

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting April 29th, 2026**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Barney at 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 Maria.
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Kim.
- 4.** Interpretation of Concept 4 By Dave, interpretation of Concept 5 will be done next month.
- 5. Roll Call / GSR Reports:**

VOTING MEMBER S PRESENT	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE	UPDATES
Tie only	Back to Basics	DCM- Barney W	
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	Fresh Start	Heather	
Yes	Consious Contact	Nathanial	
Yes	Highland Park	Lisa L	
Yes	WESG	Dave T	
Yes	Hubbards	Eric R	
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Maria	
Yes	Acceptance	Jesse H	
Yes	Lions Den	John H	
Yes	Rainbow of	Oli O	

	recovery		
Yes	Back to Basics	Brendon M	

No Alt GSD Paul B

No Treatment Chair Albert

No CS Co-chair Micheal H

No CS Chair Heather

No CPC/PI Natalie

No Welcome Rob R

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

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

None brought up but we do have a vote tonight on moving the committee's back to district

7. Motion to Approve the April agenda:

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

8. March 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Omissions and corrections

None reported

Motion to approve the corrected minutes by Kim, seconded by Eric, 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

Secretary's Report: Rob shared his activities

- Forwarded all correspondence received to all District 1 GSR's
- Got in touch with the webmaster and all past approved minutes are now available on the website

Alt DCM's Report: Role is vacant. No nominations

DCM:

Barney shared that he has really enjoyed his first month of service in this new role. He reminded everyone of the upcoming service weekend in Truro. He gave an update on the goings on at GSO and reminded everyone about the service survey sent out by Mark Z. Asking all to please take the time to fill it out and send it back to Mark. We would like to see everyone respond by the service weekend in Truro which starts May 15th.

Motion to pass officers reports

Motion by Eric Seconded by Kim

Motion passed unanimously.

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Report

April 2026

Good day to all!

Central Service Positions Open for Nomination: For the remainder of this year.

1/ Chairs Entertainment, Insurance, and Public Information

2/ Co-Chairs Hospital Visitation, Insurance, and Treatment

• Note - As there is only 8 Months left of 2026, to which there will be re-elections of all committee positions, it is a huge opportunity to step into a position, get your feet wet, and find out what service is all about. If you don't feel it enhances your recovery, you haven't committed much of your time. No contempt prior to investigation. You've investigated. But if it did enhance your recovery, and I suspect it will then you have just entered into a life of Service that teaches us more than you can imagine! Please take back to our groups in Districts 1 and 2 of these positions that benefit AA as a whole.

New Elections announcements for 2027 will commence in around October 2026 for all Committee Positions.

The meeting in April was our last "zoom-specific" meeting! We will be moving into a new realm! Our Hybrid (zoom and in-person) will be held on the 5th of May @ the Keshen Goodman Public Library at 330 Lacewood Drive. Doors open at 6:30PM. It is quite

exciting. Central Service Members were planning Car-Pooling to make this be a success! We have signed a contract for 5 months as this was the maximum possible. Concurrently, we will be looking for another venue, as Public Spaces in the HRM has almost doubled in price. We are locked in for 5 months, but September comes quickly!

Adhoc - Central Service Inventory

During the Central Service Inventory, it was expressed that there is a need to educate newly elected CSR's of their responsibilities. We responded to this by planning in May a brief to CSR's what their responsibilities are, the expectations, and how to navigate meetings with the Roberts Rules of Order.

The Service Inventory tasking - is being looked at to embed into the duties of the Co-Chair and is to be carried out every second year (Committees non-election year) at a flexible agreed time.

Insurance

There are currently 8 groups who have not paid their annual Insurance. Please, if you are one of those groups, talk with or email our interim representative Heather Central Service Chair until such time that we have a new Insurance Liaison. As you can appreciate, finding group contacts can be at times a challenge. Your assistance to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Dogs in Meetings

This is a very interesting subject that came forth some time ago. It has been advised by the broker and company that (non-service) dogs in meetings are not covered under our policy as it was not part of the underwriting information provided for meetings when the policy was taken out. It is also assumed if a dog is allowed in a meeting, that the participants all agreed it was ok and therefore assumed the risk if something happens. It is also assumed that if there was an issue with a dog in a meeting, such as a bite or injury, that although likely not covered under the policy, the insurance company would have to respond legally to a lawsuit. This would put our future policy cost and/or availability in jeopardy. It is recommended that a CS policy be enacted that if a group allows non-service dogs in meetings, that the group be excluded from the AA insurance policy to protect other groups cost and availability.

For future liability claim prevention, health and safety measures may be appropriate to develop for groups to follow.

Telephones

New volunteers have stepped up and we are almost there. There are 6 for the daytime phones and 7 for evenings. We still need people, as the Telephone Chair has expressed to reduce doubling up duties. When volunteers have the binder, if there's updates required, please let the Chair know.

Hospital Visitation

For those who signed up to Hospital Visitation during the MWRU, they are now on a committee list, and the Chair may call upon them if required.

MWRU

Our first kick-off meeting was held in the downstairs main room of Club 24 on the 26th April at 1PM. It will be consistently every last Sunday of the month. The 47th MWRU 2027needs a

Secretary, Co-Chair Registration, and Co-Chair of Hospitality. These positions recommend 2 years of sobriety. You can also sign on as assistants for Entertainment, Registration, and Hospitality as there are many moving parts with these 3 committees and more hands make lighter work. Please advocate for us at your homegroup. It's needed. Great respect to Bernie and the 2026 MWRU Team for a job well done. Big shoes to fill!

Treatment

Northwood Meeting has had its first couple of meeting, and is doing well. Bridge the Gap (BTG) pamphlets have been dropped off at Detox. Waiting to hear back from Abbey Lane, as they reached out for the possibility of having Treatment put on a meeting.

CPC

CPC is the holder in interim of all PI inventory. When a PI Chair is elected, they will be transferred to that person. It's mostly pamphlets and info dockets. So far, 2 people have volunteered to help distribute pamphlets to Offices of Professionals. Doctors offices etc. Please, this is another way to give back what was freely given to us, by volunteering to pass the message to professionals who can educate those who may need our help.

Corrections

Those who have volunteered to be on the Corrections Team, need to complete their applications and return them to David T. Corrections Chairperson. If you have any questions or which to volunteer please call (902)-802-0095 or email corrections.aahalifax@gmail.com.

Help Email

Help Email Chair continues to help those in need of information. How to get to a meeting is most common. One that is critical to get through that first AA door.

Hospital Visitation

The Hospital Visitation Chair who was at the Mid-Winter Roundup has reported that the people who volunteered at the roundup are now on a Hospital Visitation list, and may be called if required.

Thank you (I know it was alot, but there's alot always going on)

Yours in love and service,

Michael H.
Co-Chair CS

Chair 47th MWRU 2027

Michael H
Co-chair

Alternate GSD report

Area 82 Representative:

Paul B reported,

He encouraged all GSR's to attend the upcoming service weekend in Truro and hopes to see us all there. He told us Dwayne was at the conference in New York and will hopefully have an update on what went on there at the next meeting. He also mentioned the active area committee meeting that occurs on the last Monday of every month and suggested all GSR's to attend.

Elections- Alt Treasurer, Alt DCM

No nominations for these positions

11. Unfinished Business:

None

12. New Business:

Subcommittee Structure Reorganization Discussion

We discussed potentially moving the four subcommittees (corrections, treatment, PI, and CPC) back to the district level from central service. Dave, the Corrections Chair, explained that as a chair, he now has direct contact with GSO subcommittees, which provides better information flow and opportunities for service. We agreed to conduct a roundtable discussion to gather feedback from our groups before making any decisions about the proposed change.

AA Subcommittee Placement Discussion

We discussed the placement of AA subcommittees, with Paul explaining that while Area 82 currently has them at the district level, other areas place them at intergroup or

central service levels. Paul noted that the decision should consider what best serves the districts, suggesting consultation with District 2 before making a decision. Albert, the Treatment committee Chair, shared experiences working with Central Service, including helping with homeless shelter transitions and facilitating meetings at treatment centers, also questioning the benefits of moving subcommittees back to the district level.

GSC Transfer Discussion Meeting

We focused on discussing the potential transfer of the four General Service Committees from Central Service back to District level. GSRs reported back their group's conscience on the matter, with most groups either not making a decision or expressing uncertainty about the benefits. Michael clarified that the goal was to align these committees with the General Service Organization structure, not due to overwork, and explained that Paul B chairs these committees across Area 82.

Ad Hoc Committee Formation

We then focused on discussing the formation of an ad hoc committee to explore the possibility of returning the four subcommittees to the district level. Nathaniel motioned to form the committee, which was seconded by Heather. After some debate about consulting District 2 first, we voted to proceed with forming the ad hoc committee. The committee will research the issue, gather information, and present options back to the district for further discussion.

Motion by Nathaniel to form an ad-hoc committee, seconded by Heather

We had a lengthy discussion about this and then a vote

Motion passed. With one opposed and one abstaining

John spoke for the minority voice

We asked if anyone would like to change their vote

Motion passed with one opposed and one abstaining

Service weekend coming up May 15th to 17th

Barney remind us that there will be no voting at the service weekend, but we will be discussing the items that will be voted on at the fall assembly. The service weekend is an opportunity to go over the items ahead of the fall assembly in Nfld. Some of the topics to be discussed are;

Succession Planing
Having the area officer positions filled
Dispersment of funds at the group level

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday May 27th, 2026, 7:00 pm. But be there for 6

14. Next District 1 Workshop: "Voices of the mid-winter round up", Wednesday May 27th 2026, 6:00 pm. followed by our district meeting at 7:00 pm

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Eric, it was seconded by Dave, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge