

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

May 20, 2020

ROLL CALL

Aimee A, Amy V, Bob A, Chuck B, Clare R, Jo B, Kelly G, Ken J, Kristin A, Laurie B, Lea W, Michael M, Mike H, Nick J, Nick N, Phil B, Rachel H, Robert H, Scott B, Steven S, Terry C, Terry K, Vera F, Wayne T

Open meeting 7pm with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Five - Chuck B

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept V - Wayne T

Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

Ask for New GSR's

- *Steven S - GSR Shady A's Shady Cove*

Ask for any Visitors

- *Vera F (Grapevine Chair and Past Delegate Area 58)*

Grapevine Presentation Area 58 - Vera F (Grapevine Chair and Past Delegate Area 58)

- *Grapevine and La Vina is a great way to educate the general public*
- *In the Grapevine you will find the principles of AA*
- *La Vina is not a duplication of the monthly english version but has all new stories and articles in spanish*
- *Grapevine and La Vina are both loaded with stories from members carrying the message*
- *You can also download stories and PSAs from the Grapevine You Tube channel*
- *For AA members that are writers, photographers or artists consider submitting a story, photo, art or a joke*
- *The Grapevine also has a "Quote of the Day" you can subscribe to by email*
- *Free access to online issues are also available for downloading*
- *Helps to support our 12th step as well as our fifth tradition*
- *Grapevine is just one committee in AA carrying the message of hope*
- *Please consider subscribing and/or perhaps making it a gift for a sponsee, sponsor or home group to share*
- *Supporting and subscribing to the Grapevine is another way to support our seventh tradition*
- *The Grapevine is an incredible tool to use in your recovery*
- *Check out the links on the Grapevine Website*

- <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>
- <https://www.aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message>
- <https://www.youtube.com/aagrapevine>
- <https://epub.pubservice.com/login.aspx?PC=AG>
- <https://www.aagrapevine.org/archive>

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - Nick N

Motion to Approve the March minutes - Amy V

Second - Chuck B

Treasury's Report - Robert H

- *Income from group seventh tradition \$574.00*
- *Expenses this month included Area Assembly DCM/LDCM Travel \$430.01*
- *Net Income of \$144.87*
- *Beginning bank balance \$4404.46*
- *Prudent reserve \$1,250.00*
- *Available bank balance \$3,154.46*
- *No expenses for SOSM*
- *Budgets are all in order*
- *Treasury Reports are on the District 16 Website and attached to the meeting minute email*

Comments: (none)

Motion to Approve Treasurer Report? Wayne T

Second - Mollie O

DCM - Terry C

DCM Report May 20, 2020

How do you eat an Elephant?

*I have likened the expansion and effectiveness projects that our team of Officers, Chair's and GSR, have taken on related to that old saying about "how do you eat an elephant **Answer - One Bite At A Time!** We have accomplished so much in these 5 short months since taking the reins of this elephant and I am so very proud and appreciative of all the time and effort that has been invested by our Officers, Chairs and GSR! There is still MUCH more to do!*

One of our next bites of the Elephant will be bits and pieces of our Guidelines. This has been something that will be a large task that is lingering in the back of my mind and thanks to the work that has been started by our Ad Hoc Committees, pieces of the guidelines will get updated as part of a natural flow in updating positions, roles, responsibilities and policy. The District Guidelines WILL be updated by the end of our term in office!

Workshops and Events

The GSR school early this month was attended by 23 people. It was a respectable turn out ... of course having a disease of MORE ... I would have preferred that more of our GSR had attended ... But we are very grateful for all who invested their time and efforts to making their attendance a priority! I greatly appreciate the time and efforts Amber and Vera invested in offering a deeper understanding of our structure to our most important group member ... the GSR!

I have been to at least a half dozen GSR schools and found this one to also be informative, enthusiastic and educational. No matter how many times I hear the Upside down triangle explained and the Committee Structure presented, a deeper understanding happens for me. It is much like each time I read the big book, study the Traditions or the Concepts ... something new jumps out!

Speaking of Vera ...Your talents are endless and very much appreciated! Thank you for giving us so much of your time tonight and for being our Speaker for our first remote Speaker Meeting on May 30th! Our Events Chair Lea will speak more on that in her report.

Ad Hoc Committees

The Ad Hoc committees that have been headed up by Aimee A have produced an enormous amount of data, structure, direction and focus! If you are interested in joining in on one of these committees or have an idea you would like to present that will provide our AA Community with education and information, please reach out to me or your LDCM. This is YOUR district also and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas on how to best be of service to our community!

AA New Normal Panel

Aimee A, Chuck B, Nick N, Nick J and all the Panelists did an excellent job! A lot of work and organizing went into putting this event on thank you for all your hard work! It was a great panel and what a great workshop! If you weren't able to attend, please check out the audio links on our District website and listen to it for yourself!

Mental Health Panel

Nick and the Events committee developed a well received workshop providing many tools for balancing mental well being and sobriety. Great Job everyone who worked on this and to all who attended. This workshop was also recorded and is available to listen to on our District website!

Zoom

*Our District zoom account has also been created and will be available for use for all District Committee Chairs. CTF will have access to use the account to bring a panel to the ARC every Wednesday and she will be looking for volunteers. She will speak more on that in her report. If you have an idea for a workshop or meeting for your committee that you want to develop, please feel free to talk to our **Events Chair, Lea** or myself and we can work on developing your idea. We will have many other uses for this account throughout the months! Please read the interesting article below from AAWS for a recent press release regarding the use of remote meetings.*

Venmo Accounts

A Venmo account has been created. The information is now listed on our website to share with your group treasurer. The 7th Tradition contributions have taken quite a hit in the past several months, however, AA Still Has Expenses Printed sales are down, contributions are down but costs are still incurred. Please share with your groups this letter from our [Regional Trustee Kathi F](#)

- [AAWS 7th Tradition Letter.pdf](#)
- <https://contribution.aa.org/Default>
- [But We Have Expenses](#)

Email Roll Out and Google Drive

New Title specific emails have been assigned to most Officers and Chairs. They have begun using them and have been introduced to the District 16 Drive where we will be storing all pertinent electronic correspondences and district business. If you have received your District email address please make sure to activate it and change the password to your preferred password. If you aren't techie or have questions please don't hesitate to ask! We are willing to set up tutorials on how to use Google Drive.

Thank you all for being of service to our community and to your groups! With Gratitude and a Loving Service Heart

LDCM-A (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent) - Chuck B

I have been getting around to the groups in my area. I am hosting a daily meeting in the am that blocks out two hours of my time, and also some district subcommittee meetings but can now delegate host responsibility to others. I'll be able to make the rounds again soon. My partner, who is the only member of my germ-crew, has a very sensitive immune system. It precludes me from being able to attend live meetings during the current re-opening.

Here is an update from Kristen at Ashland Siskiyou Group:

New service positions are being added to increase service opportunities for all members. Decreased 7th tradition contributions were noted in March but have increased with increased announcements drawing people's attention to the virtual basket. We are discussing how to proceed with combining virtual and in person meetings as Oregon starts to reopen in order to serve those who will continue to social distance for health reasons.

Here is an update from Mike at Monday Ashland Men's Meeting:

We are doing well overall. Membership is reflecting a core group of regular participants, alcoholics Zooming in from other areas, men moving into the area, and most importantly, newcomers. The Baptist Church no longer allows outside groups to utilize their facility. We will be having a business meeting next week to address this change. We have a new secretary as of last night, have rewritten the script to reflect the Zoom format, and started a Venmo account for 7th Tradition. We have a new service position to help members - One member calling others who have dropped off from meetings.

Here is an update from Kelly at Newtimers:

We're Zoom meeting, as usual. Today, there were about 20 of us, mostly regulars. My only concern is collecting money. (We are currently in the process of solving this).

Here is an update from Fayvor at the Crack of Dawn:

All is well with COD as far as I know. We get an average of 35-45 participants every meeting. Newcomers are finding us and sticking. We get several out-of-town visitors that have become regulars. The meeting before the meeting and the meeting after the meeting attendance keeps growing, and contributions are up.

So far, all other groups in my jurisdiction have declined to report.

We are planning a District 16 GSR Sharing Session In June or July, so GSRs please stay tuned.

Thank you for letting me serve

LDCM-B (Medford) - Amy V

Thank you to all the GSRs who sent in group reports! They are as follows:

Here is an update from Aimee A at Keepin' It Simple

Greetings from Aimee A, GSR for "Keepin' It Simple" , the Women's Closed Meeting in Medford. I am delighted to give you a report about my Group in hopes that it can inspire you to bring some of our ideas and learnings back to your groups. Like it says on page 10 of the "AA Group" Pamphlet: "The entire structure of A.A. depends upon the participation and conscience of the individual groups, and how each of these groups conducts its affairs has a ripple effect on A.A. everywhere."

My group is gearing up for next week's monthly standing business meeting. We meet like clockwork on the last Wednesday of the month immediately following the regular AA meeting for 30 minutes. As GSR, I facilitate our business meeting. It's part of the service structure that we have in place for our group. I anticipate that we will be celebrating the surprising \$165 we took in during the month of April for 7th Tradition contributions sent via the US Mail" (nope, no high-tech systems necessary for us to keep our meeting alive!). And as "new business" on our agenda, we will also be practicing the principle of rotation of service, as commitments are at their 6- month mark. So, next week we will be nominating and voting in new servicemembers to take on the Secretary, Literature, Chips & Greeter/Tech Liaison service positions. In our April business meeting, our group conscience voted to adjust the description for some of the roles and responsibilities for these commitments since the virus has changed how we operate. If you recall from our April report, we have been using a Conference Call Technology since Mid March so refinement of service roles needed some adjusting. Additionally, next week, following the governor's recent decision to approve Jackson County's into "Phase One: Open up Oregon" into Phase One, AA is at an interesting crossroads.

This phase permits groups to meet indoors in groups of up to 25 people, provided that they can stay physically distanced 6 feet apart. And the Office Manager at the church where we hold our meeting has offered us the use of their sanctuary for our weekly meeting, which if we took them up on their offer, it would allow us the space to keep us physically distanced and safe..... and at no additional cost, We didn't even ask them about this – they came to us! Yes, our church

really loves that we're meeting there and for that, we're so grateful because it allows us to change the lives of more alcoholics. Therefore, on the agenda at our upcoming business meeting we will also be discussing and perhaps voting on if we are ready to move back into the church and either completely disband our remote meeting technology or integrate it into our in person meeting.

I promise to keep you posted on what we discussed and what was decided when I give you the June GSR report next month's report. And I am looking forward to hearing from the other GSRs about how their groups are handling the shifting from remote fellowship to in person fellowship. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Here is an update from Scott B at Dog on the Roof:

We Zoom both Wednesday and the Early Dogs on Monday. We also play golf on the seventh for the Golf Fiasco. Contact any DOTR member for details if you're interested in social distancing with golf clubs!

Here is an update from Eagle Point Women's Group Thursday 6PM report:

We are still meeting via zoom (287200680 / 157714) every Thursday 6pm. Announcements were made regarding upcoming zoom meetings for area 58 and district 16 events. I received one request for information about volunteers for communication to correction facilities. I gave her the contact information CFC@aa-Oregon.org.

Here is an update from Ken J at Hole in the Wall Monday Night 7 pm:

- MTG has modified format to aid the flow of the remote technology and worldwide eyes.*
- Business meeting usually meets second Monday following the regular meeting. Will evaluate.*
- Usually have local speakers to share. On the 13th had an out-of-town speaker.*
- Not sure about the newcomer attendance.*
- GSR attended the Tradition 3 and Concept 3 session held on April 15th. Presenters LDCM-A and SGR HITW.*
- GSR attended the District 16 meeting at 7pm to 8:30 on the 15th of April.*
- GSR has been attending an ad hoc committee assembled for sole purpose of the COVID-19 started March 23. GSR started March 30.*
- Hole in the Wall GSR attended open house GSR workshop on April 25th, Saturday 3:30 pm to 5 pm. Presenters from Area 58*
- During the week of the 27th discussions were raised on the 7th Tradition. Communications via devices. Comments resulted in group signing on with VENMO. Mailing address still available for contributions.*

Group B GSR Reports

LDCM-C - (Prospect, Butte Falls, Shady Cove, Gold Hill, Eagle Point, White City, Central Point, Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate) - Rachel H

- I was able to call and confirm all contacts in my area on the roster*
- I will be visiting some of the meetings that are still open in my area*

Here is an update from Jennifer A at What We Are Like Now:

Our group, What We Are Like Now, Woman's meeting in Ruch, Tuesday nights has been temporarily cancelled due to the virus. We decided not to have an audio or video meeting during the pandemic as we are very small and we all attend other meetings as well. We miss our meeting and are anxious to get back to it when we can. All you ladies come on out to the beautiful countryside and see us when this is all over!

7:30pm Appointed Committee Reports: *(Please keep reports to 3 minutes. When the timer goes off you will be thanked and we will move to the next report. The full report will go into the months minutes.)*

Access Committee (AC) - Mollie O

There is lots going on in the Access committee of your District. The District has a Zoom account, and will continue to provide Zoom access for District events as well as make the account available for regular AA meetings to provide access for those for whom face to face meetings will be difficult or unsafe in the future. Those meetings will be scheduled through the district, the process yet to be determined. Additionally, we will continue to provide remote access to District events.

We just sent out a survey to all the district GSRs to do a first look at access issues that members of groups might have, and to see what assistance groups might want/need. Please take some time to fill out the survey and get it back so we can continue to plan our work. The committee is compiling all the resources available in the District or online that might be helpful to someone who has Access issues. Once those are compiled, they will be available for GSRs and groups, and on our web site in the next month.

The committee is planning a Safety/Access in AA workshop in June, and is talking about at least one more workshop.

Archives - Jennifer A

I have received volumes of information for archives after the switching over of our emails to G Suite and the many documents are now on Google Drive. As the archive position is 8 YEARS, I will need all of that time to sort and manage all of this information! I also have received a few boxes of information from a past district AA member and will be getting that sorted and organized once the Alano club (where archives are kept) is fully open. Please send me any information you have from your groups i.e.business meeting minutes, events, etc. so that I can create a fantastic history of AA in our valley. My new email address is archives@medfordareaaa.org. And please let me know if I can help anyone with archiving your own group information or if you would like me to attend a meeting to let you know about the wonderful AA history here in the Rogue Valley. Also, new and exciting events are coming up for the summer and fall so keep your ears peeled!

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Women: Marci S (Not Present)

- I'm still around but not doing much with service at the moment. When things get back open as far as AA goes, I will continue my service.*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CCF) - Men: Richard R (Not Present)

- *Hello all nothing to report at the jails. We are still in a holding pattern. I did receive some literature for the juvenile facility from Lisa in the area. Excited to get that ball rolling at some point. Thank you all.*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B

- *Putting together a form letter to reach out to retirement communities*
- *Working on a zoom meeting for the ARC*

Events - Lea W

- *Jane has stepped down from SOSM Sub Committee*
- *The events committee has been very busy this past month.*

With help from Aimee A, who created an amazing platform and developed a process for us to smoothly adapt to this new virtual world, our tech liaisons Nick N and Nick J and Chuck B, their seamless behind the scenes help, were all instrumental in creating two super interesting and informational workshops. With all their help, our Events committee, so far, have successfully held 2 virtual events this past month. Thank you all that put the word out and attended we appreciate all the support

- *Adjusting to the new AA normal panel discussion*
- *Mental Health workshop*

The Events committee is currently working on:

- *The Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting that will be held remotely this month May 30th 6:30pm - 8:30pm*
- *Our guest speaker will be Vera F from Bend Oregon, our Area Grapevine/LaVina Chair*
- *Flyers for this event are now available please help us to get the word out for this event by announcing it at your groups.*

We are also working on:

- *A Founders day event to be held June 13th*
- *A Safety in AA workshop on June 27th from 6:30 - 8:30pm*
- *How to hold a Business Meeting workshop. Details are to be determined*
- *Google Drive and Google Document training with Aimee A Friday May 21 at 5pm*
- *If you have any ideas or would like to have a workshop please contact me at Event@medfordareaAA.org*

Sub Committee Speaker Meeting - Jane F (Not Present) Position is OPEN

District 16 AA Family,

It is with both sadness and relief that I offer my resignation as the Speaker Chair for District 16. I submit this as my final report to the District. Before making the decision to seek the Speaker Chair position I initiated long conversations with the outgoing Speaker Chair, the outgoing DCM, the upcoming DCM and those who originally envisioned the Southern

Oregon Speaker Meeting (SOSM). I came away feeling confident I would be allowed to utilize my event planning and leadership skills to bring speakers to our District without excessive oversight and interference. With that assurance, and a willingness to reach out for support as needed, I stepped up to the two year commitment.

