

**Area 45**  
**Summer Assembly & Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**August 18, 2024**

8:30 am: "Doors" open

8:45-9:45 am: GSR/DCM Orientation Meeting

Assembly begins promptly at 10:00 am:

- Serenity Prayer
- Roll Call (Secretary)
- Anonymity Statement
- Welcome from Area Chair
- Introduction of new GSRs and DCMs
- AA Anniversaries Recognized

Reports:

Area 45 Policy Chair – Explains Reporting Procedure and Timing

- Intergroup Chair reports
- DCM and Section Leader reports
- Area Committee reports (including Ad-Hoc Committees)
- Area Panel reports

Area 45 Policy Chair – Explains Voting Eligibility and Timing

**Assembly Voting Eligibility:** Those eligible to vote on matters pertaining to area business are Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, GSRs, DCMs, Section Leaders, and Committee Chairpersons on matters pertaining to Area 45 business. Alternate GSRs and Alternate DCMs are eligible to vote only when the GSR or DCM is not present. Past Delegates and Intergroup Chairs have a voice but are not eligible to vote. Panel Chairperson votes only to break ties.

**Motions on the Floor:**

1) **Joe E., Alt Delegate motion:** \$5,000 for hospitality suite with Area 44 at the International Convention.

2) **Kelly W., Workshop Committee Chair motion:**

The Workshop Committee recommends that the description of the Workshop Committee in the Area 45 Handbook be updated as follows:

"The Workshop Committee in Area 45 is dedicated to assisting Area Committees and Districts interested in hosting workshops on various AA service-related topics.

The Committee Chair, appointed every two years starting in January of even-numbered years, aids in the coordination, facilitation, and provision of resources for these workshops. They will assemble a committee to support these efforts. The Workshop Committee helps Committees and Districts by suggesting themes, outlines, formats, and speakers for workshops. They provide materials and encourage the involvement of Area 45 General Service officers, committee members, or other participants upon request. Additionally, the Committee collects and shares valuable resources for future workshops, ensures alignment with the Area 45 calendar, and assists in scheduling to avoid conflicts. The Committee may also provide support in addressing accessibility needs and in acquiring necessary resources. Upon request and with the Area Chair's approval, the Workshop Committee may conduct service-themed workshops during Area Assemblies."

3) **Kelly W., Workshop Committee Chair motion:**

The Workshop Committee requests that it be included in the current Area 45 budget through to the end of 2024 for the amount of \$400.

- 4) **Heather S., DCM District 42 motion:** To establish District 42 (a virtual district within Area 45 that was created on a 2-year "test" basis in August 2022) as a permanent district within Area 45.

Background:

District 42, a virtual district within Area 45, was created on a 2-year "test" basis in August 2022.

During the COVID pandemic phase when legally permitted to return to brick-and-mortar meetings, many groups transitioned permanently from in-person geographical locations to virtual/online meetings while others remained hybrid connecting both communities. Additionally, for various reasons groups have formed or branched off without connecting to GSO, which begins at a District level. District 42 is the 3rd of now only seven virtual districts in existence at various stages. While the two-year trial basis for this District expires in August (2024) the District has only been actively functional since holding elections on May 11, 2023, yet has evidenced stability with unique limitless room for growth. During travels across the country other virtual meetings inquired as to the ability to become members of District 42 and representatives have come to monthly meetings to learn more and report back to their Group Conscience, including those from other established Virtual Districts. With accessibility being a barrier, District 42 works to overcome and increase inclusivity utilizing the virtual community's intimate and unique knowledge and experience to bridge this while educating others about the challenges and opportunities of virtual recovery.

GSO now recognizes Virtual District's, who in practice, resemble Linguistic District's, where groups are gathered by language preference opposed to geographical location. These special districts allow groups to have a representative voice within A.A. at all levels, be in active service in numerous ways, provide communication opportunities and offer workshop insight as we have members who attend virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings regularly.

- 5) **Roy C., Archives Committee Chair motion:** To increase the 2024 Archives committee budget to \$1K and approve up to \$2K for the Archives workshop in Des Moines, Iowa.

Background:

The Archives committee is very active in representing the history of Area 45. Over \$450.00 was spent to display at the 2024 convention. This exhausted most of our budget. We still have yearly mileage to the repository and quarterly assemblies to pay for. Supplies for maintaining the Archives will add to the needed budget increase.

Last year attendance and involvement in the NAAAW was approved for up to \$2,000.00 and we came in under that budget by a small amount. This year's estimate is about the same amount. This is an important opportunity to represent Area 45 nationally and help the still suffering alcoholic.

Support of this motion will demonstrate Area 45's willingness to use 7th tradition funding in a proactive manner and encourage more AAs to become involved in service.

- 6) **Maureen D., Budget and Finance Committee Chair motion:** To approve the 2025/2026 budget (see budget spreadsheet).

**7) Wendy M., Delegate motion:**

I propose ending oral area highlights at the yearly General Service Conference. Instead, Area Service Highlights should be documented in the Conference Manual and Final Conference Report. The Conference can instead use the time for committee work, sharing sessions, or reportbacks.

Background:

In 1976, an advisory action highlighted the significance of ensuring that our Conference proceedings are conducted in a manner that allows for thorough discussion and deliberation of committee reports. Fast forward to 2018, and we find a renewed emphasis on the importance of an edited version of Area Highlights in our final Conference report, ensuring clarity and coherence in our communication efforts.

Building upon these guiding principles, I propose a motion to suspend the practice of presenting oral Area Highlights during our Conference proceedings. Instead, we should redirect this time towards more meaningful discussions on committee work, sharing sessions, and reportbacks.

By making this adjustment, we honor the spirit of the 1976 advisory action and acknowledge the evolving needs of our fellowship. We must utilize our time wisely, focusing on matters that are of the utmost importance to Alcoholics Anonymous's continued success and growth.

**8) Wendy M., Delegate motion:**

I propose that the General Service Board Minutes from the GSB Board Reports be fully anonymized and sent to all 93 Delegates in English, French, and Spanish within six weeks of the Board Weekends.

Background:

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) emphasizes transparency, unity, and effective communication in its governance, guided by the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. This motion proposes that the General Service Board (GSB) Minutes be fully anonymized and distributed to all 93 Delegates in English, French, and Spanish within six weeks of the Board Weekends. Anonymized minutes protect confidentiality while ensuring delegates are well-informed and fostering better participation and decision-making. The multilingual approach ensures inclusivity, reflecting AA's commitment to accessibility and unity across diverse linguistic groups.

**Assembly Adjournment**

**Lunch will be provided. Working lunch during Committee Meeting**

**Area Committee Agenda**

Area Committee meeting begins:

- Serenity Prayer
- Roll Call (Secretary)
- Voting eligibility and procedures explained
- Set new Agenda

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*Motion to close*