

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – February 28, 2024**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Micheal Hat 6:00 pm. It was agreed by all that the video conferencing meeting would be recorded using Zoom software.

- 1. A Moment of Silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 2. Twelve Traditions:** The Twelve Traditions were read by Kathleen
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Marie M
- 4. Interpretation of Concepts 1 and 2-** Were given by Samaria. Marie M volunteered to interpret Concept 3 for March District Meeting.

5. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE	UPDATES
No	Back to Basics	DCM- Michael H	
YES	Back to Basics	Treasurer-Mary W	...
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Secretary– Jonathan	
VOTING	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 GSR's	UPDATES
Yes	Back to Basics	Michelle W	
Yes	Acceptance	Marie M	
Yes	Second Chance	Samaria	
Yes	Lions Den	Kathleen S	
Yes	Highland Park	Stacey	
Yes	Four Seasons	Mike M	
No	Back to Basics	Emma D	
Yes	Sunday Serenity	Rachel S	
Yes	Hubbards	Eric	
Yes	Rainbow of Recovery	Timothy Q	

- **11 voting members in attendance.**

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items: 74th General Service Conference Committees Agenda

7. Motion to Approve the February 28th, agenda:

- Michelle made a motion to approve the agenda, Mike seconded, motion passed.

¹ GSR reports may include, *among other things*: notices of group meetings; numbers participating in group meetings; updates on group meeting formats and other group activities; participation rates in group business meetings, and updates and descriptions of group members' involvement in sponsorship and in service to Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

8. January 31st 2024, Meeting Minutes:

- a. Errors, omissions & corrections –none.
- b. Motion to approve the minutes – Eric made a motion to approve the minutes, Michelle seconded, motion passed.

9. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Attached District 1 Financial Report 31 January 2024

Secretary's Report: Wrote up January 31st Minutes and sent approved December 2023 minutes to archives.

Passed along all correspondence from DCM to the GSR's.

Wrote up February 28th Agenda.

Entered new GSR into mailing list.

Alternate DCM's Report: Position vacant.

DCM's Report:

District 1 Committee Member

February 2024 Report

District 1 requires an Alternate DCM, and an Alternate Treasurer. If you feel you would like to enhance your recovery by doing service at the District level, please do not hesitate to ask what these positions are all about.

The trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for recovery stories in response to the 2021 General Service Conference advisory action regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic," stating that the pamphlet be updated to include current stories of recovery and a new title that is respectful and inclusive. The deadline has been extended to 30 April 2024.

AA GRAPEVINE, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will increase the price of its print magazine for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription is \$36.00, effective April 15, 2024.

District 1 on 31 January 2024 voted unanimously to request that an Alternate Treasurer Position be placed as "New Business" on the agenda of the 2024 Area 82 Spring Assembly. That motion request has been written and sent to the Area 82 secretary for submission.

Basil MacL was voted in as the new Treasurer (Interim) for Area 82 to fill the position until elections. Basil is asking all groups in the future when donating to Area 82, to include your Group Name and our District #1, either in the notes area of the email transfer your group is sending, or on the cheque you are mailing.

The Regional Forum this year will be held on August 23-25 2024 in Ottawa.

To learn more : <https://www.aa.org/regional-and-local-forums> . All GSR's, request you ask your groups to fund this Service enriching event for you.

To explain if you have backorders from GSO, there are supply chain disruptions throughout the worldwide paper, printing and trucking industries that continue to unfavorably impact the manufacture and distribution of A.A.W.S. literature and other items. Literature Operations are in communication daily with our printers, and reach out to their leadership repeatedly to emphasize how important our items of literature are in carrying A.A.'s message to our Fellowship.

Attended the monthly Area Committee Meeting. The District 1 and 2 Central Service Treatment Committee Chair was present. This is a great opportunity for all committee's of Central Service to learn from each other within Area 82. District 4 reported that Yarmouth Correctional facility

was taking AA members' requests for clearances for near future AA meetings within the facility. District 6 reported that Springhill Correctional Facility is requesting AA members who have been cleared as well.

Yours in Love and Service,

Michael H

DCM 1

Area 82.

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report:

Central Service Chair Report

Good evening members of District 1

Here are some of the highlights of District 1

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1. The CS Executive met on Feb 20, 2024 discuss our upcoming agenda.
2. At this time, I would like to say thank you to the Mid Winter round committee. As I attended the Round up, the members that were present really expressed their Gratitude on how well the round was organized. The smile on the faces and the joy in people eyes meant that members were having a good time. Again, thank you for a Great Round up. Come on 2025.
3. Thank you Trudy for Stepping up and chair this month Meeting while I am away.
4. CS is looking for a Alt Chair. Please take this back to your group

Lastly, thank you all for attending our meeting and thanks for the Great Service you are all Providing for District 1

Yours in Service

Paul B

Chair of Service

Area 82 Representative: No rep present.

11. Unfinished Business:

Elections for DCM, Alt DCM, Alt Treasurer – None

Grapevine Display Update- Currently at Downtown Halifax, will be going to the Lions Den group in March.

12. New Business: 74th General Service Conference Committees Agenda:

Once again, prior to the Conference in April the Area Delegate are searching for input from groups on types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference "action" or "decision". The Area Delegate will have input from the groups on whether changes are made to literature, Guidelines, etc in various areas of AA.

To simplify this in the attachments given prior to the District meeting there are a few agenda items that GSR's in District 1 should take to their groups for discussion, any input/ suggestions and then bring

back to the March 27th 2024 meeting. Agenda items (color coded in the document) that pertain to District 1 are:

- Agenda Item 21- CPC- Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in AA.
- Agenda Item 22-Corrections- Consider updated singleness of Purpose text to replace the existing paragraph in the Pamphlet “A Message to Corr”.
- Agenda Item 23- Corrections- Review content and format of Corrections kit and workbook.
- Agenda Item 24- Corrections- Review the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” for effectiveness, relevance, and intended audience.
- Agenda Item 25-Corrections- Consider as request to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in AA.
- Agenda Item 26- Corrections-Review progress report on updating AA Service Material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intelc
- Agenda Item 27-Finance- Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the on the actual and evol

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 27th, 2024, 7pm

14. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday, March 27th 2024, 6pm.

15. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 19:15, motion by Mike, 2nd by Mary, motion passed.

16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge

