Western Washington Area 72

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Little Creek Casino

October 3rd – 4th, 2026

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Western Washington Area 72 October 2026
Assembly Business Meeting Minutes
October 3rd – 4th, 2026
Little Creek Casino Resort, WA and Zoom
Hosted by District Districts 8

Call to order, Serenity Prayer: 8:30am
Twelve Traditions read by: District 1, José
Twelve Concepts read by: District 24, Liz
Motion to record meeting: Motion by District:19, 2nd by District: 14, Passed**.**

Attendance: Total Registered: In Person: 491; Online: 150;
Both (Online and In Person): 641, Total: 684; Volunteers: 43.

OPENING COMMENTS

The Chair discussed who are voting members, GSRs and Alternate GSRs if the GSR is not present, DCMs and Alternate DCMs if DCM is not present, Area Appointed servants, and Area Elected servants. Also introduced electronic voting and how it 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:

NAME	Panel	Years
Denis F.	Panel 37	87 & 88
Barbara M.	Panel 41 (CNCA 06)	91 & 92
Eddie H.	Panel 53	03 & 04
Gail H.	Panel 57	07 & 08
Dave T.	Panel 59	09 & 10
Monte S.	Panel 59 (Utah 69)	09 & 10
Keith M.	Panel 61 (Utah 69)	11 & 12
Astri T.	Panel 63	13 & 14
Darren F.	Panel 65	15 & 16
Alan F.	Panel 69	19 & 20
Geene D.	Panel 71	21 & 22

Crystal J.	Panel 73	23 & 24
Terry P.	Panel 74 (Maryland 29)	24 & 25

The Area Chair welcomed special guests:
Madeline P., Panel 52 (Idaho 18), Pacific Region Trustee, 2006–2010; and
Candice C., Panel 72 (Idaho 18), Current Pacific Region Trustee, 2026–2030 who would facilitate our Area Elections.

The Area Chair also welcomed:
Fran L., Current Area 92 Chairperson, and
Lori T., current Area 92 Alternate Chairperson.

We also had guests joining us from Tennessee Area 64 to observe our Hybrid Assembly capabilities.

<u>Brief Introduction and Discussion on the new Electronic Voting Application</u>
Don N., Area 72 Secretary introduced the new electronic voting application to the Area Body

<u>Approval of October 2025 Area Assembly Business Meeting Minutes:</u>

Motion to approve minutes by District: 44 and Second by District: 32
Voting to approve the October 2025 minutes was performed on the electronic voting app. **Motion Passed**

ELECTIONS

Election Procedures and Third Legacy Voting

Candice C., Pacific Region Trustee, facilitated the Area elections and reviewed A.A.'s **Third Legacy Procedure**, as outlined in the *2024–2026 A.A. Service Manual*. She reminded the Assembly that the elections were not about "winning or losing," but about allowing the group conscience to be expressed.

Candice reviewed who was eligible to vote, noting that the voting body consisted of Area elected officers, appointed trusted servants, DCMs or their alternates, and GSRs or their alternates. Proxies were not permitted except for designated representatives of groups in correctional facilities.

Six positions were to be elected: **Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer, and Alternate Treasurer**. For each position, Candice would review the duties and qualifications, poll eligible trusted servants for availability, accept nominations from the floor, and allow candidates to qualify before voting. Electronic voting would be used, with voting kiosks and attendants available for assistance.

Under the Third Legacy Procedure, a candidate must receive **two-thirds of the votes cast** to be elected. If no candidate receives two-thirds, additional ballots are conducted according to the Third Legacy Procedure, including the release of candidates receiving less than one-fifth of the vote at the appropriate stage. If the election remains unresolved after subsequent ballots, the procedure provides for either an additional ballot when approved by simple majority or selection **by lot ("going to the hat")**.

Election for Delegate:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the Area Delegate and then polled eligible Area trusted servants for availability. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Area 72 Delegate**: **Lupita YM, Derek S., Bud W., Lisa B., Mike L., Angel M., and Jennifer R.**. Each candidate was given two minutes to qualify.

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted using A.A.'s Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote, and all candidates remained on the ballot.

On the **second ballot**, no candidate received two-thirds. In accordance with the Third Legacy Procedure, **Derek S., Bud W., Lisa B., Mike L., and Angel M.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve. **Lupita and Jennifer** remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted between Lupita and Jennifer.

Lupita received the required two-thirds vote and was elected Area 72 Delegate.

Following the election, Lupita thanked the Assembly and expressed her gratitude and excitement for the opportunity to serve Western Washington during the next rotation.

Election for Alternate Delegate:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the **Alternate Delegate** and then conducted the established process for determining availability and receiving nominations from the floor.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Area 72 Alternate Delegate**: **Derek S., Lisa S., Eddy M-M, Bud W., Patrick M., Lara R., Lisa B., Mike L., Angel M., and Jennifer R.**. Each candidate was given two minutes to qualify.

Candidates who had already qualified during the Delegate election were not required to qualify again. Four additional candidates who had not previously qualified made themselves available and were given two minutes to qualify: **Lisa S., Eddie M.M., Patrick Maddox, and Lara R.**

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted under the Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

A **second ballot** was conducted, and again no candidate received two-thirds. The Third Legacy withdrawal rule was then applied, and **Bud W., Angel M., Mike L., Lisa B., Lisa S., Eddie M.M., Patrick Maddox, and Lara R.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve.

Derek S. and Jennifer, both of whom had previously qualified during the Delegate election, remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted between Derek and Jennifer. Neither candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

A **fourth ballot** was conducted between Derek and Jennifer. Neither candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

Under the Third Legacy Procedure, the Assembly was then given the opportunity to conduct an additional ballot rather than proceed to selection by lot. A motion was made and seconded to hold a fifth ballot. The motion required a simple majority and **failed**, so the election proceeded **to the hat**.

Candice prepared identical slips containing the names **Derek** and **Jennifer**, folded them identically, and placed them in the hat. **Courtney, the Current Area 72 Delegate** was asked to draw one name.

Derek S. was selected by lot and elected Alternate Delegate.

Derek thanked the Assembly, expressed his respect for Jennifer and said he was humbled and honored by the result and would do his best to serve Area 72.

Election of Chairperson:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the **Chairperson** and then conducted the established process for determining availability and receiving nominations from the floor.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Area 72 Chairperson**: **Lisa S., Eddy M-M, Bud W., Patrick M., Lara R., Lisa B., Mike L., Angel M., Jennifer R.,** and **Mary T.** Each candidate, who had not already qualified earlier, was given two minutes to qualify.

Candidates who had already qualified during the Delegate or Alternate Delegate elections were not required to qualify again. Two candidates who had not previously qualified, **West C. and Mary T.**, were given two minutes to qualify.

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted under the Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote, and all candidates remained on the ballot.

On the **second ballot**, no candidate received two-thirds. The withdrawal rule was applied, and **Eddie M.M., Patrick M., Lara R., Lisa B., Angel M., Mike L., West C., and Mary T.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve.

Lisa S. and Jennifer R., both of whom had previously qualified during the earlier elections, remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted. Neither candidate received the required two-thirds vote. The results were **Lisa S.; Jennifer R.**

A **fourth ballot** was conducted between Lisa and Jennifer.

Lisa S. received the required two-thirds vote and was elected Area 72 Chairperson.

Lisa thanked the Assembly and expressed her excitement about serving as Chairperson during the next rotation.

Election of Alternate Chairperson:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the **Area 72 Alternate Chairperson** and then conducted the established process for determining availability and receiving nominations from the floor.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Alternate Chairperson**: **Patrick M., Lara R., Lisa B., West C., Mike L., Angel M., Jennifer R., Mary T., Sooz B., Charley P., Heather S., David J.,** and **Shane M.** Each candidate, who had not already qualified earlier, was given two minutes to qualify.

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted under the Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

A **second ballot** was conducted with all candidates remaining. Again, no candidate received two-thirds. The withdrawal rule was then applied, and **Patrick M., Lara R., Lisa B., Angel M., Mike L., West C., Mary T., Sue B., Charlie P., David J., and Shane M.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve.

Jennifer R. and Heather S. remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted between Jennifer and Heather. Jennifer received the required two-thirds vote.

Jennifer R. was elected Area 72 Alternate Chairperson.

Jennifer thanked the Assembly and expressed her gratitude for being selected to serve.

Election of Treasurer:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the **Area 72 Treasurer**. Because of the specific qualifications required for Treasurer, candidates were given an opportunity to qualify for the position even if they had qualified during an earlier election.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Treasurer**: **Eddy M-M, Bud W., Patrick M., Heather S., Lisa B., David J., Pete P., Mary T., Angel M., Sooz B.,** and **Sansannah J.** Each candidate was given two minutes to qualify as Treasurer.

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted under the Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

A **second ballot** was conducted with all candidates remaining. A question was raised about whether all candidates had been included on the ballot. The ballot was checked and confirmed to contain the correct **11 candidates**, and voting continued.

On the second ballot, no candidate received two-thirds. The withdrawal rule was applied, and **Bud W., Patrick M., Heather S., Lisa B., David J., Mary T., Angel M., Sue B., and Sansannah J.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve.

Eddy M-M. and Pete P. remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted between Eddie and Pete.

Eddy M-M. received the required two-thirds vote and was elected Area 72 Treasurer.

Eddie thanked the Assembly and said he was honored to have the opportunity to continue serving Area 72.

Election of Alternate Treasurer:

Candice reviewed the duties and qualifications of the **Area 72 Alternate Treasurer**. Candidates were given an opportunity to qualify for the position even if they had qualified during an earlier election.

The following trusted servants made themselves available for **Alternate Treasurer**: **Bud W., Patrick M., Heather S., Lisa B., David J., Pete P., Mary T., Angel M., Sooz B., Sansannah J., Claudia B., Don N., Lara R., Lisa J., Ganelle H.,** and **Aimee B.** Each candidate was given two minutes to qualify as Treasurer.

Voting

Electronic voting was conducted under the Third Legacy Procedure.

On the **first ballot**, no candidate received the required two-thirds vote.

A **second ballot** was conducted with all candidates remaining. No candidate received two-thirds.

The Third Legacy withdrawal rule was applied, and **Bud W., Patrick M., Heather S., Lisa B., David J., Mary T., Angel M., Sue B., Lara R., Lisa J., Sansannah, Claudia B., Don N., and Aimee B.** were released from the ballot with appreciation for their willingness to serve.

A question was raised regarding application of the one-fifth withdrawal rule. Candice reviewed the Third Legacy Procedure from the *A.A. Service Manual* and clarified that candidates receiving less than one-fifth of the total vote are withdrawn at that stage, while the **two candidates receiving the highest number of votes remain regardless**.

Pete P. and Ganelle H. remained as candidates.

A **third ballot** was conducted between Pete and Ganelle.

Ganelle H. received the required two-thirds vote and was elected Area 72 Alternate Treasurer.

Janelle thanked the Assembly for its trust, expressed her gratitude and said she would work hard in the position and was excited to serve.

Recap of Area 72 Elected Officers for Panel 77:

The following individuals were elected as Area Officers for Area 72, Panel 77:

Delegate:	Lupita YM
Alternate Delegate:	Derek S.
Chairperson:	Lisa S.
Alternate Chairperson:	Jennifer R.
Treasurer:	Eddy M-M.
Alternate Treasurer:	Ganelle H.

PACIFIC REGION TRUSTEE REPORT

Pacific Region Trustee Report – Candice C.

Candice C., Pacific Region Trustee from Area 18, Idaho, thanked Area 72 for the warm welcome and congratulated the newly elected Area officers. She reflected on leadership in A.A. and emphasized maintaining a strong foundation in recovery while approaching service with compassion and love.

Candice shared some of her experience becoming Pacific Region Trustee. She was selected as Area 18's Pacific Region Trustee nominee in October 2025 and learned on April 29, of this year, that she had been elected Pacific Region Trustee. She spoke briefly about the unexpected death of her father only hours after learning of her election and expressed gratitude for the support she received from members of A.A. and the General Service Board during that difficult time.

Since beginning her service, Candice attended the **Pacific Northwest Conference in June**, which was her first event as Pacific Region Trustee. Her first **General Service Board weekend was July 30–August 3**. She described the experience of joining the Board as humbling and emphasized her willingness to learn and the importance of keeping recovery foremost in service.

Candice reported that she is serving on the Trustees' Committees on **Public Information; Cooperation with the Professional Community/ Treatment/ Accessibilities; Archives; and an Ad Hoc Committee for the Centennial Anniversary Celebration**. She is also serving as **Vice Chair of the Trustees' Public Information Committee**.

As part of the Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities work, the committee is developing videos featuring **Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustees** for A.A.'s YouTube channel. Because Class A Trustees are nonalcoholic, their faces and full names may be publicly identified.

Candice was asked to chair a **Welcoming Language Subcommittee**, which is reviewing language and accessibility issues, including terminology that may unintentionally be confusing or unwelcoming. She noted that accessibility in A.A. is increasingly understood as extending beyond physical accessibility, such as ramps and hearing assistance, to include the language used to communicate the A.A. message. The committee is currently considering this issue in relation to CPC/Treatment/Accessibilities literature and hopes to broaden the conversation to include the Trustees' Literature Committee.

Candice reported that the **Archives Committee** is well maintained and had relatively little business during the recent Board weekend.

She reported several activities underway through the **Public Information Committee**, including the pilot membership survey, public service announcement relevancy, and YouTube Shorts for young people.

At the **76th General Service Conference**, the Public Information Committee was directed to develop a **pilot membership survey** exploring ways to include A.A. groups that are not listed with the General Service Office. Previous membership surveys have included only groups listed within the General Service structure. The committee has met twice during the quarter and is working with survey methodologist **Dr. Alexandra Cooper** to finalize the pilot plan and establish a timeline for data collection and analysis.

Candice highlighted **Season Two of GSO's "Our Primary Purpose" podcast** and noted that downloadable service cards containing QR codes linking to the podcast are available for use in Public Information and CPC work.

She also highlighted a new Traditions service play, **"Get in the Car,"** which is available as a downloadable script and as an audio presentation through the *Our Primary Purpose* podcast.

Candice reported that **AA.org has a new landing page for young people**, along with new YouTube Shorts created by young A.A. members. She shared an example of a local Public Information Committee using young people's service cards together with A.A. YouTube Shorts during a high school workshop, demonstrating how local committees can combine printed and short-form digital materials in their PI work.

Candice also provided an update on the **Reserve Fund**. The Reserve Fund had recently been invested entirely in certificates of deposit (CDs). The Finance Committee determined that the CDs had underperformed other investment options already permitted under Reserve Fund policies, and the funds were being reinvested.

Candice concluded with several General Service updates:

- The next **International Convention will be held in St. Louis in 2030**.
- The **Fifth Edition of the Big Book** is expected to be released in **mid-February 2027**.
- **2,393 personal stories** were submitted for consideration for inclusion in the Fifth Edition.

Candice thanked Area 72 for the opportunity to attend the Assembly and for the encouragement and warm welcome she received.

ELECTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Delegate's Report – Courtney S.

Area 72 Delegate Report October 2026 Assembly

Hello Area 72!

I am writing my final report for Area 72 as your Delegate. Being a Delegate for our Area has been the bright spot in my recovery. Your engagement in the year-round process, enthusiasm for service, warmth, and support have been deeply meaningful.

I've had the opportunity to participate in some really exciting things this rotation, such as electing a U.S. Trustee at Large and a Pacific Region Trustee, attending the International Convention as a sitting Delegate, and Area 72 hosted several events including PNC, La Viña's 30th Anniversary, and the National AA Archives Workshop. This is a special rotation, and I am grateful to have participated in these events.

What I've learned in sobriety and AA service is to not listen to my limiting thoughts, to be willing to step outside my comfort zone, and to embrace the encouragement others provided when I didn't think I was enough. I wouldn't have had the opportunity to serve if I hadn't had those around me who continued to encourage me. Watching others make service FUN showed me what was possible. Thank you to all those, past and present, who have contributed to my service journey and to our Area 72 members who have made my journey a blast.

In love and service,
Courtney S.
Panel 72 Delegate
Grapevine and La Viña Conference Committee
delegate@area72aa.org
206-795-8311

A72 hosted the La Viña XXX Anniversary and the National AA Archives Workshop

I am grateful to have attended both the La Viña and NAAAW events in Area 72 over the last quarter.

- **La Viña XXX:** Participating as an English speaking member at the La Viña anniversary gave me a new perspective being on the receiving end of interpretation. It was wonderful to see the La Viña staff members and a past trustee and non-trustee directors present. Also, four other Pacific Region Delegates attended. The most memorable was learning some dance moves from our Hispanic members!
- **NAAAW:** The host committee did amazing and created a great program. The World Services meeting History was fascinating. I learned that South Africa has their version of the Grapevine that is called the "Regmaker" which translates to "hair of the dog". The Washington AA History presentation was great; I hope we utilize this at future events in A72.

76th General Service Conference Final Report is available

- You can find the PDF electronic version of the Final Conference Report on aa.org
- AAWS will offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report (FCR) to be available for $5 and will be available for order soon.

Regional Forum

- There are **short videos explaining the purpose** of a Regional Forum available! https://www.aa.org/regional-local-and-special-forums
- **It 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**.
    - Translation is no longer provided by GSO. The Regional Forums committee will be surveying the regional trustees to assess current and future interpretation needs and the availability of resources to meet those needs.
    - AI interpretation is being used at some Regional Forum events taking into account technical barriers to accessing the tool, and its ability to communicate AA and General Service recovery effectively.
- **Area 08 passed a motion to fund live interpretation resources at their expense for ASL. They are asking for support from other Pacific Region Areas to help cover costs for Spanish interpretation.**
- **Registration is now open! Flyer is here:** https://www.aa.org/event/2026-pacific-regional-forum
    - Hotel registration https://book.passkey.com/event/50824753/owner/55596/home
    - Group Code: AA022026SD or call 800-996-3426 mention “2026 Pacific Regional Forum”
- **Online Regional Forum:** A discussion has started about holding an Online Forum with our increasing number of online-only groups, those in remote communities, or members having barriers to access an in-person regional forum. More information to come!

Everything AA App

- Read the board’s message about the app and a message from Ben S. here:

  https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/Message_to_the_Fellowship_about_Everything_AA_App.pdf
- Acquisition supports expanded access to AA literature and strengthens public information / CPC outreach.
- AAWS views the acquisition as cost-neutral, supported by an existing base of voluntary subscribers. No drawdown to support this acquisition is anticipated.
- Immediate updates will focus on aligning content, design, terms, and branding with A.A. Traditions and AAWS digital standards.

The AI Discussions Continue

- The Publishing Department will explore the topic, draft recommendations and report back to the committee regarding the use of AI in literature story submissions.
- **AA Grapevine Board Chair:** Exploring the potential use of artificial intelligence to improve circulation forecasting, subscription renewal modeling, user experience, and website optimization. To support this work, the Board established an AI Companion Ad Hoc Committee and an Events and Merchandise Ad Hoc Committee.
- **Trustees Literature Committee:** Discuss revising the standard language used in calls for stories to explicitly note that stories generated using AI will not be considered: The committee discussed updating the standard language for calls for stories with language related to artificial intelligence (large language learning models).

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS)

- **Welcoming Language Subcommittee:** Created to discuss accessibility concerns related to language in AAWS literature and communications that may be perceived as derogatory. The subcommittee will report its findings and recommendations to the Accessibility Committee at the Q4 Board Meeting.
- **Proposed Agenda Item Grid** from Q3 Board Meeting can be found on the Delegate's Corner with link to google drive: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hpqn6k2DnEE2wc71Cec3ZWddNggBrQ21. This is just the items submitted to date, this is not the final agenda, a draft agenda should be out later in 2026 with the finalized agenda in early 2027.

General Service Office Updates

- Staff is developing a Frequently Asked Questions document in response to member inquiries regarding the Fifth Edition, such as information about past changes to the 1-164p, what process was involved, and more information about the conference committee process.
- CPC series "Meet A.A.'s Nonalcoholic Trustees" to launch with four initial videos on YouTube.
- Enhancement to Fellowship Connection and other reporting tools are being explored to better capture registered group data.

Publishing Updates

- An **audio book of the Plain Language Big Book has launched**, available for $9.99. Find out more here. https://onlineliterature.aa.org/audiobooks
- **Fifth Edition of the Big Book is anticipated to be available in early February 2027**. Additional communications are forthcoming.
    - Cost will be $20
    - Returning to a jacketed hardcover edition based on fellowship feedback
- Gross literature sales were 15% less than YTD budget and 2% less than the comparable period last year, primarily due to a decline in sales of the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) as it

transitions from its introductory sales rate to ongoing sales rate. Along with postponing large orders until the Fifth Edition becomes available.

AAWS/General Service Board Summary (YTD June 30, 2026)

- Total **operating revenue is $10,329,213,** slightly more than budgeted of $10,318,128.
- Total **operating expenses** before depreciation $9,561,563, which is about 5% less than the YTD budget of $10,043,499
- **Operating surplus** before depreciation is $767,650 compared to a YTD budgeted surplus of $274,629
- **Contributions** are $4.6M which is **4% more than budgeted** and 8% more than this time in 2025**.**
- The **Reserve Fund is at 4.97 months** of 2026 budgeted GSO, GV and LV operating expenses. Once the entire amount authorized to be drawn for the retrofit is drawn, **the Reserve Fund is expected to be at about 4.79 months of operating expenses YE 2026.**
- The QFRs for the 1st and 2nd Quarters are based on the Original Budget. The QFRs for the 3rd quarter and full year are based on the Reforecast Budget.

AAWS/General Service Board Financial Indicators Year To Date June 30, 2026 (Q2 2026)

Indicator	Q2 2026 Actual Versus YTD Budget	Q2 2026 Actual Versus Q2 2025
Contributions	$5.018M vs $4.830 4% more than budget	$5.018M vs $4.643M, 8% more than prior year
Gross Literature Sales	$8.151M vs $9.566M, 15% less than budget	$8.151M vs $8.307M, 2% less than prior year
Net Literature Sales (Gross Margin)[1]	$4.879M vs $5.083M, 4% less than budget	$4.879M vs $4.239M, 15% more than prior year
Gross Margin as a Percentage of Gross Literature Sales	59.9% versus 53.1%	59.9% versus 51.0%
Operating Expenses before depreciation	$9.562M vs $10.043M, 5% less than budget	$9.562M vs $9.321, 3% more than prior year
Operating Surplus before depreciation	$768K vs $275K	$768K vs $(32K)
Reserve Coverage (# of months)	**4.97**	**6.42**

GREEN – Favorable Variance
YELLOW – Unfavorable Variance, Informative
RED – Unfavorable, Trustees Finance/Board action and/or discussions ongoing

NOTE: In 2025, Seventh Tradition contributions covered 57% of operating expenses. In 2026 YTD, contributions covered 52% of operating expenses.

Reserve Fund History: Our goal is to maintain between 9 - 12 months in the reserve fund. The last time we were within the range was 2019.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE HISTORY
2015 - 2026

DATE	ASSETS	GV SUBSCRIPTION LIABILITY	BALANCE	OPERATING EXPENSES	MONTHS OF EXPENSES
12/31/15	14,583,935	1,903,842	12,680,093	16,655,754	9.14
12/31/16	14,958,734	1,841,125	13,117,609	17,034,889	9.24
12/31/17	14,352,618	1,943,500	12,409,118	16,726,806	8.90
12/31/18	17,898,391	1,943,500	15,954,891	19,072,945	10.04
12/31/19	18,128,708	1,893,500	16,235,208	20,703,929	9.41
12/31/20	13,923,464	1,443,500	12,479,964	18,806,219	7.96
12/31/21	14,295,786	1,443,500	12,852,286	17,554,866	8.79
12/31/22	14,192,560	1,243,500	12,949,060	20,105,896	7.73
12/31/23	13,203,875	573,012	12,630,863	21,095,796	7.18
12/31/24	12,454,738	540,000	11,914,738	21,799,168	6.56
12/31/25	11,562,418	540,000	11,022,418	21,427,634	6.17
06/30/26	9,850,579	540,000	9,310,579	22,459,727	4.97

Grapevine & La Viña updates

- Per the 75th GSC advisory action, we were scheduled to be conducting a survey to the fellowship to understand what YOU want from GV/LV. The 76th GV LV Conference Committee requested the drafted survey be revised and distribution options be brought back to the 77th GSC. Trustees committee is now asking for more direction from the Conference Committee.
- **Carry the Message (CTM):** So far this year we helped 775 people with CTM subscriptions, at a value of $26,550. Today we only have $1,677 in the fund.
- **CTM Will be accepting contributions of any denomination**.
    - GV LV Conference Committee has several concerns and follow-up questions about this change given the 76th Conference Committee Took No Action related to the topic of accepting contributions.
    - Response provided was that - *There is confusion in the fellowship about the difference between a CTM Gift Certificate and a simple Gift Certificate. We want to separate the two. We also want to make contribution easier for individuals who may want to contribute a small amount, a few dollars for example; and easier for groups who might vote to give a flat dollar amount to CTM.* This is an important topic to watch to ensure it doesn't creep into other aspects of GV.
- **Podcast**: 1.5M downloads, averaging 24.5K per month.
- **Instagram**: Grapevine has 16,613 followers. La Viña has 2,359 followers.
- **YouTube Channel:** 507 videos, 18,300 subscribers, 331,974 total views
- **The app now reaches over 150 countries** excluding EU members - working to achieve EU privacy compliance regulations.

Grapevine / La Viña Summary Year To Date June 30, 2026 (Q2 2026)

- At the Q3 board meeting, a motion was **approved to reduce the Subscription Liability fund** by **$200,000**. It was established to reflect the estimated cost of fulfilling all remaining print subscriptions.
    - The reserve, previously established at $540,000, reflected the estimated cost of fulfilling all remaining print subscriptions. With approximately 30% to 40% of subscribers now receiving digital editions, the remaining reserve of at least $340,000 was determined to be more than sufficient to meet subscription obligations while better aligning the reserve with current fulfillment costs.
- Accounting errors were found**, overstating book revenue** and understated deferred income and revenue **(343k**) along with overstated accounts receivable (60k) for **a total of 403k.**
    - **Book revenue:** It was a mistake on how we assigned PayPal payments, between deferred subscription income (too low) and book income (too high). It was a recording error due to reporting inconsistencies with the fulfillment vendor. It began in 2023 and the error was discovered during the April/May transition to an improved fulfillment platform. This updated software provides improved reporting that meets Grapevine needs. Once this error was identified, the adjustments were recorded in May 2026.
- **Between June 2025 and June 2026,** total **average subscriptions grew 3.2% to 60,883,** driven entirely by digital gains. **App subscriptions increased 34.6**% and Online climbed 20%, with Complete bundles up 9.6%. **Print continued its decline, falling 4.1% from 42,723 to 40,954.**
- **Operating expenses are on target** $1,028k, 1% under budget and 1% lower than last year.
- GV will announce a price increase effective January 1st 2027 in October 2026. Incremental price increases are expected as part of the 5-year plan.
- **La Viña gross margin** is better than budgeted drive by books and booklet sales.
- **La Viña circulation** one year ago, the total was 7,434. At the end of July this year, this number had **fallen by 1,424 (24%) to 6,011.**
    - This change has prompted the creation of a special taskforce composed of four AAGV board members and staff. This moment represents an opportunity to work together with a larger group to better carry the message.
    - Inviting delegates from CA, FL, NY, and TX (where 62% of LV subscribers live) to meet and discuss. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and make sense of what we are seeing and how we might carry the message more effectively. This may include developing a plan and also a forum to hear ideas for greater engagement with the Spanish-speaking fellowship.

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Grapevine Financial Indicators Year To Date June 30, 2026 (Q2 2026)

Indicator	Versus 2026 Budget Dollars in thousands '000	Versus Prior Year (6/30/2025) Dollars in thousands '000
Total Grapevine ("GV") Subscription Income	$1,093k vs $1,038k, 5% above budget	$1,093 vs $1,006k, 9% increase
Total GV Print-only Circulation	40,954 vs 40,900 - 54 subscriptions above budget	40,954 vs 42,165, an anticipated decline of 3%
GV App + Online + GV Complete Subscriptions	19,930 vs 18,990 - 940 subscriptions above budget	19,930 vs 16,469, a 21% increase
Total Circulation	60,884 vs 59,890 - 994 subscriptions above budget	60,884 vs 58,634, a 4% increase
GV Subscription Net Profit %	60% vs 59%	60% vs 53%
GV Total Gross Margin (all products)	$894k versus $971k, 8% below budget (attributed to Change in Accounting Estimate)	$894k vs $862k, an increase of 4%
GV Operating Expenses	$1,028k versus $1,043k, 1% lower than budget	$1,028k vs $1,041k, a decrease of 1%
GV Net Loss	$(201k) versus ($140k)-$61k below budget	($201k) vs ($241k), a 17% improvement
LV Total Gross Margin	$103k vs $97k, $6k above budget	$103k vs $81k, a 27% improvement
LV Total Circulation	6,919 vs 7,647, 9% under budget	6,919 vs 8,360, 17% decrease
LV Operating Expenses	$310k vs $312k, 1% below budget	$310k vs $318k, a decrease of 3%
LV Support from GSB	$(219) vs $(230), $11k improvement compared to budget	$(219k) vs $(251k), decrease of 13%

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- https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/F-36_summer2026.pdf

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Alternate Delegate's Report – Lupita Y.M.

Name: Lupita YM
Position: Alternate Delegate
District number:
Date: 3 October 2026

A Year of Service

Over the past year, I have been busy as your Alternate Delegate! As I reflect on the past year and write this report, one thing stands out: despite all the activity, none of it has ever felt like a burden. I've served four years as an appointed trusted servant and almost six years as an elected trusted servant in Western Washington. Somewhere along the way, I've come to understand that leadership is an action. It's not about power or position; it's about helping Alcoholics Anonymous. For me, being a leader in A.A. means continually asking myself, *What can I do to help? How can I be of service?*

When I report on my activities, whether from the past quarter or, in this case, the entire year, it's not to showcase how busy I've been or to make my role seem important. It's an opportunity to share with you, the groups, how your Seventh Tradition dollars are being put to work and to recognize the tremendous service happening throughout our Area.

The Work of General Service

This past year has been filled with opportunities to connect, learn, and serve. I hosted or participated in six General Service Representative (GSR) workshops, two District Committee Member (DCM) schools, and seven roundtables for DCMs and Alternate DCMs to come together and share their experience. I also had the privilege of visiting several districts for presentations and other service activities, facilitating five home group inventories and three district inventories, with another scheduled next week.

In addition to these local commitments, I attended two Pre-Conferences, several Delegate Report Backs, and six Pre-Assemblies. I also served on the Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC) Host Committee and participated in the ad hoc committee reviewing the Area Committee Inventory.

While these activities make for a busy year, the real value of service has been in the relationships, shared experiences, and opportunities to learn along the way.

Learning Through Service and Fellowship

As with my previous service commitments, I've found that I become more comfortable in the role just as my rotation is coming to an end! I've especially enjoyed working closely with Courtney, learning and absorbing all I can about being a Conference member. I treasure the relationships I've developed through monthly meetings with Alternate Delegates from across the Pacific Region.

Hot take: I really enjoy Area 72 business meetings! Like, *really*. Recently, I took some time to reflect on why I enjoy them so much. The answer is simple: the people. What I appreciate most is the unity and fellowship within Western Washington. I consider this a

crucial component of Area business. It's a reminder that we're all here for a common purpose, working together to support Alcoholics Anonymous.

Making General Service More Accessible

Throughout this rotation, a recurring theme in my service has been helping others feel more comfortable participating in General Service. Over the past year and nine months, I've been involved in 16 GSR schools, four DCM schools, and numerous district and group visits. I hope these opportunities have helped lower the perceived barrier to getting involved in service.

At many of our GSR schools, we've talked about how it's okay to doubt yourself and to feel challenged. Feeling challenged doesn't mean you don't belong, and it certainly doesn't mean you can't do this. I've often asked myself: *Am I willing to be imperfect in service? Am I willing to let others see my imperfections?*

I believe these questions are relevant to anyone, at any level of service. We don't have to have all the answers or be completely comfortable to participate. At its core, it comes down to acceptance and faith, trusting that we can learn and grow through the experience and that we're not doing this alone.

I'm not particularly concerned with the legacy I leave behind, but if I've helped even a few people feel more confident stepping into General Service, then I consider that meaningful.

Looking Ahead to the Final Quarter

While I enjoy Area Quarterlies and Assemblies, I equally enjoy visiting districts for presentations, GSR workshops, inventories, and other service opportunities. Thank you to everyone who has invited me to share my experience and participate in your district activities. I have a couple more district visits and inventories coming up, and I welcome more. Please keep 'em coming! :)

As we approach the end of this rotation, I plan to host a couple more DCM roundtables and at least one additional DCM school. With trusted servants preparing to rotate out and district elections taking place, these sessions will provide an opportunity to discuss the transition and share useful tools and resources. Rather than formal onboarding, I intend to make these gatherings relevant to the needs of those preparing to take on new service positions.

A Growing Appreciation for Area 72

The further I move down the triangle and the more opportunities I have to interact with members from other Areas, the deeper my appreciation becomes for the participation, structure, culture, and traditions of Western Washington Area 72. These experiences have given me a greater perspective on what makes our Area unique and strengthened my gratitude for the opportunity to be part of it.

As I near the end of this rotation, I'm reminded that service isn't simply about completing commitments or fulfilling responsibilities. It's about the people we meet, the relationships

we build, the experiences we share, and the ways we help one another grow. I've been fortunate to experience all of that throughout my time as your Alternate Delegate.

Chair Report – Derek S.

Name: Derek S.
Position: Area Chair
Date: 9-25-26

Greetings Area 72!

It is with mixed feelings that I present this last Quarterly Report for the rotation. For the Area Chair, the months of June through the October Assembly are the busiest. Here's my report for this 3rd Quarter:

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

1. July Quarterly. We had an eventful July Quarterly. Thank you to our host committee from Districts 21 and 58 who did a wonderful job with limited space. We tried something new on Friday, an Ask-It Basket for our area committee members facilitated by our Delegate, Courtney. The panel was made up of a nice blend of DCMs, Appointeds and Electeds. The feedback I received was that it was a great experience and we should consider it as an option for Quarterly Friday nights in the future. We had a full day of business on Saturday, with the Committee adding two motions to the Assembly Agenda and reassigning a tabled motion back to a discussion topic to round out our Assembly Agenda with four motions. We also crashed the Wi-Fi trying out the new voting app. We are working to ensure this doesn't happen at the Assembly. Most importantly for me though is that we had great participation at the microphones, especially from GSRs, whose minority opinion resulted in a motion to reconsider and a revote that put one of the motions on the Assembly Agenda. We had a full day of reporting from our electeds, appointeds, DCMs, committees, and intergroups and CSOs. The service going on across Area 72 is awesome. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful weekend.
2. Background Information for Pre-Assemblies and Assembly. The remainder of July consisted of preparing all the background information for the motions and the discussion topic, setting the agenda and coordinating volunteer presenters for our eight pre-assemblies. Thank you to our Spanish Language interpreter Claudia for getting everything translated. Thanks to Shu, our dedicated and trusted Web Goddess who spent considerable time to make sure everything was posted correctly and in order for ease of access by all. Those same documents are now available on the Area Assembly Documents page.
3. Electronic Voting. As you know, this Assembly will be an election assembly. And those of you who attended a pre-assembly know that we will be using electronic ballots through a newly designed voting app. The voting app was successful through all of the Pre-Assemblies as we elected a coffee maker at each event using third legacy

voting procedure. It was a lot of fun and gave us confidence heading into the Assembly.

4. Pre-Assemblies. The entire month of August was filled with Pre-Assemblies. We provided eight Pre-Assemblies in total starting on Saturday, August 1 in Vancouver and ending on Sunday, August 23 online. The best part was getting to see all of you and hear your comments and questions as we worked through the motions and discussion topics. Thank you to all the hosting Districts and all those that participated in making these possible.
5. Assembly Check-In Meeting. We held our Quarterly Check-In Meeting with the electeds and appointeds on Sunday, September 20 in Seattle Intergroup's big room. We reviewed the Assembly agenda and Agenda Timing and heard reports from each of our electeds and appointeds in preparation for the Assembly. These check-ins help get everyone focused on the Assembly and are a great opportunity to build unity and fellowship.
6. Welcome Candice C., Our New Pacific Region Trustee. As many of you know, Candice C., Area 18 Idaho, is our new Pacific Region Trustee and I am happy to announce she will be facilitating our elections at our Assembly this year, will give us a Trustee's report on Saturday during business and will be our speaker on Sunday morning sharing her experience, strength and hope.
7. Agenda Script (Working Agenda) and Election Script Preparation and Walk-Throughs. As part of our preparation for the Assembly, certain committee members met on zoom to walk through the Agenda Script and Election Script so that everyone is prepared for business on Saturday. The Assembly Script contains everything from the readings, introductions and announcements at the beginning of the Assembly, and all the various reports, motions and discussions, the estimated times allotted for each and who is assigned to facilitate those discussions. Preparing the script helps the chair focus in detail to each part of the Assembly. And it results in good productive discussion during the script walk-throughs. For a two-page agenda, the current version of the agenda script runs 25 pages and you will see it rolled up in my hand during the Assembly.
8. Third Legacy Roundtables. I continue to attend the District Third Legacy Chair 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. 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.
9. National Corrections Conference (NCC). The NCC 2028 Bid Committee, comprised of Area 72 and 92 Corrections servants 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 from the Tri-Cities area where we were highlighting Washington State Penitentiary Walla Walla to the greater Seattle area where we will highlight Washington Corrections Center for Women at Purdy and Monroe Correctional Complex. We toured the DoubleTree Hotel at SeaTac and voted for it to be the host

venue for our bid package. Travel into Seattle is much easier for those traveling from the east and there is a hourly shuttle that runs from the airport to the hotel. As part of the event, we are we planning corrections field trips to Monroe and Purdy the Thursday before the Conference. We will keep you posted.

10. Service Studies. Recreationally, I continue to attend 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. This year the Nerds are reading through The Language of the Heart with speakers scheduled for the last Thursday of the month.

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

Business on Assembly Sunday this Year. At this year's Assembly, we will also be conducting business on Sunday morning that carries over from Saturday. We have a hard stop at 10:30 pm on Saturday night which pushes a full agenda into Sunday morning. We start Saturday with elections, then reports from our Trustee and Delegate, then elected and appointed reports, four motions and a discussion topic, several reports across all functions of our service structure mixed in, bid and selection for our 2031 Area Assembly location, ending with GSR sharing on Saturday night. Then Sunday we have an Area Committee Inventory report, a discussion topic, and four Floor Motions to either discuss or move to the Quarterly process next year. We haven't had business on Sunday since 2022. It is not common but it is not uncommon, if that makes sense.

Thank You. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the groups and districts in Area 72 to an amazing rotation. It has been the highest honor of my life to date. Imagine that, living through the alcoholic wringer to earn entry into the greatest fellowship of humans in the world. I am deeply moved and grateful. Thank you for the love and support and for some of you, your constructive criticism that helped me grow up.

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. Facilitate a successful Area Assembly.
2. Update the Area Handbook before the start of next rotation adding the motions from this year and last in the Motions Section and working with each committee to review and update their sections of the handbook.
3. Attend the National Corrections Conference in Salt Lake City to bid to bring the 2028 National Corrections Conference to Seattle.
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 end of the rotation.

In closing, I am available to any Home Group, District, Intergroup, and CSO, 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: 9/29/2026

Area Business Assembly – October 2026
Alternate Chair Report

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe this is my last report as Area 72's Alternate Chairperson. It has been a wonderful panel, and I've had so much fun serving in this role. I have to admit, Alternate Chairperson has been my favorite service position so far, with Appointed Language Chair a close second. Both roles gave me the opportunity to work with A.A. members across many districts, share my love and joy for A.A., and hopefully help ignite or strengthen others' connection to service. Thank you for choosing me to serve in this role!

This past quarter was a busy one. I saw many of you at pre-assemblies, participated in PRAASA 2027 Host Committee meetings as Secretary, worked with the January 2027 Quarterly host committee to set the registration fee and prepare the registration flyer, and spent a lot of time with our 2026 Assembly host committee preparing for this weekend in Shelton.

This host committee has been especially meaningful to me because District 8 is my home district. I've had the chance to work alongside A.A. members I've served with before, people I've seen at meetings over the years, and others I finally got to meet for the first time. It has been such a joy to be part of planning an Assembly in my own district.

I also had the opportunity to work with District 11 on its bid to host the 2031 Assembly. In Area 72, we select our Assembly locations five years in advance, which can make those decisions feel a little "out of sight, out of mind." So if you ever find yourself wondering, "Who chose this location, and who approved these registration and meal estimates?"the answer is: your past GSRs!

This weekend, you'll have the opportunity to vote on whether to accept District 11's bid for the 2031 Assembly at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds & Event Center in Lynden. Their bid presentation will take place Saturday evening.

As you listen to the 2031 Assembly bid, I encourage you to think not only about cost and location, but also about what will best serve the GSRs of our future.

Here's where we are already contracted to gather for Assemblies through 2030:

- 2027 – Lynden: Northwest Washington Fairgrounds & Event Center
- 2028 – SeaTac: DoubleTree
- 2029 – Vancouver: Hilton
- 2030 – Shelton: Little Creek

One of the challenges in planning Assemblies is that there simply aren't many venues in our Area large enough to accommodate us. In recent years, we have tended to rotate among a relatively small number of locations, including Little Creek in Shelton, Hotel Murano in Tacoma, the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds & Event Center in Lynden, the Hilton in Vancouver, and the Cowlitz County Expo Center in Longview.

There is another venue on the east side of the Area that is large enough for our group, but they only contract two years in advance. We've also recently learned of another possible venue in District 28, but we would need more time to explore whether it could realistically meet our needs. We have also been reluctant to return to Longview because of hotel concerns during our last Assembly there.

That leaves us with a fairly limited number of venues we can realistically consider at any given time. For 2031, we received a bid from District 11 for one of them. I wanted to walk you through this because it helps explain why we don't always have multiple Assembly bids to choose from.

If your district knows of another large venue that might meet Area 72's needs, please let me or our incoming Alternate Chairperson know so it can be considered for future Assemblies.

Looking ahead, planning for the 2027 Assembly will begin soon. Did you know that Assembly host committees used to spend as much as two years preparing? Thanks to the experience and guidance of many past Alternate Chairs, I've been able to put together a planning tool that streamlines much of the process and makes preparation considerably easier.

When our systems are efficient, they create more room for connection, joy, fellowship, and the parts of service that keep us coming back. Truly, we are not a glum lot!

Thank you all for giving me the gift of serving as your Alternate Chairperson. I have loved serving in this capacity, and I'm grateful that I'll still have the opportunity to help the January Quarterly host committee prepare for our upcoming quarterly while also training our incoming Panel 77 Alternate Chairperson.

With love and in service to Area 72,

Lisa S.
Area 72 Alternate Chairperson

Treasurer's Report (Narrative) – Teresa H.

Both founders believed that just as a group should not be broke, it should also never have too much money. Bill W. argued that a group treasury should maintain a "prudent reserve" (usually a few months of operating expense like rent and literature) but anything beyond that should be quickly given away to service entities. He warned that a wealthy group or a wealthy headquarters would bread a struggle for executive power, which would completely kill the spiritual focus of helping the next suffering alcoholic. The contributions that come into Area 72 service entity are doing just that, helping the suffering alcoholic. Who here has been to a treatment facility? Who here has been to jail? Who here has used zoom to participate in a meeting? Who here has needed a podcast, or to read literature to keep them from drinking or going insane? We are the alcoholics that have suffered and were given freedom because of the contributions of prior members. And now we (and our groups) get to pass on what was so freely given to us. Your contributions help make sure Area 72 can carry the message to all those who suffer.

Here is where Area 72 is today:

Contributions for the 3rd quarter are below budgeted needs by $8,982

Western Washington Area 72

Budget vs. Actuals: Q3 2026
July 1 - September 27, 2026

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
▾ Income			
▾ 4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributi...	5,877.31	8,124.99	(2,247.68)
4021 Districts - Online Contributi...	636.96	693.75	(56.79)
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributio...	21,234.19	25,125.00	(3,890.81)
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	7,988.26	10,437.51	(2,449.25)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mai...	342.15	831.24	(489.09)
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Onl...	826.34	675.00	151.34
Total 4000 Contributions	**36,905.21**	**45,887.49**	**(8,982.28)**

However, we have collected $147,122 in contributions YTD (Year to Date) vs our budgeted amount of $137,662. Bringing in $9459 more than anticipated. Meaning we collected more in previous quarters to offset the difference.

YTD ACTUALS VS BUDGET TO DATE

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	33,237.08	24,374.97	8,862.11
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	3,379.87	2,081.25	1,298.62
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	78,075.60	75,375.00	2,700.60
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	25,658.78	31,312.53	(5,653.75)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail-In Contributions	2,010.38	2,493.72	(483.34)
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Online Contributions	2,715.46	2,025.00	690.46
Total 4000 Contributions	**145,077.17**	**137,662.47**	**7,414.70**
4100 Area Event Excess Funds			
4130 Quarterly Excess Funds	2,045.19		2,045.19
Total 4100 Area Event Excess Funds	**2,045.19**		**2,045.19**
Total Income	**$147,122.36**	**$137,662.47**	**$9,459.89**
GROSS PROFIT	**$147,122.36**	**$137,662.47**	**$9,459.89**

With that said, we still need $38,472 to meet our budgeted needs for 2026.

FULL YEAR BUDGET VS ACTUALS

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	33,237.08	32,500.00	737.08
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	3,379.87	2,775.00	604.87
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	78,075.60	100,500.00	(22,424.40)
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	25,658.78	41,750.00	(16,091.22)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail-In Contributions	2,010.38	3,325.00	(1,314.62)
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Online Contributions	2,715.46	2,700.00	15.46
Total 4000 Contributions	**145,077.17**	**183,550.00**	**(38,472.83)**
4100 Area Event Excess Funds			
4130 Quarterly Excess Funds	2,045.19		2,045.19
Total 4100 Area Event Excess Funds	**2,045.19**		**2,045.19**
Total Income	**$147,122.36**	**$183,550.00**	**$ (36,427.64)**
GROSS PROFIT	**$147,122.36**	**$183,550.00**	**$ (36,427.64)**

I feel confident that if the members and the groups continue to make their contributions, we will have no problem reaching that number. And as you have heard from the Electees and will hear later today from our amazing committee chairs, exactly what has been happening to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics, inside and outside the rooms of AA.

Eddy and I wanted to show you where Area 72 is today compared to this time last year:

CONTRIBUTIONS JAN - SEPT 2026 vs 2025 YTD

	JAN 1 - SEP 27, 2026	JAN 1 - SEP 27, 2025 (PY)	CHANGE
Income			
4000 Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	33,237.08	27,577.27	5,659.81
4021 Districts - Online Contributions	3,379.87	1,619.52	1,760.35
4030 Groups - Mail-In Contributions	78,075.60	76,798.49	1,277.11
4031 Groups - Online Contributions	25,658.78	28,548.89	(2,890.11)
4040 Individual/Anniversary - Mail-In Contributions	2,010.38	2,138.83	(128.45)
4041 Individual/Anniversary - Online Contributions	2,715.46	1,924.41	791.05
Total 4000 Contributions	**145,077.17**	**138,607.41**	**6,469.76**

As you can see, Area 72 has received $6469 more in contributions this year than last year, which is on par with the target growth rate that was needed to meet the budget increase. Here is a snapshot of the expense comparison. A more detailed report is on the Area 72 website.

	TOTAL		
	JAN 1 - SEP 27, 2026	JAN 1 - SEP 27, 2025 (PY)	CHANGE
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	**46,305.14**	**59,835.34**	**(13,530.20)**

- This is lower because of the newsletter being digital

Total 6100 Assembly Costs	**6,557.55**	**6,646.70**	**(89.15)**
Total 6200 Quarterly Costs	**24,252.16**	**25,543.39**	**(1,291.23)**
Total 6300 Delegate Costs	**8,875.17**	**6,929.04**	**1,946.13**
Total 6400 Other Travel	**9,574.77**	**8,397.49**	**1,177.28**
Total 6500 Standing Committees	**7,978.43**	**2,710.75**	**5,267.68**

- This is higher because corrections spent their full $8000 budget this year vs last year

Total 6600 Steering Committees	**21,159.17**	**14,433.87**	**6,725.30**

- This is higher because of the increased translation need for the newsletter and the Archives Steering committee's needs (which was budgeted)

Total Expenses	**$128,111.16**	**$125,670.40**	**$2,440.76**

Area 72's financial position:

Western Washington Area 72

Statement of Financial Position - By Quarter thru 9/27/2026
As of September 27, 2026

	JAN - MAR, 2026	APR - JUN, 2026	JUL 1 - SEP 27, 2026
▾ ASSETS			
▾ Current Assets			
▾ Bank Accounts			
1000 Area Checking Account	56,384.01	53,915.93	50,656.37
Total Bank Accounts	**$56,384.01**	**$53,915.93**	**$50,656.37**

Our working reserve is $19,000. We have $11,300 set aside for the PI sign project. This leaves Area 72 with $20,356 operating cash. And just a reminder, the $19,000 working reserve is used when contributions are slow to arrive due to timing of distributions per groups and districts.

As Bill W. wrote in Language of the Heart, Respecting Money, November 1957; To conclude: Our spiritual way of life is safe for future generations if, as a Society, we resist the temptation to receive money from the outside world. But this leaves us with a responsibility, one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skimp when the treasurer or our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid. When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer.

Treasurer's Report (Budget vs Actuals) – Teresa H.

Western Washington Area 72

Budget vs. Actuals: Q3 2026 Through Dec. 2026

January - December 2026

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
Income			
4000 Contributions			
4020 Districts - Mail-In Contributions	33,237.08	32,500.00	737.08
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4100 Area Event Excess Funds			
4130 Quarterly Excess Funds	2,045.19		2,045.19
Total 4100 Area Event Excess Funds	**2,045.19**		**2,045.19**
Total Income	**$147,122.36**	**$183,550.00**	**$ (36,427.64)**
GROSS PROFIT	**$147,122.36**	**$183,550.00**	**$ (36,427.64)**
Expenses			
6000 General Operating Expenses			
6010 Archives Rent, Utils & Op Exps.	23,023.09	28,500.00	(5,476.91)
6012 Area Storage	917.55	1,300.00	(382.45)
6015 Ad-hoc/Check In Meeting Expenses	150.00	400.00	(250.00)
6020 Bank Fees and Charges	294.01	180.00	114.01
6030 Computers and A/V Equipment	1,679.87	2,000.00	(320.13)
6040 Elected Officer Unallocated (00.4; 18.2)	1,500.00	3,000.00	(1,500.00)
6050 Insurance	2,004.00	2,720.00	(716.00)
6051 Variable Budget/Misc .Expenses (10.3)	869.25	8,675.00	(7,805.75)
6053 Newsletter Printing & Bulk Mailing	75.95	0.00	75.95
6054 Office Supplies	534.19	500.00	34.19
6055 Area PO Box	599.28	550.00	49.28
6060 Printing and Copying	6,549.24	7,500.00	(950.76)
6085 Tax, Accounting and Professional Fees	1,394.27	1,900.00	(505.73)
6095 Software, Web, and Tech	1,388.48	1,800.00	(411.52)
6096 Virtual Meeting Platforms	5,325.96	5,300.00	25.96
Total 6000 General Operating Expenses	**46,305.14**	**64,325.00**	**(18,019.86)**
6025 Bank Disputes/Refunds	447.36		447.36
6100 Assembly Costs			
6110 Assembly Lodging	167.80	12,265.00	(12,097.20)
6120 Assembly Meals	4,843.35	4,525.00	318.35
6130 Assembly Mileage	146.40	2,700.00	(2,553.60)
6140 Assembly Registration	1,400.00	810.00	590.00
Total 6100 Assembly Costs	**6,557.55**	**20,300.00**	**(13,742.45)**
6200 Quarterly Costs			
6210 Quarterly Lodging	13,368.83	15,865.00	(2,496.17)
6220 Quarterly Meals	3,833.05	5,695.00	(1,861.95)
6230 Quarterly Mileage	6,001.28	7,900.00	(1,898.72)

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
6240 Quarterly Registration	1,049.00	1,240.00	(191.00)
Total 6200 Quarterly Costs	**24,252.16**	**30,700.00**	**(6,447.84)**
6300 Delegate Costs			
6310 Delegate Report	500.00	500.00	0.00
6320 General Service Conference	4,832.00	5,400.00	(568.00)
6330 Pacific Regional Forum (80.3)	416.81	1,200.00	(783.19)
6340 PNC (Delegate Only) (15.1)	883.36	1,000.00	(116.64)
6350 PRAASA (71.5, 75.2)	2,243.00	2,225.00	18.00
Total 6300 Delegate Costs	**8,875.17**	**10,325.00**	**(1,449.83)**
6400 Other Travel			
6405 National BTG A.A. Workshop (19.3)		1,250.00	(1,250.00)
6410 Misc. Travel (17.1)	2,917.15	4,500.00	(1,582.85)
6415 National AA Corrections Workshop (19.3)	1,279.95	1,850.00	(570.05)
6420 National A.A. Technology Workshop (19.3)	1,226.47	2,850.00	(1,623.53)
6425 National A.A. Archives Workshop (19.3)	212.76	1,250.00	(1,037.24)
6430 PreAssembly (17.1)	3,553.33	2,700.00	853.33
6440 PreConference (17.1)	67.31	500.00	(432.69)
6450 Standing Committee Quarterlies (17.1)	317.80	1,500.00	(1,182.20)
Total 6400 Other Travel	**9,574.77**	**16,400.00**	**(6,825.23)**
6500 Standing Committees			
6510 Accessibilities		200.00	(200.00)
6530 Cooperation w/ Professional Community	163.76	200.00	(36.24)
6540 Corrections		200.00	(200.00)
6545 Corrections Literature (14.2, 18.2)	7,703.37	8,000.00	(296.63)
6550 Grapevine & Literature	111.30	200.00	(88.70)
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, 18.2)		900.00	(900.00)
6590 Web		200.00	(200.00)
Total 6500 Standing Committees	**7,978.43**	**10,900.00**	**(2,921.57)**
6600 Steering Committees			
6605 Archives Steering	3,445.00	4,000.00	(555.00)
6610 Language Steering			
6615 Assmbly/Qtly Interp & Transltn (17.4)	9,755.99	14,000.00	(4,244.01)
6620 Committee Budget (17.3, 18.2)	3,519.37	6,000.00	(2,480.63)
6625 Newsletter Translation (18.5)	3,694.90	2,500.00	1,194.90
Total 6610 Language Steering	**16,970.26**	**22,500.00**	**(5,529.74)**
6640 Newsletter Steering Committee	720.76	3,000.00	(2,279.24)
6680 Technology Steering	23.15		23.15
Total 6600 Steering Committees	**21,159.17**	**29,500.00**	**(8,340.83)**
6710 PNC 2026 Hosting Expenses	2,082.66		2,082.66
6900 Uncategorized Expense	10.00		10.00
6950 On-line Transaction Fees	868.75	1,300.00	(431.25)
Total Expenses	**$128,111.16**	**$183,750.00**	**$ (55,638.84)**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**$19,011.20**	**$ (200.00)**	**$19,211.20**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
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)**
NET INCOME	**$9,068.20**	**$ (200.00)**	**$9,268.20**

Following the Treasurer's Report, the floor was opened for questions.

Crystal: Asked where the Area's liabilities were shown, including deposits and other outstanding items. It was clarified that liabilities should appear on the **Statement of Financial Position**. The Treasurer said the document should be online and would verify that it had been uploaded.

Patrick: Asked why expenses such as travel are not fully budgeted under each individual committee or trusted-servant position.

Eddy M-M, Area 72 Alternate Treasure stated: The Area previously budgeted expenses that way but changed the accounting structure for greater simplicity and flexibility. Expenses such as travel, copying, and printing are now budgeted in overall categories rather than separately for each position. This allows committees and trusted servants to draw from the same expense categories without having to move money between individual budgets. The accounting system still tracks expenses by position through account codes and classes.

Johnny: Asked for clarification regarding figures shown in parentheses. He noted that being under budget on expenses is favorable because less money has been spent, but being under budget on income represents less income received than anticipated.

Eddy M-M, Area 72 Alternate Treasure stated: This was confirmed. The full-year income budget is **$183,550**, while **$145,077** had been collected through the end of September. The report reflects year-to-date activity, and the fiscal year is not yet complete.

Kelly: Asked whether the Assembly lodging expenses under account **6110**, which had not yet appeared on the report, were reflected in the approximately $9,000 net-income figure.

Eddy M-M, Area 72 Alternate Treasure stated: The lodging expense had been paid very recently, after the books had been closed for the report. It was therefore not reflected in the current figures. The expense will appear in the **fourth-quarter report presented at the January Quarterly**.

Kelly: Asked whether including that expense would reduce the current positive net-income figure.

Eddy M-M, Area 72 Alternate Treasure stated: Yes. The January report will provide the complete year-end picture, and the net-income figure will decrease and move closer to zero once the additional expenses are recorded.

Crystal: Reported that she had found the financial information she had originally been looking for. She also noted that **$1,000 in PNC seed money** was still listed as a liability. The seed money has been returned to the Area and is already in the account, so the liability should be zeroed out.

With no further questions, **District 14 made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by District 29**. The Area 72 Alternat Treasurer stated that approval required a **simple majority** and that the vote would be conducted by a show of hands/placards rather than electronically. Online participants were included in the vote.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Alternate Treasurer Finance Committee Report – Eddy MM.

Eddy MM., Area Alternate Treasurer:

Eddy explained that the **Finance Committee provides financial oversight for the Area**. The committee is composed of DCMs, a Past Delegate, the Area Treasurer, and the Finance Committee Chair. He recognized the current committee members: **Theresa, Area Treasurer; David J., DCM District 14; Lisa B., DCM District 21; Pete, DCM District 22; Lisa J., DCM District 24; Michael, DCM District 36; Crystal, Past Delegate; and Eddy, Finance Committee Chair.**

The Finance Committee meets several times throughout the year to review financial reports and help ensure that the Area remains financially healthy and viable and that Area funds are properly accounted for.

Eddy explained the **Variable/Miscellaneous Budget**, which is established by motion as a percentage of the overall Area budget. He described it as similar to a "rainy day fund" that can be used for unplanned expenses, emergencies, or new activities that were not anticipated during the budgeting process. The Variable Budget for the current year was approximately **$8,600**. Requests for these funds are reviewed and approved or declined by the Finance Committee.

During the past quarter, the Finance Committee approved a request from **Area Delegate Courtney for $1,000** to purchase printed Final Conference Reports. The reports are no longer being provided at no cost as in previous years and are moving to a digital format, although Areas were given the opportunity to purchase printed copies. The approved $1,000 expenditure had not yet appeared on the financial report because the funds had not yet been expensed.

The Finance Committee also approved funding from the Variable Budget for the individuals from **Area 92 who came to assist Area 72 with the elections**. This expense had inadvertently been omitted during the previous year's budgeting process.

Eddy also provided an update on the previously discussed possibility of **moving from the Area's debit card to a credit card for Area expenses**. No change has been made at this time. The Finance Committee continues to investigate the feasibility of making the change.

The committee encountered difficulties obtaining a credit card through **Bank of America**, the Area's current bank, because Area 72 is not incorporated or registered with the Washington Secretary of State. The committee is exploring whether other options are available or whether a different solution would be preferable to taking on the additional management responsibilities associated with a credit card.

INTERGROUP AND CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE REPORTS:

Eastside Intergroup Board Chair – Ray H.

Name: Ray H.
Position: Eastside Intergroup Board Chair
Date: 10/4/2026

Eastside Intergroup Report

We've had a busy and productive month. Our **picnics** went well, and **Recovery Day had about 60 people attending**.

We're working to **coordinate the Gratitude Dinners** as we head into the holiday season. Our **December 5th Christmas Party will be at the ESIG office**, and don't forget to stop by - the office has **GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT ITEMS** available.

I'd like to thank our **six volunteers, including two new volunteers**, for stepping up and helping at the office.

We **supported the PI booth in Monroe**, another opportunity to carry the message. We also have **open Board positions with two nominees**, and we're looking ahead to the **February Service Fair**.

And finally, I want to remind everyone about the **Birthday Club** and encourage groups to share the flyer and participate.

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

Name: West
Position: GSIG Activities Chair
Date: 10/4/2026

West reported on behalf of Intergroup Chair Jeff Y. Seattle Intergroup continues to support A.A. groups, districts, and the Area while facing ongoing financial concerns. A letter was distributed to Central District GSRs explaining the importance of Seattle Intergroup and asking groups to increase their support. The Intergroup recently experienced another break-in despite security cameras being in place. Seattle Intergroup is also looking for a new location because its current lease expires in March 2027, although a possible one-year extension may be available. Upcoming activities include **Steps in Time**, a 1950s-themed event at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines featuring a cookie auction, 50/50 raffle, skits, talent show, and dance. A Seahawks watch party is planned for November, and elections will take place at the Fall Assembly in December.

South Sound Service Center Chair – Melissa K.

2025 July Quarterly Report - South Sound Service Center
Name: Melissa K
Position: Alternate DCM D8
Date: 10/4/2026

Melissa explained that District 8's service center in Tumwater operates somewhat like an Intergroup but is entirely self-supported through District 8 contributions. For approximately 30 years, District 8 has incorporated its Twelfth Step service activities directly into the district structure. More than 15 service chair positions cover responsibilities including the hotline, literature, newsletter, activities, website, and other services. The office is open Monday through Friday from 2:00–6:00 p.m. and has one paid staff member, along with eight office volunteers. Thirty-five hotline volunteers answer calls 24/7 from their homes, with all calls answered by A.A. members. Twelfth Step service remains strong, although the district is experiencing difficulty filling volunteer positions needed to operate the office, resulting in the office being closed on Saturdays. Because the service center represents the district's largest ongoing expense, the district is exploring ways to increase its usefulness to members, groups, and committees, including using it for meeting space and lending district equipment. Melissa thanked the volunteers who make the district's Twelfth Step work possible

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Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair – Megan K.

Name: Meghan K.
Position: Puget Sound Central Service Office Chair
District number: N/A
Date: 10/4/2026

Megan reported that the Puget Sound CSO spent much of the summer communicating with districts and groups regarding its financial condition. The CSO had been operating at a deficit of approximately $3,000 per month, but contributions and regular donations have increased, making financial forecasting somewhat easier. Recognizing that regular contributions alone might not consistently meet the CSO's needs, members organized a benefit dinner as an additional fundraising effort. More than 250 tickets were sold, and the event included a raffle. The September benefit dinner raised **$9,612**. Megan thanked Districts 9/10, 29, 43, 44, 45, and 54 for their support and expressed appreciation to the Director of Operations and volunteers who make the CSO's work possible

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Snohomish County Central Office – Dave

Name: Dave.
Position: Central Office Manager, Central Office of
Snohomish County District Numbers: 2, 3, 12, 19 and 57
Date: 10/4/2026

Dave reported that the Snohomish County Central Office, located at 1625 East Marine View Drive in Everett, serves Districts 2, 3, 12, 19, and 57, including the Hispanic linguistic district, and is supported by all five districts. Elections are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the following month. A schedule-stapling party is planned for October 18 in Snohomish. The Central Office continues to produce printed meeting schedules, which include a QR code for the Meeting Guide app. Printed schedules remain particularly useful in corrections, treatment facilities and detox centers, as well as for newcomers and visitors needing meeting and contact information. Phones are answered 24 hours a day to serve the still-suffering alcoholic. The Central Office also maintains a website with information and flyers for events throughout the five districts.

Vancouver Area Intergroup

Name: Fanny C.
Position: Office Manager, Vancouver Area Intergroup
Reporting Period: January – March 2026
Date:

No report submitted

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Name: Felix
Position: Area 72 Oficina Intergrupal
Date:

No report submitted

HOST COMMITTEE REPORTS

2025 Assembly – Host Committee Report

Host Committee Final Report
October 2025 Assembly
D24

Profit & Loss Overview	
REVENUE:	
Registration Fee	$ 36,112.00
Ice Cream Social	$ 3,102.00
Saturday Lunch	$ 17,064.00
Saturday Dinner	$ 24,102.00
Sunday Breakfast	$ 13,867.00
7th Tradition	$ -
Area 72 Seed Money	$ 10,000.00
Unaccounted for Income	$ 530.62
TOTAL INCOME:	$ 104,777.62
EXPENSES:	
Venue	$ (8,154.00)
Registration Badges/Supplies	$ (1,616.61)
Printing Flyers & Badges	$ (744.38)
AV Rental Cost	$ (1,897.50)
Coffee	$ (7,560.00)
Stripe Fees	$ (2,368.86)
Host Committee travel, meals, lodging	$ (409.66)
Service Charge	$ (12,470.11)
Sales Tax	$ (7,616.30)
Volunteer Food	$ (179.32)
Office Supplies	$ (37.34)
Decorations	$ (220.91)
Stuffing Party Room Rental & Food	$ (415.94)
Speaker Basket	$ (185.32)
Area 72 (return seed money)	$ (10,000.00)
Ice Cream Social Payout	$ (1,500.00)
Saturday Lunch Payout	$ (16,540.00)
Saturday Popcorn Payout	$ (1,800.00)
Saturday Dinner Payout	$ (18,834.00)
Sunday Breakfast Payout	$ (10,678.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES:	$ (103,228.25)
PROFIT / LOSS	**$ 1,549.37**
$1,549.37 forwarded to Area 72	

Electeds	6
Appointeds	14
Tech Team	3
DCMs	43
Alt DCMs	32
GSRs	423
Alt GSRs	111
Past Delegates	12
Volunteers	45
AA Members/Visitors	88
Interpreters	2
TOTAL	**779**

Registrations	
In-Person (66.2%)	516
Online (14.4%)	112
Both (19.4%)	151
Total	**779**
Paper Registrations	138
Website Registrations	641
Total	**779**
Full Registration $59	557
No Registration $0	114
Full Registration $30	61
No Registration $0	47
Total	**779**

Room Block	
Reserved: La Quinta	50
Booked: La Quinta	50
Reserved: Best Western	80
Booked: Best Western	80

Volunteers	
Timers (12)	10
Hybrid monitors per Sound (6)	4
Registration (24)	17
Greeters / Ask Me (14)	13
Friday ice cream "dot" checkers (4)	5
Saturday lunch checkers (3)	2
Saturday dinner checkers (3)	3
Sunday breakfast checkers / Sobriet	3
Parking Lot Attendants (4)	4
Total	**61**

Food Orders		
Ice Cream	276	$3,036
Lunch	321	$17,334
- Roasted Chicken Quinoa Salad (Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free)	169	
- Pork Chili Verde (Gluten-Free)	133	
- Cauliflower, chickpea & mushroom pinwheels (Gluten-Free, Vegan)	17	
Dinner	312	$24,336
- Pan Seared Chicken Breast (Gluten-Free)	148	
- Garlic Crusted Pork Chop (Dairy-Free)	121	
- Red Beans and Rice Stuffed Pepper (Gluten-Free, Vegan)	39	
Breakfast	284	$13,916
Total Food Income (including tax & service charge)		$58,622
Amount needed to hit $37,000 minimum ($49,515.32 incl. tax & service charge)		$0
Food Orders *Actual* Profit / Loss		$9,107

2025 Area Assembly Host Committee Report (Lynnwood Event Center, Lynnwood, WA – Oct 3 -5)

Guy H., 2025 Assembly Volunteer Coordinator, reported on the results of the 2025 Area Assembly. Guy shared that he accepted the Volunteer Coordinator position approximately two and a half weeks before the Assembly and described the experience as educational, spiritual, and very rewarding.

The 2025 Assembly financial results were:

- **Total Income:** $104,777
- **Total Expenses:** $103,228
- **Net Proceeds:** $1,549

The remaining **$1,549 was forwarded to Area 72**.

Guy reported that **779 people registered for the Assembly**, including both online and in-person participants. A total of **130 hotel rooms** were rented between the two hotels used for the event.

Reflecting on his experience serving on the Host Committee, Guy emphasized the cooperation and unity demonstrated by committee members. Although disagreements occurred during the planning process, members worked through them by applying A.A. principles and grew through the experience.

He also expressed gratitude for the many volunteers who stepped forward to help, particularly given the short period he had to organize the volunteer effort. Additional members continued to offer assistance throughout the Assembly, and Guy described the support and participation of the A.A. community as a blessing and a significant part of his experience.

The Chair thanked Guy and advised attendees that the financial slide from the report was available through the **Glide app** and could also be viewed later through the Area website.

2026 Assembly Host Committee Report (Little Creek Resort and Casino, Shelton, WA – Oct 2 – 4)

Thomas, 2026 Assembly Host Committee Chair, provided an update on the Assembly currently in progress. He described organizing and hosting the Assembly as an enjoyable experience and shared preliminary attendance and financial figures received from the Registrar and Host Committee.

At the time of the report:

- **491 members** were registered to attend in person.
- **43 members** had registered as volunteers.
- Approximately **150 members** were registered online, although Thomas noted that the actual online attendance appeared to have increased to approximately **162** by the time of his report.
- The reported combined registration figure at that point was **684 participants**.

Thomas reported that the estimated amount due to **Little Creek** following the Assembly was approximately **$65,538.50**. Registration receipts, including on-site registrations and meal payments, totaled approximately **$70,682** at the time of the report.

He noted that the income was sufficient to cover the estimated facility expenses and that the results were very close to what the Host Committee had hoped to accomplish through its budgeting.

Thomas expressed his appreciation for the Host Committee and the many volunteers who had stepped forward throughout the weekend. He noted that members continued to “show up and do the work,” helping provide a positive Assembly experience for everyone attending.

With some humor, Thomas announced that the Assembly's **"complaint department" was closing for the evening and the "compliment department" was opening.** He encouraged attendees to personally thank the committee members and volunteers and to be specific in recognizing the work they had done.

Thomas concluded by expressing his gratitude for the experience and for everyone who helped make the 2026 Area Assembly possible.

2027 Assembly Host Committee Report (NW Fairgrounds Expo Bldg. in Lynden, WA – Oct. 1 – 3)

Josh C., DCM, District 11, and 2027 Assembly Host Committee Chair, provided an update on plans for the **2027 Area 72 Assembly in Lynden, Washington**.

Josh noted that Lynden is near the northern end of Area 72 and joked that this time members from around the Area would have the opportunity to travel north to them.

Since District 11 submitted its Assembly bid, a **new hotel has opened in Lynden**, providing an additional lodging option close to the Assembly site. Much of the lodging is still expected to be approximately **20 minutes away in Bellingham**. Josh encouraged members who want to stay in Lynden to register promptly once registration opens, as he expects the local accommodations to fill quickly.

The Assembly will be held at the **fairgrounds in Lynden**. Josh described the venue as "rustic" but said the committee was enthusiastic about the location and anticipated having a large number of volunteers.

The Host Committee expects to begin holding **monthly planning meetings**, likely on the **fourth Thursday of each month**, within the next several weeks. Initial work will include developing the financial information, establishing pricing, organizing the various aspects of the Assembly, and getting information posted to the Area website as quickly as possible.

Josh concluded by again sharing his enthusiasm about the new hotel in Lynden and the committee's excitement about hosting the **2027 Area Assembly**.

2027 January Quarterly Host Committee Report
(LaQuinta Inn, Tacoma, WA Jan 8-9)

Mark S., DCM District 9 and January 2027 Quarterly Host Committee Chair, provided an update on plans for the upcoming **January 2027 Area 72 Business Quarterly**, which will be held in **Tacoma, Washington**.

The Quarterly will be held at the **La Quinta Hotel on January 8–9, 2027**, with activities scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday.

Mark reported that **online registration was open** and available through the Area 72 website. Members can sign in to the website and select the January 2027 Business Quarterly registration page. The registration process includes options related to meals and other event arrangements.

Mark encouraged attendees to return to their home groups and make sure that **incoming GSRs and other members who will be participating in Area service during the new rotation** know about the Quarterly and register early.

He concluded by welcoming everyone to Tacoma and expressing the Host Committee's anticipation of seeing members at the first Quarterly of 2027.

FUTURE ASSEMBLY LOCATIONS
2028 Assembly *(DoubleTree in SeaTac – Oct. 6 – 8)*
2029 Assembly *(Hilton in Vancouver – Oct. 5 – 7)*
2030 Assembly *(Little Creek Casino in Shelton – Oct. 4 -6)*

HOST COMMITTEE BIDS

BIDS FOR 2031 ASSEMBLY
A bid for the 2031 Assembly was presented by District 11 and the NW Washington Fair & Event Center *Lynden, WA*

Josh C., DCM, District 11, presented District 11's bid to host the **2031 Area 72 Assembly in Lynden, Washington**.

Josh reported that District 11 had been approached several weeks earlier about submitting a bid for the 2031 Assembly. The proposal was taken to the District meeting, where members **voted unanimously to submit the bid**. He joked that everyone who voted in favor would now be expected to participate in putting the Assembly together.

The proposed Assembly would be held at the **Lynden Fairgrounds**, the same location planned for the 2027 Assembly. Josh described the facility as "rustic" but very large, with ample space and good accommodations for an Area Assembly. Lynden is located approximately five minutes from the Canadian border.

A new hotel is available in Lynden, although most lodging is expected to be in **Bellingham, approximately 15–20 minutes away**.

Josh emphasized that District 11 intends the Assembly to be very much an **A.A.-run event**, with A.A. members doing much of the work themselves, including operating the coffee service and assisting with meals and other aspects of the Assembly.

One of the anticipated highlights would be the food. Josh reported that an experienced A.A. member would oversee the kitchen and that possible meals could include prime rib and pulled-pork tacos. Meal costs were preliminarily estimated at approximately **$40 per plate**, depending upon future prices and menu selections.

The financial summary accompanying the bid estimated that:

- **Registration and meals combined:** approximately **$198 per person** for an in-person attendee purchasing the complete package.
- **Hotel rooms:** approximately **$90–$140 per night**.
- The facility would have **no food-and-beverage minimum**, providing additional flexibility for the Host Committee.

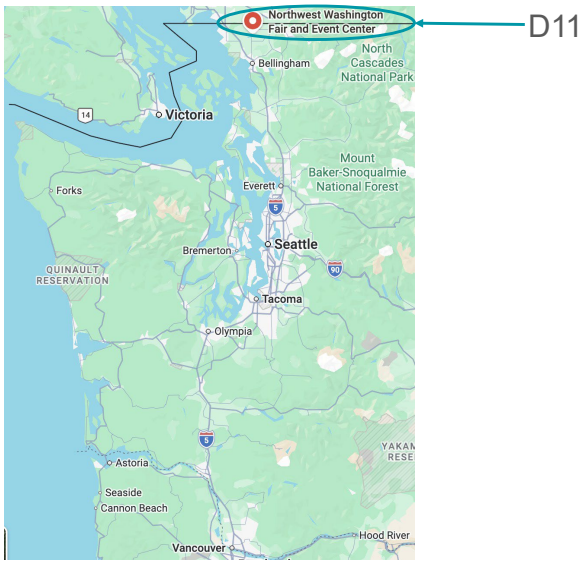
It was emphasized that these figures were **estimates only** and could change considerably between 2026 and 2031.

The presentation concluded with the invitation:

“Come to Lynden, where the cows are friendly and the coffee is strong.”

Following the presentation, the Assembly prepared to vote on the **2031 Assembly bid** using the electronic voting application.

2031 Bid | Oferta de 2031



Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

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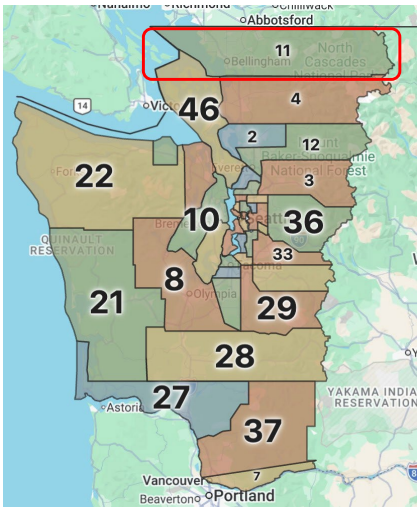

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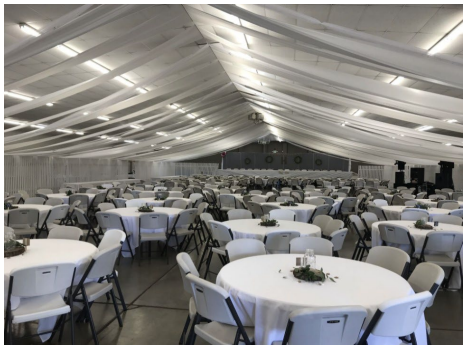
Lynden, WA - D11

Venue | Lugar: NW Washington Fair & Event Center



Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

Venue | Lugar: NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Fun Fact:
We were last here for an assembly in 2014 and will be hosting next year in 2027

Dato curioso:
Estuvimos aquí por última vez para una asamblea en 2014 y seremos los anfitriones el próximo año en 2027

Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

Registration | Registro	
• In-Person | En persona	$58
• Online | En línea	$54
Meals | Comidas	
• Ice Cream | Helado	$20
• Lunch | Almuerzo	$40
• Dinner | Cena	$40
• Breakfast | Desayuno	$40
Total	**$198**

Hotel Room Rates*
Tarifas de habitaciones de hotel

$90-$140/night (current pricing)

**Does not include tax & fees*
***No incluye impuestos; tarifa de resort exenta*

Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

Pros

- Plenty of hotels in the Bellingham & Blaine with reasonable prices
- Abundant onsite parking, including RV sites
- It's available in September 2027 if Motion #4 passes

Ventajas

- Hay muchos hoteles en Bellingham y Blaine con precios razonables.
- Amplio estacionamiento en las instalaciones, incluidas plazas para vehículos recreativos (RV).
- Está disponible en septiembre de 2027 si se aprueba la moción número 4

Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

Cons

- 5 hour drive for our members in Long Beach
- Not directly off of the I-5 corridor
- Limited hotels in Lynden itself, so attendees would need to travel 15 minutes or longer for lodging

Desventajas

- Un trayecto de 5 horas en coche para nuestros miembros de Long Beach
- No se encuentra directamente junto al corredor de la autopista I-5
- Hay pocas opciones de alojamiento en la propia localidad de Lynden, por lo que los asistentes tendrían que desplazarse 15 minutos o más para alojarse

Bid 1 | Oferta 1 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center

Lynden, WA - D11

“Come to Lynden, where the cows are friendly and the coffee is strong.”

"¡Ven a Lynden, donde las vacas son amigables y el café es fuerte!"

2031 Bid | Oferta de 2031

Bid Oferta	2031 Assembly | Assemblea		
	Registration & Meals | Inscripción y comidas	Hotel	Food & Beverage Minimum | Mínimo de alimentos y bebidas
D11 - NW Washington Fair & Event Center	$198	$90-140	N/A

2031 Area Assembly Bid – Voting

The Assembly voted on whether to accept **District 11’s bid to host the 2031 Area Assembly in Lynden, Washington**.

The Alternate Chair explained that the vote required a **simple majority** and that voting members would select either **Yes** to accept the Lynden bid or **No** to reject it. If the bid

were rejected, no location would be selected for 2031 and the Area would need to consider Assembly locations again the following year.

Voting was conducted using the **electronic voting application**, with kiosks available for those needing assistance. After allowing additional time for everyone to cast their ballots, the Alternate Chair closed the vote and displayed the results.

The bid passed, and District 11 was selected to host the 2031 Area Assembly in Lynden, Washington.

The Chair congratulated District 11 and thanked the District for its willingness to host the Area again.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

2027 Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA) – Crystal S.

Crystal reported that Area 72 will host the **2027 Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)** March 5–7, 2027, at the Westin in downtown Seattle. The event will bring together members from 15 Areas throughout the Pacific Region. Registration is now open, including online and paper registration, and hotel rooms may be reserved for under $200 per night. Crystal highlighted the Saturday lunch and roundtables, particularly for first-time PRAASA attendees, and noted that the Saturday evening banquet is $72. The Host Committee will need many volunteers and encouraged Area 72 members to register for volunteer shifts and promote PRAASA within their home groups.

2026 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) – Melissa K.

Melissa reported that the National A.A. Archives Workshop was held September 10–13, 2026, at the Washington State History Museum. A total of **131 people from the United States and Canada registered** for the workshop. The weekend included hands-on workshops, speakers, and participation from the General Service Office. Although Archives is a specialized area of service and other events were taking place during the same weekend, attendance was considered strong. Melissa noted that the opening day presented several challenges, but the committee and volunteers worked through them successfully and the remainder of the weekend went very well. She thanked the committee and volunteers whose efforts made the workshop possible.

King County Metro Sign Update – Julie U.

Julie provided a final update on the King County Metro Bus Sign Project. The project originated as a discussion topic and subsequently became an Assembly-approved motion to fund A.A. public service announcements on King County Metro buses and the Sound Transit system during the 2026–2027 winter holiday period. Julie noted that the proposal generated considerable discussion among groups and districts before its approval. She thanked Margaret G., District 14 Public Information Chair and professional graphic designer, for creating the four posters that had previously been presented to the Fellowship.

After the designs were submitted to Intersection, the agency coordinating the advertising placements, Area 72 was informed that **King County Metro and Sound Transit had changed their advertising policies effective August 1, 2026, and would no longer accept public service announcements.** The revised policy requires paid advertising to contain a financial component involving the collection of money for services, a requirement with which A.A. could not comply without conflicting with its Traditions. Consequently, the Metro Bus Sign Project cannot proceed. Julie later clarified that the policy change resulted from broader concerns about issue-oriented advertising and the need for advertising standards to be applied in a viewpoint-neutral manner. The same restrictions apply to public service announcements, without a special exemption.

Julie reported that the work completed for the project will not be lost. The graphics have been shared with Puget Sound CSO for use in its work on a Pierce County bus sign project. Pierce County is reportedly moving toward a similar advertising policy, but existing public service announcements have been grandfathered under its current rules.

It was clarified by the Area Chair that the Assembly had previously allocated **$11,300** for the Metro Bus Sign Project and that those funds will **not be spent on the project**. An initial statement was made that the funds would return to the Area's General Fund.

Crystal, Area 72 Past Delegate and Finance Committee member, raised a point of clarification, noting that the original motion made a special exception to the Area's established year-end distribution of funds and that, because the project will not occur, the funds may instead be subject to the existing motion governing distribution to the General Service Board. The earlier statement concerning disposition of the funds was withdrawn, and no final determination regarding their disposition was made during this report.

Alternate Registrar Research Report – Houston L.

PECIAL REPORT TO AREA 72 OCTOBER ASSEMBLY

UPDATE ON AREA 72 REGISTRAR POSITION WORKLOAD

- PREVIOUS DISCUSSION ITEM #6 (APRIL 2026 QUARTERLY -

Thank you for the time to report on the recent research and questionnaire results related to the Area Registrar appointed position. "

This report is informational and will ask the members of the Assembly to continue with the research of and improvement to the support of the Area 72 Registrar. This is to address the workload of our Area 72 Registrar. As current Area 72 Registrar I am asking for the Area Trusted Servants to consider creating a position of Alternate Registrar as well as research improvements in the database systems that are currently being used by Area 72 to list our Area 72 information with AA's General Service Office in AA Fellowship Connections and our own databases used by Area 72.

1) **The consideration of the position of Alternate Registrar for Area 72.** The Alt Registrar will be allowed access and input to GSO's AA Fellowship Connection and any future database systems that Area 72 may use for the purpose of documenting and listing the groups, districts and area officers with the General Service Office – AA Fellowship Connection database and the Area 72 databases or the following purposes:

- To assist with workload reduction and to learn and input Group, District and Area information into the Area 72 Registrar's List and AA Fellowship Connection databases.
- The Area 72 Registrar will support the Alternate position with: (all of the listing duties of the registrar position)
    - AA GSO Fellowship Connection Training and Access
    - Familiarization with the Area 72 New Group and Group, District and Area Change forms.
    - Recommendations and Guidelines in the Registrar Handbook
    - Area 72 Registrar trusted servants Excel Spreadsheet data access.
    - The development of a service commitment description for Alt Registrar Position
    - Mentoring all aspects and expectations of the Alt Registrar and Registrar positions with the possibility of standing with other trusted servants for future Area Registrar Appointment if desired.
- Registrar will remain responsible for primary aspects of the position and mentor the Alt Registrar in those duties which are the following:
    - Quarterly Reports,

    - Area 72 Confidential Directory,
    - training Districts to access, download and print their own quarterly reports to confirm their listed groups and listed district leadership.
- Alt Registrar will assist when and if needed with any additional tasks that the Registrar and Area 72 decides is appropriate.

2) **To investigate utilizing a new database (s) that will create a relational connection to the AA Fellowship Connection Database.**

- This would not only allow Area 72 Registrar's to streamline the listing process but also interact with other databases in Area 72 that are currently utilized as databases for records, reports, and combining services to the members of Area 72.
    - This would allow for private, secure flow of information to the AA FC database.
        - Note: Other Areas use these systems and in some cases the transfer of information becomes as simple as monthly oversight to the system via reports and feedback from our Districts...
    - Based on cost and security issues of a new system, Districts in Area 72 *may* obtain access to input into this system that would be monitored by the Area Registrars.
    - Analysis of cost, security, ease of use, training and operation will be looked at by the Ad Hoc Committee.

I have created Excel Spreadsheet that documents the responses that I have received from our questionnaire which was sent out twice for response. Areas that have responded have been generous with their information, have helped with their current methods and their Area Handbooks for further reference.

I have also spent multiple sessions with Chat GPT requesting information on systems such as AirTable, SmartSuite, Stackby, etc. and believe that one or more of these options could help make listing easier, less time consuming, and a more interactive and accurate process.
I have also had past communication with John Barry (for his systems expertise) regarding relational systems that would communicate between the AA FC and Area 72 listing forms. Many of the AA Area's in the US and Canada use these systems to interact with the AA Fellowship Connection database and make listing easier and assist with reports and interaction with their area databases.
Of course we will be looking to keep costs down, security high and user-friendly systems as priorities.

Finally, it might also be time to recommend that candidates for Registrar and Alt Registrar be persons who are tech and database systems experienced and/or aware they will need

to develop those skills for the position in the future. Also, the Registrar's Guidelines / Handbook might be more educational on the current databases being used and how to get training.

Thank you so much for your time, attention and support for this Area Service. We hope to have a better and certainly more user-friendly process to offer all members of Area 72 in the near future. The position of Registrar and Alt. Registrar can and should be positions of positive interaction with the District Registrars and all Area 72 trusted servants.

E Houston L., Area 72 Registrar (2025 – 2026)

MOTION 19.3 REPORTS:

2026 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) Report – Maryland N., Area 72 Archivist

Area 72 Archivist 19.3 NAAAW 2026 Report
(Program Chair & Advisory Board Secretary)

National A.A. Archives Workshop | Tacoma, Washington | September 10–13, 2026 | Prepared September 24, 2026

The Tacoma workshop successfully brought archivists and trusted servants together for A.A. history, practical collection care, displays, oral history, and electronic records. Its three-track program delivered approximately 29 daytime sessions across Friday and Saturday, three evening programs, and a Sunday closing conversation. Although presenter changes required on-site adjustments, the team preserved the principal educational aims and kept the program moving. The principal follow-up need is to create a single, verified record of what was actually presented, with recordings and handouts linked to it.

Workshop results at a glance

Measure	Program record
Registration	107 registrations before opening; approximately 131 participants, including three late arrivals. Final confirmation is pending.
Format	Three concurrent daytime tracks on Friday and Saturday, with approximately 29 sessions; evening programs and Sunday closing.

Language access	Spanish interpretation was available for evening programs.
Presenters and records	Presentations, audio, and supporting material are being gathered for a shared NAAAW 2026 record. The final inventory is still being reconciled.

Program design and content

The program paired historical subjects with practical work that archivists could take home and use. Sessions addressed A.A. service and Archives ethics; displays and classification; oral histories, videography, and the 1960 International Convention; Hispanic A.A. history and literature; electronic records, websites, artificial intelligence, and audiovisual preservation; and four hands-on preservation discussions that included clamshell-box building. Together, the three tracks allowed participants to choose an introduction, a deeper treatment, or a practical exercise suited to their experience, making the program both broad and usable.

The digital subjects were intentional because email, websites, photographs, recordings, shared drives, and electronic service records have documented A.A. for decades. Archivists need practical ways to identify, describe, transfer, and preserve these materials while remaining grounded in A.A. principles. By teaching the everyday technology of Archives service, the workshop also helped new trusted servants become effective in their roles.

Several presenters developed connected sequences rather than isolated talks, which gave participants time to build knowledge across multiple sessions. Nathan's Safety and AI in A.A. sequence and Mitchell's electronic-records and records-practicum sequence extended their subjects across more than one block. Gerry connected oral-history and videography practice with historical storytelling, while Juan brought Hispanic A.A. history into the workshop's main teaching program. The Archives Panel added breadth through nine speakers and questions from the room.

What changed during the workshop

Change	Response and lesson
Preservation instructor unable to attend	The planned preservation sequence was adapted. Mitchell contributed technical guidance, and a clamshell-box work period used prepared materials and an assembly-line approach. About ten participants completed boxes.
Saturday featured speaker canceled because of illness	Mary filled the evening speaking block, allowing the scheduled gathering to continue.
Thursday speaker interruption	The program paused briefly when a speaker needed assistance.
Workshop changes	The workshop presented several unexpected, last-minute variables. Effective coordination by the Chair and Co-Chair kept program,

	facility, and AV decisions aligned and allowed operations to proceed smoothly.

What worked

Three rooms gave the workshop room for historical presentations, technical instruction, and hands-on work without forcing all participants into one track.

Presenter introductions were prepared in advance but were not used. The next host team should either incorporate them into the run of show or omit that preparation step from the presenter workflow.

The Washington State History Museum offered an appropriate setting for archival displays and teaching. Displays, repository tours, and hospitality added opportunities to learn and connect outside formal sessions.

Spanish interpretation in the evening programs broadened participation. The Spanish-speaking hospitality team contributed to the experience throughout the event.

The host team responded to cancellations and changes cooperatively. The closing program included the workshop's 30-year history, questions and comments, and the handoff to the next workshop.

A particularly meaningful measure of the workshop's success was the selection of three host committee members to serve on the Advisory Board. A workshop ordinarily contributes only two new Board members, and no member of a workshop host committee had joined the Advisory Board since 2019, despite workshops held in 2022, 2023, and 2024; in 2025, the International Convention replaced the usual workshop with a hospitality room. The addition of three members from the Tacoma host committee is therefore an exceptional recognition of their conduct during the event, the quality of their service, and their evident love for Archives work.

Lessons for the next host program team

Keep one authoritative schedule

The Canva schedule was an excellent choice for the published program. The working schedule, however, should be maintained as a dated, authoritative record that includes each session's title, presenter, room, time, AV needs, and change history. Each late change should be distributed simultaneously to the program producer, room hosts, AV team, registration team, and signage lead.

Prepare a presenter packet early

Ask each presenter to provide talk materials or slide files and permissions in advance. Explain the 45-minute format, specify a minimum readable type size, and identify the AV operator and fallback format for each room.

Design hands-on sessions around a tested kit

Before promising a finished project, confirm the box dimensions, board specifications, scoring and cutting tools, reinforcement method, safety instructions, and number of

instructors. A tested kit and documented assembly process will make the session easier to staff and more likely to produce consistent results.

Plan language, equipment, room hosts, AV and workshop survey as part of the program

Plan language access, equipment, room hosts, AV support, and the workshop survey as one coordinated part of the program. Identify interpreters, required equipment, priority sessions, room assignments, announcements, and feedback methods in advance. Give participants who use interpretation a way to evaluate both the interpreted sessions and their overall workshop experience.

Capture the actual event

Preserve the published program as issued, then maintain a separate corrected record of delivered sessions, substitutions, cancellations, recordings, and handouts.

Program closeout and records to transfer

Advisory Board and host committee handoff

My closeout role extends beyond serving as Area 72 Archivist and Program Chair. As Secretary of the Advisory Board, I am also the direct link between the host committee's records and the Advisory Board members responsible for receiving and preserving them, including Archives. Completing that transfer requires close coordination with the host committee secretary so that program, contact, feedback, and recording records move into the Advisory Board's custody in an organized and usable form.

The Advisory Board Google Drive has been established with subfolders for the contact list, presentations, after-event survey, and presenter feedback form. The contact list has been distributed; 16 messages were returned as undeliverable, and I followed up by text with attendees to obtain corrections. After the Monday wrap-up meeting and completion of the remaining reports, I will update the contact list, create the Google Forms for the participant survey and presenter feedback, distribute the presentation links, and continue reconciling the shared records. Recordings will be offered for $10 per download or $25 on a USB drive; Dawn has completed approximately half of the recording work. These items remain in progress and should be tracked as closeout work rather than reported as complete.

The program record should include the final published program; the authoritative facility schedule and subsequent change notices; presenter lists and introductions; slide decks and handouts with use permissions; the Archives Panel roster and questions; an audio and video inventory; interpretation notes; display and tour descriptions; photographs with captions and permissions; and results from the overall survey and presentation feedback. Registration and financial reports should remain with the corresponding committee records.

The presentation and recording collections should have separate, clearly labeled access links. The current shared folder can receive presenter files, but the public-facing flyer and

instructions should point to the appropriate final locations only after the files, permissions, and recording inventory have been verified. The presentation-feedback form should allow respondents to select a session from a list and submit an additional response for another session. The overall survey should also address the venue, displays, hospitality, accessibility, and the experience of participants who did not attend a presentation.

Before this report becomes the final archival record, Registration should confirm whether the three late arrivals are included in the approximately 131 participants; the recording team should reconcile its files with the delivered schedule; and the Program team should confirm the preserved-session list and panel roster. Presenter and participant feedback can then be appended as findings rather than described as results already received.

Closing assessment

NAAAW 2026 was a successful workshop. It brought together historical learning, practical archival instruction, language access, displays, tours, and fellowship while adapting effectively to presenter changes and other unexpected conditions. The presenters, interpreters, room hosts, AV team, display and tour volunteers, hospitality workers, host committee, and planning committee made that success possible. The selection of three host committee members for the Advisory Board is a particularly meaningful recognition of their service and commitment to Archives work. The workshop's clearest gift to those who follow will be both the experience participants carried home and an accurate, usable record of what happened, including teaching materials that can continue beyond Tacoma.

2026 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) 2026 Report – Jennifer R., Area 72 Archives Chair

Jennifer reflected on her experience serving on the host committee for the National A.A. Archives Workshop. Her primary lesson was learning to accept responsibility without control. As Area Archives Chair, she is accustomed to considerable responsibility for Archives activities. Serving as Traveling Displays Chair required her to trust others and rely upon volunteers who had been trained to properly protect and handle irreplaceable archival materials belonging both to Area 72 and to visiting archivists.

Jennifer described how volunteers carefully managed the displays, ensured proper handling procedures were followed, and protected the collections without requiring her to personally control every detail. She said the experience taught her that she can be responsible without needing to control everything and demonstrated the importance of surrender, trust, and allowing others to perform their service responsibilities.

2026 National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) – Patrick M., Area 72 Web & Tech Chair

Greetings, Area 72!

I got to attend the National AA Technology Workshop in-person in Concord, CA. I had three main objectives: share some of what we've done in Area 72; make connections with other AA nerds; and bring back information and ideas to help our Area going forward.

The first thing I noticed at this conference is Area 72's legacy of service at NAATW. Eddy and Mary have both played significant roles in previous year's events, and people made multiple references to what they've learned from Area 72 over the years at the conference.

John B. continued this tradition with excellent presentations on the work he's led developing the Digital Newsletter and the Third Legacy voting app. We even heard from an AA member from Michigan who receives the newsletter, even though she's not a member of Area 72.

Some of you may have heard of the General Service App, which Areas and Districts can opt-in to so they can share their most important information with members. The goal is to solve the problem of a large volume of emails, and multiple irregular communications channels, by presenting a single channel with the most important information. Whether introducing a new communication channel can solve the problem remains to be seen, but districts that use it report it being effective, and there was a lot of interest from other areas in opting in.

CNCA 06 presented how they do Spanish translation and interpretation in a hybrid area. They operate very similar to how we do, both on the tech side and the language side. The presenter also challenged us to look for the groups that offer recovery in their native language – many areas provide interpretation between Spanish and English, but we know that there are many more languages spoken in our geographic areas.

We had a touching presentation from a new GSR who said that online access made service possible for her. Some people are in circumstances where it's difficult or impossible to go to in-person meetings, e.g. if they have health or mobility issues, or are care-givers for a family member with significant needs. Cooperation with the Professional Community is an especially good avenue for carrying our message to people with access challenges. It might be hard for AA to reach people directly, but we can work with professionals who can refer them to online meetings.

The NAATW committee shared their experience with how to make their library of information available to more people. Similar to us, they have a WordPress site, a google account, CDs, and lots of recordings. They have begun to catalog their materials with the intention of identifying and sharing useful material – which sounds a lot like some of the work our archives committee does.

Two special workers from GSO technical staff shared some of the projects they're working on. They emphasized the importance of registrar work for facilitating communication.

Fellowship Connection is the database they use to maintain contact information for trusted servants throughout AA, including GSRs and group contacts. Any time our Delegate forwards you an email that's addressed to "GSRs, DCMS, Area Committee Members, etc.", that is the Delegate ensuring that you see the information – but GSO wants to send it to you directly, and to do that, your information needs to be current in Fellowship Connection.

The Grapevine podcast session was particularly fun. One of the hosts shared the story of how the grapevine podcast came about, how it almost didn't happen, things they learned along the way, and offered guidance to service entities interested in hosting their own podcast. The highlight though was a live interview with an NAATW attendee named Scott – who was calling in from Cambodia! Scott had moved to Cambodia several years ago, and I think he said he was unable to find AA there. Now, there are five groups in Cambodia – four are English speaking groups, and one is in the Cambodian native language Khmer. They have recently formed a Cambodian service office as well. What an incredible use of tech, to connect this fellow in Cambodia to a conference in California, sharing how they're carrying the message on the other side of the world!

We had a "birds of a feather" session about involving non-techies in tech. I was surprised by the number of people who identified as "non-techie" or "tech-phobic" at this event. Lots of people came, saying they were hoping to learn more about how to use tech in AA. They referred to the event itself as "drinking from a firehose," a phrase I've heard used more than once about General Service itself. The group had some good suggestions, such as defining smaller tasks for people to do. Someone may not be comfortable running a zoom meeting, but would be happy to post information in the chat. Small tasks can be like making coffee in AA – if you get together with someone who knows how to do it, they can show you how, and then you can do the job. Someone also said it can be a relief to see tech people struggle: "Oh, it happens to them too!"

While we talked about AI plenty this year, it didn't have nearly the same focus as it did last year. People have had a year to develop some practical experience with it. One presenter shared how they've used it for data analytics, financial statements, brainstorming traditions and concepts issues, and developing and translating resources for presentations. It's come in particularly useful for registrar work, where we often have multiple sources of data that don't align. She stressed the importance of removing any identifying info before sending it to AI services. Her key suggestion though was that there's no right way to use AI – that whatever skills you've developed in your work, you can apply them with AI tools.

The second AI-oriented presentation focused on how to use AI to help reach newcomers. Specifically, the presenter talked about how to use AI to evaluate a website to determine how effective it is for people looking for help, to identify what it does well and what could be improved. They acknowledged that website outreach involves serving multiple audiences: newcomers, members, trusted servants, professionals, and the public. They suggested having a newcomer packet or newcomer info specifically on the meeting page, which is usually the most accessed page. They also suggested that there be three ways

to reach a human being – e.g. phone, chat, and mail – to ensure we get new people connected with someone who can help.
Here are some ideas I took away from the event, to discuss with Area Committee members and our Tech and Web steering committees:

- Use our glide app to provide Area and District-level information, similar to the General Service app
- Create a public folder in each district google drive, to make sharing information with groups and members easier
- Have a dedicated tech liaison to committees and trusted servants – in particular there seems like a lot of opportunity to use tech to assist with registrar work
- Introduce an AI-based search tool to the area website, to provide more natural search and better results.
- For PRAASA in March
    - Create a slack channel for each presentation, where people can discuss the information and ask questions; use Slack for general online fellowship
    - Set up documents for crowd-sourced notes on each talk
- Analyzing our website and making it more directly useful to alcoholics looking for a solution

I believe it was an effective, worthwhile event, and I encourage any interested members to attend in person or online next year!

Patrick
Tech & Web Chair

2026 National A.A. Technology Workshop (NAATW) – Shu, Area 72 Web Servant

Shu supplemented Patrick's report. She explained that the General Service App was developed by a member of Area 6 with the intention of making it available to other Areas; however, GSO requested that its availability remain within the developer's Area. She reported that this issue may result in a Proposed Agenda Item concerning the General Service App in 2027.
Shu highlighted a bilingual presentation from Area 6 concerning increased Spanish-language participation. Area 6 provides interpretation at all of its events and uses small receivers and headphones that allow attendees to listen to interpretation through a designated channel. Shu included information and Spanish-language versions of presentations in her written report.

She also reported information presented by members of GSO's Technology Services Department concerning technology projects at A.A. World Services, including changes to the online contribution system and work involving the Everything A.A. app. Another presentation described development of the NAATW Library, Web Accessibility and Digital

Archives, which will archive past NAATW materials and make them searchable so members can locate technology information and experience that may be useful to them.

2026 National Bridging the Gap (BTG) Workshop – Suzi L., Area 72 Treatment Chair

Suzi reported on the Bridging the Gap Weekend Workshop from the perspective of the Area Treatment Chair. She discussed the historical relationship between treatment and corrections work and noted that the workshop continues to combine treatment and corrections under the Bridging the Gap umbrella, while A.A.'s service structure separated those functions many years ago, with treatment continuing Bridging the Gap work and corrections using pre-release contacts.

Suzi reported that the previous year's workshop had been approximately evenly divided between treatment and corrections, while she estimated the 2026 program devoted approximately 25% of its emphasis to treatment and 75% to corrections. She emphasized that the corrections presentations were valuable and interesting, but her responsibility during this rotation is Treatment. She felt that her time late in the rotation could be better directed toward Area 72 districts and treatment facilities.

Suzi suggested that future Area Treatment Chairs might consider attending the workshop virtually as a more effective use of Area funds, particularly because travel to the locations where the workshop is held can be expensive. She emphasized that she received worthwhile ideas from both the 2025 and 2026 workshops and intends to pass those ideas along to the next Area Treatment Chair. Her recommendation was not a criticism of the workshop itself, but an assessment of how an Area Treatment Chair's time and Area 72's funds might be used most effectively when the workshop is not entirely focused on treatment.

MOTIONS PRESENTED

Motion #1: *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 presented and moved by **Anthony G., Area 72 Sound Chair, Seconded by John C. DCM, District 45**

Anthony explained that he became involved with the technology team around 2022, when the Area was developing what has become its current hybrid meeting system. Historically,

the position had been known as the **Sound Chair** because its primary responsibility involved the Area's sound equipment. Following COVID, however, Area 72 chose to conduct hybrid business meetings, significantly expanding the technical requirements of the position.

Over the succeeding years, the technology team worked through considerable trial and error to develop a system capable of both broadcasting Area meetings to online participants and bringing Zoom participants into the physical meeting room. Anthony said the system had become relatively seamless at most Quarterlies, although occasional technical difficulties remained. The increased complexity required more than simply a willingness to serve; the position also required specific technical knowledge and experience.

Anthony explained that the proposed structure was modeled after the Area's **Archives Steering Committee**. After consulting with the Archives Chair about that committee's structure, the Technology Steering Committee developed a similar concept intended to provide continuity, training and rotation.

Under the concept behind the motion, an individual would have an opportunity to train for approximately two years, potentially serve as Sound Chair for the following two years, and then remain available afterward to provide continuity, technical knowledge and advice, including assistance with equipment and the increasingly complex hybrid system.

Anthony said he and Derek worked together on the proposal. The intent was to create a continuing pipeline of trained trusted servants so that technical knowledge would be passed from one rotation to the next, allowing Area business meetings to operate as smoothly as possible.

The Chair opened discussion on Motion #1 and reminded voting members that the purpose of the discussion was to bring their groups' consciences to the Assembly. Participants were given two minutes at the microphone, or four minutes when interpretation was required.

John, Alt DCM, District 55: Reported that his district supported the motion. Drawing on his technical experience, he stated that the work requires a level of expertise beyond ordinary home audio knowledge and strongly supported providing the team with the ability to identify and develop qualified people.

Luis, GSR, Regla 62: Reported unanimous support from his group. Members supported providing additional help but had questions about whether the positions would be paid and how many people would be involved. He also noted that members of his group were interested in serving in this capacity.

Bob, GSR, Our Primary Purpose North: Reported concerns from his group about moving responsibility for selecting the Sound Chair from the incoming elected trusted servants to a smaller committee. His group understood that a rotating group of

approximately six people was being developed and trained, with experienced members training newer members. They questioned whether this could result in “professionalizing” the Sound Chair position and also questioned whether those serving would be paid.

Joey, GSR, Sobriety Seekers, District 32: Spoke about the difficulty of finding people with the necessary technical skills. He questioned whether requiring someone to train and serve for an extended period essentially creates another appointed position and suggested that this should be considered as the Area determines how the position should be structured.

Gary T., GSR, Carrying the Message, District 25: Asked whether a budget had been established for the proposal or whether expenditures would be open-ended. The Chair noted that the budget question had been addressed in the motion’s background information.

Jim, DCM, District 43: Supported creating a means of training people for the position. Drawing on his experience handling sound at his church, he explained that traditional sound-board experience alone does not necessarily provide the skills needed to manage computers, presentations, online participation, raised hands, and the other technology now involved in hybrid meetings. He emphasized the value of teaching these skills and then having those who learn them pass that knowledge on to others through service.

John, DCM, District 45: Reported that most of his district considered the proposal a “no-brainer.” He noted that technology has become increasingly important in virtually every Area service position and that training and mentorship are already part of many service roles. He compared the proposal to the way Alternate trusted servants often gain experience before moving into other positions. He stated that the technology team has developed considerably since the Area began using Zoom and should have qualified people who can be trained and prepared for future service.

Doug W., GSR, Cyberbaggers Group, District 37: Reported that his online-only group overwhelmingly supported the motion.

Jedediah, GSR, South Bay Serenity, District 8: Reported overwhelming support from his group. He referenced amended/supplemented Motion 22.3, which charges the Technology Steering Committee with meeting the technical needs of the Area, and stated that the Sound Chair issue represented one of those technical needs.

Allison, GSR at the Green Microphone: Reported that his home group did not have a particularly strong opinion but generally felt that the trusted servants working on the committee were best suited to identify people qualified for the work. He expressed the hope that the process would not prevent others who wanted to serve from finding service opportunities.

Gwen, GSR, Global Speakers Group, District 25: Reported unanimous support from her group. The group believed the proposal was consistent with the practical application

of **Concept XI** by helping ensure that the best-qualified people are available to support the Area. They believed the technology team was best positioned to identify those individuals.

Thom, Alternate DCM, District 25: Supported the motion and observed that audio and technology have become increasingly interconnected. He noted that years ago audio and computer technology could be treated as separate functions, but today's hybrid environment requires them to work together. He believed it made sense for one committee to be knowledgeable about both the audio and technological infrastructure.

Donna, GSR, Women of Wisdom, District 45: Drew a comparison with the process used by the Archives Steering Committee in selecting an Archivist. He explained that the Archives Steering Committee identifies a qualified Archivist because the position requires specialized knowledge beyond simply displaying archival materials. He believed the same principle applied to sound and technology: people knowledgeable about the work should identify and recommend someone qualified to perform it.

Chris G., GSR, Water's Edge, District 41: Reported unanimous support from his home group. He supported developing people through a two-year training pipeline so that experienced members can pass along their knowledge and prepare others to serve. He expressed gratitude for members with the technical qualifications and willingness to perform this service.

Mary, Past Sound Chair: Shared her experience serving as one of the first Sound Chairs following the COVID period and as a Zoom host during COVID. She explained that the responsibilities of the position have changed significantly from the days when the Sound Chair primarily needed to understand a soundboard. The current hybrid environment requires substantially more technical knowledge. She supported intentionally developing people who can learn the complete setup, understand the Area's technology needs, assist with planning and budgeting for future technology purchases, and eventually assume responsibility for the position.

Nate, GSR, Knuckleheads, District 15: Moved to **call the question**, stating that he had not heard anything new or relevant. The Chair indicated that those already waiting at the microphones would first be allowed to speak and that, if no one else wished to share afterward, the Assembly would proceed to the vote.

Patrick, Technology and Web Chair and member of the Technology Steering Committee: Stated that the Technology Steering Committee is well positioned to identify qualified candidates and provide that information to the incoming elected trusted servants. His concern was limiting the process to a single person. He encouraged the technology and sound teams to develop **multiple qualified candidates** and suggested that the Technology Steering Committee could, through its group conscience, provide the incoming elected officers with a list of individuals in whom the committee had confidence, rather than recommending only one person.

Elda M., GSR, Arlington Monday Night Meeting, District 2: Acknowledged that technology and sound needs have changed considerably since COVID and agreed that sound-system needs must be addressed. Her group, however, was concerned about the broader movement toward online participation and the possibility of losing some of A.A.'s traditional person-to-person contact. She reflected on the importance of members helping others attend meetings in person, including providing transportation, and expressed concern that increased reliance on screens could result in losing something valuable from earlier A.A. experience.

Dave, online participant: Responded to the discussion concerning hybrid participation by sharing that a physical disability prevented him from attending the Assembly in person. He expressed gratitude that Area 72 provides hybrid participation because it made it possible for him to attend and participate in the Assembly.

With no further discussion, the Chair called for the vote. The Assembly was informed that voting would be conducted **digitally** and that **substantial unanimity** was required for the motion to pass. The voting link was reposted in the Zoom chat for an online participant who had lost access to it.

Before displaying the results, the Chair announced that the **Just for Today Group at Stafford Creek Correction Center** had met, reviewed the motions, and provided its GSR proxy through the District 21 Corrections Chair. Those proxy votes were added to the Assembly vote.

Following the electronic vote, the Chair announced that **Motion #1 passed with substantial unanimity**.

The Chair then asked for **minority opinion**.

Kendall G., GSR, POAA: Stated that he had voted against the motion. He asked the Assembly to consider limiting the Technology Steering Committee's role to making a **recommendation**, with the final selection or vote remaining in the hands of the full Fellowship.

After hearing the minority opinion, the Chair asked whether anyone who had voted in favor wished to change their vote. **No one indicated a desire to change their vote.**

Motion #1 passed.

Motion #2: *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.*

Motion presented by **Patty, District 25**, and moved by **John, DCM District 45, Seconded by Jim, DCM District 28**

Patty, Third Legacy Chair, District 25, presented the motion. Patty explained that Motion 23.2, adopted in 2023, states that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries. The proposed amendment sought to clarify that those boundaries would remain within the General Service Conference structure of the United States and Canada.

Patty explained that questions had arisen during the rotation when online groups or members outside the United States and Canada attempted to access the Area 72 website, which is protected by a geofence. Addressing those situations proved difficult and time-consuming for the Web Steering Committee and raised questions about whether Area 72, as a geographic Area within the U.S./Canada General Service Conference structure, has the authority or resources to support international online groups. She emphasized that online groups themselves do not have geographic boundaries and stated that the purpose of the motion was to reduce friction and promote unity rather than exclude members.

The Chair opened discussion.

Tammy, How It Works Group, District 43: Reported that her home group strongly opposed extending District 25 participation to groups in countries outside the United States and Canada and favored limiting participation to the U.S./Canada Conference structure.

Lance V.W., Alternate GSR, Group 164, District 2: Raised concerns about voting and verification, particularly whether an online district without geographic boundaries could eventually result in people throughout the United States, Canada, or elsewhere voting on Area 72 business.

Darren, GSR, Samamish Big Book Study: Reported that his group voted against the motion. The group believed existing service-structure rules do not adequately address online meetings and that simply adopting the proposed language would not resolve the larger questions surrounding international membership and service participation.

Louise, GSR, Halfway Through Group, District 25: Reported that her group opposed adding the proposed geographic limitation. She described District 25 as having developed without geographic boundaries and favored allowing that development to continue organically rather than changing the existing language.

Chris, GSR, Rochester Group, District 28: Spoke on behalf of his home group and several other groups in District 28, including PL, Chehalis, Keep It Simple, and Onalaska. They opposed District 25 operating without appropriate geographic boundaries. He stated that local Area and district concerns should be addressed by service representatives connected to those communities. While viewing Motion #2 as a step in the right direction, they believed it did not go far enough and suggested that online groups might eventually be better served through their own Area structure.

Terry, DCM, District 42: Referred to GSO guidance for virtual groups, which suggests that groups based outside the United States and Canada contact the service structure in their own country or GSO's International Desk. He questioned information in the motion background and cited the Online Intergroup of A.A. as an example of an organization serving internationally. He supported retaining geographic considerations within the Area structure.

Paul, GSR, District 56: Reported that his group strongly supported the motion, particularly its stated purpose of realigning Area 72 with the U.S./Canada Conference structure. His group believed other concerns could be addressed separately through future motions.

Doug W., GSR, Cyberbaggers, District 37: Reported that his group found the issue confusing and considered it a new and evolving question for A.A. His group instructed him to abstain and favored obtaining additional guidance rather than changing the status quo.

Mike, GSR, Solution Group, Seattle: Stated that Western Washington Area 72 exists to serve groups and alcoholics within Western Washington. His group believed that welcoming online groups from outside the Area may have been reasonable as a temporary solution when no other structure was available but opposed permanently formalizing Area 72 as including groups outside Western Washington.

Joey, GSR, Sobriety Seekers, District 32: Reported unanimous support for Motion #2. He cited GSO's new-group listing guidance, which recommends that virtual groups based outside the United States and Canada contact the service structure in their own country or GSO's International Desk.

Anne C., District 44: Shared her experience creating online groups during COVID whose membership included people from Canada and other countries. She emphasized the importance of Canadian members who actively participate, chair meetings, and contribute financially. She supported retaining the ability of Canadian members to participate and expressed hope that the motion would pass.

Tammy, GSR, Came to Believe, in Carnation, District 36: Reported that her group fully supported the motion. Her understanding was that the amendment would recognize District 25 as having no geographic boundaries within the United States and Canada while excluding groups based internationally. She questioned the assertion that international groups necessarily lacked other opportunities for service participation.

Derek, GSR, Principles Before Personalities, District 31: Reported that his group disagreed with the proposed language and preferred language establishing District 25 within the geographic boundaries of Area 72. He expressed concern that the existing arrangement effectively extended Area 72's boundaries without authorization and believed the broader issue required involvement from the General Service Conference and GSO.

Jo, DCM, District 25: Expressed gratitude to Area 72 for creating District 25 and emphasized District 25's commitment and connection to Area 72. He stated that District 25 groups did not want to leave Area 72 for another structure and asked the Area to continue supporting the district.

Jenny, GSR, In the Works, District 41: Shared that she had found the motion difficult to understand despite reviewing the material and speaking with others. She expressed concern that some participants appeared to misunderstand what a "yes" or "no" vote would accomplish and encouraged everyone to be certain they understood the motion before voting.

Rebecca R., GSR, District 35: Reported that her group opposed the motion because they believed it could exclude international groups and members who might not otherwise have meaningful access to a service structure. She noted that District 25 groups contribute financially to Area 72 and emphasized service as an important part of recovery. She viewed the current arrangement as an imperfect interim solution while A.A. considers the larger question of global online service.

John, GSR, District 31: Distinguished between A.A. membership and participation in a particular General Service structure. He emphasized that alcoholics from anywhere can attend meetings as visitors but questioned whether groups and GSRs located outside Area 72 should participate in Area 72 service business and voting.

John, DCM, District 45: Recalled extensive discussion of geographic boundaries when District 25 was originally created. He supported establishing boundaries and expressed concern that an unlimited worldwide district within a geographic Area could eventually create an imbalance in representation, voting strength, and financial influence within Area 72.

Cheryl, GSR, Cascade Group, District 7: Reported that her group voted in favor of Motion #2. The group believed the amendment would provide clarity and unity by establishing the U.S./Canada Conference boundaries while remaining consistent with the original intent of District 25.

Luis, GSR, Regla 62: Reported concerns from his group involving Traditions Four and Ten and the possible effect of restrictions on developing A.A. service structures elsewhere. His group also considered circumstances in which members in other countries might have no practical access to a local service structure. They favored encouraging members to participate locally where possible while remaining welcoming when District 25 might be their only practical opportunity for service.

Aaron, GSR for an online group based in Kyiv, Ukraine: Clarified that Motion #2 had been submitted by an individual member of District 25 and was **not a motion originating from District 25 itself**. She stated that his group had been issued a GSO group number and contributes financially to A.A. services. Her group believed the current situation highlighted the need for the service structure to adapt to online groups and viewed the

proposed restriction as inconsistent with participation and the inclusive spirit under which District 25 had developed.

Rodriguez, GSR: Through interpretation, reported that his group did not support groups outside the established structure participating through District 25 and expressed concern regarding the First Tradition.

Before the dinner break, the Chair recognized the intensity of the discussion and invited the Assembly to join in the Serenity Prayer.

Anna, Alternate GSR, Pine Road Group, District 10: Shared that online A.A. had been essential during her early sobriety when she could not access in-person meetings. She also described online participation by U.S. military personnel stationed in countries where attending or forming local A.A. meetings could be difficult or impossible. She believed there should be consideration for members in such circumstances and supported their ability to remain connected to service at home.

Gwen M., GSR, Global Speakers Group, District 25: Reported that her group was founded by expatriates in China and now consists primarily of U.S.-based members. She described her group's desire to have a voice and vote within the service structure and viewed the matter as an accessibility and Right of Participation issue. Her group opposed the amendment and expressed gratitude to Area 72 and District 25 for providing a means of participation.

Following the dinner break, the Chair acknowledged that he had received several questions and that there appeared to be significant confusion about what Motion #2 would actually do. To clarify the issue without advocating a position, he reread the existing Motion 23.2:

"In the spirit of unity, we affirm that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries."

He then explained that Motion #2 would add the phrase:

"within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada."

The Chair emphasized that the existing motion contains no geographic boundaries, while the proposed amendment would establish the U.S./Canada Conference area as the boundary.

Discussion resumed.

Calvin, GSR, Whiskey and Milk Group, District 8: Reported unanimous opposition from his group. The group favored retaining District 25 without geographic boundaries and opposed excluding international online groups from service participation. He stated that

service was not a limited resource and believed international members were as capable of participating in Area service decisions as other members.

Teresa, Area 72 Treasurer: Supported the clarification provided by the Chair and stated that the issue concerned eligibility to serve as a voting GSR in Area 72 rather than whether people outside the U.S. and Canada could attend meetings or perform service within their groups. She believed establishing the Conference boundary could also help identify the broader need for international online service opportunities and encourage that issue to be addressed at the appropriate level.

Nick, Fourth Dimension, District 45: Believed the Assembly was addressing the wrong underlying question. His group believed the time had come for A.A. to consider creating an **online Area** and allowing the service structure to evolve accordingly.

Jerry, GSR, NDBI, District 25: Described his online group as having originated in Bellevue and subsequently becoming a nationwide and worldwide meeting. Although its membership and trusted servants now live in many locations, he emphasized the group's roots in Western Washington and its belief that Area 72 is where it belongs. He supported the Right of Participation for online groups and expressed gratitude for Area 72's support.

Thom, Alternate DCM, District 25: Emphasized that **District 25 itself had not brought forward Motion #2** and had not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss the issue as a district. He believed the motion was premature and asked that District 25 be given time to consider the matter and attempt to resolve the concerns through its own group conscience and autonomy. He asked that the matter be tabled rather than decided at this Assembly.

Lori, GSR, Firgrove, District 29: Stated that she continued to find the motion confusing and asked for a simple explanation of what would happen if the motion passed versus what would happen if it failed. The Chair explained that the discussion period was not the appropriate place to answer the question.

Lance: Raised a parliamentary inquiry regarding whether GSRs registered with District 25 but residing outside Western Washington have voting rights in Area 72 business, along with concerns regarding financial contributions and future eligibility for Area service positions.

In response to the parliamentary inquiry, the Chair clarified that **a GSR listed with District 25 has voting rights on the Area 72 Assembly floor**.

Donna, GSR, District 25: Participated online from San Diego, California, and reported that her group favored keeping District 25's geographic boundaries open and therefore opposed Motion #2.

Rocky, Alternate GSR: Strongly opposed the motion and characterized aspects of the discussion as xenophobic. He argued that the practical effect of the amendment would

concern a very small number of internationally registered groups and cited the Third Tradition and A.A.'s inclusive character in opposing the restriction.

At this point, the Chair stopped the discussion and observed that there appeared to be substantial confusion and disagreement throughout the Assembly, with no evident general consensus. He explained that **tabling the motion would procedurally cause it to return at the following year's Assembly**. As an alternative, he suggested forwarding the issue into the **Quarterly process for the following year as a discussion topic**, allowing the Area additional time to consider the questions involved.

The Chair acknowledged uncertainty regarding the exact parliamentary procedure and consulted **Crystal, Area 72 Past Delegate,** regarding the proposed approach. Crystal responded that the Chair was facilitating the conscience of the Area and that, if this reflected the Assembly's conscience, forwarding the matter as a discussion topic was a reasonable course.

The Chair then tested the sense of the Assembly by a **show of hands**, first asking those in favor of moving the matter into the following year's Quarterly process as a discussion topic and then those in favor of continuing the current discussion.

The Chair determined that **the ayes have it**.

Motion #2 was referred to the following year's Quarterly process as a discussion topic for further consideration.

Motion #3: *Move that, if the Area Committee approves a motion that qualifies as a 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 Motions(s) in time to submit to the General Service Board by the deadline date. The Motion and all background information are 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.*

District 45 moved Motion #3, and **District 55** seconded.

Lisa, **Area 72 Alternate Chairperson**, presenting the motion, explained that Motion #3 was intended to address Area 72 being out of sync with the General Service Conference Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) submission schedule. Historically, the PAI deadline had been in December, after Area 72's October Assembly, allowing the Area to discuss and vote on a PAI and submit it for consideration at the following Conference. The deadline was subsequently moved into September, before Area 72's Annual Assembly.

Lisa explained that Area 72 could still discuss, vote on, and submit a PAI under the present schedule, but an item approved at the October Assembly would miss the deadline for the immediately following Conference and would have to wait nearly another year.

She recalled that when the matter had previously been discussed by the Area, opinions were divided among leaving the process unchanged, moving the Annual Assembly to an earlier date, and holding a special online Assembly when necessary. Motion #3 represented the latter approach. A Special Assembly would be held only in a year when the Area Committee advanced a motion qualifying as a PAI. It would be held online in September, after groups had an opportunity to consider the item through the pre-Assembly process, and would address only the PAI motion or motions. Lisa noted that Area 72 historically has had only one or two such items in years when PAIs were submitted, and some years have none.

Amendment to Motion #3

Scott O., DCM, District 16, moved to amend Motion #3 in two places:

1. At the end of the first sentence, following "by the deadline date," add: **"except in any year in which the Annual Assembly is held before the Proposed Agenda Item deadline."**
2. Delete from the end of the motion: **"with the Annual Assembly to continue to be held in October."**

Scott explained that Motion #4, which would be considered next, proposed eventually moving the Annual Assembly into September. Without the amendment, passage of both Motions #3 and #4 could create conflicting Area policy. He emphasized that the amendment was intended to clarify Motion #3 rather than change its purpose.

The Chair reviewed the proposed language, displayed it for the Assembly, and determined that it did not appear to change the intent of the original motion.

David, DCM, District 14, seconded the amendment.

Motion to Amend Motion #3
Move that, if the Area Committee approves a motion that qualifies as a 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 by the deadline date [ADD:, except in any year in which the Annual Assembly is held before the Proposed Agenda Item deadline]. The Motion and all background information are to be included in all pre-assembly materials and in the August edition of the Newsletter [REMOVE:, with the Annual Assembly to continue to be held in October].

Discussion on the amendment to Motion #3:

The Chair explained that discussion would be limited to the proposed amendment before returning to the underlying motion.

Jason, Shanty Treasures, questioned the continued requirement that the Special Assembly be online only. His group supported online participation as a useful tool but believed an online-only Assembly could sacrifice the value of face-to-face participation and the human experience of A.A. service.

Wendy R., GSR, Grace Group, District 22, supported the amendment and the concept of Motion #3. Her group favored retaining the regular Assembly schedule while providing an efficient, no-cost online method of addressing a PAI only when necessary. She emphasized that the Special Assembly would not replace the Annual Assembly.

Claudia, GSR, Langley Group, supported the amendment because Motions #3 and #4 could conflict if both passed without clarifying language.

Luis, GSR, District 62, reported that his group had difficulty reaching a position on Motion #3. Some members appreciated an online Assembly because it allowed participation by members unable to be physically present, while others believed A.A. should not rush its deliberative process. Overall, more members of his group opposed Motion #3.

Donna, GSR, Women of Wisdom, District 45, supported the amendment and said her group had considered proposing essentially the same change. The group wanted a Special Assembly only when a PAI required it and did not want Motion #3 to unnecessarily lock the Annual Assembly into October, particularly since the Conference could potentially change its deadline again.

Stephen W., GSR, District 8, reported that his group specifically favored Motion #3 if it were amended in essentially the manner being proposed and therefore supported the amendment.

Devin, District 11, questioned whether the amendment was necessary because she believed the background material already made the relationship between Motions #3 and #4 clear. He understood Motion #3 to be a temporary or “stopgap” arrangement until an earlier Annual Assembly could eliminate the need for it. Although she considered the amendment redundant, she said she would support it if necessary for clarity.

Jana, Alternate DCM, District 9, said the GSRs in her District believed the amendment was understandable and clear and were ready to proceed.

Glenn, GSR, New Arrivals, District 45, called the question so that the Assembly could conclude consideration of the amendment and move to discussion of Motion #3 itself.

The call for the question was seconded and approved by simple majority.

The Assembly then voted electronically on the amendment. The Chair explained that amending a motion on the floor required a **two-thirds vote**. After allowing time for voting, including use of the kiosks, the poll was closed. The Chair announced that the amendment had received **substantial unanimity and passed**.

Motion to Amend Motion #3 Passed with Substantial Unanimity.

Amended Motion #3
Move that, if the Area Committee approves a motion that qualifies as a 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 by the deadline date except in any year in which the Annual Assembly is held before the Proposed Agenda Item deadline. The Motion and all background information are to be included in all pre-assembly materials and in the August edition of the Newsletter.

Discussion then opened on Motion #3 as amended:

Doug W., GSR, District 37, reported that his group conscience was to oppose both Motions #3 and #4. He expressed concern that what had initially been presented as a temporary accommodation to General Service Office workload had evolved into structural changes affecting the Areas. Referring to the principle that A.A. leaders are trusted servants and do not govern, his group believed Area 72 should resist being driven by changes originating at GSO and encouraged the Delegate to carry that concern back to New York.

Calvin, GSR, District 8, reported that his group's instructions were unusual: the group favored Motion #3 only if Motion #4 also passed. He viewed Motion #3 differently depending upon whether it would serve temporarily until the Annual Assembly moved to September or become a longer-term process. He said he was still considering how to exercise his right of decision.

Joey, GSR, District 32, reported strong group opposition. His group was concerned about participation in a Special Assembly held online shortly before the regular Annual Assembly. He questioned whether the entire Area would participate adequately and emphasized that A.A. traditionally moves deliberately. A PAI that missed the immediate deadline could still be submitted for a later Conference, and he did not believe there was an emergency requiring the Area to accelerate the process.

Amy, District 3, Sky Valley Alano Club, reported that her group considered the issue largely a non-issue and believed the Area should slow down. If something were genuinely urgent, groups and districts retained sufficient autonomy to address immediate needs locally while the broader PAI process proceeded deliberately.

Ian M., GSR, Lunch Bunch, Lakewood, reported that his group opposed Motion #3 and preferred leaving the existing process unchanged.

Gunny, GSR, Chehalis Group, District 28, reported that his group had given her the right of decision concerning the amendment but had not authorized him to support the underlying motion. He therefore reported her group's position as **No** on Motion #3.

Bruce, GSR, District 9, said his group initially opposed the motion because members misunderstood the Special Assembly as an entirely separate full Assembly. After understanding that it would occur only when necessary and would be limited to PAIs, he believed the group would support it and said he would exercise his right of decision in favor.

Cecy, reported that the group would abstain because members believed the motion did not clearly define how long an online Special Assembly could extend and did not see a need to change the existing process.

Louise, GSR, District 25, reported support for the motion. Her group believed that when an important matter affecting groups, districts, or the Area needed consideration, the Special Assembly would provide the entire Area an opportunity to gather, develop a group conscience, and provide the Delegate with as much information as possible before the General Service Conference.

Houston, Area 72 Registrar, noted that the issue had been discussed for several years and had periodically created conflict. He supported bringing Area 72's process into alignment with the GSO/General Service Conference calendar. While acknowledging that GSO had changed its deadlines and that the resulting adjustments might be inconvenient, he viewed the proposed process as a practical workaround and encouraged Area 72 to be innovative rather than assume that A.A.'s deliberate pace meant its procedures could never change.

Dave, GSR, Morning Phoenix Group, District 19, supported Motion #3 as a temporary solution and also supported bringing Area 72 into alignment with the Conference timeline. He noted that many other Areas were already able to meet the PAI deadline and said the Special Assembly would allow Area 72 to consider a PAI in a timely manner while existing contracts continued to govern the dates of upcoming Annual Assemblies.

Sansannah, Alternate DCM, District 3, expressed concern that GSO might change the PAI deadline again in the future.

Connor, GSR, Sobriety Lifeline, District 35, reported that his group supported Motion #3. The group preferred keeping the Annual Assembly in October and addressing PAIs separately as they arose.

Jacob, Alt GSR, In the Works, District 41, reported that his group was strongly opposed. Members were concerned about the additional cost of holding a Special Assembly and strongly favored Motion #4, which they believed would make Motion #3 less necessary. He also questioned whether consideration of Motion #4 before Motion #3 might have helped clarify the issue.

As discussion continued, the Chair asked subsequent speakers to provide new information because many of the same themes were being repeated.

Megan K., Flimsy Reid, District 44, opposed an online-only Special Assembly because she believed it could exclude GSRs and other members who would participate in a hybrid setting. She said a true group conscience should include as much of the Area as possible, just as an in-person-only Special Assembly could exclude those who participate virtually.

Joe, DCM, District 19, responded to comments that A.A. should move slowly. He distinguished A.A.'s spiritually deliberate process of discussion and group conscience from structural conflicts between Area 72's schedule and the General Service Conference schedule. He believed Motion #3 would correct the structural conflict while still allowing A.A. discussion and deliberation to proceed at its appropriate pace.

Chris, GSR, Rochester, District 28, opposed the motion and reinforced the concern about online-only participation. He argued that if a PAI were important enough to justify a Special Assembly so it could reach the Conference that year, it was important enough to structure the Assembly so the greatest possible portion of the Area could participate.

Courtney, Area 72 Delegate, addressed concerns that GSO might move the PAI deadline again. She explained that the deadline had been moved to allow Conference background material to be produced simultaneously in all three languages for spiritual parity. Because additional time is needed to prepare and translate that material, she considered it extremely unlikely that the deadline would move back into October.

Shiloh M., GSR, Seattle Men's Group, District 41, reported that his group supported Motion #3 as a stopgap measure. He encouraged the Assembly to address the situation as it exists today rather than base its decision on speculation that GSO might change the deadline in the future. He also believed it might have been helpful to consider Motion #4 before Motion #3.

Jedediah, GSR, South Bay Serenity, District 8, reported that her group supported Motion #3. She noted that any A.A. member may submit a Proposed Agenda Item at any time, although consideration through the group, district, and Area provides an opportunity for deliberation. She also shared information from the 76th General Service Conference inventory implementation indicating that the PAI submission deadline applies to consideration for the immediately upcoming Conference and that year-round PAI submissions are encouraged to support ongoing discussion.

With discussion concluded, the Chair called for the vote on **Motion #3 as amended** and explained that passage required **substantial unanimity, or a two-thirds vote**. Voting was conducted electronically, with additional time allowed to ensure everyone wishing to vote had done so.

The poll was closed and the results were displayed:

The Chair announced that **Motion #3, as amended, passed with substantial unanimity**.

The Chair asked for **minority opinion**. No minority opinion was offered.

Motion #3 passed.

Motion #4: *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.*

District 11 moved Motion #4, and **District 41** seconded.

The Chair explained that Motion #4 addressed the same underlying issue as Motion #3 and referred the Assembly to the background information previously presented concerning the change in the General Service Conference Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) deadline.

Discussion opened on Motion #4.

Warren, GSR, Eastside Newcomers, District 9, asked why the Assembly should be moved specifically to the last full weekend of September rather than an even earlier weekend.

Ian, participating online, reported that his group opposed Motion #4 and preferred leaving the existing schedule unchanged. Although there were some dissenting members who favored an earlier Assembly, the group conscience was to vote No.

Crystal, Area 72 Past Delegate, opposed making the change at this time. She noted that Area 72 often mirrors the General Service Conference process and pointed to the Conference's practice of experimenting with changes before making them permanent. Since Motion #3 had just passed, she favored allowing the Area to experience the Special Assembly process before making the larger structural change proposed by Motion #4. She also cautioned that moving the Assembly earlier would reduce the time between August pre-assemblies and the Annual Assembly, giving GSRs less time to take information back to their home groups and obtain an informed group conscience. She noted that changing the Assembly date could also affect the broader Area calendar.

Luis, GSR, District 62, reported that his group opposed Motion #4 for reasons similar to its opposition to Motion #3.

Jo, DCM, District 25, reported that her home group opposed the motion because of concern that changing the Annual Assembly date could affect the scheduling of Quarterlies and other Area events and potentially require broader changes to the Area calendar.

Darrell, GSR, Steilacoom Serenity Seekers, District 45, supported the motion and said the practical change would amount to moving the Assembly approximately one week earlier. He did not believe it would require changing the Quarterlies or significantly disrupt the Area calendar.

Tracy, GSR, District 18, reported that her group opposed the proposed date in part because it would conflict with another recovery event in Oregon that some members attend.

Rebecca, GSR, Friday Night Firehouse, District 35, reported that her group opposed the motion because of concerns about school schedules and the possibility that September venue and lodging costs could be higher.

Mike, GSR, Solution Group, District 17, supported the motion. He noted that the existing timing of the Annual Assembly had originally been selected in relation to the former Conference submission deadline. Since that deadline had moved earlier, he believed moving the Assembly earlier would preserve the original purpose behind its scheduling.

Mel, GSR, District 43, asked when the change could actually take effect because future Assembly locations had already been arranged. The Chair consulted with Lisa and responded that the best assumption was that implementation would be approximately five years out because of existing arrangements.

Derek D., Alternate GSR, Flimsy Reed, reported that his group supported Motion #4. He expressed concern that the discussion seemed inconsistent with the rationale used in considering Motion #3. He understood Motion #3 to be a temporary solution until Area 72 could move its Annual Assembly ahead of the PAI deadline and questioned whether the motions might have been better considered in the opposite order.

John, GSR, District 31, drew on his experience in the hospitality industry and cautioned that venue and hotel rates frequently decrease in October. He said moving the Assembly into September could therefore result in higher costs depending upon the location.

Glenn, GSR, New Arrivals, reported unusually strong unanimity within his group in favor of Motion #4. He said the PAI deadline issue had already been discussed for several years and understood Motions #3 and #4 as complementary: Motion #3 would provide an immediate temporary solution, while Motion #4 would eventually bring the Annual Assembly into alignment with the Conference deadline. He cautioned against allowing inconvenience alone to determine the Area's decision.

A call for the question was made. After allowing one final speaker, the Chair closed discussion and called for the vote.

Initial Vote

The Assembly voted electronically on Motion #4. Passage required **substantial unanimity, or a two-thirds vote**.

After voting was completed, the Chair announced that **Motion #4 failed for lack of substantial unanimity (55% for, 45% against)**.

The Chair then opened the floor for minority opinion.

Minority Opinion

Shiloh, GSR, Seattle Men's Group, District 41, had voted in favor of the motion. He said much of the opposition he heard appeared to concern scheduling inconvenience and believed such inconvenience was a small price to pay for bringing Area 72 into alignment with the General Service Conference schedule.

Jason, Shanty Treasures, also speaking in favor of Motion #4, said concerns about Labor Day and the beginning of the school year had been discussed for several years. He emphasized that the proposed change amounted to only a relatively small movement of the Assembly date and did not necessarily require changing the Quarterlies.

Tom, GSR, District 4, emphasized that cost rather than convenience could prevent participation. He was attending online because of financial limitations and expressed concern that moving the Assembly earlier would compress the pre-assembly process during the summer months, when group participation may already be reduced.

A question arose regarding who properly constituted the minority opinion because Motion #4 had received more Yes votes than No votes but nevertheless failed to achieve the required two-thirds vote. The Chair ruled that because the motion had failed, those who had voted in favor of the motion would be heard for purposes of the minority-opinion process. **Jo, DCM, District 25**, later questioned that ruling, stating her understanding that the numerical minority consisted of those who had voted No even though the Yes vote had been insufficient to reach substantial unanimity. The Chair stated that this was not his understanding, and the minority-opinion process continued under the Chair's ruling.

A speaker who had voted Yes observed that the Assembly had just adopted Motion #3, establishing a Special Online Assembly when necessary for PAIs. Without eventually moving the Annual Assembly, that Special Assembly process could continue indefinitely. The speaker urged reconsideration.

Houston, Area 72 Registrar, said failure of Motion #4 could unnecessarily extend the need for the Special Assembly established by Motion #3. She viewed the next several years as an experimental period during which the Area could evaluate that process while existing Assembly arrangements worked their way through the schedule.

Jana, Alternate DCM, District 9, noted that existing contracts could not all be changed immediately. She said the delay before Motion #4 could be fully implemented would provide time for the Area to adjust the schedules of Quarterlies and pre-assemblies.

Mario M., Live and Let Live, reported that he had voted Yes in accordance with his group conscience. He said much of the discussion concerning increased costs appeared to be based on assumptions rather than actual figures and asked that future consideration of the issue include factual cost information.

Robert, GSR, Lake City Group, Seattle, said passage of Motion #4 would eventually reduce the need for the Special Online Assembly created by Motion #3. He noted that concerns had been raised during Motion #3 about excluding members who preferred in-person participation and believed moving the Annual Assembly ahead of the PAI deadline would shorten the period during which the Area needed to rely upon the online-only process.

Garrett, reported that his group already had difficulty finding a GSR able to commit to four Area events per year.

Aaron, GSR, Spiritual Awakening Group, Kyiv, Ukraine, reported that her group had instructed her to vote Yes because of the importance they placed on participation and having a voice in A.A.

Nate, GSR, District 15, supported reconsideration. He observed that if Motion #4 had already been in effect that year, the Annual Assembly would have occurred only approximately one week earlier. He contrasted that with the additional Special Online Assembly that could now be required under Motion #3 and said he personally might choose the online Special Assembly rather than attend both events.

Kylie, GSR, New Beginnings Women's Group, Seattle, spoke about the importance of in-person participation for new GSRs. She described her first Area Assembly as an important part of understanding General Service and finding her place within the larger A.A. service structure. She found Zoom participation more isolating and believed eventually bringing PAI decisions back into the regular in-person Assembly would benefit incoming GSRs.

Becky, Alternate GSR, Sunday Morning Magic, District 31, clarified information her group had received indicating that the Special Assembly created under Motion #3 would not result in additional costs being passed down to groups.

Jim, GSR, Bellingham Northwest Group, emphasized the responsibility of a GSR to carry the group conscience even when Area service conflicts with personal plans. His group had voted in favor of moving the Assembly, and he believed personal inconvenience should not override the conscience entrusted to a representative.

Irene, GSR, Any Lengths, District 44, said she favored first experimenting with Motion #3 before making a major structural change. The Chair clarified that Irene had voted No and therefore, under the Chair's ruling concerning minority opinion, her comments were not minority opinion.

Motion to Reconsider

After minority opinion concluded, the Chair asked whether anyone who had voted **No** wished to change their vote to **Yes**.

Scott O., who had voted No, came to the microphone and said that after hearing the additional discussion—particularly regarding scheduling and the importance of aligning Area 72 with the General Service Conference—he wished to change his vote to **Yes**.

The Chair ruled that this constituted a **motion to reconsider**. The motion to reconsider was then seconded.

The Chair explained that the Assembly would now decide, by **simple majority**, whether to reconsider the original vote on Motion #4. A Yes vote meant reopening Motion #4 for further discussion and another vote; a No vote meant leaving the original result in place.

An initial show-of-hands vote appeared to favor reconsideration. The Chair began to reopen discussion on Motion #4.

An Individual then raised a **point of order**, reporting that several members at his table had not understood what they were voting on during the reconsideration vote.

Because of the confusion, the Chair explained the procedure again and conducted another vote on whether to reconsider. Members voting Yes wished to reopen Motion #4; members voting No wished to allow the original failed vote to stand.

After a second show of hands appeared extremely close, the Chair directed that an **electronic ballot** be conducted to obtain an exact result.

The electronic vote was completed and the Chair announced that the **motion to reconsider failed 51% Don't Reconsider, 49% Yes Reconsider**.

Therefore, the original vote on Motion #4 remained in effect.

Final Disposition: Motion #4 failed for lack of substantial unanimity.

FLOOR MOTIONS PRESENTED

Floor Motion #1: *Move that Western Washington Area 72 contribute $500 to fund interpretation for the 2026 Pacific Regional Forum in San Diego.*

The Chair reviewed the procedure established by Motion 06.4 for handling floor motions:

"We move that the Western Washington Area Assembly deal with floor motions in the following manner. Prior to formally discussing and voting on floor motions, the Area Chairperson will determine by simple majority vote whether the Assembly wants to:

- *a) Address, discuss, and vote on the floor motion at that time; or*
- *b) Refer the floor motion to the Quarterly process to be considered for addition to the agenda for the following Assembly"*

Floor Motion #1 was **moved by Eddy, Alternate Treasurer, and seconded by Charley, Language Coordinator.**

Presentation

Courtney, Area 72 Delegate, presented the motion. She explained that the Pacific Regional Forum is hosted by the General Service Board once each rotation and that the 2026 Forum will be held in San Diego and hosted by Area 08. Historically, the General Service Board has funded Spanish-language and ASL interpretation and translation at Regional Forums. As a cost-saving measure, those services were not being funded by the Board for this Forum. Area 08 wanted to maintain an inclusive Forum by providing the services and was covering written translations but faced the expense of interpretation. Pacific Region Delegates discussed asking their respective Areas to help share that expense rather than leaving the entire cost with Area 08. Courtney asked Area 72 to contribute $500 toward those services.

Courtney added that the General Service Board was continuing to discuss the change after receiving feedback about hosting a Regional Forum without providing interpretation and translation. She explained that the proposal was being brought as a floor motion because of the timing: Area 72 would not meet again before the Regional Forum.

Motion 06.4 – Consider Now or Refer to Quarterly Process

The Assembly was polled on whether to discuss and vote on Floor Motion #1 immediately or refer it to the Quarterly process. Because the Pacific Regional Forum would occur in December, the Chair noted the time-sensitive nature of the request while emphasizing that the decision belonged to the Assembly.

The Assembly voted to discuss Floor Motion #1 at the current Assembly.

Discussion

Courtney, Delegate, provided additional information received during the proceedings. Four other Areas were already going through similar approval processes, and the total amount being sought for interpretation was approximately **$3,500**. Area 72's requested contribution remained $500.

Houston, Area Registrar, supported the motion, saying he could think of few better uses of Area funds than providing access for Spanish-speaking members and helping carry the message to alcoholics who otherwise might not have that access.

Tom, Alternate DCM, District 25, strongly supported the motion. He noted that Regional Forums are A.A. events conducted by the General Service Board and viewed the contribution as consistent with Area 72's existing financial support of A.A. service. He also emphasized the urgency because Area 72 would not meet again in time to address the need before the Forum.

Cayden, representing District 4 Skagit Group, supported the contribution and referenced funds that would not be used for the canceled Metro Bus Sign Project, suggesting that $500 could instead be used to support this service need.

Dave H., participating online, agreed with the previous comments and supported using available funds to continue carrying the A.A. message. He noted that there had not been an opportunity during the earlier special report to ask questions about how the unused Metro Bus Sign funds were reflected in the budget.

Nelson, District 24, spoke from his experience as a bilingual member. He emphasized that non-English-speaking members want to participate in A.A. service and noted Area 72's history of being inclusive and welcoming to members who do not speak English. He supported Area 72 continuing to lead by example and helping make participation possible.

Aimee called the question. The Chair elected to first hear from those already waiting to speak.

Angel, DCM, District 34, supported the motion, noting that Spanish is his first language and that he also has close friends in the Deaf community. He thanked Courtney for bringing the proposal forward and supported providing the interpretation services.

Gwen, GSR, Global Speakers Group, District 25, reported that her group supported the $500 contribution but wanted to place on record its concern about an expense traditionally covered by the General Service Board being shifted to the Fellowship, particularly during a period of heightened scrutiny of A.A. finances. Despite that concern, the group supported inclusivity and the motion.

Vote

With discussion concluded, the Chair called for a vote requiring **substantial unanimity, requiring a two-thirds majority**.

Floor Motion #1 passed.

The Chair exercised discretion not to call for minority opinion, noting that there did not appear to be significant opposition or intensity surrounding the motion.

Floor Motion #2: *We move that an ad hoc committee be formed to explore dividing Western Washington Area 72 into 3 separate Areas, north, central, and south.*

The motion was **moved by District 19 and seconded by District 42.**

Presentation

David W. presented the motion. He explained that the idea grew out of discussion at the previous year's Assembly and concerns about the increasing number of groups participating in Western Washington Area 72. He recalled that when he first attended an Area Assembly approximately 30 years ago, Area 72 had considerably fewer groups, while his more recent research indicated that the Area now has more than 1,000 groups.

David reported that, according to his research, approximately **47% of Area 72 groups are located in the Seattle metropolitan/King County area**, with the remaining 53% spread from Snohomish County north and Pierce County south. He expressed concern that this concentration may result in underrepresentation of groups in the northern and southern portions of the Area and may make some members and groups feel that meaningful participation is difficult.

He emphasized that the motion did **not propose immediately dividing Area 72**. Rather, it proposed forming an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the issue, review the numbers, speak with members and groups, and determine whether the time had come to consider dividing Area 72 in the interest of representation, participation, and service. The concept envisioned three Areas: a northern Area from Snohomish County north, a central Area consisting generally of King County, and a southern Area from the Pierce County line south.

Motion 06.4 – Consider Now or Refer to Quarterly Process

Following the presentation, the Chair applied the procedure established by **Motion 06.4**. The Assembly was asked by simple majority whether it wished to discuss and vote on Floor Motion #2 immediately or refer it to the Quarterly process for consideration for the following Assembly agenda.

Because of an initial issue with the wording displayed in the electronic voting application, the Chair stopped the vote and clarified the choices:

- **Yes** – Discuss the Floor Motion now.
- **No** – Refer the Floor Motion to the Quarterly process.

The poll was relaunched following the clarification.

Vote

The Assembly voted **No**, corresponding to the option to refer the matter to the Quarterly process.

Floor Motion #2 was referred to the Quarterly process for consideration for addition to the agenda of the following Assembly.

The Chair clarified that no minority opinion was taken because the Motion 06.4 determination was a simple-majority housekeeping vote.

Floor Motion #3: *Move that Area 72 form an ad hoc committee to look at changes to Area 72 Registrar Position and Area 72 Listings Processes.*

The motion was **moved by Houston, Area Registrar, and seconded by Rose, DCM, District 7.**

Presentation

Houston, Area Registrar, explained that she had surveyed approximately 17 other Areas, including Areas comparable to Area 72 in size and annual contributions to GSO and Areas that use an Alternate Registrar position. Her research showed that inactive and unknown-status groups are a significant issue across Areas. She noted that the problem increased during the pandemic as meetings moved online, changed formats, or ceased meeting without necessarily updating their information with GSO.

Houston explained that the proposed Ad Hoc Committee could explore two primary approaches. One would be creation of an **Alternate Registrar** position to help share the workload, learn the Registrar's responsibilities, and provide continuity and support. The other would be exploring improved database technology, including a secure relational database that could make it easier for Area 72 information to flow into A.A. Fellowship Connection. Area 72 currently relies primarily on Fellowship Connection and an Excel spreadsheet.

Houston emphasized that the solution might be technological, might involve another trusted servant, or could include both approaches. She believed the issue warranted continued study by trusted servants with varied experience and expertise. She also emphasized that administrative trusted servants should have adequate support and that maintaining accurate group and district listings is important both to Area service and to supporting GSO and A.A.'s financial self-support.

Motion 06.4 – Consider Now or Refer to Quarterly Process

Following the presentation, the Chair applied the procedure established by **Motion 06.4**. The Assembly was asked by simple majority whether it wished to discuss Floor Motion #3 immediately or refer it to the Quarterly process.

The voting choices were clarified as:

- **Yes** – Discuss the Floor Motion now.
- **No** – Refer the Floor Motion to the Quarterly process.

Vote

After voting was completed, the Chair announced that:

Floor Motion #3 was referred to the Quarterly process.

Floor Motion #4: *We move that Area 72 submit District 15's Proposed Agenda Item for consideration at the General Service Conference to create a plain language version of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.*

Floor Motion #4 was withdrawn by the motion maker.

Floor Motion #5: We move that Area 72 create an Ad Hoc committee to discuss the feasibility of adjusting the assembly agenda to address the business of the area as presented in motions and floor motions in a timely manner.

The motion was **moved by Valerie, GSR, Sky Valley Breakfast Group, and seconded by District 19.**

Presentation

Valerie, GSR, Sky Valley Breakfast Group, explained that her group has discussed concerns about the Assembly agenda and the amount of time required to reach and complete the Area's business. The group believes that one of the primary purposes of the Assembly is for GSRs to come together to discuss and vote on motions that have moved through the Quarterly process, as well as floor motions brought before the Assembly.

The group expressed concern that motions and other business requiring GSR participation may occur too late in the Assembly agenda. Valerie noted that some GSRs represent groups that cannot afford one or two nights of lodging in addition to other Assembly expenses. Those members may drive considerable distances to attend and then face a late-night drive home after an Assembly session extending beyond 11:00 p.m. Her group believed this raised both participation and safety concerns.

Valerie explained that the purpose of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee would be to investigate possible changes rather than prescribe a specific agenda. As an example, her group suggested considering whether **motions and voting could be addressed earlier in the Assembly**, with appointed and elected trusted servant reports and other reports occurring later. The intent was to ensure that the business requiring participation and votes by GSRs could be completed in a timely manner.

Motion 06.4 – Consider Now or Refer to Quarterly Process

Following the presentation, the Chair applied the procedure established by **Motion 06.4**. The Assembly was asked by simple majority to choose between:

- **Yes** – Discuss the Floor Motion now.
- **No** – Refer the Floor Motion to the Quarterly process.

The electronic poll was opened and voting was completed.

Vote

The Assembly voted to refer the matter to the Quarterly process.

Floor Motion #5 was forwarded to the Quarterly process for further consideration.

FLOOR DISCUSSION TOPICS

Floor Discussion Topic #1: *Results of Newsletter Sharing Session, Poll the Assembly Body*

Lara, DCM, District 18, introduced the Floor Discussion Topic. She reported that a **Newsletter Sharing Session was held September 26** to discuss Area 72's experience after approximately nine months with an all-digital newsletter. Participants considered the strengths and weaknesses of the digital format and, particularly, whether an all-digital newsletter was meeting the needs of all Area 72 members. Members of the Newsletter Committee and other interested participants attended the sharing session.

Lara acknowledged the Newsletter Committee's work in developing what she described as an excellent digital newsletter. The sharing session nevertheless identified a possible need for a **condensed, simplified printed version** for members who cannot readily access or use the digital edition. She noted that simply printing the current digital newsletter could result in approximately 65 pages and would not be a practical or sustainable printed format. Even if only a relatively small percentage of members would use a printed edition, Lara felt their accessibility needs deserved consideration.

Angel, DCM, District 34, shared examples illustrating the need. He described a member in his district who relies on printed material and a magnifying glass to read. He also spoke about the Hispanic community and described how printed newsletters had previously been taken directly into groups and offered to members during visits. Angel emphasized that the Area Newsletter is not intended only for GSRs and DCMs; it is information for the **entire group**, from its newest member to its oldest, and trusted servants have a responsibility to help make that information available to them.

Informal Poll

Lara explained that a brief Google Form had been created, with QR codes distributed on tables and a link in the Area 72 Newsletter. Members were asked one question:

If a condensed printed version of the Area Newsletter were available by subscription, would you—or someone you know—be interested in receiving it?

The purpose of the poll was to determine whether sufficient interest exists to continue exploring a printed newsletter option. No decision regarding creation of a printed edition was made during the discussion.

The Chair thanked the presenters and concluded the Floor Discussion Topic.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Area Third Legacy Committee Standing Committee

Introduction:

Paul, Third Legacy Chair, District 36, introduced the discussion and clarified that the issue before the Assembly involved two related questions: whether Area 72 should establish a **Third Legacy Standing Committee** to support Third Legacy Chairs throughout the Area, and whether an additional **appointed Area position** should be created to chair that committee and help coordinate and support Third Legacy service at the district level. Paul emphasized that districts remain autonomous and would continue to decide for themselves whether to have a Third Legacy position.

Paul noted that a new rotation of DCMs, GSRs, and other trusted servants would begin in January, many of whom would be learning their positions for the first time. Some outgoing DCMs may become Third Legacy Chairs and could provide continuity and experience during the transition. He noted that much must happen during the first months of a rotation before the Pre-Conference Assembly, including outreach to groups that are not currently participating. Paul reflected that service had taught him how to live life on life's terms and encouraged the Area to consider ways of helping others experience the rewards of service.

Rose, District 7, reported that District 7's Third Legacy Committee is active and helping increase participation in service. She emphasized that the Third Legacy Chair does not replace the DCM or service sponsors but responds to a need to involve more groups and members in service. District 7's committee was coordinating a Service Fair to help fill committee positions. Rose said Area standing committees support districts by providing workshops, sharing tools and experience, and helping maintain continuity throughout the Area. Based on her participation in the Area-wide Third Legacy Roundtable, she supported establishing a Third Legacy Committee at the Area level.

Assembly Discussion

Jim, DCM, District 43, supported creating an Area Third Legacy Committee and reported that his district had created a Third Legacy position, for which he intended to make himself available. He believed an Area committee could help districts provide information to GSRs, support incoming district committee chairs, create additional opportunities for service, and help new trusted servants transition into positions they may not yet understand.

Jim, DCM, District 28, reported that his district has a long-established Third Legacy Chair position, traditionally filled by an outgoing DCM. He explained that the experience acquired as DCM provides useful knowledge and connections that can then be used to help fill gaps and connect members with service opportunities. He was surprised to learn through the Third Legacy Roundtable that only approximately 14 districts had Third Legacy positions. He viewed sharing District 28's experience with other districts as part of the responsibility of Third Legacy service.

Barry acknowledged that districts are autonomous and may create Third Legacy positions if they find them useful, but questioned the need for another Area committee. He noted that the existing service structure already includes DCMs, Alternate DCMs, GSRs, sponsors, and service sponsors who can encourage participation and assist groups. In his experience, groups without GSRs may still be healthy, well-run, and supportive of the district. He felt the current structure provides sufficient resources and cautioned against creating additional committees.

Rebecca, GSR, District 35, reported that her group strongly supported the proposal. Her district has a Third Legacy Chair, which the group considers very helpful. She said entering General Service can feel overwhelming and that anything that lowers the barriers to participation is valuable. An Area committee could provide regular communication among Third Legacy Chairs, allow them to share successful approaches, and help develop ways of making service more accessible. Her group was disappointed that the proposal had been changed from a motion to a discussion topic and hoped the Area could act on it sooner.

Tracy, Third Legacy Chair, District 10, described the Area-wide Third Legacy Roundtables as an important resource because they provide a place for Third Legacy servants to meet, exchange ideas, ask questions, and learn from one another. She

emphasized that an Area committee would not be intended to create additional work for districts or groups, but to support those already performing Third Legacy service. Ideas gained through these exchanges helped her develop a PowerPoint highlighting district trusted servants and committee chairs and create a service-related skit for her district's Gratitude Banquet.

Bob, GSR, Our Primary Purpose North, Lynnwood, reported that his district has a Third Legacy Chair and holds a Third Legacy presentation each month before its regular district meeting, often involving Area appointed trusted servants. His group supports education about A.A.'s Third Legacy but questioned what an Area Third Legacy Chair would specifically do and whether the expense associated with another Area position would be justified. Bob also questioned whether creating another position would actually increase participation among members who are not currently interested in General Service.

Lisa, DCM, District 21, expressed uncertainty about the distinction between a Third Legacy Chair and existing DCM responsibilities. She said many of the proposed activities—visiting groups, communicating with members, conducting workshops, and encouraging participation—seemed to overlap with responsibilities she understood to belong to the DCM. She asked how the proposed position would differ from those existing duties.

James, GSR, District 32, said his experience in several Areas and districts showed that the definition of Third Legacy service varies considerably. He recalled being recruited to become a GSR because a Third Legacy Chair visited a meeting that did not have one, demonstrating the potential value of the position. However, District 32 does not currently have a Third Legacy Chair because there are not enough people willing to fill its existing service positions. While personally open to the Area proposal, James questioned how an Area standing committee would be staffed when some districts already struggle to fill positions.

David, Third Legacy Chair, District 42, said that after approximately a year and a half in the position he was still learning what he needed to know about A.A. committees, offices, and procedures. He found little guidance specifically concerning Third Legacy Chairs in the Service Manual and believed an Area Third Legacy Chair and/or committee with broader experience could have helped guide him and shortened his learning process.

Debbie, DCM, District 8, expressed concern that the discussion had focused more heavily on creating a committee than on the underlying spirit and purpose of Third Legacy service. She said she had not sufficiently heard the emphasis on teaching, helping people, and enabling them to carry the message, and felt that purpose should remain central to the discussion.

Clarice, District 25, shared positive experience participating in Third Legacy planning meetings and roundtables. She found them informative and motivating and said that working alongside others makes it easier for her to become active in service. She

described members working together to visit meetings, discuss service at group business meetings, share information about events across neighboring districts, and identify people who could present service topics.

Ted, Alternate GSR, District 46, reported that his group considered the issue important and attempted to make a motion that Area 72 create an appointed Third Legacy Chair to support district Third Legacy Chairs, selected through the established process for appointed officers, with the committee functioning like other Area standing committees.

Mike, GSR, Solution Group, District 17, agreed with the goal of encouraging groups to participate in district and Area service but said his group did not believe creating another Third Legacy Chair was the appropriate solution. He cautioned against assuming that groups not participating in General Service simply need more information or encouragement; some members and groups have legitimate reasons for choosing not to participate. He expressed concern that another Area position would mean another report and additional business, potentially making service less rather than more attractive.

Shane M., DCM, District 12, reported that his district has had a Third Legacy Chair for many years. He supported the proposal, saying he had learned a great deal through A.A. service and welcomed additional tools that could help members serve more effectively.

Angel, DCM, District 3/4, reported that his district discussed the issue three times: first through a presentation, then by asking GSRs to obtain feedback from their home groups, and finally at the district business meeting. Members questioned adding another position while existing positions are difficult to fill, but also recognized that continuing to do nothing would not address the problem. The district therefore decided to create a Third Legacy service position. Angel felt the Area proposal was moving through an appropriate process and expressed trust in the Area's eventual decision.

Clarification Regarding the Attempted Motion

Following the discussion, **Jack, Area Grapevine & Literature Chair**, asked why the motion offered by Ted during the discussion had not been considered.
Derek, Area Chair, explained that because the motion had been offered during a discussion topic, he interpreted it as a floor motion. The deadline for submitting floor motions had been noon the previous day; therefore, he did not accept the motion from the floor.

Laura, GSR, District 32, clarified that she understood the Third Legacy proposal had previously been a motion in the Quarterly process before becoming a discussion topic and believed that history was the basis of the question.

Derek clarified the procedural history: the proposal had been a motion in the Quarterly process following the April Quarterly, was tabled, then brought back from the table at the July Quarterly. Discussion began at that meeting, after which the Area Committee determined that additional discussion was needed and voted to return the proposal to

discussion-topic status. Consequently, it appeared on the Assembly agenda as a discussion topic rather than as a motion requiring a vote and a floor motion would not be considered.

APPOINTED TRUSTED SERVANT REPORTS

Accessibility – Bud W.

Name: Bud Wasierski
Position: Area72 Accessibility Chair
Date: 09/20/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter:

- Several districts added Accessibility Chairs over the last 3 months and that is wonderful. We had a wonderful July quarterly.

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

- We have not had any new problems that we are dealing with.

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

- Our goal for the next quarterly is to discuss how the chairs can help to find their replacements for the next two-year rotation.

Archives Chair – Jennifer R.

Name: Jennifer R
Position: Archives Chair
Date: 9/25/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

This quarter was busy, productive, and most importantly, a lot of fun.

On July 19, we held our Archives Steering Committee meeting and work party. After reporting some fatigue within the committee last quarter, I intentionally kept the business meeting relatively short and brought little more fellowship into our work. We had a barbecue, and while everyone participated in our work party,, I cooked burgers and hot dogs outside on my portable grill. We even had the World Cup final playing in the background.

For our work party we built PVC frames for the previous La Viña banners that would be displayed at the La Viña 30th Anniversary celebration. It was one of those afternoons that reminded me that service doesn't always have to feel like work. We accomplished what we needed to accomplish while eating, laughing, fellowshipping, and building something together.

La Viña 30th Anniversary

Maryland, our Area Archivist, and I both served on the planning committee, and Archives provided the historical banner display. I also served as Secretary and Program Chair, which meant doing quite a bit of the work in two languages. That was challenging at times, but it was a challenge I welcomed and was grateful to take on.

Although we call it an "anniversary," what the La Viña anniversary has really become is a conference. It’s a place where members come together to share their experience, strength, and hope in panels around topics affecting AA and and sharing their enthusiasm for La Viña as a tool for recovery.

What stayed with me most was seeing the Hispanic AA community come together. Delegates and trusted servants traveled from California, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, and beyond, while our own Area 72 Delegate, Courtney, shared her experience, strength, and hope. It was especially meaningful to see people from different Areas and communities unite around La Viña and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Translation also gave me something to think about. English-speaking attendees were able to listen to the Spanish program through English interpretation. Usually, at our AA events, we think about translation going the other direction. It made me wonder what that experience was like for English-speaking members—to spend an event depending upon interpretation in the same way many Spanish-speaking members routinely do in our fellowship.
I also had the opportunity to meet the editor and assistant editor of La Viña. Both are incredibly passionate women who clearly love Alcoholics Anonymous and the work they do. Gabby, the assistant editor, is a non-alcoholic, and hearing her describe the spiritual experience she has had through this work really stayed with me.

As a sometimes selfish and self-centered alcoholic, I can fall into thinking that we alcoholics have some exclusive claim on spiritual experiences through AA. Our own history tells us otherwise. Non-alcoholics have helped Alcoholics Anonymous from its earliest days, and meeting Gabby reminded me that this support continues today.

From about six until eleven, the program made room for food, a play, fellowship, and dancing. I don't really have the words to adequately describe the play. There wasn't a single spoken word—it was told entirely through action—and it was an absolute tearjerker. I teared up. If you ever have an opportunity to attend a La Viña event, the play is something I believe needs to be experienced. After that, we danced. I danced like a

fool and literally closed the joint down. I was still there when hotel staff finally asked me to get everybody out.

I do have to report that our Delegate Courtney has some killer dance moves. She may dispute this report, but I have witnesses. She is a quick learner. It was a joyful weekend and one of my favorite memories from the weekend.

August Quarterly and Pre-Assemblies

August was another busy month. I attended most of our pre-assemblies, with one unfortunately falling on the same day as our Archives Quarterly.

Traveling throughout the Area gave me another opportunity to connect with the fellowship and continue developing my presentation skills. I present both professionally and in AA, and one thing I continue learning is that no two audiences are the same. Being able to read the room, remain flexible, and meet people where they are is something I hope I never stop working on.

We also held our Archives Quarterly on August 1. Mily T. joined us virtually and presented on the history of Marty Mann. It was an incredible presentation. I had heard Mily speak on Marty Mann before, but this presentation had continued to develop, and I learned something new.

That's one of the things I love about Archives: history isn't stagnant. As people continue researching, finding information, and putting pieces together, our understanding of AA history continues to grow.

National AA Archives Workshop

September brought the National AA Archives Workshop, where I had the privilege of serving as Display Chair.

I was trusted with picking up our Area's archival materials from the repository, transporting them to the Washington State History Museum, coordinating the displays, and making sure everything returned safely. There is a tremendous amount of trust involved when someone hands you pieces of AA history and says, essentially, "Take care of this."

But one of my biggest takeaways from the workshop had less to do with being in charge and more to do with allowing other people to be in charge.

I had a lot of help. Karla, Bob A. from CSO, Jim S., Kevin, Nathan, Heidi, Kim, Lara, Steve, and others helped set up, monitor, and pack away the displays. We had a setup guide, so everyone knew what needed to happen, and I didn't need to control every detail. It was nice simply to be a humble servant and trust other people to do the work.

Sometimes leadership means stepping forward. Sometimes it means organizing. And sometimes leadership means getting out of the way, trusting capable people, and letting them contribute their own gifts. I'm learning that I can do that too.

Because the workshop was held at the Washington State History Museum, we were able to spread the experience throughout the building. Most of the archival displays were on the fifth floor, additional materials were displayed on the second floor, and the fourth floor featured archival AA videos playing continuously. We followed our plan while remaining flexible enough to make room for visiting Areas to display their own archives, and in the end, we had just about the right amount of space.

The workshop was such a great experience that I already plan to attend again next year. What made it special wasn't simply seeing historical material. It was meeting people from around the country who have been grabbed by some piece of AA history and developed an incredible passion for researching it. For some of them, that research has become part of how they stay connected to Alcoholics Anonymous—and the rest of us get to benefit from what they discover.

When I think about this entire quarter, what stays with me isn't really the PVC, the banners, the display cases, the meetings, or even the historical documents. It's the people.

Whether we were building banner frames over burgers and soccer, celebrating 30 years of La Viña, dancing until the hotel kicked us out, listening to the history of Marty Mann, traveling to pre-assemblies, or setting up displays with archivists from around the country, this quarter reminded me that Archives is ultimately another way we carry the message—and another way we stay connected to one another.

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

We have made it over most of the major humps we faced earlier in the rotation. At this point, our biggest challenge is simply time. There are things we hoped to accomplish that we may not get to before the end of the year.

One of those is continuing to update our web presence. One of our Archives webpages needs some attention, and we were fortunate to have someone go through the site and provide us with notes and recommendations. We will do what we reasonably can with the time remaining.
But my primary focus for this final quarter is the Assembly and turnover.

I inherited Archives in really good shape, and I want to hand it to the next Archives Chair the same way or maybe even a little better, if that's possible. I'm not looking to reinvent anything. Someone took the time to prepare things for me, answer my questions, and give me what I needed to begin this rotation successfully. I believe I owe the same consideration to the person who follows me.

So, the next few months will be about finishing what we can finish, documenting what needs to continue, and making sure the next trusted servant doesn't have to start from scratch.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
My goal for the next quarter is pretty simple: continue to be of service and finish this rotation well.

As I write this report, our Area elections have not yet taken place, though they likely will have by the time many of you read it. I hope to be elected to another Area service position, but I also know there are many ways to serve Alcoholics Anonymous without holding an elected position.

Service is not my Higher Power. Service is a tool my Higher Power has given me. If I'm elected, then I will trust that is where I'm supposed to be. If I'm not elected, then I will trust that I'm supposed to be somewhere else. Either way, I believe I'll be put where I'm needed.

But here are the things I do know: I have a servant's heart. I want to be useful to Alcoholics Anonymous. I love this fellowship. And I haven't always been able to say that.

This year I celebrated 20 years of sobriety. My sobriety date is September 18, 2006. Twenty years ago, I came to Alcoholics Anonymous scared, confused, self-tortured, and afraid of just about everything. I had a very black-and-white understanding of the world and a pretty painful way of living in it.

AA has given me another way. Today I have a life I could not have imagined then. I have a career I love. I have people I love. I have responsibilities, relationships, opportunities, and a place in this world. I'm not the frightened young woman who walked through the doors 20 years ago.

There is nothing I can do to fully repay Alcoholics Anonymous for the life it has given me. And maybe repayment isn't really the point. My responsibility is simply to keep showing up.

So, I'll keep moving. I'll keep trudging. I'll keep trying to be useful. And whether that happens in an Area officer position, behind an Archives display, at Seattle Intergroup, in my home group, or somewhere I haven't even imagined yet, I hope I can do my small part to make sure Alcoholics Anonymous is still here for the next scared and confused alcoholic who walks through our doors. That's what was done for me. And I hope, in some small way, I can do the same for someone else.

Archivist – Maryland N.

Name: Maryland N.
Position: Archivist
District Number:

Date: 9/27/2026

WESTERN WASHINGTON AREA 72

Archivist and Repository Report

October 2026 Assembly

Period: January 1 – September 26, 2026

Maryland N., Area 72 Archivist

Good morning, Area 72. This report summarizes the work of the Archives and the Repository in 2026. Repository figures come from the sign-in and sign-out log. All of this work was done with the Archives Steering Committee (ASC) and the Repository volunteers.

1. At a glance

Repository sign-ins: **514**
Different people: **123**
Days with Repository activity: **170**
Hours logged at the Repository: **1,173**
- Volunteers and visitors: **844**
- Archivist: **330**

Archivist hours at home (documents and planning; not counting phone or email): **90**
Events with Archives participation: **12**
Boxes reviewed for the Catalog (2025): **209**
Open projects: **107**

Source: Repository sign-in log (begins 12/28/2025). Hours counted where both time in and time out were written.

2. Events and displays

The Archives took part in 12 events from February to October 2026. The Archivist oversaw the Area 72 Traveling Display together with The Blending of Time archives. Most planning was done on Zoom.

2026-02 Pacific Region A.A. Service Assembly (PRAASA), Hawaii
2026-03 History Workshop NC
2026-03 Burien Little Assembly (BLA)
2026-04 International A.A. Men's Conference
2026-04 85th A.A. Washington Anniversary
2026-06 Capitol Jamboree
2026-06 Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC)
2026-07 La Viña XXX

2026-08 Step Ashore
2026-08 Washington State Conference of Young People in A.A.
2026-09 National A.A. Archives Workshop (NAAAW) 2026, Tacoma, September 10–13
2026-10 Area 72 Assembly

3. Repository use

Hours logged at the Repository, by reason for the visit. The busiest months were June (150 hours) and September (198 hours), during NAAAW preparation.

ASC meeting or work day: **44 visits, 135 hours**
NAAAW 2026 Workshop: **62 visits, 134 hours**
Quarterlies and Assembly: **38 visits, 110 hours**
Traveling Display: **36 visits, 96 hours**
Archival processing and collections: **35 visits, 92 hours**
La Viña XXX (archives and anniversary): **42 visits, 90 hours**
PNC and conventions: **20 visits, 54 hours**
Oral history: **13 visits, 53 hours**
Facility and maintenance: **16 visits, 41 hours**
Training and learning: **16 visits, 40 hours**
District 45 events: **26 visits, 40 hours**
Other reasons: **166 visits, 288 hours**
Total: **514 visits, 1,173 hours**

4. The Catalog

The Repository Catalog was started in 2017 with AI and finished in 2021. In 2025, during Panel 75, all 209 boxes were reviewed and the Catalog was updated.

The Catalog is one catalog with three categories: Analog (paper), Display, and Electronic. Electronic has two sub-categories: Digitized (converted from analog) and Digital (created in electronic form).

Open item: two box numbers are used twice (286 and 856) and need to be corrected.

5. Projects

In September, three project lists (May 2025, August 2025, and August 2026) were combined into one workbook: Panel 75 Repository Projects. There are 107 open projects, numbered P75-001 onward. Of these, 37 are on the current list and 70 from the 2025 lists are to be verified.

New project: the PRAASA 2027 exhibit room (March 2027), 3,000 square feet, with the complete Traveling Display, Area 72 Grapevine and literature, and Intergrupal and Intergroup sales.

Collections, cataloging and storage: **36**
Displays and exhibits: **20**
Events and workshops: **9**
Administration, governance and transition: **9**
Spanish-language and La Viña: **8**
Digitization and electronic records: **7**
Group history, research and education: **6**
Repository facility and technology: **4**
Publications and creative work: **3**
Travel and budget: **3**
Oral histories and transcription: **2**
Total: **107**

6. Tools and documents

Created or updated in 2026:

- Repository sign-in log workbook, with a monthly summary.
- Monthly report forms for the Archives Chair, the Archivist and ASC members, and a Project Record.
- Panel 75 Repository Projects workbook (107 projects).
- A72 file naming guide, with slides.
- Repository research request form.
- Bilingual materials for NAAAW 2026.

7. Presentations

- September 2026: CSO Awareness Dinner. Photo album images were shown; afterward the photos were edited and the cursive writing was transcribed.
- Coming up: CPC quarterly, November 21; west coast history for a New York noon group, on Zoom (date to be confirmed).

8. Next steps and transition

- Archives Standing Committee quarterlies: November 7 and 21.
- Bring the monthly report forms to the ASC for approval.
- Verify the 70 projects from the 2025 lists.
- Correct box numbers 286 and 856.
- Finish the Archivist transition document. Under Policy §5a, the ASC solicits Archivist resumes in the fall of even-numbered years.
- Prepare the PRAASA 2027 exhibit room.

9. Gratitude

Thank you to the Repository volunteers and visitors, who logged 844 hours this year, and to the Archives Steering Committee. Thank you for letting me serve.

In service,
Maryland N., Area 72 Archivist

Illuminating the Past to Steward the Future

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Sooz B.

Name: Sooz
Position: CPC Chair
District number: 19
Date: 9/22/2026

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Assembly Committee Report 2026

The Area 72 CPC Committee focused this rotation on learning how to establish and strengthen relationships with professionals who may encounter people suffering from alcoholism and on increasing awareness of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) as a resource.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) is AA's outreach and bridge to professionals who are likely to come in contact with alcoholics simply because of the nature of their work. This includes doctors, lawyers, educators, clergy, first responders, military personnel, corrections professionals, and many others.

Committee Work and Education

During CPC Quarterlies, the committee explored:

- Working with middle and high schools, nursing classes, and other educational systems.
- Collaboration between CPC and other committees, including Young People's, Corrections, and Accessibilities.
- Opportunities and challenges in developing relationships with military personnel and organizations.
- Similarities and differences between CPC and Public Information.
- Creating "Turnkey Projects," also known as KITS.
- Identifying individual "Passion Projects."

- Approaches for identifying and building relationships with professionals in local communities.
- Sharing “boots-on-the-ground” successes and strategies across Western Washington.

The committee also practiced through role-playing exercises designed to help members become more comfortable approaching and speaking with professionals. Discussions focused on listening, explaining what AA is and is not, and representing AA’s program rather than personal opinions or individual experiences.

CPC and the Military

Our most recent quarterly in August focused on the history of AA’s relationship with the military, including the shift toward treatment in the 1960s and the role AA played in providing continuing support after treatment.

In the military’s early years, alcoholism was often disciplined rather than treated. A few Navy doctors began experimenting with something very different and radical for the time: pairing a grassroots, peer-led program with formal medicine. What they discovered was simple but powerful; when people connected with one another, recovery began to take hold.

That shift from punishment to treatment opened the door for AA. One significant development was that rank disappeared: officers and enlisted personnel sat side by side as equals, just as we continue to do in AA today.

Over time, military programs changed. Treatment became more decentralized and increasingly outpatient. AA was no longer built into many military programs but instead became an option. And of course, post 911 securities ramped up. Outreach to active-duty personnel and veterans remains strong today, although in many cases it looks different and is quieter than it once was.

Most importantly, the message continues to carry best when it comes from within. From service members and veterans themselves.

One example in Area 72 is **The Firing Line**, an AA meeting located on base at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), at Evergreen Chapel next to Soldiers Field House Gym. The meeting is held Fridays at 3:30 p.m. and is working toward maintaining a hybrid format. The Firing Line provides a place for active-duty military personnel to attend an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Because the meeting is located on base, it cannot collect Seventh Tradition contributions due to military regulations. This creates a challenge for maintaining its own Zoom account. The meeting currently has temporary access to an account and welcomes ideas and support from veterans, friends of the military, and AA members who would like to help sustain this service.

We also heard from two speakers. Roland, who shared his experience with military outreach in Norfolk, Virginia. And Roger provided a thorough and fascinating history of AA and the military and spoke vulnerably about his own experience serving overseas, including a time when he nearly lost his sobriety.

Roger also introduced the committee to **Loners International** and its role in helping alcoholics who are isolated from regular AA meetings, including expatriates and people stationed overseas. He shared the history of members who helped establish this service and the ways it continues to support alcoholics today. Members who are “alone” because of distance, geography, or other barriers can contact the General Service Office (GSO) and ask to be connected with someone from Loners International.

Final Quarterly

Our final quarterly will be held November 21 and will feature a collaboration between Archives and CPC. We will hear from our Area Archivist, Maryland, at the Area 72 Archives Repository and explore where we came from, why we do this work, and the possibilities ahead.

Passion Projects: Showing Our Work

First Responders Project

Sarah from District 45 CPC, along with the First Responders Ad Hoc Committee, developed a resource kit for first responders.

The KIT will be available to view at the Assembly in the Grapevine and Literature Room, next to Archives.

As part of the project, members visited fire stations and spoke directly with firefighters and other first responders to learn what information would actually be useful to them.

The project also demonstrated the importance of keeping initial outreach simple and approachable. Rather than overwhelming professionals with a complete resource package, the committee discussed beginning with a few relevant pamphlets and building relationships over time. Smaller, fully volunteer fire stations were identified as potential starting points for this type of outreach.

I chose two Passion Projects this rotation. Both are relevant to Area 72 as a whole and focus on informing professionals through a centralized Professional Landing Page and informing AA members through CPC in Action Workshops.

Area 72 Professional Landing Page

A CPC Ad Hoc team consisting of Bruce, Michael, Patti, and May developed and created a professional resource landing page for the Area 72 website. Area 72 web team members Shue and Patrick built the page into the website based on the team’s design.

The page provides professionals with information about AA and ways to connect with local resources. Business cards containing a QR code linking to the page have also been printed for CPC outreach. This provides one centralized tool that all CPC committee members have access to and remains current and relevant to professionals anywhere in Western Washington, in any rotation.

Business cards will be available at the Assembly, in the Grapevine and Literature Room, next to Archives.

Members are encouraged to review the page for current information @ area72aa.org/info-for-professionals, (or find it on Area 72's main web page, at the bottom in 'quick links') including hotline numbers and other resources. If a website or local hotline is missing and should be added, please contact cpc@area72aa.org so it can be updated before the end of the rotation.

CPC in Action Workshop

John, Sean, Bruce, and me developed the CPC in Action workshop in response to members who were unfamiliar with CPC and its purpose.

The workshop has been presented throughout Western Washington and includes interactive activities, breakout discussions, practice speaking with professional contacts, study of Traditions and Concepts relevant to CPC work, history, a coloring book, costumes, and opportunities for participants to explore practical ways of doing CPC work…even if they never join a CPC committee.

Although attendance has not been large, those who participated engaged in robust discussions, shared interesting experiences, asked thoughtful questions, and demonstrated that there is value in creating accessible and practical ways for members to participate in CPC service.

The next workshop will be presented in Spanish, with English translation, on October 24.

The year will conclude with a virtual workshop; the date and time are still to be determined.

Members interested in hosting their own workshop can begin with the CPC in Action KIT, available with other useful tools in the Area 72 Google Drive under "CPC Panel 75."

Final Thoughts

After spending this rotation learning about and sharing ways to cooperate with professionals, one observation stands out: fewer professionals may be making referrals to AA, and some believe this may be connected to the lack of a continuous and unified message about AA in the public sphere.

If we do not clearly communicate our own message, others may create their own understanding of what AA is.

How do we respond?

Don't start from scratch.

A tremendous amount of work is being done throughout the United States and Canada every year, and members are often willing to share what they have created so that others can adapt it to their own communities right away.

The Area 72 Professional Landing Page project went from an idea to a functioning resource in less than seven months with an entirely volunteer team. That was possible because members of other Areas, including Tim C. in San Francisco and members in New Mexico, were willing to share their work and encourage us to adapt it.

Our goal is not to build our egos or put our names on individual projects. Our goal is to inform professionals so that people suffering from alcoholism can be referred to AA and can find us when they need us. Pick a project. Do it.

Thank you for a wonderful rotation, and a special thank-you to the District CPC Chairs who consistently showed up, shared their experiences, and told us about the work happening in their communities.

Sooz

<u>Corrections</u> – Aimee B.

Name: Aimee B.
Position: Corrections Chair
District: 3
Date: 9/20/2026

Over the past quarter, I have stayed in close contact with Corrections members throughout Area 72 through emails, texts, phone calls, and one-on-one conversations. I organized our September Corrections Quarterly, prepared and distributed the agenda and flyer, gathered district reports, and made the meeting available both in person and on Zoom. I worked with our secretary and web servant to add past quarterly minutes and updated facility information to the Corrections website. I also helped connect a District 27 volunteer with our prerelease coordinator, supported a new District 21 Corrections Chair in getting connected with Area 72, responded to members looking for opportunities to carry the message, and coordinated a prerelease request for someone returning to our area.

Literature and resources for people in custody remained an important focus. I submitted a literature order for Mason County Jail, encouraged districts to use their literature funds mindfully and support Corrections through pink-can contributions, and began advocating

for an increase to the Corrections literature budget, which has not increased since 2014 despite rising costs. I also contacted GSO for guidance about resources that incarcerated members can use to work the Steps, continued participating in the National Corrections Conference 2028 bid committee, and prepared for my upcoming Area Assembly panel. I am grateful for everyone who answered a call, responded to a message, attended a meeting, or helped connect another willing member with Corrections service. This work continues to remind me that carrying the message often begins with one conversation and one person willing to help.

Grapevine and Literature – Jack J.

Name: Jack J.
Position: Chair
District number: GV/Lit, aka Grapevine, la Vina, and Literature
Date: 9/13/2026

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

- Participated in District 38 Service Workshop
- Facilitated inventory for North Seattle group
- Convened Quarterly in Longview, District 27
- Responded to emails to get literature into correctional facilities and onto tablets
- Presented on Grapevine and Literature to District 33
- Attended the online quarterly meeting of Area Grapevine Chairs hosted by AAGV
- Displayed the A72 Grapevine, La Vina and Literature material at the Step Ashore Convention, Ocean Shores
- Displayed La Vina material at the Pacific Region 30th Anniversary for the magazine, Tacoma
- Participated in biweekly meeting of the Area 72 Inventory Ad Hoc Committee

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.]

- “Wait, I only have one more quarterly! I’m not done yet!"

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

- Sleep, less computer time, less driving, more sleep, rest and walking, oh, and bringing the new GV Lit Chair on board. PRAASA in Seattle

Language Coordinator – Charley P.

Name: Charley P.
Position: Area Language Coordinator
District Number: 56
Date: September 29, 2026
Quarterly Report – Q7, Panel 75

Hello Area 72,

It's been a fairly light quarter for the Language Committee.

Accomplishments This Quarter

- We provided interpretation for the Public Information Quarterly, a Delegate Report Back, and the Pre-Assembly for the Spanish Districts.
- We did not provide interpretation for the Grapevine/Literature Quarterly due to a scheduling conflict with the National A.A. Archives Workshop, which requested to borrow our equipment. After conferring with Jack (Grapevine/Literature Chair) and conferring with the Spanish DCMs, the decision was made to prioritize lending the equipment to the Archives Workshop.
- Claudia translated dozens of documents this quarter, including a large volume of material for this Assembly.

Challenges & Solutions

- Our main challenges this quarter were logistical, specifically coordinating the transportation of the interpretation equipment. A sincere thank you to everyone who stepped up to help drop off or pick up the gear when needed.

Goals for Next Quarter

- My primary focus is to continue compiling and finalizing the handoff documentation for the incoming Language Chair appointed for the next rotation.

As this is my final report, I would like to close Panel 75 by saying what an honor it has been to serve in this position. It has taught me a great deal and given me a deeper appreciation for our Area Committee and the service structure as a whole.

Thank you so much 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: 10/7/2026

Accomplishments from the Past Quarter

We created a content plan, including suggested monthly topics, for the remainder of the year and began documenting processes and planning the handoff to the next rotation.

Districts 18 and 34 hosted a Newsletter Sharing Session on September 26, attended by all members of the Newsletter Committee. We came ready to listen, answer questions, and collect feedback. The session identified several previously unknown bugs, gave us useful insight into how members are using the newsletter, and raised two larger questions for future consideration.

First, there remains an expressed need for a printed version of the newsletter for members who may not be well served by the digital format. We believe Accessibility is best positioned to define the need, intended audience, and success criteria for that service. The Newsletter Committee can then work with Accessibility to support production of an appropriate printable version. Physical distribution would likewise be best coordinated through the function responsible for meeting that accessibility need.

Second, we heard significant feedback about our topic-driven, story-based approach to content. Several attendees would also like to see more information about the month-to-month activities taking place in individual districts. That is useful feedback, and we can do more to encourage districts to submit that kind of information.

At the same time, our editorial approach has intentionally gone beyond simply collecting reports. We have tried to create a place where members can share their experience, strength, and hope in service: what they tried, what worked, what they learned, and what another group, district, or committee might be able to use. We believe there is room for both—timely information about what is happening around the Area and stories that help members learn from one another’s service experience.

Problems or Issues We Are Facing or Have Already Addressed

Following the July Quarterly, members of the Newsletter Committee prepared an article about the event using notes gathered immediately afterward. Our intention was to demonstrate how the digital newsletter could cover important Area events in a timely, story-based format. The article was received differently than we intended, which helped clarify the need for better-defined editorial boundaries when the newsletter reports on Area business and events.

We still believe there is a significant opportunity for the newsletter to cover the life of Area 72 more actively. Quarterlies, Pre-Assemblies, PNC, PRAASA, dances, gratitude events, picnics, workshops, and other gatherings are part of our shared service experience.

Articles, photographs, and stories about what happened, what worked, and how an event came together can help members throughout Western Washington learn from one another and encourage greater participation.

The newsletter remains an underused communication tool in this respect. The digital format gives future committees an opportunity to make it a place not only for announcements and reports, but also for celebrating, discussing, and learning from the service happening throughout Area 72.

Goals for Our Final Quarter

Our primary goal for the remainder of the rotation is a successful handoff.

This has been the first full year of Area 72's digital newsletter and the first year of the working Newsletter Steering Committee supporting it. Much of what we have done this year—editorial workflows, digital publishing, translation, event and flyer management, print production, and committee coordination—has been developed while doing the work.

We are now documenting those processes, writing instructions, identifying lessons learned, and organizing the information the next rotation will need.

We were the first committee asked to operate this new model. Our final responsibility is to leave the next trusted servants more than a functioning newsletter. We want to leave them a clear map so they can inherit it, understand it, and continue improving it.

<u>Public Information</u> – Julie U.

Name: Julie Udel
Position: Public Information
District number:
Date: 9/20/26

<u>Accomplishments from the past quarter</u>.

Area 72 Public Information — Summer Highlights

- Area 72's Public Information committee had a lively and productive summer, marked by meaningful outreach and strong collaboration across districts. Our PI Quarterly on August 8 featured Amy B., Area 72 Corrections Chair, whose visit brought valuable insight into how PI and Corrections can work together to reach alcoholics both inside and outside correctional facilities. She introduced two key pamphlets, F-162 and F-163 which quickly became must-have resources for attendees.
- Across the Area, PI activity remained strong. Districts reported busy schedules filled with local fairs, literature distribution, and ongoing efforts to place AA materials in public libraries, including Big Books, Plain Language Big Books, and Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions. The commitment to making AA accessible in everyday community spaces continues to grow.

- Cindy G., PI Liaison for Puget Sound, delivered her State Fair volunteer training, a presentation that consistently helps members feel confident and prepared when speaking with the public. That training proved especially valuable as PI staffed its booth at the Washington State Fair over Labor Day weekend. This year, the Spanish-speaking community played an important role, bringing bilingual representation with both English and Spanish banners and engaging warmly with visitors.
- Spanish-speaking PI members also collaborated with the Hispanic Intergroup to host a table at a Hispanic Community Resource event following the World Cup, offering literature and support to families and community members. Their dedication has been a standout part of our summer outreach.
- In July, Cindy G. and I attended the Muckleshoot Sobriety Pow Wow, where we staffed a PI table alongside the Muckleshoot Health and Wellness booth. The event offered a welcoming space for conversations about recovery and connection, and it was a privilege to be part of it.
- Overall, it has been a busy, meaningful season for Public Information in Area 72. I am proud of the PI Chairs, volunteers, and Spanish-speaking members whose dedication continues to strengthen our ability to reach the still-suffering alcoholic.

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.]

- For our Quarterly in November would love for our chairs to attend in person. Getting ready to rotate out would like to discuss who is going to carry on for the next rotation.

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

- Getting ready for our Assembly and passing on the baton for the next rotation!

Registrar – Houston L.

Name: Houston L
Position: Registrar
District Number: 25 (Practice these Principles – 4th Dimension)
Date 9/29/2026

Thank you for the topic of upcoming service opportunities for the Area with our elections and new appointed service commitments becoming available.

Two years ago, I was a DCM coming to the end of my term and was asked to send in my Service Resume. Until that time, I really did not consider my service as having a resume but rather I thought of it as only the things I had been honored to do to give back as I had been given to in this Program. That those service opportunities had in many ways saved

my life and given me the chance to have a life worth living, setting my life on a path that gave me humility, compassion for others, understanding, gratitude, connection, family, fellowship, and the integrity that could guide my actions in and out of the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous.

If you can relate to this please consider reflecting on your past service commitments to AA, your group, district and/or Area and submit a list of those positions. Think of what passions you have for AA, the positions that have brought you to this place of gratitude and if you want to continue, if you NEED to continue or know that there is more work to be done and submit you resume' tell the new leadership where you feel you can be of most help and then if you will be open to anything that is offered and let the collective conscious lead you to the next beautiful experience…

In the past two months I have been back to family on the East Coast three times and so summer travel has been hectic and blessed all in the same moments.

There has also been a good deal of time devoted to service work and following through on my commitments to research regarding how other Areas handle the Area Registrar Position and its workload commitments in time, database knowledge, technical requirements, relational databases and Alternate Registrar Positions.

I have found as many answers as new questions by sending out the questionnaires to the Areas that are similar in size and Areas with Alt. Registrar positions. In my eyes there is never bad information, only the chance to gather it and offer this information to the membership in a cohesive and easy to understand way.

With that in mind I am hopeful that the Area and membership will consider an AD HOC Committee to further consider this information and look into some options to offer to you and ask you how we might move forward with several options. Do we want to create a service commitment in the position of Area Registrar (and possible Alt Registrar) that is productive, that creates a more accurate listing of Area 72's groups and our membership in every area of our life saving organization, most importantly how we can best serve our members and allow members to have the amazing opportunity to be of service.

I have been so fortunate to serve Area 72. Every moment has been a lesson, and it has allowed me to be part of THE Solution and that has become a constant part of MY Solution. Ever reminding me WE DO NOT DO THIS ALONE.

<u>Secretary</u> – Don N.

Name: Don N.
Position: Secretary
Area 72
Date: 9/20/2026

It has been a busy quarter as we prepared for the October Assembly.

Since the July Quarterly, I have continued preparing and maintaining Area minutes and records and working on the ongoing development of the Area 72 Directory. Considerable time has also been devoted to the Pre-Assemblies, gathering and organizing questions and answers concerning the motions, discussion topics, Third Legacy proposal, and other matters coming before the Assembly. The goal has been to help our GSRs, DCMs, groups, and districts have the information they need to participate in an informed group conscience.

I have also continued serving with the Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee. During the quarter, the committee completed its review of the 376 inventory responses, developed its recommendations and calls to action, and prepared its final report for presentation at this Assembly. I have continued preparing the committee's detailed minutes and assisting with the development and organization of its reports and supporting materials.

In addition to my Area responsibilities, September included the National A.A. Archives Workshop held in Tacoma, where I served as Treasurer and assisted with conference operations and recordings. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome A.A. archivists and members from around the country to our area.

As we gather for the Assembly, I am grateful to everyone who has helped provide reports, corrections, information, and answers throughout the quarter. Good Area records depend upon the participation of all of us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Don **N.**
Area 72 Secretary

<u>Sound/Zoom</u> – Anothony G.

Name: Anthony Grennan
Position: Sound and Zoom
District number: 31
Date: 9/15/2026

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

- We are developing a lot of internal tools to help the Area do better at business. Its pretty awesome to watch!

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

- Nada brudda

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

- A smooth hand off to the new rotation

Tech & Web Chair – Patrick M.

Patrick M.
Area Tech & Web Chair
District Number:
Date: 9/22/2026

Greetings, Area 72!

"You don't gotta go home… but you can't stay here!" I heard that a lot when I was drinking. Occasionally I'll trot that line out with my "normie" friends and family, and they have no idea what I'm talking about. A lot of my AA friends get it though!

That's how I'm feeling writing this final report. I look back on the seven quarterly reports I've written, and the seven committee quarterly reports, and think it should be easy: just paste it all into Claude, ask it to summarize it, and there's my final report. But it's been difficult to even get started writing this, for one simple reason: I don't want it to end. I've had a ton of fun serving as the Area 72 Tech and Web Chair. I've gotten to work with several of our committees and hang out with the tech nerds in AA. I've gotten to work closely with our Webservant Shu and be helpful to districts. I find myself thinking about Tech and Web the same as I did alcohol: "I could do one more, maybe two… no more than three." Nearly two years into the rotation, I have the best understanding I've ever had of this position, and more ideas – and it's almost time to pass it off to the next person.

Here are some of the highlights from our three tech-related committees this rotation:

- We experienced a couple significant technical challenges early on, and saw how our well-informed, organized committees were equipped to address them.
- We improved email deliverability for our Area email systems and contact form.
- We reduced the amount of spam arriving at our Area website.
- We improved the Group Information Change form, to make it more accessible.
- We helped make the Twelve Step Meeting List Plugin better for everyone who uses it.
- We helped intergroups and districts manage meeting information more effectively, and to understand how meeting information flows through our website to the Meeting Guide app.
- We helped develop, roll out, and support the online newsletter and digital voting platform.
- We used our experience to host the first-ever hybrid PNC, and provide a fellowship experience for online attendees.

- We helped the Treatment Committee facilitate bridging the gap requests via a dedicated spreadsheet tool.
- We helped the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee launch an informational landing page for professionals.
- We helped new trusted servants get set up with their email and google drives, and navigate the information we have available for them.
- We helped districts decide whether to host their own websites, outside of Area 72 infrastructure.
- We helped districts identify and remove spam accounts on their websites.
- We shared how Area 72 protects anonymity on our technical platforms, to help inform districts who are asking similar questions.
- We helped groups and districts facilitate informed discussions around how to accept digital seventh tradition contributions.
- We contributed to the informed group conscience discussions surrounding the website geofence, and Area boundaries.
- We highlighted examples of how trusted servants are using the Area technical platforms, for others to emulate.
- We explored the more sophisticated functionality of our technical platforms, so district Tech and Web folks can use it to help their districts.
- We connected people with broader tech-related resources: official AA resources, TIAA forum, NAATW conference.
- We discussed the principle of rotation in tech, and looked at ways to be more effective when rotating.
- We engaged interested members in the Tech Steering and Web Steering committees, to attract participation in Panel 77.

I really enjoyed reviewing the previous reports and recalling the conversations and activities I've had with people throughout this rotation. When we started this rotation, I had no idea what we were going to do. Now I can confidently say that we've left Tech and Web, and Area 72, a little bit better than we found it.

Finally, when we started this rotation, our Area Chairperson asked Webservant Shu and me to assess whether we can continue to provide technical services on a volunteer basis, or if we need to hire special workers. We are fortunate to have dedicated, talented volunteers on the steering committees this rotation, and I believe we will attract new ones in Panel 77. Our steering committees are well-structured to provide continuity of service across rotations. I believe we have the people we need to effectively provide technical services on a volunteer basis in Panel 77. Whether we can continue to do so in Panel 79 is a question for the Panel 77 trusted servants to explore. I intend to be available to serve on the Panel 77 Tech steering committee and Web steering committee.

It's been an incredible honor, privilege, and joy to serve you as the Area 72 Tech and Web Chair for Panel 75.

<3 Patrick

<u>Treatment</u> – Suzi L.

Name: Suzi L.
Position: Area Treatment Chair
Date: 9/17/2026

Treatment Report

- **October 2026 Treatment Quarterly**
  - Greater Seattle Intergroup
    5507 6th Ave S.
    Seattle, WA 98108
    10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
    Saturday, October 10th – doors open at 9:45 am

    Please inform your Treatment and BTG chairs to join us live or

    on Zoom.

- We have accomplished all of the Priority items on our list
  - Our Committee is Introducing themselves to all of the new and old Treatment Centers in each of their Districts
  - Visiting as many Treatment Centers as possible to do presentations on BTG to all clinical staff
  - A new Video and PowerPoint Outline were created to use when introducing each committee chair to the Treatment Center and to the Bridging the Gap program. This a very clear and concise tool. They are both located on the Google Drive.
  - 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 ordered 40 of the new Bridging the Gap Pamphlets in July and 20 more for October which I handed out at the Quarterlies.
- With the help of our Web Servant, we up dated the Group Volunteer Bridging the Gap form and the Treatment Center BTG form for discharging clients. They are both located on the Area 72 website.
- I had the honor and pleasure of speaking at the District 12, District 19 and District 3 business meetings to discuss our new BTG processes.

- I was present at the District 19 Speed Dating event and presented the Bridging the Gap program. District 19 has appointed a Treatment Chair and a Bridging the Gap Chair.
- I was honored to be present for the District 12 elections. They will have an amazing team for the next rotation.
- Ladies from my homegroup are taking a meeting into Lakeside Milam.
- Our Area Chair is sending us each a copy of our Area Handbook to have updated by the October Assembly. I am looking forward to assisting the new Area Treatment Chair for the next rotation.
- Next 2026 Treatment Roundtables
    - Sunday, Oct 25, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
    - Sunday, Nov 29, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM
    - Sunday, Dec 27, 2026 - noon - 1:30 PM

I have absolutely loved servicing Area 72 as the Area Treatment Chair and Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Suzi L.

Area 72aa Treatment Chair

Webservant (Web Goddess)– Shu D.

Name: Shu D.
Position: Area Webservant | Panel 75
District number: 56
Date: September 21st, 2026

Well, this is it! My last report of the rotation serving all of YOU as the Area 72 Web Goddess. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this position, and I am looking forward to what comes next. Through every update, workshop, meeting, and troubleshooting moment, my hope has been simple: to leave this service position—and the tools we use to carry the message—a little better than I found them.

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- New CPC Info for Professionals was linked to the Area 72 home page. I also updated hotline phone numbers on the website with the assistance of District 19's Web Chair, Bruce; held two Google Workshops; attended two Pre-Assemblies; participated in WSC and TSC quarterly meetings; attended the Technology and Web Standing Committee quarterly meeting; and, yes, took that vacation! Team ShuPat has continued meeting on Saturdays to triage issues, collaborate on projects, and keep website work moving forward between Area events. I also attended NAATW in September, and that report will come later. Again, the best

part of being the Web Goddess has been getting to know all of you, and for that I am truly grateful.

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

- We had a slight issue with website CPU usage, but it was identified and resolved within the same day. I appreciated the quick response and the teamwork involved in getting the site stabilized. This was a good reminder of the value of regular monitoring, clear communication, and having trusted servants available who can help troubleshoot when something unexpected comes up.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
As this rotation comes to a close, my focus is on making the transition as smooth as possible for the next trusted servant. I want the next person to have clear documentation, a cleaner user database, and enough context to step into the role with confidence.

- Complete the hand-off document for the next rotation, attend the final Technology and Web Standing Committee quarterly meeting, attend the final WSC and TSC quarterly meetings, clean up the website user database, and attend the Regional Forum in San Diego in December—my hometown! My goal is to wrap up this rotation responsibly, support the next person stepping into the role, and leave the Area's web service work in a healthy place for the next rotation.

Young People's Chair – Heather S.

Name: Heather S.
Position: Area 72 Young People's Chair
Date: 9/23/2026

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

- This rotation, our committee has focused on collaboration: collaboration with other service committees and collaboration with other Areas. This quarter has been no different.
- I created a google form to collect contact information for AA members who are young or got sober young, who are willing to speak at panels, meetings, and non-AA events. This form will go into a spreadsheet that can be shared with other service committees. My intention is to have a centralized list of volunteers that can be utilized at facilities that serve young people, i.e. Juvenile detention centers, schools, adolescent treatment centers, etc...

- I've continued contact with other Areas who have Young People's committees. We share information and resources with each other. An email address has been created with the intention of creating a centralized hub for information for service related to young people.
- Our last quarterly was hosted by district 40 at the Greater Seattle Intergroup. We heard a great presentation by past delegate, Alan, about the Twelve Concepts.
- As always, the district committee chairs are doing great work with young people in their districts. This includes school panels, creating young people AA meetings, and reaching out to other facilities that serve young people.

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.]

- As with most committees, we sometimes struggle to get into facilities.
- We can always use more young AA members to get involved and excited about general service.

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

- We are currently getting ready for our next YP quarterly. It will be hosted by District 45 at the Central Service Office in Tacoma on Saturday, October 24th from 12 to 3 PM. As always, it will be a hybrid event. Our speaker will be past delegate, Crystal. We are excited to get together and celebrate the end of an amazing rotation.
- I can't begin to express my gratitude for getting to serve as your Young People's chair. It has been such a rewarding experience. I'm excited to see what the next rotation does to continue carrying the message to still suffering alcoholics!

AREA INVENTORY AD HOC COMMITTEE

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

Ad Hoc Inventory Action Committee Final Report

Area 72 Assembly October 2026

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Committee:

- Aimee B. (Corrections)
- Don N. (Secretary)
- Jack J. (Grapevine & Literature)
- Keith M. (Past Delegate Panel 61 Area 69)
- Kelly R. (Alt. DCM 14)
- Lupita Y. M. (Alt. Delegate)
- Melissa K. (Alt. DCM 8)
- Mike D. (DCM 10)
- Patrick M. (Tech & Web; ad hoc committee chair)

Introduction

Area 72 conducted an Area Committee inventory at the January 2026 Quarterly. The Area Committee is made up of 44 District Committee Members (DCMs), 16 Appointed Trusted Servants, 6 Elected Trusted Servants, and our past Delegates. The purpose of the Inventory is to focus on how well the Area Committee serves its purpose and to improve service delivery.

Once the inventory was complete, there were questions from the Committee about the inventory process itself. The majority indicated a desire to follow up on action items. In response, the Area Chair formed an Ad Hoc Committee to review, summarize, and report the results of the inventory at the October 2026 Assembly, and suggest action items.

The Ad Hoc Committee gave status reports at the Area Quarterlies in April and July with this final report at our October Assembly. This report is what the Ad Hoc Inventory Action Committee heard through our analysis of the inventory responses. Below you'll find members' original words in quotes.

As part of our analysis, we identified themes and areas to focus on, and drew conclusions. We submit these for your consideration as starting points for discussion, and an invitation for future action.

Before we get into the results, here are some statistics from the inventory:

- 16 inventory questions, distributed across 16 groups, with each group responding to four questions plus a 17th bonus question
- Approximately 235 people discussing the questions for an hour, followed by a 90-minute sharing session
- 376 inventory responses, written and verbal

Some of what's being asked for already exists

Many of the requests in this inventory are for things the Area already does, e.g. tech education, tech support volunteers, Service Manual studies, treasurer workshops, a written travel policy, and ideas for helping with the cost of attending. This doesn't dismiss anyone's request – just the opposite. Where we are already active, we need to bring greater awareness.

Inventory Results

Note: Some of the following items contain conflicting statements. We tried to present multiple viewpoints when indicated by the inventory responses.

Communication & Accessibility

Areas to focus on

- Information flow between Area, districts, and groups
- Technology training
- The hybrid and online experience
- Accessibility and inclusion

- *We ask a lot of our DCMs.* "People are overwhelmed by the amount of information and email." "From the DCM perspective, it can be hard to know what to share back and forth between the Area and the GSRs."
- *Technology issues are challenging.* "There's a general lack of understanding about how to use Gmail and the tools that are available." "We felt that information coming from the Area to districts and groups needs more education around communication processes, things like Google Drive, Gmail, and the Area website."
- *We need to pay more attention to the online and hybrid experience.* "Sometimes there's a lot of talking in the room that makes it hard for people online to hear."

- *Accessibility starts before anyone arrives – e.g. mobility, hearing, vision, interpreters.* “One improvement would be asking more specific questions about accessibility needs on registration forms.”

Invitation & Mentorship

Areas to focus on

- Personal invitation
- Service sponsorship
- Mentoring and training replacements
- Making service welcoming, not intimidating

- *We benefit from an abundance of available trusted servants.* “Many existing people move from one position to another, as opposed to new people coming into the Area trusted servant positions.” *“*Encouraging mentorship, and simply telling someone, ‘I think you’d be really good at this’ [is] a way to inspire service.”
- *Service starts with sponsorship, long before anyone reaches an Area event.* “This really needs to start at the sponsor-sponsee level – encouraging service work early and planting that seed.”
- *Actively engaging the principle of rotation.* “Invite people into open service opportunities and encourage current trusted servant service committees to find their replacements and mentor them.”
- *Small things can make service intimidating, or inviting.* “Attire and seating arrangements for elected and appointed servants can [be] intimidating, especially to those new to service.” “Random seating helps orchestrate unity – that’s been a fun experience.”

Education & Clarity

Areas to focus on

- Understanding the Area committee’s responsibility & authority
- Explaining committees and the service structure
- Clear expectations and qualifications for positions
- Preparing the body before elections

- *Are we doing for the groups what they can do for themselves?* “We struggle with Concept One – whether the Area committee is making decisions that belong to the groups.” “[We’re] not driven enough by districts and groups.”
- *The Area itself isn’t well understood.* “Districts and groups don’t fully understand the structure and purpose of the Area.” “We’d like to see more workshops explaining what [our] committees do and how they do it.” “Better educating the

DCMs, GSRs, and potential electeds on what the qualifications are and what 'available' really means."

- *Our commitments to service deserve to be informed ones.* "Make positions more clearly defined so people know what they're stepping into." "Some area positions are becoming very specialized, like tech and finance, and not everyone has the skill set for those."
- *Elections feel rushed.* "We talked about having more time before the voting assembly for people to submit [service] resumes so members can get to know them better than just a two-minute qualification." "Perhaps better qualifying candidates. Should we be re-qualifying candidates?"

Responsible Stewardship

Areas to focus on

- Budget clarity and transparency
- Travel reimbursement
- Making the case for contributions
- Removing financial barriers to service

- *When it comes to finance, some want more detail, some want less.* "We believe we need more transparency, not a single-line budget," including "expanding travel cost line items." "Use more education and simplify financial reports – maybe [a] plain language treasurer's report."
- *Expectations for travel are unclear.* "DCMs are often unaware of the expectation that districts are responsible for paying expenses when they invite Area trusted servants." "Responsibility of electeds, appointeds and district service personnel to ask for reimbursement." "We talked about maintaining a clear boundary between travel for AA business versus personal enjoyment."
- *What is the cost of carrying the message?* "We need to communicate the value of contributing to the Area and what that money actually supports." "We felt that most (some) groups don't like the way Area is spending the money."
- *Finances affect participation.* "We know the registration fee can be waived, but a lot of people don't know that, and there are still hotel, food, and gas expenses." "Ways to fund events: carpool, room share." "There are no dues or fees for membership in AA, and richer and poorer districts should have equal access to Area trusted servants."

Spirituality & Our Primary Purpose

- *Service can crowd out the spirit it's meant to serve.* "There can be too much work and not enough spirituality," and "a preoccupation with procedure and correctness when really our job is to interact with and support the fellowship."
- *"Politics" can be a barrier*. "Being too quick to use the Traditions to say 'no' instead of asking questions and allowing ideas to be tried and maybe fail." "We talked about barriers like beating each other over the head with process – lots of ego and infighting."
- *Embracing our spiritual principles.* "There can be too much time spent troubleshooting and not enough perspective." "Having a good attitude matters. Not making service feel strict, allowing folks to make mistakes and learn from them."

Kudos to Area 72

- "We felt that Area 72 really stands out as a shining example of service."
- "We're progressive and innovative, especially with online and hybrid service."
- "The new digital newsletter launch improves accessibility and also supports non-English-speaking members."
- "We like that we are discussion-based. That fosters unity, because we don't jump straight into motions — we talk things through first."
- "We feel the Area does a good job allowing everyone to give input. Everyone can be heard, everyone can come to the mic and express their opinion."
- "We show trust by asking hard questions at the mic and feeling heard."
- "Beyond respect, we genuinely care about each other."

Proposed Action Items

Based on inventory findings, the Ad Hoc Inventory Action Committee proposes the following action items:

Communication

- Hold more advanced DCM school sessions through the rotation.
- Hold hands-on panels / workshops for Google training, website, etc. at the quarterlies and assemblies.
- Provide a flyer with simple instructions on how to access and use the website, which is our primary form of communication.

Finances

- Make a clear, concise statement in financial reports: Are we okay? Do we have enough money in support of carrying the message?

- Provide plain language reports.
- Facilitate onboarding for people with Area budgets: flowcharts, checklists, job descriptions, and definitions.

Elections

- Get more informed about people who are available, before the Assembly.
- Clarify election practices in the handbook. The handbook describes motion and discussion topic practices, but has nothing about elections.

We have proposed action items to consider, but not how to implement them. Some items are already within the clearly defined authority and responsibility of existing trusted servants or committees. Others could be addressed via motion, discussion topic, or Committee conscience. We encourage groups, districts and other Area Committee members to discuss how to move any items forward, and to consult with the incoming Area Chairperson.

Carrying this Work Forward

“We come to these quarterlies, we come up with really great ideas, but sometimes there’s a lack of follow-through on things that were identified as important.”

Consider the work that has led to this report. An initial ad hoc committee prepared the inventory questions. The Area Committee took inventory. This Ad Hoc Inventory Action Committee spent months reviewing every comment, finding what we feel are the most important points, and trying our best to present them to you.

We’re grateful to every member who participated and made this report possible. Carrying this work forward is now the responsibility, and the opportunity, of the trusted servants in this room, and those we welcome in Panel 77.

Area 72 Inventory Ad Hoc Committee Report – Questions & Answers

Before opening the floor for questions, Patrick recognized the members of the Inventory Ad Hoc Committee **(Aimee, Area Corrections Chair, Don, Area Secretary, Jack, Area Grapevine/Literature Chair, Keith, Area Past Delegate, Kelly, DCM, District 14, Lupita, Area Alt Delegate, Melissa K., Alt DCM, District 8, Mike D., DCM, District 10)** and noted that the committee had met **17 times since February** to review the inventory results and prepare its final report.

Crystal: Asked Patrick to complete the final portion of the committee report and explain what happens with the proposed ideas and action items.

Patrick: Explained that the committee intentionally did not prescribe how the ideas should be implemented. Authority and responsibility for many already exist within current trusted servant positions and committees; others could be addressed through a motion, discussion topic, or committee conscience. Members were encouraged to discuss the ideas with their groups and districts and work with the incoming Chair regarding anything they wanted to move forward.

Erin, Newsletter Editor: Thanked the committee and commented that this was the first Area inventory during her years of service that she felt truly reflected what was happening in the Area and made her feel heard.

Terry, Alternate GSR, Surrender at Seven, District 25: Commented on the inventory's concern about getting to know candidates before elections. Terry said that relying primarily on candidates' brief speeches can favor good public speakers and suggested making more background information available before elections so voting members can make more informed decisions.

Angel, DCM, District 34: Grateful to the committee for putting this together. Asked whether DCMs could obtain the inventory format for possible use at the district level.

Patrick: Explained that the original packet, questions, background information, and format are available with the Assembly documents on the Area website.

Raquel, GSR, District 32: Asked how to reconcile encouraging groups, districts, and Area Committee members to move inventory items forward with another finding that DCMs are already overwhelmed by the amount of information and responsibility placed upon them.

Lupita, Alternate Delegate: Explained that the inventory reflects the experience that much is asked of DCMs and raises the question of how the position can be made easier, more attractive, and more enjoyable. At the same time, the Area should not dictate precisely how individual trusted servants perform their responsibilities. The proposed actions therefore offer possibilities while leaving implementation to those who have the appropriate authority and responsibility. She encouraged members who want an issue addressed to bring it to the incoming Chair so the Area can determine the appropriate forum.

Kelly, Alternate DCM, District 14 and Ad Hoc Committee member: Added that members should take issues that interest or concern them back to their groups and districts. Workshops could be developed, trusted servants or Past Delegates could be invited to help explain issues, and districts could work together. Kelly emphasized that the Area does not direct the groups—**the members and groups collectively are the Area.**

May, CPC Chair, District 46, and GSR, Rise and Shine: Asked where the complete Inventory report could be found online.

Patrick: Explained that the final report is available on the Area 72 website under Area Business/Assembly Documents and through the Glide app by searching for “inventory” and “Ad Hoc Committee Final Report”.

James, GSR, District 32: Asked whether the inventory contained feedback about clearer job descriptions for Area trusted servant positions, noting that people may hesitate to stand for positions when they do not know what will be expected of them.

Melissa, Ad Hoc Committee member: Responded that there was relatively little feedback concerning the actual job descriptions. Most of the comments centered on members not knowing the candidates well enough to make informed election decisions.

Patrick: Added that detailed job descriptions are available in the Area Handbook and that the original inventory responses are also available online.

Joe, DCM, District 19: Commented on the inventory's recommendation concerning plain-language Treasurer reports. He supported retaining the complete financial information but suggested adding a simple summary explaining the Area's overall financial condition, significant concerns, and whether finances are above or below expectations.

Unidentified member: Agreed with Joe, explaining that when reporting back, groups often primarily want to know whether the Area is financially healthy, meeting its budget, or needs additional financial support.

Sansannah, Alternate DCM, District 3: Pointed members to the October Newsletter article *“The Heart Beneath the Matrix,”* which contains a matrix of service positions and hyperlinks to information about the positions, including pamphlets, kits, and workbooks.

Terry, DCM, District 42: Praised the inventory process and asked whether the materials and diagram explaining how the inventory was conducted were available.

Patrick: Explained that the January Quarterly page contains the report and background materials from the Ad Hoc Committee that originally developed the inventory questions and structure.

Mary, Alternate DCM, District 45: Asked what happens next now that the Ad Hoc Committee's work and the current rotation are coming to an end.

Don, Ad Hoc Committee member: Explained that the committee's assignment is complete. Its responsibility was to review the inventory, identify the issues reflected in the responses, prepare the report, and offer suggestions. The committee was **not charged with implementing those suggestions**. The report will be passed to the next panel and incoming Area leadership, who will determine what happens next and whether additional committee work or other action is appropriate.

Courtney: Reminded the Assembly that this was an **Area Committee inventory** involving DCMs, elected and appointed trusted servants, and others participating in the Quarterly process. Some apparent contradictions may reflect different levels of familiarity with Area Committee work and resources that already exist. Courtney encouraged members to use the Area website, handbooks, reports, and other resources and to contact DCMs and Area trusted servants when seeking information.

Patrick: Closed the Q&A by emphasizing that the report resulted from several stages of collective effort: development of the inventory questions, participation at the January Quarterly, and the follow-up work of the Inventory Ad Hoc Committee. He thanked everyone who participated and stated that the results would now be carried forward into **Panel 77**.

GSR SHARING

Friday evening GSR sharing session:

The Friday evening GSR Sharing Session facilitated by **Area 72 Delegate, Courtney S.,** inviting GSR's to respond to the question: **"What's something unexpected that GSR service has taught you?"**

Paul, Alternate GSR, New Purpose Group, Renton, said he had learned how important it was to participate beyond the group level and had discovered there was much more to A.A. service than he had previously understood.

Marci, GSR, Recovery Bound, Vancouver, said she knew A.A. was large but had not expected how welcoming and loving the Fellowship would be. She had experienced that same sense of welcome from A.A. members locally and across the country.

Andrea, GSR, Happy Hour, District 22, Port Angeles, said GSR service taught her perseverance. She became GSR only two days before the previous Assembly with little understanding of the position. Soon afterward, most of her home group left and a largely new group formed. Although she often wanted to quit, she remained and learned how to persevere.

Nelson, GSR, Gunnysack Hill, District 24, Lynnwood, said service taught him to be a better communicator—asking questions and seeking clarification at District meetings and then carrying information back to his home group. He also gained a greater appreciation for how many people are involved in making A.A. service work.

Becky, GSR, East County Women's Group, Camas, said she had been surprised by how much work it takes to keep A.A. functioning. Through the Assembly she began to

understand how her home group connects to A.A. as a whole and the importance of making sure the group's voice is heard.

Richard, GSR, Early Morning Risers, Port Angeles, emphasized the importance of bringing information from the Area back to the home group. He said many members do not realize how much takes place at the Area level and that carrying the information home gives those members a voice.

Arron, GSR, Spiritual Awakening Group, Kyiv, Ukraine, described serving as GSR as an honor and spoke about the spiritual significance of the groups being at the top of A.A.'s service structure. She said the rotation strengthened her understanding that A.A.'s decisions and group conscience begin with the groups and demonstrated that the love of the Fellowship extends around the world.

Kevin, GSR, Hawkinson, District 37, said learning about A.A.'s inverted service structure and the primacy of the group conscience had been a lesson in humility. He came to understand that his responsibility was not to insert himself or his own opinions into the process, but to carry information and his group's conscience faithfully.

Connor, Alternate GSR, SYP, said service taught him selflessness. He learned that when struggling he could rely on the group, show up for others and get outside himself rather than depending solely upon himself.

Irene, GSR, Any Lengths, District 44, said she had been surprised by how important it became to her to carry her group's opinion rather than her own. Even when engaging the group was difficult, she wanted to know what the members thought rather than simply reporting her personal views.

Leah said service taught her the value of collaboration rather than competition. She learned that enthusiasm alone did not necessarily attract people to service and that creative, welcoming activities could encourage participation. She also learned the value of accountability and completing responsibilities rather than procrastinating.

Gunny, Chehalis Group, said service taught him to communicate honestly and listen to others. Through the rotation he experienced significant personal growth and helped improve communication about Area activities within his geographically large District, resulting in greater participation.

Lauren, GSR, Keep It Simple Sister, Port Angeles, said the greatest unexpected gift had been connection. By becoming willing to step into an open GSR position, she discovered a community in which she felt supported, carried and connected to others throughout the Fellowship.

James, GSR, Saturday Federal Way Men's Stag, said he discovered the value of having an Alternate GSR. After previously serving without one, he found that sharing pre-assemblies, workshops and communication responsibilities with an alternate provided

valuable support and strengthened his ability to communicate information to the home group.

Katie Jo, GSR, Real Alcoholics, District 14, West Seattle, said service taught her how to have difficult conversations. Through challenging home-group business meetings, she learned to separate personalities from principles and recognize that passionate disagreement was often rooted in members wanting change, understanding and an opportunity to have their voices heard. The experience increased her confidence and sense of belonging.

Joey, GSR, Sobriety Seekers, District 32, Auburn/Federal Way, recalled arriving at his first Assembly shortly after becoming GSR feeling unprepared, frightened and much like a newcomer again. By meeting people in General Service, finding a service sponsor and becoming involved in District and Area activities, he developed friendships and a growing enthusiasm for service.

Angel, GSR, Port Angeles Turning Point, District 22, had become GSR only a month earlier. She spoke about the importance of carrying the message and said the panel discussion on that subject reminded her that she was in A.A. because others had carried the message to her. She emphasized love, tolerance, kindness and compassion toward newcomers.

Kaya, GSR Pro Tem, No Matter What Group, West Seattle, explained that his group did not have a regular GSR when the Assembly approached. After learning he planned to attend, the group elected him GSR Pro Tem so it could have a voice at the Assembly. He said the experience demonstrated that participation in General Service can sometimes begin simply by showing up.

Eric, GSR, Drunk Squad, District 44, said service taught him to listen and communicate and to recognize that his own ideas were not what he was responsible for carrying to the District. General Service also taught him about leadership and gave him greater confidence both inside and outside A.A.

Adam, Alternate GSR, Pass It On Hall, Normandy Park, attending his first Assembly, expressed gratitude that his home group and GSR had trusted him with the Alternate GSR position when he had only two months of sobriety. He said nearly everything about the Assembly was new and unexpected and expressed enthusiasm for continuing to learn.

Mike, GSR, Blue Box Group, Oak Harbor, said seeing the minority opinion and group conscience process in action was profound. Participating in that process while representing his group deepened his appreciation for A.A.’s decision-making process.

Connor, GSR, Sobriety Lifeline, District 35, shared that he and others had helped revive a meeting that had dwindled to only a few people and watched it grow to

approximately 20 people weekly. The experience taught him that he was capable of more than he sometimes believed and gave him confidence to lead and grow through service.

Lynette, GSR, Millennium, District 38, Kirkland, said she had been surprised by how willing people in General Service were to help. She initially believed she needed to know everything before accepting a position but discovered instead that service was a learning experience supported by people willing to answer questions and teach newcomers.

Brad, Flimsy Reed, District 44, said he learned that service could be fun. He discovered that humor, including being able to laugh at himself, could be part of enjoying General Service.

Eli, GSR, Scum Also Rises, District 15, Beacon Hill, said the most unexpected lesson was that service was not about him. He came to see himself as a conduit of information between his group and the larger service structure and gained a much greater understanding of how A.A. functions.

Gwen, GSR, Global Speakers Group, District 25, attending her first Assembly as a GSR, said she learned that her responsibility was not to force her group to reach consensus. Instead, her role was to listen carefully, take good notes and faithfully carry the members' thoughts, concerns and questions into the larger group-conscience process. She also expressed appreciation for the many trusted servants working behind the scenes to support GSRs.

Sarah, Alternate GSR, Serendipity at St. Paul's, District 56, Port Townsend, said she had learned active listening: listening without immediately reacting, asking questions, discussing issues and letting go of control.

Karen, GSR, Book Club, District 44, Tacoma, said she learned that she did not have to know or control everything. Support from her home group helped her learn how to conduct business meetings, and participation at District meetings, Quarterlies and Assemblies gave her an enthusiasm for service that she carried home. That enthusiasm helped encourage other members to fill service positions.

Doug, GSR, McGilvray Study Group, District 7, Vancouver, said becoming GSR helped him finally understand what happens to Seventh Tradition contributions after the basket is passed and how money supports the various levels of A.A. service. He also expressed appreciation for the GSR School that helped prepare him for the position.

Stephen, GSR, Spiritual Awakening Group, Tumwater, said he never expected to become a GSR. After encouraging his home group to begin holding business meetings, he found himself elected to the position and discovered that General Service involved considerably more than he had anticipated. He expressed excitement about continuing to learn.

Micah, GSR, Happy Hour, District 56, Port Hadlock, said he discovered that the position was less overwhelming than he had expected because of the caring, inclusive support he received at the District level.

Jan shared that early participation in an Assembly as a ballot runner helped create a sense that there might be a place in General Service for them. The acceptance experienced within A.A. contributed to a deeper sense of belonging. Jan said the most important lesson as a GSR was listening to the home group and remaining present through the entire Assembly so the group could be represented even when the business became difficult or extended late into the session.

Emma, GSR, 6:00 a.m. Eye Opener Zoom Meeting, said she initially thought service work was simply something to do to help protect her sobriety. Instead, she discovered that representing her group and District was an honor and privilege. As her rotation approached its end, she was surprised to find herself sad that it was ending and committed to continuing in District service.

Mike, GSR, Fifth Dimension Young People's Group, District 25, said GSR service gave him a new source of gratitude, particularly in watching newer members become involved in General Service and experience their own joy and growth through participation.

Rob, GSR, The Way Out, District 9, Tacoma, said service taught him that skills learned in A.A. could transfer into the rest of his life. After overcoming his fear of setting up hybrid meeting technology, he discovered he could use those same skills confidently outside A.A.

Claudia, GSR, Langley Group, District 46, Whidbey Island, had previously served extensively in General Service in Area 42, Nevada. She said coming to Area 72 taught her humility and teachability because Area 72 did things differently. Rather than relying on what she had done before, she learned to ask whether she was willing to remain teachable and focus on being the best GSR she could be for her current home group.

Janice, GSR, Emotional Sobriety, Ocean Shores, said she learned that people could come together, disagree, reach consensus and still enjoy working together.

John, GSR, First Shot, District 7, Vancouver, said he became GSR when no one else volunteered and initially did not know what to expect. By the end of his rotation he realized how much the relationships and experiences had come to mean to him and how much he would miss the people with whom he had served.

Calvin, GSR, Whiskey and Milk Group, Olympia, said he discovered how challenging it could be to serve as a two-way conduit—carrying his group conscience to the District while also bringing information back in a concise and engaging way that respected the group's other business.

Cecil, GSR, Last Drop of Alcoholics Anonymous, District 22, Clallam Bay, said he learned there was much more happening in A.A. than attending meetings and contributing to the basket. One of the greatest unexpected gifts of service was the friendships he developed.

Debbie, GSR, Tuesday Night Serenity Seekers, District 24, Edmonds, described representing a newer group that initially lacked the resources to send her to the Assembly. Support from the District and individual group members made her attendance possible. She saw previously disengaged members become interested in Area business and participate in forming a group conscience.

A Spanish-speaking GSR, Grupo 12, Sumner, District 1, with interpretation provided, said the rotation helped deepen his understanding of A.A.'s principles, teamwork, his Higher Power and spirituality. He expressed gratitude to his group for giving him the opportunity to serve and said the experience had produced significant spiritual growth and a greater understanding of the Third Legacy.

Lexi, Alternate GSR, On Awakening, District 16, Seattle, attending a first Assembly, said the most unexpected lesson was the importance of spirit in service. Simply showing up with enthusiasm and caring had helped renew interest in General Service within the home group.

Don, GSR, North Star, District 44, said GSR service had shown him how rewarding and necessary service was for his recovery and personal growth. Initially reluctant and fearful of participating at the microphone, he came to understand service as both a responsibility and an important part of his recovery. He intended to remain involved and help his Alternate GSR continue along the service path.

William, Grupo Central, District 1, sharing in Spanish with interpretation, said moving from Alternate GSR to GSR taught him the importance of continuity in service. He learned to work more closely with others, serve as the voice of his group conscience and become more responsible in his service.

Debbie, GSR, Courage to Change, District 42, Port Orchard, said she was new to General Service and still felt somewhat overwhelmed but hoped the experience would increase both her confidence and her knowledge.

Bob, GSR, Our Primary Purpose North, District 24, Lynnwood, said the position taught him to determine his group conscience, carry it to the District, bring District information back to the group and set aside his personal opinions. The experience helped him understand more deeply why service is important to recovery.

Edgar, GSR, Grupo La Luz de Tacoma, District 1, sharing in Spanish with interpretation, recalled that before becoming GSR he had sometimes been judgmental when District representatives brought information to the group. Once he accepted the

position, his attitude changed and he fell in love with service. He said his family had noticed the change in him and that service had transformed his life.

Simon, Alternate GSR, Regla 62, bilingual Spanish/English group in Redmond, said service had brought significant spiritual growth, strengthened his Twelfth Step and helped him focus more on other people.

Kevin, GSR, AMAA Group, District 24, Lynnwood, described himself as a reluctant GSR because aspects of the position reminded him of his professional life. He was especially moved by A.A.'s inverted triangle and the concept of servant leadership. He hoped to mentor his Alternate GSR and planned to communicate what he learned at the Assembly to members of his home group.

Rachel, GSR, Women on Thursdays, District 24, humorously said the unexpected discovery was that her mind could be changed. She valued listening to perspectives different from her own.

Shelly, GSR, Magnolia Speakers Meeting, said she gradually found herself moving from smaller service responsibilities into General Service. She discovered that she learned while carrying information to others and came to see service as something guided by a power beyond herself rather than something she performed for recognition.

Ann C., GSR, Women Into Action, District 44, spoke about the support received from District trusted servants during a period of significant change within the home group. Suggestions for fellowship activities helped a diverse and changing membership become more cohesive. A position she had initially not wanted became both enjoyable and satisfying.

Darcey, Alternate GSR, Wednesday Night Mountlake Terrace, District 24, said service taught her not to take herself so seriously and to serve with grace.

Darrell, GSR, Steilacoom Serenity Seekers, said the position taught him that he could step outside his comfort zone and accomplish things he had not thought possible. He also learned to ask for help when needed and discovered how much he enjoyed service, leading him to plan to remain involved.

Jen, GSR, Gull Harbor Group, District 8, said one of her greatest lessons was that she did not have to be perfect. She learned that making a mistake would not break A.A., that others would help her and that she would still be accepted and loved. The resulting sense of belonging and connection was something she had not experienced before coming to A.A.

Liz, GSR, Lynnwood Open, District 24, said General Service helped her discover that she had a place where she could contribute. She learned that service does not have to look the same for everyone and that there is meaningful work for many different personalities and abilities.

Chris, GSR, Tuesday Night Men's Stag, Tacoma, said General Service challenged his former belief that he could not be useful to anyone. A.A. gave him his life back, while service gave him a purpose for that life. He also learned that it was safe to reach out and ask others for help.

Jacob, Alternate GSR, In the Works, District 41, Seattle, said service taught him a level of humility he had not expected. He learned that taking a group conscience could be difficult, particularly when it differed from his own opinion, but that the group conscience was more important than what he personally thought was right. When his home group unexpectedly lost its meeting location, he saw the group quickly form a committee, find a new location and solve the problem after he recognized when to step aside and allow others to serve.

DJ, We Are Not Saints Group, District 24, Lynnwood, said he reluctantly became GSR when the previous representative disappeared. Support from his District helped him learn the position and become enthusiastic about General Service. One of his more difficult lessons was accepting that he could not make other members want to participate in service or group conscience, although he was encouraged that his group now had a strong alternate ready to help.

Zach, GSR, Southend Fellowship, District 18, said service taught him the difference between responding and reacting and showed him the enormous scope of A.A. He learned that he did not have to be extraordinary to serve; simply being present and faithfully acting as a conduit of information was valuable.

Jenny, GSR, In the Works, District 41, said her first GSR rotation taught her that how she felt about a responsibility did not have to determine whether she showed up to fulfill it. She also recalled witnessing a member with a strongly held position listen to opposing perspectives during a pre-assembly discussion and ultimately change his mind. For her, it demonstrated the power of listening and an informed group conscience.

Saturday evening GSR sharing session:

The Saturday evening GSR Sharing Session facilitated by **Area 72 Delegate, Courtney S.,** inviting GSR's to respond to the question: **"What's something unexpected that GSR service has taught you?"**

Mark, GSR, District 10, shared that as a relatively new GSR he was learning how the group's voice travels through the service structure. Working with his service sponsor had helped him recognize the difference between expressing his own ideas and faithfully representing what his group wanted.

Robert shared that service had unexpectedly helped remove the shame he once associated with alcoholism. Being trusted by his group and eventually representing A.A.

publicly in his former community allowed him to become comfortable identifying himself as an alcoholic and helping ensure that the hand of A.A. remains available.

Louise, GSR, Halfway Through Group, District 25, said she had initially been comfortable remaining within her home group and had to be nudged into General Service. She discovered that service gave her a genuine sense of being "a part of," in contrast to the separation and isolation she associated with alcoholism.

Andy, Alternate GSR, Firgrove Group, District 29, said attending the Assembly showed him that he would need to "step up his game" when he becomes GSR in January, and he looked forward to the challenge.

Nick, Alternate GSR, Fourth Dimension, District 45, said General Service unexpectedly taught him how A.A. is intended to operate structurally, with the groups at the top of the service structure and GSO at the bottom.

Ricky, GSR, Friday Night Group, District 45, celebrating one year of sobriety that day, shared that practicing A.A. principles had helped him face a recent job loss without the shame and guilt he once would have experienced. He spoke about honesty, open-mindedness and willingness, including becoming willing to work with a service sponsor after initially believing he never would.

Melissa, GSR, Step Sisters, Centralia, humorously shared that the first unexpected thing she learned after being elected was what "GSR" actually stood for. She subsequently discovered that she genuinely enjoys General Service, including Assemblies and pre-assemblies.

Ben, Alternate GSR, Mustard Seed Group, District 10, said he had been surprised by the size and scope of the work occurring behind the scenes to keep A.A. available to those who need it. He reminded the Assembly that even long and difficult business discussions contribute to work that saves lives.

Dana, GSR, Crosby Group, District 10, said the Assembly had taught him considerably more about the nuances of parliamentary procedure than he ever expected to learn.

Rachel, District 27, Long Beach, WA, shared that service had taught her the importance of integrity and simply showing up. Participating in district and group service had helped strengthen her sobriety.

Rosalyn, GSR, Wayward Whippersnappers Group, District 28, said GSR service had taught her how to talk about service with members who were not particularly interested in it and how to make service more engaging for her home group.

Donna, rotating out after serving as a GSR seven times over the course of his sobriety, said General Service had given her another home group. She encouraged those present

to recognize that they were doing exactly what they needed to be doing by participating in the Assembly.

Jim described a service journey that included CSO involvement, CPC service and eventually becoming a GSR. He reflected on how one service opportunity repeatedly led to another and how much he had learned along the way.

Natalie, GSR, Last Chance, said one unexpected lesson had been how deeply she valued her group's conscience. During the day she had faced the possibility of exercising her Right of Decision differently from her group's original instructions and found the responsibility both meaningful and difficult.

Joey, GSR, Sobriety Seekers, District 32, said he had unexpectedly discovered the beauty of the group-conscience process itself. He found himself enjoying the discussion and voting without becoming attached to the outcome, recognizing that the value was in the process and journey rather than simply the result.

John B. reflected on his service during the rotation, including work with the Area newsletter and electronic voting. He said he learned the value of bringing his own experience, creativity and abilities into service and encouraged members to "think big" about how they serve.

Austin, GSR, No Matter What, said studying A.A. history and then participating in the Assembly gave him the unexpected experience of feeling that he was now part of that continuing history. He spoke of carrying his group's conscience and experiencing the gratitude, frustration and serenity of the process.

Vicky, GSR, East Sound Group, described emotional sobriety as an unexpected gift of GSR service. Service had helped her become more comfortable in difficult situations, remain committed when group discussions became challenging, and discover new ways she hoped to serve in the future, particularly in accessibility work.

Aaron, GSR, SOTS Group, District 27, said General Service had affected his recovery much more broadly than expected. Staying involved in service, working with his sponsor and remaining "in the middle of the herd" had become important parts of maintaining his sobriety.

Jason, GSR, Pe Ell Group, said service had challenged him to examine his own biases when presenting motions, listen to other viewpoints and remain open-minded. He described the group-conscience process as both "annoying" and beautiful.

Charlie, GSR, Eatonville Group, District 29, humorously described GSR service as difficult but said one of its unexpected benefits was returning to his home group enthusiastic about what was happening in General Service and recruiting others into service.

Nate, GSR, One Hour Reality Check, District 31, shared that service had helped him understand the importance of spiritual and emotional sobriety as well as physical sobriety. He had learned more about balancing conviction with humility, seeing both sides of an issue and knowing when to continue advocating and when to let go. He also encouraged greater recruitment into service.

Kylie, GSR, New Beginnings Women's Group, Seattle, said GSR service had taught her that she could be trusted and responsible to a group. She also saw how relatively small efforts by a GSR could encourage others into service, describing how enthusiasm for a district gratitude banquet had grown into greater involvement by members of her home group.

Dave, GSR, Morning Phoenix Group, District 19, described how attending Quarterlies allowed him to watch motions, discussion topics and Area projects develop from their beginnings. Bringing that information back to his group increased their interest in General Service. Although some Assembly decisions had not gone the way his group preferred, he remained grateful to participate in the process.

Luz shared through interpretation that she had made herself available as GSR rather than being asked. She had come to understand the responsibility of the position, gained greater appreciation for the Traditions and for her sobriety, and expressed gratitude to her Higher Power.

Bobbi, participating online, recalled unexpectedly being asked during the COVID period to handle technical responsibilities for a gratitude event despite having little technical experience. With help from other members, she learned new skills, including how to create a playlist, and discovered what could be accomplished through cooperation and service.

Becky, Alternate GSR, Sunday Morning Magic, District 31, first shared a reflection from her group's GSR: service had taught her that she did not need to have all the answers to be useful. Listening, asking questions, showing up and trusting the group conscience were themselves important forms of service. Becky added that she had unexpectedly discovered the spiritual dimension of General Service and the common purpose underlying differing opinions: keeping A.A. alive and thriving for future alcoholics.

Erin, GSR, Beautiful Individuals That Can Handle Every Situation, District 40, described finding a small meeting because she personally needed it and then unexpectedly becoming its GSR. Service gave her an opportunity to help newer members learn about business meetings, A.A. literature and service structure. She was particularly encouraged when another member expressed interest in General Service and possibly continuing the work after her rotation.

Cecy, GSR, District 1, said she had initially had little interest in General Service. After agreeing to divide responsibilities with another member, both became increasingly

involved. She learned the importance of willingness and trusting that her Higher Power would guide her in service.

Brett, Alternate GSR, Puyallup Men's Stag, Puyallup, WA, attending his first Assembly and serving in his first General Service position after many years of sobriety, shared his enthusiasm for discovering a new dimension of A.A. service. Retirement had given him the opportunity to become more involved, meet new people and participate directly rather than simply observing the service work of others.

Laura, GSR, Vashon Island Group, District 14, recalled once looking at members involved in a very long Assembly and wondering why anyone would willingly do it. She later heard the phrase "servant's heart" and continued in General Service because she saw that quality in others. She said she eventually learned that a servant's heart was not something a person necessarily had to begin with: **"You can grow one here."**

Tammy, GSR, Fridays at Seven, District 10, said she had unexpectedly experienced the spirituality of A.A. through the General Service process. She spoke about moving beyond fear, seeking unity and seeing the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of the program come together through service.

Nathan, GSR, Our Primary Purpose, Bellingham, said the unexpected lesson was responsibility. The GSR position involved much more than he had anticipated, and difficulties experienced by his home group had strengthened his sense of responsibility to the members who continued to attend. He emphasized his commitment to keeping the group's doors open and being there for whoever might need the meeting.

Michael, GSR, Saturday Morning Attitude of Gratitude, District 19, said GSR service was teaching him how to be a good steward of an opinion that was not his own. Rather than always inserting his personal view, he was learning to hold and faithfully carry the conscience entrusted to him by his group.

Courtney S., Area 72 Delegate, thanked everyone for their participation and noted that time did not permit hearing from everyone who wished to share. The Saturday evening session closed with the **Responsibility Statement**.

DCM REPORTS

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

Name: Jose M.
Position: DCM
District number: 1
Date:

No report submitted.

<u>District 2 –</u> (Camano Island, NW Snohomish County, Arlington, Stanwood) DCM Saundra R., Alternate. DCM Lori N.

Name: Saundra R.
Position: DCM
District number: 2
Date: 9/28/26

- District 2's treatment committee continues to reach out to GSR's to that will help facilitate meetings at the treatment centers. This committee includes participation from districts 12 and is open to all districts who would like to create a treatment chair, treatment committee, or have the desire to take meetings into treatment.

- District 2 held a treatment workshop on September 19th that was well attended. Local treatment providers were guest speakers and explained their needs from volunteers who bring meetings into their centers.

District 2 is gearing up for rotation, which includes replacing elected and appointed chairs.

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

Name: Dan H.
Position: DCM
District number: 3
Date:

No report submitted.

<u>District 4 –</u> (Skagit County Mt. Vernon, Burlington, Sedro Woolley) - DCM Ed S., Alternate DCM Annabelle K.

Name: Ed S..
Position: DCM
District number: 4
Date:

No report submitted.

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

Name: Rose B.
Position: DCM
District number: 7
Date: 9/29/2026

Greetings from your southern neighbors, District 7. That's everything south of Fourth Plain BLVD to the Columbia river out to Skamania county.

We've been busy this last quarter. Hosting the Southern Six districts Pre-assembly was such an honor and a privilege. At East Park Church, in the room where we host our District meeting, we filled the room with trusted servants from all over southern western Washington and together we learned how to vote, how to listen to the group conscience, and how to work together for the common good of Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 72. There was so much excitement, the energy in the room was palpable.

We also hosted elections in September for our new District 7 officers and committee members. I am pleased to announce that I will not be the DCM as of January 1, that role will be taken over by Paul O, our current Alt-DCM. We have many service positions available, and I am so curious as to who God will put in the various positions.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank my District for allowing me to serve them as a trusted servant. The growth I have experienced has been beyond compare. As I look forward to potentially serving Area 72 once again, I am truly grateful for what you all have shared with and taught me. Thank you District 7 and Area 72. I could not have done it without your support and encouragement. Thank you for letting me share. Rose, alcoholic.

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

Name: Debbie B.
Position: DCM
District number: 8
Date: 9/29/2026

We have been busy in District 8 –

- Spreading the word about all thing Assembly – everything from Pre Assembly info to finding volunteers to help with the Assembly.
- We had our picnic and now are moving forward with the Gratitude Banquet in November.
- Elections will be happening less than a week after the end of the Assembly.
- Rule 62 is always alive and well – Tigger has a new friend – Freddy. A little guy with a big heart always ready for fun. He is planning on coming to the Assembly – stay tuned!

Debbie B, DCM D 8

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

Name: Mark S.
Position: DCM
District number: 9
Date:

No report submitted.

<u>District 10</u> – (Kitsap Peninsula) DCM Mike D., Alt DCM Hollie M.

Name: Mike D.
Position: District 10 DCM
Date: 09/26/2026

<u>Accomplishments from the past quarter</u>.

District 10 is in good hands. At the September district meeting our Alt. DCM Hollie M. made herself available for the position of DCM. All GSRs and Trusted Servants of District 10 voted her in. Then the election of Alternate DCM was announced and three individuals made themselves available for the position. Using the third legacy procedure for elections we ended up used the hat to decide. The name Tracee C. was pulled for the position. The room thanked James C and Tammie S. for their consideration. We currently have all Trusted Servant positions filled in our district.

Each business meeting we are discussing the last few questions from our district inventory we had in February of this year. The results so far have been positive action to improve the message of A.A.

<u>Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with</u>.

We currently have 10 group meetings out of 29 that do not have a GSR representing their group.

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

Continue attending the meetings where there are no GSRs to ensure members are aware of District and Area business matters and the importance of a group representative.
The District 10 handbook is currently being revised and plan to be completed by the end of this year.

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: 10/1/2026

- On October 16th through 18th, we will be hosting Bakerstock.
- On November 7th we will be hosting our annual Gratitude banquet. This is a seventh tradition event and all are invited to attend.
- The SOS Men's Group is hosting their annual men's retreat in February.
- District 11 will be having elections at the November district meeting.

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

Name: Shane
Position: DCM
District:12
Date: 9/21/2026

District 12 DCM Report

September was an Awesome Month up here in north Everett, Marysville, Tulalip I got to attend both the Web Steering Committee and the Area Newsletter Steering Committee. We continue to do a lot of Bridging the gaps 20 wow and 2 Corrections Bridges. Suzi, our Area Treatment chair, showed up to our 3rd legacy meeting and explained our Bridge bye Zip program and how to access it. John, our Central Office Manager has been getting bridges and is in contact with several treatment Centers in Everett asking for panel meetings. People from the Central Office have been doing meetings at Evergreen Recovery Women's facility. We continue trying to find women to do Panel meetings at North Sound Behavioral; only 2 spots are not filled thanks to all the groups that stepped up to volunteer. We attended District 2s treatment workshop that was very fun and informative. We got to meet District 19s new Treatment Chair Carol.

District 12 held its elections in Sept at our regular Business Meeting the first Thursday of the month at Everett Recovery Cafe Steve from up North ran our Elections thanks Steve!!

We table all our Business except Treasurer and Gratitude Banquet Reports. I was totally amazed at the attendance. People and groups really showed up and stepped up. We use the 3rd legacy procedure for Elections. The candidates Qualify themselves leave the room. We discuss them and vote by paper ballots then they come back in and everyone congratulates them. It's great fun. We still have a few open positions: Alt DCM, Cpc/Pi, Newsletter, Accessibility, and Treatment. We got done early and Discussed forming a Web tech Committee and Young people's Committee there was lots of great discussion about both of them

Ive really found getting out to District 12s Meetings and Groups has Been challenging though we asked groups that are active at dist12 to invite groups or meetings to come check us out, to get past the stigma of arguing about stuff and politics. We have Grown up discussions about what's going on in our district, our area and in AA as a whole with our common purpose of carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic and were always sure to hear all our minority opinions. Getting the word out there of the great good that gets done from their support, contributions, and service at our District and we like to have fun its got to be Fun.

iIs been the Greatest Pleasure serving District 12 as DCM. It's the most amazing Service position I've ever had.. we really decided to just show up and make ourselves available every call, text or email. For the most part I've tried to be a great reporter to our groups here about all our Quarterly Topics at Area District and AAWS , we keep working to promote Unity everywhere we go. We have had a great time working together with all the North Districts up here. We made so many friends around Western WA it's so inspiring seeing our Area in action gaining a better understanding of our committees. It's gonna be interesting where this takes me next.

Can't wait to see you all at our Assembly

Shane M., DCM District 12

<u>District 14</u> – (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island) – DCM David J., Alt DCM Kelly R.

Name: David J.
Position: DCM
District number: 14 (West Seattle, White Center, Vashon Island)
Date: 9/30/2026

<u>Accomplishments from the past quarter</u>.

- The Fab 9 Central Seattle Districts worked together to host a fantastic Pre-Assembly meeting in Seattle at St Joseph Parish on Saturday, August 8. The meeting was well attended and included a potato bar served by the DCM's and Alt DCM's. I've been very grateful for the cooperation and friendship from the DCM's

and Alt-DCMs from Districts 14, 15, 16, 17, 31, 32, 40, 41, and 42 during this entire panel!

- District 14 held our Annual Picnic and Pie Auction on Sunday, September 13 at Lincoln Park in West Seattle. The event was hugely successful and continues to be a favorite way to close out the summer months in District 14.

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

- We have received group feedback on our annual budgeting and finance approach. Invited those with questions and concerns to join our Finance Committee as they build next year's budget for approval by the District Committee.

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

- As a District, discuss our Finance Committee's 2027 budget input starting at the Monthly Business Meeting in October, with a goal of achieving an approved budget at the November meeting.
- Hold elections in November for our Panel 77 trusted servants and committee chairs.
- Host a District Holiday Speaker Potluck on Tuesday, December 8 full of good cheer, fellowship and delicious food to close out a wonderful Panel 75.

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

Name: Diane D.
Position: DCM
District number: 15
Date:

No report submitted.

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

Name: Scott
Position: DCM
District number: 16
Date: 9/30/2026

District 16 Quarterly Report – October 2026

Name: Scott O.
Position: DCM

District: 16 (Northeast Seattle)

Accomplishments from the Past Quarter

This was the quarter District 16 delivered on the year's biggest commitments. Our three major efforts — the Public Information booth at Lake City Days, the District Picnic, and the District Inventory — all happened, and all were successes.

Our PI booth at the Lake City Days Seafair festival on August 1 was a highlight of the year. We registered as a non-profit, filled a full slate of volunteer shifts, and had real impact — community members came up to thank us for the difference AA has made in their lives and their families'. Young People turned out strongly to volunteer.

The District Picnic at Maple Leaf Playfield on September 12 was well attended and, thanks to shared contributions across the district, ended up cost-neutral. The District Inventory followed on September 13 at Ryther, facilitated by Alan F. and offered in hybrid format — an honest look at how well we're serving our groups, and the kind of self-examination that keeps a district strong.

We also continued our strong collaboration with the Central Districts, cohosting the August 8 Pre-Assembly. More than 70 people attended and the districts financed it together without passing a hat.

Group health is excellent. Several groups are growing and drawing new members, and participation keeps building on the trend we've watched all year: we've added groups since January, and GSR turnout at the district table is consistently full. That growing base of engaged group representatives is the foundation everything else is built on.

Our standing committee chairs remain the district's biggest gap: CPC/PI, Accessibility, Corrections, H&I, and Web/Tech are all still open. The momentum from Lake City Days and our growing GSR base gives us a real pool to recruit from in the next rotation. We also considering the idea of creating a Third Legacy Chair position.

<u>District 17</u> – (NW Seattle, Ballard) DCM Joshua B., Alt DCM

Name: Josh B.
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 17
Date:

No report submitted.

<u>District 18</u> – (Renton, Kent, Tukwila) DCM Lara R., Alt DCM Lee R.

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

Date: September 23, 2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We are hosting a Newsletter Sharing Session on September 26th at Seattle Intergroup.
- Our alt. DCM, Lee R., compiled a Voter's Guide for the district and our GSRs to take the Assembly Motions back to their groups in a simplified, user-friendly format. Positive reports from the groups of increased engagement with the discussions at business meetings.
- We will hold elections in October, conduct an inventory in November and have an end of rotation celebration in December.

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

Name: Joe T.
Position: DCM
District number: 19
Date: 9/29/2026

We had a great picnic this summer. Co-hosted with District 12. It was a great time including games, grilling, and a basket auction to raise funds for future events, for both districts. And we have a gratitude banquet being planned for the beginning of November

Everyone I worked with in district 19 is doing an amazing job. It's inspiring how much time and effort fellow A.A.'s are contributing to serve the primary purpose.

Like many other districts, we have had some turnover with district positions. More people have had to leave their position than we've been able to replace. But that is the ebb and flow of the 2 year rotation of service. So proud of the people who are currently serving. And have served in the past.

As I write this report on the eve of our district's elections. I am very excited to leave District 19 in the best place that I can. And can't wait to see who will represent my District in the next rotation.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Joe T
DCM District 19

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: 9/19/2026

Since this is my last report to the Area as DCM I just want to say how grateful I am to have served District 21 and Area 72 as DCM. I went to my first District 21 meeting in October of 2023 and due to some unforeseen circumstances and because I have had a lot of Area service experience in another Area, I went there as an alt GSR and 2 months later I was DCM. As I look back at all the people I have met and the experiences I have had in the last 3 years I realize just how much I have learned and how many people were there to help when I had problems or questions. I feel very blessed and grateful to be a part of this Area and thank you for letting me serve.

I was able to attend 2 picnics in the District. The Eye-opener Group on August 22nd and the Friends of Bill W. picnic on September 12th which is sponsored by my home group the McCleary Saturday night serenity group, the Elma Group and the Montesano group. I enjoyed both of them and no one went away hungry. I am looking forward to next year. There is a new Chair and Alt Chair for the District 21 Corrections Committee. Barry P. from Westport is the new Corrections Committee Chair and Roy B. from Aberdeen is the Alt Chair. At our District meeting we talked about the upcoming Area Assembly in October and the Election procedure. We also discussed the importance of voting for people who will do the best job for the Area and making notes when people give their service resumes to help to remember who they want to vote for later. Jamy J., past DCM, will be facilitating our District 21 elections on Sunday October 18th.

Lisa B. DCM21

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

Name: Pete P & Monica W
Position: DCM & Alt-DCM
Date: 9/19/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- Held our annual picnic in conjunction with District 55 in August.
- Put on a quick, local GSR training for some new GSRs.
- Hosted the pre-Assembly for the Peninsula Districts in mid-August.
- Met with several of our groups to support GSRs during their discussions on the upcoming Area motions.

- Continued a popular new (this year) monthly event, a trivia contest, that continues to be well attended and provides fun and fellowship outside meetings.

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

- GSR participation continues to be a challenge.
- Wi-Fi at our facility has improved, allowing us to provide Zoom access for our District meetings.

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

- We will be holding our elections for DCM, Treasurer, and both of their alts on September 19, and hope to have all positions filled to begin the process of forming the next panels committee.
- Create a plausible and responsible budget for 2027.
- Run through the tape - just because our terms are almost over doesn't mean we can let up and coast through the last couple of months.

District 24 – (Southwest Snohomish County - Montlake Terrace, Edmonds, Lynnwood) DCM Lisa J., Alt DCM Jan H.

Name: Lisa J. & Jan H.
Position: DCM & Alt-DCM
Date: 9/20/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We had a great Assembly "Pre-Funk" in September. Derek was our guest speaker and helped get everyone to feel confident and excited for our Assembly. Thank you Derek!
- We continue to have great success with our Hybrid meeting, and the equipment we've invested in throughout the year is working great!

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

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

- We're looking forward to our Speed Dating event on October 7th during our 3rd Legacy and meeting time. We're hopeful to see some new faces interested and excited for District service.
- We'll have our elections at our November District meeting, November 4th, and be able to welcome in the new trusted servants of District 24.

As I write this last report as District Committee Member for District 24, I'm both excited for the future and sad that my rotation has come to an end. Not because of any fear or worry for our district, because I know it will be in very capable and willing hands.

The opportunity to be of service to District 24 has been an amazing spiritual experience, full of growth, gratitude, and love for my fellow trusted servants. I truly feel that we've become a family. Although I know I'll still see most of you often, I will truly miss being there with you on the first Wednesday of every month.

I hope you all know what a gift it has been to serve District 24. I am truly blessed and grateful for every one of you. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

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

Name: Jo G.
Position: DCM
District number: 25
Date**:** September 28, 2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. Since having gone through the inventory process for the district at the end of May, District 25 made some changes and adjustments in the way we conducted the business meeting – among other things so as to meet the needs expressed by the GSRs in the course of that inventory:

The GSRs primary concern was that they didn't know if there was enough time at any given business meeting for them to express their concerns for and from their groups nor was there any opportunity to really ask questions and hear the experience, strength and hope of their fellow GSRs. That being said, the Alternate DCM was asked to step up to the challenge of conducting monthly GSR sharing sessions and the time for those sessions was set. These sharing sessions have been met with much enthusiasm by the GSRs as well as our Alternate DCM. Not only are their questions and concerns being heard and answered but they now feel they have a better opportunity to fellowship with those other trusted servants who they are serving alongside.

Stemming also from that very useful inventory process was the fact that the GSRs really did not know what it was the various committees were meant to, or trying to, accomplish. With elections coming up for us in November we began asking during committee reports that 2-3 designated committee chairs who were given extra time then highlight their committee's function along with what they have personally gained from the experience during the course of this rotation. We are hopeful that this will lead to a good and productive election come November.

Some time ago, it was determined that we needed to get a more useful and up to date

District Handbook pulled together and after restructuring the ad hoc committee we finally have a draft that the district began discussing in Old Business and which we hope to finalize at this month's business meeting (October 17, 2026, 3:00-5:00pm Pacific time).

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. District 25 made the decision to drop the Motion with Area 72 regarding the geofencing around the Area 72 website so as to hopefully insure in the minds of Area 72 members that

District 25 is not trying to change the service structure at any level. In furtherance of this cause a motion was made and is being considered at the October 2026 Area 72 Assembly for wording to be added to the description of District 25 to instill even more surety that all groups joining District 25 are registered groups with GSO US/Canada and no other general service office in any other world region. The numbers of DCMs who have contacted me wanting more information about the make-up of the groups that are a part of District 25 and therefore Area 72 is very concerning and District 25 does not know just how to go about reassuring the membership except by the proof that all groups are registered first with General Service Office in New York, USA. We cannot help but wonder why (it seems) that aspersions are seeming to be cast on District 25's motives and operations.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter. District 25 looks forward to our elections and the transitioning of our electeds as this rotation ends and the next begins. I am certain that though some of our trusted servants will be glad "that's over" in the moment they will soon come to miss it, and I am certain that will prove just as true for myself. This has proven to be more work than I imagined but am proud of the team (and of myself) for all we have faced, fixed, finessed, and fashioned. Panel 75 is nearly one for the books; bring it on Panel 77!

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: 9-19-26

District 27 committees and service opportunities continue to grow. Members are actively engaged in service work and encourage others to get involved. It has been incredibly inspiring to watch this growth unfold.

The Corrections and Treatment Committee has established a rotation of volunteers who bring meetings into facilities throughout Pacific and Cowlitz Counties. The committee meets monthly and continues to strengthen its efforts to carry the message into these facilities.

The PI/CPC Committee is also meeting monthly.

District 27 Archives is currently reviewing, organizing, and preserving our archive materials to ensure they remain accessible for future members.

Our District 27 Committee Handbook has undergone revisions and updates to better reflect the responsibilities of the various service positions.

We continue reaching out to groups throughout the district to let them know that the District Committee is here to support them and to share information about available service opportunities. These outreach efforts appear to be increasing awareness of the General Service structure, and attendance at district meetings continues to grow.

The DCM Roundtable meetings have proven to be an excellent resource for understanding how other districts conduct business and address challenges. Expanding awareness of service opportunities and encouraging participation remains one of my ongoing goals.

District 27 is rotating service positions this September. Area 72's Archives Chair Jennifer drove from the Puget Sound area to Seaview Washington to help facilitate our election process. Very thankful and grateful for her help.

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

Name: Jim M.
Position: DCM
District: 28
Date: September 29,2026

Accomplishments:

* GSR interest in upcoming Assembly Agenda
* Set date, time and place for our upcoming November District elections
* Attended many district group business meetings
* Attended all Group meetings (excluding our two women's only Meetings)
* Filled CPC Chair
* Displaced groups resettled in new 12 Step Club
* Updated printed schedules 3x in 3 months during group displacement
* 3rd Legacy Chair and DCM continuing monthly involvement with 3rd Legacy Roundtable
* Completed printed copies of updated District Handbook
* Assisting new groups in their Literature stock, especially pamphlets

Problems:

* Weekly Sunday Speaker Meeting attendance has been low all summer
* Questioning District role/responsibility/obligation to 12 Step Club
* Two long time groups suspending meetings indefinitely due to attendance

* Still no meetings in Lewis County jail

Goals:

* Fill all positions at November elections
* Update Group information for incoming Area 72 Registrar
* Finish new hotline procedure
* New District Website face, content, and accessibility from Poll results

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

Name: Fred J.
Position: DCM
District number:29
Date: 10/10/2026

Greetings from District 29.

Summer is certainly winding down but hasn't gotten any slower.

- The district had its elections at the last business meeting. Amanda M. will be the new DCM, Laurie S. will be the new alternate DCM and Ryan W. will be the treasurer.
- We will be looking to install a new slate of Trusted Servants.
- See the Action Log for the various job descriptions.
- Please feel free to contact me or Amanda if you are interested in serving for the next two-year panel.
- The assembly was exciting and productive. If you have never been to one, I would strongly encourage going. It is an educational but also spiritual experience.
- Our Gratitude Banquet is coming up in November and will be at the Elks Club. I look forward to seeing everyone at that event.

<u>District 31</u> – (Burien, Des Moines, Tukwila) DCM West C., Alt DCM Dawn P.

Name: West C.
Position: DCM., Alt DCM: Dawn P.
District number: 31 – (Burien, Normandy Park, Sea-Tac, Des Moines & Tukwila)
Date: 9/30/2026

My name is West C, DCM of District 31 and Dawn P is our Alt DCM. Our district covers Seatac, Des Moines, Burien, Normandy Park and a little bit of Tukwila. I am grateful to all of you in service to our District, Area 72 and AA as a whole. District 31 always strives to help the alcoholic who still suffers, while finding fun & fellowship along the way.

We recently filled our D31 Registrar, Corrections, Treatment Chair, & Alt Treasurer positions at our August Ice Cream Social. We remain ready to welcome new Public Information, Accessibilities & Archives Chairs.

Our CPC Roadshow happened Sat, Sept 12th at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines and we had a great turnout of 20 people...Sooz & crew did a fantastic job!

"Steps In Time" is happening Sat, October 24th also at Grace Lutheran Church. This epic event with a 50's theme will feature a history of AA during that decade, a talent show, a 50's dance, a prize for best 50's costume & popular food from that era. Tickets are on sale now for only $20 so come see me if you are interested in joining us.

Our D31 elections for next rotation are happening again at Grace Lutheran Church in person on Wed, November 11th as part of our regular D31 meeting. Please spread the word and invite anyone interested in D31 service to come join us. All are welcome to come and enjoy snacks & refreshments with us beforehand.

Ho, ho ho...our D31 Holiday Party is happening at...you guessed...Grace Lutheran Church on Wed, December 9th starting around 5:30 pm. We have begun preliminary discussions and this year we plan on having am ugly sweater contest, homegroup skits and Holiday Karaoke.

At Your Service with Gratitude,
West C
DCM, District 31
Burien, SeaTac, Des Moines, Normandy Park
dcm31@area72aa.org - 425-736-4130

District 32 – (Auburn, Federal Way) DCM Nicole F.J., Alt DCM Robert B.

Name: Nicole J.
Position: DCM
District number: 32
Date: 9/25/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter

- District 32 hosted a successful summer BBQ potluck at Steel Lake Park in Federal Way
- Collaborated with other Central District DCMs and Alt DCMs to host a Pre-Assembly for GSRs, Appointeds, Trusted Servants, and members interested in the motions and discussion topics that will be reviewed at the 2026 Area 72 Assembly. Our DCMs and Alts also worked together to provide a delicious baked potato bar
- At our September business meeting (which was our first opportunity to meet after our Pre-Assembly), we again reviewed the motions and discussion topics as a

district and had a spirited conversation. As DCM, I am so inspired by the level of discussion and passion for AA.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with

- Open committee chair positions
- Committees of one
- Silent meetings not involved in district (still a handful of groups/meetings that haven't been visited by active district members)

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

- Increase district attendance by visiting all meetings/groups by incorporating a 3rd legacy chair that has the ability to attend district meetings

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

Name: Cheri D.
Position: DCM
District number: 33
Date: 9/29/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. District 33 is continuing to focus on our upcoming district elections, and we've been sharing a flyer at group meetings with information about the available service positions and what they involve. We hope these conversations encourage some new faces to attend our October District meeting and consider getting involved in service. At our September meeting, Area 72 Grapevine and Literature Chair, Jack J., joined us to share about his service position and the work he does. His presentation sparked a great deal of interest and discussion among attendees. We are also preparing for our second Burien Little Assembly planning meeting and look forward to seeing even more members participate as planning continues. Be sure to check the flyer wall for Zoom information if you'd like to join us at the next planning meeting! Planning on going for our annual Gratitude Banquet Nov 7th.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. End of rotation apathy but excited Assembly and rotation.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
Finishing up on some goals we had set at the beginning of rotation. Helping the newly electives to acclamation to their position.

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

Name: Angel M
Position: DCM
District number: 34
Date: 10/3/2026

Dear Area 72,

It is hard to believe another quarter has already passed. The past three months have included many opportunities for service, fellowship, outreach, and preparation for the next rotation. District 34 continues to work toward strengthening participation in General Service while carrying the message through Recovery, Unity, and Service.

1. Accomplishments from the Past Quarter

July — Area and District Service, Fellowship, and La Viña

The quarter began with continued participation in Area and local service activities. On July 5, the Seattle Intergroup Service Manual Study provided another opportunity to better understand our service structure and responsibilities.

On July 6, the PRAASA 2027 Host Committee business meeting continued preparations for bringing PRAASA to Seattle and Area 72.

July 10–11 brought the Area 72 Business Quarterly in Elma. Preparation for the upcoming Area Assembly included discussion of phone voting, with three motions expected to come before the Assembly. Area committees continued to report healthy and active participation, and the **Pacific Northwest Conference (PNC)** in Vancouver was successful.

A recurring theme throughout the quarter has been the importance of encouraging GSRs to attend Assembly and be the voice of their home groups. With the current rotation moving toward its final months, trusted servants were also encouraged to begin thinking about the question, **"What are you going to do next rotation?"** Identifying and encouraging those who may be willing to continue the work is becoming increasingly important.

On July 12, the East Side Intergroup picnic provided an opportunity for fellowship, food, music, and connection. It was a good reminder of the principle of Unity and how much of our service work is strengthened through simply spending time together.

July 15 included speaking at the 50/50 meeting in North Seattle. Although there was some nervousness beforehand, the commitment was completed with gratitude.

July 24–25 marked the 30th Anniversary of La Viña at the La Quinta in Tacoma. The event was especially inspiring because of the participation of newcomers in service, attendance from California and Oregon, Grapevine and La Viña workers, and current and past Delegates. The opportunity to announce PRAASA 2027 and participate as a panelist was another meaningful part of the weekend.

The large Spanish-speaking participation also demonstrated the importance of language, culture, and inclusion within our Fellowship. The celebration created a strong connection between service and the Spanish-speaking community, with plans to continue attending annually and sharing experiences with our sister magazines.

August — Pre-Assembly Preparation and Hispanic Outreach

August began with the Seattle Intergroup Service Manual Study on August 2 and another PRAASA 2027 Host Committee business meeting on August 3.

On August 9, the Eastside Districts Pre-Assembly was held at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Renton. The event was generally well attended, although District 34 participation could have been stronger. Hybrid and online participation were encouraged as additional ways for members and groups to prepare for Assembly and remain involved in Area service.

Hispanic outreach continued throughout the month. The Eco Latino Spanish Group anniversary in Everett on August 15 provided an opportunity to announce PRAASA 2027 and distribute flyers and buttons as part of the Host Committee's Hispanic Outreach efforts.

On August 22, PRAASA 2027 was announced at the Hispanic Districts Pre-Assembly in Centralia, followed by another announcement at the **“Un Vivo Amanecer”** anniversary on August 29.

August also brought continued participation at Essentials on Tuesdays and Thursdays and ongoing outreach to District 34 groups.

Within District 34, the Literature/Grapevine and Public Information service positions remained open. Zach O. expressed interest in Literature/Grapevine, and after discussion of his service experience and willingness to serve, the District unanimously approved him for the position. This was an encouraging example of how members can be invited into service and supported as they begin a new commitment.

September — Newsletter Service, Outreach, and Preparing for Rotation

September continued with the Service Manual Study at Seattle Intergroup on September 6 and Gratitude Banquet committee meetings on September 12 and September 26.

The September 14 PRAASA 2027 Host Committee business meeting continued preparations for the 2027 conference.

On September 21, the Regla 62 Speakers meeting provided another opportunity to announce both the November 3 District 34 elections and PRAASA 2027 Seattle/Area 72.

The Hispanic Intergroup Everett speakers meeting on September 22 provided another opportunity to share information about PRAASA.

September 26 also included the Area 72 Newsletter Session, co-hosted with District 18. The session was well attended and provided a respectful, expressive, and productive discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the Area newsletter. A possible quick Assembly poll regarding the printed newsletter was discussed, and all newsletter editors were present and able to answer questions. It was encouraging to see the level of participation and cooperation across the Area.

On September 27, the DCM Roundtable hosted by the Alternate Delegate focused on ending the current rotation, handing off responsibilities, and preparing for what comes next. With only a few months remaining in the current rotation, the importance of service sponsorship, transition, and preparing the next group of trusted servants has become even more apparent.

September 29 brought another Hispanic Outreach opportunity during the Weeks of Unity leading up to the Camino Seguro anniversary in Lynnwood. PRAASA 2027 was again announced with flyers and buttons.

Throughout the month, Essentials continued to be supported on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

October — Carrying the Message and Continuing Service

October began with an opportunity to speak at Sober Highschool in Queen Anne, Seattle, on October 1. This was the second time participating as an AA speaker at the school. The students were attentive and asked thoughtful and meaningful questions. Two plain-language Big Books were provided as gifts. The experience was humbling and served as another reminder of the many ways the message of Alcoholics Anonymous can reach people.

Other areas of District 34 service continued throughout the quarter.

Corrections service remained active with the Kirkland jail, the new youth men's center in Woodinville, and Monroe Prison, including work with prerelease programs. CPC

continued developing resources for professionals, including the professional landing page and QR code. Treatment service continued outreach to facilities and providing literature where possible.

The Service Sponsorship Workshop was planned for October 25 at the Eastside Alano Club, providing another opportunity to encourage members to become involved in service and to help others find their place within General Service.

District 34 also approved the addition of a new **Third Legacy** service position. This provides another opportunity for members to participate in District service and strengthens the structure of the District moving forward.

The Gratitude Banquet committee continued preparations, including ticket sales and volunteer recruitment.

Financial responsibility also remained a priority. At the end of August, the District balance was $974.90, with Assembly reimbursements still expected. Essential reimbursements continued to be prioritized while maintaining the District's ability to support service activities.

Resources regarding liability insurance were also shared to help groups understand their responsibilities when meeting facilities require insurance coverage. This has become an important practical issue for several groups and an area where shared information can help meetings remain active.

2. Problems or Issues We Are Facing

GSR Representation

One of the most consistent challenges in District 34 continues to be the number of meetings without GSR representation. Without a GSR, a group's voice may not be represented at the District or Area level.

There is a continued need to identify these groups, visit them, understand what they need, and help them see how their participation connects their home group to the larger Fellowship.

GSR Participation and Engagement

Having a GSR position available is only the beginning. Continued participation in District and Area service remains important. Finding ways to make District meetings more engaging, welcoming, and connected to the needs of individual groups will continue to be a priority.

Service Positions and Rotation

The Literature/Grapevine position was successfully filled during the quarter, while Public Information remained open for much of the reporting period. The addition of the Third Legacy position also creates another service opportunity.

With the November 3 District elections approaching and the current rotation nearing its end, there is an increasing need to encourage members to consider taking on service commitments and to prepare for a smooth transition.

Financial and Facility Challenges

Some groups continue to face challenges related to Assembly travel expenses, meeting locations, attendance, and liability insurance requirements. These issues can be especially difficult for smaller groups and may affect their ability to participate fully in service.

3. Goals We Hope to Achieve Next Quarter

Strengthening GSR Representation

Using the District 34 group list, continue identifying meetings without GSR representation and make a point of visiting approximately three or four groups each month.

Increasing GSR Engagement

Continue encouraging GSRs to attend District meetings and Area Assembly and to bring the voice of their home groups. Continue looking for ways to make District service more engaging and connected to the groups we serve.

Filling Service Positions and Preparing for the Next Rotation

Continue encouraging members to consider available service positions and prepare for the November 3 District elections. Trusted servants should be encouraged to think beyond completing their own commitments and begin identifying and supporting the next person who may carry the work forward.

The question remains:

“What are you going to do next rotation?”

Service Sponsorship

Support the Service Sponsorship Workshop and continue encouraging experienced members to bring others into service. Service sponsorship can help ensure that the knowledge and experience gained during one rotation are passed on to the next.

PRAASA 2027 Outreach

Continue announcing and promoting PRAASA 2027 throughout District 34, particularly through Hispanic Outreach and at anniversaries, speakers meetings, and other events.

Supporting Meetings in Need

Continue identifying groups that need support with GSR participation, attendance, meeting locations, insurance, or other challenges, and connect them with available District and Area resources.

Continued Area 72 Participation

Continue participating in Area service, supporting District 34's involvement in Area Assembly, and encouraging GSRs and other members to participate in the Area's service structure.

Closing

This quarter has provided many opportunities to experience the connection between Recovery, Unity, and Service. From Area 72 activities and PRAASA preparation to Hispanic Outreach, local meetings, service committees, and work with individual groups, each experience has reinforced the importance of participation.

As the current rotation approaches its final months, the focus naturally begins to shift toward transition and the future. Service is not simply about completing a commitment; it is also about making sure the work continues and that others have the opportunity to experience the growth that comes from service.

The question **“What are you going to do next rotation?”** is therefore not only about finding someone to fill a position. It is an invitation to continue participating, to carry the message forward, and to help ensure that the hand of AA remains available to those who still need it.

I am increasingly grateful for every trusted servant, GSR, committee chair, alternate, and member who has contributed their time and energy to our district.

I am especially grateful for the continued participation of our neighboring districts, Area 72, Eastside Intergroup, and all the members who continue to show up and participate.

Thank you to District 34, Area 72, and all the trusted servants and members who continue to make this work possible and for allowing me the opportunity to serve. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Service,

Angel M.
Phone (360)-421-4458

<u>District 35</u> (Issaquah, Sammamish) – DCM John K., Richard D. Alt. DCM

Name: John K.
Position: DCM
District number: 35
Date: 9/22/2026

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

- **July Service Fair and Barbecue.** Co-hosted by the District 35 and 36 Third Legacy Chairs, the fair gave a well-rounded look at service. A former Young People's Chair and a former Corrections Chair shared how they got into service and how it strengthened their sobriety. A Past Delegate and the D35/36 DCMs walked us through the upside-down triangle and how each part of the structure works together to carry the message. Eastside Intergroup talked about how it supports and collaborates with the Eastside districts and groups. Then we fired up the grill and served heaps of burgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings, with plenty of laughter and fellowship.

- **Sponsorship Workshop.** On September 19, our Third Legacy Chair hosted a four-member panel. Three panelists shared their experience and lessons learned from sponsoring others, and the fourth shed light on service sponsorship. Our panelists did a stupendous job, and the roughly 45 members in attendance were highly engaged. It was a very successful event.

- **Group Conscience on Assembly Motions.** Our GSRs have been busy gathering their groups' conscience on the Assembly motions and discussion topic. I sat in on several business meetings, and it was refreshing, and a bit surprising, to see how thoughtful and engaged members were. Kudos to our GSRs for a terrific job.

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

- **District Rotation.** We've begun spreading the word about the upcoming rotation of District positions, and we're encouraging members to consider service at the District and group levels. Honestly, I have no real sense of who, or how many, might step forward. But I have to remember that my job is to take action, not to predict results.

On a personal note.
I can't thank enough all the dedicated trusted servants I've come to know over my two years as DCM. My educational, personal, and spiritual growth has been substantial. It's been a real honor and privilege to serve with you all.

District 36 (NE King County, Duvall, North Bend) – DCM Michael L., Alt. DCM Jeff

Name: Mike L
Position: DCM
District number: 36
Date: September 29, 2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter. District 36 planned and participated in several events this summer. We hosted a service workshop in Issaquah with District 35 where we heard a bunch of shares and information on general service work from members all over our two districts. Our district had a campout in July at Teanaway where we hosted a big potluck cook out and campfire A.A. meeting. It is always spiritual to be out in nature pondering our life and enjoying fellowship. We had an end of summer picnic overlooking Fall City. We spent a lot of business meeting time discussing Area business and preparing our GSR for the Assembly. We also discussed our District rotation and election taking place in November. I can't believe my two years as DCM is up in December! It has been my greatest honor to date serving as District Committee Member for our fellowship here in the Snoqualmie Valley. I have been blessed with a small but dedicated group of GSR and District elected who have been a rock for this alcoholic and the groups that we support.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. Educating our members on 3rd legacy and the importance of sustaining Alcoholics Anonymous health as an organization.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
We have a few annual events to plan for and complete and I will stay busy through the rest of the year serving the best and the finest. We will end with a gratitude dinner in November and an Alcothon over Christmas and New Years. My goals are to fill all our positions for the district election in November and a successful hand off of the service reigns to our incoming DCM.

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: 09-20-2026

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

- Service workshop on September 19th. District 38 wanted to host a workshop so we can spread the message of hope to people who might be interested in Service. We had Lupita, along with 4 other Area 72 members. We also had David, who participates in Corrections service and Ray, who is the Chair for the board of Eastside Intergroup. We hope that District 38 will have a robust committee to carry the message in District 38.

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 only problem I see is finding people to fill the roles of District 38. We had a lot of vacant positions for this last rotation. I have personally witnessed a growth within our community in District 38, so my hope is that there will be continuing growth for the years to come.

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

- We have our Gratitude Banquet coming up in November, and our goal is to make this a successful event and end this rotation with a bang. District 38 shows up, and shows support.
- I think creating more workshops, and going back to the groups and seeing what support might be helpful from District 38 would be useful. One of the messages I received at the Workshop was collaboration. How can District 38 collaborate more with other committees and Districts.

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

Name: Robert M
Position: DCM

District number: 39
Date:

No report submitted.

<u>District 40</u> – (East Capitol Hill, Madison Beach) DCM Chris B., Alt DCM Morgan S.

Name: Chris
Position: DCM
District number: 40
Date: 10/3/2026

District 40 – Report for October Assembly

We have been going steady at District 40,

We have had steady GSR participation with 10-15 Groups represented at our District. Our committee chairs have been active hosting quarterlies or bringing back information to the district to share with their Groups. We are getting ready for our elections in November at the last hybrid meeting of the year for us.

This rotation has been a mellow one but has seen a new Group be represented at General Service. Along with a few new GSRs who have stepped in for others who have rotated out or have had to step down. As we get ready for the end of the year we are co-hosting our Gratitude Banquet with Districts 41 & 15.

Getting to see a rotation of GSRs step into service and show up each month to help serve their groups and the fellowship is a monumental reminder of how many hands can make light work when we come together.

<u>District 41</u> – (North Downtown Seattle, Magnolia) DCM Ganelle H., Alt DCM Geordie

Name: Ganelle
Position: DCM
District: 41
Date: 10/1/2026

Q3 District Activities & Highlights

Pre-Assembly: District 41 successfully co-hosted a Pre-Assembly with neighboring central districts. We had fantastic turnout—and the baked potato bar was on point!

District 41 Picnic: The 2026 District 41 picnic was a huge success. I was able to meet many new alcoholics in my District, including a few men from Full Monty and Seattle

Men's Group (men's only meetings that I can't attend). I even learned about a new-to-me meeting called Big Book West which I attended for the first time in August.

Google Meets Trial: District 41 experimented with using Google Meets for our District Meetings as a cost-saving alternative to Zoom (available free through our Area 72 Google Workspace).

Challenges: We encountered technical and logistical hurdles. The Alt-DCM (Jordie) had to toggle between the two meeting invites to usher people from Zoom to Google Meets. This wasn't helped by the fact that the DCM (me) forgot to update the meeting link on the calendar invite. Some GSR's also reported technical difficulties with Google Meets.

Outcome: After two meetings, our District Conscience was to return to Zoom for the remainder of this rotation and re-evaluate next year.

Upcoming Events
Districts 15, 40 & 41 Gratitude Banquet
Date & Time: Friday, November 20, 2026 | 5:30 PM
Location: St. Joseph Parish, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle, WA 98112
Details: Join us for our annual Gratitude Banquet. In addition to great food, fun and fellowship, we will have two speakers and a 50/50 raffle!
District 41 is partnered with central districts to host Pre-Assembly. We had great turnout and the baked potato bar was on point!

District 41 experimented with using Google Meets instead of Zoom for our district meetings in Q3. We explored this as a cost saving alternative because Google Meets is a free feature with our Area 72 account. We experienced some logistical and technical challenges. The Alt-DCM (Jordie) had to toggle between the two meeting invites to usher people from Zoom to the Google meeting. This wasn't helped by the fact that the DCM (me) forgot to update the meeting link on the invite. After two meetings the District Conscience was to move back to Zoom for the remainer of the rotation and revisit this when the new DCM is elected next year.

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<u>District 42</u> – (NW Seattle, Shoreline, Lake Forest Park) DCM Teresa H., Alt DCM Trisha B.

Name: Teri Harte
Position: DCM
District number: 42
Date: 9/24/2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We were involved in two Pre Assemblies -Central and Northern Districts
- Joined in on the GSIG Service Manual study twice
- Created a nice flyer for the Newsletter Team that was distributed at July Quarterly
- Attended three Newsletter post-production meetings
- Created a D42 service position document (not just the handbook) it's out there in PDF for printing and bringing out to our groups.
- Held our annual District picnic on 9/12/26. Good weather and turnout even tho it was a heavy AA event weekend in WA State
- Rotation elections held 9/10 facilitated by Sooz B! We have a great incoming team so far: DCM, Treasurer, Archives and GVLIT
- Attended Digital Newsletter Sharing session on September @GSIG

Problems or issues

- Group/member participation could be higher to help fill committee positions. Group dinners before the biz meeting are incrementally encouraging.

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

- Continue to clean up email now and add items to the folder created for DCM Hand-off
- Work with Incoming DCM and share information

District 43 – (Gig harbor, Purdy, Port Orchard) DCM James B., Alt. DCM Ben K.

Name: Jim B.
Position: DCM
District number: 43
Date: 9-18-26

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

- Hello everyone, we have been busy in District 43. We have had our elections for DCM and Alternate DCM, Ben, who is the alternate now, will be the new DCM starting in January, and Shalaby will be the new Alt DCM starting in January. Our Budget and Finance committee has been hard at work also, they will be presenting a proposed budget for next year at our October business meeting to the district, hopefully to be voted on in November. Our elections for all other committee chairs will be in October also.

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 have been searching for answers as to how does the DCM vote at the assembly. Does the DCM carry the vote of the District, of how the groups want him to vote, or does he carry his own vote for the district? I've asked different people, and the answers I get vary, So I told my district that I get answers from both sides so I don't have an answer that is either way. The district voted that I carry the vote of the groups. Any input would be greatly appreciated.

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

- I am looking forward to the next rotation within our district. We made a Third legacy committee, and I made myself available for that position to start in January. I look forward to being able to help people as they rotate into their new positions in the District.

District 44 – (North Tacoma, Gig Harbor) DCM Kari M. Alt DCM Susie M.

Name: Kari Monreal
Position: DCM
District number: 44
Date: 9/26/26

Accomplishments from the past quarter: This was a very busy quarter! CSO's first annual dinner was a huge success. (I was part of the committee). D44 had elections and I am happy to report that we have elected Karen J. for our next DCM! We have also filled in the Treasurer, Secretary and a few of the standing committees.
We are looking forward to our Gratitude Banquet on Nov. 14th. (80's theme) I have tickets if you are interested.

Problems or issues you are facing or have already dealt with. We are still looking for the next Alt DCM.

Please share some goals you hope to achieve or begin work on in the next quarter.
Closing out the rotation successfully by getting our next elected servants set up for success

District 45 – (SW Pierce County, JBLM, Steilacoom, Spanaway) DCM John C., Alt DCM Mary W.

Name: John Cameron
Position: DCM

District number:45
Date: 10/3/2026

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: 9/30/2026

The State of District 46, Third Quarter 2026

July: We had a district inventory, facilitated by past delegate Keith M. (Area 69, Utah). Now residing in Washington, he shared with us a summary of his recovery and service journey in Alcoholics Anonymous. He remains active in service and has a special focus

on all things Corrections. We are grateful for his measured and thorough stewardship, allowing for a comprehensive and diverse sharing of experience, strength and hope.

We also moved ahead with approving the purchasing of audio equipment to improve the audio for workshops and business meetings.

We announced upcoming elections in October. Shu, our Area Webservant, has graciously volunteered to conduct these proceedings at our regular October Business Meeting.

A report was given on the Marty Mann and Early AA presentation. By all accounts, it was our most attended workshop to date with 33 in person and 33 online attendees. Special thanks go out to the sustained efforts of our CPC chair who was instrumental in making this happen.

August: In District 46, we attempt to visit various islands and areas of the larger islands when we hold our business meetings. It's a way to help groups in remote areas connect with each other and build recovery relationships. This month, we met on Orcas Island.

The big news was prepping for the pre-assembly, most of which we did last month, but we also did a newsletter early in July emphasizing the importance of this assembly. Courtney, Lupita and others at the area level conducted one of the best meetings of this kind I've seen in the past decade of being involved in district activities. We are so grateful for them and for the area elected/appointeds in general. Their commitment to service and their execution of myriad responsibilities is phenomenal.

We donated books to the ITHUA Detox and Stabilization Center on Whidbey Island. Groups within District 46 are bringing 4 separate meetings to this facility, 3 weekly and one every other week. These are all efforts by the local groups.

We voted in favor of a workshop on Doing the 12 Steps through the Big Book, which will be held in October. Thanks to our new Treatment chair and our Third Legacy chair.

After a couple of months of concerted efforts, our Treasurer was able to establish a PayPal account for online donations. Our webservant developed a special page to highlight this service.

September: We continued our push towards encouraging GSRs and other interested members to attend the Area 72 Assembly, either in person or via Zoom. On the web under Events and on the GSR page, and in emails, we made sure to link to all of the resources so painstakingly and comprehensively assembled and made available by Area 72 trusted servants. We worked with several GSRs in assisting them in preparing for their own group discussions. In our business meeting we polled our GSRs and elected/appointeds as to whether or not they would be attending the Assembly.

October, November and December are gearing up to be very productive months. We've got two workshops happening, the first in October on the Steps and the Big Book and one taking place in December on our third legacy, service and the service structure. We will

be finalizing the updated handbook for District 46. We will be presenting a draft budget for fiscal 2027.

The state of District 46 is solid. Financially, we are meeting and exceeding our basic needs. Service-wise we have lost several people who held service chairs but have replaced all but one, at least temporarily. Treatment, Corrections, Third Legacy and CPC chairs have expanded their offering in the District, and, in some cases, are actively working in conjunction with other districts. Our business meetings are well-attended. More and more of our trusted servants are submitting online reports, making it possible for those unable to attend meetings to understand what is happening in the district.

I'd like to give special thanks to Area 72 elected/appointeds who have really delivered us the services and assistance we've needed to help run our district in such a way as to be of help to the groups we represent. Two words: above and beyond. Thank you so much. And then there's the northern districts. As isolated islanders, we've not been as active as I would have liked- but you folks just stepped up and did for us what we could not do: the planning, the facilities, the volunteers, you made it all happen and for that, we are truly grateful.

Lastly, I want to thank our District for the opportunity to serve. I've learned a lot and … just as I'm getting the hang of it? Time to begin letting go. This assembly will be a bittersweet experience for me. Due to health considerations, I will not be able to attend in person. Our Alt DCM will give the two minute report, relieving me of the very real possibility of being "gonged" again. I remember last year's assembly, the many interactions and special moments and sense of kinship found in a room filled with drunks in recovery. You people inspire me. I will miss that … and, as we say, "it is what it is." I hope everyone has an engaging, informative and productive assembly.

I can truly say I love you all in a very special way.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Dave J
D46
For Free & For Fun!

<u>District 54</u> – (Bonney Lake, Buckley, Enumclaw) DCM David H., Alt DCM

Name: David Hancock
Position: DCM
District number: 54
Date: September 27, 2026

<u>Accomplishments from the past quarter</u>.

- We held our District elections during our September meeting. We filled most of the positions and are in the process of identifying the appointed position candidates for the GSRs acceptance in October.

- We held our annual Picnic in August @ Mud Mountain Dam – it was a lot of fun!

- Our District has identified a Banquet Chairperson. We will begin meetings in November for our event on February 13th at the Field House in Enumclaw – come join us!

- Our Standing Committees have done a phenomenal job throughout this rotation;
    - Our Correction's 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 universal outreach kit for First Responders and is now meeting with Agencies throughout our District.
    - Our Grapevine/Literature chair carries books with him to meetings throughout the District, making it easy for Groups/Individuals to get their next read!
    - We have a Newsletter now, after many years without one!
    - Our PI hosted an AA Booth, for the second consecutive year, at the King County Fair in July.
    - Our Treatment Chair organizes monthly panels to go into the local Treatment Facilities.
    - Our Website Chair maintains the District website where we list all the meetings and share the upcoming events/flyers.
    - Our Workshop Chair has hosted workshops covering the first 11 Steps and is scheduled to do Step 12 in November.

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

- We had several people step down from Standing Committees throughout the rotation. We developed a flyer for GSRs to advertise at their Homegroup's and held an Open House as another means to generate interest.

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

- We will continue to focus on filling the open positions for the next rotation.
- We are in the process of updating our District Handbook and complete it over the next couple of months.
- Our Budget Committee is in the process of developing the 2027 Budget for presentation to the GSRs during our November meeting.

- Our District is hosting the showing of the “Bill W” documentary on November 11th @ the Chalet Theatre in Enumclaw. Doors open @ 6:00 for a 6:30 showing. Come join us – there is no fee!
- We will host celebration meals at each of November & December District meetings. Nothing brings people out better than food!!

<u>District 55</u> – (Sequim area) DCM Danielle E., Alt DCM Johnny L.

Name: Johnny L..
Position: Alt DCM
District number: 55
Date: 10/1/2026

Things have been going well around here. We are closing in on an updated district handbook after many months.

We also have a couple new meetings taking shape. There is growing activity in the YP arena as well.

We are experiencing active GSR participation from the majority of groups in our district.

We have just completed a district inventory, stay tuned for the outcome.

That about sums it up.

Sincerely,

Johnny Lindstrom
ALTDCM District 55

<u>District 56</u> – (East Jefferson County) DCM Angie G., Alt DCM Crissy D.

Name: Angie Graziano
Position: DCM
District number: 56
Date: September 17, 2026

Accomplishments from the past quarter.

- We had a wonderful and well-attended pizza party and service Q&A in September where all District 56 members were invited to learn about service opportunities. After we ate and fielded questions, we conducted our regular business meeting and FILLED OUR REMAINING 2 service positions with folks who attended the event. We are thrilled and excited for the next rotation. Not only did we provide fun and fellowship, we passed out our District 56 position descriptions which described the service commitment and applicable years of

continuous sobriety for each position, talked about the service structure and helped them understand the ties to Area and GSO.

- During the summer, we had a Taco and Speaker event as well as our annual Summer Picnic and Potluck where members and their families gathered for fun, games, fellowship and an awesome speakers. Our GSRs and trusted servants also attended the Pre-Assembly in Port Angeles and had an opportunity to expand their fellowship circle and to learn lots about the October Assembly.

- Additionally, we are excited for another stellar round of special events including:

    - **September 9-November 11, 5:15 pm, Gratitude Banquet Planning Meetings**, Port Townsend
    - **September 19, 1:00-3:00 pm, Safety Workshop**, Port Townsend.
    - **September 26, 2:00-5:00 pm, Movie Night**
    - **October 24, Halloween Bingo**.
    - **November 14, District 56 Gratitude Banquet**, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

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

- We are grateful to report that we had no problems or issues during this quarter.

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

- Beginning in October and running through November, we will hold elections for our next rotation beginning in January 2027. Our members are excited about service and ready to step up! The current rotation will make themselves available during the first couple of meetings to assist where we can.

District 57 – (Hispanic linguistic District everything North of King/Snohomish County Line) DCM Reyes H.

Name: Reyes M.
Position: DCM
District Number: 57
Date: 10/1/2026

Hello, my name is Reyes, DCM for District 57. Our Area covers the geographic area from north Seattle to Mount Vernon.

This district has eight groups and two meetings each month, held on the first Thursday and the third Thursday of every month. The first meeting is for group reports, and the third Thursday is dedicated to studying the Concepts.

As we approach the new rotation of trusted servants, we already have a date set to elect our new DCM.

We continue encouraging and informing our groups!

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: 9/22/2026

- Hi area 72! I'm glad to express that D58 has been visiting the 2 new groups in the geographic area. Hopefully they will get motivated and send their GSR soon. Our struggles are that we still not able to get good response from members to do any kind of service at area level. No matter what we share and motivate, they just don't want to join our district or area.
- There are 3 groups that openly refuse to have a GSR. Unfortunately, the newcomers are watching the discussion and get less interested in service! Any suggestions?
- Our goal is to keep visiting and sharing the information. God knows when it's going to be time to act.
- Our monthly contributions to GSO and area will be effective until next year.
- We will be having our election meeting for rotation on Sunday November 1st. At 4 pm in Centralia. Everyone is welcome!

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Alejandra V DCM58

The Area Chair did a quick recap of the weekend's events -

The Chair called for a Motion to Adjourn:
Moved by: 11
Seconded by: 19
Approved, Meeting Adjourned.

Before closing the meeting Lupita wanted to ask the body to join her in recognizing Courntney as being a wonderful delegate during the Panel 75 rotation and presented her with a book signed by all of those in attendance at the Assembly.

Thomas, the host committee chair made note that the sobriety countdown totaled – 2,268,505 days (6,215 years and 1 month)

Closed with Responsibility Statement at 2 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Don N.
WWA72 Secretary