

DISTRICT 16 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Online Remote Meeting

May 19, 2021

ROLL CALL

Amy B, Beverly C, Cynthia W, Debbie, Jennifer A, Jane M, John D, Ken J, Kristin A, Lea W, Nick N, Norman M, Terry C, Theron B, Wayne T

7:00pm - Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer - Terry C

Reading of the Tradition of the month / Tradition Five - Norm M

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. Six—Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim.

Reading of the Concept of the month / Concept V - Ken J

Throughout our world services 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.

New GSR

- *Norm M Ashland Siskiyou Tuesday / Thursday 8pm*

Visitors

- *Theron B., Area 58 Access Chair*

Pre Assembly Presentation DCM - Terry C

We’re going to spend the first 20 minutes of this Month’s District meeting discussing the Upcoming Area Assembly. I will speak for 15 minutes and then take 5 minutes for Questions.

When is the next Area Assembly? May 21st - 23rd

- *You have been emailed the schedule for all 3 days.*
- *If you need it resent, make your request via chat*

What, exactly, is an Area Assembly?

- *The Area 58 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous is a service body to protect and respect the autonomy and the privilege of all A.A. groups in General Service Conference Area 58.*
- *The Assembly shall be ever mindful of the ideals expressed in the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and the A.A. Service Manual, and shall strive to be the true voice and group conscience of Area 58. A.A.*
- *Unity and service shall ever be the Assembly's primary purpose, and it shall encourage all Area 58 A.A. groups to participate in the business of the Assembly and to support the Assembly in its efforts to cooperate with the A.A. General Service Office and A.A. World Services.*
- *Screen share of the [AA service structure, upside down triangle](#)*

Who can attend the Area Assembly? Is it ok to announce this event at my meetings?

- *Absolutely! Anyone can go! Please announce the Assembly at your AA related announcements! The Schedule and meeting room ID and passwords will be posted on the District 16 Website.*
- *While GSR attendance at Assemblies is not mandated, they are part of your duties and responsibilities, in your volunteer service commitment, to make the investment for your group and AA as a whole.*

What can someone expect to do at the Area Assembly?

- *Screen Share the upcoming [Assembly Agenda](#)*

How much does it cost to attend an area assembly?

- *Virtual meetings have no cost to any member wishing to attend, only the investment of your time. In person Assemblies have costs and there are many options available to share costs, once we get back to in person Assemblies we will go over those options in more detail*

What do I do with the information after I attend the Area Assembly?

- *It is important to take notes for you to share at your Group Business Meetings. In your GSR Report it's important to share your experience of **What you Saw, What you Heard, What you Felt.***
- *Make your reports exciting! Share your enthusiasm. Keep your reports as brief as possible (suggest 3 to 5 minutes) Reporting back to your group after each assembly helps you and your groups be informed on the important business of AA.*
- *You're also invited to join in the **District 16 Post Assembly Sharing Session** so we can discuss everything you **Saw, Heard and Felt** and answer any other questions you may have.*

[Overview of Assemblies](#)

Presentation to District Body - Theron B., Area 58 Access Chair

Access 2021 - How You Can Help

The purpose of the Area 58 Access Committee is to remove barriers to A.A. members and still suffering alcoholics participating in meetings and service.

Suggested target areas with projects and activities for Districts, home groups and members:

- ***Deaf and Hard of Hearing***

- *Support and/or join the Portland Deaf Access Committee*
- *Financial contributions help provide ASL interpreters for meetings & events*
- *Pass along their list of online ASL supported meetings on website: pdacaa.org*
- *Link to PDAC on your local A.A. website*
- *Online intergroup has listing of meetings for deaf members aaintergroup.org > Online Meetings > Browse the Directory, then use filter buttons to select "Deaf/Hard of Hearing"*
- *Area 58 Access Committee can provide microphones and individual receivers for your event*

- ***Blind & Visually Impaired***

- *Big Book in Braille and audio CD available from GSO*
- *Stock large print versions of Big Book, 12&12, and pamphlets*
- *Wide selection of audiobooks at aa.org and aagrapevine.org*
- *In-person meetings - arrange the room so a blind person can move easily through it, keep it consistent from meeting to meeting*

- ***Mobility Impaired***

- *If your meeting facility is wheelchair accessible, make sure this is identified on the meeting list, with location of ramp or elevator - home group members should know how the elevator or access works*
- *Pick people up for rides - elders, homebound, residential care, suspended license*
- *Grapevine YouTube channel: youtube.com/aagrapevine*
- *Contact local assisted living facilities to send literature and Grapevines/La Viña*
- *Bring AA meetings into facilities or their home - virtual or in person • If childcare is available, note it on the meeting schedule*

- ***Technologically Challenged***

- *Help non-techie members with Zoom and online meeting schedules*
- *Ensure your meeting information is listed and current*
- *Online meetings - review current Zoom security features*
- *Contact local assisted living facilities to offer online meeting support*
- *District & Intergroup websites - run online accessibility checks*

- ***Safety***

- o *Issues related to safety and inclusiveness also affect access to our meetings:*
 - *Violent, inappropriate, disruptive, bullying, predatory and illegal behaviors - Sexual harassment or stalking*
 - *Financial coercion*
 - *Racial, sexual orientation or gender identification intolerance - Pressuring AA members into a particular point of view or belief relating to medical treatments and/or medications, politics, religion or other outside issues*
 - *Behaviors that go on outside of meeting times that affect whether someone feels safe to return to the group*
 - *Review the GSO Safety Guideline and Safety card*
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- o *Read from the card in your group's meetings*
- o *Three key questions about safety to discuss in your group:*
 - *How would we address conduct that disrupts the meeting or inappropriate behavior toward a member of our group, especially vulnerable new members?*
 - *How will we address illegal behavior or activities?*
 - *How do we emphasize the critical importance of sponsorship in keeping members safe?*
- *Sponsor a "Safety in AA" workshop in your District or together with other Districts*

More information and resources are available on the Oregon Area 58 website at:

- <https://www.aa-oregon.org/access-3/>
- *Contact: access@aa-oregon.org*
- *Join our Access Committee email group: area58-access@aa-oregon.org*

A.A. Responsibility Statement

I am responsible

*When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of
A.A. always to be there and for that, I am responsible*

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary - *Nick N*

Corrections to last month's minutes - *All corrections made with direction from Ken J*

Motion to Approve Minutes - *Amy B*

Second - *Wayne T*

Treasury's Report - Kristin A

- *Ending Balance* \$2,776.04
- *Income* \$ 559.10
- *Expenses* **\$ 379.30**
- *Prudent Reserve* **\$1,250.00**
- *Available Balance* \$1,526.04

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - Norm M

Second - Lea W

DCM - Nick N - Gave a presentation on his experience supporting the Rogue RoundUp

My name is Nick and I am an alcoholic. When I say that it reminds me of who I am, what I am and what I need to be doing. I am currently serving as GSR at the Crack of Dawn group in Ashland, proudly serving as your District 16 Secretary and also honored to be CPC South for Oregon Area 58.

I wanted to share for a moment my personal experience on what service in Alcoholics Anonymous means to me. When I was new to A.A., my sponsor had me going into prisons, hospitals, rehabs and institutions in San Francisco and the surrounding Bay Area. I was part of the Hospitals and Institutions Committee for the first twelve years of my sobriety, until about four years ago when I moved to Ashland. There were multiple times in A.A. meetings in and around the Bay Area when inmates or those in rehabs and hospitals came up to me and thanked me for what I shared. It was in those moments I realized that my life had purpose. One of the promises came true ... how our experience can benefit others. Turns out, like all of you, I am uniquely qualified to help another alcoholic. It is almost as if God hired all of us to stay sober and help those that might be suffering from the disease.

Recovery Unity Service

“Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.”

From the pamphlet “[AA's Legacy of Service](#)” by Bill W

The board of the Rogue Roundup reached out to me because of the work I have been involved in on the Events Committee this past year and a half in helping to hold successful workshops and panels ... I was tasked with finding hosts, co hosts and security. I was also responsible for writing the script and keeping the meeting flowing. I was online for the entire weekend providing tech support and guidance to those that needed help with the zoom platform. I named myself District 16 and represented not Nick N. the alcoholic, but District 16 and took all of you with me.

Friday we had a total of 500 members join the three speaker meetings. On Saturday we had almost 1,000 members come and go throughout the day and for the sobriety countdown on Sunday we had close to 200 members join the meeting and well over 3,000 years of sobriety. The weekend included multiple al anon meetings, breakout rooms with mens, womens and young people's meetings.

Through service, I've gained an appreciation for my journey in AA. It has shown me that through commitment to others and practicing the principles you learn a lot about yourself. Service to me has deepened my passion for the twelve steps and has allowed me to live my life purpose of carrying the message of alcoholics anonymous and helping others to achieve sobriety.

LDCM-A (Ashland, Phoenix, Talent) - Open

- *No report*

GSR - Nick N / Crack of Dawn / Monday through Saturday 7am

- *Online and very healthy - please join us*
- *We are currently having home group members take our online homegroup inventory*
 - *Crack of Dawn online group inventory (for home group members only)*
<https://tinyurl.com/4sndf93m>

GSR - Norm M / Ashland Siskiyou Group / Tuesday and Thursday 8pm

- *Online please join us*
- *Discussion has begun on potentially meeting live soon*
- *12-14 members*

LDCM-B - (Medford) - Amy B

- *All is well and not much to report so will turn it over to our area GSR*

GSR - Ken J / Hole in the Wall / Monday 7pm

- *Meeting still online*
- *Meetings last month 35plus the ARC and Mason House*

GSR - Debbie / Women of Worth / Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Monday*
- *Hoping to fill some service positions*

GSR - Lea W / Just for Today / Friday 6:30pm

- *Meeting online*
- *Nice to have newcomers and women that join from the ARC Angels mason House*

LDCM-C Report (Jacksonville, Ruch, Applegate, MFG, DOTR) - Wayne T

- *All the groups doing the same*
- *Stud Muffin and Book Worm meetings have gone back to in person live meetings*
- *Grateful to be of service*

GSR - John D / Dog on the Roof / Wednesday night 7pm

- *Online only*
- *Well attended 30-35 members each Wednesday night*
- *Nice to have ARC in attendance*

LDCM-D Report (Central Point, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, Butte Falls, Prospect, Gold Hill) - Jane M

- *Status quo*
- *Went to in person meeting*
- *No one is interested in going hybrid yet*
- *Shady Cove is now meeting in person*

GSR - Beverly C / GSR Eagle Point Step Sisters / Monday Night 6pm

- *Online and in person meeting*
- *We had six to eight members at the online meetings*
- *Uncertain about the in person meeting attendance*

7:30 pm 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 - OPEN

- *No report*

Archives - Jennifer A (not present)

- *No report*

Assembly Committee - Michael M (not present)

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFW) - Women: OPEN

- *No report*

Cooperation with Correctional Facilities (CFM) - Men: OPEN

- *No report*

Cooperation with Treatment Facilities (CTF) - Jo B (not present)

- *There has not been much going on with this committee.*
- *Just spoke with a representative of the Reddy House today; they do not have plans in the near future to allow any outsiders back into the facility. Which to me, is somewhat disappointing.*
- *However, thank you for your continued support in getting what materials and Zoom meetings into the clients. They appreciate all that you do!*

Events - Lea W

- *The Committee has been working on a number of events*
- *Roger W did an amazing job at our last event "AA In The Military" thanks to all that attended*
- *Look forward to June 26th SOSM*
- *The Crack of Dawn group will be hosting the SOSM in June*
- *September SOSM looking for a group to host*
- *Up and coming event ideas are*
 - *"Mental Health Workshop - Part II"*
 - *"Safety In AA"*
 - *"How to Hold a Business Meeting"*
 - *"Marty Mann's impact on AA"*
 - *"Home Group Inventory - Why is it Important"*
- *This year we will be joining Akron for their Founders Day Celebration*
- *If you would like to get involved please contact me @ events@medfordareaaa.org*

SOSM Sub Committee Cynthia W

- *We are all set for our Saturday, June 26th date. Here are the following details:*
 - *Host: Crack of Dawn, Willie Mc C, secretary*
 - *Intro Speaker: Ira R.*
 - *Main Speaker: Marion W, Boca Raton, FL / Home Group: Just For Now*
- *September 25th I have a main speaker but no home group or intro speaker yet finalized.*
- *We will need to find a host for September's SOSM*

Grapevine - (Open)

- *NEW AA books available at www.aagrapevine.org*
- *Carry the message project is still going*
- *<https://www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project>*

Public Information/Cooperation w/the Professional Community (PI/CPC) - Kelly K (not present)

- *No report*

Schedules - OPEN

- *Nothing is being printed*

Telephones - Robin P (not present)

o 19 step calls came in 4 calls were 12 step calls and all were handled by a volunteer

Technology Committee - Nick J (not present)

- *No report*

Central Office Liaison Report - Demetrius D (not present)

- *No Report*

YPAA Liaison Report - Garrison M (not present)

- *No report*

Al-anon Liaison Report - Laurie B (not present)

8:00pm - Business Discussion - [Link to view Robert's Rules of Order](#)

Old Business:

- *No Old Business*

Planned New Business:

8:25pm - District 16 Announcements/What's happening next month:

To ensure that you have a smooth experience at the May Assembly, it is important that you make sure you are on the latest Zoom client.

[How to download the latest Zoom update for your computer or device](#)

- ***Mobile devices (Apple / Android)***
 - o Open your zoom application on your Apple or Mobile Device.*
 - o Touch the settings (Gear) icon and ensure that the version is at least 5.6.4*
- ***Chromebook***
 - o Limited support contact web@aa-oregon.org for more information*
- ***Windows / Apple Desktop / Laptop Zoom updates***
 - o Version 5.6.5*
 - o Download type: Manual*

- o Download here: <https://zoom.us/download>
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 - o Linux download instructions:
<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204206269-Getting-Started-on-Linux>

8:30pm - Call to Adjourn - Close meeting with the AA Responsibility Statement

Motion to Adjourn - Norm M

Second - Wayne T

UPCOMING EVENTS TO ANNOUNCE AT YOUR MEETINGS

- 5/21-23/2021** ***May Virtual General Service Assembly - hosted by Area 58 - FREE attendance is not mandatory but suggested for all general service members***
- 6/3/2021** ***[THC Workshop](#) (Treatment, Hospitals, Corrections) hosted by Area 58 - 7pm***
- 6/5/2021** ***[Virtual 70th Annual Stepping Stones Lois' Family Groups Picnic](#) -
A Celebration of Family Recovery - Saturday - 1pm (EST)***
- 6/12-13/2021** ***[Founders Day](#) - Virtual Meetings & Events - Registration is FREE but required***
- 6/16/2021** ***Traditions and Concepts Study - 6pm - 6:55pm***
- 6/16/2021** ***D16 General Service Business Meeting - from 7pm - 8:30pm***
- 6/26-27/2021** ***[PNC](#) - Virtual Pacific Northwest Conference - Registration is FREE - Panels, Speakers, Ask It Basket, What's On Your Mind?***