

Central Service Committee – Meeting Agenda
 March 3, 2026 at 7 pm

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Meeting ID: 512 036 8953 Passcode: wecandoit

- Welcome – Serenity Prayer and Declaration of Unity (see below)
*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)
- 7th Tradition (treasurer.aahalifax@gmail.com)
- Call for agenda items (Motion to approve by, Seconded by)
- Errors or omissions in last month's Minutes (Motion to approve by Alec, Seconded by Michael)
- Attendance: 31, 29 voting, 2 non-voting

Participants:

Group/Committee	Name	Voting (Y/N)
Acceptance	Steve H	Y
Back to Basics	Louis M	Y
Circle of Sisters	Mary M	Y
Cole Harbour Group	Foster L	Y
Conscious Contact Group	Justin	Y
Downtown Dartmouth	Jake	Y
Four Seasons	Velma C	Y
Fresh Start	Heather C	Y
Highland Park	Johnny M	Y
Lions Den	Reign D	Y
New Hope Group	Rob A	Y
Rainbow of Recovery	Wil V	Y
Serenity Sisters	Chris A	Y
Downtown Halifax	Peter J	Y
Sunrise Group	Garth M	Y
Sundy Night Serenity	Rachael S	Y
Welcome Group	Mike A	Y
West End Step	Brenda S	Y
CS Chair	Heather L	N
CS Co-Chair	Michael H	Y
Treasurer	Sara G	Y
Secretary	Jarrad S	Y
Corrections	Dave T	Y
CPC	Natalie C	Y
Help Email	Sharon N	Y
Insurance	Paul B	Y
Newsletter	Emily S	Y
Hospital Visitation	Lorraine M	Y
Literature	Melissa E	Y
Treatment	Albert K	Y

Webmaster	Alec M	Y
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Old Business:

1. Central Service open positions:
 - Chairs of: Entertainment and Public Information
 - Emily S nominated Reign for Chair of Entertainment. Reign was unable to accept the nomination.
 - Co-chairs of: Hospital Visitation, Insurance, and Treatment
 - No nomination for co-chairs.
2. Hybrid Central Service meeting locations and costs:
The Co-Chair read directly from his monthly report regarding the proposal to move to hybrid meetings:

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- Foster felt 7-845 would be ample time. If we encouraged those who provided reports to provide summaries, it would save even more time.
- Reports are submitted and you can read them off the website at District.
- \$35 plus tax would be the cost at the Library, which closes at 845 pm.

- Motion to allow Central Service for three months to experiment with a hybrid meeting at the Keshen Goodman Public Library on Tuesdays starting at 7 pm with Zoom attached. Seconded by Dave.
 - 27 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.
3. Talent Show funding
- Back to Basics wondering if anyone from Central Service will oversee the event because they want to ensure the traditions are being adhered to.
 - Heather responded that the executive had not appointed anyone to oversee the event.
 - Emily responded that the Central Service Traditions Liaison could fill that role.
 - Foster responded that the purpose of putting it on the agenda was to ensure the event was on the Entertainment agenda and therefore would be responsible for the budgetary elements of the event. Accountability and the requirement to report back to Central Service would come with the event being listed under its budget. Executive could provide that oversight in the absence of the Entertainment Chair.
 - Motion by Foster moves that funding for the AA Got Talent Event falls under the Entertainment budget and the accountability of the Entertainment Chair.
 - Emily reminded the committee \$600 has been requested.
 - Louis asked whether admission will be charged at the door and Heather responded that will be up to the event's committee.
 - Fresh Start Group feels the event should be under the entertainment committee and not the talent show committee. Should be through the entertainment committee.
 - 29 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
 - Emily to get in touch with the talent show committee. They can reach out to the Treasurer and provide receipts as they go along so expenses can be tracked.
4. Dogs at AA meetings
- Paul contacted the group, didn't necessarily tell them what to do but did note that a dog bite could affect other groups or AA as a whole.
 - If those groups decide to permit dogs at their meetings, CS may need to decide whether they want that group on the policy.
 - Albert noted his group allows dogs. They are friendly and unproblematic.
 - Paul noted he could approach the broker about the policy and get more information on what permitting dogs under the policy might do as far as impacting rates.
 - Foster noted we cannot force anyone onto the policy, but must be prepared to take groups off of the policy if there is a breach of a tradition, for example.
 - Albert asked whether the Committee is considering prohibiting dogs at all meetings. Heather responded that we are considering whether to keep groups that allow dogs on the insurance policy.

New Business: No new business.

Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc Committee			
CPC	Corrections	Entertainment	Help Email
Hospital Visitation	Insurance	Literature	Newsletter

Public Information	Telephone	Treatment	Webmaster
Mid-Winter Roundup	District 1	District 2	Area 82

Ad Hoc Committee:

We finished sorting the survey responses into a clear and organized list of recommendations and comments. We had the secretary email the final copy of the responses to all members of Central Service including CSRs. We've asked everyone to review the document before attending the Group Inventory meeting.

We had the webmaster post a link to the document online so that everyone has the chance to see what the committee will present at the meeting. We had a short announcement about where to find the document, and a link to it, posted in the newsletter.

The date we selected for the Group Inventory meeting is Sunday, March 15, 12:30-2:30pm @ Club 24. Address is 3 Dundas St., Dartmouth

The meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Anyone wishing to attend online can find us in the CS Chair's Zoom Meeting room. It's the same zoom room that we use for this meeting. We plan to meet in the next month to form a comprehensive write up of the group inventory procedure to add to Central Service's guidelines. We'll move to have the inventory process added to the guidelines and to have the process carried out at least once every two years moving forward.

- Michael asked whether the Committee considered the timing of the survey as it relates to the turnover of the committee. Nathaniel responded he believes the survey should be done in the middle of the rotation.

CPC:

- No real report this month. CS display at Roundup was great, but CPC did not get any signups or inquiries.

Corrections:

The month of February has seen a substantial movement on the Corrections file. The letter that I forward this to my POC has been updated and approved by the security team. An individualized letter has been provided for each volunteer so that there will be no confusion with whatever police agency they go to. These letters have been forwarded to each volunteer and now I await their completed applications to be returned to me.

These past 7 months of waiting has all centered around the vulnerable sector check versus a normal criminal history check (CPIC). And now as approved by the security team in the letter, the only requirement is a CPIC. So, in reality the only thing this letter does is provide a \$20 dollar discount to the individual.

I have tried to contact my POC by both email and phone voicemail to ask, that presently I have 6 completed applications (4 males, 2 females) ready for submission where the people without the approved letter have paid out of pocket the full \$50 dollar fee for a

current CPIC, if she will start to process their applications so that we may begin getting into Burnside to put meetings on a limited bases until I receive the other completed applications.

I have attached a copy of the letter to this email in hopes that if ever the copy that I have saved in the Corrections file is ever deleted there will be a copy in the CS minutes of this meeting for future use.

This past weekend I attended the MWRU where we had a table set up to display what the Corrections committee does and to possibly attract more volunteers. Unfortunately, there were no new sign ups. But there was a lady from a District from the south shore that was inquiring how to set up and run a Corrections committee in that District. She has my contact information and hopefully will reach out to me.

I have also attended the AREA 82 ACTIVE AREAS COMMITTEE MEETING on the last Monday of the month and have found them so helpful in my position. I encourage the Subcommittee chairs of CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections to attend this information sharing meeting.

Yours in service.

Dave T
Corrections Chairperson
Alcoholics Anonymous District 1 and 2 - Area 82
EMAIL: corrections.aahalifax@gmail.com
(902) 802-0095

Entertainment: No report

Help Email:

HELP Email received only five emails asking for information and help in finding meetings in February. This was the lowest number I've seen since my tenure began.

I'd like to say how much I enjoyed the Round Up on Saturday. Great panels and friends, coffee and food make a wonderful foursome. Thank you MWRU Committee for another job well done and I look forward to attending again next February.

In service
Sharon N
HELP Email Coordinator

Hospital Visitation:

The monthly report for Hospital visitation is as follows, we received no calls the month of February for any visits.

I did attend the MWRP this weekend . The Service booth set up was successful, I received several names and numbers for the sign up to be on the Committee for Hospital Visitations in the future.

Yours in Service

Lorraine M

- Paul: we have a member who is living at the Veterans Memorial, could the committee look into visiting that member?
- Lorraine responded that he would meet the criteria.

Insurance:

- Replied to group about dogs in meeting situation. Cited “Primary purpose” and “Tradition 4” and the intricacies of this issue and how it relates to our policy and how it may affect individuals, their group and other groups and AA as a whole, specifically in this area. Advised it may change criteria for being on the AA policy going forward.
- Will explore options with our broker on exposure and of having the MWRU added specifically to our policy as a certificate event and if there is a cost associated and report back to the committee. We would be covered under the hotels policy as it is not just a renting of space situation like some of our smaller events as they are hosting us and providing other services.
- Will discuss the certificate process and how it only applies to “officially” sanctioned AA events and not those such as the polar bear dip.
- Emails went out for reminding groups not paid up yet.
- Several groups have paid since but still 28 unpaid to date.
- Will dig deeper for additional group contacts for unpaid groups and email invoice and contact updates

Yours in Service,

Paul B(2B)

- Paul exploring options about adding MWRU to the policy moving forward.
- Other events such as the talent show are added by certificate.
- Foster said that certificates were obtained for ad hoc events, any events where the venue hosting it required insurance.
- Would Bedford-Sackville AA Days be covered? Paul responded each event that is not currently an AA meeting on the policy must be added by certificate including the date, time, and location in order to be covered by the policy.

Literature:

	Main Literature	Support Literature	Additional Titles	Pamphlets	Additional Materials	Total Units
Inventory Sold	115	2	7	302	50	476
Current Inventory	362	109	86	5103	2176	7836
Retail Sales of Units Sold	\$ 1,945.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 133.15	\$ -	\$ 2,163.15

February was a busy month at the bookstore. In total, we took in \$2,163.15 in sales. All cash and cheques that were collected will be deposited into the bank account in the coming weeks.

Last month we placed another literature order. Two items that were back ordered arrived and totaled \$239.37. This was paid for by credit card, which was re-paid by e-transfer. When we place our next order, we will discuss any price increases on literature. For now, prices will remain the same. AA World Services indicated that prices increased as of February 1, 2026. Based on the announcement, this increase is based on the increase in materials, production, and shipping services and it does not indicate if prices are affected by the USA tariffs.

This weekend, we crewed a table at the Mid-Winter Roundup. We had a great amount of support through the day and greatly thank the organizers for putting on a great event.

Yours in Service – Melissa E.

[AAWS Announces Literature Price Increase](#)

Newsletter:

We have nothing extremely new to report for the newsletter committee. Lindsay did a bang up job on the March newsletter and I was her proofreader. We had it finished on the last day of the month so it was a little late getting posted to the website this month. We made some changes to the phones, detox, and forum shelter meeting group rotation lists this month as instructed by committee chairs. We verified that the service manual book study is still ongoing Tuesday nights and will keep this in our monthly service calendar for the time being. We had a late birthday announcement just sent in and will ask the webmaster to re-post an updated newsletter in the next few days. Please get your announcements into the newsletter by the 25th of the month.

Yours in service,
Lindsay and Emily

Telephones: No report

Treatment:

- Homeless shelter meetings are going fine, there have been two of them. Halifax Sunday Morning group will go to the next meeting March 10.
- MWRU, there was interest in Bridging the Gap.
- Halifax Sunday Morning group is going into Northwood as Northwood approached them about having a meeting. Seems to be some interest in Northwood as some of the residents would like to attend. First meeting taking place March 29.
- Questions on Bridging The Gap:
 - Does someone in the Veteran's Memorial fall under Bridging the Gap? Chair responded that anything could work. Reach out to Insurance Chair and ask that question offline.
 - Does Bridging the Gap work with Corrections? Chair responded no, Corrections has its own arm like Bridging the Gap.

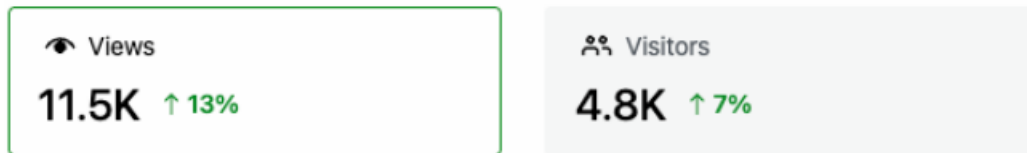
- Question from Michael: PSR closed since November. Any update? Albert responded that PSR has not gotten back to him.

Webmaster:

We've had the usual webmaster activity:

- Added posts and fliers for upcoming events
- Added minutes from service meetings
- Updated meeting list

February continued to show more traffic this year than last.



As always, thanks to all for their valuable time and contributions to the website this month!

Yours in Service,
Alec

- Alec asked how some of the subcommittees could work together that handle communication – Newsletter, Literature, etc. about having a regular meeting outside of this setting to see how we can improve our communications arm.

Mid-winter Roundup:

For the Midwinter Roundup, the event was this past weekend and all in all, it went very well. I do not have an exact count yet but the estimate was 478 for both AA and AI-Anon. All the speakers were amazing, all the panels were lively and informative. There was a minor glitch at the banquet. We had sold more banquet tickets than we had anticipated but luckily there was enough food to go around. And as usual it was delicious. Our wrap-up meeting for this year's event is on March 22nd and the meeting to elect a new committee is April 26th. Both those meetings are at Club 24 at one pm. In the spirit of rotation, I will be stepping down as Chair. Our co-Chair has informed me that she will not be stepping into the Chair position so both those seats will be available. Now's your chance.

Bernie S

District 1:

Dear Trusted Servants,

I am pleased to provide the monthly report for District 1, Halifax.

District 1 continues to maintain a stable and active meeting schedule. At present, we have active groups meeting regularly, including in-person, hybrid, and online formats.

Attendance remains steady overall, with several groups reporting an increase in newcomers. It is encouraging to see consistent engagement and a willingness among members to step into service roles at the group level.

Our last District meeting was held on February 25th, 2026, with representatives from only a few groups in attendance. We encourage all CSR's to go back to their groups and encouraged the GSR's to attend their districts meetings. It's important for all members to participate at the district level and area. We discussed the importance of rotation of service positions and encouraging sponsorship, particularly for newcomers. We only had one agenda item to send to our Nova Scotia Service weekend in May. Information can be found at www.area82aa.org. We will continue to emphasize the value of participation in the service structure and communication between the District and groups.

Financially, District 1 remains stable. Groups are contributing according to the Seventh Tradition as they are able, though some have noted rising facility rental costs. We continue to remind members that contributions support not only group expenses but also District, Area, and General Service work.

District 1 still needs an Alternate treasurer, an alternate DCM and as of March 25th I will be stepping down as DCM so we will be voting for a new DCM at that time. Please bring this to your groups for discusses.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service. Please let me know if there are any questions or if further clarification is needed regarding District 1 activities.

In service,

Samaira G.
District Committee Member
District 1, Halifax, NS

District 2:

As for the district 2 report, we are having a workshop on April 12th at 2 pm at Club 24 on Tradition Eight. Cookies will be available and there might even be coffee and tea. At our last district meeting, we were able to elect a treasurer. Marcel from the Harbours Group. I will be attending the NS Service Weekend in May.

Bernie S
District 2 DCM

Area 82: No report.

Executive Reports:

Secretary	Treasurer	Co-Chair	Chair
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Secretary:

Will do better job summarizing reports next month. Thanks to folks who sent their reports in ahead of time.

Treasurer:

See attached Treasurer reports including Summary of Revenue and Expenses, and CS Monthly Banking Statement

Quiet this month with an opening balance of \$7510.08

We had four (4) insurance payments and two (2) group contributions, for a total of \$810.00 in revenue.

One (1) bill payment for the AA phones for a total of \$106.35 in expenses. Which leaves the bank balance at \$8213.73.

All transactions have been recorded and are available for viewing.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sara G
Central Service Treasurer

Co-Chair:

Good day to everyone!

The month of February went fast!

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I'm writing this before the mid-winter roundup, and am hoping everyone had a great time at the event!! Yours in service,

Michael H.
Co-Chair
Central Service

Chair:

I would like to thank the subcommittee chairs who came to the Mid-Winter Roundup with displays and who stayed around the tables. There was much more traffic at this event than at the fall Service Fair.

At the event, I had the chance to talk to a few of the subcommittee chairs about spending their budget. I'm going to share my thoughts with everyone now on this. Each subcommittee has a budget which has been approved. I encourage you to consider how this money can best be spent in support of your committee activities. Ideas could be:

- Pamphlets! All treatment and correction facilities need to be stocked with lots of relevant pamphlets. CPC needs to have those too.
- Books! Big Books and perhaps even the "Living Sober" book may be a great addition to treatment and correction facilities. CPC also could benefit from books. Have a look at the list of books available from the bookstore. That list is available on the web site under Literation – AA literature order form.
- Grapevines! Start a subscription and bring a copy into treatment and corrections facilities. This may also suit hospital visitation; something to leave with the AA member in hospital that they can read.
- Licensing for our web site.
- Other materials like totes for pamphlets and books, binders for the phone committee, reimbursing Corrections volunteers for their required paperwork, materials to make displays for events like the Mid-Winter Roundup, etc.

My point is that as subcommittee chairs and co-chairs you are responsible to look after all activities within your subcommittee, and you are financially supported to do this work.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns around what you may spend your budget on. I would also invite any CSR to contact me with any questions about the budget of the work of any subcommittee. I would be very happy to receive any calls from this table!

I attended the Area82 Active Area Committees meeting which is held on the last Monday of each month at 6pm on Zoom. There were people from all over who were able to share how they do things like Corrections, Help phone, CPC/PI, etc. in their districts. It was really informative, and I'd like to encourage all subcommittee chairs to attend the next one which will be Monday March 30 at 6pm.

Yours in service,
Heather
CS Chair

- Approval of Reports (Motion to approve by Heather, Seconded by Brenda)
- Announcements from the floor:
 - Emily announced birthdays from Acceptance
 - Cole Harbour Group meeting time changing from 8 pm to 7:30 pm
 - WESG celebrating two birthdays Thursday the 26th. Peter L (3) and Tom O (20).
 - Halifax Sunday Morning group Cindy is celebrating (100 years or something)
 - Jake point of clarification regarding Group Inventory meeting time (1230-1430).
- Responsibility Pledge
- Next Meeting: April 7, 2026 HYBRID
- Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Sara, Seconded by Foster)