In the first months I devoted substantial time and energy to locating and inviting circuit speakers. I consulted with the organizers of other large speaker meetings, including researching additional ways of increasing seventh tradition donations to insure fiscal security. I worked closely with other members of District 16, developed a working relationship with another AA who has served as an SOSM committee member, consulted with the proper people before making decisions and filed all necessary reports.

Working with other District 16 service members, a hosting group and additional volunteers, we saw our first SOSM more than double the number of individuals reached, with at least 410 people in attendance. Fiscally we increased the treasury by 25% in spite of incurring airfare and other additional costs. Inspired, I reached out to, and booked, circuit speakers for the balance of 2020.

Unfortunately, in my role as Speaker Chair, I have consistently encountered what I can best characterize as "management" and "unsolicited support" from other members of the District 16 Service body. This began early on and my attempts to be heard in regards fell on deaf ears. In an attempt to create greater autonomy for the position going forward, I lobbied to have the Speaker Chair separated from its current position as a subcommittee of the Events Chair. The motion was tabled for lack of time and, post Covid, was withdrawn. I was not in attendance at that District 16 Mtg held on the Zoom Platform. To be clear, I have never experienced anything unsupportive from the current Events Chair.

I reviewed the document "The Twelve Concepts of World Service" after it was mentioned, by an AA with a long history of service, in a discussion regarding my dilemma. He had referenced Concept IX. The last sentence in the description of that concept reads, "Act for us, but do not boss us." In the process I noted Concept III, "The Right of Decision", as equally relevant. It states ". . . it is suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional 'Right of Decision'". For reasons never made clear to me, the "Right of Decision" for the Speaker Chair was consistently challenged. On more than one occasion, decisions were made for the SOSM without consultation with the Chairperson.

Repeated attempts to rectify the situation failed; a recent conversation devolved into my receiving a message from the current DCM culminating in ". . . I would suggest you step down." Bill is quoted in the Concept III description as saying, if the General Service Board "were to attempt to manage . . . the staff members . . . would quickly become demoralized . . . their choice would be to rebel and resign, or to submit and rot." I read this with a chuckle as there is no doubt, given the two options, I would always choose to "rebel and resign" over "submit and rot".

Clearly, a healthier action than either of those Bill mentioned would be to speak up within the District to find a solution that best serves our fellow AAs in District 16. I regret to say I am unable to pursue that course any further. I have shared my reason for stepping down with the body to shed light on a potential pitfall for others and in hopes that all service members may find a path to supporting one another for the greater good of all. I am prepared to pass on the

information regarding the speakers, and the hosting groups, who have been scheduled for the remainder of this year and to offer my support to whomever steps into the role as the new Speaker Chair.

Sincerely,
Jane F.

Grapevine - Gary M (Not Present)
Grapevine Report-May 2020

Greetings District 16, trust all have been safe, and somewhat sane thru the recent past. As one may know by now, GV is giving free access to this years GV and LV thru June, both prints word and audio. On the heels of the May service oriented issue, this Junes prison issue reminds all of the need to continue to carry the message to all no matter where they are. GV quotes these words, "Grapevine and La Viña were created for such a time as this." Today as a society we can access another one of those "never alone" tools. Whether by print or digital means there is a light in the dark in those beyond human aid moments.

Please mention the GV 2020 Carry the Message Project to your groups, a way to give subscriptions to another alcoholic, correction facility or with committee service tasks. The grapevine.org site has made it easy to follow prompts to give subscriptions for both GV and LV. Also share the opportunity to sign up for the GV quote of the day, and that the GV archives is a tremendous wealth of information that can occupy many hours. A great place to find topics for meetings.

*The GV site also has current information for members, from messages from Trustees and Committee chairs, to important updates. Haven't been readily available for much these last two months or so, and with this separation of late, I have been reminded of what it is that I hear in my head at times, is there literature quotes and AA imagery or my "stuff"? The power of the written word has much greater depth today, and I am grateful that GV is one of the tools available to our fellowship. It is our rag, maybe during some down time write an article/story and send it in, share your experience and gratitude. Looking forward to the pause button being released
I miss all your faces. Be safe.*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Kelly K

- *No requests for information and nothing else to report at this time*

Schedules - Wayne T

- *Printed schedules are still available at the Central Office if anyone is interested in seeing where we used to meet.*
- *Zoom meetings are published on both web sites as well.*

Telephones - Robin P

- 15 calls came in
- 5 were 12 step calls

Technology Committee - Terry K

Work was split this month Between Remote meeting updates(Passwords and newly added meetings) and event updates. There are now 55 remote meetings a week listed on the website's Remote Meetings page.

Last Month Just about the time the Remote Meeting listings was basically complete, Zoom, without advance notice, had implemented a policy of requiring passwords for the account type most common among our groups. It seems as of now this is only being implemented when creating new meetings or trying to make changes to an ongoing meeting. We have some meetings on the page that don't require a password that are still on-going. Also, We are still posting meeting passwords as text only on a meeting listing if requested by the group. If your group would like your meeting listing updated please email webmaster@medfordareaaa.org.

Meetings with passwords listed: 41

Groups may choose to not post the password on the Remote Meetings page and find a different method to deploy it to members. One group asked us to post the following message in their listing:

This meeting is password protected, if you would like to join this meeting but do not have the password please call Bill W. @ (541) 929-8376 before the meeting starts. (Member's name and phone number have been modified here to protect anonymity once the report is posted to the District website)

Groups are Still Sharing Links As Shown:

I would strongly discourage any group posting a link on social media that contains the password in the link. This type of link can be easily found and exploited by Zoom Bombers. Only share through private message or email this way.

Link containing a password - the meeting ID is followed by ?pwd=<and long string of test>

- This type of link is very vulnerable to abuse by Zoom Bombers! DO NOT POST on websites or social media.*
- <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/175023154?pwd=UUV3dFNiUktISGNJVitlTWWhVTnk3QT09&fbclid=IwAR2dOsEDzqY44wvGm191O57osoLyCJEEWjpIFw8AN8mltN8rFwoMPasLjXY>*

Workshops and Recording's Page

The workshop page has undergone some changes in format as well as recordings. We uploaded 2 hour long event recordings which included the Mental Health Workshop and the AA new Normal. Check it out at medfordareaaa.org/speakers/

Training and Technology

Terry K has been working hard with me to show me how to update events, Meeting Pages, and all of the ins and outs of WordPress. Terry also has been helping me with our new Gsuite Software. I will be emailing everyone who hasn't logged in yet to their G Suite account so we can get them changed over to their new email domain. We also have

scheduled a recurring meeting which will encompass our new technology committee. This meeting will take place bi-weekly starting Thursday, May 28th at 8pm. More details to follow next month on our purpose, action items, and more.

Liaisons: *(Please keep reports to 3 minutes. When the timer goes off you will be thanked and we will move to the next report. The full report will go into the months minutes.)*

- **Central Office** - *Renee H (Not Present)*
- **OSYPAA Liaison** - *Garrison M (Not Present)*
- **Al-anon** - *Laurie B*
 - *Our Alanon district 7 is not meeting during this quarantine so far.*
 - *The work continues through the groups as far as I know. AA inviting Alanon members to ZOOM training was a big help to some of our groups transitioning to online meetings.*
 - *Some meetings continue with Zoom. My group wanted to do audio only*
 - *Some members don't want to meet other than in person. So we're calling each other every couple of weeks and some are taking walks, just to keep in touch.*
 - *Alateen Work continues at the Or Youth Authority in Grants pass .*
 - *Reggie is sending documents monthly for meetings by email to the OYA volunteer coordinator, and the young men are running their own meeting. The meeting has become a combination Alateen and Al-Anon meeting.*

8:00pm - Business Discussion

Old Business:

- ***A Venmo account has been created.** The information is now listed on our website to share with your group treasurer. >> our venmo handle is @district16 (note: if requested, the last 4 digits of our account phone number = 7433 , and our email = treasurer@MedfordAreaAA.org)*
- ***We now have a District Zoom Meeting Room** for all District related meetings. This account is available for your District 16 Business related use. Please see Terry C (DCM), Nick N (Secretary, or Nick J (Technology Chair) and we can discuss details and scheduling.*
 - *Note: Jo will be utilizing the room to bring meetings to the ARC women's side.*
 - *This would be a great opportunity to fill the void left by Peter on the men's side if anyone would like to step into his shoes.*
- *If you have had thoughts of creating a meeting, in relation to your Chair position,*

New Business:

- **Motion - Update Webmaster Chair position:** Update “description of responsibilities” for the Technology Committee to reflect the current landscape. See [Motion](#) here.

Comments:

- **Terry** - Any Questions
 - **Aimee** - Terry K is outgoing Tech Chair and other members put together this motion
 - Vote 16 approved out of 20
 - No opposed
 - No minority opinion given
 - **Terry** - Motion approved
 - **Nick J** - Our tech committee meeting will be on Thursday May 28th 8pm
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- **Two active committees have been formed.** These committees will focus in the following areas:
 - **Access** - To serve local groups and meetings during this time of social distancing and quarantine. To gather and research current and new information regarding the COVID-19 virus and share with the groups and meetings. Keep up with online meetings and various formats and platforms as they pop up. Help to uphold AA traditions and offer solutions to problems as they arise. If you are interested in this committee please contact: Mollie O. Access Chair.
 - **Technology** - Purpose - to develop action steps that focus on how to improve our current policies, guidelines and responsibilities; with a focus on clarifying the flow of work, organizational functions and the eventual improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of our website. If you are interested in this committee please contact: Nick J. Technology Chair.

District 16 Announcements:

JUNE AREA ASSEMBLY: [View Details Here](#)

The May “in person” assembly has been cancelled and in its place, Area 58 in cooperation with District 14 have developed a Virtual Assembly that will be held June 5-7th, 2020 (Fri night, Saturday and Sunday morning). The General Service Conference will be held May 16-22, 2020 and Jim, Oregon Area Delegate will be able to give his Post-Conference report at this rescheduled Area Assembly. Service Panel Presentations will discuss “Carrying The Message Though a Pandemic” which will include topics such as this: Creating a Virtual Basket, CPC/PI - How to get involved, Following Start Regulations - going from Remote to In Person meetings. It is important to announce that All are Welcomed to attend Assemblies and this virtual assembly is a perfect way for anyone, interested in seeing how the business of AA works, to attend. Registration is Free

NOVEMBER AREA ASSEMBLY: [District 16 Assembly Committee Report](#)

Hosted by District 16 at Inn at The Commons in Medford - Nov 20-22 -- “**We Could Do Together What We Could Not Do Separately**” -- Thank you District Body for submitting your suggestions for the November Assembly Theme! 14 were submitted! That is amazing! The Assembly Committee appreciates your participation!

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn

Call to adjourn - Kelly K

Second - Clare

UPCOMING EVENTS 2020

- 5/16-19 [General Service Conference](#) - our Area 58 Delegate will represent us
- 5/20 [Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16 \(remote\)](#) - 6pm - 6:50pm
- 5/20 [District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting \(remote\)](#) - 7pm - 8:30pm
- 5/30 [Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting hosted by District 16 \(remote\)](#) - Guest Speaker = Vera F - 7pm - 8pm
- 6/5-7 [Oregon Area 58 Assembly \(remote\)](#)
- 6/13 Founders Day Event *hosted by District 16*
- 6/17 [Traditions / Concepts Class hosted by District 16 \(remote\)](#) - 6 - 6:50pm
- 6/17 [District 16 Monthly General Service Meeting \(remote\)](#) - 7pm - 8:30pm
- 6/27 Access & Safety in AA Workshop *hosted by District 16* - 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 7/?? GSR Discussion / Sharing Session *hosted by District 16*
- 7/2-4 International Convention- Detroit - CANCELLED
- 8/21-23 Pacific Regional Forum - Las Vegas, NV - CANCELLED
- 9/18-20 [Oregon Area 58 Assembly \(McMinnville, OR\)](#)
- 11/20-22 Oregon Area 58 Service Assembly *hosted by District 16* (Medford, OR @ Inn at the Commons, Medford)

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- 3/5-7 [PRAASA](#) - Burbank, CA