

Western Washington Area 72
April 2026 Business Quarterly, Des Moines, WA
Grace Lutheran Church & Zoom
April 10th & 11th, 2026

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**Western Washington Area 72 April 2026
Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes
April 11th, 2026
Grace Lutheran Church, Des Moines, WA and Zoom
Hosted by District Districts 14 & 31**

Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am

Twelve Traditions read by: District 58

Twelve Concepts read by: District 22

Motion to record meeting: Motion by District: 15, 2nd by District: 14, Passed.

Attendance: Total Registered: In Person: _____; Online: _____;
Both (Online and In Person): _____; Total: _____; Volunteers: _____.

OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair discussed voting members: Area Elected servants, Area Appointed servants, DCMs, and Alternate DCMs if DCM is not present. Also discussed where the method for how online voting would take place.

Overview of Robert's Rules of Order modified for A.A.

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

Past Delegates Present:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Panel</u>	<u>Years</u>
Barbara M.	(Northern Coastal CA 06) Panel 41	91 & 92
Bob F.	Panel 49	99 & 00
Gail H.	Panel 57	07 & 08
Dave T.	Panel 59	09 & 10
Keith M.	(Utah 69) Panel 61	11 & 12
Astri T.	Panel 63	13 & 14
Darren F.	Panel 65	15 & 16
Alan F.	Panel 69	19 & 20
Crystal J.	Panel 73	23 & 24

Approval of January 2026 Area 72 Quarterly Business Meeting Minutes:

There was brief discussion regarding the approval of the Alternate Treasurer during the January 2026 Quarterly:

Sansannah J., Alt-DCM, District 3:

Mentioned that the individuals making themselves available did not submit resumes or qualify for the position as is normally done during the Area's voting process.

Lisa B., DCM District 21:

Commented that since Eddy had already served in that position before, he had already qualified once.

Sansannah J., Alt-DCM, District 3:

It was simply a point of order going forward that we should qualify before a vote as is custom.

Derek S., Area Chair

We can put this in the April minutes for future reference.

Jo G., DCM District 25:

Asked that the point of order just be included in the minutes and that we stepped away from our ordinary way of doing business in this instance.

Mary W., Alt-DCM District 45:

Stated that because of the urgency of the situation, we had three options to the discussion in January and Eddy's past experience we relied on the decision of the chair and the electeds at the time.

**Motion to approve minutes by DCM District 41 and 2nd by DCM District 42 (online)
Motion Passed, with objection noted**

Chair's Opening Comments:

- Full day of business today
- Confirmed everyone has Agenda and Background Information packets
- Big Picture: We have this Quarterly and July Quarterly to set the Assembly Agenda with 5 Discussion Topics, 4 of which we discussed in January and you took back to your groups
- Discussion Topic #5 – PAI Deadline Date we will discuss 1st today.
- Discussion Topic #1 – Area Website Geofence has been postponed
- Reminder that this committee simply votes to put Motions on the Assembly Agenda so primary question is not whether a motion should pass or not but whether it's ready to be given to the groups.
- From there it goes through the Pre-Assembly process.
- This is your committee and your Assembly Agenda.
- Last, we have a new Discussion Topic #6 on the agenda today for discussion, a possible Discussion Topic #7 in July and a possible Floor Motion at the Assembly.

REVIEW OF THE DAY'S AGENDA::

- Call to Order, Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the 12 Traditions & 12 Concepts
- Introductory Comments
 - Host Committee Announcements
 - Chair's Opening Comments
 - Business/Zoom Etiquette
 - Voting Members / Online Voting / Record Meeting
 - Business Conduct: Robert's Rules modified for A.A.
 - Breaks
 - Past Delegate Introductions
- Approval of Minutes from January 2026 Quarterly
- Elected Trusted Servant Reports
 - Delegate
 - Alternate Delegate
 - Chair
 - Alternate Chair
 - Treasurer's Report; Approval of Report
 - Finance Committee Report
- **Discussion Topic #5: Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date**
- Appointed Trusted Servants Reports
- Inventory Action Committee Report
- **Discussion Topic #1: Area Website Geofence [POSTPONED]: Update Only**
- **Discussion Topic #2: Sound Chair Appointed Process**
- Host Committee Reports
 - 2026 January Quarterly Host Committee Final Report
 - 2026 July Quarterly Host Committee Report
 - 2026 Assembly Host Committee Report
- 2027 Quarterly Host Committee Bids – No Bids to Report
- Intergroup/Central Service Office Reports
 - Eastside Intergroup
 - Greater Seattle Intergroup
 - Oficina Intergrupala
 - Puget Sound CSO
 - Snohomish County CSO
 - South Sound Service Center
 - Vancouver Intergroup
 - WA 85 Celebration Planning Committee
- **Discussion Topic #3: Third Legacy Standing Committee**
- Special Reports
 - 2026 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW)
 - 30th Anniversary of La Vina (XXX La Vina) 2026

- Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2026
- Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2027
- DCM Sharing (Districts 1 – 28)
- **Discussion Topic #4: International Groups and Conference Boundaries**
- DCM Sharing (Districts 29 – 58)
- **Discussion Topic #6: Alternate Registrar**
- Floor Discussion Topics & Motions (due by 12:00 pm Saturday, April 11th)
- Adjourn & Close with Responsibility Statement

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Delegate’s Report – Courtney S.

Area 72 Delegate Report April Quarterly 2026



Hello Area 72!

I look forward to attending the 76th General Service Conference in Manhattan from April 26th through May 2nd, and you will be on my mind and in my heart throughout. Thank you to everyone who has attended a pre-conference, we had over 400 people attend in total. I look forward to receiving all the group feedback!

Please continue to remind your districts and groups to submit feedback no later than **April 18th**. There are many ways to provide feedback. Groups can use the Google form found on the [Delegate’s Corner](#) on the area72aa.org website, download the Word document and email it back to me, or send me an email or call directly. OR I’ll be hosting a **“Share with Your Delegate” session on Saturday, April 19th**. Information is on the Area website Events page.

DCM’s please connect with me about scheduling a delegate report back! I will be starting those toward the end of May.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
 Courtney S
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Delegate’s Corner QR Code



La Viña 30th Anniversary (XXX La Viña)

- We are hosting the **XXX La Viña Anniversary on July 24 – 26, 2026** in Area 72!
- Location: La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, WA 98421

Conference Information

Agenda Topics

- The conference agenda, background information, and the pre-conference packet can be found on the Delegate's Corner <https://area72aa.org/delegates-corner/>

Group Feedback

- Similar to last year, I am using a **Google Form to collect group feedback**. Feedback is also welcome by email, Word doc, or phone. If you prefer to share verbally, I'll be hosting a **"Share with Your Delegate" session on Saturday, April 19th**. Information is on the Area website Events page.

Primary Purpose AAWS Podcast

- Season One surpassed 43,000 cumulative downloads and Season Two is out now! <https://www.aa.org/gso-podcast>

Grapevine & La Viña Updates

- **Intergroup / CSO sales of Grapevine and La Viña Subscriptions:** You can buy them at your local Intergroup and Central Service Office!
- **GV App Investment Update:** Apple and Google payments to Grapevine now exceed the original \$400K app investment from the GSB in 2023 (\$450,000).
- **App Launch Internationally:** In January launched the apps across the European Union and sold 209 new app subscriptions in the first month.
- **Carry the Message Project:** In collaboration with GSO's Corrections desk we fulfilled 1,384 Grapevine subscriptions and 197 La Viña subscriptions to incarcerated AA members.

Grapevine Open AA Meeting

- Each week **AA Grapevine holds an open virtual AA meeting** with a host and two speakers. The meeting is recorded to create a podcast. The meeting **is Wednesdays at Noon Eastern**, use Zoom code 871 2036 8287 with password 238047.

- The podcast is available on your favorite podcast platforms, the Grapevine app, or grapevine website.

Literature

- Effective **February 1, 2026**, we experienced **price increase of \$3 per item for books** and a 15% increase for all other literature items.
- **Plain Language Big Book launched in November of 2024**, with **228,000+ print copies sold (\$3.19M in revenue and just over \$2M in profit)**, 7,500+ eBooks reported. The **audiobook is moving forward** and a target launch in mid-2026 (cost estimated \$10.5K, less than originally anticipated)
- **5th Edition Big Book: Will have a draft for the 76th GSC.**
 - New stories will be Committee Eyes Only. If the Committee recommends to move forward, all conference members will have an opportunity to read the stories prior to a vote on the conference floor.
 - People who submitted stories will be notified if/when the Conference approves the book.
- **4th Edition Spanish Big Book:** Progress report will be provided at the 76th GSC, with a draft expected at the 77th GSC.

Public Information

- **New YP Service Card:** PI has released a service card with the ability to customize for local YP information to use in outreach to YP.
<https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/yp-service-card-en-update.pdf>

New Self-Support and Finance Desk

- They are creating a new resource list based on Fellowship inquiries, including an inventory of all self-support and finance materials on aa.org, while also reviewing retired materials to update and repurpose them for current use.

Regional Forum

- There was a wonderful **special forum online for deaf alcoholics!** It was on, **January 17, 2026 with** translation available in English, Spanish, and French & ASL, LSQ, LSM. We had 389 attendees consisting of **111 Deaf members in attendance.**
- There were three panels presented by Deaf A.A. members. This event provided the **opportunity to learn about the experiences and barriers that Deaf A.A. members** have to access the A.A. message of recovery, stay sober and participate in general service.
- **The regional forum is held once a rotation in the Pacific Region**, the next **Pacific Regional Forum** will be on **December 4 - 6, 2026 in San Diego, California.**

General Service Office Retrofit/Remodel

- The General Service Office is scheduled to **open April 13th**! Office tours and Open Friday AA meeting will resume on Friday, April 24th.
- An update on the drawdown to support the retrofit will be provided when I have more information.

Military Outreach Project

- The Military Outreach project by the trustees' CPC/Treatment/Accessibilities Committee has been concluded.
- A number of audio segments are now available on aa.org. In those audio segments, active service members and veterans from both Canada and the U.S. share their experience, strength and hope.
- The trustees' CPC Committee has also advanced some inhouse video projects using current Class A trustees. These videos will soon be made available as service material!

Corrections

- Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) through GSO has 6,258 active participants.
- In 2025, 670 incarcerated AA members were matched with outside members.
- Are you interested? Go to aa.org and search Corrections Correspondence Services or reach out to the Corrections desk.
- Tablets in Corrections: We are providing digital literature (audio, PDF, and eBook) on Edovo tablets for incarcerated individuals.
 - The total estimate of unique starts through A.A. e-books and audiobooks in 2025 was 55,725, with 25,798 titles completed.
 - There were 374 new facilities accessing AAWS digital literature in 2025.
 - A.A. content is now available on more than 75,000 tablets and there are 1,492 facilities throughout the U.S. that have access to AAWS digital literature.

Let's Talk About Money

The Finance Department processed more than 30,000 contributions and over 2,000 literature payments.

2026 budget details will be out soon in preparation of the conference, what I do know...

They went through six versions of the budget to continue identifying cost saving measures including:

- Budgets will be lower across departments and trustees' committees.
- Reducing conference costs: Not printing Final Conference Reports, reduced beverage service, incremental changes to the opening dinner.

- Goal to replenish \$200,000 to the Reserve Fund, additionally any funds available at the end of 2026 will go to the reserve fund.

AAWS/General Service Board Summary (January 1 – Dec 31, 2025)

- Total operating revenue is **\$18,853,249** which is about **7% less than the budget** of \$20,283,275.
- Total operating expenses before depreciation are **\$18,528,182**, which is about **2% less than budgeted**.
- Operating surplus before depreciation is \$325,068 compared to a budgeted surplus of **\$1,316,088**.
- Contributions were **\$10,539,758** which is **4.2% less than budgeted** and **lower (6%) than 2024**.
- Due to capital expenditures a **2.45M drawdown on the Reserve Fund** was approved at the July 2025 board meeting (\$2.1M for retrofit and \$350k for GVLV operations).
 - In **December 2025, AAWS approved UP TO a \$750k drawdown, \$500k has been drawn down.**
 - At the Q1 2026 board meeting, GSB approved a drawn down of \$200k for Grapevine operations, equivalent to their budgeted shortfall in 2026.
 - The impact of the drawdown will leave the **Reserve Fund at approximately five months** coverage for operating expenses versus a target range of 9 to 12 months.

AAWS/General Service Board Financial Indicators

Indicator	2025 Actual Versus 2025 Budget	2025 Actual Versus 2024 Actual
Contributions	\$10.579M vs \$11.000M, 4% less than budget	\$10.579M vs \$11.249M, 6% less than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	\$15.264M vs \$16.000M, 5% less than budget	\$15.264M vs \$14.452M, 6% more than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin) ¹	\$7.456M vs \$8.510M, 12% less than budget	\$7.456M vs \$7.640M, 2% less than prior year
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	48.8% versus 53.2%	48.8% versus 52.9%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	\$18.528M vs \$18.967M, 2% less than budget	\$18.528M vs \$18.444, 1% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	\$325K vs \$1.316M	\$325K vs \$1.276M
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	5.92	6.47

7th Tradition contribution covered 57% of operating expenses

GREEN – Favorable Variance

YELLOW – Unfavorable Variance, Informative

RED – Unfavorable, Trustees Finance/Board action and/or discussions ongoing

Grapevine / La Viña Summary (January – Dec 31, 2025)

Grapevine has been making key efforts to manage costs to move toward self-supporting.

These efforts have included:

- Reducing Grapevine renewal reminders to 4x per year.
- Reduced headcount for the second year in a row, down to 10.5 people.
- Launching new products such as the Grapevine Greeting Cards (\$31,000 in revenue, approx. \$17,700 in profit).
- Reducing inventory on hand to lower costs.

Grapevine

- Grapevine brought in more subscription revenue in 2025. Subscription income was \$2.063M, which was \$72k better than expected and \$106k higher than 2024.
- Overall circulation was slightly better than expected. Total circulation was 58,574, which was 439 above reforecast and a little ahead of budget, although still 1% lower than last year.
- More readers are moving to digital. Print-only circulation was 41,258, down 8% from last year, while App + Online + GV Complete subscriptions grew to 17,315, up 22% from 2024.
- Profitability improved. Total gross margin was \$1.951M, which was \$142k above reforecast and \$309k higher than last year. Subscription gross margin alone was \$1.173M, or \$97k above reforecast.
- The overall loss was much smaller than expected. The net deficit was \$284k, which was \$105k better than reforecast and \$567k better than last year, even though expenses were \$49k higher than expected.

With book and other products sales holding steady, if we get to 75,000 total subscriptions for Grapevine, we will break even. That's an estimated 17,000 subscriptions or 183 per Area.

La Viña

- La Viña performed better overall in 2025 than in 2024. Total gross margin reached \$178k, which is \$11k above reforecast, \$11k above budget (\$178k vs. \$167k), and \$69k higher than 2024 (\$178k vs. \$109k), a 63% increase year over year.
- Circulation remains 6% stronger than last year, with 7,951 total circulations compared with 7,492 in 2024.
- At the same time, circulation is below budget. Actual circulation of 7,951 is below the budgeted 8,545, or about 7% behind plan.
- The overall shortfall also improved. La Viña's shortfall was \$(477k) compared with \$(493k) in budget, a 3% improvement, and improved from \$(572k) last year, a 17% improvement.

Grapevine Financial Indicators

Indicator	Versus 2025 Budget	Versus Prior Year (September 30, 2024)
Total Grapevine ("GV") Subscription Income	\$2,063k vs \$1,990k, 3.6% ahead of budget	\$2,063k vs \$1,957k, 5.4% ahead of prior year
Total GV Print-only Circulation	41,258 vs 41,455, 0.4% behind budget	41,258 vs 45,048, 8% below prior year
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	17,315 vs 16,679, 3.8% ahead of budget	17,315 vs 14,141, 22% ahead of prior year
Total Circulation	58,574 vs 58,134, 0.7% ahead of budget	58,574 vs 59,189, 1% below prior year
GV Subscription Net Profit Percentage	56.9% vs 54.1%	56.9% vs 42.9%, reflecting the impact of price increase
GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	\$1,952k vs \$1,809k, 8% ahead of budget	\$1,952k vs \$1,641k, an increase of 19% reflecting higher prices and impact of higher-margin digital products
GV Operating Expenses	\$2,113 vs \$2,063k, 2.4% above budget	\$2,113 vs \$2,388, 11.5% improvement due to staff reductions and other cost savings
GV Net (Loss) before Reserve Transfers	\$(284k) vs \$(389k), a \$105k improvement	\$(284) vs \$(852), a \$567k improvement
LV Total Gross Margin	\$178k vs \$167k, 6.5% above budget	\$178k vs \$109k, an increase of 63%
LV Total Circulation	7,951 vs 8,545, 7% behind budget	7,951 vs 7,492, 6% greater than prior year
LV Expenses	\$630k vs \$632k, a \$1k improvement over budget	\$630k vs \$666k, a decrease of 5.3%
LV Shortfall	\$(477k) vs \$(493k), 3% improvement over budget	\$(477k) vs \$(572k), an improvement of 17%

Key Statistics

GV Total Subscriptions (print, digital, apps)

Print:	41,258
Complete:	5,564
Online:	4,219
App:	7,532
Total:	58,574

LV Total Subscriptions (print, digital, apps)

Print:	7,298
Complete:	162
Online:	92
App:	399
Total:	7,951

Don't Miss the Latest...

- The **AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour Podcast**
<https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>
- **YouTube |AA Grapevine** <https://www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine>
- **YouTube |AAWS -**
<https://www.youtube.com/@alcoholicsanonymousworldse1373>

- **Instagram** |AA Grapevine Magazine (@alcoholicsanonymous_gv)
https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv/
- **LinkedIn** |AAWS <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc/>
- **Online Contributions** and Self-Support | <https://www.aa.org/aa-contributions-self-support>

Alternate Delegate's Report – Lupita Y.M.

Name: Lupita YM

Position: Alternate Delegate

District number:

Date: 11 April 2026

Engagement, Service, and Connection

Over the past three months, I've facilitated a couple of group inventories and a district inventory, hosted two DCM roundtables, and facilitated three GSR workshops. I also attended two Pre-Conferences. To support Courtney and prepare for the General Service Conference, I was planning to attend all six Pre-Conferences, but a last-minute work trip took me to Europe for ten days in the latter half of March. (At an A.A. meeting I went to in Amsterdam, Netherlands I had the pleasure of meeting a Trustee to the British General Service Conference. He found me poring over the *A.A. Service Handbook for Great Britain*. He must have figured me for someone involved in General Service, so we started chatting about the book, General Service and our service commitments.)

In addition to the aforementioned service, my recent ongoing commitments include serving on the Area Committee Inventory ad hoc committee, as Program Chair on the PNC 2026 Host Committee, attending a monthly Pacific Region Alternate Delegate round table, and, when my schedule allows, joining the monthly North American Alternate Delegate meeting.

A standout event from the first quarter of 2026 was attending the Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly in Honolulu, Hawaii. As much as it was lovely to be in Hawaii in late February, it was also a treat to see service friends from all over the Pacific Region. I have been involved in service for a while now, so PRAASA is a fun balance between spending time with friends from other Areas and with folks from Western Washington. It was a moving experience to get to spend time with Alternate Delegates not just during the round table sessions, but in panels, at meals, in the hallway and getting lost in the complex that was the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Being at PRAASA as a second year Alternate Delegate was surreal. Having developed strong relationships with the Panel 74 Alternate Delegates, it was lovely to see many of them serving as Delegate for their Areas. It was a pleasure to spend more time with Panel 75 Alternate Delegates, that I have gotten close with over the past year. To share what our Area does, hear ideas and suggestions from how their Areas operate really was a wonderful experience. I left with new relationships, deeper relationships, lots of ideas and lots of questions! 😊

Growing in Service: Questions, Guidance, and Support

At this point in the rotation, many of us are beginning to better understand our roles and responsibilities. I know I'm still learning and continue to have plenty of questions. Recently, I found myself aware of just how many questions I still had—and even hesitated to ask, worrying I might be a burden. When I shared this with a service mentor, he reminded me that we are all continually learning, and that it's okay to ask questions as they arise, in whatever order they come.

The simplicity and generosity of his response was a meaningful reminder of something I've experienced time and again in General Service: a consistent willingness to help. When I've reached out to others (often those further down the triangle) they have been quick to respond, offer guidance, or point me in the right direction.

I hope that has been your experience in Western Washington as well. I hope you never feel that anyone is too busy or too important to connect with you. If that has not been your experience, please reach out to me; let me take you out to coffee.

Supporting Service: GSR & DCM Schools and Workshops Ahead

I currently have two GSR workshop scheduled and listed on the Area website:

April 12, 10:00 am–1:30 pm, Port Angeles *Hosted by District 22*

April 25, 2:30 pm–5:30 pm, Tacoma *Hosted by Districts 9, 44. Facilitated by Crystal J.*

Expect DCM workshops on the following dates:

May 23, 10am-1pm, Seattle Intergroup. *Hybrid.*

June 14, 11am-2pm, Mount Vernon. *Hybrid.*

Many of you likely have members stepping into the GSR role, or others who are interested in serving as GSR or Alternate GSR in the coming year. I plan to tailor upcoming GSR and DCM workshops to meet these needs: focusing not only on how to serve effectively in the role today, but also on how to rotate out, support incoming trusted servants, and explore future service opportunities.

I'd appreciate your help in scheduling local GSR or DCM workshops. Please reach out to coordinate.

I look forward to connecting with many of you and your district members at Delegate report-backs and upcoming workshops. As we move into the second half of our rotation, I remain available to support you, your groups, and your districts whenever needed.

Chair Report – Derek S.

Name: Derek S.

Position: Area Chair

Date: 3-23-26

Greetings Area 72!

We are fast approaching the April Quarterly. Before you know it, it'll be time for PNC in Vancouver in June, July Quarterly in Elma, Pre-Assemblies throughout August, the October Assembly in October! Serving as your chair has been the most fun I have ever had in service. And though this is the most demanding service position I have had, it has been the most rewarding and has brought me the greatest joy. Thank you for the honor! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our April 2026 Quarterly for hugs and handshakes!

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

Accomplishments this past quarter are as follows:

1. January Quarterly. What a weekend! The excitement and enthusiasm from the Friday night Inventory still fills my heart. Next, congratulations to Eddy M.M., our new (and returning) Alternate Treasurer and past Alternate Chair. Thank you for stepping up Eddy! We had a full day of business on Saturday, with the Committee working through the Alternate Treasurer vacancy and still staying on schedule with time for 4 out of the 5 Discussion Topics, reviewing and approving the 2026 Budget, a full day of reporting from all of our committees, intergroups and CSOs, districts and three reports from our Appointeds who attended their committee's national conferences. The service going on across Area 72 is awesome. Thank you for making it such a wonderful weekend.
2. PRAASA 2026 in Hawaii. I attended the Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly in Hawaii this year and the environment was laid back and chill as expected with great visits with friends from other areas in the open air seating with tropical ceiling circling slowly above. We manned the PRAASA 2027 table and handed out flyers and buttons. I was able to wear shorts and sandals from Thursday to Monday on the plane ride home. The weather was a balmy, sunny 73 degrees with some moments of warm tropical rain. Seeing all our friends from other areas is always the most fun. As for the event, the panels were some of the best I have experienced at PRAASA. It provokes depth of thought in how we carry the message and we sometimes get ahead of ourselves in general service. A wise friend of mine often reminds me, general service is simply helping to make 12th Step work possible now and in the future. As for the panels, I paid particular attention to Courtney's Delegate Report and got to see our very own Heather C. (now Heather N.) as the Panel 76 Delegate from Idaho. The Past Trustee Panel was somewhat solemn this year without George D. His presence was still felt as each Trustee gave him due bereavement in their shares. Hats off to our Area 72 presenters in order as follows: Lisa S., our Alternate Chair; Sooz B., our CPC Chair; and Teri H., our District 42 DCM. They all gave fabulous presentations. And let's not forget our Archives Chair, Jennifer R, who was all smiles moderating the Past Trustees panel. Be sure to read her April Newsletter Article on her experience. One of the main takeaways for me was finding a new Area Chair buddy in Janae from Area 18 and our Pacific Region Chairs and Alternate Chairs have started a solutions based email chain among us regarding the challenges we face in our service journeys as chairs and alternate chairs.
3. Quarterly Preparations. We are prepared for this Quarterly including another full agenda. For each Quarterly, I prepare a Welcome Letter, Weekend Schedule and Agenda and make sure all Motions and/or Discussion Topics background information

is ready, translated and then posted on the documents page of our website for everyone's review. Shout out to our Secretary Don, our Webservant Shu, our Language Chair Charley and our translator Claudia who do an incredible job getting everything ready and posted. I attended a site walk-through in February with Lisa S. and our Sound Chair Anthony and the host committee from Districts 14 and 31. The room is big and should be really comfortable for our Quarterly with plenty of seating so if you are a GSR with nothing going on Saturday, April 11th, come on down.

4. Area Inventory Follow-Up. The Area Inventory Action Committee has been formed and is chaired by Patrick M., our Tech & Web Chair, and spiritually guided by our Past Delegate, Keith M. (Area 69, Panel 61). I am looking forward to an update at this Quarterly, a draft report with time for comments and questions at the July Quarterly and full report at our October Assembly also with time for comments and questions. Take it away committee.
5. Quarterly Check-In Meeting. We held our Quarterly Check-In Meeting with the electeds and appointeds on Sunday, March 22 at the Archives Repository. It was Hawaiian themed to bring the aloha to those who weren't able to attend PRAASA this year. Everyone received Hawaiian themed gift bags with leis and Hawaiian themed trinkets. Then down to business as we reviewed the agenda and heard reports from each of our electeds and appointeds in preparation for the Quarterly. I look forward to the appointed reports at the Quarterly, it has become one of my favorite parts of the day of business.
6. Pre-Assembly Scheduling. I emailed our DCMs with the dates and groupings for our eight Pre-Assemblies beginning on Saturday, August 1 and ending on Sunday, August 22. See the Area Events page on the Area website and select the Pre-Assemblies link in the right column for dates for your district. More information will follow in July and the Pre-Assembly Background packets will be out by late July in time for the first Pre-Assembly.
7. Third Legacy Roundtables. I have been attending the Third Legacy Roundtables with several of our District Third Legacy Chairs and DCMs as they share their experience, strength and hope with each other in fulfilling their respective service positions. They are working hard on the discussion topic and hopes for an Area Third Legacy Standing Committee at some point in the future. They reviewed comments from the January Quarterly and prepared responses for further discussion at the April Quarterly. I am involved in assisting them because of my experience as a Third Legacy Chair and my belief in the value of the position for any district. Accordingly, our Alternate Chair, Lisa S. will facilitate the discussion so that there is no conflict of interest on my part.
8. National Corrections Conference (NCC). You may recall our bid with Area 92 to bring the National Corrections Conference to Washington. Well, we are at it again with the NCC 2028 Bid Committee, comprised of Area 72 and 92 Corrections servants. We have regrouped and will bid again at this year's conference in Salt Lake City in November. This will be the 3rd time in 3 years. This time we are changing venues and seeking to bring the conference to Seattle in 2028 instead of Tri-Cities/Walla Walla. As part of the event, we are we planning corrections field trips to Monroe medium

security unit and to Women's Corrections Center in Purdy. We will keep you posted.

9. Service Studies. Recreationally, I continue to attend and shamelessly plug for two of our regular service study meetings in Area 72. Come join us for Seattle Intergroup's Service Manual Study the first Sunday of every month at the Seattle Intergroup. Second, the Pacific Region Service Nerds meets every Thursday at 6:00 pm on Zoom. We completed our first year of study with a wide range of speakers. This year the Nerds are reading through The Language of the Heart with speakers scheduled for the last Thursday of the month. So far we have Bob H., Past Delegate from Hawaii who was the program chair for this year's PRAASA speaking next week, Kathi F., Past Pacific Region Trustee and our Area Committee Inventory facilitator in January speaking on April 30, and our very own Heather N., current Delegate, Panel 76, from Idaho on May 28th. We are currently reading Bill's articles from 1944 through 1950.

Challenges, issues or developments I am facing, involved with or have already dealt with.

Third Legacy Roundtables. Calling all District Third Legacy Chairs! If you are interested in attending the monthly Third Legacy Roundtables, they are every fourth Sunday of the month on zoom at 4:00 pm. Contact Patty S. at dist25thirdleg@area72aa.org to get on the email list. Please join us.

The Alternate Registrar.

A discussion topic coming up is to determine whether our Area would benefit from having an Alternate Registrar to support our Registrar. Some background: the only authorized users of Fellowship Connection with data input permissions are Area Registrars, and if an Area has one, the Alternate Registrar. Fellowship Connection is A.A.'s database of all listed groups, districts, areas, and trusted servants in the U.S. and Canada. It is how your group and its GSR are connected with our Area and also the General Service Office and all the services they provide to the groups throughout the U.S. and Canada, including the Meeting Guide App, GSR packets and real time updates within our fellowship.

Our Area has a Registrar but not an Alternate Registrar despite being one of the larger areas in the Conference in terms of number of Districts and listed groups and Districts. All group registrations, GSR changes, district committee changes and Area Committee changes run through the Area Registrar. And at the turn of the rotation, when we have a new Registrar coming in and all the districts, group GSRs and the area appointed all changing at once, it can be overwhelming to get up to speed in the first place. Not because of a lack of effort or dedication of our Registrars but because of the time required to get through the changes and then stay on top of things going forward. Our Registrar, Houston, fell behind this fall due to the number of hours she has available for service versus the number of hours the position often requires. This is not the first time this has happened in our Area and the Area has often struggled due to the time commitment and skills this position requires. Honorably, she asked for help and our Secretary Don and I met with her to come up with a solution. A reminder, Don was our Area Registrar last rotation and is knowledgeable on the requirements of the position. We concluded that Don would join Houston as temporary Alternate Registrar so he can access Fellowship

Connection, and with our Delegate Courtney's approval to GSO, Don now also has access to Fellowship Connection and is now working with Houston to get our Area all caught up. I want to thank Houston and Don for their incredible dedication and perseverance in working through these challenges.

Houston, Don and I have decided to bring this to the Area Committee as a discussion topic. Houston and I are working up some background information to submit by the April Quarterly and if we have time, she may open the discussion. Look for the background information on the April Quarterly documents page for more information.

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

My goals for this next quarter are as follows:

1. Attend the Pacific Northwest Conference on June 26 - 28 in Vancouver WA hosted by our Area. The last one was in 2024 in Wenatchee WA and hosted by Area 92. As your Chair, I have the honor of chairing the PNC business meeting on Saturday. It's a great conference our Past Delegate Crystal and Alternate Treasurer Eddy are the Chair and Alternate Chair of the Committee. Go to <https://www.pnc1948.org/> to Register.
2. Attend several of our Delegate's Report Backs in May and June.
3. Plan and prepare for our July Quarterly on July 11 & 12 in Elma, WA.
4. Continue to assist in the development of the District Third Legacy Chair Roundtables.
5. Be available to the fellowship to answer questions and provide information on anything Area related and be there for my service-sponsees as they trudge through their second year of this rotation.

In closing, I am available to any Intergroup, CSO, District, Home Group and the like to share on personal recovery, or to facilitate inventories, or assist in group resolution. Just email me at chair@area72aa.org. I am always happy to be of service.

Yours in service,
Derek S.

Alternate Chair Report – Lisa S.

Name: Lisa S.

Position: Area Alternate Chair

Date: 4/6/2026

**Area 72 Business Quarterly – April 2026
Alternate Chair Report**

Hi everyone,

Since the January Quarterly, it's been a full quarter of connection and planning. I've had the chance to attend host committee meetings for the April and July Quarterlies, the

October Assembly, PRAASA 2027, and a few post-January Quarterly wrap-up conversations. Lots of gathering, lots of service, and lots of appreciation for the care that goes into making these events happen.

I did miss the final planning meeting for the April Quarterly—but for a good reason. I was hosting Easter dinner for my family (a lively group of ten). It turns out hosting at home is a *much* smaller operation... though not necessarily less energetic.

I'm also very grateful to have been invited to speak on a panel at PRAASA in Honolulu. If you were there, you heard it live. If not, I included my talk in the March Area Newsletter, called "[Safety, Inclusion, and Our Primary Purpose](#)," which you can find on the Area website.

2027 Quarterly Bids Still Needed

And now... here I am again. Gently (and maybe a little persistently) asking for 2027 Quarterly bids.

We had one inspired start this round, but it didn't quite come together. While that surprised me a bit, I have a lot of faith in our Area—and I know what we're capable of when we pull together. We're looking for at least three bids, and more would give us some great options to consider.

If your district is thinking about hosting, here's what's generally needed for a Quarterly (Friday evening through Saturday):

- An ADA-accessible facility
- Reliable wired internet
- Around 4,200 square feet of space
- Seating for 120+ at tables, plus about 75 additional chairs
- A projector and screen (helpful, but not required)

You can find more details in the Area Handbook, or just reach out to me directly at altchair@area72aa.org.

And truly—you don't need to have everything figured out before we connect. I'm happy to brainstorm with you and help shape an idea into something workable. Hosting a Quarterly can be a really meaningful way to bring the spirit of love and service into your district—and it's often something a group can rally around together.

2027 Quarterly Status (so far...)

- January: no bids yet
- April: none yet
- July: still open

So yes... this is the part where I look out at all of you and say: we need you.

Whether your district has hosted recently or it's been a while, your participation matters. Without bids, we don't have Quarterlies—it really is that simple. And I know we can come together to make sure that doesn't happen.

The good news? With a little coordination, most of what's needed for a bid can come together in about a week. I would genuinely love to partner with you and your district to make it happen.

Let's keep carrying the spirit of general service forward—together.

In loving service,

Lisa S.

Alternate Chair

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Treasurer's Report – Teresa H.

Western Washington Area 72

Budget vs. Actuals: 2026 YTD

January - December 2026

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	19,354.56	32,500.00	(13,145.44)
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	929.16	2,775.00	(1,845.84)
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	33,246.13	100,500.00	(67,253.87)
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	9,409.68	41,750.00	(32,340.32)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail-In Contributions	1,388.23	3,325.00	(1,936.77)
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Online Contributions	1,099.10	2,700.00	(1,600.90)
Total 4000 Contributions	65,426.86	183,550.00	(118,123.14)
Total Income	\$65,426.86	\$183,550.00	\$ (118,123.14)
GROSS PROFIT	\$65,426.86	\$183,550.00	\$ (118,123.14)
Expenses			
6000 General Operating Expenses			
6010 Archives Rent, Utils & Op Exps.	9,923.95	28,500.00	(18,576.05)
6012 Area Storage	305.85	1,300.00	(994.15)
6015 Ad-hoc/Check In Meeting Expenses	150.00	400.00	(250.00)
6020 Bank Fees and Charges	45.79	180.00	(134.21)
6030 Computers and A/V Equipment	1,679.87	2,000.00	(320.13)
6040 Elected Officer Unallocated (00.4; 18.2)	1,932.00	3,000.00	(1,068.00)
6050 Insurance		2,720.00	(2,720.00)
6051 Variable Budget/Misc .Expenses (10.3)		8,675.00	(8,675.00)
6053 Newsletter Printing & Bulk Mailing		0.00	0.00
6054 Office Supplies	43.54	500.00	(456.46)
6055 Area PO Box	135.00	550.00	(415.00)
6060 Printing and Copying	3,461.75	7,500.00	(4,038.25)
6085 Tax, Accounting and Professional Fees	1,394.27	1,900.00	(505.73)
6095 Software, Web, and Tech	558.94	1,800.00	(1,241.06)
6096 Virtual Meeting Platforms	5,325.96	5,300.00	25.96
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	24,956.92	64,325.00	(39,368.08)
6025 Bank Disputes/Refunds	447.36		447.36
6100 Assembly Costs			
6110 Assembly Lodging		12,265.00	(12,265.00)
6120 Assembly Meals	27.35	4,525.00	(4,497.65)
6130 Assembly Mileage	100.80	2,700.00	(2,599.20)
6140 Assembly Registration		810.00	(810.00)
Total 6100 Assembly Costs	128.15	20,300.00	(20,171.85)
6200 Quarterly Costs			
6210 Quarterly Lodging	5,077.56	15,865.00	(10,787.44)
6220 Quarterly Meals	1,545.82	5,695.00	(4,149.18)
6230 Quarterly Mileage	2,697.19	7,900.00	(5,202.81)
6240 Quarterly Registration	433.00	1,240.00	(807.00)
Total 6200 Quarterly Costs	9,753.57	30,700.00	(20,946.43)
6300 Delegate Costs			

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
6310 Delegate Report		500.00	(500.00)
6320 General Service Conference	4,400.00	5,400.00	(1,000.00)
6330 Pacific Regional Forum (80.3)		1,200.00	(1,200.00)
6340 PNC (Delegate Only) (15.1)	190.00	1,000.00	(810.00)
6350 PRAASA (71.5)	2,243.00	2,225.00	18.00
Total 6300 Delegate Costs	6,833.00	10,325.00	(3,492.00)
6400 Other Travel			
6405 National BTG A.A. Workshop (19.3)		1,250.00	(1,250.00)
6410 Misc. Travel (17.1)	2,309.25	4,500.00	(2,190.75)
6415 National AA Corrections Workshop (19.3)		1,850.00	(1,850.00)
6420 National A.A. Technology Workshop (19.3)		2,850.00	(2,850.00)
6425 National A.A. Archives Workshop (19.3)		1,250.00	(1,250.00)
6430 PreAssembly (17.2)		2,700.00	(2,700.00)
6440 PreConference (17.2)		500.00	(500.00)
6450 Standing Committee Quarterlies (17.2)		1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Total 6400 Other Travel	2,309.25	16,400.00	(14,090.75)
6500 Standing Committees			
6510 Accessibilities		200.00	(200.00)
6530 Cooperation w/ Professional Community		200.00	(200.00)
6540 Corrections		200.00	(200.00)
6545 Corrections Literature (14.2)	4,378.78	8,000.00	(3,621.22)
6550 Grapevine & Literature		200.00	(200.00)
6560 Archives		200.00	(200.00)
6565 Young Peoples (19.1)		200.00	(200.00)
6570 Public Information		200.00	(200.00)
6575 Webmaster		200.00	(200.00)
6580 Treatment		200.00	(200.00)
6585 Treatment Literature (17.5)		900.00	(900.00)
6590 Web		200.00	(200.00)
Total 6500 Standing Committees	4,378.78	10,900.00	(6,521.22)
6600 Steering Committees			
6605 Archives Steering	1,431.06	4,000.00	(2,568.94)
6610 Language Steering			
6615 Assmby/Qtly Interp & Transltn (17.4)	4,158.69	14,000.00	(9,841.31)
6620 Committee Budget (17.3)	931.80	6,000.00	(5,068.20)
6625 Newsletter Translation (18.5)	961.04	2,500.00	(1,538.96)
Total 6610 Language Steering	6,051.53	22,500.00	(16,448.47)
6640 Newsletter Steering Committee	372.19	3,000.00	(2,627.81)
Total 6600 Steering Committees	7,854.78	29,500.00	(21,645.22)
6710 PNC 2026 Hosting Expenses	2,215.66		2,215.66
6900 Uncategorized Expense	93.16		93.16
6950 On-line Transaction Fees	329.07	1,300.00	(970.93)
Total Expenses	\$59,299.70	\$183,750.00	\$ (124,450.30)
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$6,127.16	\$ (200.00)	\$6,327.16
Other Expenses			
7000 GSO Distribution	9,943.00		9,943.00
Total Other Expenses	\$9,943.00	\$0.00	\$9,943.00
NET OTHER INCOME	\$ (9,943.00)	\$0.00	\$ (9,943.00)
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
NET INCOME	\$ (3,815.84)	\$ (200.00)	\$ (3,615.84)

Narrative from Quarterly Treasurer’s Report:

Financial responsibility in Alcoholics Anonymous is primarily guided by the Seventh Tradition, which states that every AA group should be fully self-supporting and decline outside contributions. This principle ensures that AA remains independent and free from external influences, allowing members to focus on their primary purpose; helping alcoholics recover. To do this:

AA groups manage their finances independently, with transparency in reporting income and expenses.

Contributions are made by members rather than external funding, ensuring that resources are used solely for group-related purposes.

The financial structure is designed to protect the integrity of the fellowship, maintaining a balance between financial responsibility and spiritual commitment.

This self-supporting model fosters a sense of collective responsibility among members, ensuring that AA remains accessible and effective for those in need.

The contributions for Area 72 Quarter 1 2026 totaled \$65,426.86.

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
▼ Income			
▼ 4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributi...	19,354.56	8,124.99	11,229.57
4021 Districts - Online Contributi...	929.16	693.75	235.41
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributio...	33,246.13	25,125.00	8,121.13
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	9,409.68	10,437.51	(1,027.83)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mai...	1,388.23	831.24	556.99
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Onl...	1,099.10	675.00	424.10
Total 4000 Contributions	65,426.86	45,887.49	19,539.37
Total Income	\$65,426.86	\$45,887.49	\$19,539.37
GROSS PROFIT	\$65,426.86	\$45,887.49	\$19,539.37

Which, based on an average of our Budget over a year, this puts us over by \$19,539.37 Quarter to Date.

Compared to last year we had an 115% increase in contributions. But as we saw last year, contributions ebb and flow, so we will be watching how the contributions continue going forward to make sure we are on target.

	TOTAL	
	Jan 1 - Mar 31 2026	Jan 1 - Mar 31 2025 (PY)
Revenue		
4000 Contributions		
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	19,354.56	14,997.39
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	929.16	354.55
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	33,246.13	29,580.23
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	9,409.68	10,469.63
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail-I...	1,388.23	395.11
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Onlin...	1,099.10	815.37
Total for 4000 Contributions	\$65,426.86	\$56,612.28
Total for Revenue	\$65,426.86	\$56,612.28

Expenses are on track to our budget and Eddy will go over those in more detail.

BIG TAKE AWAYS

- Contributions totaled \$65,426.86, which is \$8,814.58 more than 2025 Q1
- We sent a contribution to GSO for \$9943
- Balance in bank account is \$56,384 which includes the \$11,300 bus project, PRASSA funds for ASL & Interpretation \$9750, assembly funds \$10,000, and working cash flow
- Continued contributions are needed to stay on budget

Discussion on the Treasurer's Report:

David H., DCM District 54:

Asked whether certain expenses appear to be front-loaded, noting that general operating expenses are tracking ahead of a simple quarterly projection. Observed that expenditures appear to be approximately 30–39% of the annual budget when compared against a quarterly breakdown.

Eddy M.M., Area Alternate Treasurer:

Responded that some expenses are not evenly distributed throughout the year and include one-time annual costs. Provided the example of the Zoom license (virtual meeting platforms), which is a single annual expense of approximately \$6,000, contributing to the appearance of higher early-year spending.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Asked how income is budgeted across the year, specifically whether projections are evenly distributed month-to-month or adjusted based on historical trends.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Explained that the annual budget is divided evenly across the year (by 12 months) for simplicity, rather than allocating funds based on expected timing of expenses or income. Noted that while a more detailed month-by-month allocation could be created, time constraints as a volunteer led to using an [straight-line] average approach. Further clarified that detailed reports are available on the Area 72 Website (quarter-to-date, monthly, and contribution summaries) for those seeking a more granular view.

Patrick M., Area Tech and Web Chair:

Asked about the rationale for budgeting \$45,000 in Q1 contributions when the prior year reflected approximately \$56,000 in contributions during the same period.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Responded that the apparent discrepancy is due to the method of evenly distributing the annual budget rather than forecasting based on seasonal contribution trends. Explained that contributions tend to be higher earlier in the year (particularly April through July) and decrease over time, but the current budgeting approach does not account for that pattern.

The Chair called for a Motion to approve Treasure's Report as read:

Moved by DCM District 45, Seconded by DCM District 42 (online):

Vote: Approved.

Alternate Treasurer Finance Committee Report – Eddy MM.

Eddy M.M., Area Alternate Treasurer:

Reported that the Finance Committee met once since the last reporting period. The meeting was brief, as there were no requests submitted for the variable budget during that time.

Eddie noted that the committee used the meeting to establish its schedule for the remainder of the year.

Provided an overview of the committee's role, explaining that the Finance Committee serves as a fiscal oversight group, supporting financial accountability and review. The committee is responsible for reviewing and approving requests related to the variable budget, including one-time, unexpected, or emergency expenses.

Explained that budget requests may be submitted to the committee for consideration, after which the committee reviews and determines whether to approve or deny the request to support ongoing operations.

INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORTS:

Eastside Intergroup Board Chair – Ray H.

Name: Ray H.
Position: Eastside Intergroup Board Chair
Date: 4/11/26

Eastside Intergroup is pleased to announce that our open board positions have now been filled by Sarah M. and Andrea C. These are a 3yr position Our new events coordinator, Candyce B., is organizing the pancake breakfast, that will be next Saturday the 18th from 10:00 to 2:00pm which coincides with AA's 85th anniversary in Washington. Our contributions were down last quarter to ESIG so we give full treasure reports at our general meeting held at 7pm at Kelsey Creek Church so Intergroup reps can bring that information back to their home groups. We appreciate the participation from Districts 34, 35, 36, 38, and 39. We also welcome District 25 to join us next time. We are reminding members about our AA Birthday Club for a contribution for every year of sobriety and be congratulated on our website, EastsideAA.org. We have four open committee positions: Grapevine & Literature, PI/CPC, Treatment & Hospitals, and Young People. We have a new office manager now Allie V. So we hope you have an opportunity to stop in to welcome her. She wants to let you know anyone is welcome to volunteer at the Eastside Intergroup office. Also, coins, literature, and supplies are always available at the office. At our general meeting, we ask group contacts for updates since we get calls about outdated passwords. Lastly, our next event is the summer picnic—date and location to be confirmed!

GSIG Board Chair 2025 Area January Quarterly Report – Jeff U.

Name: Jeff U.
Position: GSIG Chair
Date: 4/11/2026

Carina, Greater Seattle Intergroup:

- Reported that Greater Seattle Intergroup **ended 2025 financially profitable** for the first time in several years; expressed appreciation for contributions supporting this outcome.

Facilities Update:

- Noted the need to **secure a new location**; an **ad hoc committee** has been formed and is actively working on identifying a new space.

Hotline & Outreach Activity:

- 24-hour hotline continues to serve both local and **national callers**
- First quarter activity included:
 - 612 step calls
 - 346 phone calls
 - 225 chat contacts
 - **577 total points of contact**
- Acknowledged volunteers supporting hotline and chat services.

Additional Information:

- Annual report available for districts served; copies provided to DCMs.

South Sound Service Center Chair – Melissa K.

2025 July Quarterly Report - South Sound Service Center

Name: Melissa K

Position: Alt DCM D8

Date: 4/11/2026

Melissa Alt DCM, District 8: Reported on behalf of the South Sound Service Center, a **district-supported service center funded through Seventh Tradition contributions.**

Hotline Activity:

- 24-hour hotline received **233 calls** during the first quarter
- Average call length: **2 minutes 24 seconds**; longest call: **1 hour 2 minutes**
- Peak call times between **noon and 6:00 PM**
- Supported by **34 volunteers**, ensuring callers speak directly with an alcoholic

Literature Sales:

- Total sales: **\$4,365** to groups and individuals in Districts 8 and 28
- Top sellers: **Big Book and Twelve & Twelve**
- Additional notable sales included **38 copies of “A.A. Comes of Age”** and sponsorship pamphlets

Operations:

- Distributed **1,565 meeting schedules**, prepared by **10 office volunteers**
- Acknowledged continued service efforts of office and district volunteers

Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair – Megan K.

Name: Meghan Kniffen

Position: Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair

District number: N/A

Date: 4/11/2026

Megan K. Chair, Puget Sound CSO:

- Reported the CSO serves **districts on the Kitsap Peninsula, North Tacoma, Tacoma, and East Pierce County.**
- Noted limited reporting due to only two meetings in the quarter but highlighted key accomplishments.

Banking Update:

- Successfully transitioned to a **new banking institution** after several years of discussion.
- New bank provides **improved interest returns** and a more efficient **point-of-sale (POS) system** with fewer fees.
- Implementation of the new system is planned for the upcoming quarter.

Financial Planning:

- Currently **reviewing and revising the 2026 budget** in response to rising costs.
- Working to address potential **shortfalls in contributions** while maintaining services to groups.

Service Opportunities:

- Encouraged **DCMs and Alt DCMs** not currently engaged in ongoing service to consider opportunities at the CSO

Snohomish County Central Office – Shane M.

Name: Dave.

Position: Central Office Manager, Central Office of

Snohomish County District Numbers: 2, 3, 12, 19 and 57

Date: 4/11/2026

Dave, Snohomish County Central Office: Reported that the Central Office is supported by **over 100 volunteers** who provide phone coverage and assistance to those seeking help with sobriety and A.A. information.

Service Area:

- Serves **five districts**: 2, 3, 12, 19, and 57, covering Snohomish County and surrounding areas
- Provides support for **12th Step calls, meeting information, and additional service requests** including public information, treatment coordination, accessibility, and Bridging the Gap

Operations & Facilities:

- Central Office space supports **district and committee meetings**, including regular use by District 57 and others
- Monthly Central Office committee meeting held **first Tuesday at 7:00 PM**, both in person and online

Accessibility & Language Needs:

- Spanish-speaking support available through District 57
- Seeking volunteers to assist with **additional languages** (including Portuguese, Vietnamese, Russian, and others)

Communication & Outreach:

- Maintains a **unified website (snohomishaa.org)** with meeting information, events, and resources across all five districts
- Encouraged participation from A.A. members in service opportunities

Vancouver Area Intergroup

Name: Fanny C.

Position: Office Manager, Vancouver Area Intergroup

Reporting Period: January – March 2026

Date: 3/24/2026

Accomplishments From the Past Quarter

Experiences we are proud of or found particularly inspirational

This quarter demonstrated strong service engagement, financial recovery momentum, and renewed fellowship connection across Intergroup.

One of the most encouraging accomplishments was the successful Intergroup Open House, which was well attended and financially positive. Sales exceeded expectations, group donations were strong, and the 50/50 raffle winner chose to donate winnings back to Intergroup. The event fostered connection between members, Steering Committee, our new office manager, and reinforced the value of welcoming the fellowship into the Intergroup office space. Based on this success, the Steering Committee voted to make the Open House an annual Spring event, reflecting shared enthusiasm and confidence in its impact.

Financially, February stood out as a particularly strong month. Sales exceeded the 2025 monthly average, and group contributions reached their highest level since June 2024, offering reassurance that Intergroup support from the fellowship remains strong. This provided encouragement during a period when reserves were otherwise under pressure.

The committee also made meaningful progress on event planning and fellowship outreach. Planning for the annual BBQ and the 2026 Gratitude Dinner moved forward decisively, with venues secured and timelines established. The creation of a standing Activities Committee with monthly meetings reflects a commitment to shared service and sustainability rather than relying on a small number of individuals.

Operationally, the completion of office door repairs at no cost to Intergroup and the transition to ADP for payroll were practical successes that improved stability and reduced administrative strain. The update and expansion of the quarterly printed meeting schedule also strengthened Intergroup's ability to serve the wider fellowship accurately.

Problems or Issues Faced

Including solutions implemented or under consideration

A central challenge this quarter has been financial strain related to administrative transitions, particularly the disputed Asure payroll termination fee and the resulting impact on cash reserves. While the fee remains unresolved, the committee has taken steps to dispute the charge, pursue documentation, and prevent similar issues in the future by improving oversight and transitioning payroll services.

Another ongoing issue has been aging or fragmented technology systems. Difficulties with accounting software compatibility, website administration access, and prior account security highlighted the need for updated equipment and clearer system ownership. The purchase of a new laptop and exploration of QuickBooks Online options were steps toward resolving these issues, though long-term solutions are still under evaluation.

Office safety concerns also emerged following an incident that left the Office Manager feeling unsafe. While no immediate harm occurred, the situation prompted discussion about security measures such as cameras and coordination with the property association. These conversations underscored the importance of supporting trusted servants and ensuring a safe working environment.

Staffing and service continuity remain an area of concern. The upcoming Hotline Chair transition and an open At-Large Steering Committee position highlight the need for ongoing outreach and encouragement of service participation. Documentation of service roles and clearer communication with Intergroup Representatives are being used to support smoother transitions.

Goals for the Next Quarter

What we hope to achieve or begin work on

Looking ahead, the Steering Committee's primary goal is to strengthen financial sustainability. This includes finalizing and reviewing a 2026 operating budget, improving monthly cash-flow visibility, and completing the IRS Form 990 filing on schedule. The committee also aims to clarify long-term accounting software decisions once budgeting projections are complete.

Another key goal is the successful execution of the May Intergroup BBQ, with a focus on volunteer engagement, accessibility, and fellowship connection. Continued planning for the Gratitude Dinner will also remain a priority, particularly around speaker confirmation and cost management.

The committee hopes to make progress on office safety and technology security, including clearer access controls, improved system continuity, and potential physical security enhancements. Ensuring the office remains a safe and welcoming space is viewed as essential to Intergroup's service mission.

Finally, the Steering Committee intends to expand participation in service, including filling open committee positions, supporting the potential restart of the Intergroup newsletter, and continuing to encourage group involvement through IGR communication and outreach.

Area 72 Oficina Intergrupul

Name: Felix

Position: Area 72 Oficina Intergrupul

Date: 4/11/2026

Felix, Intergroup Coordinator: Reported that the Intergroup office meets **weekly on Mondays**, including committee reports, business meetings, Concepts study, intergroup representative reports, and coordinators' meetings.

Group Participation & Outreach:

- Visited **15 groups** at the start of the year; **13 groups now actively send representatives**
- Reported increased engagement and participation in Intergroup service

Service & Contributions:

- Active servants carrying the message and **contributing to other service entities** (e.g., GSO, CPC, La Viña)
- Utilizing funds to expand outreach through **Facebook and website presence**
- Providing **24-hour 12th Step services** to connect with newcomers

Unity & Activities:

- Organizing **picnics and events** to strengthen unity among groups
- Special events and women's committees actively planning activities

Facilities & Operations:

- Planning to **relocate to a new facility in Renton** to improve meeting space and services
- Providing **literature and pamphlets to groups**, including support at no cost when needed

Service Needs:

- Several positions remain **vacant** (including Public Information, Newsletter, Archives, and Records)
- Continued encouragement for members to participate in service roles
- Secretary maintaining **monthly organization and archiving of documents**

2026 WA 85th Celebration Planning Committee – Astri T.

Astri, Chair, 85 Years Celebration Planning Committee:

- Reported ongoing outreach efforts, including **visiting multiple districts** to share information about the event.
- Announced the celebration event scheduled for **April 18** is **fully registered**.
- Expressed appreciation for district support and enthusiasm for the upcoming event.

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

January 2026 Quarterly - Host Committee Report

Lisa, Area Alt Chair:

Reported that the final report for the January 2026 Quarterly is still being finalized; full financials will be presented at the next quarterly in July 2026.

July 2026 Quarterly - Host Committee Report

Jamy, July 2026 Host Committee Chair:

- Announced the **July 2026 Quarterly** will be held in **Elma, WA** at the **Summit Pacific Wellness Center**.
- Reported that planning is progressing smoothly and the committee is on track.
- Noted that **registration materials are prepared and available**, with registration open, and registration forms are in your boxes.

2026 Assembly - Host Committee Report

Melissa Alt DCM, District 8:

- Hosted by District 8 and 58
- Announced the **2026 Area Assembly** will be held **October 2–4, 2026** at **Little Creek Casino, Shelton, WA**.
- Reported that **registration is now open** (launched at noon today).
- Shared registration costs:
 - In-person: \$50
 - Online: \$33
 - Combined (in-person & online): \$50
- Additional event options:
 - Friday dessert social: \$18
 - Saturday box lunch: \$43
 - Saturday dinner: \$53
 - Sunday spiritual breakfast buffet: \$33
- Noted that registration flyers are available and encouraged early registration.

HOST COMMITTEE BIDS

No bids have been submitted at the April 2026 Quarterly.

Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair:

Reported that there are currently no bids submitted for 2027 quarterlies. Reviewed Area Handbook guidance that bids are heard in April and July and emphasized the need for districts to participate to ensure continuity of Area business. Encouraged districts to submit bids using a simplified one-page form and highlighted that hosting is low-risk, self-supporting, and can build unity and engagement.

Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Asked whether a “cheat sheet” or guidance document could be created to help districts understand venue negotiations and planning.

Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair:

Responded that detailed planning is not required for submitting a bid; encouraged districts to submit basic information and seek support afterward.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Noted ongoing difficulty in securing quarterly hosting and asked whether there could be a more consistent rotation of locations with shared district support.

Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair:

Acknowledged the idea and suggested it could be a future discussion topic, but not for immediate resolution.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Asked what would happen if no bids are received prior to the next quarterly.

Lisa, Area Alternate Chair:

Responded that while unlikely, options could include assigning a district to host, though emphasized preference for voluntary participation.

Joe T., DCM District 19:

Clarified that districts are not limited to a single venue and can submit multiple options.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Suggested the possibility of an online-only quarterly if no bids are received; also raised concern about increasing costs (e.g., hotel rates) as a barrier to hosting.

Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair:

Encouraged submission of bids regardless of cost, allowing the Area to evaluate options.

John C., DCM District 45:

Reported that Districts 45 and 9 are working together and intend to submit a co-host bid.

Melissa, Member, District 27:

Shared emotional concern about lack of participation and support within districts, noting past difficulty hosting assemblies and limited volunteer engagement.

Bud W., Area Accessibility Chair:

Shared positive experience attending a past quarterly in Long Beach and encouraged districts to step up and host, highlighting the impact of location and experience.

Donna M.H., ASC Member:

Reminded the body that venues are not limited to a district's geographic boundaries and can be selected elsewhere.

Jose M., DCM District 1:

Reported that Districts 1, 57, and 58 are willing to participate in hosting efforts.

Lisa S., Area Alternate Chair:

Closed by encouraging members to return to their districts with enthusiasm and submit bids by mid-May to allow preparation for July presentations.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

2026 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW)

Michaela N., Host Committee Chair:

- Announced the **National A.A. Archives Workshop** will be held in **mid-September** at the **Washington State History Museum in Tacoma**.

Event Overview:

- Described the workshop as an **educational service event** focused on developing skills related to A.A. archiving and service
- Program includes **multiple workshops, keynote speakers, and concurrent sessions across three rooms**

Accessibility & Participation:

- **Spanish interpretation** will be available for keynote sessions
- Encouraged members to **attend and volunteer**

Outreach & Registration:

- Committee actively conducting **district outreach and presentations**
- Registration is available via the **Area website**, with both online and mail-in options

General:

- Reported strong progress in planning and expressed enthusiasm for hosting the event locally

30th Anniversary of La Vina (XXX La Vina) 2026

Javier F., Host Committee Chair: Reported on planning for the **30th Anniversary celebration of *La Viña***, noting it is the **first time the event is being hosted in the Area**.

Registration & Accommodations:

- Event **registration is open**
- Hotel rooms are available using the event code **AAX** when booking
- Meal is **\$90**, the on-site restaurant will also be open for attendees

Event Details & Support:

- Registration cost is approximately **\$30**
- Event will include **merchandise sales** (e.g., hats, shirts, mugs) to support the celebration
- Encouraged broad participation and support from the Area

Outlook:

- Anticipates **strong attendance and increased participation**, building on prior years, particularly with the event being hosted in Washington State

Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) 2026

By: Crystal S., Committee Chair / Eddy M.M., Committee Alternate Chair

Eddy M.M., Host Committee Alternate Chair:

- Reported that **PNC 2026** will be held **June 26–28, 2026** in **Vancouver, WA** at the **Heathman Lodge**.

Registration & Information:

- Registration is open via the **PNC website (pnc1948.org)**
- **Meal registration deadline:** June 19
- Flyers available to members for distribution

Event Details:

- Conference is approaching within a few months; planning is underway
- Merchandise (e.g., mugs and apparel) will be available, with incentives such as coffee included with mug purchase

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Members encouraged to **register to volunteer through the website**
- Outreach requested to share information and encourage attendance

Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2027

Crystal S., Committee Chair / Eddy M.M., Committee Alternate Chair

Crystal, Host Committee Chair:

- Reported that Area 72 will host the **Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) 2027**.
- Event scheduled for **March 5–7, 2027** at the **Westin Hotel** in downtown **Seattle**.

Planning & Preparation:

- Host committee has begun planning efforts and gained experience by **observing the 2026 PRAASA in Hawaii**.
- Event website (praasa.org) is active with preliminary information and **estimated costs for budgeting purposes**.
- Registration is expected to **open in December**.

Accessibility & Participation:

- PRAASA 2027 will be the **first hybrid PRAASA event**, allowing both in-person and remote participation.
- Encouraged broad participation, including members with financial or accessibility limitations.

Additional Discussion:

- Host committee is considering offering **event T-shirts at cost** (not for profit), which would be a departure from PRAASA guidelines; informal feedback was gathered from the body.

SUMMARY: MOTIONS PRESENTED

The following motions were presented, discussed and voted on at the April 2026 Quarterly:

Special Online Assembly on PAI(s) Only:

Move that, if Area Quarterly body approves a motion that qualifies as Proposed Agenda Item for the Conference to be voted on at the Assembly, that the Area hold a one-day Special Assembly online in September on just the Proposed Agenda Item Motion(s) in time to submit to the General Service Board. The Motion and all background information to be included in all pre-assembly materials and in the August edition of the Newsletter, with the Annual Assembly to continue to be held in October.

Outcome: Motion, Second, Discussion, Motion to Table to July Quarterly, Second, So moved.

Area Sound Chair selection process:

Move to supplement Motion 22.3 that the Tech Steering Committee will select the Sound Chair for the next rotation subject to approval by the electeds during their appointed selection process and ratified by the Area Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation.

Outcome: Motion, Second, Discussion, Voted On and Approved by substantial unanimity for the Assembly Agenda in October.

Third Legacy Standing Committee:

Move that Area 72 create a Third Legacy Standing Committee to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level except that its Quarterlies would be held online and chaired by the Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate, if available, or an experienced member of the Third Legacy Committee.

Outcome: Motion, Second, Discussion, Motion to Table to July Quarterly, Second, So Moved

Amend Motion 23.2 to read (amendment in red):

Moved that: In the spirit of unity, we affirm that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.

Outcome: Motion, Second, Discussion, voted on, and approved for the Assembly Agenda in October.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Discussion Topic #1 Area Website Geofence

DISCUSSION TOPIC POSTPONED.

Report by Jo G., DCM District 25:

Shared that the district has intentionally postponed further discussion on the geofencing question in order to allow time for questions and clarification.

Jo noted that there are a number of questions that remain unanswered, and the district would like the opportunity to engage directly with members, districts, and the Area before moving forward with broader discussion.

She emphasized that the intent is to make themselves available for dialogue, including:

- Attending district meetings
- Inviting members to District 25 meetings
- Being available for direct conversation and questions

Clarified that the purpose of this pause is to ensure understanding of the original intent behind the proposal, noting that further action may not be necessary depending on the outcome of these discussions.

Contact information for District 25 was provided (email dcm25@area72aa.org), and members were encouraged to reach out directly with questions or requests for discussion.

Discussion Topic #2

Sound Chair Appointed Process

Background Information Handout Provided at Quarterly:

The Tech Steering Committee recommends that the appointed position of Sound Chair for each rotation be by recommendation of the Tech Steering Committee before selection by the Electeds and approval by the Area Committee .

Presented by the Technology Steering Committee by Group Conscience 11/15/25:

Anthony G.-Area Sound Chair; Patrick M.-Area Web & Tech Chair; Shu D.-Area Webservant; Mary T.-past Area Sound Chair and Webservant; John B.-Member; Emma S.-Member; Chris E.-Member; Chuck H.-past DCM D8

Background:

In 2022, Area 72 voted to establish the Technology Steering Committee due to the technological complexity in providing hybrid functionality to Area Quarterlies and Assembly with the addition of online District 25 and to promote cooperation amongst the different technology focused committees. A process has been developed over the last five years that requires a rotation of training before one is qualified to chair the technology operation of an area quarterly. Very similar to the Area Archivist, the Technology Steering Committee believes the Area Sound Chair is now a position that requires more and more technical expertise than what may be available through the standard appointed selection process by the electeds. It recommends at least one rotation of training before being qualified to serve in the positions. Therefore, the Steering Committee is in the best position to make a recommendation of who is most qualified to serve in the Sound Chair position following rotation.

Concept 10

Concept 10 states that the scope of every service responsibility and authority should be well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job

description, etc. The Tech Steering Committee believes the foregoing should be reflected in a motion to provide direction and guidance for future rotations.

Conclusion

Accordingly, the Tech Steering Committee would like this recommendation process to be in the form of a motion for rotations going forward and in the spirit of Concept 10.

Example Motion: Area Sound Chair selection process

Move to supplement Motion 22.3 that the Tech Steering Committee will select the Sound Chair for the next rotation subject to approval by the electeds during their appointed selection process and ratified by the Area Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation.

Presented by Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Presented proposed process for selecting Sound/Zoom Chair through Technology Steering Committee; outlined rotation model (training → service → continuity) to preserve knowledge and ensure consistency in hybrid setup.

Motion: Jennifer R., Area Archives Chair:

Moved to put the following motion on the agenda for the Area Assembly:

Move to supplement Motion 22.3 that the Tech Steering Committee will select the Sound Chair for the next rotation subject to approval by the electeds during their appointed selection process and ratified by the Area Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation.

Motion seconded by: DCM District 38

Discussion on the Motion:

Derek S., Area Chair:

Read the motion and opened the floor for discussion on the motion.

Lupita Y-M., Area Alternate Delegate:

Expressed concern that the proposed role resembles an archivist-type position rather than a rotating chair; questioned structure prior to motion.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Had a point of clarification, that the official title of the position is “Sound System Operator”

Jana C., Alt-DCM District 9:

Asked whether the position could allow longer-term service similar to archivist for continuity.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Clarified proposal combines elements of archivist and an archives chair; emphasized training pipeline to ensure experience before serving. Two years of training, two years of doing, two years of being available for the next sound chair.

Jim B., DCM District 43:

Supports the Motion; compared to DCM/Alt DCM mentorship model; emphasized learning while serving.

Mary W., Alt-DCM District 45:

Recalled last rotation, the sound chair sat at the appointed's table, suggested distinction between technical operator role and committee chair; questioned terminology.

Courtney S., Area Delegate:

Asked whether proposal would limit tenure or participation of existing committee members. Seems we already that in place.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Asked how candidates would be selected among multiple qualified committee members; questioned selection criteria.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Went through a brief history of the Sound/Zoom committee, created in 2022, and we're continuing the development of what this role is. Distinguished between differences from other committees. Responded that limited quarterly events require extended training time; takes repetition and hands-on experience.

Angel M., DCM District 34:

Asked whether proposal aims to address volunteer demand or expand access.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Confirmed intent to broaden eligibility beyond past DCMs and open role to technically skilled members.

Angel M., DCM District 34:

Shared experience of qualified members unable to serve due to current structure; good we are having this conversation, supported this motion.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Questioned whether this was even necessary and asked for an explanation of how the sound chair was selected at the prior rotation.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Described current appointment process; noted preference for members with Area experience; identified challenge balancing technical skills with service background.

Patrick M., Area Tech & Web Chair:

Cited least possible organization confronting the reoccurring theme of technology needs requiring a little more organization at the Area, e.g. Newsletter Steering Committee, Registrar/Alternate Registrar discussion topic. Supported proposal; stated it clarifies responsibility for succession and sets expectations for 4 year commitment.

Amanda M., Alt-DCM District 29:

Supported proposal; emphasized importance of responding to committee-identified needs.

Lisa J., DCM District 24: Reported district support; emphasized importance of placing trusted servants where they are capable and comfortable.

Alan F., Past Delegate:

Spoke in support of Anthony's leadership and effort in developing the proposal.

Walter A., Third Legacy Chair District 27:

Shared personal experience with limited training; supported this extended training model.

Joe T., DCM District 19:

Point of clarification on whether proposal implies a four-year commitment (training plus service).

Derek S., Area Chair:

Confirmed that to be correct.

Melissa K., Alt-DCM District 8:

Questioned necessity of proposal; suggested improving inclusiveness within existing process instead.

Aimee B., Area Corrections Chair

Clarified that we are voting simply for this item to be placed on Assembly agenda for GSRs to make the decision, not voting on the actual motion on at this time.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Confirmed that to be correct.

Dave, District 19 GSR:

Supported expanding pool; noted ability to serve in technical role despite inability to serve as DCM.

John., DCM District 45:

Framed proposal as solution to a defined problem; supported trusting committees to define their needs.

Shu D., Area Web Servant:

Suggested clarifying four-year expectation within motion language.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Wasn't sure whether it needed to be expressed explicitly, we could say the person being selected must be trained. He felt the background material already covered what the motion is expressing through implication.

Jennifer R., Area Archives Chair:

Stated motion ensures decision-making rests with GSRs rather than solely with Area Chair. Cleaner to have something in the Area Handbook.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Supported motion; emphasized need for technical training and continued commitment to hybrid accessibility. This is a way to continue to that commitment.

Louise W., GSR District 25:

Suggested adding language to expand candidate pool and clarify term expectations.

Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Suggested utilizing entire trained committee as candidate pool rather than fixed pipeline; raised concern about rigid multi-year commitment.

Crystal J., Past Delegate Panel 73:

Clarified appointment process and role of electeds; emphasized need for both technical skill and Area experience; expressed support while addressing misconceptions.

Anthony G., Area Sound/Zoom Chair:

Added that training period provides natural exposure to Area process, supporting readiness for service role.

Derek, Area Chair: Called for a vote:

Result: Motion approved by substantial unanimity to be placed on the Area Assembly agenda.

Discussion Topic #3

Area Third Legacy Standing Committee

Background Information Handout Provided at Quarterly:

Discuss creating an Area Third Legacy Standing Committee to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. Presented by the Third Legacy Chairs from Districts 8, 10, 11, 14, 25, 27, 28 and 42 and DCMs from Districts 10, 12, 14, 25, 27, 28, 32, 35 and 42.

Background:

As of date, 14 out of 34 districts that responded to our 2025 Chair's poll have Third Legacy Chairs. Several of these chairs and DCMs have begun attending a monthly roundtable hosted by District 25's Third Legacy Chair. The roundtable is intended to create a supportive environment where District Third Legacy Chairs can share their experience, strength, and hope with each other as they fulfill their responsibilities—encouraging service work within their districts and assisting with the various challenges of general service work. Many Third Legacy Chairs are past DCMs with experience at the Area Committee level that can benefit an incoming District rotation. We believe the District Third Legacy Chair can be a valuable position for any district.

Purpose:

Establishing an area standing committee, along with standing committee quarterlies, will support existing District Third Legacy Chairs and their DCMs and may help other districts recognize the value of this role and establish their own Third Legacy Chairs to engage in and contribute to the committee's work.

No Annual Cost:

If the Third Legacy Standing Committee Quarterly meetings are held on zoom, there would be no Quarterly cost. And if the committee was chaired by the Area Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate, there would be no need for an Appointed Position and therefore no cost to the Area for an additional appointed position.

What is a District Third Legacy Chair?

The purpose of the Third Legacy Chair is to inform and educate those coming into District service. The Third Legacy Chair assists DCMs, GSRs and committee chairs in understanding their responsibilities based on past experience. They are or become familiar with the Traditions, Concepts, Service Manual and District Handbook. Other examples of Third Legacy Chair responsibilities may be coordinate with GSRs and committee members to encourage service within the District or work on special projects; coordinate workshops and roundtables; and attend all district meetings and be available for questions.

Example Motion: Area Third Legacy Standing Committee

Move that Area 72 create a Third Legacy Standing Committee to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. The committee shall function like other standing

committees at the Area level except that its Quarterlies would be held online and chaired by the Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate, if available, or an experienced member of the Third Legacy Committee.

Presentation by Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Presented background; reported 16 districts currently have Third Legacy Chairs, with additional districts considering; noted monthly roundtables established with mixed participation; stated role does not duplicate service sponsors or past delegates, but encourages use of those resources; questioned requirement for demonstrating “area-wide need”; suggested leadership should include members with significant Area experience, though not limited to past DCMs.

Additional Presentation, Rose B., DCM District 7:

Expressed strong support; emphasized Third Legacy (service) must be taught, modeled, and supported; stated growth reflects a genuine fellowship need; noted chairs are requesting basic facilitation and connection, not authority or resources.

Additional Presentation, Paul A., District 36 Third Legacy Chair:

Described role as reducing fear and increasing participation in general service, particularly for new GSRs; emphasized role is supportive and not duplicative; requested Area-level facilitation of existing roundtables; noted risk of losing continuity due to rotation if not supported.

Close of Presentation by Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Asked districts to consider whether groups would support creation of an Area standing committee; noted continued challenges with group engagement in general service; encouraged moving discussion forward to Assembly.

Motion: John K., DCM District 35:

Moved that Area 72 Area Third Legacy Standing Committee Motion be moved to the Agenda for the Area Assembly. That motion reads:

Move that Area 72 create a Third Legacy Standing Committee to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level except that its Quarterlies would be held online and chaired by the Alternate Delegate or a Past Delegate, if available, or an experienced member of the Third Legacy Committee.

Motion seconded by: Jennifer, Area 72 Archives Chair.

Discussion on the Motion:

Sansannah J., Alt-DCM District 3:

Asked about financial impact of the proposal on the Area.

Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Responded that the proposal, as written, would not incur costs since it is structured as a committee without a funded chair position.

Walter A., District 27 Third Legacy Chair:

Shared experience establishing the role in his district; noted difficulty accessing information and guidance; supported creation of a committee to provide resources and continuity.

Gail H., Past Delegate Panel 57:

Raised concerns that assigning the Alternate Delegate as chair conflicts with their primary responsibilities; stated that if a committee is needed, it should be created like other standing committees with appropriate structure and funding. It feels like we are trying to sneak it through.

Javier F., Member District 1:

Shared experience from another area where similar roles help retain past DCMs in service; emphasized value in keeping experienced members engaged after rotation.

Lisa J., DCM District 24:

Expressed confusion about structure, including lack of a clearly defined chair and potential financial implications; reported her district did not see a need.

Josh B., DCM District 17:

Asked for clarification on committee structure and precedent, noting differences from existing standing committees.

Sansannah J., Alt DCM District 3:

Questioned whether the role duplicates responsibilities of DCMs, sponsors, or existing service structures; expressed lack of clarity on purpose.

Alan F., Past Delegate, Panel 69:

Opposed the proposal as written; stated it misunderstands the role of the Alternate Delegate and improperly defines committee structure; shared past experience where a similar proposal was declined, emphasizing that the Area Committee itself serves as the Third Legacy body.

Blue J., Member, District 25:

Supported concept; described Third Legacy work as helping members understand service structure, traditions, and concepts; shared positive experience from 20 years of service Area 38 and after he was DCM of District 12, he served as Third Legacy Chair there. He wished they had an Area Third Legacy Committee.

Lupita Y-M, Area Alternate Delegate:

Acknowledged strong work being done but was not convinced of the need; raised concern about unclear leadership structure, citing past issues with unclear roles; suggested clarifying motion language.

Mike L., DCM District 36:

Expressed mixed views; acknowledged value of Third Legacy Chairs at the district level but questioned whether Area-level formalization is necessary; noted concerns about motion structure and cost avoidance.

Jana C., Alt-DCM District 9:

Stated the proposal is not ready to be a motion; recommended continued discussion due to lack of clarity and understanding at the district level.

Patty S., District 25 Third Legacy Chair:

Reiterated need for Area-level support and continuity, noting current roundtables may dissolve with rotation; acknowledged prior attempts to create a funded position were rejected due to cost concerns.

Glen C., Member, District 24:

Agrees with Gail [Past Delegate] that if there is a need, it should have a designated chair who is available outside the Quarterly meetings and a proper committee. Supports the concept; noted 11 districts (approx. 25%) have expressed interest, suggesting a demonstrated need; supported creating a properly structured committee.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Expressed confusion about role definition; supported continued discussion; suggested refining purpose and benefits before moving forward.

Motion to Table: Houston L., Area Registrar

Moved to table the motion until the July Quarterly to allow further discussion and clarification.

Motion Seconded by: Derek, Area Chair.

Result: Motion to table passed

Discussion Topic #4:

International Groups and Conference Boundaries

Background Information Handout Provided at Quarterly:

To: District 25 groups

Regarding the idea that we are a global district has me wondering where that thought came from and what all this talk is about.

Since I was involved in the actual creation of District 25 from roundtable beginning; please allow me to share what our vision was and mission statement was for District 25.

When covid hit there were so many of use finding our way to virtual/online meetings. We found that our homegroups had GSRs and yet no way for us as groups to participate in the area 72 business and have a voice within our General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.

2020 brought us to the Area Assembly in October with a floor motion to create a virtual district. The motion was sent on to the January 2021 quarterly as a discussion topic. We advanced through the quarterly process with a motion (21.3) to create District 25 within Area72 and our general service conference area of the United States and Canada.

District 25 was created and we started the journey of learning how to make this all work in the virtual world. Trial and errors abound, but we now had a working district just like the rest of Area 72.

There arose the question to whether District 25 was going to admit those folks from outside of the Area 72 geographical area. So, motion 23.2 came into being. This was always about groups within the United State and Canada General Service Conference area.

Understand that District 25 was created within Area 72, which resides within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.

And now, all this global talk is disruptive and causing disunity, both within our district and at the Area. Thus an “us versus them” mentality over this fire wall.

So, in the spirit of unity for all of us, I am proposing District 25 bring forward a motion to the Area April Quarterly to amend Motion 23.2 to read:

[“In the spirit of unity, we affirm that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.”](#)

I believe this will go a long way to ease any confusion and possible disunity that has arisen over the geofence and international groups.

Patty Smith
D25 Third Legacy Chair

Patty, District 25 Third Legacy Chair Presented the Discussion Topic:

Presented a proposal to amend Motion 23.2 to clarify that District 25, as an online district, has no geographic boundaries within the General Service Conference structure of the United States and Canada.

She provided background that District 25 was created in 2021 (following a 2020 floor motion) to serve online groups within Area 72.

Patty noted that growing international participation in online meetings has led to confusion and tension, including an “us vs. them” dynamic regarding global involvement.

She emphasized that while online groups themselves are not geographically bound, Area 72 remains part of the U.S./Canada General Service Conference structure, and the motion aims to clarify that relationship and reduce disunity.

The intent of the amendment is to provide clarity, maintain unity, and better define the scope of participation within District 25.

Motion: John DCM, District 45:

Move to amend Motion 23.2 to read: *“In the spirit of unity, we affirm that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.”*

Seconded by: Jim M., DCM District 28.

Discussion on the Motion:

John DCM, District 45:

Raised concerns about Area 72’s identity and scope, questioning whether the Area is prepared to function as a global online entity and noting potential implications such as non-U.S./Canada delegates. He emphasized adherence to existing General Service Conference structure and principles, suggesting the original decision may have been made hastily during COVID.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Shared that the issue is evolving, stating the amendment does not go far enough and suggesting that if broader participation is desired, it may point toward creating an online Area rather than expanding a district’s boundaries.

Bud W., Accessibilities Chair:

Supported the amendment, citing A.A. principles and noting that reducing rebellion or conflict is an indicator of a sound decision.

Mike L., DCM District 36:

Questioned enforceability and fairness, expressing concern that the motion could lead to

excluding groups or members, and questioning the Area's authority to determine inclusion.

David J., DCM District 46:

Supported the amendment, stating District 25 has sought a balanced, "middle path" solution, and viewed the amendment as a necessary refinement that may bring greater unity. Thanked District 25 for doing this.

Louise W., GSR District 25:

Expressed strong support for maintaining openness, sharing that the online district has been vital to her group's survival, and encouraged continued exploration rather than limiting participation too early.

Jana C., Alt-DCM District 9:

Referenced Tradition Four, raising concern about how decisions may impact A.A. as a whole, and expressed unease about broader implications.

Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Noted that GSO requirements align with U.S./Canada participation, supported the amendment as totally reasonable ask, and this might create a need for an online area. For the Motion to Amend.

David H., GSR Broadview Group, District 42:

Supported the idea that the issue points toward developing an online Area, placing responsibility on online groups to help lead that effort.

Mike D., DCM District 10:

Sought clarification, suggesting the amendment might allow participation broadly but limit voting to U.S./Canada members.

Chuy, Member, District 31:

Asked whether GSO's International Desk had been consulted, referencing guidance on groups outside U.S./Canada.

Jo G., DCM District 25:

Clarified that no international groups are formally part of District 25, though some groups have members living abroad, and that those groups are registered with GSO.

Dave H., GSR Morning Phoenix Group, District 19:

Emphasized inclusivity and unity, cautioning against exclusion while the fellowship continues to evolve, and supporting continued participation during this transitional period.

Lisa B., GSR Global Speakers Group District 25:

Expressed concern about feeling excluded, noting her group includes international members who were previously assured full participation and voting rights, and shared disappointment with the direction of the discussion.

Mary W., Alt-DCM District 45:

Suggested the issue may stem from alignment with the U.S./Canada Conference structure, while expressing appreciation for online participation and a desire for clarity.

Alan F., Past Delegate Panel 69:

Really appreciated this amendment, makes me feel more settled about things, referencing GSO guidance and the new group form, and emphasized that conference boundaries are not determined at the Area level, but through the General Service Conference and legal structure and we as an area don't get to choose something different. So this amendment isn't about exclusion, its about alignment with the existing conference structure. Any changes to that structure need to be handled through the Conference, not through an Area who says we want to change the whole world.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Acknowledged the discussion as difficult but valuable, encouraging continued respectful dialogue and noted that we are not trying to exclude anyone, this is about alignment with the Conference.

Melissa, Member, District 27:

Provided historical context, noting the rapid growth of District 25 and suggesting the situation reflects growing pains, with potential need for broader structural solutions.

Courtney S., Area Delegate:

Shared that she is seeking guidance from GSO and other delegates and will raise the issue at the General Service Conference to gather broader input.

Rocky, Alt-GSR District 31:

Emphasized Tradition Three and inclusivity, expressing concern about excluding members based on geography.

Debbie B., DCM District 8:

Expressed pride in Area 72's willingness to engage in this and have these conversations, supporting continued leadership and discussion at the conference level.

Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Called for the question.

Point of Clarification by Dave H., GSR Morning Phoenix Group, District 19:

Are we voting on the Motion itself or just to put it on the Assembly Agenda?

Derek S., Area Chair:

This is to put it on the Assembly Agenda. Its already a motion [Motion 23.2 from 2023], this motion proposes to amend that motion.

Derek S., Area Chair:

At this time he is not going to honor the call for the question.

Motion to Table: by DCM District 36.

Moved to table the Motion for further discussion.

Seconded by DCM District 3.

Results: The Chair called that the Motion to table was approved, and the topic was tabled until the July Area Quarterly.

Derek, Area Chair:

Reported that during the break, DCM District 15 requested a vote count, and after consulting with other elected trusted servants, it was determined the original vote was too close to confirm, prompting a re-vote on the motion to table.

Heather, Area YP Chair:

Requested clarification to ensure members understood that the vote was on tabling the motion (not the motion itself) and related to placing the item on the agenda.

Derek, Area Chair:

Clarified the procedure:

- A motion to table had been made and seconded prior to the break.
- The vote appeared to me to show a simple majority, but this was disputed.
- A formal counted vote will now be taken to determine whether the Motion was tabled.

A count of a revote by show of hands was conducted on Tabling the Motion:

- 27 in favor
- 30 opposed

Derek, Area Chair: Declared the Motion is not tabled, discussion remains open.

Call for the Vote: Seeing no one at the microphones or with raised hands online, the Chair called for the vote on the Motion.

Result: Motion passed by substantial unanimity and will be on the agenda for the October Assembly.

Discussion Topic #5

Proposed Agenda Item Deadline

[Discussed first at this Quarterly because it was postponed in January due to time constraints.]

Background Information Handout Provided at Quarterly:

This discussion topic is carried over from the 2025 Assembly where discussion continued regarding solutions to accommodate the change in the Conference Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date from December 15 to September 30.

For Discussion at the April 2026 Quarterly:

- ***Does the Area Committee wish to continue or close out discussion?***
- ***Does an Area Committee Member want to present a Motion for consideration to put on the Assembly Agenda?***

Example Motion #1: Special Online Assembly on PAI(s) Only

Move that, if Area Quarterly body approves a motion that qualifies as Proposed Agenda Item for the Conference to be voted on at the Assembly, that the Area hold a one-day Special Assembly online in September on just the Proposed Agenda Item Motion(s) in time to submit to the General Service Board. The Motion and all background information to be included in all pre-assembly materials and in the August edition of the Newsletter, with the Annual Assembly to continue to be held in October.

Example Motion #2: Move Assembly Up to Last Full Weekend in September

Move that, going forward, the Area Assembly be moved to the last full weekend in September that is before September 30, as soon as feasible, so that future Assemblies are before the Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date.

NEW INFORMATION

One of the main concerns supporting this discussion is that without some way to obtain a full Area 72 conscience on a PAI before September 30, Area 72 cannot be responsive to an action taken at the Conference within the Conference cycle, i.e. if Area 72 wanted to submit a PAI in immediate response to a Conference action, that submittal would have to wait a full year before submission having missed the deadline date for the very next conference.

New information from our Past Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F. during her visit here in January, states that the Trustee's Conference Agenda Committee typically will not forward to the next Conference agenda any PAI's that are in response to the previous conference, preferring instead to let the Advisory Action stand for a couple of years before forwarding PAI's that are in response to a Conference action.

This new information does not address:

1. If Area 72 wanted to join in another Area's PAI in support; or
2. If Area 72 wanted to submit its own PAI, it would have to wait to submit until the following year for consideration at the Conference after next.

Additional Background Information:

Beginning in 2021, the General Service Board moved the Proposed Agenda Item Deadline date up from December 15 to September 15. This created an issue with a number of Areas, including Area 72, whose assemblies occur after September 15. If the Assembly Body voted to submit a Proposed Agenda Item for the General Service Conference, it now falls after the deadline date for the next General Service Conference and will have to be submitted the following year for the Conference after next.

This issue was discussed at the July 2023 Quarterly. The Area Committee decided to have an ad hoc committee to research and provide recommendations. An Ad Hoc committee was formed and presented its recommendation at the April 2024 Quarterly. It recommended changing the Area business schedule as follows: move the April Quarterly to March, the July Quarterly to June, and the Assembly to early September. This would accommodate the September 15 Deadline Date.

At the 2024 General Service Conference, the Conference voted by substantial unanimity to make the PAI Deadline Date no earlier than September 30. The Ad Hoc Committee did not reconvene given the new deadline date and the original recommendation was discussed at the July 2024 Quarterly and the October 2024 Assembly. The commentary at the microphone from the October 2024 Assembly suggested a few possible alternatives:

1. Since the deadline date has moved to September 30, it seems unnecessary to move the entire business schedule.
2. Have a special online assembly on just the PAI Motions, if any, and keep the Assembly in October.
3. Move the Assembly up 2 weeks into late September.
4. Don't change anything, A.A. moves slow so Area 72 isn't really at a disadvantage.

Further Discussion at the 2025 Area Assembly resulted in three main alternatives:

1. Have a special online assembly on just the PAI Motions, if any, and keep the Assembly in October.
2. Move the Assembly up 2 weeks into late September.
3. Don't change anything, A.A. moves slow so Area 72 isn't really at a disadvantage.

Discussion Topic Timeline:

July 2023 Quarterly – Discussion Topic raised, Ad Hoc Committee formed

April 2024 Quarterly – Ad Hoc Committee report and discussion

July 2024 Quarterly – Further Discussion

August 2024 Pre-Assemblies – Topic presented with time for Q & A

October 2024 Assembly – Further Discussion, no clear direction for a conscience

January 2025 Quarterly – Discussion postponed due to time constraints
April 2025 Quarterly – Discussion postponed due to time constraints
July 2025 Quarterly - Discussion postponed due to time constraints
August 2025 Pre-Assemblies – Topic presented with time for Q&A
October 2025 Assembly – Discussed, see 2025 Assembly Minutes Page 67-70
January 2026 Quarterly - Discussion postponed due to time constraints

Lisa S., Alternate Chair, Presented the Discussion Topic

Lisa provided new information from past Pacific Region Trustee, Kathi F., while she was here in January at the Quarterly and submitted the following questions to the committee:

- Does the Area Committee wish to continue or close out discussion?
- Does an Area Committee Member want to present a Motion for consideration to put on the Assembly Agenda?

Final note: From the Area Assembly discussion, a third wanted a special assembly, a third wanted to move the Assembly into September, and a third didn't see a need. Two-thirds wanted to do something.

Discussion:

Mike L., DCM, District 36:

Expressed support for having an option for a special online-only assembly. Suggested developing a formal process for handling proposed agenda items (PAIs), noting that the recent situation with the Alternate Treasurer highlighted the absence of a defined procedure. Seems like a good idea.

Morgan S. , Alt-DCM District 40:

Noted challenges with adjusting the current calendar due to long-term scheduling commitments. Suggested penciling in a standing special assembly (potentially online) that would only be used if needed, allowing flexibility without disrupting existing plans.

Derek, Area Chair:

Discussed the options associated with Example Motion #1 and that the discussion would be on that one item.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Asked whether a special assembly could currently be called under existing guidelines.

Derek, Area Chair:

Responded that would be open for discussion and he would poll the past delegates regarding his authority to call a special assembly. It is unclear under current guidelines and would benefit from direction from the body.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Went on to state the he felt having a written procedure that allows for a special online assembly would be something he would prefer to see.

Amiee B., Area Corrections Chair:

Asked whether the Area Committee could submit a proposed agenda item without full Area assembly input.

Derek, Area Chair:

Noted that while this may be possible, it may not be desirable, as broader group conscience carries more weight and strengthens the submission.

Derek, Area Chair:

Replied that he did not have a specific answer for that and asked the body what they felt. He went on to say that there was a proposed agenda item submitted in 2024 on the Young Peoples video by the Area Committee with only the Area Committee conscience, not the full body. He was not sure if a committee submission carries the same weight as a full Area Body submission.

Dave, District 19 Morning Phoenix Group:

Asked about how other Areas have addressed similar challenges related to deadlines and scheduling.

Eddy, Area Alternate Treasurer

Stated he was a member of the 2023 PAI Ad Hoc Committee and reported that most Areas hold multiple assemblies annually and were able to adjust schedules more easily. Noted that the ad hoc committee information is located on the Area 72 Website in the 2023 documents, he also noted that Area 72's size and single annual assembly creates unique logistical challenges.

Kelly R., Alt DCM District 14:

Spoke to the importance of aligning Area processes with A.A. principles and Traditions, emphasizing thoughtful, informed group conscience and alignment with A.A. as a whole. Accordingly, likes the idea of having something in place immediately and then also move the assembly up in 5 years so we are in alignment with other Areas and the Conference.

Joe T., DCM District 19:

Asked clarifying question regarding if we went forward with Example Motion #1 [Special Assembly Online on PAI(s) only] regarding timing and implementation of a potential special assembly in relation to quarterly meetings and pre-assembly processes.

Derek, Area Chair:

Clarified that any future process would include advance notice, background information, and integration into pre-assembly communications.

Patrick, Area Tech and Web Chair:

Shared that while the Area Committee could act independently, it would be preferable for proposed agenda items to reflect full Area group conscience rather than committee-only action.

Crystal, Past Delegate, Panel 73:

Expressed support for Option 1, noting it provides a balanced approach by allowing vetting through the Area Committee while maintaining broader participation. Highlighted that submissions from an Area carry more weight at the General Service Conference level.

Jana Alt-DCM, District 9:

Observed there are two-thirds who want to do something and expressed support for moving forward with discussion and encouraged placing the topic on the assembly agenda.

Derek, Area Chair:

Noted that it would be possible to put both motions on the assembly agenda and see what the body has to say.

Josh B., DCM District 17:

Suggested that predictable processes, such as submitting proposed agenda items, may be better suited to existing structures rather than special assemblies, emphasizing broad participation through regular scheduling.

Sansannah J., Alt-DCM District 3:

Asked whether proposals would be vetted through a committee process to ensure adequate background information and informed decision-making.

Houston, Area Registrar:

Expressed support for a temporary solution using a special assembly, while also encouraging consideration of long-term structural changes, including potential schedule adjustments and a July Assembly.

Teri DCM, District 42:

Supported including a special assembly option in the Area calendar ahead of time while noting concerns about costs and logistics associated with moving the annual assembly.

Lupita, Area Alt-Delegate:

Neat conversation. Wants to hear what the groups thoughts are as well. Encouraged members to bring feedback from their groups and districts into the discussion.

Lisa, Area Alternate Chair:

Wanted to say that most of the contracts that we have currently signed are moveable and don't have a cost difference associated with moving them, but there is no guarantee they will be movable in October. If we go to a special assembly, could we try it for a couple years and see how it goes.

Kari M., DCM District 44:

Shared district support for a one-day online special assembly if needed, noting the Area's ability to respond effectively when necessary.

Lisa J., DCM District 24:

Highlighted cost and participation concerns related to moving assemblies to summer months, based on prior discussions and group feedback.

Melissa, Member, District 27:

Said it would be easier to skip 5 years down the road and plan those in the future to allow for those host committees to make plans for the adjusted committees, quarterlies and assembly dates. Gave example in 2023, we missed joining Area 58 on ASL Proposed Agenda Item.

Mike D., DCM District 10:

My district currently feels we should do nothing about it, but with Lisa's new information I believe it would be worthwhile bringing it back to our groups and districts for more discussion on both motions.

Dan DCM, District 3:

I don't recall bringing this up with my district, but my sense is that we would like to see these motions on the agenda so the groups can discuss, individually, likes a combination of the motions.

Debbie DCM, District 8:

Likes the idea of having a way to deal with this by the special assembly.

Louise W., GSR District 25:

Wanted to know how often this would happen that we would need to move the assembly to July.

Amanda M., Alt-DCM District 29:

Shared her home group had a strong opinion in favor of Example Motion 2 [Move Assembly into September] and that we move the assembly up, but also there should be something in writing so the Area Chairperson could call a special assembly if needed. So both options.

John C., DCM District 45:

Noted general lack of urgency from groups and suggested that moving the annual assembly to the last weekend in September may be the simplest long-term solution, while cautioning against permanent structural changes for infrequent needs.

Ricky T., Alt-DCM District 16:

Suggested delaying action until the July quarterly to allow districts and groups more time to review options and provide input. He also noted a big difference between in person and online meetings.

Courtney, Area Delegate:

Provided additional background on the proposed agenda item process, noting that:

- The form has been updated to add a line stating who is submitting the request.
- Submissions from Areas carry greater influence
- Items may take multiple years to reach the Conference agenda
- Urgent items are relatively rare
- Encouraged careful consideration before implementing significant structural changes.

John K., DCM District 35:

The groups in my district couldn't come up with anything they thought would be that urgent. Moving the assembly back causes a lot of confusion with people going back to school and a variety of other conflicting items. Thereby an online option with a set date would be our choice.

Motion Kari M., DCM District 44:

Move to place “Example Motion #1: Special Online Assembly on PAI(s) Only” on the Assembly Agenda.

Second: District 38.

Motion: Special Online Assembly on PAI(s) Only

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Discussion on the Motion:

John DCM, District 45:

Expressed concern that advancing only Motion 1 could limit GSRs’ ability to consider alternative options. Noted that some groups favor a schedule change (Motion 2) and emphasized the importance of preserving choice for the GSRs.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Noted that the quarterly process already provides opportunity for DCMs to take discussion back to districts and GSRs. Emphasized that GSRs will still be informed of both options and can bring forward additional motions if desired. Expressed support for trying Example Motion #1 as a practical step forward after extended discussion.

Louise W., GSR District 25:

Raised concern about whether a September special assembly would provide sufficient time to meet submission deadlines.

Josh C., DCM District 11:

Expressed concern that a special online assembly could create participation challenges by requiring trusted servants to attend two assemblies in close succession. Suggested that moving the annual assembly may result in greater participation.

Teri H., DCM District 42:

Spoke in favor of having a planned special assembly option available without requiring major schedule changes. Noted that maintaining flexibility in the calendar may better accommodate members’ schedules.

Derek, Area Chair:

Clarified that the PAI deadline is September 30, and that both Motion 1 and Motion 2 would fall within that timeframe.

Janna Alt DCM, District 9:

Asked whether both motions could be placed on the Assembly agenda and discussed through the regular process, allowing GSRs time to consider both options.

Derek, Area Chair:

Confirmed that both motions could be placed on the Assembly agenda if separately moved and explained how future implementation could render one motion unnecessary depending on outcomes.

Eddy, Area Treasurer and former PAI Ad Hoc Committee Member:

Shared that the committee had previously recommended adjusting the assembly schedule rather than implementing a special assembly, citing concerns about accessibility (online participation barriers) and increased demands on trusted servants. Also expressed openness to a hybrid or interim solution while long-term changes are considered.

Crystal J., Past Delegate:

Spoke in favor of Motion 1 as a limited, less resource-intensive approach. Compared it to a trial or pilot, suggesting it allows the Area to test a solution without committing to significant structural change. Encouraged focusing discussion on whether the motion is ready for the Assembly agenda.

Joe T., DCM District 19:

Noted that discussion within his district has been limited and expressed concern about voting without clear district group conscience. Suggested that additional time could improve the quality of the decision.

Derek, Area Chair:

Explained the tabling process stating that once a motion is on the floor, we need to either vote on it today or table it until a future date at which time we would vote to take it off the table and continue discussion.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Just wanted to make clear, we are not voting on the motion itself, we are simply voting on whether to put it on the Assembly Agenda.

Mary W. Alt-DCM District 45:

Asked clarifying questions regarding the PAI deadline language and timing.

Derek, Area Chair:

Confirmed that the deadline is no earlier than September 30 and has remained unchanged.

Morgan S., Alt-DCM District 40:

Expressed preference for having both Motion 1 and Motion 2 presented to the Assembly to allow GSRs to consider all options. Indicated reluctance to support Motion 1 independently if the alternative option is not also considered.

Pete P., DCM District 22:

Shared that his district supports moving forward with Motion 1 and expressed readiness to proceed, suggesting that additional motions could be brought forward if needed.

Dan DCM, District 3:

Observed that the body appeared divided and that additional district input may be beneficial.

Dan DCM, District 3: Moved to table Motion 1 until the July Quarterly

to allow further discussion at the district and group level.

Second: District 45

Derek, Area Chair: Called for a vote on the motion to table.

Result: Motion to table passed. Motion 1 discussion was deferred to the July Quarterly.

Derek, Area Chair:

Confirmed that no motion was made regarding Example Motion 2 and indicated the discussion on the topic would be closed, with Motion 1 having been tabled to the July Quarterly.

Lisa S., Alternate Chair:

Asked for clarification on the implications of tabling the motion, specifically whether the same motion would return in July. Expressed concern that the current wording of Motion 1 may lack clarity and suggested that without revisions, the body may encounter similar challenges when the motion is reconsidered. Asked whether there is an opportunity to refine the language prior to July.

Derek, Area Chair:

Responded that the intent of the motion is clear and that minor edits could be addressed when the motion is brought back from the table in July. Indicated that the body would have the opportunity at that time to review the motion and consider amendments.

Crystal, Past Delegate:

Noted that the motion as written in the background materials appears clear and suggested that any confusion may have resulted from transcription or formatting errors when the motion was displayed.

Derek, Area Chair:

Explained that the version of the motion shown on screen may have contained transcription or formatting discrepancies from the original Word document and confirmed that the version in the background packet should be considered the accurate reference.

Lisa DCM, District 24:

Clarified that, even in the printed background materials, there were still elements of the wording she found unclear and reiterated the importance of addressing those concerns prior to reconsideration.

Derek, Area Chair:

Confirmed that any concerns regarding wording and clarity can be addressed through discussion and amendment when the motion is taken from the table in July.

Houston, Area Registrar:

Asked for clarification regarding whether input on the motion could be provided prior to July, and whether an ad hoc committee exists to support that process.

Derek, Area Chair:

Clarified that the prior ad hoc committee concluded its work in a previous rotation and is no longer active. Noted that while work on the topic has continued, it has not been through a formal committee structure. Further explained that background information has been developed and provided over the course of the current rotation to support informed discussion, and that input may be shared directly with the Chair. Indicated that a new committee is not considered necessary at this time.

Discussion Topic #6

Alternate Registrar

Background Information Handout Provided at Quarterly:

Discuss whether Area 72 would benefit from creating an Alternate Registrar appointed position to assist the Registrar during the rotation while training to be Area Registrar the following rotation.

Presented for discussion by the Area Registrar, Area Secretary (Past Registrar) and Area Chair

SUMMARY

The only authorized users of Fellowship Connection with data input permissions in an Area are Area Registrars, and if an Area has one, the Alternate Registrar. Fellowship Connection is A.A.'s database of all listed groups, districts, areas, and trusted servants in the U.S. and Canada. It is how your group and its GSR are connected with our Area and also the General Service Office and all the services they provide to the groups throughout

the U.S. and Canada, including the Meeting Guide App, GSR packets and real time updates within our fellowship.

1. Our Area has a Registrar but not an Alternate Registrar
2. Our Area is one of the larger areas in the Conference in terms of number of Districts and listed groups. See schedule entitled Areas by Number of Groups attached.
3. All group registrations, GSR changes, district committee changes and Area Committee changes run through the Area Registrar.
4. At the turn of the rotation, we have a new Registrar coming in and all the districts, group GSRs and the area appointeds are all changing at once
5. It can be overwhelming to get up to speed and then get through inputting the all changes from the rotation change.
6. The number of hours required by the Registrar per week and month are often more than one has available for service.
7. The Area has often struggled due to the time commitment and skills this position requires.
8. This year, our Registrar was behind and our Secretary Don enlisted as temporary Alternate Registrar so he could access Fellowship Connection and work with our Registrar to get our Area all caught up.

Example:

Area body approves the Alternate Registrar position by motion as a non-voting support position to be selected like all appointed positions. The Alternate Registrar would train during the rotation in preparation for becoming the Registrar the following rotation with a new Alternate Registrar coming in after that. At the turn of every rotation, the incoming Registrar would already be trained to handle turn of the rotation changes Area-wide. The new Alternate Registrar could then share in the workload during the rotation and step in as necessary to avoid any downtime where the Registrar unavailable during the rotation.

From Current Registrar for Area 72 AA.

There is research to be done regarding this discussion topic, and I hopefully will be able to get this information together prior to the April Assembly. The following information to be gathered is as follows:

1. How many Areas currently have Alt Registrar's?
2. Where does Area 72 AA stand in numbers of Districts and Groups in comparison to the other US and Canada Areas? (see Areas by Number Schedule attached)
3. How do the Area's that have Alt Registrars, elect, approve and position these trusted servants?
4. What are the possible talents, background or previous experience that could be recommended (but not required) to help our Board with choosing a Registrar and Alt Registrar in the future?
5. How do we best educate and support our District Registrar's with their service to the districts?

6. Due to the work of the Registrar Position and the Area's access to the AA Fellowship Connection database. Would additional help who has access to processing constantly changing information be helpful?
7. How do we truly create a team experience for the District Registrars and their Groups Service Representatives with the Area Registrar.
 - a. What education is needed?
 - b. What support and interaction can bring about greater success in listing our Area, District, and Group Trusted Servants?

As the current Registrar I want to say that these are questions that need to be answered for Area 72 so that the service work of this position is manageable as service and not a full-time unpaid job. It may have been manageable by those in the past, however, for me it simply has not been and so I am hoping to help our Area by asking these questions and asking the Area to discuss our needs and the best way to create service that is reasonable and a team experience with the General Service Office – Member Services, Area Trusted Servants, the District Trusted Servants and the members through our GSR's and Alt GSR's. This is a very worthwhile and exciting challenge, and I look forward to discussing and possibly coming to a solution with all of you over the rest of this year!

Additional Information:

Area 72 is a large area with 44 Districts and 2813 Groups listed with AA Fellowship Connections in all statuses:

Active - 896

Inactive - 1096

Incomplete - 17

Merged - 39

Pending (New) - 7

Predated - 2

Unknown - 633

Houston, Area 72 Registrar Presented the Discussion Topic

Reported that the Area Registrar position carries a significant and ongoing workload, driven by continuous group, GSR, district, and area updates, particularly during rotation changes. She noted that Area 72 is among the larger areas (top ~19% in districts and ~7% in number of groups), contributing to the volume of work, along with a high level of group activity and contributions. Houston shared that the workload has at times required substantial time commitments, creating challenges in keeping the Area fully up to date.

After consultation with GSO, it was identified that Areas may utilize an Alternate Registrar, who can also access the Fellowship Connection database. Houston reported that a temporary alternate arrangement was implemented (with Don assisting) to help bring the Area closer to being current.

The primary question posed to the Area was whether to consider establishing a permanent Alternate Registrar position to better manage workload and improve continuity. Potential approaches discussed included:

- Shared responsibilities across districts
- Training models for rotation continuity

Houston emphasized that additional data and input from GSO and other Areas is being gathered, with the goal of bringing a more informed discussion forward by July.

Discussion:

Lisa J., DCM District 24:

Asked for clarification on whether all data is manually entered into Fellowship Connection; Houston confirmed that most updates require manual entry, with some changes requiring coordination with GSO, creating additional back-and-forth and delays.

Teri H., DCM District 42:

Supported the idea of an Alternate Registrar from the very beginning. Asked about whether a staggered rotation, allowing continuous training and smoother transitions;

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Houston confirmed this as one possible model under consideration.

Bud W., Area Accessibility Chair:

Shared long-term observations that Area Registrars consistently struggle with workload, noting the position can be intimidating; he supported building team-based support to make the role more sustainable.

Mike D., DCM District 10:

Asked whether year-round, including whether the role could rotate mid-panel to improve continuity and training; Houston noted there are natural lulls, but they are often not felt due to backlog, and emphasized the benefit of overlapping roles.

Mike L., DCM District 36:

Expressed support for further research and suggested gathering input from other Area registrars; and past registrars, he noted the discussion highlighted both workload and system limitations. Seems reasonable to him.

Rose B. DCM District 7:

Stated that the workload described (e.g., extended hours over time) appears unreasonable for a single volunteer, expressing support for exploring an alternate position.

David H., DCM District 54:

Noted difficulties with both district and Area Registrars. Great opportunity to introduce tech support, suggested exploring technology solutions or improved tools to reduce manual data entry and duplication of effort.

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Clarified that the database itself is functional but limited, and that Area 72's process (collecting complete data locally before submission) contributes to workload; she emphasized she is managing within reasonable time limits but backlog can still occur.

Alan F., Past Delegate Panel 69:

Affirmed the value of the discussion process, encouraged broader research into how other Areas structure the registrar role (elected vs. appointed), and offered to assist with research efforts. Why do area's with electeds seem to work better.

Theresa H., Area Treasurer:

Raised considerations about budget impact, including whether an alternate position would attend quarterlies and incur additional expenses.

Josh B., DCM District 17:

Asked whether the workload reflects gradual growth or recent changes;

Houston L., Area Registrar:

Houston responded that both volume and process complexity contribute, including managing over 2,800 meetings (with ~1,020 active) and frequent update requests requiring multi-step coordination. Meetings with unknown status, those changes don't register. There is a lot of side work that goes with each change. Had to start calling people.

Melissa, District 27 Registrar:

Shared firsthand experience of communication challenges and delays, noting improved understanding through registrar meetings and expressing appreciation for increased communication and support.

Debbie DCM, District 8:

Emphasized that even at the district level, registrar work is continuous and demanding, reinforcing that the Area role is significantly more intensive.

Derek S., Area Chair:

Closed the discussion; reminded everyone to take this to their groups.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility – Bud W.

Name: Bud Wasierski

Position: Area72 Accessibility Chair

Date: 03/23/226

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Attending the Accessibility quarterlies warms my heart and recharges my service to other batteries. I encourage anyone who is feeling a little down or glum to attend our January quarterly Saturday January 17th.
- We had a successful Quarterly in January 2026, it was “online only” it was well attended about 26 people
- We added new district chairs to our area 72 Accessibility Committee
- I represented Accessibilities at two Road Shows in the Puget Sound area
- I attended the PI quarterly hosted by District 24, that was fun.
- I attended PRAASA for the second time in my 10 years of sobriety, I attended a workshop on Safety in AA. I learned that our Oregon Area has a Chair position for Safety on its elected panel. I met a friend named Andy out of Area 6 in California who is an expert on Safety in AA. He gave me his contact info. The chair of safety in Oregon told me to reach out to her for templates on Safety workshops.

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

- Getting the minutes out timely. I really want to get them out within 2 weeks after the quarterly.
- Getting flyers for the next Quarterly out early.
- Keeping chairs up to date with accessibility-related events and information.

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

- To get minutes out timely, communicate with the chairs more regularly and encourage interdistrict communication and collaboration.
- We will be having a hybrid quarterly in April, look for the flyer on the flyer wall of the online newsletter and yes I will email it to you all. The date is fixed, 3rd Saturday in April. 10am -2pm with a 20 minute break in the middle.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or comments, I am easily reached at accessibility@area72aa.org or my cell phone number 253.392.4748

Your service sib,

John (Bud) Wasierski

Archives Chair – Jennifer R.

Name: Jennifer R

Position: Archives Chair

Date: 4/4/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- District 14 (West Seattle, White Center, and Vashon Island) hosted our Quarterly in February. It was especially meaningful to return to a district I previously served as DCM, where members were highly engaged and enthusiastic. Our quarterly focused on learning how to collect oral histories using QR codes for direct access to our committee's website to encourage oral history nominations and participation. District archivists expressed a strong connection to this work through their home groups, recognizing that oral histories preserve the "language of the heart" and capture the living story of how traditions and customs develop within the autonomy of each meeting. I supported District 24 afterward in developing an oral history form and flyer to increase submissions for their own district archives. If you know of anyone who you think would have an amazing oral history in your district, please consider nominating them.
- I attended PRAASA, where I had the honor of serving as moderator for the Past Trustees panel and later submitted an article reflecting on the experience. It was deeply meaningful and impactful. It's one of those moments in my service journey that I will always hold close to my heart. Witnessing the trustees share how their spiritual paths led them to serve at this level was profoundly moving. Though fully human, they exemplify a depth of spiritual transformation that allows them to continue showing up for our fellowship with grace, humility and love. It is an experience I will never forget.
- The Archives Steering Committee has engaged in thoughtful, solution-oriented discussions over the past few months in two key areas: first, working in partnership with the Newsletter Committee as our area transitions to a fully digital format, where we were guided by GSO digital archiving guidelines and, through collaboration, developed a simple and reliable monthly archiving process. Second, we filled a vacant ASC position through thorough, thoughtful, and inclusive dialogue. We recognize that our Area provides the tools to stay meaningfully connected despite physical distance. Ultimately, we welcomed Kevin E., District 25 Archives Chair, whose years of experience, technical knowledge, and willingness to serve will strengthen our ASC and our shared responsibility to preserve Area 72's history.
- Currently, I am serving as Secretary for the La Viña 30th Anniversary Planning Committee. As a Hispanic woman living in Seattle, I have at times felt a

disconnect from my culture compared to my experience growing up in Los Angeles. Through service with our linguistic districts, that connection is being gracefully restored. Being alongside other Hispanic trusted servants has allowed me to reconnect with my roots, practice my Spanish, and be of service as a translator and in preparing the minutes. In doing so, I feel I am honoring both my heritage and my Higher Power. This service has nourished my spirit and strengthened my connection to both the program and a vital part of who I am.

- We are in the early stages of host committee planning for the National AA Archives Workshop to be held in Tacoma this year. I've been given the privilege of serving as coordinator for Traveling Displays and Literature. I stand willing and available to support Michaela, our past Archives Chair and this event's host committee chair, in visiting districts throughout Area 72 to help carry awareness of the event. Through this work, we recognized that linguistic districts have not always been fully informed about archival service at past national events. With that awareness, I've had the opportunity to connect with and invite trusted servants from our linguistic communities to participate in sharing information and extending the hand of inclusion. Our intention is to be more inclusive and reflective of the full diversity of A.A. regardless of language or background, so all feel welcomed and represented in this vital area of service. This effort has been both humbling and spiritually rewarding, as it aligns with our primary purpose and the spirit of unity.
- The Archives Steering Committee launched Traveling Display Workshops to support increased event participation and train volunteers outside the committee. These workshops teach both the technical skills needed to safely handle and display one-of-a-kind archival items, and the spiritual principles of engaging A.A. members with respect and care. Volunteers learn how to warmly welcome participants while setting healthy boundaries that protect the integrity of the archives, helping ensure our materials remain both accessible and preserved through informed, confident service.
- As a member of the Web Steering Committee, I'm grateful to be part of our shared effort to keep our website alive, relevant, and in service to the Fellowship. In that spirit, the Archives Steering Committee has updated and rebranded the former pandemic survey into the "Group Life Survey", with the intention of creating something that continues to serve us well into the future. We humbly invite all groups to participate, as this effort was born from the understanding that not every member had the opportunity to share their experience in *Our Stories Disclosed III*, and we seek to widen the circle, so every voice has a place. By making this survey available through our website, we offer a more accessible path for members to carry their experience forward, helping us begin early,

thoughtful data collection that can inform future archives projects.

- This year, I felt a deep sense of willingness to participate in all the pre-conference sessions, both to support Courtney and to more fully engage in the conference process that was designed to ensure that every voice in A.A. is heard. What stood out most to me was the spirit of unity and the wide range of perspectives across Area 72. It was inspiring. There is a real sense that our fellowship is alive with purpose and deeply committed to carrying the message. I'm grateful to be part of a body so passionate about our program.

Problems, Issues, Challenges

- We still have OSD3 two volume sets available at the repository, as well as through your local Intergroups and CSO's. The price has been reduced from \$25 to \$15 for the two-volume set. Please reach out to Donna H. if you'd like to purchase a set from the repository.
- At this point in the rotation, I am beginning focus on next rotation. The Archives Steering Committee has selected our recommendation for the next Archivist to be submitted to the incoming electeds for next rotation's Appointed Trusted Servants. At the same time, I am seeking interest among our DCMs for the Archives Chair position. One of the challenges for me is that I don't yet have much personal connection with many of you, and I would truly love the opportunity to get to know each of you better. If anyone feels a calling toward serving as the Archives Chair or simply wants to learn more about what we do please feel free to reach out to me via area email a archiveschair@area72aa.org. I look forward to chatting with you.

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

- Review and update Archives Steering Committee web page and explore adding videos
- Continue to develop digital archive resources
- Deliver archives presentations to increase awareness and service opportunities in archives
- Organize and Chair in the May 2, 2026, Archives Quarterly, thank you to Wes and District 28 for hosting us in Chehalis.
- Area outreach to encourage your groups to participate in the Group Life Survey
- Continue participating in the planning of the National AA Archives Workshop (September 10-13, 2026, Tacoma, WA).
- Continued Participation and/or planning in the upcoming events taking place in Area 72 including but not limited to:
 - Cap Jam in Lacey
 - Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC)

- La Viña 30th Anniversary
- Step Ashore Conference in Ocean Shores
- National AA Archives Workshop at Washington State Museum in Tacoma, WA
- PRAASA 2027

Archivist – Maryland N.

Name: Maryland N.

Position: Archivist

District Number:

Date: 3/31/26

Since the January quarterly, our Archives volunteers have been active.

Donna and a team of volunteers attended the Blending of Time conference in Tacoma, which was successful. I was also able to attend PRAASA and bring back the archives materials for PRAASA 2027. In addition, the Repository has been able to receive and store archival materials that came from Hawaii.

This was followed by an incredibly productive work party in March, with strong participation from members of District 31.

We are currently developing what we are calling “niche displays”—collections of materials that reflect diverse cultural and remote backgrounds. The goal is to help individuals see themselves represented within our Archives displays.

Yesterday morning, a group of volunteers transported and set up the Archives display for the Men’s International Roundup in SeaTac. The display Quarterly Report in just over two hours. I will also be present for the packing and loading. We are grateful for the volunteers who made this possible, and especially to Dean, Past Archivist, who continues to provide strong leadership in this effort.

Looking ahead, we will be participating in several upcoming events:

- The 85th Anniversary A.A. meeting at Emerald Downs on April 18
- CAPJAM in Lacey in June
- The Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) in Vancouver at the end of June, where we will bring selected display materials

As Archivist, I continue to coordinate oral history efforts. We are scheduling a second interview with Crystal, Past Delegate, and both Dave Tully and Astri have agreed to take part in oral histories.

Planning is also ongoing for the National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) 2026 in Tacoma.

Addendum

Reflections from Volunteers

Archives Work Party 3/15/26, 12-2 – Area 72 Repository

3905 Steilacoom Boulevard SW, Lakewood, WA

At the conclusion of the archives work party, volunteers were invited to share what they learned, felt, and were taking away from the experience. Each participant introduced themselves and spoke briefly about their impressions.

– 5 Months Sober

“I’m five months sober, so everything is new to me—the terms, the acronyms, all of it. It can be a little overwhelming. But there’s also a real sense of awe. I didn’t realize how organized A.A. is, or how many committees and conferences and connections there are, all working together.

What amazes me is that all of that organization ultimately exists to connect with one individual alcoholic. And right now, I’m the benefit of that.

In this short five months, I’ve already experienced that. I look around and think, wow—people have a lot more energy than I do to organize all of this! But it’s incredible. I’m just really in awe.”

– 10 Months Sober

“I’m an alcoholic. Today is ten months for me.

It feels like a milestone and a really special treat to be here. So much has changed in my life. One thing I’ve really embraced in recovery is that I get to learn something new every day in this program. And today felt like icing on the cake.

Seeing the history of A.A.—publications and materials from before I was even born—gave me a deeper sense of connection and gratitude for this program. It really moved me to think about how long this fellowship has existed and how many people have given their time and energy to preserve it so that it’s available to people like me.

I'm also someone who loves old things. I'm a saver and an antiquer. I would honestly love to spend a whole day in here just looking at everything.

Even the simple work we did—organizing things by date so someone could find them someday—felt meaningful. It might seem small, but it feels like one tiny way I can help the future of A.A. That felt really joyful to me.”

What I feel right now reminds me of my first night making coffee at a meeting. That warm sense of humility—realizing I'm plugged into something much bigger than myself.

Seeing that generations of people cared enough about this fellowship to preserve its history and literature is pretty amazing.

For me, service has always been something that recharges my enthusiasm for staying close to the fellowship—staying close to the herd.

I'm also a big believer in the triangle—Recovery, Unity, and Service—and how each side holds up the other two. Today just filled me with gratitude to be a part of that.”

– Sobriety Date September 7, 2024

“I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is September 7, 2024.

I love history and antiquing, so getting to touch pieces of A.A. history today was incredible. I got to read a letter thanking someone for becoming a delegate and expressing gratitude for their service. That felt really special.

I also got to handle an older edition of the Alcoholics Anonymous book. Looking at it and realizing how old it was—seeing that history in my hands—was amazing.

It made me curious about my own place in the timeline of A.A. history. I started wondering what was happening in A.A. the year I was born.

It's a great honor to do this kind of service as part of my recovery. I know I'll be back, because this is something I could see myself doing for a long time, wherever my recovery takes me.”

“I'm alcoholic.

I'll be honest—I came here with a little 'contempt prior to investigation.' I was supposed to be somewhere else working this weekend, but the mountain passes were closed, so

I couldn't get there. My sponsee was coming here, so I figured I'd go along and set a good example.

Like a lot of things in A.A., I didn't understand the benefit until after I did it.

I've always loved A.A. history. Writers like Ernest Kurtz and William Schaberg have done incredible work telling the story of A.A., and they could only do that because archivists preserved the material for them.

Today I got to see that work up close. I got to hold the papers that show the hand of God woven through this fellowship.

It felt like the difference between writing a check and actually going on the mission trip. Today I got to put my hands in and do the work. I got to be a small piece of it.

It was a beautiful experience. I loved it.”

“I'm an alcoholic.

A.A. history has always fascinated me. Being able to come here and physically work with the history of our area feels like a beautiful thing.

What really stands out to me is the connection—our group coming together to serve something larger than ourselves. Preserving our history also means preserving our future.

I'm old-school, die-hard A.A. I want to see the message preserved strong and clear for the next generation. I don't want it watered down.

After today, I'm planning to bring this back to my home group. We already have a treatment commitment on the even months, and I'm going to propose that we come volunteer here on the odd months.

Today brought me closer to God. That's really what I'm leaving with.”

Closing Reflections

As Archivist I expressed deep gratitude to the group for their willingness to come, drive to the repository, and work so diligently throughout the day. The shelves they organized and the materials they processed represent part of a much larger story—one built over decades by archivists, volunteers, and trusted servants who cared enough to save the history of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The group closed with the Responsibility Statement:

“I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.”

This was a beautiful moment of A.A. in action.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Sooz B.

Name: Sooz

Position: CPC Chair

District number: 19

Date: 3/22/26

What a great quarterly we had on Saturday, February 7th. The energy in the room and the level of thoughtful discussion were incredible. Thank you all for showing up and engaging so fully.

Dan and John District 35 hosted a wonderful quarterly meeting and gave an excellent presentation on their Issaquah school project. They have begun taking meetings into a middle school and have already returned for follow-up visits. Brandi, a non-alcoholic teacher who had previously worked with AA in another district, recognized that this was a vital piece missing from the curriculum when she moved to Issaquah. She reached out and invited us in. District 35 answered the call and has been showing up in force.

A huge thank-you to Brandi for joining us at the quarterly as our educator, she was absolutely fantastic and a true asset. We are grateful for her perspective and willingness to share.

We also heard from Heather, Area 72’s Young People’s Chair. She closed the event with inspiration and practical ideas for better collaboration with the Young People’s Committee. She shared her personal journey, both spiritual and professional as a social worker, and offered guidance on how CPC representatives can approach youth in hospital settings—many of whom are on lockdown for mental health reasons while also struggling with substance use, including alcoholism. These young people are often an overlooked population in AA outreach.

And finally—Bob’s cookies. Always a highlight.

Our next quarterly will be held on May 9th, hosted by Puget Sound Central Office (note: the event will take place at Steilacoom Community Church). This will be a blended Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community event. We are

excited to welcome Tim C from the national PI/CPC East Bay working group, which he and others started in 2020. He will share insights on how other areas across North America are approaching this work. Our own past delegate, Bob F, will also speak and share his firsthand memories of the (once controversial) decision to establish the CPC Committee in Area 72. Oooh, we love controversy.

In January, the Landing Page Committee was formed, and we got right to work creating a public-facing webpage for professionals. This small but highly motivated group has already developed a full concept! We plan to share the prototype with non-alcoholic professionals for feedback and remain on track to meet our June deadline to transition the project to the Web and Tech Committee.

The CPC in Action Roadshow Committee has also been meeting weekly. We are ready to send the coloring book to the printer and look forward to launching it soon. Upcoming events include:

- June 6 – District 18 (South King/ North Pierce Area)
- August 8 – District 55 (Sequim)
- September 12 – District 31 (Grace Lutheran, Tacoma)
- TBD – District 07 (Vancouver)
- TBD – Districts 03 & 12 (Snohomish County)
- Q4- District 58 (Spanish Only)
- Q4- District 25 (Online Only)

Flyers with confirmed details will be shared soon. These events are open to all AA members, please help spread the word. Let's make sure everyone understands what CPC is and how they can cooperate with the professional community. Thank you to the Roadshow team!

Corrections – Aimee B.

Name: Aimee B.
Position: Corrections Chair
District: 3
Date: 3/22/26

Hello Area 72!

We just had our corrections quarterly on March 21, and I'm excited to announce we have five members of the corrections committee that are forming into an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibility of adding an in-house sponsorship program. This program is already being used in Southern California and was developed down there by a hospital and institutions committee. It has been profoundly successful. The ad hoc committee will be looking at the training modules and making a recommendation based on their findings.

We have spent \$3k of our \$8k literature budget so far this quarter. Our committee thanks you, Area 72, for allowing us to keep the hand of AA available at facilities through the literature budget. Many pamphlets and books are being read because you said yes!!!!

The bid committee for the national corrections conference (NCC) that was focused on area 92 has now committed to bringing the NCC to Seattle in 2028! We have asked our correction committee chairs to ask for some Western Washington theme ideas for buttons and T-shirts. I'm excited to see what comes of that.

Love you all,
Aimee B.

Grapevine and Literature – Jack J.

Name: Jack Johnston

Position: Chair

District number: GV/Lit, aka Grapevine, la Vina, and Literature

Date: 03/23/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Quarterly hosted by District 17 with online presentation by Kimberly L, the A.A.G.V., Inc. Coordinator for Grapevine Representatives
- Attended a meeting of the Pacific Region Guidelines Committee for the Celebration of La Vina, in San Jose, CA
- Worked with Hispanic members and other Area servants on the committee for celebration of the 30th Anniversary of La Vina
- Represented Grapevine Literature at District 34 Business meeting
- Coordinating with District 14 Archives on a QR-code service piece for access to literature and 7th Tradition contributions
- Working with District 34 to host a writing workshop for Grapevine and la Vina during the June Quarterly, with participation of a local A.A. whose been published, and a member of the Editorial Board of GV.

- Assisting Grapevine and Literature reps determine which of the many resources they “should” share with their groups and districts
- Facilitating discussion on Grapevine self-support

Language Coordinator – Charley P.

Name: Charley P.

Position: Area Language Coordinator

District Number: 56

Date: April 10, 2026

Quarterly Report – Q1, Panel 75

Hello Area 72,

The past quarter has been incredibly busy! Thank you, as always, to Claudia and Reggie, our interpreters, for helping us to provide Spanish translation for Area 72.

Accomplishments This Quarter

- Both the Public Information Quarterly and the Grapevine/Literature Quarterly fell on the same day. Despite the overlap, we successfully provided interpretation for both. A massive thank you to Reggie for being available and flexible to ensure we were able to have full coverage.
- We also provided interpretation at the Central Districts Preconference.
- We loaned the interpretation equipment to the Burien Little Assembly. Thank you Burien for returning the equipment promptly!
- Claudia has translated dozens of documents, including a huge influx for this Quarterly.

Challenges & Solutions

- Due to some personal availability issues on my end, we’ve had to reschedule several of our Language Steering Committee meetings recently. I appreciate the committee’s patience with the sporadic meetings.
- I want to acknowledge a delay in payment for our third remote interpreter, Connie, who assisted us during the January Area Inventory. I am happy to report that this has been fully sorted out and she has been paid. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Connie for her incredible work and her patience with us.

Goals for Next Quarter

- My primary goal for the next quarter is to get the Language Steering Committee back on a consistent, monthly meeting schedule.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Charley P. Area 72 Language Coordinator

Newsletter Editor – Erin E.

Name: Erin Ewing

Position: Newsletter Editor

District number: 40

Date: 4/11/26

April Newsletter Report

We have brought NFC (Near Field Communication) cards
Smart/Phone Hold near your device
OR

QR code on back

Take To Meetings & Spread The Word

Groups & Districts [Sponsor]

The Web Site is Growing & Evolving

Based on your requests & feedback to bring you the function & stories you want. This past quarter we have worked with the other area committees:

Registrar: Distribution the data was used to create accounts and invites for all registered groups

Accessibility: we conducted an Audit & Made Changes based on the info we gathered. We now have increased our grade to an AA Rating

Archives: Establish a Standard for archival purposes

Language: Create Accurate Translation both from ENG to ESP & ESP to ENG
Our future goals are to create more Content & Submissions

Submit Story

Submit Flyer

Sanshannah is our Events Editor

Prompt & Topic Suggestion System

Erin Ewing
Panel 75 Area Newsletter Editor
206-354-8228

Public Information – Julie U.

Name: Julie Udell
Position: Public Information Chair
District Number:
Date: 3/22/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Our PI Quarterly was held on February 14th with 22 members attending both online and in person. We extend our gratitude to District 24 for hosting. Our Accessibilities Chair, Bud W., joined us as the guest speaker and offered an eye-opening presentation on how PI can collaborate effectively with Accessibilities. Thank you, Bud, for a truly impactful talk. Our PI chairs continue to stay active, connecting with schools, nursing programs, health fairs, and many other community opportunities.
- During the meeting, we focused on two key areas: Media and Public Requests—are we prepared when inquiries come in, and what exactly is PI’s role?—and Community Visibility—identifying where we can show up to inform the public about Alcoholics Anonymous. These topics sparked thoughtful discussion and valuable insights.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Mobilizing home groups to embrace Public Information as a vital group responsibility not just an Area or District role. How to actively work with District PI chairs to build strong, engaged PI committees by recruiting members directly from their home groups and empowering them to take meaningful action in their communities.

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

- Excited for our May Quarterly. This will be a combined meeting with Cooperation with the Professional Community Area Chair and CPC Chairs. Looking forward to great learnings and collaboration.
- Creating graphics for Bus Sign project and having them approved and ready to go.

Registrar – Houston L.

Name: Houston L
Position: Registrar
District Number: 25 (Practice these Principles – 4th Dimension)
Date: 3/23/26

I want to thank all members for allowing me to be of service to Area 72 AA. I am honored and humbled every day in service as the Area Registrar.

First, I want to reflect on the past six+ weeks of actions taken by the Area 72 Newsletter Tech Expert John B and myself. The next paragraphs are a written report by John, letting all of us celebrate actions taken by transferring already kept information by the Area 72 Registrar for the past mailing of our paper Area Newsletter. I will let John explain, take it away John.... [The Registrar maintains Area service-contact records through Fellowship Connection, the A.A. system used to update, search, and download group, service-position, and contact information. Historically, that information was used to mail the printed newsletter. With the transition to the Area Newsletter site, I worked with John B., the Area Newsletter tech lead, to develop a sustainable digital equivalent.

We now have an admin tool on the Newsletter site that allows Registrar exports to be imported so current trusted servants can be brought into the system efficiently. New users receive accounts and a welcome email explaining what the Newsletter is, how to set their password, and how to begin reading. Once imported, they can also receive notice when a new issue is published. The system automatically de-duplicates contacts and supports immediate one-click unsubscribe, so members can opt out without extra confirmation steps.

This gives the Area a practical way to carry forward the useful function the Registrar's data served in print while adapting it to a web-based newsletter. It also creates a sustainable path for engaging service-minded members from the time they first appear in Registrar records...

Best , John B.]

Thanks John, it has been an absolute joy and a pleasure joining forces to create something so very valuable and sustainable for the Area 72 membership and leadership. As I have said to you during this work, all I had to do was give you information and you have turned that magically into a system that will serve Area 72 for generations to come!!!

And NEXT, again in the past six weeks+ I have been being aided by our past Area Registrar, Don N.in the ongoing work and catching up on my backlog of work as Registrar. My gratitude has no bounds for his expert assistance and support. So, getting caught up and looking at the amount of work that is part of being a good registrar are the current focuses that not only Don and I are working on, but also our Area Chair.

As reported by Derek in his Quarterly Report I am eager to bring a discussion topic to the Quarterly regarding the possible inclusion/creation of a position of Alternate Registrar for Area 72 AA. There is research to be done regarding this discussion topic, and I hopefully will be able to get this information together prior to the April Assembly.

The following information to be gathered is as follows:

- 1) How many Areas currently have Alt Registrar's?
- 2) Where does Area 72 AA stand in numbers of Districts and Groups in comparison to the other US and Canada Areas?
- 3) How do the Area's that have Alt Registrars, elect, approve and position these trusted servants?
- 4) What are the possible talents, background or previous experience that could be recommended (but not required) to help our Board with choosing a Registrar and Alt Registrar in the future?
- 5) How do we best educate and support our District Registrar's with their service to the districts?
- 6) Due to the work of the Registrar Position and the Area's access to the AA Fellowship Connection database. Would additional help who has access to processing constantly changing information be helpful?
- 7) How do we truly create a team experience for the District Registrars and their Groups Service Representatives with the Area Registrar.
 - a. What education is needed?
 - b. What support and interaction can bring about greater success in listing our Area, District, and Group Trusted Servants?

As the current Registrar I want to say that these are questions that need to be answered for Area 72 so that the service work of this position is manageable as service and not a full-time unpaid job. It may have been manageable by those in the past, however, for me it simply has not been and so I am hoping to help our Area by asking these questions and asking the Area to discuss our needs and the best way to create service that is reasonable and a team experience with the General Service Office – Member Services, Area Trusted Servants, the District Trusted Servants and the members through our GSR's and Alt GSR's.

This is a very worthwhile and exciting challenge, and I look forward to discussing and possibly coming to a solution with all of you over the rest of this year!

In Service and with Respect,

Houston L

Secretary – Don N.

Name: Don N.
Position: Secretary
Area 72
Date: 3/22/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Completed summary and minutes from the January Quarterly
- Compiled notes of the January 2026 Quarterly Friday evening Area 72 Inventory
- Had a Secretary workshop on February 13th
- Assisting the Area 72 Inventory Ad Hoc Committee as Secretary
- Started assisting the Area Registrar as an Alternate Registrar, working with Districts 29 – 58.
- Still in the process of receiving the reports from the Elected and Appointed trusted servants, the DCM's, and the Intergroups & CSO's for inclusion in the minutes and processing the proper reports for translation April 2026 Quarterly
- Preparation for the International A.A. Men's Conference 2026 (April 10th – 12th, SeaTac, WA - <http://IAAMCAB.org>) are going well with over 200 registrations already received
- Assisting as Treasurer for the September National A.A. Archives Workshop

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- I've had some health issues that have slowed me up a bit, but I'm catching up
- There is always a time crunch in the weeks leading up to an Area business quarterly, I believe it is getting better, but can always improve

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

- I am scheduling another Secretary Workshop for April 24th at 6:00 PM PST, Zoom ID 440 174 1504, Passcode secretary
- I'm always trying to improve my note taking and Zoom operator skills

Sound/Zoom – Anothony G.

Name: Anthony Grennan
Position: Sound and Zoom
District number: 8
Date: 3/13/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Purchases:

- Screen
- WiFi hotspot
- Shorter SDI cables
- Label maker
- Signal booster for 3rd camera
- Completed Technology Steering Committee Policies and Procedures
 - Changed how the Sound and Zoom Chair is chosen
 - Included the new budget
 - Eliminated the Administrative position
- Prepared the discussion topic to be moved into an agenda item for the Assembly in October

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Smooth sailn'

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

- Get all the District 25 shenanigans dialed in and handled in a loving way

Tech & Web Chair – Patrick M.

Patrick M.
 Area Tech & Web Chair
 District Number:
 Date: 3/23/2026

Greetings, Area 72!

The Tech & Web Standing Committee met in January, using our online meeting tool. We had 30 people show up. We had an in-depth discussion about accepting seventh tradition contributions via digital platforms, and the various considerations at the group and district level. Several folks shared their experience with specific platforms. I've included links to a Digital 7th Tradition Discussion Guide, and a presentation from National AA Technology Workshop on "Simplifying the Digital Basket" at the end of this report.

We also had a good conversation about how meeting information is updated on our website, and how the information we display can help ensure your group's seventh tradition contributions are recognized by the General Service Office (GSO). A few people noted that their contributions weren't being recognized, which led to a discussion of our group number lookup page, and the Fellowship Connection database operated by

GSO. Your District Committee Member (DCM) has access to Fellowship Connection, and can help you verify if your group's information is current with GSO.

Finally, we had a brief conversation about the discussion topic to reduce the Area website geofence. We did *not* discuss what to do – that decision belongs to the Area Committee and/or Area. We provided background to Tech & Web Standing Committee members so each of us can use our technical understanding to help contribute to informed group conscience discussions at districts.

I would say the common theme of the T&W January quarterly was how tech and web trusted servants can support districts by providing technical understanding and background. Technology pervades a lot of the work we do in AA service, and not everyone is comfortable with it. Our tech and web folks can help provide useful information in group conscience discussions, as well as provide guidance on how to use our area technology services as part of service work.

Speaking of area technology services, I want to call attention to some cool things I've noticed a few people do lately:

- Delegate Courtney set up a google form to receive group feedback on the conference agenda items.
- District Third Legacy chairs have been meeting online via digital meeting platform. Our area provides two digital meeting platforms - zoom accounts for area trusted servants, and google meet for anyone with an area72aa.org email address.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community, Public Information, and Archives Steering Committee have all been developing pages on the area website to carry the message of the work they do.
- Treatment Committee has created a dynamic spreadsheet that helps identify Bridging the Gap coordinators by zip code.
- A number have DCMs have been using Google Chat for ad hoc conversations, including pre-conference and pre-assembly planning.

Our Google account provides a ton of functionality that people have been putting to good use – and you don't need to ask anyone's permission to do it! If you have an idea for a project where you think technology can help, please reach out to Shu and me and we'll see which of our technology committees may be best able to help you out. Also, don't overlook your district tech or web folks! They've been learning a lot about the services we provide, and I'm sure would love to help you use them in your work.

At our April Tech & Web Committee quarterly, we will take a closer look at some of the services we provide and how to use them. All are invited! We'll also get a behind-the-scenes look at some of the technology that John B has built for the Area Newsletter, that future Tech Steering committee members will help maintain. We're hoping to inspire some current Tech & Web standing committee members to carry that project into Panel 77!

Shu and I continue to meet weekly to solve problems and make improvements. It's usually a lot of small things like fixing broken links, removing unwanted images, updating out-of-date web pages, or routing form submissions to appropriate people. Nothing earth-shattering - but if we make one thing better each week, then by the end of the rotation we'll have done 100 things to leave the Area a little bit better than we found it.

Thanks for letting me do this.
<3 Patrick

References:

- [Digital 7th Tradition Discussion Guide](#)
- [Presentation from the NAATW on Simplifying the Digital Basket](#)

Treatment – Suzi L.

Name: Suzi L.

Position: Area Treatment Chair

Date: 3/23/2026

- **April 2026 Treatment Quarterly**
Our Area WebServant Shu D. will be our guest speaker. This the chairs' chance to ask questions and to get set up with an Area 72 email address and register for the Area 72 website.
 - Archives Repository
3905 Steilacoom Blvd SW
Lakewood, WA 98499
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday, April 4th – doors open at 9:45 am
- Priority items on our list
 - Continuing to Introducing ourselves to all of the new and old Treatment Centers in each of our Districts
 - Visiting all Treatment Centers to do presentations on BTG to all clinical staff

- A new Video and Outline were created by Carol F. Treatment and BTG Chair from District 39 to use when introducing each committee chair to the Treatment Center and to the Bridging the Gap program. This a very clear and simple tool.
- The District Treatment and Bridging the Gap Chairs are on fire. They are very excited about their service positions. This has been my main goal and dream during my rotation. They are all doing a fabulous job. During the monthly Treatment and BTG Roundtables their sharing, production and service to the treatment centers in their districts is over the top.
- I just ordered 40 of the brand-new Bridging the Gap Pamphlet which I will handout at the April Treatment Quarterly

Next 2026 Treatment Roundtables -

- Sunday, Apr. 26, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, May 31, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, June 28, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, July 26, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, Aug 30, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, Sept 27, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, Oct 25, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- Sunday, Nov 29, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
- December Holiday

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzi L.

Area 72aa Treatment Chair

Webservant – Shu D.

Name: Shu D.

Position: Area Webservant | Panel 75

District number: 56

Date: 3/17/ 2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Over the last quarter I held three Google Workshops, one which was for our Spanish Districts at the Alano Club in Olympia. Worked with the Archives Steering Committee on a new survey they created which after finishing the Intro, will be available on the website. I spoke at a Gratitude Banquet in District 54, at a Treatment Quarterly on April 4th, attended PRAASA for the first time, and said yes to speaking at the Olympic Round-

Up in Port Angeles in May. Attended the Pre-Conference in my District, the Tech and Web Standing Quarterly, Co-chaired the Tech Steering Committee quarterly meeting, and chaired the Web Steering Committee meeting in February. Continued monitoring of our website, notable that our Clean Talk Anti-Spam plug-in has continued to do its job, numerous phone conversations, area email access, and responding to emails inquiring about “first time going to an AA meeting through our contact form. Patrick and I continue to meet once a week to triage any issues, and I continue to be grateful for this opportunity to be of service to all of you!

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

I see only opportunities!

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

To schedule two more Google Workshops online and another one in-person for the Spanish Districts. To work with CPC committee on their new page for professionals, continue to create the hand-off document for the next rotation, meet with Patrick, and make a decision with the Web Steering Committee on voting platform for the October Assembly.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help!

*Remember to send your flyers and information for Area related Business/Events to weservant@area72aa.org to be included/posted on the Events Calendar on our website.

Young People’s Chair – Heather S.

Name: Heather S.

Position: Area 72 Young People’s Chair

Date: 3/23/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We had a great YP quarterly at the end of January, hosted by District 16. We had our Area CPC chair, Sooz come out and share about cooperation with the professional community and talk about how YP and CPC can collaborate.
- Many District YP chairs are working on getting into facilities and schools that serve young people. Some are helping start young people’s meetings. Some are putting on events in their districts. I’m super excited about the work they are doing!
- I spoke at the CPC quarterly and got to continue having conversations with people about how CPC and YP can collaborate. We talked about the need for young people on panels, especially when working with facilities that serve young people. I talked about my experience as a social worker and provided some

information about adolescent psychiatric units, with the hopes that AA can carry the message there.

- I got to go to PRAASA and meet many young people involved in general service throughout the Pacific Region. I made some good connections, and I was inspired by the work young AA members are doing across our region.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- One problem that I'm so excited to have solved is we finally secured a secretary, actually two! Thank you Fredric and Corey for being of service!
- I have been receiving several emails regarding YPAA committees, especially related to how districts support YPAA committees, versus The Young People's committee, which is part of the general service structure in our Area. It is all a little confusing, so don't hesitate to reach out with questions!

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

- We are getting ready for our next YP quarterly! It will be hosted by Districts 34 and 38 at Kelsey Creek Church, 1221 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98007 on Saturday, April 25th, 2026. The event will be from 12 PM to 3 PM. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM. As always, it will be a hybrid event.
- Our speakers will be Barry and Elizabeth, facilitators for King County Juvenile Detention Center AA meetings who will come talk about their experience bringing meetings to adolescent inmates. I'm hoping some people from the YP committee get involved in that project and get ideas about how to get into other adolescent corrections facilities.
- In the Young People's committee, we have been talking a lot about how we can collaborate with other service committees to carry the message. Collaborating with your corrections committee to bring meetings or panels to juvenile detention centers is a perfect example of that. DCMs, I hope you encourage your committee chairs to collaborate! If there is a need for younger panelists for a service project in your district, and you don't have a Young People's chair, please reach out to me!
- I'm always happy to come out and speak at district meetings about what's going on in the Young People's committee. I appreciate getting to come out to several districts and groups so far this rotation. Don't hesitate to reach out to me!

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Inventory Ad hoc Committee Status Report **Patrick M., Area Tech & Web Chair**

Background

- January Quarterly - Area Committee Inventory
 - “An Area Committee Inventory is a systematic self-evaluation by an Area Committee to assess how well it's fulfilling its purpose—carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic—by reviewing its effectiveness, communication, adherence to Traditions and Concepts, and member engagement, often using surveys and discussions to identify strengths and areas needing improvement in service to groups and the fellowship. It's a larger-scale version of a group inventory, focusing on service structure, not personal recovery, to ensure the Area functions effectively for the benefit of all local groups.”
 - Purpose
 - To maintain focus on A.A.'s primary purpose, understand how well the Area serves its groups, and improve service delivery.
 - To prevent complacency and ensure the service structure remains relevant and effective.
 - To foster an "informed group conscience" for better decision-making.
 - To identify challenges or issues within the Area structure, like poor communication or low attendance.

Who

- Aimee B (A72 Corrections)
- Don N (A72 Secretary)
- Donna H (A72 Archives Steering - stepped down)
- Jack J A72 GV/Lit)
- Joe T (D19 DCM)
- Keith M (A69 Past Del Panel 61)
- Kelly R (D14 Alt DCM)
- Lupita YM (A72 Alt Delegate)
- Mike D (D10 DCM)
- Melissa K (D8 Alt DCM)
- Patrick M (A72 Tech & Web)
- Special thanks to the inventory planning committee who prepared the questions for us.
- Area Committee for such an engaged inventory!!! ~235 people discussing the questions for an hour, followed by 90-minute sharing session

What (from charter)

- April: this report!
- July: draft report (time for comments)
 - Prepare a draft report on the Inventory, the process and results and the committee's findings and suggested action items along with anything else the committee finds necessary. A draft report should be ready for circulation before the July Quarterly. We will take up to an hour during business on Saturday of the July Quarterly for you to present the report and then facilitate the discussion. We will also post the draft report on the website Quarterly Documents page and you should also email it to the committee at committee@area72aa.org. We will discuss the Inventory Draft and coming Final Report at the Pre-Assemblies and hopefully you can have at least one committee member at each Pre-Assembly to report on the coming Inventory Final Report.
- October: final report (time for comments)
 - Finalize the draft report into the Final Report for distribution at the October Assembly and present the Final Report at the Assembly. Have at least 500 printed copies available for distribution at the Area Assembly, we will post it on the Area website Assembly Documents page and you should also email the Final Report to the committee at committee@area72aa.org.
- Information and recommendations for Area Committee committee and/or area body

Where

- Committee meets online via zoom; subcommittees as needed

When

- Every other Wednesday, 6pm through October Assembly (or whenever we're done); plus subcommittee get togethers and individual work.

Why

- You asked us to! January Area Committee Inventory, Inventory Process and Follow-Up Section (comments from four groups)
 - Suggested an After-Action Report
 - Suggested a report at the July Quarterly and Assembly
 - There isn't clearly defined authority or responsibility for following up, and we proposed an inventory follow-up committee.
 - A suggestion to create an ad hoc committee to summarize and create action items, report those at the April quarterly, and continue follow-up reports at the July quarterly and October Assembly.
- Carry forward the spirit and learning of Area Committee inventory into future rotations
- Present clear, informed, actionable next steps for this body to consider - arising from the responses to the inventory questions.

How

- Trying to make sense of the tremendous volume of information we've been given (17 questions, 376 responses)
- Worked through all of the verbal comments, and fixed incorrect transcriptions; integrated the written comments to have a comprehensive data set.
- Begun to analyze the data
 - Gauging intent: expressing praise? a problem? a desire to continue an existing practice? a desire to change an existing practice, or introduce a new one?
 - Who is this information for? What is the scope? Area, districts, groups, committees?
 - Do not make any judgments - first try to understand
 - Organize data into information
- Guiding principles
 - *Stick to the data.* Interpret and report the results of the inventory, stick to the data presented by the Area Committee. Make it all available to anyone interested.
 - *How important is it?* Honor the work done by the Area Committee and give every item due consideration. Select and prioritize recommendations that we believe best align with the area's conscience.
 - *What's our authority and responsibility?* Direct recommendations to the people or bodies with the authority and responsibility to move them forward.
- Summary
 - Carry forward the work done during Area Committee inventory, which is itself a reflection of the significant efforts by the Area Committee during this rotation, so that future rotations can continue to grow in understanding and effectiveness in carrying AA's message to still-suffering alcoholics.
 - Provide information to current and future trusted servants, and report evidence of a need for further action towards an informed group conscience.
 - We'll have a draft report for you in July!

DCM SHARING

District 1– (Hispanic Linguistic District South of King/Snohomish County Line to Olympia including Olympic Peninsula) DCM Jose M., Alt. DCM Rodrigo M.

Name: Jose M.
 Position: DCM
 District number: 1
 Date: 4/8/2026

Good afternoon, I am José, I am an alcoholic and DCM from district #1 area 72, my home group, Primero es lo Primero, Federal Way.

I am reporting that District #1 and its committees continue working to bring information from the groups to the area and from the area to the groups, and to keep the door open for those who are still suffering.

We are also organizing Google workshops together with districts #57 and #58 for GSRs and group members

The GSRs are working on the pre-conference topics with the groups to obtain responses and be able to prepare this report and send it to the area delegate.

We also have a new group: VETERANS IN ACTION

It was also reported that on 05/25/2026, District #1 is moving to a new address: 130 S 3rd pl. RENTON WA 98050

We also visit two groups per month to inform them how the district and its committees continue to work, and we continue to have four meetings per month: the first Thursday is for GSR reports, the second is for committee reports, the third is for topics, the fourth is for studies, and when the month has five Thursdays we hold a scheduled meeting

We currently have 13 groups and 6 committees

That's all for now.

Thank you for allowing me to do this service. I feel good doing my part to save lives, because that is the goal of Alcoholics Anonymous: to save lives.

ATT. JOSÉ M. DCM OF DISTRICT #1 Happy 24 Hours

District 2 – (Camano Island, NW Snohomish County, Arlington, Stanwood) DCM Sandra R., Alt. DCM Lori N.

Name: Lori N.
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 2
Date:

No report submitted.

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

Name: Dan H.
Position: DCM
District number: 3
Date: 4/5/26

April 2026 Quarterly

Since the start of the year, District 3 has been focused on maintaining consistent communication and participation across the district. We have continued preparing for Area activities and supporting our groups as they engage in the process.

Looking ahead, we are currently working on a CPC workshop, planned for either June 14th or June 20th. We are also in the early stages of planning our District August picnic, with more details to follow.

At this time, there are no major district issues to report. We continue to build momentum, stay engaged, and move forward together in service.

District 4 – (Skagit County Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley) - DCM Edward S., Alt. DCM Annabelle K.

Name: Ed S..
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 4
Date: 4/11/2026

The DCM reported that the district began the rotation with **significant challenges**, including a lack of trusted servants and limited participation.

An **inventory process and adoption of Third Legacy procedures** were implemented, which the DCM stated has **significantly improved unity, service participation, and overall district function**.

A **Concepts Workshop series launched in January** has seen **steady monthly growth in attendance and engagement**.

The DCM noted a **positive shift in energy and outlook** as the district enters the final year of the rotation, expressing hope this momentum will continue.

Upcoming events include:

- **Corrections Quarterly** – June 20 (PUD Building, Mount Vernon)
- **DCM Workshop** – June 14
- **Delegate Report Back** – PUD Building, Mount Ve

District 7 – (South Clark/Skamania Counties) DCM Rose B., Alt. DCM Paul O.

Name: Rose B.
Position: DCM
District number: 7
Date: 4/11/2026

Rose reported that **District 7 (southernmost district, extending from Forest Plain Blvd. to the Columbia River)** continues to remain active and engaged.

The district experienced **leadership changes this quarter**, including:

- Election of **Cindy M. as Third Legacy Chair**
- Election of **Paul O. as Alternate DCM**
- **Robert stepping down as DCM for personal reasons**, with gratitude expressed for his service
- Appointment of **a new Corrections Chair (Kim L.)**

The district **relocated its meeting to East Park Church**, now held on the **fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM.**

The report reflected appreciation for past service and optimism for new trusted servants stepping into roles.

District 8 – (Thurston and Mason Counties) DCM Debbie B. Alt DCM Melissa K.

Name: Debbie B.

Position: DCM

District number: 8

Date: 3/31/26

District 8 has, as always, been busy.

- In January, we co-hosted (with D 28) a Chairing a Meeting Workshop. It was well attended - a continuation of last year with new input and ideas and new solutions.
- We are doing a group inventory in April with Bud helping us.
- Michaela from Archives is going to talk to us at the D mtg in April about the upcoming Archives event.
- We have had some challenges so are learning how to navigate thru what, at times, seems like a mine field. Thank goodness for service sponsors.
- I am super pleased to announce that Tigger has a new friend - his name is Freddy. He's a frog - a little bitty thing that packs a big punch. Stay tuned - he is getting excited for the Assembly in October!
- As always, Melissa is more than my right hand as Alt - I could never do this without her.

Love in Service
Debbie DCM D 8
(360) 970 9686

District 9 – (Central Tacoma, Fircrest) DCM Mark S., Alt DCM Jana C.

Name: Mark
Position: Alternate DCM
District number: 9
Date: 4/11/2026

Mark reported that **District 9 is functioning with strong unity and harmony**, describing the current rotation as one of the most cohesive he has experienced.

The DCM expressed appreciation for **Alt DCM Jana C., noting her significant contribution to the district's effectiveness.**

The district has **completed an inventory** and maintains **active committees**, with the **Public Information (PI) Committee highlighted as especially strong and effective.**

District 9 is **planning participation in an upcoming quarterly bid.**

Overall, the report reflected a **positive, engaged district with strong participation and morale.**

District 10 – (Kitsap Peninsula) DCM Mike D., Alt DCM Hollie M.

Name: Mike D
Position: District 10 DCM
Date: 03/20/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

We have had three business meetings since the past quarterly. We normally hold them on the last Sunday of the month. Our February Business Meeting was a District Inventory facilitated by our Area Alt. Delegate, Lupita. The inventory went very well. We as a district learned a bit about our positive and not so positive ways in which we carry the message. At our March meeting, we will be discussing what to do with the answers of our inventory.

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

We have groups without GSRs. We have open Trusted Servant positions, Public Information, Technology, and Gratitude Celebration & Events Committees.

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

Not let our district inventory set idle in ways to improve carrying the message of A.A. Fill the Trusted Servant open positions at our district level. Have Hollie our Alt. DCM and I switch who facilitates the district business meetings.

I am grateful to be of service,

Mike D. D10 DCM

District 11 – (Whatcom County, Bellingham) DCM Josh C., Don L. Alt DCM

Name: Josh

Position: Filling in because Josh and Don could not be there

District number: 11

Date: 7/11/2026

Josh reported that **District 11 (Whatcom County, from Skagit County line to the Canadian border)** is active and engaged, with a positive outlook.

The district has **filled all service positions except CPC**, which remains open.

GSR participation averages ~13 per monthly meeting out of approximately **25 groups**, indicating solid engagement.

Upcoming events and activities include:

- **Northwest Girls' Stock** (Bellingham)
- **Bellingham Young People (BELYPAA)** actively engaged and **hosting a YPAA conference in August**

The district is **exploring representation for young people (BELYPAA) at the Area level.**

Josh shared that **District 11 will chair the 2027 Area Assembly Host Committee**, with more details to come.

District 12 – (North and East Snohomish County, Everett) DCM Shane M., Alt DCM Ginger A.

Name: Ginger A.

Position: Alt DCM

District:12

Date: 3/31/26

District 12 Monthly Report for March
2026 Ginger A. Alt. DCM

- I attended the pre-conference on Sat. March 14th. I was particularly interested in the prospect of having a 12-step workbook that was Conference approved. I even wrote an article for the Area 72 Newsletter regarding this.
- I also placed more schedules at the Marysville Library and I plan to place schedules at the Tulalip Health Clinic and the Tulalip Administration Building.

- Other plans for April include attending the Business Quarterly on April 10th to 11th. I will be attending on zoom in order to save some money.
- I will also continue filling in for Public Information, and perhaps contribute a report for the May newsletter.

District 14 – (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island) – DCM David J., Alt DCM

Name: David J.

Position: DCM

District number: 14 (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island)

Date: 4/5/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- District 14 joined in with the Fab 9 Central Seattle Districts to cohost two events this past quarter. On February 21, we held a GSR School facilitated by our Alternate Delegate Lupita at Greater Seattle Intergroup. On March 21, the Central Seattle Districts came together to host a very well attended and engaging Pre-Conference Meeting, where GSR's and other trusted servants were able to discuss the upcoming General Service Conference with our Delegate Courtney. Both were fun and rewarding events; I'm so grateful to the DCM's and Alt-DCM's of Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40, 41, and 42 for their teamwork and fellowship throughout this rotation!
- District 14 filled our two open committee chairs: CPC and Young Persons! So grateful for both the members making themselves available to serve and for the continued engagement throughout our district to find candidates for these positions.

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

- No significant issues to report this quarter – it's been a fantastic year so far!

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

- Planning has commenced for our Annual District 14 Picnic and Pie Auction, which will be held at Lincoln Park (Shelter 2) in West Seattle on Sunday, September 13 starting at 2:00PM. Mark your calendars, more to follow in the coming months!
- Continue to work with the Central Seattle District DCMs and Alt-DCMs in hosting upcoming service events. The Central Seattle Pre-Assembly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 8. Location will be announced in the coming months.

Happy Spring, Area 72!

District 15 – (Downtown Seattle, West Capitol Hill) DCM15 Diane D., Alt DCM Ruth S.

Name: Diane D.

Position: DCM

District number: 15

Date: 4/5/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Most if not all of our GSRs attended one of the Pre-Conferences
- Area 72 Chair, Derek, attended our district meeting and gave an inspirational talk about serving our homegroups.
- Added three new GSRs to the district.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

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

- Increase donations from district meetings.

District 16 – (NE Seattle, University District) DCM Scott

Name: Scott

Position: DCM

District number: 16

Date: 4/12/2026

Accomplishments from the Past Quarter

District 16 has had an active and productive start to 2026. We co-hosted two major Central Seattle events with the Central districts: the February GSR School at Intergroup and the March Pre-Conference. Both were well attended and strengthened collaboration across districts.

Young People's participation continues to grow. District 16 successfully hosted the YP Quarterly in January, and several members are now involved in school panels and juvenile detention outreach.

Groups across the district report strong attendance, new members, and renewed engagement in business meetings. Several groups completed or scheduled inventories, and multiple meetings have filled long-vacant service positions.

We also began structured planning for two major 2026 efforts:

- **District Road Show** – refining message, format, and outreach strategy
- **Lake City Days** – the district approved having a table and is forming a committee
- **District Picnic** – early venue discussions underway

We are hoping to increase participation in Corrections this year after a presentation from the Seattle Intergroup Corrections Committee. Members learned about opportunities at the Federal Detention Center, juvenile facilities, and pre-release programs.

Problems or Issues

We also continue to have several open committee chair positions (CPC/PI, Accessibility, Corrections, H&I, Web/Tech), and we hope to fill these as the Road Show and outreach efforts progress.

Goals for the Next Quarter

- Finalize the District Road Show outline and begin scheduling visits to groups
- Form and activate the Lake City Days committee
- Select a picnic venue with bathrooms and running water
- Continue strengthening collaboration with Central Districts for upcoming events
- Support groups in increasing GSR participation and awareness of district resources
- Resolve the outstanding money-order deposit issue and stabilize financial processes

District 17 – (NW Seattle, Ballard) DCM Joshua B., Alt DCM

Name: Josh B.
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 17
Date: 4/11/2026

Josh reported that he **assumed the DCM role mid-rotation** and expressed appreciation for support and guidance from other DCMs.

The district continues to **focus on simple, steady service efforts**, with **active committee participation**, including strong involvement in **Grapevine and La Viña activities**.

District 17 has been **involved in planning the 30th Anniversary of La Viña**.

Members **continue to carry the message into a local treatment center**, maintaining a women's meeting commitment.

The district has begun planning a **Gratitude Banquet scheduled for November**.

District 18 – (Renton, Kent, Tukwila) DCM Lara R., Alt DCM Lee R.

Name: Lara R.
Position: DCM
District number: 18

Date: 3/26/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We gathered together with the Committee Chairs at the beginning of the year to see how everyone was feeling and doing after the first year. We especially were interested in how we could support one another in our respective committees and perhaps how we could collaborate with one another, other Districts and Area Committees to be more effective. What was especially great is that people asked for help and for ideas on how they could improve. It's hard to ask for help, but some of us were able to do that and the hand of AA was there.
- The Eastern District DCMs got together and talked about being DCMs. Our challenges, our successes, the Area discussion topics, etc. We are planning another gathering in early May.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- It would be great to have more GSRs attend the District meeting. We have been making an effort to visit the meetings in the District. The groups that are present are strong groups and some have a very long history in the District.
- Benson Hill is celebrating 59 years,
- Serenity Hall celebrated 50 years.
- The oldest meeting in our district, Renton Group, is struggling to stay open and needs support. They meet on Sunday evenings at 6:30 @ Lakeridge Lutheran Church.

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

- We are hoping to get the Regional Justice Center AA meetings going again. Jeff O., the District Corrections Chair is taking the lead.
- We hope to elect a PI/CPC Chair in April and keep the momentum of tabling at Resource Fairs and keeping literature racks stocked at local libraries, schools, and medical offices in our district.
- We will co host the CPC Roadshow on June 6th.

District 19 – (Southwest Everett, Mukilteo, Mill Creek) DCM Joe T. / Alt DCM 19 Bryanna B.

Name: Joe T.
Position: DCM
District number: 19

Date: 3/31/26

- The year will start off with a bang with Astri visiting our district to speak on 85 years of AA in Washington State.
- There are events, like the District 19 Picnic and Gratitude Banquet. Along with challenges that we as a district know are on the horizon.
- We will possibly need a new schedule printer soon. Along with a decision on how many schedules we want to print. The answer to that evolves as the needs of the AA members evolve.
- Some district service members needing to step down from their positions. So the need for people looking for service work is as large as it's ever been during this rotation.
- As always, trust in my higher power will be the foundation of my journey through this next year as DCM.

- While continuing to work towards great things in the last year of my rotation as DCM. I am also committed to soon be creating an ad-hoc committee for revisions of the district handbook.
- Get the ball rolling on events to encourage those who are looking into service in 2027. Including continuing the amazing speed dating night with former service positing holders.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Joe T.
District 19 DCM

District 21 – (Grays Harbor County and half of Pacific County) DCM Lisa B., Terry P. Alt DCM

Name: Lisa B.
Position: DCM
District Number: 21
Date: 4/11/26

Our committees are staying active and helping to keep carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholics in our District. We finally approved the revised District 21 Handbook and I will have copies for all the GSRs at our next District meeting on April 19th. I have updated all of the District 21 groups with our Area Registrar, Houston. My Alt DCM Terry P., who is also our events committee chair is working on planning our next Founder's day for Sunday June 14th.

The committee for the July Quarterly is busy getting ready for everyone to come to the Summit Pacific Wellness Center in Elma on July 10th and 11th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for letting me serve. Lisa B. DCM 21.

District 22 – (North Olympic Peninsula) DCM Pete P., Alt DCM Monica W.

Name: Pete P & Monica W

Position: DCM & Alt-DCM

Date: 3/22/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- District Inventory held January 25, thanks to Derek S for facilitating
- Had several new GSRs attend GSR training in Port Orchard
- Scheduled another GSR school to be held in Port Angeles in April
- Had good attendance and participation at the pre-Conference in Chimacum
- Monica and I have been meeting weekly to review the DCM role, discuss local topics, and plan upcoming meetings.
- District Chairs have been responding well to finding alts as future Chairs
- Volunteers for our local treatment center have been increasing, addressing a pressing need.
- The District designed a Visitor Chip that groups can order directly from the printer.

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

- We may need to do a Handbook review and update to clarify certain sections

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

- Improve my process for receiving feedback from the groups on Area topics

District 24–(Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace) DCM Lisa J., Alt DCM Jan H.

Name: Lisa J

Position: DCM

District number: 24

Date: 4/1/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Our Alternate DCM, Jan, hosted a very successful Safety Workshop that brought meaningful discussion and awareness to the district.

We also held our Gratitude Banquet, which had approximately 220 people in attendance. It was a wonderful event filled with great speakers, great food, and amazing fellowship. The strong turnout reflected the unity and enthusiasm within our district.

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

One ongoing challenge has been balancing the many moving parts of district service while keeping communication clear and consistent among GSRs and committees. As our events continue to grow, staying organized and ensuring everyone feels supported remains an important focus.

We have also been working through the natural challenges that come with coordinating multiple district events and keeping members engaged in service commitments.

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

This next quarter, we will be meeting soon to begin planning our Third Legacy events for the remainder of this rotation. This will help us stay intentional about supporting service participation and creating opportunities for fellowship and growth.

Our Events Coordinator, Rachel, will also be gathering her committee to begin planning our district picnic, which will be held in August. We are excited to continue building unity through events that bring our fellowship together.

District 25 – (Online Only) DCM Joanne G., Alt DCM Thom R.

Name: Jo G.

Position: DCM

District number: District 25

Date: 3/20/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Having opened discussion at the January Area 72 business quarterly regarding the motion to reduce the geofencing surrounding the Area 72 website, and having heard the concern for anonymity breaches and virtual vandalism that might occur if the geofencing was completely eliminated, District 25 continues to try to get the information out there by attending the Web and Tech workshop among other things, that our request is not to eliminate the geofencing but to find ways that specific identifiable individuals who might find themselves outside the U.S./Canada border would be able to access the Area 72 website should they have the need. District 25 values any opportunity to have open conversations with whomever might have questions or concerns on the subject because we believe that it is only through both sharing and listening coupled with faith in a Higher Power that is at the core of all of our service, that the best possible decisions and outcomes will be met.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. District 25 is struggling to keep up with the Area Registrar's request for updated group information, most especially since our district registrar has had to step down and our district secretary and web/tech person are scrambling to pick up the pieces and still manage their own sets of duties. Seemingly other district elected trusted servants are struggling with just what all their service positions entail and so toward that end an ad hoc committee has been formed to update the district handbook to include more specific information and suggestions on what all each service position entails and what is essential over what is

“gravy”.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. At our upcoming district meeting (March 21, 2026) I will be proposing in New Business that we make arrangements for a district (group) inventory. I was much impressed with the way the Area conducted an inventory recently and think that same format might work well in a virtual setting. With an inventory to work from, together with an updated district handbook, the next set of elected trusted servants should have an added boost in conducting a successful rotation.

District 27 – (Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Counties, Longview, Kelso, Ilwaco) DCM David K. Alt. DCM Deborah B.

Name: Dave K.
Position: DCM
District number: 27
Date: 3-15-26

District 27 committees and service opportunities are still growing. People are engaged in service work and encouraging others. It's incredibly inspirational to watch this grow. Corrections and treatment have created a rotation of volunteers to bring meetings into the two facilities. They are meeting on a monthly basis. PI and CPC committee has a new Chairperson to organize the committee for their roll in outreach to the community. They are also meeting monthly. D27 Archives is currently going through and organizing all of our archive material.

Our District 27 Committee handbook has been going through revisions and additional changes to update the different rolls of service positions. The committee has also obtained an OWL video and audio module to facilitate our hybrid monthly meetings.

The District 27 Alt DCM is attending the pre-conference and will be reporting to the district GSR's, Alt's and committee members at next month's business meeting.

We are reaching out to other groups in our district to let them know that the district committee is here to support them and of the service opportunities available. The outreaching seems to help in getting out the word about the general service structure. Our attendance at the district meeting has been growing.

I'm working on benchmarking other districts and attending meetings. The DCM round table meetings are a great tool to see how other others are doing business. Reaching out to others about service opportunities is always a goal of mine.

I sometimes struggle to express just how grateful I am for the opportunity to serve. The act of service itself fills me with a deep sense of purpose and appreciation that words can't fully capture.

District 28 – (Lewis County, Centralia) DCM James Mc., Alt DCM Pamela L.

Name: Jim M.

Position: DCM
District: 3/31/2026

Accomplishments:

- * Approved Yearly District Budget
- * Finished District Handbook Update
- * Added new GSR, (17 total)
- * All other 16 groups without GSR now have a contact person
- * Helping to establish and structure home group business meetings for new groups and groups interested in forming a business meeting
- * Raising interest from smaller groups

Problems:

- * District Treasurer resigned in February
- *CPC, GVL, and PI Chairs remain vacant
- *Securing Young Persons Committee booth spot for upcoming Lewis County Youth Fair in May
- *Groups questioning excess 7th Tradition funds distribution options

Question #1:

How do we serve the needs of our four open positions?

Solutions:

- * Formed a committee of DCM, Alt DCM and 3rd Legacy Chair to oversee Treasurer duties
- * DCM attending CPC, GVL, and PI Area Quarterlies
- * Asking GSRs and group Contact people to reach out to Home Group members in Hope of filling open positions

Question #2:

Why are groups unsure of how their excess 7th Tradition funds are used?

Solutions:

- * District level: Reassuring them all money is directed to meet their needs, problems, and concerns as expressed from GSRs, Committee Chairs, and any other district alcoholic members in attendance
- * Area level: Encouraging them to keep their information channel open. By doing so they I learn how to decipher the upside down triangle
- * GSO: Sit down, face to face, common sense approach discussion?

2026 Second Quarter Goals:

- * Fill all four open positions
- * Secure Young Persons booth at County Youth Fair in May
- * Help Wes display our District 28 Archives display at Area 72 Archives Quarterly on May 2,2026 in Centralia
- * Attend 85 Years of AA in Washington on April 18,2026 in Auburn

- * Attend PNC on June 26-28,2026
- * Continue outreach to smaller rural groups in District 28
- * Remind myself daily, "Principles before Personalities"

District 29 – (Puyallup, Eatonville, Orting) DCM Fred J., Alt DCM Amanda M.

Name: Fred J.
 Position: DCM
 District number:29
 Date: 4/4/2026

Greetings from District 29.

- We are all looking forward to better weather.
- My alternate, Amanda got a chance to run the show for a while I was at PRAASA and on a day bike ride in Florida.
- She is also standing in for me in the April quarterly since I am going to the International AA Men's Conference.
- I thought PRAASA was the best one I have attended to date.
- I also look forward to going to the PNC in Vancouver this summer.
- The district remains active in many areas and is starting to plan for our summer picnic.
- I look forward to seeing everyone in July.

District 31 – (Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila) DCM West C., Alt DCM Christine S.

Name: West C.
 Position: DCM., Alt DCM: Dawn P.
 District number: 31 – (Burien, Normandy Park, Sea-Tac, Des Moines & Tukwila)
 Date: 3/31/26

My name is West C, DCM 31, and I am grateful to get to serve with others in our district and all of Area 72!

D31 meets monthly every second Wednesday via Zoom and once per quarter in person. We will have guest speakers from Area at most of our in-person meetings this year.

We are still looking to fill our district Treasurer position and are ready to welcome in new Treatment, Accessibility & Correction Chairs as well.

Our 9 Central District Pre-Conference event with Courtney was well-planned & executed Sat, 3/21 @ Fauntleroy Church with over 80 people in attendance!

The 53rd Burien Little Assembly was a great success on Sat, March 14th at Grace Lutheran Church from 10-5 pm featuring lots of food, fellowship, service tables, panels and speakers.

We are here co-hosting our Area-72 Quarterly with D14 and the host committee has really stepped forward to make it all happen. Cheryl S, the Volunteer Coordinator from our district, has really worked diligently to fill all of the volunteer slots and I really appreciate her service!

The 85 years of AA in Washington Celebration is happening next Sat, April 18th at Emerald Downs from 10a -10 pm. Registration for the event is only \$100 including 2 meals & activities throughout the day.

Our D31 inventory is scheduled for June 20th right here at Grace Lutheran Church from 1 to 4 pm. A72 Past Delegate Alan Foster has agreed to facilitate it.

Our CPC Roadshow workshop is happening from 11 am to 5 pm at Grace Lutheran Church on Sat, Sept 12th.

I look forward to once again working with the other Central Districts to coordinate the upcoming Report Back and Pre-Assembly events.

At Your Service with Gratitude,
West C
DCM, District 31
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District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Nicole F.J., Alt DCM Robert B.

Name: Nicole J.
Position: DCM
District number: 32
Date: 3/29/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Facilitated the monthly planning meetings for the 2026 Burien Little Assembly and successfully hosted the BLA on Saturday March 14th at Grace Lutheran Church (same location as the April Quarterly)
- We helped the other Central and Linguistic DCMs with one of the Pre-Conferences that was held on Saturday March 21st at Fautleroy Church.
- Our treasurer, Skye, has reserved the covered site at Steel Lake Park for our district picnic on July 19th. Keep an eye out for our picnic flyer! All are welcome!!
- We are planning to have a representative from the National AA Archives Workshop to come to one of our business meetings to share with our GSRs and Committee Chairs about the 4-day workshop.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Last year we were excited about a new group that was requested for Brookdale Senior Living in Federal Way. Unfortunately, residence attendance and group participation wasn't enough to support the group, and the meeting was permanently closed the end of February. It was a great learning experience for starting a meeting and what the requirements are to make a meeting a group.
- District 32 still has several open service positions and the positions that are filled are committees of one.

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

- Increase group engagement at district meetings by inviting "silent" groups to attend (still have about 10 meetings that we haven't attended).
- Fill vacant committee/service positions.
- Create a committee to review and update our district handbook.
- Have committee chairs reach out to individuals/groups to help fill open committee positions.
- Plan the District Picnic.

District 33-(Ravensdale, Maple Valley, Black Diamond, Summit) DCM Cheri D., Alt DCM Cristina Mc.

Name: Cheri D.
 Position: DCM
 District number: 33
 Date: 4/7/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Although I feel it seems it has been a quiet time in our District, the reality is we have managed to have a couple of accomplishments. The biggest one for our District being co-host for the Burien Little Assembly. What a privilege to work with District 32 as host and all the other districts and volunteers that made it a successful event. I can only hope watching such leadership can prepare us for next year as we will be hosting the event.

Also was able to attend a Sunday brunch with the Eastside DCMs. Lots of ideas and different views shared, the food was great, but the fellowship was better. Great ways to get fresh ideas to help with the district business.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Dealing with open positions and GSR attendance at Pre- conference

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

Hope to have it all set up to host the Grapevine Quarterly in December and in the process get a list of facilities that we could have available as a "go to" for other District and Area events.

Exploring different avenues and service opportunities get the word out about district resources

I also want to achieve getting the business quarterly report out on time in July!!!

District 34 (Bellevue, Redmond, Mercer Island) –DCM Angel M. Belinda Alt. DCM

Name: Angel M

Position: DCM

District number: 34

Date: 4/11/26



February 2026 –

Accomplishments from the past month.

- I attend the Area 72 Business Quarterly on January 2 and 3. Please see the report I did only for the quarterly.
- I have been attending the Service Manual study at the Seattle Intergroup since the last Area Assembly on the first Sunday of the Month from 11am to 1pm. The last one was on January 4, 2026.
- On January 17, 2026 I attended the anniversary of the group Regla 62, it was a really good event with a lot of good food and great unity.
- On January 24, 2026 I attended the Area Young People Quarterly, it was great. They invite Sooz the Area 72 CPC Chair as speaker. In Issaquah there is a project about schools looking for AA speakers; they prefer young members but anyone can be participating. Dist 29 asking for younger participants in the Pierce county area to participate in school aa pi panels. Evergreen College has a young people meeting and is very active. I volunteer our District 34 to co-host the Quarterly of this committee on April 25, 2026.
- On January 31, 2026 I attended the Bellevue Saturday Night Speakers in the spirit of unity with the east side because I saw a lot of familiar faces and a lot of people show up for this great meeting, and also I announced our business meeting and invited them to check us out.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We have 2 service positions open now: Corrections and YPAA.
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR's).

Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.

- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identifying the ones without GSR and going to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service positions we have at every meeting possible.
- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM. On February 8 & 14, 2026 we will have round tables for the DCM's.

March 2026 –

Accomplishments from the past month.

- I have been attending the Service Manual study at the Seattle Intergroup since the last Area Assembly on the first Sunday of the Month from 11am to 1pm. The last one was on February 1, 2026.
- On February 4, 2026 I attended the 2027 PRAASA Host Committee meeting.
- On February 8, 2026 I attended the first DCM Round Table of the year, this was online only very well attended and interesting.
- On February 14, 2026 I attended the second DCM Round Table of the year, and this one less people attended but still was very interesting to see and feel the spirit of service in the DCMs of our Area.
- On February 21, 2026 I attended the 30th Anniversary of La Viña planning meeting, and it was very well attended, fellow members from other states logged in to the meeting. This committee needs help, they have a few service positions open if anybody is interested, they have interpreters for all the business meetings, so English speaking members are serving and more can do it.
- On February 21, 2026 from 1pm to 4pm I attended the Hybrid GSR School, which was very well attended both in person and online.
- On February 22, 2026 I met with the east-side DCMs to plan ahead the upcoming events for us and in the spirit of unity as neighbor Districts. We are going to do this every two months from now on.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We have 2 service positions open now: Corrections and YPAA.
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR's).

Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.

- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identifying the ones without GSR and going to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service

positions we have at every meeting possible.

- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM. On March 15, 2026 we will have our Pre-Conference from 2:30-6:30pm at 1700 Edmonds Ave NE - Renton, WA. 98056.

April 2026 –

Accomplishments from the past month.

- On Mar 1, 2026 I attended the service manual study at the Seattle Intergroup.
- On Mar 11, 2026 I attended the PRAASA 2027 host committee meeting, and now we have buttons and a save the date flyer for the event and those were distributed in Hawaii.
- On Mar 14, 2026 I attended a google basics workshop held at the Alano Club in Olympia hosted by the Hispanic Districts, this was in English with interpretation to Spanish. It was a total success in attendance and interest that even they want to have more events like that.
- On Mar 15, 2026 I attended the eastside Pre-Conference in Renton with our neighbor Districts. It was a great event and makes me happy to see the attendance from District 34 and the participation in it, for that thank you very much.
- On Mar 21, 2026 I attended the Corrections Quarterly to have representation until we found our chair for the District.
- On Mar 28, 2026 I attended the Corrections Workshop hosted by our District 34 and very well planned and coordinated by our alt DCM Belinda. It was a powerful meeting with great speakers and a powerful message. Thank you to those who attended.

Problems or issues we are facing.

- We have 2 service positions open now: Corrections and YPAA. (By this time is April 10th, 2026. We have elected our new Corrections & YPAA Chairs, so now we have all the service positions filled).
- A lot of the meetings in the cities that we cover as a District have no representation in the District (GSR's).

Some goals I hope to achieve or begin work on in the next month.

- Belinda has a list of the groups we have as District 34 and we are planning on identifying the ones without GSR and going to 3 or 4 this month.
- Keep asking for help from the GSRs to spread the word about the open service

positions we have at every meeting possible.

- Attend the upcoming events for our District and for me as DCM. On April 10 & 11, 2026 we will have our Area 72 Business Quarterly in Des Moines. On April 19, 2026 we will have our share with our Delegate session.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, here is my contact information.

Yours in service,

Angel M.

DCM 34

Phone (360)-421-4458

District 35 (Issaquah, Sammamish) – DCM John K., Richard D. Alt. DCM

Name: John K.

Position: DCM

District number: 35

Date: 3/18/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- In January, Astri T. visited our District meeting and shared the details of the upcoming celebration of the 85th Anniversary of AA with Washington State.
- Gratefully hosted the CPC Quarterly in February, which focused on “Youth & CPC—Powering Professional Outreach.” It was well attended, with illuminating reports, lively discussions and two featured presentations:
 - Heather (Area Young Peoples Committee Chair) shared about the core purposes of the YP committee, and how it can collaborate with CPC.
 - D35 told the story of bringing YP panelists into Issaquah Middle School (IMS) 7th grade health classes for the first time in May of last year. The highlight of the presentation was an appearance by the teacher of those classes, who shared her thoughts on the value of having Young People panelists sharing their experiences with the students, as well as engaging with attendees in an enlightening Q&A discussion.
- For the second time, we had the privilege of taking a Young People panel into Issaquah Middle School. We for the 2nd time on March 6 of this year.
- Will attend Corrections Quarterly and a Corrections Workshop (hosted by D34) in March.

- Attended the eastside Pre-Conference on March 15. Pre-Conference items will be discussed at District meeting on 3/18, and GSRs will then meet with their groups in the following week(s).

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Some District Committee positions remain unfilled, and we're still looking for people to step up. With current positions rotating at year's end, we'll be working to raise awareness about the value and benefits of District service — encouraging members and groups to visit a District meeting or talk to their GSR to learn more.

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

- We plan to attend the upcoming Young People Quarterly (hosted by District 34 in April).
- In our May or June District meeting, we will hear about the upcoming National AA Archives Workshop (NAAW) by Michaela N., who is the Host Committee Chair for the event.
- We will be taking our third Young People panel into Issaquah Middle School in the first week of June. We also hope to add a second 7th grade teacher's class to the itinerary.
- District 36 approached us about teaming up to hold a joint "Service" workshop, spearheaded by our Districts' 3rd Legacy Chairs. Tentative date is sometime in July.

District 36 (NE King County, Duvall, North Bend) – DCM Michael L., Alt. DCM Jeff

Name: Mike L
 Position: DCM
 District number: 36
 Date: 4/5/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. We started the year with a roundup of the previous Alcohons that take place over Christmas and New Years. We have a fairly new fellowship place in Duvall (The Hall) that hosted the events and it was great to see people from all over the valley attend our 24 meetings. We have spent some time in the business meetings presenting and getting feedback on the Area discussion topics. Within the district our treasurer, Dwayne, and an ad hoc committee worked up a budget which was presented and approved in February. In March we switch to prep for the pre-

conference and finding a pre-conference to attend. District 36 co-hosted the Eastside Districts Pre-conference in Renton. A huge shout out and debt of gratitude to my fellow Eastside District DCMs and Alternate DCMs who worked together to make this happen. I love working with people who show their love for the fellowship via general service. We welcomed a new District Chair for 3rd Legacy (Paul A), who has worked very hard to get GSR and group contacts for meetings that are not participating in District. I really appreciate the hard work of all our trusted servants.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We are still facing the challenge of finding more people for general service. This has gone up and down throughout the year and will probably continue to do so. We have motivated people who sign up for district service but then have to leave general service for a bunch of reasons. I don't think this will change, but we have some ideas to help people in service and spread the word why general service is vital to our fellowship.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. Preplanning for the upcoming events later this year. Find a location for the pre-assembly in August. Recruit a committee to plan our gratitude dinner in November. We are floating an idea of a service workshop with District 35 but have not got beyond the earliest planning phase.

District 37 (North Clark County, North Vancouver, Woodland) DCM Lauren G., Alt DCM Tom C.

Name: Lauren G.
Position: DCM
District: 37
Date:

No report submitted.

District 38 (Kirkland) DCM Kim H., Alt DCM Cheryl L.

Name: Kim H
Position: DCM
District number: 38
Date: 3/16/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Our district continues to grow and become fluent with each other. I am inspired by the participation with our members and the drive to keep district 38 active. We have voted to increase our Young Persons budget in hopes to continue to outreach and throw events that show AA members we are not a glum lot.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- We still have a lot of open positions that are not getting filled. We have discussed having a Service Workshop to educate members of the district what is possible when being of service. The workshop is not set up until the end of the summer, beginning of fall, but at least we have something on the calendar.

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

- Hosting another YP event
- Supporting the Evergreen State Fair

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

Name: Robert M
Position: DCM
District number: 39
Date: 4/11/2026

Rob reported that **District 39 (Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville)** is guided by four principles: **having fun, working together (“get a buddy”), staying positive, and encouraging participation without perfection.**

The district holds **monthly business meetings (first Tuesday, 6:30 PM, North Shore Senior Center, hybrid)**, with **attendance increasing to ~20 participants**, and a trend back toward in-person participation.

A major highlight is the **Bridging the Gap (BTG) program**, which has increased **outtake support from 1–2 per month to 9–12 per month**, reflecting strong collaboration with local treatment centers.

A current challenge is **trusted servants stepping down due to feeling overwhelmed**, despite increased engagement.

Upcoming events include:

- **Summer Picnic** – July 19 (Willis Tucker Park)
- **Gratitude Potluck Dinner** – November 20

District 40 – (East Capitol Hill, Madison Beach) DCM Chris B., Alt DCM Morgan S.

Name: Morgan S.
Position: DCM
District number: 40
Date: 4/11/2026

Morgan reported on behalf of the DCM (Chris), noting that **District 40 (East Capitol Hill area, including Montlake)** continues to remain active.

The district has **gained new GSRs and added a few new groups**, indicating growth and increased participation.

Business meetings are held **monthly online (first Tuesday at 7:00 PM)**, with **quarterly hybrid meetings at Seattle Intergroup**, including fellowship time prior to the meeting.

District discussions included **Third Legacy topics**, with **strong support at the district level**, though there remain **questions regarding Third Legacy at the Area level**.

The report noted **limited time to fully discuss committee matters** during recent meetings.

District 41 – (North Downtown Seattle, Magnolia) DCM Ganelle H., Alt DCM Geordie

Name: Ganelle
Position: DCM
District: 41
Date: 4/8/2026

In the past quarter, District 41 has seen significant engagement, highlighted by excellent participation at our mid-term GSR school and a successful pre-conference. We also navigated complex challenges regarding the intersection of AI technology and our tradition of anonymity. Many questions and uncertainties remain, and we continue to seek further guidance on this evolving issue.

Looking ahead to the next quarter, my goal is to attend more meetings in my district and finalize plans for the Delegate report back. Additionally, we are currently on the waitlist for the Pride at the Park event in June and look forward to the possibility of participating.

District 42 – (NW Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) DCM Teresa H., Alt DCM Trisha B.

Name: Teri Harte
Position: DCM
District number: 42
Date: 3/22/26

Experience

Prepare, preparing, prepared? It's been about readying myself for the next service thing. Prepare reports, agendas, Zoom meetings, mindset and spiritual balance. Preparing and onboarding new GSR's - encouraging their in-person attendance at GSR schools for the best experience- Preparing our district to be live/hybrid (which has

occurred since writing this report) April 9th! Preparing my mindset to give a panel talk at PRAASA on "What's next for AA in Technology?" with help from our Delegate, Courtney. Thank you SO much for wordsmithing with me! Taking time for spiritual balance -in advance, by preparing for this panel talk the week prior, on a small, private island with my husband. Feeling prepared before hitting the mega-tropolis that is Waikiki and PRAASA. I am grateful and blessed to have this life, full of giving back; being in service to Alcoholics Anonymous!

Strength

Heartfelt thanks and gratitude for our district registrar. The hours of effort Sheila put in (evidenced by the trail of emails) going to meetings, filling out Group Change Forms, working closely with Houston, our Area Registrar, Don, and in some cases Member Services, has brought our way outdated data- current! We now KNOW there are 19 active groups- including hybrid, and online only. That's 48 ways to get to a meeting each week in D42! Also, many thanks to the Area Committee and Houston for getting Don's help with the workload. Much appreciated!

Hope

All of us in D42 are sincerely wishing for an upward trend of growth as we jump into meeting live again! We look forward to more visitors in our new location, new groups coming onboard and visualized excitement for hybrid access, as we continue serving sisters and brothers in the rooms and those yet to come.

If you build it, they will come. But if you FOOD it, they will gather! Each month a different group will bring dinner in at 6:30 before the meeting, so expect to see some munching faces!

Please join us and bring Friends! 2nd Thursday of each month 7-8:30pm

NEW location: North Seattle Church 2105 N 122nd St Seattle, 98133

Same Zoom: ID: 930 1782 3319 Passcode: 202171

District 43 – (Gig harbor, Purdy, Port Orchard) DCM James B., Alt. DCM Ben K.

Name: Jim B.

Position: DCM

District number: 43

Date: 3/31/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Well I would like to announce that we have completed our upgrade of our district handbook. I will be getting it put on Google Drive in the near future. Also, we have elected a new Alternate DCM. His name is Ben. We hosted a GSR school and it was well attended by all of the peninsula districts.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

The district is becoming more transparent on where our money is coming in from and where it is being spent. Thanks to our Treasurer and Alt. Treasurer for the work they have been doing to make this happen. It doesn't happen overnight, it is a process and I appreciate all the hard work they have put in and continue to do.

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

- I believe that getting the new Alternate DCM familiarized with what the job entails and responsibilities of the alt DCM will be a goal of mine. To help with the transition into his new position a little easier. I want to have a third legacy chair in our district to help people with this in the future. I will be asking the district to bring this position to the current list of committee chairs. I look forward to being this chair person in my next rotation.

District 44 – (North Tacoma, Gig Harbor) DCM Kari M. Alt DCM Susie M.

Name: Kari Monreal
Position: DCM
District number: 44
Date: 4/6/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- We had a come together for a district inventory last month, however it got rescheduled for April 18th due to a work conflict for the facilitator. We are all looking forward to it though.
- I have been talking to the district about the next rotation for Alt DCM, DCM, Treasurer, Secretary etc. and there is a lot of positive interest.
- We have raised our prudent reserve and reached the goal in February.
- Planning for the Gratitude banquet is already underway.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- Moving our District inventory (solved).

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

- Getting the minutes out sooner. – last month was a struggle as we did not have a secretary.

District 45 – (SW Pierce County, JBLM, Steilacoom, Spanaway) DCM John C., Alt DCM Mary W.

Name: John Cameron

Position: DCM
District number:45
Date: 3/26/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. [Experiences from your District or committee you are proud of or that were particularly inspirational to you.]

- Finished a comprehensive overhaul of our handbook.
- Complete and began to act on a District Inventory
- Blessed with 3 new GSRs who seem to be willing to help.
- Filled a long missing Lit/Grapevine and YP positions
- Co-Hosted a pre-conference
- Began planning picnic and gratitude banquet
- Our Standing committee chairs for CPC Jim K and Sean R, PI Cindy, Corrections Leah, Treatment Troyann, Accessibilities Glen, are doing amazing things.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. [Including any solutions you have found or are considering and whether you would like to hear the solutions others have found to similar problems.]

- PI Parker, a great service leader and friend, passed away. Any time you get a nickname associated with a service committee you know you are a bastion of service. He will be sorely missed.
- We did our yearly disbursements and several trusted servants and GSRs were concerned with AAWS and the GSB continued drawdowns and not being good stewards of 7th tradition funds a motion was made and seconded not to send \$ to the GSB. It did not pass.

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

- More activity with YP Committee and outreach collaboration with YPAA
- Continued outreach to local dark meetings.
- Recruit the last Committee Liaison for corrections

District 46 - (Whidbey, Fidalgo, San Juan islands) DCM Dave J., Alt DCM Corbin T.

Name: Dave J.
Position: DCM
District number: 46
Date: 03/31/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Our budget committee met a total of four times and came up with what we call a “transitional” budget for 2026. It begins moving away from line item listings that allow for an overly ample amount of money to one that is more in line with expenses from 2025

We focused on the upcoming pre-conferences and, as usual, the Northern Districts did a great job of bring it all together. More on the periphery, the San Juan Islands district 46 supplied the flyer (thanks for your prompt input Courtney) for the event. It was

exceedingly well done and, according to some of our members, was well-attended by our district.

San Juan Island's Central Services Committee, held a workshop for their secretaries and I was privileged to be part of a panel that shared our experience, strength and hope. It was a great workshop, kudos to our former DCM Dina, for organizing it.

Our Third Legacies chair Gary held several mini-workshops this quarter. Our accessibilities chair brought a particularly personal approach to involving everyone in making sure the helping hand of AA is there for members and potential members of our groups.

I attended a DCM roundtable, which I find to be most helpful. We have a variety of topics we can discuss as well as air challenges we face. One of the topics we talked about was the Fellowship Connection is where we (theoretically) coordinate service positions and group information with GSO.

We're entering the season of District workshops with one on Surrender and the other on Marty Mann in the history of AA.

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

We had Bridging the Gap, Registrar, Schedules, and Treatment changing hands mid-season. Accessibilities was vacant until December. Since last quarter, BTG continues to be plugged in, we are looking for a new Treatment chair and registrar and schedules has done a lot of heavy lifting to become familiarized with their job. We also lost our PI and are looking forward to filling that position.

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

- I want to fully transition web work to our webservant. I'd like to see the website become more interactive, which will require web and people skills.
- We have planned out four workshops in 2026. I'd like to see one in this first quarter.
- I'd like "emissaries" from our district to reach out to groups that do not participate in our structure and see what we might be able to do to be of service to them.
- I personally want to be able to touch bases more consistently outside of meetings with our elected/appointed.

I'd like to thank all the members of our area and especially our District 46 for all the work they do to extend the helping hand of AA and for setting the example that makes me want to be a better DCM and a better person.

Much love,
Dave J.
DCM46

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District 54 – (Bonney Lake, Buckley, Enumclaw) DCM David H., Alt DCM

Name: David Hancock

Position: DCM

District number: 54

Date: 3/26/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- In January, we conducted our District Inventory and formed our Inventory Ad hoc Committee to address actionable suggestions. The suggestions were approved by the District GSRs and are being implemented.
- We hosted our annual Gratitude/Anniversary Banquet in February. We found a new venue (Enumclaw Field House) and took a risk which paid off! It was beautiful, spacious venue and the various committees helped make it a night to remember. We have secured the same facility and look forward to 2/13/2027 where we will do it all over again!
- District 54 Workshop committee presented Steps 8 & 9 in January, carrying on the message of their twelve step series and looks forward to presenting the remaining steps over the next few quarters as indicated below.
- We supported the Burien Little Assembly through being involved in the preparation and execution activities. It was a wonderful event where we learned a lot through listening to many of the 16 panels and speakers. We look forward to Co-chairing the event in 2027.
- Our District is hosting a Pre-Conference Watch Party and will join District 25 this Saturday.
- Our Corrections Committee shares that after years of work, the Committee has now held several meetings at the Enumclaw jail where we had not had a presence since the Pre-COVID timeframe.
- Our CPC chair, in working with the Area have created the final draft of the universal outreach kit for First Responders.

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

- We have had several GSRs transition out/into our District. In lieu of asking our WWA72 Alt Delegate to come all the way to the Plateau to train a few GSRs, we have developed a GSR Training Guide and are planning to schedule a training session within the next month.
- We have had several people step down from Standing Committees and are looking into hosting a Third Legacy overview and a District “position exploration session”.

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

- Workshop Committee: As part of a 12 Step Workshop Series, the committee is scheduled to host an event on Steps 10 & 11 in April.

- Our District Picnic is scheduled for August 29th and we will be forming a committee in the next month to coordinate the event.

District 55 – (Sequim area) DCM Danielle E., Alt DCM Steve S.

Name: Danielle E.
Position: DCM
District number: 55
Date: 3/31/26

Hello all!

We have had a pretty quiet first quarter in Sequim. Our meetings continue to be well attended as well as our monthly district meetings. We had a great turn out at the Pre-conference held in Chimacum. I was able to carpool a few ladies and the conversations on the way home filled me up. I love when people get to experience a different part of AA and learn how it all works at an Area and General Service Board level.

We had a great Valentine's Day speaker potluck and are looking forward to the Talent No Talent show we are putting on with District 22 on April 18th and our annual Auction in May.

We continue to work on our District Handbook and have started talks about doing a District Inventory. Looking forward to another great quarter!

Thank you for letting me be of service!

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District 56 – (East Jefferson County) DCM Angie G., Alt DCM Crissy D.

Name: Angie Graziano
Position: DCM
District number: 56
Date: 3/18/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

Spring has sprung in our beautiful Olympic Peninsula District! During this past quarter, District 56 and several individual groups hosted more super events...A BIG SHOUT OUT TO OUR EVENTS CHAIR AND HER AWESOME TEAM! Specifically, our district hosted a St. Patty's Day Potluck (with approximately 60 attendees) and speaker meeting in March that included corned beef, cabbage and live music, courtesy of Irish

Goats Trio. Many of our Groups also had various celebrations including White Elephants as well as celebrations to mark the anniversaries of the groups' creation.

Additionally, the District hosted the Area 72 Pre-Conference for Districts 10, 22, 43, 55 and 56. Finger foods and potluck items were contributed so folks could feast while listening about important issues and better understand how we are connected to the Area and the General Conference.

Our District Accessibility Chair and Treasurer helped plan and participated in a panel at the Safety in AA event in Edmonds during March. Our Accessibility Chair will leverage her presentation and input gathered from the event to help shape distribution of safety information in our District as well as host a District workshop in the May/June timeframe.

Our Literature and Coins Chair developed a beautiful logo for District 56. Members plan to vote on whether to adopt this new logo or open a contest for others to submit their ideas.

Our Treasurer continues to work hard to help our Committee Chairs propose and adhere to their respective budgets, so we remain fiscally solvent. I am pleased to report that our district is financially fit and has budget for the remainder of the year, to support carrying the message throughout our District by way of special events, purchased a new PA system for our events as well as equipment for hybrid meetings (including an OWL). Our Pink Can donations are robust and we have been able to send money to the Area and GSO.

One of our groups hosted a Back to Basics program that will start on March 28 and run for 4 consecutive weeks.

The District hosted our Treatment Chair, Suzi L., in March so we could learn more about Bridging the Gap. We have had several inquiries and requests and are delighted to support recovery through this program.

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

We continue to ask for volunteers to fill our 2 several vacant positions and were delighted to fill our Registrar during the February quarterly.

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

We are looking forward to the District Talent Show on May 16. We also plan to host a District workshop on safety.

District 57 – (Hispanic linguistic District everything North of King/Snohomish County Line) DCM Reyes H.

Name: Reyes M.
Position: DCM
District Number: 57
Date: 4/1/2026

- My name is Reyes MCD for District 57 my geographic area is north of Seattle to Mount Vernon.
- Our district has eight groups, and our meetings are first and third Thursday of each month.
- The first report meeting and the second concept reading meeting we are visiting and keeping serverless groups informed about the pre-conference items.
- See you on the 85th anniversary of the arrival of the message of A.A. to Washington State!

District 58 - (Hispanic linguistic District: Olympia South to Washington/Oregon Line and West to Aberdeen) DCM Alejandra, DCM

Name: Alejandra
Position: DCM
District number: 58
Date: 03/15/2026

Hello Area 72! I'm Alejandra, an alcoholic, MCD D58

The district meets on the first Sunday of the month at 1 PM for study meetings and on the second Sunday of the month, also at 1 PM, for a report meeting. Location: 528 N Tower Ave., Centralia, WA 98531.

We attended to share the 5th concept in Group La Luz in Tacoma on March 4th.

I'm glad to announce that our district attended the Preconference on 03/21. GSR's got involved and brought all the information to their groups. Hopefully we will get the feedback on time.

Also the 9th chapter in group 10 de Marzo in Renton on March 25th. Last Sunday, March 8th, we supported the Unity group in Longview. Julio L. shared information with the public, and brochures and cards were distributed. Group New Life in sobriety started a social media campaign within a 30-mile radius. Please visit ,give, like and share.

The Nuevo Amanecer group supported us in holding the Google workshop at their meeting place, the Olympia Alano Club. It was last Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 12 to 3 PM. kudos to Shu and Pili for helping lead this. It was amazing and we learned a lot. Someone suggested having this kind of workshops at district level to help those in need to learn the basics.

We are looking for volunteers for some available positions for the July quarterly meeting in Elma, so far we have signed up 4 members from Un Vivo Amanecer in Centralia. As well as 3 members for the April quarterly!

D58 had 2 invitations to participate in Renton and Tacoma.

We are supporting the PNC by ordering coffee mugs and shirts.

Still in need of DCM alt as well as GSR for Olympia and Vancouver. We invite anyone to our manual study on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1PM and reposts on the second Sunday of the month at 1PM as well.

Thank you. With love in service!

The Area Chair did a quick recap of the weekend's events -

- We have two motions that are tabled that we will discuss in July;
- We have two motions now on the Assembly Agenda;
- We have an Inventory Action Committee in the works who will have a draft report at the July Quarterly;
- We had great discussions and reports and amazing work by our appointeds; and
- What a great committee and how far we have come this rotation, it's been an honor.

The Chair called for a Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: DCM District 7

Seconded by: DCM District 4

Approved, Meeting Adjourned.

Closed with Responsibility Statement at 6:15PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Don N.
WWA72 Secretary