

**District 1, Area 82
General Service Committee
ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting January 28th, 2026**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Samaira at 7:06 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 David.
- 3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Mary.
4. Interpretation of Tradition 11 By Kim, Tradition 12 will be done next month by Heather and Concept 1 will be done by Kim

5. Roll Call / GSR Reports:

VOTING MEMBER S PRESENT	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 EXECUTIVE	UPDATES
Tie only	2 nd Chance	DCM- Samaira	
Yes	back to basics	Michelle W treasurer	
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	
No	Back to Basics	Brendon M	
No	Welcome	Rob R	
Yes	Four Seasons	David D	
Yes	WESG	Dave T	
Yes	Back to basics	Barney W	
Yes	Acceptance	Jesse H	
No	Back to basics	Brianna	
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Maria R	
Yes	Consious Contact	Nathanial	

No	Observer	Mary	
Yes	First step	Heather	
Yes	group Highland park	Lisa	

12 voting members in attendance, the DCM will only vote in the event of a tie.

6. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

Deadline for service weekend agenda items

7. Motion to Approve the January agenda:

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

8. November 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Omissions and corrections

None this month

Motion to approve the minutes by Heather seconded by Kim. Motion passed

9. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Mary as acting Treasurer shared and read the:

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

GSR's will take budget back to their groups and will be voted on next meeting

Secretary's Report: Rob shared his activities

- Forwarded all correspondence received to all district 1 GSR's
- Answered some questions from members
- Helped to ensure the local zoom meetings are set for another year

Alt DCM's Report: Role is vacant.

DCM: Samaira said I did just get word and we were looking at their website and the Nova Scotia workshop be again in Truro , on the NSCC campus. I don't have any information about cost but I'm pretty sure it's going to be close to the same as last year at around \$200 It is May 15th to 17th and we have until May 6th to bring agenda items. So if any group has any agenda items to be added be sure to get them in by midnight on March 6th.

Motion to pass officers reports

Motioned by Jesse seconded by Michelle

Motion passed.

10. Other Reports:

Central Service Report,

(Copied from email)

Central Service report to Jan Districts 1 and 2 meetings.
Dec was busy getting the new executive setup and ready to start work Jan 1. As a reminder, the executive for 2026-2027 term are: Chair: Heather L, Cochair: Michael H, Treasurer: Sara G, and Secretary: Jarrad S.
News from the Jan 6 CS meeting:
Treatment - has secured about 6 groups to join the rotation to put on meetings at the Homeless Shelter located in the Halifax Forum. The meetings will be on Tuesday at 8pm. Groups or individuals are welcome to contact the Treatment chair (Albert) and add themselves to the rotation. In addition, men and women are needed from the Sackville area to be on the Bridging the Gap list.
CPC - Velma C was elected as cochair. The chair Natalie has all of the bins of CPC materials and is going to meet with previous CPC chair, Kathy S, to get some training and direction. She is actively building a CPC committee; having an actual committee is critical to do the work required. Anyone can be on this committee. Very little time commitment required. Please consider joining. Email or call Natalie; contact information is on the aahalifax.org web site.
PI - Andie F has stepped down as PI chair. I will have all of the PI materials for when we get a new chair elected. Please announce this need to your groups.
Corrections - AA is able to go put on meetings at the Burnside facility. Finally, after 6 years! Corrections, Dave and Isaac, are busy trying to help men and women volunteers get the paperwork done that is required in order to be allowed into the facility. With God's help, AA meetings will start very soon in the jails.
The rest of the committees are functioning well. A few notes:
Insurance notices have been sent out to all participating groups to pay their share this year (\$25/group). If your group is not a part of this NS-wide insurance policy and would like to be, just email the Insurance chair.
The telephone committee would always benefit from more volunteers. The shifts being covered are day time (9am to 6pm), evening (6pm - 11pm) and overnight. Also any group can be added to the weekend phone rotation.

Finally, the webmaster has come up with a new tri-fold printable meeting list format! It is available from the web for download/printing.

Yours in service,
Heather L.

Chair, central service

Area 82 Representative: Not present.

11. Unfinished Business:

Elections- Alt Treasurer, Alt DCM

No nominations

12. New Business:

Deadline for service weekend agenda items

Gsr's will discuss with their groups if there are any agenda items they would like to add to the NS service weekend and bring it back to the next district meeting.

We discussed the process for submitting agenda items for the Nova Scotia Service Weekend, with Samaira clarifying that these items should be vetted at the group and district levels before being sent to the service weekend. It was agreed that members should bring any potential agenda items back to their groups in February for discussion and voting, rather than submitting them directly to the service weekend. Samaira committed to researching the existing guidelines for agenda item submission and format, as she believed there was a previously established process that had not been fully implemented.

We voted to collect agenda items for the Nova Scotia Service Weekend from district groups at their next meetings, with items to be submitted by February 25th. Mary clarified that while the guidelines currently show a spring assembly, they should be updated to reflect the Nova Scotia Service Weekend, and emphasized that detailed background information is needed when submitting agenda items. That conversation ended with an announcement from Mary about Kathy S., the Nova Scotia archivist, who is still seeking group histories and can be contacted for archive visits.

Improving Meeting Minutes and Procedures

We discussed issues surrounding meeting minutes, agenda processes, and decision-making procedures at service weekends and assemblies. There were expressed concerns about the current executive's handling of motions and adherence to guidelines, particularly regarding the Area Active Committee workshop and budget approval processes. Mary and Michelle agreed to collaborate on drafting background information for upcoming agenda items to address these concerns, with plans to review minutes and proper procedures beforehand.

Motion by Michelle, seconded by Dave;

That groups during the next month take the topic of agenda items for the service weekend to their groups and bring back anything that the group want to submit for the spring assembly service weekend to the next district meeting in February.

Motion passed unanimously

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday February 25th, 2026, 6:00 pm.

14. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday March 25th 2026, 6:00 pm. followed by our district meeting at 7:00pm

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nathaniel, it was seconded by Michelle, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge

