

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting August 27th, 2025**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Samaira at 6:01 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 Barney.
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Kim.
- 4.** Interpretation of Tradition 7 By Joel, interpretation of tradition 8 by Kim. Tradition 9 will be done next month by Samaira
- 5. Roll Call / GSR Reports:**

VOTING MEMBER S PRESENT	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE	UPDATES
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Yes	Back to Basics	Treasurer- Michelle W	
Yes	Welcome group	Secretary Rob R	
VOTING	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 GSR's	UPDATES
Yes	Serenity Sisters	Kim J	
Yes	Sunday Night Serenity	Judy H	
Yes	Back to Basics	Barney W	
No	Welcome	Rob R	
Yes	Four Seasons	Joel N	
Yes	Fresh Start	Dave F	
Yes	Highland Park	Lisa L	
no	Central Service Chair	Paul B	
yes	WESG	Dave T	
No	Serenity Sisters	Teasha	

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9 (plus DCM) voting members in attendance, the DCM will only vote in the event of a tie.

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

Area 82 officers and DCM's meeting
Fall Assembly

7. Motion to Approve the August agenda:

Motion to approve by Lisa, seconded by Dave, agenda approved unanimously.

8. July 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Omissions and corrections

Motion to approve the minutes by Michelle, seconded by Judy, minutes approved unanimously

9. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer shared and read the:

- Monthly Treasurer Report
- CUA Bank Statement
- Budgeted to Actuals Report
- Group Contributions Report

Motion by michelle, seconded by Barney to send \$1000 to area and to GSO

Much discussion was had about how to disperse excess money, we will be sending \$1000 to area and to GSO

Secretary's Report: Rob shared his activities

- Forwarded all corospondance recieved to all distict 1 GSR's
- Sent an email to website admin about past minutes not being on website

Alt DCM's Report: Role is vacant.

DCM:

Samaira discussed her recent treatment with good results! She is excited to be going to attend the upcoming Fall Assembly and discussed having visits to any groups in the district who would like her to attend. Any groups who would like a

visit and quick Q&A with our DCM please let Samaira know so you both can figure out a date for it. She also apologized for sending a late notice last month.

Motion to pass officers reports

Motioned by Kim seconded by Michelle

Motion passed.

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Report,

August 27, 2025

Central Service Chair Report

Good evening members of District 1

Here are some of the highlights of our Central Service

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1. Central Service has now roll out a Survey. This has been sent to your secretary, please pass it along to all members of district 1 and 2
2. There is a Service Fair on September 14th, 1PM - 4PM Trinity Anglican Church, 321 Main Ave, Halifax.
3. Central Service has lots of positions open and need your help. Some of our committees are not operating because there is no body stepping up to Chair these committees, please bring this back to your groups. We have positions like Secretary, Insurance, CPC, Corrections Hospital Visitation, please check the Website for more information,

Yours in Service

Paul B

Chair of Service

Area 82 Representative: Not present.

11. Unfinished Business:

Elections- Alt Treasurer, Alt DCM

No nominations

Service Weekend

Minutes from the service weekend are available on the website now.

Keeping district meetings online

Dave raised a concern

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We again discussed transitioning district meetings from Zoom to in-person or hybrid formats. Dave F. proposed a motion to bring this decision back to the groups for discussion and voting. The motion was passed with 7 votes in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention. The group agreed to have the actual motion and discussion at the next district meeting. This item will stay in unfinished business for further discussion. It is interesting to note that the person who brought this up was connected to the meeting from his car at the time. So we discussed this again for another hour. Rob suggested that when we do have an actual vote on this issue that it be binding for the life of this executive only. Leaving free the idea for future boards to explore in case the next group of GSR's may feel differently

Here are the notes from the last minutes concerning this issue;

Keeping District meetings on zoom

Dave asked for a discussion on whether we had more attendance at in person district meetings and whether we should switch back to them.

We discussed transitioning district meetings from Zoom to in-person format, with mixed opinions expressed. Some members preferred in-person meetings for better networking and face-to-face interaction, while others valued the convenience and accessibility of Zoom meetings. We reviewed attendance numbers for both formats, finding them very similar, almost no change in numbers.

Area 82 Guidelines and Funding

We discussed several items related to Area 82 guidelines and service weekend arrangements. Samaira explained that Area 82 guidelines should not supersede the Service Manual, and clarified that the guidelines would be brought to the Fall Assembly for discussion. The group also discussed a motion from District 17 regarding financial support for area roundups, which was amended to include up to \$1,000 in funding. Michelle raised questions about the provincial roundup rotation and its relationship to the Nova Scotia service weekend, which KimJ clarified was a provincial, not area, function. The conversation ended with a discussion about the financial relationship between AA and Al-Anon at shared events, with KimJ explaining that the issue was being explored to clarify responsibilities for deficits and profits.

Service Weekend and Assembly Planning

We focused on several key agenda items, including the need to update terminology and guidelines related to the Spring Assembly, which has been renamed the Service Weekend. Samaira clarified that the GSD, Dwayne, requested more time for agenda items to be reviewed and voted on, suggesting a proposal to reduce the time allocated to New York and increase it for other regions. Kim raised concerns about the deadline for submitting agenda items for the New York Conference, which is in September, while the Fall Assembly is in October. Lisa discussed succession planning efforts in Area 82, emphasizing the importance of encouraging members to take on service roles.

12. New Business:

Fall Assembly

We discussed the logistics of the upcoming Fall Assembly in Newfoundland, including travel costs and registration. We focused on where elections for alternate delegates will be held due to a recent resignation. Samaira confirmed that the agenda includes discussions on budget, website updates, and various reports, with specific attention to a motion regarding misinformation in the minutes that was passed in 2017. She emphasized the importance of reviewing supporting documents and getting group consensus before the district vote in September. Samaira also mentioned a workshop for GSRs and area officers to discuss the agenda and that alternates will not receive funding for travel.

Samaira went over the agenda items for the fall assembly

<https://area82aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Area-82-NL-Agenda.pdf>

- 13. Next Meeting:** Wednesday September 24th, 2025, 7:00 pm. But be there for 6
- 14. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday** Sept. 24th, 6:00 pm. followed by our district meeting
- 15. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Lisa, it was seconded by Kim, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.
- 16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge**

Next steps;