to new locations and are back active in District work too!!

I don't want to jump the gun and say the pandemic is over, but it's great to see everyone's Faces again!!! Our district has also resumed having our monthly District business meetings throughout the district at a different meeting hall each time, plus we have potlucks to boot!!

Some of the challenges that we have faced over the past Quarter is to get the members to volunteer and help with our committee Chairs, so that they are not a committee of one. Many of the chairs have been going to different groups looking for volunteers with little response. It seems as though we are not the only district having this issue as I have reached out to see how other districts are dealing with this situation themselves.

Looking forward to the next few months, we have our Gratitude Banquet and our Trusted Servant Elections, I am personally looking forward to the next season of my service commitment and have been Told by my Service Sponsor that I Will be putting in a resume to the area for whatever they need help with...lol

I am very Grateful to have been a part of such a wonderful program with Loving people from all the Districts and of course the Awesome Leadership of Area 72.

Gratefully,
[Patrick Perry](#) Dcm 10



District 11 – (Whatcom County, Bellingham) DCM Angela S.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- Gratitude Banquet planning (banquet to be held November 12)—first in-person since 2019
- Good group representation at district and at pre-assemblies. Good discussion at district.
- Group that had been dormant started meeting again and sent a GSR to district! A local online group sent a GSR to district! Also, a few other groups sent new GSRs!
- We're back in men's and women's jails and juvenile detention! Still taking meetings to detox twice/week and mental health facilities three times/week. C&T dropped off AA literature and pamphlets (including some in Spanish and Russian) to all seven local facilities.
- Printed schedules are back! We struggled to consistently get these printed since we've been meeting back in person.
- Several successful group picnics this summer
- Continuing hybrid district meetings, which seem to be working
- Safety in AA presentation at September district meeting (Karen—Area PI chair presented)
- Updating district trusted servant position descriptions in our handbook

Challenges you have or are currently facing:

- There is a desire to split out positions to allow trusted servants to be more involved and more effective, but also a concern that new positions won't be filled because we don't have as much support as we need at the district level (filling alt positions and group reps attending committees). We will discuss splitting C&T and PI-CPC into two chairs (each).
- Safety in meetings, outside conflicts entering into meetings

Goals for the next quarter:

- District elections
- Finish updating handbook (including all position descriptions)
- Vote on splitting C&T into two chair positions and splitting PI-CPC into two chair positions

District 12 – (North and East Snohomish County, Everett) DCM Erin W.

- We are having a gratitude banquet on November 12th like many others.
- We had our elections and biggest district meeting.
- We will be solidifying the technology position within our district.

District 14 – (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island) – DCM Demitri H/Alt DCM Jennifer

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- Had a successful and fun District Picnic! Huge shout out to our picnic host chair and her amazing double barbecue set up, and amazing pie auction.
- Huge shout out to our Alternate DCM for taking on hosting an in person Pre Assembly back in August.
- Spent the September District Meeting 'priming the pump' for the next rotation of district positions; had people share their experience, strength and hope about their service positions and which district positions they'd be available for in our next rotation.
- Having about 14 GSR's and a bunch of Alternate's regularly attend our District meeting.



Challenges you have or are currently facing:

- Being able to accurately represent and pitch some open district positions that have been open for most of the rotation (Corrections, Grapevine/Literature, Young People in AA, Web Chair)

Goals for the next quarter:

- Set up our Alternate DCM for the next rotation!
- Have elections for our District Positions in our November business meeting
- Host a District Holiday event
- (Personal) – submit a service resume for next Rotation
- Hand over the email account!

District 15 – (Downtown Seattle, West Capitol Hill) DCM15 Jack J.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- Hosted a writing workshop with A.A.W.S. Trustee's Committee on Literature for stories for the pamphlet, A.A. for the Black & African American
- Continue to update district handbook
- Heard from the Greater Seattle Intergroup Twelfth Step Committee on need for member sign up
- Working with Districts 40, 41 and possibly 17 on Gratitude event for November

Goals for the next quarter:

- Hosting with District 40 & 41 the January Area 72 Business Quarterly

District 16 – (NE Seattle, University District) DCM Judy B.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- We have successfully transitioned from Zoom to a hybrid meeting.
- We have filled our positions of DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary and Treasurer

Challenges you have or are currently facing:

- Need committee chairs for PCP/Public Information, Corrections, Grapevine/Literature, Communications/Web, Archives, Young Persons and Accessibility Chairs

Goals for the next quarter:

- Get a consensus from meetings in district re updating opening script to remove references to gender. Our own Lake City Group has become more aware of the gender diversity of its members and by group conscience decided to remove gender from script. Also, to remind people that a phone list is to talk about recovery, i.e.

Grateful DCM of District 16,
Judy B.

District 17 – (NW Seattle, Ballard) DCM Seondaidh

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

Holding steady. Held our first hybrid District Meeting in August, with dinner. Continuing on Zoom for the remainder of the rotation.



Challenges you have or are currently facing:

Engaging groups to engage in group-, district-, and area-level service. This includes appointed and elected district servants, Burien Little Assembly hosting, and having new GSRs from groups.

Goals for the next quarter:

- Retrieving our archives and items stored at our former meeting location, which is slated for demo.
- Finishing overhaul of District Handbook
- Preparing for elections and support in the transition to a new Rotation in December/January
- Planning for Burien Little Assembly

District 18 – (Renton, Kent, Tukwila) DCM Jeff O.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- District Inventory. Which was enlightening
- Splits to GSO/Area/Intergroup

Challenges you have or are currently facing:

- Positions going unfilled
- Replacements for next rotation

Goals for the next quarter:

- Set the budget for 2023
- Electing new district committee members
- Recruiting people to join district

District 19 – (West Everett, Mukilteo) Alt DCM 19

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- July -D19 kicked off a 3-part campaign aimed to inspire a new generation of district level service.
- July 24th's picnic we hosted a KISSing booth. (Keep in Service & Sober), a booth w/ educational materials on why service is so important and what positions are available.
- Aug 31st ahead of district business, we hosted a Speed Dating Swaray, open to anyone from any district. Gracious volunteers from Area 72 service, past D19 rotations and other districts each had a table w/ position to share on... participants rotated around the room from speaker to speaker- 4-minute sessions – learning & getting inspired. The energy was awesome. Feedback positive. Hopefully the take-aways spread exponentially...anywhere service is needed.
- Sept 28 D19 paired an Ice Cream Social w/ it's 2023-24 elections. (that's tomorrow)
- Missed July quarterly (obligated wedding guest)
- Attended Pre-Conference workshop which was great! Aug 7th.
- Hosted a group Inventory – Courage to Change
- Joined Gratitude Banquet Committee
- District found a Newsletter Chair finally!
- District had a well-attended Schedules Stapling Party (I could not be attendance/work event)
- Mtg Guide App (Schedules did the work getting up to date info- I just entered system changes)

Challenges you have or are currently facing:

- Group donations may not be increasing as quickly as we move back to pre-COVID budget expectations. Could just take a little nudge to the groups though.



- Many service positions open but we're a tight hard-working group.
- I feel confident the next rotation will be different.

Goals for the next quarter:

- As a district, we did not sort out use and expertise of the google drives/network. I plan to attend the end of rotation workshop Nov 6 and get alt-dcm & treasury docs properly stored/organized and hope that makes me better equipped to assist others in the group for the next rotation.

District 21 – (Grays Harbor County and half of Pacific County) DCM Jamy J.

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- There has been an increase in GSR attendance at the District business meetings.
- The Committee Chairs have been working diligently to complete their tasks and pass on the A.A. message to those they can reach.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with:

- Preparing for upcoming elections for next rotation.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter:

- To infuse new strength into District 21 and to continue to reach out to new A.A. members and pass on our experience, strength and hope for a sober future.

District 22 – (North Olympic Peninsula) DCM Becky

Accomplishments from the past quarter - Handbook has been updated and sent out to all district members. We just had district elections and we have elected our 2023 DCM, ALT DCM, Treasurer and ALT Treasurer.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with - We just created the adhoc committee for the 2023 budget. We also created an adhoc committee to work on changes to the district 22 website.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter - Goal for next quarter is to work towards a smooth transition to the next rotation of trusted servants. Also, to work towards getting all appointed positions filled for 2023.

District 24 – (Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace) DCM Mike B.

- We had our elections, Kelly is the next DCM.
- We are having a lot of fun in the district.
- Anyone is welcome to attend our district meetings.

District 25 – (Online Only) DCM Frank M.

- It's been one year! We had 12 meetings at that time and now we are 32 groups as part of the district!
- 70% of the groups are in attendance either in-person or online. We are passionate about service.
- We are building from the ground up and adding committee chairs and how they can interact with the Area committee chairs.
- District 45 had a treatment facility who only had online treatment meeting and now D25 is now supporting that weekly ongoing. This is an example of how we can engage in service.



District 27 – (Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties, Longview, Kelso, Ilwaco) DCM Steven

Accomplishments from the past quarter - We made some small achievements. We got pamphlets to all of our treatment centers, hospitals and jails. We replenished our pamphlets. Our activities committee has done a good job of advertising and attempting to involve others.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - We are consistently challenged with getting involvement at the district level. I am thanking God for handling this, because it is close to rotation time and even our basic position have seen little interest in being taken over.

Goals for the next quarter - Getting in new officers. Those of us who have help positions are offering to stay and train or help out and as of yet, we have had no takers. One more, Thank-You God for handling this. Amen

District 28 – (Lewis County, Centralia) DCM Kasi

- We have had two picnics.
- Our Delegate and Alt Delegate came down to speak.
- We have had many new GSRs and people excited about service.
- Our gratitude banquet is coming up.
- A challenge is we have low attendance, so we formed a homegroup outreach committee and going to meetings and talking about our service structure.
- Goals are to inspire, teach and encourage service and increase attendance.

District 29 – (Puyallup, Eatonville, Orting) DCM Michaela G.

This past quarter we welcomed new GSRs and Alt GSRs from a number of groups in our District. We also have a new Secretary to take our minutes for the rest of the rotation! August was a very exciting month with a very well-attended Pre-Assembly in Puyallup. A big thank you to my South Sound DCMs for all of the work they put in to make this possible. I was really impressed with how many GSRs came out to represent their groups and prepare for this Assembly! In September we held elections and have a new DCM, Alt DCM and Treasurer for the next rotation.

We are still struggling to fill service positions and keep positions filled, but continue to build interest. I am very grateful for the trusted servants we have and the GSR and group participation.

This quarter I aim to serve the district and prepare the new electeds and gsr's for the coming rotation. I hope I can continue to focus on serving groups in District 29 and their part in AA as a whole.

District 31 – (Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila) DCM Anita

- Thomas H is the new Alt DCM.
- Our hospital and treatment committee conducted a big book drive which is exciting.
- A treatment center is looking for groups to host via zoom, please contact me.
- We have a new Corrections Chair.
- A hospital in our area is coordinating with us. I got a 12 step call the other day and it reminded me of what it was like in the beginning.

District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Nic C./Alt DCM Angela R.

- We are adapting and changing well.
- Heather S is incoming DCM.
- We are focusing on filling the remaining of positions for the next rotation.



- DCM has been challenging and hard at times and has also been worth it. I am a better person because of service and you.

District 33 – (Ravensdale, Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Summit) DCM Kimberlee P.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - It's been a busy quarter in District 33. We have moved from a Zoom meeting to an in person meeting. We initially tried a hybrid. It was unsuccessful. The building we meet in does not have an open Wifi for us to join. A pole was taken and all the committee members could join in person. It was voted to close the DCM's Zoom account at our September meeting. All attending GSRs had made it to a pre-assembly. They had or have scheduled a meeting with their home groups to discuss the motions and discussion topics.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - We continue to look for chair positions. The DCM continues to remind everyone that rotation is coming and we need new people for the positions.

Goals for the next quarter - Find members to take on the chair positions. Most specifically the DCM role. The alternate DCM moved into the treasurer position. A new one needs to be found.

District 34 (Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island) –DCM Carlos

Accomplishments from the past quarter - I'm pleased to Report that We have welcome new GSRs and ALT-GSRs in our District this past Quarterly. Finally, Area 72 literature chair (Dave V.) got invited to participate with a literature presentation. We are getting prepare to do Service Rotation by Having our chair committees Do a short presentation in our district so GSRs and other chairs can get info and motivation for next service rotation. Service rotation will be held on November 1. We have invited Astri(past Delegate) to coordinate Service rotation meeting. we are very excited about our Gratitude banquet coming up on November 19 Spanish translation will be available. This event is a self-support and tickets are available at \$5.00

Challenges you have or are currently facing - A couple of service chair members step down on their positions. looking for new treatment facilities to take the message of AA. Still have issues with Zoom platform.

Goals for the next quarter - Is being a honored to served as DCM in District 34. My goal is to prepare and have everything set up on my side for the next DCM Rotation. Thank you for your attention.

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District 35 (Issaquah, Sammamish) – DCM Jennifer C.

- In District 35 two of the sources of Twelve Step opportunities the District facilitates for our groups have unfortunately been inactive during this rotation.
- The Treatment Center we took panels into closed at the beginning of Covid 19 and has not re-opened to date.
- Our Corrections Committee took meetings into the Issaquah Jail twice a week, and we have not been able to do this since the beginning of Covid as well.
- Thankfully, we have been able to be active with Bridging the Gap and have been able to assist newcomers coming out of treatment from other Districts and Areas, including those from out of state, connect with members and meetings in Issaquah and Sammamish.



- District 35 has had a history of trying to host three workshops and a Gratitude banquet each year, to provide Twelve step opportunities and opportunities for fellowship and unity. Until recently all those events have been held on-line.
- The two most recent workshops, June 4th, and September 17th were hosted in a hybrid format, and we could not be more pleased with the turnout for both online and in person. Attendance was significantly increased from when we had been hosting on-line only workshops, for which we are grateful.
- On November 19th we will be hosting our first in person Gratitude Banquet in two years. We are so excited to be able to provide this to our District in a much-missed celebration of Unity in District 35.
- Lastly, on September 21st, District 35 held its elections for the next rotation. We have many positions still needing to be filled, however we have elected an incoming DCM, Cheyanne S. who is looking forward to serving District 35 for the Panel 73 rotation.

District 36 (NE King County, Duvall, North Bend) –DCM Ray H.

This quarter we had our pre-assembly with 6 other Districts held in Duvall. I Would like to thank all that participated and helped with making it a great event and with our learning curve on dealing with making it a hybrid event, It helped to preparing our GSR's for the motion's in this Area General Assembly. District 36 will be having a Gratitude Dinner this November 5th and you all are invited to attend at the Si View Community Center in North Bend, information can be found on our district website at SnovalleyAA.org. We also helped to support again and participated in manning the AA information booth at the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe to help carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous through the Snoqualmie Valley. As we surface out of this Covid generation of AA our in person meetings are seeing greater attendance, and to be willing to adjust to the needs of our AA members and support their growth in our program and show how being of service is what helps for relapse prevention. Which my goal as DCM for District 36 has been all about. We are still having our District meetings being held on zoom each month that works with the business part of AA, it works for us with ongoing discussions to get back to in person. My rotation as DCM is up at the end of this year and as we go thru these holidays I will be passing on the documents and information that I was given to do the best job i could do to support AA on the Eastside of Area 72, Service is the key to my sobriety for the past 19 years and I look forward to the journey that God finds for me as i trudge this road to a Happy Destiny.

District 37 (North Clark County, North Vancouver, Woodland) DCM Julie U./Alt DCM Sunny W.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - We hosted the Pre-Assembly on August 21st along with District 7. Had a full house. Donated our 7th tradition to Clark County Fire & Rescue Association – which they use for charitable donations. Our District meetings moved to hybrid this past quarter and are going well. We have them at our area Intergroup office and the set up/sound seems to be working well for all in attendance.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - The challenge all year has been getting more GSR participation. Groups that are still online do not have service representatives and groups that have come back to in-person meetings have been slow to get back into General Service.

Goals for the next quarter - DCM and Alt DCM to visit as many meetings in our district that meet in person and encourage them to become more involved in General Service, ensuring they have a GSR representing their group. We have upcoming District Elections as well and trying to get the word out so people can participate.

District 38 (Kirkland) DCM Leonard

Accomplishments from the past quarter- We have had several new GSRs start next rotation early, which has been a needed increase in district participation. We have also been successful in finding several people interested in serving in district positions next quarter, which we hope will help fill most (if not all) positions in the next rotation.



Challenges you have or are currently facing - Our main challenge throughout the last year has been lack of participation. We've had fewer active GSRs than years past and several people with district positions had to step down for varying reasons. This has made it difficult to do any of our normal district activities.

Goals for the next quarter - We are going to make an effort to fill positions for the next rotation, and work to ensure the incoming position holders have the information and support to ensure the next rotation can be successful.

District 39 – (Kenmore, Bothell, Woodinville) DCM Jon S./Rob M Alt DCM

Accomplishments from the past quarter - Co-host Area 72 Assembly 2022, Go LIVE for Gratitude Dinner November 19th. It's been an amazing experience to see Jim past DCM to be a steady force in this process. Our gratitude banquet is coming up.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - Staffing my committees and lack of GSR's attend District Mtg

Goals for the next quarter - Fill DCM, Alt DCM, treasurer 2023

District 40 – (East Capitol Hill, Madison Beach) DCM Erin /Alt DCM Morgan

- We had a district inventory.
- We have a great turnout here at the assembly.
- We have a very active Archives Chair, Judith has collected so many items. She has taken oral histories from older members in our district. She's using zoom and will enrich the future of AA in our district.
- We have a gratitude banquet coming up in coordination with other districts.
- Our goal is to find new committee members for next rotation.

District 41 – (North Downtown Seattle, Magnolia) DCM Seth G/ Alt DCM Megan Z.

Accomplishments from the past quarter - In July, we invited our Area Delegate, Geene, to be a guest speaker at our district meeting so she could deliver a post-GSC summary, since we could not attend in June due to a scheduling conflict with our District Inventory. Our annual Summer Picnic was held in-person at Magnolia Park, where we served burgers to 20-30 people. This month, one of our groups (Lake Union Men's) started a monthly meeting at a local nursing facility (Queen Anne Healthcare), which we coordinated with GSIG Hospital and Treatment..

In August, some GSRs attended the Central Districts Pre-Assembly at South Seattle College; others attended online and a few could not attend so we spent some time at August and September district meetings to discuss the motions and where to find relevant materials so they can share with the groups. We are following through on our goal of spending additional time at the district level focusing on Assembly and Conference preparation.

Challenges you have or are currently facing - One concern that we discussed this quarter was following our Summer Picnic, which some felt had light attendance. The concern is that there may be a disconnect in our district fellowship events between our committee members scheduling events and our group members' willingness to attend in the current(post?) pandemic environment, so potentially we may not be supporting the lopsided triangle or using district resources properly. We addressed this by asking our GSRs to poll their groups, and so far we have heard back affirmation to continue scheduling events.

Groups continue to gradually transition into a post-pandemic environment. Group solidarity is sometimes tested when their members are partially split between online and in-person formats.



Goals for the next quarter:

- November 12: We are co-hosting a Gratitude Banquet with Districts 15, 17, and 40. Our first in-person Gratitude Banquet since 2019 will be held at the First United Methodist Church in lower Queen Anne.
- December: We will hold our District elections to transfer the reins of service over to Panel 72.
- January 6-7: We will co-host the Area Business Quarterly with Districts 15 and 40 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Seattle.

District 42 – (NW Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) DCM Sarah

Accomplishments from the past quarter - We continue to have volunteers show up to present on the concept of the month at our district meetings held on zoom. Thank you to the presenters from the last quarter, Jesse Accessibility chair, Jerry CPC chair, as well as past Delegate, current GSIG Chair, and my service sponsor Astri, who also facilitated our district elections last month. The annual District picnic was held on September 11th at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The archives were moved from a member's home to the storage closet which was recently built for us at the new Phoenix Club location.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with - We have struggled to fill our open positions this year, including the secretary and a few other committee chair positions. After September's elections most committee chair positions starting with the new rotation are also open.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter - Our number one goal right now needs to be outreach to groups in our district to spark interest in general service work so we can fill the remaining positions open with the start of the new rotation. We also continue to stay in communication with the Phoenix club about the use of their space for our district meetings. We paid rent for the use of the space and storage closet for our archives; however the district doesn't seem interested in returning until we have a hybrid meeting option.

District 43 – (Gig harbor, Purdy, Port Orchard) DCM Steve

- We have a gratitude banquet on November 5th.
- Thanks to the district to allowing me to be of service.
- Thank you for everyone for your love and patience, you can teach an old dog new tricks.
- Steve M is the new DCM and Jim B is the Alt.

District 44 – (North Tacoma, Gig Harbor) DCM Mandy A.

- Our participation has been increasing and GSRs in-person and online tonight.
- We have elections coming up.
- Our gratitude banquet is November 19th.

District 45 – (SW Pierce County, JBLM, Steilacoom, Spanaway) DCM Joyce F.

Greetings from District 45! Its hard to believe we are approaching the end of this rotation. What a great service opportunity this has been! Serving District 45 as DCM has been an incredible experience. I have learned so much and have had the opportunity to meet and serve with so many great people in my District, other Districts and the Area. This position has truly humbled me. One of the things I love the most is that the people I meet, Love Service the way I Love Service! I have heard, many times, that service is where the fun people are and have found it to be absolutely true.

Since our last quarterly we have had a couple of old groups re-open and a couple of new groups start up. Including PCCYPAA which is District 45's first Young People's Group.

PCCYPAA Mondays @ 7p St Joseph/St John Episcopal Church 11111 Military Rd Lakewood, Wa 98498 (Has GSR-Koleman)



Big Book Thumpers Tuesdays @ 5:30 Alacoma Club 6508 Montclair Ave SW Lakewood, Wa 98499 (Has a GSR- Will)

South Hosmer AA Saturday 12:15 8717 S Hosmer, 98444. Located at the Crossroads Treatment Center. (no GSR)

Hopeless Variety Meeting Tuesday & Thursday 4:30 pm to 5:45 pm 17002 Pacific Ave. S., Spanaway, WA 98387 (no GSR)

Parkland Group 612 113th St S 98444 Community Life FourSquare Church 7pm–2nd Sat Speaker meeting, B-Day last Fri, Business mtg, 1st Thurs (no GSR)

We have also filled one more of our open District positions. Koleman has filled our YP liaison position. His Home group, PCCYPAA, is busy putting together a bid to host the National ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People In Alcoholics Anonymous)

We held our District Picnic in August. Although we had a smaller turn out then in pre-covid days it was still a lot of fun and it was self-supporting! It also gave our GV/Lit Liaison, TroyAnn, an opportunity to set up a very nice GV/Lit Display.

Our incredible Alt DCM, Patty M, has put together a planning committee for our Gratitude Celebration which will be held on Saturday November 26th from 5p-9p. We will be celebrating at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, Wa 12115 Park Ave S Tacoma 98444. She is planning on having a nice dinner, speakers, gift raffle and a 55/50 raffle. There will also be a District Archives and GV/Lit display set-up.

We held District elections at our September business meeting. All of our elected positions were filled!! Thank you to our past DCM Donna H for being so generous with her time and facilitating our elections. Donna continues to share her experience and strength whenever called upon. We appreciate all your help Donna!

Our 2023/24 Panel 73 DCM will be Wendy E from the Seeking Serenity Group
Alt DCM will be John C from Tuesday Night Men's Stag. Our Treasurer will be M Parker from Summit View Higher Power and Dana N from Seeking Serenity will be the Alt Treasurer. Sandy S from Big Book Thumpers will fill the PSCSO Director #1 and Jim from Tuesday Night Men's Stag will be Director #2. Our next rotation is off to a strong start!

District 45 also has the honor of hosting the April Area quarterly. We have been creating a planning committee and have no doubt that it will be a great success and an enjoyable experience for all those that attend F2F or virtually.

Thank you to all the D45 GSRs that have worked so hard to prepare for this Assembly. Thank you for taking the time to hold discussions with your groups so they could have the facts to help them form their opinions on these topics enabling you to carry their votes. And thank you for sacrificing your time and energy and continually putting your heart into carrying the message of A.A.

A special shout out of appreciation to our Alt DCM, Patty M, for all you do! Your never-ending support has been unmeasurable. I could never have accomplished this incredible service position successfully without your help! And thank-you to everyone that has served on the district 45 Panel 71 committee. What a wonderful team you have been to serve with. It has been an honor to get to know all of you.

Truly Blessed to be in Service,
Joyce F DCM D45

District 46 – (Whidbey, Fidalgo, San Juan islands) DCM Michele

Hi Everyone, my name is Michele Mentzos and I am the District Committee member for District 46!

This quarter District 46 really got into the swing of things. We travelled to Orcas Island for a District meeting just like the good ole' days. We had a booth at Shipwreck Days in Anacortes and just had a booth at the Oyster Run just like the good ole' days. We had a Workshop attempting to help groups in our District who were struggling with Primary Purpose issues. It had a great turn out and comments were very favorable. Thank you, Gary our PI chair, for all his service regarding all three of those things. We are about to have our second Workshop on Sponsorship always a topic of interest and we look forward



to that. It is spearheaded by our incoming DCM and Treasurer. We know this because we had our elections at our September District meeting and a quick thanks again to Astri- Past Delegate for facilitating that for us.

As you all know District 46 is a hybrid District, and we are going to use this wonderful tool more than ever next rotation as our incoming DCM, Dina M. is on San Juan Island and our incoming Alternate DCM, Dave J. is from Orcas Island and we are so excited about their willingness to be over service for the next rotation and about showing how a diverse district with geographical issues can accept change for the sake of the still suffering alcoholic. Making sure that information, our greatest tool, is available to everyone in our District.

I will take this opportunity to thank District 46 for electing me their DCM and for their support this rotation and how proud, privileged, grateful, and humbling it has been to serve them. I want to say a big thank you to all who served this rotation: Mike, Paul, Phillip, JC, Chuck, Dave, Dina, Denise, Gary, Ginger, Sue, Howard, May, Mary, Lora, Jessa, John, Jessica, Lisa, Lori, Linda, Lisa, Josh, Tim, Mason, Mark, Barb, Cindy, Will, Sophie, and Wes. Great job everyone!!

District 54 – (Enumclaw, Buckley, Bonney Lake) DCM Steve L

Hello Area 72,

Surprisingly I am feeling a little melancholy right now. It is not the relief I was expecting. At the beginning of this rotation I really had no clue why I stood for this position. I believe it was mainly due to the fact that 3 of our last 4 DCMs didn't last 2 years.

Today I know my job has been pretty simple, as a chairperson at our District meetings, an information conduit and hopefully someone that anyone in this district was comfortable asking questions of.

It has been a pleasure and a great learning experience working with our Area Electeds and Standing Committee Chairs. Western Washington was lucky having these people this rotation.

I have to thank everyone in District 54, all the GSRs, Committee Chairs, Electeds and Appointeds. They have all made my job easier. It has been great getting to know the DCMs and AltDCMs of our South Sound Seven also.

I am really looking forward to attending the Assembly this year. It will be the first one in 24 years that I will spend two nights. And not having to fill out a few dozen post-it notes for the elections is a bonus.

To sum up, I want to thank my District for the opportunity to be of service and the people of this area for helping me with this opportunity.

Yours in Service,
Steve Lovelace DCM54

District 55 – (Sequim area, Agnues, Carlsberg) DCM Kyle J.

Not present and no report.

District 56 – (East Jefferson County) DCM Charley P / Josh S.

District 56 had a great summer! We had picnics, BBQs, a dance. It was really amazing seeing members come back together in fellowship after two years. It seems like we have more meetings now than we did before 2020, including a healthy mix of in-person and Zoom. Our District meetings are still happening exclusively online, and one of the things I'm most grateful for is how Zoom has revolutionized our ability to connect with remote meetings in our county.

Despite all of that, it's still been a very challenging year. Like everyone else, we have had a lot of trouble keeping our service positions filled. I'm incredibly proud of and grateful for those members who've stepped up to serve in whatever capacity they can.



We hold elections in two weeks! Our main goals for the remainder of the year are to train up the new trusted servants, recruit as many alternates as we can, and host our final Gratitude Banquet on November 13th. On a personal note, I'd like to deeply thank District 56 for putting their trust in me and allowing me to be of service. I'd also like to thank everyone at Area 72 for your enthusiasm and dedication. It's been an absolute honor participating with you these past two years.

District 57 – (Spanish speaking groups north of King Snohomish Counties) DCM Ramiro

- I have been busy and feeling good about it, I cannot believe the rotation is almost over.
- July to now we have been coordinating with District 1. We visited district groups together and it was a success.
- We helped with or attended D1 inventory and learned a lot.
- We lack assistance with the districts by GSRs.
- I went to the North Intergroup to share information and left with more work!
- In July we had some sort of expo event going on and took information to that event.
- The 1st Sunday of each month there was some sort of swap meet and they invited us to share flyers and literature. Everyone wanted the Lavina magazine.
- They were celebrating the independence of many Latin countries and we were there to share our experience with them. They are inviting us to share with Hispanic women as they have the need.

Closed with Responsibility Statement at 10:00pm

Continue business on Sunday Morning

Sunday October 10, 2022

DISCUSSION TOPIC

Should Area 72 welcome online groups from other Areas be members of Area 72

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Recently, a virtual group has contacted the Area 72 Registrar requesting to join District 25 and Area 72. The virtual group is currently attached to another Area.

Specifically, A group called “Half Way Through Group” ID # 000109010 has requested to be transferred from Area14 (North Florida) to Area72 Virtual District 25. GSO's policy is we need both Area Delegate approval.

This request is consistent with the Advisory Action passed at the 71st General Service Conference. “The U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourages their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and Area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as “International Correspondence Meetings.”

The Half Way Through Group is exercising its right to ask to be listed with the group's preferred district and Area – in this case, District 25 and Area 72.



Discussion:

- Jay GSR: We support the online groups and district but concerned about how we would navigate 50, 100 groups joining D25.
- Glen GSR: How do we support the GSRs when the district gets so big? Also, why would a virtual group not be represented in the Area they are founded?
- Laurie GSR D25 (Florida): We are registered with GSO as part of D25 in Area 72. Our membership spans four time zones. We do not consider ourselves from Florida though that is where our meeting started 25 years ago. We do not see ourselves as an online group, we see ourselves as group of AA and meet online. I'm also a member of the get into Action Committee, whose mission it is to foster collaboration among online groups to participate in the US/Canada general service structure of alcoholics anonymous. We are one fellowship with one primary purpose. In a talk titled, "AA in an era of Change" at the Tenth Annual General Service Conference in 1960. Bill Wilson says, "Our twelve steps probably won't change. The traditions. Not at all likely, but our manner of communication, our manner of organizing ourselves for function, for service. Let us hope that this goes on changing for the better forever. We reference the past, and it's lessons for so long as those teachings work. When they don't we re-adapt, and we reshift." That has been our history.
- Lara GSR a New Purpose Group: Our group thinks to welcome them for one rotation to help them get setup their own online district in their respective area.
- Gary Alt DCM: What happens if Area72 has been extremely influenced by groups outside the area. But then we are autonomous and D25 should be able to make the decisions and we are here to support.
- Dave GVLTC Chair: We would like a group from another Area to influence our business? It's a concern. I am part of an online group and we have people all over and it's nice to hear the opinion from their area.
- Houston GSR PTP: When we started the online groups, we said we would be doing this as an experiment. We are their area and we have embraced the experiment. Until we see other virtual districts and GSO start to create structure we are going to be a reference point. It's not about influence.
- Bud Alt DCM: It should not matter where I live, it's about where my homegroup is. My heart tells me to keep talking about it. We have an opportunity to continue to learn and grow. Not trying something is going to NOT help us.
- Adrien GSR Abigail's: Our group feels we should allow them, help show them how we run our district, maybe they can take what they learn and create an even better district. We are carrying the message.
- Geene Delegate: It started when GSO said we have to approve this but I am not a decision maker. I pressed on this and GSO then said well we wanted your awareness. This was discussed at the Conference and it didn't go anywhere. It isn't their job to create an online area. They need the online districts to bring this to GSO as a request for an area. I understand the other online district is doing this.
- Geri K D32: There are no fights or opinions that should come up. I love my online meeting and we just had an inventory. I have seen growth in the district which is great. We are all about change in AA, look at what we went through in the last two years. I hope GSO considers this.
- Frank DCM25: We conduct our business just like every other district. Some of these questions the answers are the same, we conduct our business like every other district. The biggest thing we have ran into, "From other Areas". What does that mean on the online world? We cannot define that, is it 51%, we cannot determine and define that. From our standpoint if someone wants to participate and say they are D25 they can. Who are we to say cannot tell them not to participate. It should be about what are our founding principles. We are guided from spiritual principles.
- Josh GSR: All groups are autonomous and this does affect other groups or AA as a whole so we should talk about it. There is no reason to stop a group from participating if they want to. D25 is also



autonomous. We should not be afraid of other groups in AA. This should not be about a power grab, if that's the concern we have a bigger problem.

- Mike: We are here to make 12 step work possible. I am not sure if we are doing anyone a favor by keeping them from doing work in their geo Area. I think we should encourage them to participate in their Area.
- Cindy W. Alt GSR: This is about fear. We want the hand of AA to be there. I think there will continue to be change in AA and we might learn something from people in other Areas.
- Patrick GSR from McGillvery Study Group: Our hope is that any groups that we welcome into Area 72 that we do so wholeheartedly, and that they will be participants in Area 72 for as long as they want to be. So. In other words, should an online Area come about, we're not going to kick them out. Say, hey, you have to go there. There's an online Area now if you choose. We would continue to do the work to maintain or aim for spiritual parity as much as we can, whether that is a six-block stretch of land in downtown Seattle, or a fifty mile wide district in Southwest Washington, or an online virtual group. And we've seen this Area make efforts to that effect already with our technology committee that or steering committee form last night.
- Phil from Nameless Group Drunks International: We were started here in Bellevue, WA. I came here in-person from Massachusetts to represent my group here. I did the work to get the group conscious on the motions and discussion topic. I'm glad what we did for the linguistic district and that could've been from a group anywhere geographically.
- Benjamin Area Chair in Area 92: We started in January with 180 online groups as part of our meeting guide app for Area 92. We are in an absence of policy in this space. We started register our groups with the current districts they associated themselves with. Also, keeps us accountable for the 7th tradition and aligned with their local district. A group in Arizona asked to join and we declined as we didn't have the ability accommodate them. We haven't had a request from a group to form an online District.
- Patty D25 GSR: I love the theme this year, unity through service and moving forward together. Yes, we have a lot of groups but every group is stepping up to help. Isn't that what we are supposed to do?
- Joyce DCM45: We boarder D9 and we have groups from bordering districts. My concern over this if more and groups join our existing virtual groups. Will that reduce the urgency to create other virtual districts?
- Kathy GSR D8: Does this include hybrid meetings? No.
- Sergio GSR Rule 62: We welcome online groups as we are hybrid and we have a member from Mexico. We want to give them the ability to serve. When I join meetings from Mexico and Spain they don't ask where I am from.
- Vicki R GSR in D25: We started as online group and the founder of the group started it and was in Area 72 but now she's moved. We hope that the East Coast has their own district and folks join there. Virtually there are now boundaries. We need to start thinking differently.
- Thom R D42: I am hosting the only English meeting in Ukraine. I do not use the word "virtual" I use the word "Digital" meeting. Until the fourth addition, this sentence was then removed, our responsibility statement said, "fundamentally, though the difference between an electronic meeting, and the home group around the corner is only one of format." If we draw these lines electronically, are we going to do that locally, if someone is in D42 but wants to be D16 are we going to stop them?
- Sue D19: There are no boundaries, we are in a digital world. We are concerned about the economics of groups coming into one virtual district. Our group thought if they can budget to participate in the Area, great.
- Jan GSR D24: Grateful to hear we are starting the convo of an online Area. The real reason we are here is that we are electing our reps and voting on topics that effect the Area. I don't think anyone wants to withhold other Area's participation but we need to be aware of top-heavy virtual districts.



- Katie S Alt DCM: This is reminding me of when Bill was writing the book. In Ohio they did not want to write the big book and didn't want to break away from the Oxford group. They were able to find unity with the groups in NY. Able to come to accord with them and we were able to get the big book written. When talking about we will need boots on the ground that is valid. We need to be mindful. Us vs. them isn't a spiritual principle.
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Respectfully Submitted,
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