

Central Service Committee – Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2026 at 7pm

In-Person address

Keshen Goodman Library, 330 Lacewood Dr, Halifax

Zoom address

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5120368953?pwd=a1RIRnRNVEdFZlVqSW85My84S2JiZz09>

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) read by Dave

7th Tradition

Call for Agenda Items (Motion to approve by Michael; Seconded by the group)

Last month's Minutes errors or omissions (Motion to approve by Velma; Seconded by Dave)

Rollcall:

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- Alec M, Webmaster, voting
- Barney W, DCM District 1, non-voting
- Bernie, DCM District 2, non-voting
- Brenda, WESG, voting
- Chris A, Serenity Sisters, voting
- Dave T, Corrections Chair, voting
- Foster, Insurance, voting
- Garnet E, Fresh Start, voting
- Garth, Sunrise, voting
- Heather C, Observer, non-voting
- Heather L, Chair, non-voting
- Jake, Downtown Dartmouth, voting
- Jeff B, Highland Park, voting
- Johnny M, alternate Highland Park, non-voting
- Leah C, Observer, non-voting
- Lorraine M, Hospital Visitation, voting
- Mary M, Circle of Sisters, voting
- Melissa, Literature, voting
- Michael H, Co-chair, voting
- Natalie C, CPC/PI, voting
- Reign, Lion's Den, voting
- Sara G, Treasurer, voting
- Sharon N, Help Phone, voting
- Velma, Four Seasons, voting
- Will A, Rainbow of Recovery, voting

Foster noted the importance of the rollcall given the limited field of view for those online.

Old Business:

1. CS positions open:
 - a. Chairs of: Entertainment, Insurance, and Public Information
 - No nominations
 - b. Co-chairs of: Hospital Visitation, and Treatment
 - No nominations

New Business:

1. Feedback from groups re CSR orientation meeting (scheduled May 15)
 - Heather asked if there was any feedback from groups. Circle of Sisters, Fresh Start, and WESG thought it was a great idea. Will take place May 17 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- ~~2. Group Inventory – proposed guidelines~~

Reports:

Committees:

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- Ad Hoc - Final
- CPC
- Corrections
- Entertainment
- Help Email
- Hospital Visitation
- Insurance
- Literature
- Newsletter
- Public Information
- Telephones
- Treatment
- Webmaster
- Mid-Winter Roundup
- District 1
- District 2
- Area 82

Ad Hoc:

**Central Service, Group Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee
Final Report**

We held our group inventory meeting on March 15 at Club 24. We presented the

recommendations that were given through our online survey. There were 10 members present in person and 3 members attempted to join online; however, technical difficulties made it impossible for them to join us via Zoom.

Club 24 charged us \$50 to use their space for two hours. This brought the total cost of the inventory process to \$456.88. That's a 3 month online survey with Survey Monkey at \$135.66/mth plus \$50 for Club 24. This cost could be significantly reduced in the future by starting the survey on the first day of any given month and keeping the survey active for only two months instead of three.

Since that time we've sent minutes of the meeting to the central service chair and co chair to take any actions they see fit. We've also drafted a motion for central service to adopt a group inventory process into the CS guidelines to have a group inventory done every two years. Someone will present that motion at a central service meeting for discussion and voting in the future.

Overall we're very happy with the outcome of this process. There were some great ideas presented which may never have made it into the group conscience without this official avenue of communication.

Thanks to all who participated and thanks for the opportunity to be of service.

CPC:

Unfortunately I don't have a lot to report. We were waitlisted for 2 Senior Expos and the Spring Job Fair but were unable to attend due to no available spaces. I went to one of the Seniors Expo's and spoke to my contact there. We will be in next time.

Still calling and arranging the acceptance of our information in Dr offices and walk in clinics. I have one member who has come forward to help with distribution but will need many more.

I preach at meetings the need for help in service.

Have large and small posters made up that I hope CSR's will take back to their respective groups and place them in local areas (there are bulletin boards in many places)

Thank you
Yours in service
Natalie C

Corrections:

Finally, since starting this process back in August of 2025 we are ready to restart meetings at the Burnside facility!

Burnside has approved/cleared 7 of the 8 applications submitted to them, 3 female and 4 males. The last hurdle is to attend a security briefing at the facility. Right now, they only offer daytime briefings, but my POC is looking into putting on one evening session as most of the volunteers work during the daytime and can't afford to miss hours of work.

On April 29th, Gerry L, Mo K and I attended the briefing and are now good to go. So, on May 13th (Gerry has previous commitments) Gerry and I will hold the first meeting since the COVID lockdown. We will continue to go in every other Wednesday until we get more volunteers cleared. The other 4 still need to do theirs and I need 1 more female to be able to do the same for the women's side.

I have again sent out reminder emails (4 this month) to all the other volunteers requesting that they complete their applications and return them to myself or my co-chair as soon as possible. I also asked that if they don't wish to be part of the Corrections Committee any longer to please inform us so their names can be removed from our contact list. 4 replied asking to have their names removed so in grand total I'm left with 6 female and 9 males, 15 volunteers

Please 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

Meetings will be Wednesday evenings 730-830 pm. Four volunteers required – two males and two females.

Entertainment: (no report)

Help Email:

In April out of 18 emails nine were inquiring about A.A. and meetings. One differed in that it arrived marked "URGENT". His sister was in hospital here having nearly died because of alcohol. He asked if we could get her to a meeting when she was released. Knowing we cannot drag anyone to A.A. against their will I conferred with Heather and we agreed on the response I should give. I informed him that we would happily visit her in hospital or at

home and get her to a meeting but her permission is paramount. He thanked me and said he would do his best to persuade her to at least talk to us. I do not know the outcome and I pray she is doing well. Another person was asking for a ride to a Sackville Meeting. I contacted the phone line and Natalie very quickly found a ride for him. He was happy.

I would like to thank both Heather and Natalie for assistance with these inquiries and to thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Sharon N
HELP Email

Hospital Visitation:

I am reporting that there was no requests for Hospital visitations for this month in April 2026.

Thank you
Yours in Service
Lorraine M

Q: how many people are on the list?

A: I believe there are 8.

Insurance:

Here is my report for the CS meeting.

A couple more payments have trickled in for groups for the insurance policy.

There are now only several groups left to pay and most of those are from outside HRM.

The personal injury claim I have no updates for at this time.

Unfortunately, due to personal family matters, I have to resign my position as the insurance chair at this time. I thank everybody for their time and support and wish you all the best in your service journey.

I have transitioned the Gmail account and group payment tracking info to Heather who will be my temporary replacement until a new insurance chair can be found.

I hope I will be able to rejoin you in service in the not too distant future.

Sincerely,
Paul B

Literature:

Literature Committee Report	
Revenue	
	Amount
Cash & Square	\$ 81.70
Square (Debit or Credit)	\$ 1,040.60
Cheque	
E-Transfer	\$ 925.50
Total	\$ 2,047.80

Expenses	
	Amount
Bank/Square Charge	\$ 27.52
Club 24 (Rent)	
Inventory Cost	\$ 3,382.68
Total	\$ 3,410.20

	Main Literature	Support Literature	Additional Titles	Pamphlets	Additional Materials	Total Units
Inventory Sold	86	11	1	606	219	923
Current Inventory	156	71	75	4503	1216	6021
Retail Sales of Units Sold	\$ 1,510.50	\$ 58.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 414.80	\$ 58.00	\$ 2,047.80

Opening Bank Balance	\$ 6,697.52
Closing Bank Balance	\$ 5,335.12
Actual Bank Balance	\$ 5,254.82

To deposit \$81.70 in Cash & Cheque

April was a great month at the Bookstore. In total, we took in \$2,047.70 in sales. There was \$81.70 in cash, \$1040.60 in debit/credit and \$925.50 in e-transfers. All cash that was collected will be deposited into the bank account later this week.

We placed another literature order and have an updated price list that started May 1st. This

list has been sent to the Webmaster to get added to the AA Halifax website. The cost of the Big Books will remain the same price as before, but most other books and pamphlets have increased.

As an additional note – the pamphlet **P22 – AA for the Older Alcoholic** has been updated into a large print book (**B82**). These books cost \$3.00 each. We did also order 2 copies of the new book **B86 – A Book of Fellowship** which is a hard cover book from the 2025 Convention that was held in Vancouver.

Yours in Service – Melissa E.

Q: are there any of the new service manuals in yet?

A: yes, they are in.

Newsletter:

So sorry for my late email tonight - I hope you all have a great hybrid meeting. I'm unable to attend. The newsletter has nothing to report at this time. Always open to constructive criticism - feel free to give me a call. Get your events and birthdays in by the 25th of this month please!!

Thanks very much,

Emily
902 489 8544

Public Information: (no report)

Telephones: (no report)

Treatment:

Don't have a lot for treatment. We really need volunteers for Bridging the Gap from the Bedford/Sackville area. Anyone attending Sackville meetings, please spread the message that we are looking for volunteers – both men and women.

Yours in service,
Albert

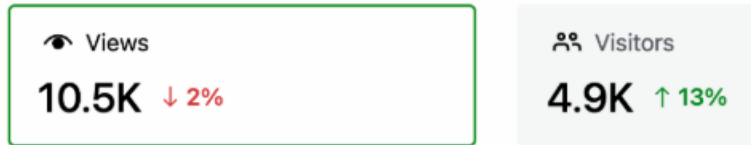
Webmaster:

Webmaster Report for April 2026
May 5, 2026

We've had the usual webmaster activity:

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

April traffic was pretty stable:



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

Yours in Service,
Alec

Q: on the website, there are two places where there is a meeting list – printable PDF and the non-PDF list. The PDF mentions the type of meeting. Why is there a meeting type on the PDF and not on the non-PDF list? Can this be changed?

A: The information about the type of meeting is listed if you click through the name of the meeting. You can filter at the top of the screen on the type of the meeting. We can try to get the meeting type onto the non-PDF meeting list.

Q: how long does new news stay on the website?

A: there haven't been consistent timelines or a clear policy for removing notices. We would like to develop a policy for removing such information.

Mid-Winter Roundup:

46th Midwinter Roundup (2026)

Minutes

March 22, 2026

Chair (Bernie S) opened meeting with few moments of silence. Welcomed everyone for attending. 12 Traditions were read by all. There were 14 in attendance. 11 committee members and 3 observers.

Bernie gave his chair report (below).

2026 MWRU Chair Report

March 22, 2026

This is my last report to this committee. I will miss our meetings each month, but luckily I

know most of you outside of this committee and one never knows we might become involved in something else as time passes.

Overall, I was impressed with the work all of you did, especially those of you who are relatively new in recovery. I hope you learned a thing or two about yourself and how you carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I know I did. Except for a few minor hiccups, I think the weekend went very well.

1. At the panel I chaired on Saturday morning, we had an interesting question asked of us. Why are the 12 Concepts not displayed on the wall as are the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions? Later that day at an Alanon meeting, I saw that Al-anon had the 12 steps, 12 traditions, and 12 concepts displayed on their wall, but we did not have it displayed on ours. I recommend to future committees that they do that.

2. I had several requests for us to bring back the practice of having a sign language interpreter on site and also to bring in some form of recording for speakers.

3. The way lanyards were collected seemed to improve the return of lanyards so we may wish to keep doing that. As well, the setup in the Commodore room was also a good idea and one that future committees should do. There was a slight bit of confusion around that. Our archivist was supposed to set up in the hallway, but she took sick and one of her volunteers set up the archives display in the Commodore Room. When the time came to dismantle, she remarked that she should have set up in the hallway. Go figure.

4. I had several comments about the lack of marathon meetings at night. I know we used to do that in the old days and they were discussion meetings and a lot of newcomers liked them.

5. I also had at least two dozen people ask me why the East Preston Revival Choir doesn't still appear on Sunday mornings. In my opinion, having Bert perform his dance should be included, and the choir should also be here, but that will be up to the next committee to decide upon as will all these items we received feedback on.

I had originally selected the first Sunday in April as the startup meeting for the 2027 committee but that day is Easter Sunday. I'm putting on a workshop on the 12th, and chairing the district 2 GSR meeting on the 19th so the first available date would have been the 26th of April at one pm. That would still give the next committee 10 months to plan their roundup. Plenty of time.

Co-Chair was absent so no report was given.

Chris (treasurer) arrived just in time to give his report. Chris still needs to speak with hotel as there are some charges on the bill that he wants to get cleared up before he pays the balance of what we owe them.

After we had heard reports and feedback from all, the Chair pointed out that according to the Midwinter Roundup Guidelines which are available at the District 1 and 2 website, at this final meeting the chair of next year's committee should be elected. And so Bernie nominated previous midwinter roundup chair Michael H. Nancy (Alanon rep for Dartmouth, seconded. Michael accepted and qualified himself briefly. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

Chair asked if there were any other nominations. Michael H (incoming chair) nominated Foster L for treasurer. Foster accepted, qualified and was voted in unanimously.

Foster then nominated Marie M to be Chair Of Program. Marie accepted and qualified and was voted in unanimously. It was noted that Henry (program co-chair) would have accepted the program chair if he had been nominated and instead opted to stay on as Program co-chair.

Further elections were held. Dawn F was elected Chair of Registration. Jeff B was elected Chair of Entertainment. Tasha T was nominated by the Chair to be co-chair. Natalie C was elected as Chair of Hospitality

Bernie thanked all for attending.

Next meeting, the kick-off meeting is Sunday April 26, 2026 downstairs at Club 24. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully,
Bernie S.
MWRU Chair 2026

Written Feedback:

- Don't change a thing! Wonderful
- We love Todd!! Much more cheesecake next time please
- So for the sign that the hotel has for our event, the sign I suggest should say "MWRU or Mid Winter Round Up" instead of "Alcoholics Anonymous" because I think that would be better
- Please let people know at the dinner that there is only so much food. (ie deserts). That they shouldn't load up on their plates. People went without.
- Wonderful event, thank you! Two suggestions: 1) assign someone to help all speakers with microphones and volume 2) Watch language at podium 'fu bomb' sat night not appropriate
- Longer time for panelists, remove Q&A portion
- Great weekend, thank you, please put start time with flyers & bulletin • Awesome weekend, thank you!
- Excellent. Free coffee was amazing. LGBPTQ panel, women panel, Young people

panel, just thoughts, love you, thank you

Feedback passed along Verbally to our committee members:

- Longer long timers panel, either more time or two panelists instead of 3 (Passed on Henry)
- Start the spiritual hours with the singers, they take longest to set up (Passed on Henry)
- Is it necessary to read the traditions, steps, and all the readings before each session (Passed on Henry)
- Is it possible to have the committee meetings as a hybrid (Zoom + In Person)? (Passed on Henry)
- Two people told me - (Passed on Tasha) - Best roundup they have ever been to • The overall consensus on the actual Round Up was incredibly positive. The banquet on the other hand has been incredibly negative. (Passed on by Natalie) • There wasn't enough food, 3 tables that were at the back of the room went out and got plates full of desserts while others were getting their suppers. (Passed on by Natalie)
- There were many complaints of the value for the 60.00 cost. I had 5 people talk about the banquet. (Passed on by Natalie)
- Is it possible to have a speaker/entertainment during the dinner - adding value to the experience (Passed on to Henry)

District 1:

Preparing GSRs for upcoming NS Service Weekend. Trying to increase District 1's uptake on that event – 2 or 3 GSRs for the last meeting.

Exploring the possibility of hosting the four GSO subcommittees at the monthly meeting - CPC, PI, and Corrections. Hosted the chairs of those committees at the meeting this month. Result of a vote was to form a subcommittee to address their possible inclusion. Meeting will be posted in the newsletter using the District 1 link.

Workshop coming up titled "Voices of the Midwinter Roundup". May 27 at 6 pm on the District 1 Zoom link prior to the District meeting to showcase MWRU volunteer opportunities.

Q: who is on the ad hoc committee? Is the ad hoc committee going to decide whether Treatment and Corrections go to District?

A: Ad hoc committees do not make decisions. Their only responsibility is to look into the issue and report back to District on the possible move.

Foster sat on the ad hoc committee that made the recommendation for these committees to go to Central Service, which was chaired by Mary W. She may still have some of the original documentation and the original recommendation letter given to the DCMs at that

time.

District 2:

The NS Service weekend is the weekend of May 15-17 at the Agricultural Campus in Truro. As DCM, I will be attending on that Saturday and hope to have a report on that for our district meeting the following day.

The Service Weekend Planning Committee has created a questionnaire with a whopping 3 questions on it that has been distributed to all GSRs and group contacts in District 2. The goal is to remove the doubts and fears of members who may wish to become involved in service, but have little information about service and might get that from others who have previously served. Latest news on the agenda for that weekend is that there will be a workshop on service sponsorship on Saturday night. Our next workshop is in June, on the second Sunday, at Club 24. That one will be on Tradition Nine.

There has been discussion in District One about moving 4 of the central service subcommittees from central service back to district where they were about 12 years ago. It will need to be discussed further at District Two because at this point, we are not in agreement that it would be a good thing. Those 4 committees are actually 3 because CPC and PI are currently becoming one, the other two would be Corrections and Treatment.

In Service
Bernie S
DCM District 2, Area 82

Area 82: (no report)

Executive:

Secretary	Treasurer	Co-Chair	Chair
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Secretary:

Good evening, everyone,

I am sorry I (once again) cannot be here this evening to partake in the meeting with you all. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in person.

It has been business as usual on the secretary front. I am currently working through final reviews of a couple sets of minutes and will forward them to the Webmaster for posting once complete. Alec, thank you for your patience.

Yours in service,

Jarrad

Treasurer:

May 1, 2026

We had an opening bank balance of \$8940.12

We had three (3) insurance payments and one (1) group contributions for a total of \$575.00 in revenue. Expenses as follows:

AA telephones – 106.35

Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Space – 50.00

Corrections Committee – 564.50 = (two (2) x 30.00 for background checks, 1(1) x 50.00 for background checks and 436.50 for literature.

Bank fees – 7.50

Total expenses for March - \$710.35

All transactions have been recorded and are available for viewing.

Closing back balance of \$8804.77

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Sara G

Central Service Treasurer

Co-Chair:

Good day everyone!

I visited 2 groups that do not have CSR's, and tried to entice them into service to no avail. I will continue to visit groups to chat with them about the greatness of service. It's attraction not promotion, but sometimes attraction needs information.

Sent an email to Northwood Community Living to inquire of a place where we could hang our hat. Keshen Goodman is a beautiful place, but the prices are doubling after September. My good friend Albert, chair of Treatment gave me a contact. Thank you for that Albert. I'll see what comes of it.

MWRU

Next MWRU meeting held at Club 24 will be on 31st May 2026. We still need co-chair positions. If you want to be involved, please attend.

Yours in service,

Michael
Co Chair
Central Service

Q: for MWRU, should we post about that meeting on the website?

A: yes, we should.

Q: are those the only two positions open right now, or are there other opportunities for volunteering?

A: all positions were filled except for co-chair of registration and co-chair of hospitality.

Chair:

Thank you everyone for coming tonight...both in person and via Zoom.

During April, a notice was sent out to all CS members, Districts 1 and 2 DCMs and Secretaries, plus was posted in the newsletter for May and June. This notice clarified the question of non-service animals at AA meetings.

Michael and I will host the first CSR orientation meeting on zoom on Wed, May 13th at 7pm. All CSRs are encouraged to attend, especially those that are new to the position.

Yours in service,
Heather
CS Chair

Approval of Reports (Motion to approve by Alec; Seconded by the group). Motion passed.

Announcements from the floor:

- Natalie: Printed posters from World Service with the website, telephone, and email, as well as QR code that will take you directly to AA Halifax website. Business cards also printed, had to be reprinted to correct an error in the QR code. Pamphlets also done up that can be distributed to doctors offices, etc.
 - *Q: have we gotten permission from any doctors offices?*
 - *A: Velma is working on going through the previous list to contact doctors offices and clinics about distributing material.*
 - Anyone who would like to volunteer to contact doctors offices or clinics can contact Natalie or Velma.
- Sharon: Highland Park has a birthday meeting on the last Friday of May for Lisa L (26) and Cory C (21).

Next Meeting: June 2, 2026
Responsibility Pledge

Meeting Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Johnny; Seconded by the group. Motion approved.