

**District 1, Area 82  
General Service Committee  
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting May 28, 2025**

**Welcome and Call to Order:**

Meeting opened by Samaira at 7:05 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 Kim.
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by AI from the website.
- 4. Roll Call / GSR Reports:**

<b>VOTING MEMBER S PRESENT</b>	<b>HOME GROUP</b>	<b>DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>
Tie only	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance	DCM- Samaira	
Yes	Back to Basics	Treasurer- Michelle W	
Yes	Welcome group	Secretary Rob R	
<b>VOTING</b>	<b>HOME GROUP</b>	<b>DISTRICT 1 GSR's</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>
Yes	Four Seasons	Joel	
Yes	Sunday Night Serenity	Judy H	
Yes	Back to Basics	Barney	
No	Welcome	Rob R	
Yes	Fresh Start Group	Dave	
Yes	Serenity Sisiters	Kim	
Yes	Hubbards Group	Eric	

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

**5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:**

Dave asked how long are we going to use zoom for District 1 meetings

**6. Motion to Approve the May agenda:**

Motion to approve by Kim, seconded by Judy, agenda approved.

**7. April 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

Michelle made a motion to approve, Barney seconded, minutes approved as corrected.

**8. Officer's Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer shared and read the:

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

**Secretary's Report:**

- Sent last approved minutes to be archived
- Sent out all correspondence received from DCM to all GSR's
- Made up and distributed May agenda

**Alt DCM's Report:** Role is vacant.

**DCM:** Samaira discussed the service weekend and told us about a new group that has started up wednesdays at 12:15 at the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre she will send Rob a flyer so he can distribute.

**Motion to pass officers reports**

Motioned by Kim seconded by Judy

Motion passed.

**9. Other Reports:**

Central Service Chair Report (emailed)

CS has several positions open ,so please pass this on to your groups.

CS will be having a discussion on the CS inventory questions that has been suggested by one of the groups. Please pass this along to your CS reps so that can attend.

Yours in Service

Paul B

Chair of Service

**Area 82 Representative:** Not present.

#### **10. Unfinished Business:**

**Elections-** Alt Treasurer, Alt DCM

No nominations

Samaira asked Rob to distribute details of what these positions incur in hopes that people will step up to fill them.

#### **11. New Business:**

##### **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.

##### **Service Weekend**

We also briefly touched on upcoming service weekend activities and the need for clarity on the agenda.

We discussed several agenda items, including a motion from District 17 regarding DCM service requirements in Area 82, which was clarified by Michelle as having already been addressed in previous guidelines changes. We also

reviewed a proposal for earlier submission of General Service Conference agenda items to allow more time for review, and discussed succession planning concerns for Area 82 positions. The conversation ended with a discussion about potentially splitting Area 82 into two separate areas, though this item was noted as requiring further information and proper agenda formatting.

#### Service Weekend Guidelines Update

We focused on discussing the revised agenda and guidelines for service weekends, highlighting communication gaps and outdated information. Samaira emphasized the need to update guidelines and ensure clarity, while the Treasurer expressed concerns about the lack of updates since the shift from assemblies to service weekends. We also discussed the logistics of service weekend events, including registration fees and meal arrangements.

#### Challenges of Fall Assemblies, Travel

We focused on the challenges and costs associated with holding Fall Assemblies in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, particularly due to the geographical constraints and high travel expenses for members. Samaira highlighted the financial burden, time demands, and risks involved for volunteers attending these assemblies, noting the poor attendance over time. We discussed the lack of background documentation provided for the motion, with Treasurer Michelle emphasizing the need for proper preparation and distribution of such materials. Rob questioned why he, as the secretary, was not given a copy of the motion to distribute, leading to a discussion about the process for submitting and handling new business items.

#### **Next steps**

- Rob to update the April meeting minutes to correct the error regarding Kim's motion approval.
- Rob to add Dave's motion to bring district meetings back to in-person to the new business section of the agenda.
- Samaira to send an email to the Area 82 secretary requesting all background information for agenda items be distributed to district secretaries.
- Rob to distribute the background information for agenda items to all district members once received.
- Samaira to inquire with the Area 82 secretary about when guideline updates will be completed to reflect recent changes.
- Barney to text Samaira about the accessibility kit for the service weekend.
- Rob to add the new meeting information (Mi'kmaq Friendship Center, Wednesdays at 12:15 PM) to the minutes and send it to the website.

- All GSRs to discuss the agenda items with their groups and provide feedback to Bernie for the service weekend.

**12. Next Meeting:** Wednesday June 25th, 2025, 6:00 pm.

**13. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday** July 30th, 6:00 pm.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kim, it was seconded by Michelle, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

**15. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge**