

District 16 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Mar 11, 2026
In Person and Hybrid Meeting Open to All AA Members

Penelope J., DCM, called the meeting to order at 6pm and opened with the Serenity Prayer. She asked if anyone had not received the emails with the Meeting Agenda and reports. Several people raised their hands, including William O, Kathleen S and Randy S, Cathy C, and Tod S. Penelope began a new tradition of celebrating AA birthdays in the preceding month, with congratulating Dianna G for 34 years.

Tradition 3 was read by Chris C and Concept 3 was read by Alyssa H. There were 2 new GSR's attending in person, Tess V, alternate GSR for Medford Fellowship Group and Linda B, GSR for Women of Worth group. A new GSR back in the virtual room was Michelle M for Eagle Point Thursday Women's group online. There were also 2 visitors at their first district meeting that were welcomed.

There was a count taken of Eligible Voters, with 15 in the room and 5 online. There was a brief explanation of who can vote, including GSR's, officers and chairmen of committees.

Laurie H brought up concerns about the February meeting minutes, stating a sense of them perhaps being generated by AI, also lacking many details such as what the actual mileage changes were, and not having the officers and committee chair reports included in the minutes. She said she wanted to not approve the minutes.

There was ensuing discussion about this issue. Tracy, Alternate Secretary who wrote the February minutes, stated that they were not AI generated. Michelle M said that when she was Secretary she always included the written submitted reports in the minutes. Someone pointed out that the minutes were archived, but the reports otherwise were not accessible if not in the minutes. John F suggested that Beverly, the current secretary, discuss the issue with Tracy and with Michelle, previous secretary. Kathleen, previous DCM, as well as several others, including Jennifer, retiring Archivist, brought up that meetings were recorded in the past for the secretary to use for writing the minutes. There was discussion that the recording of meetings was perhaps not clear to the participants in the past, online or in person, when a secretary made a phone recording. Penelope said that if the meeting is recorded, it must be announced in advance. Don G online said he personally did not want to be recorded or have these meetings recorded. There was further discussion about the difficulty of getting details without having recordings and that it is very hard to write fast enough to capture everything. Beverly, current secretary, said that the meeting was not being recorded now and we would see what level of detail can be captured without recording.

Ryan made a motion to not approve the February minutes, that they be revised. Taylor seconded. The motion passed with 14/20 vote to not approve the minutes and review them again next month after revision.

Penelope J gave her DCM report, including some additional poignant memories of PRAASA:

“DCM Report March 2026


Hello District body - It's been a busy month and to simplify my report, I'm going to create sections based on three topics: PRASA - Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. The Pacific Region Includes Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, California and Nevada. The annual event starts Thursday evening and extends through Sunday afternoon. It features panels, a business meeting and open mic speaker sessions. The theme was “Finding Common Ground” Much of the theme of the Assembly was focused on how we can reach the still suffering alcoholic while also being mindful of diversity and inclusion within our fellowship. The overall spirit was one of UNITY - recognizing that even though our backgrounds, identities, and perspectives may be different....our Primary Purpose remains the same. Much of the discussions emphasized listening respect and finding ways ALL alcoholics to not only find their way to the room, but to feel welcome and included. For more information, I have sent out a detailed report. I want to thank the district for trusting me with the opportunity to attend PRAASA and bring the experience back to you.

Collaboration and Unity is this year's theme - Myself, our LDCM-A Denise F, Events Chair Hallie C and Event Co-Chair Chris C - traveled out to District 7 in Grants Pass to meet with their DCM and Events chair. We had a great time brainstorming and planning multiple events in the next year. I'll let Hallie, our Events Chair, talk more about that. But....we do want to propose hosting and area 58 Service Assembly along with District 7 in September 2027. We will get a general consensus at new business.

And finally....We have a crew of District 16 teener's heading up in person to attend this weekend's Area 58 Service Assembly in Clackamas Oregon. It's not too late to register to attend online. This assembly we are discussing the Conference Agenda Items for the 76th General Service Conference head at the end of April, beginning of May. I have emailed you all those topics to review in preparation for our upcoming Pre-Conference workshop that will be scheduled in April. I'm grateful for the honor of serving as your DCM and representing a district that continues to find common ground in service.”

Tracy, Secretary, gave her report, saying she will work with Beverly and Penelope with the revision of the February minutes.

John F, Treasurer, gave his report, including mention of the \$300 printing expense incurred in 2025, for printing District Guidelines, which was paid in February because that's when the bill came, as the printer bills quarterly.

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Laurie H made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and Michelle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Denise F gave LDCM-A report:

" I had the pleasure of driving to Grants Pass with the events team and Penelope to meet the Grants Pass events team. We are trying to collaborate our efforts. The team came up with some great ideas for some upcoming events, so stay tuned!

The quarterly speaker meeting and cake auction were a big hit. We had about 20 amazing cakes. Thanks to everyone who donated. I spent most of the time during the cake auction in the kitchen getting up cake. We had a lot of support. The speaker for the meeting, Dawn, from Southern California, was wonderful as was the 10-minute speaker Matt. The next quarterly speaker meeting will be in June. More news to follow.

I am excited about the upcoming Assembly in Clackamas this weekend. It should be a lot of fun and very informative. I look forward to seeing some of you there. I will report back at the next District meeting about how it went."

Jennifer A, retiring chair of Archives, mentioned that there is lots of room for storage in the new facility and she will be leaving soon. The position is open.

Todd submitted a report but was not present:

"Men's Corrections February 2026

On Feb. 11th., we had 3 men go into the jail, sharing their experience, strength and hope. Five men attended from the inside, appreciated our pitch and those that wanted were given various pieces of AA literature. On Feb 25th., we had three men go into the facility, caring their experience, strength and hope. Eight men from the inside attended and once again AA literature, provided by the "White Can Fund", was handed out to the interested parties! Corrections Committee has submitted seven applications for entrance into the Transitional Center in Phoenix. Now is time for us to demonstrate a bit of patience as we wait for the clearances to be approved. At which time "WE" will start carrying the message into the facility. Overall, it was a great month for men's corrections. Thank You District 16 for allowing me to serve. Are there any questions? In Gratitude Todd "

Randy S gave a White Can report, discussed the Corrections Committee and mentioned that much literature had been bought before the prices went up and it is being given out. There is a need for a Treatment chair and continued meetings at the treatment centers. It is important for the meetings to continue the contributions to the White Can, because otherwise the corrections and treatment literature cannot be bought, as there is nothing allowed for this on the district budget.

Chris, Events Co-chair, gave a report:

“District 16 Events Report

Hi, my name is **Chris, and I’m an alcoholic**. I’m the **Co-Events Chair for District 16**.

On **February 14th**, we met with **District 7** to collaborate on events moving forward over the next **two years**. It was a great opportunity to begin working together and coordinating efforts to help support fellowship and recovery in our districts.

I’m excited to announce a few events that we currently have planned, along with some that we are actively working on.

Our **first event** will be on **May 23rd at TouVelle Park**. It is our **“Growing Together in the Sunlight of the Spirit” AA Picnic and Chili Cook-Off Showdown**, starting at **11:00 a.m.**

This will be a day of **fun, fellowship, and recovery**. We will have:

- **A light speaker meeting**
- **A chili cook-off** with prizes for the best chili
- **A 50/50 raffle**, with **50% going to the District Events Committee to help fund future events and cover event expenses**, and the remaining **50% paid out as raffle prizes (70%, 20%, and 10%)**
- **Live music**
- **Food, fellowship, and activities throughout the day**

Everyone is welcome to **bring their families and stay as long as they’d like**, as we will have the park site reserved **for the entire day**.

Our **second event** will be a **Safety & Inclusion Workshop on June 18th**. We are currently collaborating with **Area 58 Safety and Inclusion Chair Cynthia** to help coordinate this event. More details are being finalized, and the **location will be announced on the upcoming flyer**.

Our **third event**, which is currently in planning, will be a **Sex Inventory and Ideals Workshop** sometime in **August**. We are currently narrowing down the exact date with the speaker, and more details will follow as they become available.

Our **first event flyer** should be released **next week**.

Our next **Events Committee meeting** will be **April 21st at 2:00 p.m. at Central Office**. At that meeting we will be assigning **service positions and volunteer roles** to help organize the May picnic.

If anyone is interested in **being of service or volunteering**, please reach out to us—we would love the help.

Thank you for letting us be of service.”

Laura, Speaker Meeting chair, submitted a report but was not present.

“Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair Report for March 2026

Respectfully submitted by Laura Stegeman, SOSM Chair on March 8, 2026

Report

As a first matter of business, I need to share that I will be moving out of state. My final Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting as Chair will be the June 13 event. The speaker has been reconfirmed. The August and November speakers, as well as the May 2027 speaker, had been penciled in, and I have begun contacting them. (Jackie G., who was penciled in for August, will unfortunately not be able to attend.) It has truly been an honor to serve the District and help bring the Language of the Heart to the Valley.

Our February 28 Speaker Meeting and Cake Auction were a great success. This is not just my personal perspective, but one shared by dozens of people who reached out afterward. I truly felt our volunteers come together to create a wonderful event and meeting. Our main speaker made coffee while our Ten-Minute Speaker helped set up the room. They then went on to emcee a fantastic cake auction full of excitement and laughter. According to our Treasurer, the event brought in \$1,200. Our Seventh Tradition was slightly higher than usual at around \$280, and the 50/50 raffle brought in nearly \$500 after winnings were distributed.

On Sunday, I met with Penelope J., Terry C., and Hallie C. (and had email communication with Sonja N. who could not be present) to discuss the allocation of the cake auction proceeds. Keeping in line with the intended purpose of the event, our consensus (which includes suggestions from Sonja) is outlined below.

1. Establishment of a Prudent Reserve

We discussed the need for a prudent reserve to ensure that future SOSM Chairs have basic financial protection when planning meetings, particularly when advance expenses must be incurred before event revenue is known.

Key considerations included:

- Hotel accommodations for invited speakers
- Travel expenses (flight or mileage)
- Church facility costs

After discussion, we agreed that \$500 is a reasonable initial prudent reserve.

Additional notes:

- This amount is intended as a baseline safety cushion, not a strict budget for specific expenses.
- Future chairs should have the flexibility to adjust the reserve based on changing costs, with the possibility of reviewing it approximately six months after the new SOSM Chair is established.

Consensus:

A \$500 prudent reserve will be proposed to the District as a starting point.

2. Church Contribution and Facility Support

We also discussed appropriate contributions to the host church for the use of the facility and supplies.

Considerations included:

- Use of church utilities and facilities
- Paper products and kitchen supplies
- General wear and use during the event

To maintain transparency and align with Seventh Tradition principles, the group agreed that contributions should primarily come from Seventh Tradition funds.

Proposed structure:

- \$100 toward replacement of supplies used during meetings
- \$100 as a contribution for use of the facility

Total proposed church contribution for the February 28, 2026 SOSM: \$200

3. Allocation of Remaining Funds

We reviewed the overall financial picture from the event and discussed how the remaining funds should be distributed in a balanced way that recognizes both the district's needs and the efforts of the SOSM committee.

Proposed allocations:

- \$500 → SOSM Prudent Reserve
- \$200 → Church contribution (supplies and facility support)
- \$130 → District 16 Events Committee to help replenish coffee and cups used during the meeting (this amount also helps address the district's deficit for the month)
- Remaining balance → SOSM Budget

I'd also like to circle back briefly to the meeting itself. Both speakers delivered powerful messages of depth and honesty that truly drove home the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous. I know my alcoholism was touched by their alcoholism, and I am deeply grateful to them both.

The SOSM Committee—especially Doug—went above and beyond and worked incredibly hard to make the evening happen. We simply could not do this without them. Thank you all. Finally, I want to thank the Host Meeting, Just For Today. It was an honor and a privilege to work with a group that truly suited up and showed up for both the Cake Auction and the Speaker Meeting. I believe the Host Meeting's incredible Baklava Cheesecake brought in the highest bid at over \$200—that was a fun bidding war to witness!

Thank you Terry K., Skylar, Matt, Lulu, Richard, Kathy, Debbie, and everyone else who stayed late to help clean up.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your trusted servant.”

Laurie H, Webmaster, gave a report:

“Technology Committee Chair Report, March 11, 2026, District 16, Rogue Valley, Oregon

I've been busy updating the calendar on our web page. We have some exciting events coming up this summer. SODOTR is having their Bowling Fiasco on March 21st, April 12th is the Central Office Breakfast, followed by the Women's Retreat at St. Rita's on the 17th. Then of course there's the 50th Annual Rogue Round Up May 3rd. Our Events Committee is still deciding on the TYSTD or a Picnic for May 23rd. In June we'll have a speaker meeting and then the Famous All 12-Steppers Women's Camp Out is the 18th - 22nd. The very next weekend is the Southern Oregon Women In Recovery Brunch. August brings another Speaker Meeting. In September there are two workshops happening. The NAATW will be in Concord, CA and also will be hybrid. I guess I will be planning to attend on line unless my replacement would like to go in my place. Also, that same weekend in Tacoma, Washington is the National AA Archives Workshop.

I could talk about that event all day. I was an AA archivist for Area 93 and was involved in hosting the 13th Annual AA Archives Workshop in San Fernando Valley, CA. I learned so much of our rich history of how we got here and how we have managed to stay. The history of AA has enhanced my sobriety in unimaginable ways. We currently are looking for a District 16 Archivist. If you have any interest in the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and have a desire to conserve our history then I strongly suggest stepping up to this position and attending this wonderful event in person.

In October the Tree House Retreat for women in Cave Junction should prove to be as exciting as ever. I attended last year and it was a blast.

November is our last speaker meeting of the year and then in December is the Pacific Regional Forum in San Diego.

Filling the yearly calendar with events is only part of this commitment. I've had lots of help and it just proves that God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

In Love and Service,

Laurie Hopkins

Technology Chair, District 16”

Dianna, Central Office Liaison and Taylor, gave a report . The annual Central Office Breakfast will be on 4/12 at St Vincent's, doors open at 8 am and breakfast will be at 9am, along with a raffle.

There were GSR reports given by:

Marci S, GSR 99& under, attending the assembly in person

Ryan B, GSR How It Works

Tess V, co-GSR Medford Fellowship Group

Alyssa H, BGSR Chippers

Taylor M, GSR Ashland Young People, attending assembly in person

Michelle M, GSR, Eagle Point Women's, attending assembly virtually

Linda B, GSR, Women of Worth (below)
Hallie C, GSR, There Is a Solution (below)
Caitlin F, GSR, Sticks with the Winners (below)

Linda B, GSR Report, Women of Worth Medford #000336488District 16, Area 58, March 5, 2026, GSR District Report

“Our Women of Worth meetings are at 5:30 to 6:30pm on Zoom. Tuesday is a speaker meeting and Thursday is a Big Book study.

A Treasurer and Alternate GSR have been elected. The GSR and Alternate GSR information has been updated via the online group change form. Both meetings have secretaries who are doing a great job. Attendance continues to grow with a good mix of time in the program.

Women of Worth participated in the Cake Bake Off. Two cakes and one tart were entered raising a total of \$175. We are proud of our Women of Worth bakers! 26 people are registered for the All Twelve Steppers Women’s Camp-out. Almost all are paid in full. Check out the link at www.all12-stepperswomenscampout.org/ The campground also has a website with an abundance of photographs www.unionroguerivercamp.com/ The scenery is stunning and the accommodations should meet everyone’s needs.

I plan to attend the March Assembly Meeting on Zoom and will be inviting our Alternate GSR to attend, as well. This will be my first Assembly Meeting and I am excited to be a part of this new adventure!

Many thanks to Laurie Hopkins for the time she has devoted in mentoring me into this new position. I am grateful for her dedication and service.

In Love and Service,

Linda Borah

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March 11, 2026, GSR Report ,There is A Solution

“Good Evening District. My name is Hallie C. I am the GSR for There is a Solution Group. We meet Mondays 6:30p at 1900 Greenwood. We are a closed mix meeting. Our Birthday meeting is held on the last Monday of the month. This Month we are celebrating our 24 yrs with cake on birthday night. We also hand out coins that day. Come join.

The group is providing funds for me to go to the quarterly assembly to be held in Clackamas 13-15 this coming week. I will be traveling with another GSR, the DCM. I am looking forward to learning more about AA as a whole and bringing information back to my group.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service
Hallie C “

“March 2026 GSR Report
Sticks with the Winners, Ashland
Caitlin F. (GSR)

Report:

Sticks with the winners meeting is a Womans meeting in Ashland Monday night at 5:30. Our attendance is around 25 people. I will be attending the assembly in Clackamas for my first in person assembly.

I am so grateful to be part of this home-group and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

We regularly welcome new women as we are one of the two women’s meetings here in Ashland.

Thank you,
Caitlin F.”

New Business:

Penelope J, DCM, discussed a proposal to host the Area Assembly in September 2027, along with District 7, Grants Pass. She asked for a sense from the body, and people were in favor of this. More details, including costs and location, will be worked out to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Alyssa and seconded by Marci. The meeting was adjourned.