

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

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Barney at 7:00 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 Brendon.
- 4.** Interpretation of Concept 7 By Brendon, interpretation of Concept 8 will be done next month by Maria .

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	District secretary Rob R	
VOTING	HOME GROUP	DISTRICT 1 GSR's	UPDATES
Yes	Serenity Sisters	Kim J	
Yes	Back to Basics	Brendon M	
Yes	Fresh Start	Heather	
Yes	Downtown Halifax	Maria	
Yes	Lions Den	John C	
Yes	Acceptance	Kristen R.	
No	Alt GSD	Paul B	
No	Central Service Chair	Heather	
No	<i>Alt GSR B2B</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	

8 (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

7. Motion to Approve the May agenda:

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

8. June 2026 Meeting Minutes:

Omissions and corrections

None reported

Motion to approve the minutes by Brendon, seconded by Heather, 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:**

- Sent out all relevant correspondence to GSR's
- Maintained the mailing list

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

DCM:

Hello all, I will be attending the upcoming Eastern Canadian Regional forum in Boucherville Quebec. Quebec Regional forums are a place for AA members to connect and share ideas with other members from across the region. Members of aaws, AA Grapevine, trustees and board members. The Eastern Canadian Regional forum is August 21 through 23.

Central service will be holding elections for committee positions at the meeting on September 1st, if you are interested in standing for a committee role for the 2027-2028 term please reach out to Heather or Michael from Central service to take the next step.

Our district 1 ad hoc committee met twice this month and further information will be available in the old business section of this meeting.

The national AA technology Workshop is September 11th through 13th. The workshop welcomes all AA members and showcases ways to support carrying the message through technology. The details of the workshop can be found on aa. Org.

The fifth edition of The Big Book will likely be available for purchase in January, as it will begin printing in September. So that's exciting, and our delegate plans to post his full conference report to the area82 website in the upcoming weeks.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve

Barney W. DCM

10. Other Reports:

Central Service report to Districts 1&2 July 2026

News from July 7 meeting:

Our hybrid meetings continue to work well; we had 12 people attend in person and another 7

attend via zoom. We will be moving our meeting from the Keshen Goodman library to

Northwood Community Centre in Oct. This community centre does not charge rent, but we

voted to contribute \$40/month for use of the space in keeping with:

a) Tradition 7 - being fully self-supporting

b) This was the amount the table had approved for our library space

We voted to send a contribution of \$6000 to GSO. We verified with Area that they were fully

funded for the year so the full amount is being sent to GSO.

We voted to drop the use of the PO Box in Halifax in favor of using the home postal address of

the current treasurer. This is the same practice that District 1 and Area uses. This move saves

a little annual budget, and eliminates the issue of physically getting to the PO Box on a regular

basis to check for contents. The webmaster has updated the Contributions page on the web

site with the new address, and has posted an announcement. I have asked that the newsletter

include a similar announcement in the bulletin for the rest of the year to alert groups of this

address change.

We are seeking a group to host the annual Christmas Eve Social. The CSRs are taking this to

their groups, but I would ask that you, as GSRs, please ensure your group knows they can

participate. Central Service has a \$700 budget for this to rent space and buy the food/beverages.

The committees are all working very well. A quick update from the 4 district-related committees:

- Corrections now has enough men and women to be able to put on a meeting per week

on both sides of the jail!! There are 6 women and 7 men at this point that have their paperwork and their in-person orientation completed. The goal is to have 10 women and

men to carry on a weekly meeting (with 2 as spares). So more support is needed...please ask at your groups. It has taken 6 years to get back into the jails, so let's keep this going. Dave and Isaac are doing a great job.

- Treatment is running smoothly at all 4 facilities: Detox, Forensics, Marguerite Centre and

the homeless shelter at the Halifax Forum. Albert is doing a great job.

- PI/CPC is getting much work done! For PI, they have made contact with many medical clinics, shelters, recovery houses, etc in HRM and will be able to connect these places with AA groups who have volunteered to keep the pamphlet packets stocked. If your group can help in this, please contact Natalie via the CPC.aahalifax@gmail.com email. They have also reached out to radio stations to get GSO-produced public service announcements aired.

For CPC, they are in discussion with the organizers of the upcoming: Disability Showcase: Pathway to Connections happening Sept 12th from 10am to 2pm. Natalie and Velma are doing amazing work with these 2 committees.

In Sept, we will begin elections for all subcommittee chairs and cochairs. Please consider if any

of the many positions are of interest to you. There is much interesting and exciting work to be

done at Central Service. Please spread the word to your groups!

Yours in service .
Heather L Chair Central Service.

Alternate GSD report

Area 82 Representative:

Paul B reported,

He reminded everyone about the Eastern Canadian Regional forum and he hopes to see some members from area 82 there. And a reminder that the fall assembly is coming up in NFLD in October and is a hybrid this year. so hopefully all GSR's can attend online if not in person. Also if you are interested in any of the available positions at the fall assembly please send a resume to Area a couple days pryor to the assembly to have it posted for consideration. More information on this will be released in the next few weeks. The area active committee is still meeting at the end of every month and we had a guest from area 83 attend last week. Thanks to all who were able to attend.

Motion to pass officers reports

Motion by Kim Seconded by Michelle

Motion passed unanimously.

Elections- Alt Treasurer, Alt DCM

No nominations for these positions

11. Unfinished Business:

GSO sub committee Ad hoc meeting

Due to low attendance we are pausing the ad hoc comittee meetings for now. If anyone has or knows someone who has an interest in getting involved please let us know.

12. New Business:

Transportation from Airport to Fall Assembly in NFLD

Kim asked if there was any info or updates on how GSR's are supposed to travel to the assembly from the airport in NFLD. Paul explained while nothing is finalized yet, the house committee is working on transportation and there will most certainly be something in place by the fall. Any and all updates will be forwarded to the GSR's on what transportation is available from the airport in Deer Lake to the hotel in Cornerbrook.

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday August 26th, 2026, 6:00 pm. But be there for

14. Next District 1 Workshop: Wednesday September 30th 2026, 6:00 pm. followed by our district meeting at 7:00 pm

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kim, it was seconded by Michelle, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

16. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge