

Central Service Committee – Meeting Agenda
July 7, 2026 at 7pm

In-Person address

Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Dr, Halifax

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RIRnRNVEZFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09>

Meeting ID: 512 036 8953. Passcode: wecandoit

Welcome – Serenity Prayer and Declaration of Unity:

This we owe to A.A.'s future:

To place our common welfare first;

To keep our fellowship united,

For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come

Twelve Traditions (Big Book page 562)

Roll Call:

Heather, Chair, non-voting
Michael, Co-Chair, voting
Sara, Treasurer, voting
Jarrad, Secretary, voting
Dave T, Corrections Chair, voting
Alec W, Webmaster, voting
Jake, Downtown Dartmouth, voting
Barney W, DCM District 1, non-voting
Chris A, Serenity Sisters, voting
Jeff, Highland Park, voting
Paul, Phones Chair, voting
Brenda, WESG, voting
Sharon, Help Email Chair, voting
Reign M, Lion's Den, voting
Melissa E, Literature Chair, voting
Rachael, Sunday Night Serenity, voting
Garth, Sunrise, voting
Mary, Circle of Sisters, voting
Lorraine, Hospital Visitation Chair, voting

7th Tradition

Call for Agenda Items (Motion to approve supported unanimously)

New item from Michael H: Service Fair

Last month's minutes: errors or omissions (Motion to approve by Mary; Seconded by Reign). Unanimous vote for.

Old Business:

1. CS positions open:
 - Chairs of: Entertainment and Public Information – no nominations.
 - Co-chairs of: Hospital Visitation and Treatment – no nominations.
2. Feedback from groups about proposed Group Inventory guideline addition.
 - No feedback from groups on guideline addition.
 - Motion to have the guideline added to the Central Service guidelines. "That Central Service Group Inventory be a task of the Co-Chair to be done every two years during the first year of the executive term".

- It was noted that the inventory was sent out to all AA members last time, and that the survey is intended to be a group inventory. In this case, the group is the executive, CSRs, and committee chairs.
- Motion by Dave to add the guideline, seconded by Alec. Motion carries.

New Business:

1. Contributions for Area82 and GSO (recommended total is \$6000)
 - Motion to send \$6000 to GSO by Sara, seconded by Michael.
 - Why does GSO need additional money? Were there unexpected costs or large one-time expenses? Heather responded that the way money flows, groups look at Central Service, Area, and GSO when excess money is on-hand. District looks at Area and GSO. Central Service looks at Area and GSO for contributions. Do not know the specifics about why GSO needs money. Barney responded that GSO has been renovated in New York and the project went overbudget due to the discovery of asbestos.
 - Reign asked why the money would all be sent to GSO and not some to Area.
 - Motion carried.
2. How much Central Service will give to Northwood Community Centre for in-person meeting space.
 - Northwood does not charge rent, but in AA, we pay our way.
 - Michael noted that he has closed the contractual commitment for the Keshen Goodman Library space. Michael suggested that if we have a group conscience decision to spend an amount of money currently, then we continue with that amount at the new space – approximately \$40 each month.
 - Reign expressed support for continuing with the same amount.
 - Motion to approve \$40 monthly to Northwood by Reign, seconded by Michael. Motion carries.
3. Drop use of PO box
 - Currently paying about \$250 annually to have a PO box at the Lawtons on North and Windsor street. District lists the home address of their treasurer. Why wouldn't we do the same?
 - Alec asked how many non-group contributions were received. Heather answered that between 5-8 were received since the beginning of the year.
 - Dave noted that, from the service weekend, the Area Treasurer said that anything being sent to them should not have any indication that it came from AA to preserve his anonymity.
 - Reign noted that, if approved, the decision to drop the PO Box should be posted and communicated appropriately.
 - Motion to close off the PO box in September, seconded by Sara.
 - Brenda noted that maintaining a consistent address for mailing items to the Treasurer is important. Melissa noted her agreement. Melissa suggested using a static address like Club 24.
 - Jake noted he could bring using the Club 24 address as a mailing address to their next meeting.
 - Vote: 9 in favour, 6 against.
 - Motion by Michael to look for a different, static address such as Club 24 or Literature.
 - Heather asked about Literature's address. Melissa responded that the Literature address is in the basement of Club 24.
 - Treasurer's home address will now be listed on the website, announcement will be made in the Newsletter, and a post made on the website.

4. Group(s) to host Xmas Eve Social.
 - \$700 budget for the Social. A group would need to find a location. It is always hosted December 24 from roughly 1-5 pm.
 - Can be led by a single group, or two groups could work together to host the event.
 - All CSRs should take this back to their groups, and a separate email will be sent to CSRs asking them to take this item to their groups.
5. Service Fair (from Michael H)
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Committees:

CPC	Corrections	Entertainment	Help – Email
Hosp. Visit	Insurance	Literature	Newsletter
Public Info.	Telephone	Treatment	Webmaster
Mid-Winter	District 1	District 2	Area 82

CPC:

A few things to report.

Calling sheets for all Dr's offices, Shelters, Law Enforcement, Recovery Houses have been distributed to members wishing to lend a hand. Shortly I will be able to link locations with AA Groups that have kindly volunteered.

I have letters on the way to Radio stations asking to use some of their Public Service Announcement time for the PSA's I have found on the World Service site. There are 14 different PSA's all of them 27 seconds long.

I have been in touch with the DCM's from District 1 and 2. I have asked if I could do a 10 - 15 minute presentation at their GSR meetings this month and both kindly agreed.

I also am in discussion with the organizers of the upcoming Disability Showcase: Pathway to Connections happening Sept 12th from 10am to 2pm.

Yours in Service
Natalie C

CORRECTIONS:

For the month of June, I was able to create a schedule for the men's side that covered each Wednesday night of the month. With only having a total of 5 male volunteers it takes a bit of coordination and a hell of a lot of cooperation to make it work and we do! We will continue to work together as a team carrying the message forward until I have 10 male volunteers where I can create dedicated teams of 2 so that they will only be required to go in once a month.

We were unable to go in one time due to a facility lockdown. This has been a personal bone of contention with me since the beginning of my time going inside!

I reached out to my POC and explained that my volunteers come from all over the HRM and beyond and to only find out that they're not allowed in after spending time and gas to get there and it just isn't right. She agreed and has provided me with not one but 3 evening phone numbers that the volunteers can call before making the trip in to ensure they are still able to host the meeting.

Now on the women's side we were able to get 4 more cleared through the security briefing at the end of the month with one more in early July giving us a total of 6 to work with, which is great. Going forward we will be able to create a schedule for the women's side much the same as the men's continuing this way until we have 10 females.

I continue to send out reminder emails to those that say they're interested, asking for updates and receiving nothing in return.

While gaining exposure from being mentioned at group meetings and personal interactions with AA members, I've had numerous people express interest in volunteering, I ask them to go to the website and send an email to my corrections account to start the ball rolling. Crickets..

Please continue to mention at your home group meetings that the committee is always looking for both male and female volunteers.

I continue to attend the AREA 82 ACTIVE AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING on the last Monday of the month as it is a very informative experience with attendees from all over Canada dealing mainly with the 4 committees, CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections. I highly encourage our sub-committee chairs to attend if possible.

Yours in service,
David Triff
Corrections Chairperson
Alcoholics Anonymous Districts 1 & 2, Area 82
EMAIL : corrections.aahalifax@gmail.com
PHONE : (902)802-0095

Michael asked whether Corrections will continue to reimburse for background checks. Dave noted that 99 percent of applicants have chosen to foot the bill as a contribution.

ENTERTAINMENT: VACANT

HELP EMAIL:

Hello Fellow Members:

June was another slow month with only eight emails arriving for help. One family member was looking for help for a sibling. All emails were answered with a pamphlet, Meeting List and the Al-Anon website for the family seeking help for the family member. Thank you for your service and for allowing me to be a part of.

In service
Sharon N
HELP Email Coordinator

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

There was no requests for hospital visitations this month of June , 2026.

Yours In Service
Lorraine M
Hospital Visitation Chair

INSURANCE:

It was a very quiet month. I spoke with the broker handling the pending claim against the policy.

She has been in touch with all persons involved in the incident and advises the investigation stage is close to complete, at which time a decision will be made regarding any potential settlement. We will not be required to pay the deductible until a monetary settlement is concluded.

Yours in Service,
Foster L

LITERATURE: *Awaiting report*

NEWSLETTER:

Hello all,

Please check the recently re-posted newsletter online for a couple late additions including Coady and Fiera's first birthdays at Second Chance group and a list of upcoming speakers for the Friday Sackville Speaker meeting. My apologies for referring to the Ad Hoc committee as the Central Service Ad Hoc committee in last month's newsletter. I have been out of province quite a bit recently and sad to miss checking out our central service in person meeting space - hope to be able to do this at some point. Please make sure to have your birthdays and announcements in to the newsletter committee via email by the 25th of the month and we will make sure to get it in the August newsletter.

Thanks again,
Emily

PUBLIC INFORMATION:

A few things to report.
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TELEPHONE:

Mental Health and Addictions Intake were contacted by an individual looking for a meeting and sent the individual to a meeting that was no longer operating.

Barney noted that he and Sharon received a call about an individual who attended a church looking for a meeting, and could not find the entrance.

TREATMENT: No report

WEBMASTER:

Share the Central Service Contact list with Alec and circulate the contact list amongst all members.

MIDWINTER ROUNDUP:

Good day all,

28th June meeting went well.

Co-Chair Registration - Alec has been voted in.

We still need a secretary, and co-treasurer position. If you are willing to step up to a short term service position, please do not hesitate to chat with me or any of the team. Al-Anon requested MWRU group conscience on inviting Alateen to the roundup, and also approval of waiving the registration fee for the Alateen members. Unanimous vote of yes on both counts.

July Meeting has been Cancelled, next meeting will be 30 August. The Interim Secretary will place this news in the newsletter.

Thank you
Yours in love of service,
Michael H.
Co-Chair Central Service
Chair MWRU47

DISTRICT 1:

Hello Friends,

Our District 1 and 2 Ad Hoc continues to meet every other Sunday on Zoom to discuss the four subcommittee issue. Our latest meeting saw our largest attendance to date and I believe we are close to finalizing our recommendations.

Our July Service workshop is starting to take shape. I have asked Mary W to cohost a workshop on the Role of the GSR and General Service in AA. We will be covering group service, meeting agendas, service structure, Roberts rules and will field questions relating to any general service topic. Mary has a vast service experience and I look forward to our workshop on July 29th.

In other Service news, GSO has just acquired the popular Ap "Everything AA". My understanding is that the ap was created and maintained by an AA member as a 12th step Service project. AAWS has now acquired this ap from its creator and will continue to update it in view of our traditions and literature guidelines. If you are a user of this ap, AAWS has asked for patience during this transition period.

Area 82 GSRs are beginning to make arrangements for travel to Corner Brook for our Fall Assembly in early October. I'd like to mention that I will be driving and currently have two spare seats in my truck. If anyone would like a drive please reach out to me.

Yours in service,

Barney W.
DCM D1

DISTRICT 2:

Not much to report. District 2 is looking for an interim treasurer. Ours chose to step down for personal reasons. I have assumed the duties until we find one. Handling finances isn't my forte but I'll do it until someone else does. I recently attended an emergency area officers meeting where we voted that this year's assembly in Newfoundland will be hybrid and that those attending via zoom will be able to vote which is good because this is an election year. As DCM for district two, I will be attending via zoom. Also, I attended the most recent meeting of the ad-hoc committee to address the disconnect of the 4 sub committees. It was interesting and seems to have served its purpose. We have a workshop in August. This one will be on the first Sunday of the month and will be on Tradition Ten. That's at Club 24 at 2 pm on Sunday August 2.

That's it for District 2 for now.

In Service Bernie S DCM District 2, Area 82

AREA 82: No Report

Executive:

Secretary	Treasurer	Co-Chair	Chair
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Secretary:

Hello friends,

Please submit your reports by email as it makes it easier for me to populate the minutes.

Yours in service,
Jarrad

Treasurer:

We has an opening bank balance of \$12471.42

We had two (2) insurance payments, one (1) group contribution and 7th tradition for a total of \$250.00 in revenue.

Expenses as follows:

AA telephones – 106.35

Bank Fees – 7.50

PI supplies – 492.72

Corrections Book Order – 492.73

Co-Chair Supplies – 56.99

Phone Chair Supplies – 34.19

CPC supplies – 436.75

Microsoft 365 renewal – 165.30

Chair supplies – 116.77

Total expenses for June - \$1744.08

All transactions have been recorded and are available for viewing.

Closing back balance of \$10,977.34

Last month I suggested moving money along to Area and GSO, after doing some asking around, Area has confirmed that they are not in need of money so I would like to put a motion on the table to send the amount suggested of \$6000.00 to GSO.

I will also be working with the Chair to communicating with committee chairs to getting their expected budgets for next year, so please give it some thought and reply to the emails once received and let us know how much you need next year.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sara G

Central Service Treasurer

Co-Chair:

Minimum reportage, hope all are well.

1. Closed off contractual commitment with Keshen Library, ending up to and including September 2026.

2. Northwood Gardens will be our new place starting October. I have sent an email asking what our next steps are moving forward. I will keep you posted.

3. Last month the question of “ how much do we donate?” for the Northwood room, as it is being presented to us for free. This is generous, wonderful, and giving, but Tradition 7 says we need to be fully self-supporting through our own contributions. I feel, if we have a conscience decision already for an amount with the Library, then that should be what

we continue. If Northwood is able to afford this room to us for free, that is wonderful for them. But, there are no freebies in AA and our amount should not be based on how much Northwood needs or doesn't need the money. It should be based on our spiritual conscience's decision on what we feel is good for AA.

Yours in love of service,
Michael H.
Co-Chair Central Service
Chair MWRU47

Chair:

I am delighted to report that Emily has found a volunteer to produce this year's AAs Got Talent show. Mary Fay C from the Circle of Sisters group is taking on the event. She understands that the previously approved \$600 budget is available for her to use as she needs it.

Elections for all Central Service subcommittee chairs and co-chairs begin in September. I would first like to sincerely thank all of you for being at this table for the last 2 years (or part thereof). The work you do is vital to our being able to carry the message!!!

Next, I strongly encourage you to think about how next you would like to serve within Central Service:

- If you were elected as a subcommittee chair several months into this current term, you can consider re-offering to continue as chair.
- I encourage all co-chairs to consider living up the expectation expressed in our guidelines and be nominated for the chair position of the subcommittee.
- If you are currently a chair or co-chair and know that neither of you will be continuing, please give serious thought to who you may know from this table or within your home group or the fellowship who would suit the role. Talk to them about taking on the service role.
- I encourage CSRs who will be leaving this table at the end of the year to consider being nominated as a subcommittee chair or co-chair. If you will be continuing on as CSR of your group that is wonderful as well.

I'll be reaching out to all subcommittee co-chairs and chairs over July and August to see what your thoughts are. It is a goal that Central Service has its subcommittee chairs elected before the end of the year so the important work can continue un-interrupted. Service is a win-win proposition...Central Service needs you and your sobriety will continue to grow as you continue to give back!

Yours in service,
Heather
CS Chair

Approval of Reports: (Motion to approve by Dave, seconded by Alec)

Announcements from the floor:

- Dave noted that WESG will be celebrating one birthday the last Thursday of July at 8 pm – Dave H celebrating 8 years.
- Sharon mentioned Highland Park will be celebrating two birthdays – Dave Mac 1, Doug Mac 41.

Next Meeting: August 4, 2026

Responsibility Pledge

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Alec, seconded by Dave