

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

Penelope J opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She asked for July AA birthdays. Amanda H will have 17 years on July 14. Ken J will have 22 years on July 28.

Denise F read the long form of the 7th Tradition. Linda B read the long form of Concept 7.

Carmen K was host for the Hybrid Zoom meeting. Penelope asked for any new GSR's. Amanda H, online, is a new GSR for Her Story meeting and asked to be included in emails. Cathy is Alternate GSR for There is a Solution. A count was taken of eligible voters. There were 10 eligible voters in person and 5 eligible voters online, for 15 total.

The Minutes from last month's meeting were next on the agenda. Ken J had a question about wording in the DCM report, which turned out to be a typo error and will be corrected. The word "sharing" was misspelled, as well as one other typo error on the date. Denise F then made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mae M. The minutes were approved with the 2 corrections.

Penelope gave her DCM report:

Hello District 16! Really nothing to report. Myself and Hallie have been collaborating with Area 58 Safety and Inclusion along with District 7 in Grants Pass for a Safety and Inclusion workshop in October. I have been honing in on gathering information/members that may be interested in being on a Technology Chair Committee. The committee would be a part of a team helping with everything IT/hybrid/event related. And Don't forget, our Area Assembly is coming up on September 17th - 19th in beautiful Gold Beach Oregon. We will be sending information on registration when it comes out.

John F gave the Treasurer's report and explained a situation that happened with the IRS. Apparently, the IRS needs a report filed yearly in September regarding our tax exempt status. Due to multiple turnovers in the Treasurer position in the last 3 years, this did not get handled, and he received notice from the IRS that our tax exempt status was automatically revoked, due to not filing the needed paperwork for 3 years in a row. He immediately got the needed paperwork done and the District's tax exempt status is now restored and retroactive for the previous years. However, there was a fee of \$275 that had to be paid to reinstate the tax exempt status. Ken J commented that he was aware of this required filing when he was DCM but due to the fluctuations in Treasurers, that information must not have been passed on.

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Linda made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, which was seconded by Cathy. The report was approved.

There was no report from our LDCM-A, who was on vacation last month, and LDCM-B and C are open. Penelope let us know that Taylor M would like to serve as LDCM-D and will be standing for that position at next month's meeting.

Cindy, Chair for Cooperation with Correctional Facilities, Women, gave a report:

The meetings at the women's jail may have to move to a different location in the jail, to be determined by the Facility. There is a big need for more women to take meetings into the jail, as there has been much attrition due to various reasons. There is an updated form to be completed for those who want to volunteer which is

available from Cindy, cfw@medfordareaaa.org. The requirements for being allowed to take meetings in are: one year out of jail, 5 years off probation, and 2 years of sobriety. Please consider if you or a sponsee or someone you know would be interested in serving.

Todd, Chair for Cooperation with Correctional Facilities, Men, gave a report:
Men's Corrections June 2026

On 6/10 we had three men go into the jail sharing their experience, strength and hope. Thirteen men attended with an overall good response. On 6/24 we had three men go into the jail sharing their experience, strength and hope. Eleven men attended, with an overall good response. The "White Can Fund" provided Big Books and misc. AA literature to be brought in and distributed to the men. We had one new application approved to go in. We currently have twenty-five active members going into the jail. I'm coming to the end of my term as men's corrections coordinator. I do have someone interested and we are going over the responsibilities of the position. Overall, it's been a good month for Men's Corrections.

Thank You District 16 for allowing me to be of service, Gratefully Todd J

Penelope emphasized the need for someone to take the Southern Oregon Speaker Meeting Chair position in order to continue to have the quarterly meetings. She asked people to spread the word on this and discussed the responsibilities, including organizing the rotation of meetings that sponsor and help put this on. There was some discussion about whether the speakers need to come from out of the area. The District Guidelines simply state the speakers are gathered from the AA Community at large. Penelope asked for a volunteer to make a flyer to help generate interest in this position and Mae, Access Chair, volunteered to do this.

Laurie H, Technology Chair, submitted a report which was read:

July 8, 2026, Technology Committee Chair Report

I am out of town for a while during a family medical issue. I hope to be back for next month's meeting. I can still post events to the calendar and/or add service position names to the webpage. Simply text me or email the info. I've got nothing more to report. Hope to see you all next month. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Laurie H., Technology Chair/Webmaster, District 16

Ken J had a question whether Laurie can help setting up new District Chairs to receive the emails for their position. Ken, Grapevine Chair, Mae, Access Chair, and Diana, Central Office Liaison, will need to get this set up. Diana also requested a list of the various district email addresses, which Secretary Beverly will try to provide her.

Ken J gave his extensive service resume and was appointed as Grapevine Chair.

GSR Reports:

Linda B, GSR for Women of Worth, gave a report, including the recent highly successful All 12 Steppers Women's campout, with over 70 women attending and 5 speaker meetings. Next year's campout will be June 10-14.

Tod S, GSR for Crack of Dawn, gave a report, including their group forming an events committee. Also mentioned their group is having a quarterly drawing with the prize being a year's subscription to the Grapevine, to help support the Grapevine.

Ryan B, GSR for How it Works, submitted a report, which was read:

All is good. Meeting and business meeting are well attended. We are getting ready for our annual picnic this weekend. Sunday July 12 th at Cantrall Buckley park. Food at noon. The meeting starts at 1. Parking costs \$6 so carpool if you can. The group decided to sponsor me going to the assembly in Sept, so I will be attending!

Thank you, Ryan B.

Ken J mentioned the Ashland 9 am Saturday meeting is celebrating 44 years on July 11 with a picnic at the park behind the Presbyterian Church..

Michelle M submitted 2 reports, which were read:

The Eagle Point Step Sisters have changed their name to Women's Big Book Story Hour and so has our format we are now reading the stories in the back of the Fourth Edition Big Book and we will rotate through other editions as they get voted in. Our zoom number remains the same 835 8378 6574 Password Monday. We meet on Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm. We have about 7 women in attendance but are hoping that will grow as woman hear about our fresh new format. Following the reading the meeting is open for sharing about how we can each relate to the story. It has been beyond fun reading about how sobriety was for our sisters back in the 1930's. Please come and join us!

The Eagle Point Women's Meeting on zoom meets Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm our zoom number is 847 1104 6897 Password is Thursday. Our format is we have a visiting speaker for the first 15 to 20 minutes of the meeting then the meeting is opened up for sharing from the other women in attendance. We usually have from 4 to 10 women in attendance. We are a closed meeting. Please give us a try we are a great safe group of women and we love newcomers and new members.

Caitlin, GSR for Sticks with the Winners, submitted and gave her report:

Sticks with the winners meeting is a Womans meeting in Ashland Monday night at 5:30. We are still at the same address but in a different room. We regularly welcome newcomers as we are one of only two women's meetings here in Ashland. We got a 3 year grapevine subscription. Our new trusted servants began their 6 month service commitment. We have plenty of open service positions if you are looking to be of service come on down. I am so grateful to be part of this home-group and thank you for allowing me to be of service. Thank you, Caitlin F.

Donna, GSR for Women's Eagle Point in person meeting, gave a report.

Amanda H , GSR for Her Story meeting, gave a report.

New Business: A motion was presented by Beverly C, Secretary

District 16 Motion

Submitted by: Contact Name: Beverly C

Phone Number : 707-407-5321

Email: Secretary District 16

Motion:

To create a new service position of Host for District Hybrid meetings and events. The Host will be an appointed position and part of the Events Committee.

Intent or Purpose:

During Hybrid meetings and events, there is a need for someone designated to manage the zoom room, welcoming attendees and answering questions, as well as gathering information such as number of eligible voters and contact information. The Host will also be able to contact the in-person event leaders in case of problems with transmission and to improve communications.

Current Practice: We have no designated person hosting the zoom portion of the Hybrid District meetings. Sometimes we get help with this from an attendee and sometimes not. The officers at the in-person meeting have to try to watch both rooms, which can be difficult. There is a person who has been volunteering to be Host at the zoom room of the Quarterly Speaker meetings, Carmen K, and that has worked well. Carmen K would like to do the same service for our monthly District meetings and other District Hybrid events and would like to have an official position as Host.

There were questions and comments. Tod asked if this position would include setting up the technology equipment for hybrid meetings. Beverly clarified that the Host would NOT be managing the technology part. Linda suggested that this position should be given a vote at District meetings. Carmen agreed that she would not be able to do the technology part, she cannot come in person to set up equipment. . Mae stated it is important to have service positions available for people who cannot physically come to the meetings. Carmen thinks this should be a position that has a vote and a duration. Penelope asked Carmen to give some more details to put in the District Guidelines and that we could vote on a revised Motion next month. Ken J had some questions about why this position is needed and Beverly said that it can be difficult to manage both a zoom room and in-person room at the same time. Mae commented that safety and clarity in the zoom room is much better managed with a Host in the zoom room. Zoom Host is the name preferred by Carmen for this position. Linda made a motion to table the motion and Cathy seconded, and the motion was tabled until next month.

Denise made a motion to close the meeting and Cathy seconded. The meeting was adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.