

District 16 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026
In Person and Hybrid Meeting Open to All AA Members

Denise F, LDCM-A, called the meeting to order at 6pm and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Penelope J, DCM, was unable to attend this meeting and Denise F conducted the meeting, per guidelines. Denise asked for any AA birthdays and Caitlin F had an anniversary on April 1, 12 years . Pat T, online, identified as a new GSR from Ashland Monday Men's meeting.

Taylor M read Tradition 4. Cynthia W read Concept 4.

Denise F made a motion to approve the revised February 11 meeting minutes, Beverly C seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Hallie C made a motion to approve the March 11 meeting minutes, Ryan B seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Penelope J, DCM report:

DCM Report, District 16, April 8th, 2026

Hello District 16 -

The weekend of March 14th I had the privilege along with our LDCM and four other GSR's to attend the Area 58 Assembly in Clackamas Oregon. We car pooled and we caravanned. We were in awe and we questioned. We took ideas and topics and related them to our district. We laughed and got to know each other a bit better. I also wanted to acknowledge that we had a strong online presence at the Assembly. District 16 showed up! And I was so proud of us! In this Assembly we had the opportunity to gather information, connect with other service members and share our opinions about topics for the upcoming General Service meeting in New York.

On April 4th we had a Pre-Conference Workshop where 15 GSR's and interested AA members gathered to learn about and discuss various General Service Conference items. I enjoyed the process of hearing each member's unique experiences and perspectives. The participation enriched our discussion and the input that we will bring to our Delegate when he attends the upcoming General Service Conference. A special thank you to Terry C. as she provided not only killer biscuits and gravy but the historical knowledge and framework of AA's service structure, To Denise F for taking notes and submitting the input to the online platform, and to GSR's Taylor M, Hallie C and Caitlin H for their presentations of four conference topics at the workshop.

As most of you know Laura S. our current SOSM Chair is relocating to the midwest. We want to thank her for her dedicated service and bringing some fantastic speaker meeting events back to our District. Thank you Laura! That being said, I'm excited to announce a new SOSM Committee Chair Shawna D! I've had some time to meet with both Shawna and Laura together and separately. And in light of timing, I've appointed Shawna in this position and feel confident in all of her abilities as the next SOSM chair. (I believe Shawna is here this evening and will give a brief report) Finally, thank you Denise F my LDCM-A for stepping in tonight as I am gone for travel. I fully trust her wisdom and straightforward approach as she facilitates this evening's District meeting. I am grateful to be trusted with representing our district as we continue to work along spiritual lines with a shared vision of unity and service.

PRAASA -The biggest thing I noticed is that there were so many GSR's there!!! The next PRAASA 2027 will be held in Seattle - and it will be the first PRAASA ever to be Hybrid. So let's start either planning to go in person or having a PRAASA watch party and potluck. 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 attached the PRAASA treasury report and the PRAASA business meeting notes. I want to thank the district for trusting me with the opportunity to attend PRAASA and bring the experience back to you.


Penelope J DCM District 16

Beverly C, Secretary gave her report:

I am enjoying my new position as Secretary and so happy to be working with such wonderful people! My first District meeting was fast paced but my scribbling skills held up. As I get to know you all better, it will get easier, and I am so glad to get to know you. I want to make sure we get District communications sent to everyone who wants to be included, especially to all the GSRs. Please help me to update our email/phone list. I may be contacting you to confirm we have it correctly.

In Grateful Service, Beverly C

John F, Treasurer, gave his report:

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Laurie H made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Ryan B seconded the motion and the report was approved unanimously.

Denise, LDCM-A gave her report. She went to the Assembly in March with many others from District 16 and found it a wonderful experience. She is excited that our District is coordinating with District 7 in Grants Pass for upcoming events. She mentions the many open positions at District 16 which really need to be filled. She is looking forward to our District possibly hosting the Assembly here in September 2027.

Corrections Report:

Men's Corrections, District 16 March 2026

On March 11th., we had three men go into the jail sharing their experience, strength and hope. There was seventeen men, in custody, attending the panel with a positive response. On March 25th., we had three men go into the jail sharing their experience, strength and hope. Eight men, in custody, attended the panel, with a positive response. At both meetings, we were able to bring in Big Books, Grapevines and Newcomer Packets. Thank You to "The White Can Committee" and those that contribute to the White Cans making this possible.

Transitional Center update; On March 11th., I went to the facility and had another meeting regarding the process to get a panel going there. I was told we had to turn in new applications and submit proof of insurance. This is turning out to be quite a process, but I will keep trying. Overall, a great month for Men's Correction's and Thank You District 16 for allowing me to serve, In Gratitude, Todd J

Women's Corrections Report:

Due to health reasons, Mollie exited the position early. With DCM's approval Cindy is filling in. The volunteer calendar and volunteer contact info into a digital format, which will hopefully provide an easier transition to the next coordinator, or be accessible to a back-up person should an unforeseen need arise. Going forward, the hope is to have a digital record of when a volunteer's access will be nearing renewal date. Assessing who is

still an active volunteer is underway. Pre-scheduling has moved away from group text. Volunteers are being spread out, to eliminate four and five volunteers from entering the facility on a single night. One request for post-release support was received from an inmate and is being directed to the corrections chair in Portland. Cindy C.

Laura S, Chair of Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting, gave a report. She is moving to the Mid West and the position is open at this time, as Shawna will not be taking on the position as planned.

Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair Report for April 2026

Respectfully submitted by Laura Stegeman, SOSM Chair on April 4, 2026

Report: Unfortunately, this will be my final District 16 Monthly Report as SOSM Chair. My timeline for moving to the Midwest has accelerated, as I was fortunate to find a wonderful new home during my first round of searching. I am very pleased to report that our incoming SOSM Chair, Shawna D., is ready to roll up her sleeves and step into service, beginning with the June 13 meeting. I have committed to Shawna and Penelope that I will remain available at any time for questions and ongoing support. My dear friend and sister in sobriety, Yvonne S., will remain our main speaker, and Camille, my Co-Chair, will continue handling her many responsibilities. Additionally, the raffle ticket sales coordinators will be available should Shawna need assistance. Ascension Church has confirmed SOSM dates through August.

As a reminder from last month's report, following a meeting with Penelope, Hallie, Terry C., and myself, we reviewed the event's financials and agreed on a balanced distribution of remaining funds that honors both district 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 replenish coffee and cups and help offset the district's monthly deficit)
- Remaining balance → SOSM Budget

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Kathleen and Terry for the opportunity to serve the Rogue Valley community as Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair since July 2024, when I stepped in to fill a vacancy. It has been a true privilege to help bring forward powerful messages of depth, weight, and solution—shared by speakers such as Pat Y., Brent H., Sue D., Mary O., Todd L., and Dawn M., with more to come. Being of service in this capacity has been both an honor and a meaningful part of my recovery. Thank you all for allowing me to participate in my recovery in this manner and for the opportunity to serve as your trusted servant. While I may be moving on geographically, I carry this community—and the spirit of service we share—with me. I remain, always, grateful to be of service. While I may be moving on geographically, I carry this community—and the spirit of service we share—with me. I remain, always, grateful to be of service.

NOTE: after this report was submitted, Shawna D decided she is unable to take the position as Chair for Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting. The position is now open.

Laurie H, Technology Chair , gave her report:

After last months discussion regarding anonymity in the District meeting I noticed some of us, including myself, have used our last names in our reports. Since these reports are posted on our district web page they become public. Using our full names in print is not inline with our tradition of anonymity. I have since adjusted my report template to use only my last initial and I remind everyone else to do the same.

Summertime is a busy season in the Rogue Valley with lots of activities. Keeping up with the calendar has been my main objective recently. If your group has an event coming up please forward me the info and flier so I can get it up onto our calendar. Again, it takes a village to raise our community. If you are interested in the technology of today and how it can frame our message, you are welcome to join our tech committee.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Laurie H., Technology Chair/Webmaster, District 16

GSR reports were given:

Ryan B, GSR:

How It Works Group GSR Report

Not much to report. The meeting is going great. Full house every Friday at 7pm. Business meeting is well attended. All positions are filled. We are still looking for a church to hold a Tuesday evening Big Book meeting. If anyone has any leads in the Medford area please let me know.

Hallie C, GSR:

My name is Hallie and I serve as the GSR for There is a solution meeting held Mondays at 6:30p 1900 Greenwood Ave. Our group is very well attended. We celebrated our groups 24 yr birthday on 3/30. We had cake of course. Come join us on the last Monday of the month for our birthday meeting. We have a long share speaker and hand out coins.

My group provided means for me to attend the most recent assembly held 3/13-3/15. I ended up traveling with 3 other members and it was such an enjoyable time. I took in so much information. I met so many wonderful people who shared the same language of the heart.

After coming back there have been a group of us GSR's as well as DCM and LDCM who have met over zoom as well as in person to discuss pre conference agenda items. That to me has been the most informative and to be honest fun. I am looking forward to continuing to grow in this program and be of service to AA as a whole. YILS Hallie C

Linda B, GSR:

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.

The All 12 Step Women's Camp-out now has 32 registered to attend. Registrants include women from Southern California, Washington, and of course Oregon. An abundance of cabin and RV space is still available. This is going to be a GREAT event! <https://www.all12-stepperswomenscampout.org/> Our Treasurer, Laurie H., shared our percentages of financial distributions, which may be of interest: GSO-40% Area-40% District-10% Central Office-10%

Women of Worth Group continues to be strong. We have a good variety of sobriety time and the women genuinely care about each other. Most of us live in the Rogue Valley which enables us to get together in person to socialize and celebrate milestones. Gina J. (Alternate GSR) and I are looking forward to attending the GSO discussion session on Saturday. Thank you for hosting it at your home, Penelope. Yours in Love and Service, Linda B

Jane M, GSR:

GSR Report, Keepin It Simple Women's Meeting, Wednesday 12 - 12:55, Medford First United Church, 607 West Main, Medford

Format: We read the stories in the Big Book and on the last Wednesday of the month we have a speaker and celebrate milestones in recovery. We also have fellowship, and serve coffee and snacks beginning at 11:30 the last Wednesday of the month. Attendance remains consistent - averaging 15 - 30 participants.

All positions are filled with most positions rotating every January and June with the exception of treasurer and GSR. Business meetings are the second Wednesday of the month. We are presently donating a Big Book a month to a treatment facility out of our 7th tradition funds as well as distributions to District, Central Office, Area and GSO. Respectfully submitted, Jane M GSR

Reports were also given by: Marci S, GSR of 99 & Under, Caitlin F, GSR of Sticks with Winners, and Taylor M of Ashland Young People

OLD BUSINESS:

Denise F discussed the intention of hosting the Assembly in September 2027 at Ashland Hills and asked for GSR's to discuss and get group support.

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NEW BUSINESS: Denise F discussed the following:

The new motion is to record upcoming district meetings for ease and accuracy of secretary note taking. DCM inquiries at the Area Assembly level (DCM sharing session) a consensus of other districts that record their district meetings. Approximately 8 out of 12 districts record their meetings including at the Area 58 Assembly business meeting level. Central Office records their business meetings.

Beverly C, Secretary, presented the motion:

District 16 Motion

Submitted by: Beverly C, Secretary, District 16

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Motion: Allow the Secretary to record District 16 monthly meetings on a personal device, with the recording erased after the minutes are completed and approved.

Intent or Purpose: To enable the District 16 Secretary to accurately capture and report detailed monthly meeting minutes. An accurate and detailed reporting of minutes is difficult without an audio recording. Minutes are reported out to the body and stored in District archives.

Current Practice: There is currently no audio recording. Minutes are taken solely from what the Secretary hears and notes. Previous practice was to record or transcribe District meetings via Zoom, and before the Pandemic, to make a recording on a personal device.

Budgetary Impact: None

Hallie C made a motion to approve and Taylor M seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve this motion.

Linda B made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was adjourned.

