

**Oregon Area 58 Quarterly Assembly  
November 18, 2018 Business Meeting  
Joseph County Fairgrounds, Grants Pass OR  
Hosted by District 7**

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**OREGON AREA QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018**  
**JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS GRANTS PASS**  
**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 7**  
**BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**8:00 a.m.** Meeting called to order with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, The Preamble, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts. Introduction of guests, past Delegates, new GSRs and DCMs.

**8:10 a.m. Roll Call** by Area Secretary

**8:15 a.m. Review of previous minutes**, motion to approve

**8:20 a.m. Area Officer Reports** (*5 minutes each otherwise unless noted.* \*)

Delegate ( <i>untimed</i> )*	Vera F.
Alternate Delegate* (7 minutes)	Jim F.
Area Chairperson* (7 minutes)	Ron W.
Area Alternate Chair* (7 minutes)	Penny H.
Secretary	S.J.
Registrar	Bob C.
Alternate Treasurer	Lisa S.
Treasurer ( <i>untimed</i> )	John A.

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report**

**9:15 a.m. Chair Announcements**

**9:20 a.m. Service Committee Reports** (*3 minutes each*):

Finance	Randy W.
Accessibilities	Perry R.
Archives	James J.
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	Chuck S.
Correctional Facilities (CF)	Roberto F.
Grapevine / La Viña	Reilly K.
Hospitals	Chaz D.
Newsletter	Cindee S.
Public Information (PI)	Joe S.
Treatment Facilities (TF)	Jenny B.
Translation / Interpretation	Martha G.
Webmaster	Theron B.

**10:00 a.m. Break** (*please be back in your seats in 10 minutes*)

**10:15 a.m. Old Business**

**10:30 a.m. New Business**

**11:30 a.m. Assembly Reports** (*3 min. each*) Feb. 2018, May 2018, Sept. 2018, and Nov. 2018

**11:50 a.m. Final Treasurer's Report**

**11:55 a.m. Final Chair Announcements**

**Noon Motion to Adjourn**

**AREA BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AREA CHAIRPERSON, FOLLOW MODIFIED ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, AS FOLLOWS:**

**A motion is made:**

- After a second, debate is opened\*. If it does not receive a second, it dies.
- If a registered voter calls for the question, a second will be required, or debate resumes.
- The Question must be called in turn at the microphone (an individual may not speak on the motion and then call the question.)
- If the Question is seconded, a 2/3 majority will end the debate, or debate resumes.
- If the Question is not called, debate will go on until there is no one at the microphone.

**A vote is taken to determine Urgent/Administrative or Tabled to the next Assembly:**

- A simple majority to vote or table

**A motion is voted on:**

- If it involves expenditure of Area funds, the finance committee will be asked to report.
- It requires a 2/3 majority to pass.
- The "non-prevailing" side will be asked if they wish to speak to their position as a minority opinion (if there is no minority opinion, the voting result will stand).
- If someone speaks for the minority, the "prevailing" side will be asked if there is a motion to re-vote, and it requires a second.
- A simple majority is required to re-vote.

**A motion is reconsidered:**

- Full debate pro and con is resumed (please limit discussion to only new considerations).
- The question may again be called and seconded, and requires a 2/3 majority to end debate.
- A sense of the meeting may be taken by simple majority to vote or table.
  
- If voted on, the motion must have a 2/3 majority to pass.

**A motion is amended:**

- After a second, debate is opened on the amendment only. If it does not receive a second, it dies.
- If a registered voter calls for the question, a second will be required, or debate on the amendment resumes.

Once debate has ended, the motion is voted upon. Debate on a tabled motion will be resumed under old business at the next Assembly, and the voting process will be the same as above.

\*Discussion may be entered into only by voting members. A non-voting member may offer a point of information if recognized by the Chair

# **BUSINESS MEETING**

## **Call to Order**

Area Chair, Ron W., called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jonsey (District 21) read the Preamble, Bob (District 26) read the 12 Traditions, and David (District 26) read the 12 Concepts.

## **Recognitions**

- New GSRs and DCMs.
- Past Delegates: Reilly K. (Panel 66), Gus P. (Panel 64), Chase B. (Panel 62), Anne M. (Panel 60)
- Timer was Bob (District 16).

## **Roll Call**

Conducted by Area Secretary, S.J.

## **Approve September 2018 Minutes**

Motion to accept September 2018 minutes by By a show of hands, **the September 2018 minutes were accepted.**

## **Area Officer Reports**

*See Full Reports section for full report text.*

Delegate	Vera F.
Alternate Delegate	Jim F.
Chair	Ron W.
Alternate Chair	Penny H.
Secretary	S.J.
Registrar	Bob C.
Alternate Treasurer	Lisa S.
Treasurer	John A.

## **Treasurer's Report**

This is a condensed report, see the Full Reports section for additional details. Q4 2018 covers September 22, 2018 to the day before the 2018 November assembly, which was November 4.

### **Q4 2018**

Starting Q4 Bank Balance:     \$ 65,576.66  
Q4 Income:     \$ 14,496.49  
Q4 Expenses:     \$ 21,337.78  
End Q4/Came into assembly with:     \$ 58,735.37  
Minus PRASSA:     \$ 13,900.06  
End Q4 Available     \$ 44,835.31

*Motion to accept Q4 2018 Treasurer's Report by Daniel R (District 13) and seconded by Ruth (District 11). By a show of hands, **the Q4 2018 Treasurer's report was accepted.***

## **Chair Announcements**

- On Jan 19, the Area Orientation will be held at the First Christian Church in Eugene. The address is 1166 Oak St. and the time will be 9 am to 5 pm. The flyer and all information is on the website and if you have any questions, contact the Alt Delegate, Jim F.
- The Flora Building is closed.
- The center pieces on the table, you can fight over them and whoever wins can take them home.

**Service Committee Reports**

The following Service Committees gave reports at the Assembly. See Full Reports section for full report text and additional reports.

Accessibilities	Perry R.
Archives	James J.
Cooperation with the Professional Community	Chuck S., Amber N.
Corrections Facilities	Roberto F.
Finance	Randy W.
Grapevine / La Viña	Reilly K.
Hospitals	Chaz D.
Newsletter	Cindee S.
Public Information	Joe S.
Translation / Interpretation	Stephen W.
Treatment Facilities	Jenny, Stacy
Website	Theron

**Old Business**

***Item #1 – Allow Co-Chairs and Assistant Chairs a vote during the Assembly***

<p><b>Motion:</b> To give all Co-Chairs and Assistant Chairs right of participation and vote at all area functions.</p> <p><b>Submitted by Andrew B., Tuesday Night Lake Grove GSR</b></p>
<p><b>Intent/Purpose:</b> Per concept 3 (right of decision) and concept 4 (right of participation), this would give all area committee members the ability to vote at area functions. This would bring area practice into alignment with our service manual.</p>
<p><b>Current Practice:</b> Currently, only the chair of area committees has a vote and right of full participation.</p>
<p><b>Budgetary Impact:</b> None.</p>

**Carolyn, DCM:** As a DCM I am a member of the Area Committee. I am voting against this motion The motion is not a good idea. The last time our Area Assembly was held here, We had the same Tabled Motion. One of the Delegates voiced a negative opinion at the mic and the motion was defeated. The area committee currently has 45 to 50 votes and the number grows regularly. We never want the committee to approach voting numbers that would sway a vote at an assembly. Area Assemblies are for the groups, through their GSR votes to direct Area operations that’s through the GSR votes. And knowing that a number of GSR’s cannot attend this motion would compromise the 2/3 rule and jeopardize the power that

the groups are to hold. To serve on the are committee is a privilege. I don't think we need to change the name to Area voting rights committee. Thank you

**Nick F:** I would be in favor of the motion if I could actually vote but as an alternate currently I cannot. I am going to read something out of actually it is concepts illustrated. Its probably my favorite way to read the concepts. It is actually something that Bill wrote. "Finally, there is a spiritual reason for the "Right of Participation." All of us desire to belong. In AA, no members are "second class." The "Right of Participation" therefore reinforces Tradition Two, that no member is placed in "ultimate authority" over another. We perform our service tasks better "when we are sure we belong-when our 'participation' assures us we are truly the 'trusted servants' described in Tradition Two."

My opinion is that you know that the people up there have great experience and without the ability to vote they don't have the ability to have minority opinion. Additionally the 2/3's idea would add 12 votes to the body up there and there are normally over 200 to 250 GSR's that attend this so you would still not get to the 2/3's that they were concerned about. I am in favor of this I hope that we get this vote if we don't it is God's will baby.

**Emily, GSR - Saturday morning Gratitude, District 10:** Our group had talked about this and we believe we are not in favor of passing this. We believe that any committee member has the "right of participation" in their own home groups, and I was reading in your. we were talking about concepts one and it was described that Tradition Two like AA Traditions is the voice of experience based upon the trials of thousands of groups in our pioneering time. The main principle of Tradition Two are crystal clear AA groups are to be the final authority, their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only. Thank you.

**Steve DCM District 7:** Point of Order. Did Nick have a voice, no vote no voice?

**Ron W:** We allowed him to speak. I mean I allowed him to speak. But yea you are right.

**Bruce District 21 DCM:** My District voted no on this issue and in looking at it. Each committee has one vote and I think that is enough. Thank you,

**Ron W:** Just as clarification, as a rule only voting members are allowed at the mic. In this case we did allow Nick to come to the mic.

**Mame, GSR for the Care Group in Wilsonville:** In discussing this with my group we decided if it was a "Right of Participation" then included in this would be all alt DCM's and all alt GSR's that attended as well as the committee members. We also think it could be financially limiting to the groups to send all those people to the Assemblies. So we are voting to not send this motion through.

**Gus District 29, GSR:** The thing that came up was a question from my home group was, there is some misunderstanding as far as if they belong to a home group, you guys for instance, in your vote is already carried with your GSR. Why would you, it almost seems like you are getting two votes and that was kind of a little foggy for us. So if you guys could kind of clarify that it would really help us to understand.

**Ron W:** I think that was an "ask it basket" topic and it was clarified.

**Justin, GSR District 26:** I am just going to read from page S37 from the Service Manual. This is under the subheading of Area Procedures in Eligibility to Vote. "Generally speaking, all area committee members and officer and all GSR's have one vote each in an assembly. Experience indicates that even though committee members and area officers are members of a group in the area that is represented by a GSR, they are entitled to a vote at the assembly. Alternates normally vote only if the regular DCM or GSR is not present." Thanks

**Eileen, GSR Peaceful Feelings group at Seaside:** My group voted against this. They encourage the committee members to work together closely. Have one vote. Some committees have 3 members, some have two, so does that make Finance more important than others where they will get three votes and the others will only get two. It would be good to have only one vote per committee and encourage them to caucus together and work together. Thanks

Proceed to vote: **Motion Fails**

**Minority Opinion:**

**Mary Joe, Corvallis, GSR Saturday Night Speaker meeting:** In Corvallis it is new and I have been up since 3 this morning traveling here and I voted twice, I accidentally voted yes and no. I am moving my vote from the yes to the no. Sorry.

No votes changed. **Motion stands as FAILED**

**Item #2: - Remove the requirement that assembly seed money be returned to Area. (16:00)**

<p><b>Motion:</b> Remove requirement that assembly seed money (\$1,000) be returned to Area. <b>Submitted by Gabriel, DCM District 11.</b></p>
<p><b>Intent/Purpose:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seed money is essential to districts hosting area assemblies since Districts are given the seed money for facility deposits before fundraising begins. Under current Assembly guidelines, <u>“The objective is for the Assembly to be self-supporting. In the event that the Assembly is not self-supporting, that is to say income does not meet expenses, Oregon Area is responsible for the deficit. The same principle is true if there is a profit. Any excess income over expenses shall be passed on to Oregon Area. The purpose of Assembly fundraising is to meet the necessary expenses of hosting the Assembly and/or to reduce costs paid by attendees, not to generate profits.”</u> The seed money is money donated by groups and districts and it is redundant to require Host Committees to fundraise over and above necessary assembly costs.</li><li>Host Committees currently are responsible for expenses/supplies that are purchased and remain with the Area. These include badges, lanyards, ribbons) and administrative costs which are mandated by the Area for AV services (comp of hotel rooms and meals), Wufoo fees (\$39 per month), stage requirements and rentals if necessary, etc. which are not assembly specific costs and should be taken care of by the Area.</li></ul>
<p><b>Current Practice:</b> Currently, Host Committees are required to return at least \$1,000 in seed money back to Oregon Area 58. It is a requirement that this should be done and further burdens districts by requiring more fundraising than necessary to become a self-supporting assembly.</p>
<p><b>Budgetary Impact:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Max: \$4,000 per year.</li><li>This would help out smaller districts who desire to host an assembly, without having to fundraise above and beyond their own assembly expenses.</li></ul>

**Chrystal, GSR District 6:** Educational variety. My group decided to vote no on this motion. They felt there would be no motivation for a group to pay back the \$1000. It would basically be a gift to any hosting committee. No motivation to make, of course, above the amounts including the \$1000 seed money, because they don't have to. That's where we stood on it. Thanks

**Carolyn, DCM District 30:** My group and the district, we are a little confused. What we understood and we put on an assembly a couple years ago. This seems to be a moot point because if there is a plus it goes back to the area. If there is a negative, the area absorbs it or whatever. So the seed money is not something that actually sits in the bank and we as a district held an assembly and we were in the red would have to come up with a \$1000. If maybe somebody in Finance could really explain how this \$1000 or seed money is taken care of. It would help the body to understand whether it is a vote or if this is like I said a moot point. Maybe somebody could explain that.

**Francis, District 1, GSR:** I discussed this with my group and they felt that the whole idea of district holding an assembly is to do service work and to have the assembly in your area. Which allows regular so many different people in your area to participate in service. It is lots of work to be done and the Districts know this before they put in a bid. But there is going to be a tremendous amount of work and also they felt that the District share in the responsibility and so you have even more people to help to fundraise.

**Mathew, DCM, District 20:** When I was drinking, occasionally a bar would allow me to run a tab. My sponsor who was really a asshole Made me pay that money back.

**Eileen, GSR Peaceful Feelings group at Seaside:** If a District gets a \$1000 from the Area and spends it on their on the total cost of the assembly then that is part of their total cost of their assembly. And needs to be fundraised because that is their total cost cause if they don't spend the \$1000 then it is not part of their total cost.

**John, Area 58 Treasurer:** I am still your Treasurer for a few more minutes. I was asked for further clarification so here it goes. In the Area Guidelines under Assembly finances, Oregon Area is responsible for any losses or profits from the assemblies. So what was said earlier is correct. If a assembly ends up with net proceeds, it goes back to the area. Its saying that if the area experiences a loss, that is not on the district. The area just writes that check. Pays the balance, pays for the assembly. So, really the \$1000 is given in advance to a committee to kind of help them get started. Mainly because when you go secure a facility, the facility requires that we put a deposit down. To kind of make that reservation. And the committee being new hasn't had the option to generate any money to do that yet. So we give them an advance to Kind of help them do that. So the \$1000, if they are able to pay that back, some committees pay that back early, before the assembly is even held. Like right now the area has plenty of money and it doesn't really make a difference. And in years when area has been really lean financially that money is potentially, that seed money we award up to 8 assemblies at a time and that is potentially \$8000 of area assets that are just out there. It is not even in the general fund where we can put that money to work for the area. If the committees are able to pay that back earlier, it puts money back into our account so we can use it for Oregon Area. I don't know if that was clarifying any further. Maybe yes, maybe no.

**Chaz:** I have served on couple of host committees. And you know, money is always one of those fears, right. And we fear money, economic insecurity even as a district of a group, can't even afford an assembly, I want to encourage folks, my experience in assembly host committees you need people who are jazzed up about doing something to reach out to Penny to ask her for help to put this thing on. We go to LaGrande, we go to Klamath Falls, we go to Gold Beach, we go to small communities and we pull off these assemblies. So don't let the fear of money prevent you from hosting something like this. Because it is pretty damn exciting. And nothing energizes a district any more than having an assembly come to your hometown and do that so I would encourage you to not let money be a driving factor about assemblies cause it is something exciting for something like this come to your hometown.



**Judy, Alt DCM, District 17:** We are putting on the May assembly. We have been doing some extensive fundraising and there is a lot of enthusiasm about it and we didn't take the money. We decided that we don't have to have it. But if we were a smaller area, and had to have it to put the assembly on, I would like to think that its not going to be an issue if we don't raise enough money. So if it comes to the point of the bottom-line of filling out that sheet that says where everything is, where all our finances are, stuff like that we can do some after the fact fundraisers to pay it back if we feel like we need to or the area absorbs it was said earlier and that is what it says in the manual. Thank you.

**Jim F, Alt Delegate:** Keep in mind that districts have a way to raise funds. Oregon Area does not have a way to raise funds other than what is sent in as contributions. That is all I wanted to say.

**Scott, DCM District 36:** the question was raised at our last meeting How often in the last two years have district committees been unable to pay back the \$1000 seed?

**Ron, Area Chair:** I am not real familiar with the answer to that question, but I would guess that it has been returned 99.9% of the time. Oh, here comes somebody that will, Oops. Maybe not reflect on that.

**Sharon, GSR District 11:** I think that we are all in this both together and sometimes we are not going to be able to meet our expenses. I think that we are trusted servants of AA. That each district will do the best they can to raise the money that needs to be raised. Thank you.

**Lisa, Area Alt Treasurer:** In the seven years that John has been in finance and the time I have been in Oregon Area, we have never gotten the \$1000 back , however, Oh I am sorry we have always got the \$1000 back. That is if the district had requested it to advance it. All those committees have the right to come to the treasurer when they are awarded it and ask for the \$1000 to assist them. However we have had one assembly currently that has lost money. That committee, that district had been reimbursed in full for what they requested. They have not returned the \$1000 seed money, and we are OK with that, because as per our area guidelines, we absorb all proceeds and all losses. Please do not be fearful of hosting an assembly. Because your area committee is supportive of you and I think this body is supportive of you. Thank you.

Vote on motion, motion failed, floor open to minority opinion.

**Ariel P, District 10, GSR Davis Road Group:** I am here as a GSR and I am speaking for my group. They really want to see this passed. They feel like it is redundant. And just says the same thing over and over again. So they just want it to pass and I am just talking for them. Trying to support my group here, thanks.

**Jordan, District 20:** So I guess this is a clarifying question. Its already in the guidelines and standard practice, so the motion is to make it more clear? (Asked if he voted for the motion by the chair.) I did. So my question was, is this motion to prevent people from being fearful from hosting an assembly? Is it to remove fear? (Chair asked for Motion maker to answer) It is not actually required to pay it back, right? (Chair: Right) ok, that is all I was actually asking.

**Gabriel, DCM, District 11:** I am just going to clarify. So this was brought up by, through individuals of Districts 11 and 25 when we were hosting the Welches assembly. And the groups were just a little bit and we fundraised really hard for the entire assembly and they wanted to know why Oregon Area wasn't putting out the funds for the area when they saw a lot of expenses come out that were not anticipated at the time. And they wanted to why the area basically supplying their own stuff that we were required to fundraise for.

Motion to revote by Mary Joe: Seconded by ? Motion failed.

**Main motion remains as Failed.**

**Item 3: Add GSR email addresses to the Roster.**

**Motion:** Add GSR email addresses to the Roster.  
**Submitted by Scot C, District 36.**

**Intent/Purpose:** Increase communication Districts and GSRs, increasing the opportunity for the Districts to reach out, check in, notify, and be of greater Service to their GSRs.

**Current Practice:** Currently the OR Area Roster lists only mailing address. An email address is currently required on the GSR change form; however, Registrar is presently using old forms that do not require the email address.

Position Statement:

- Roster updates made easier when changes in the District or to the GSR position.
- Email addresses provide greater ability for the District to communicate
- Encouraged participation of the Groups without a GSR.
- Increased communication from the District to the Groups increases Unity, Service, and Recovery.

**Budgetary Impact:**

Registrar Comments:

Currently, there is not room for another column to contain email addresses. Formatting the Group and GSR information in a landscape, rather than portrait, would provide the necessary room adding about three pages and an increase in cost of around 15% to the roster.

- Current cost \$185/edition.
- Change cost \$215/edition
- Increase of \$30/edition
- Using the current portrait layout, publishing the email address in the field currently containing the residence or mailing address is possible.
  - This change would provide no budgetary impact to the Area.
  - This change would eliminate the mailing address.
- Administrative Impacts:
  - Requires several weeks or months of time on the part of the Registrar to amend some 1000 records.
  - Gathering the email addresses from current GSRs could take a great deal of time.
  - Folks without an email address should have the option of a mailing address.
- While we (Registrar and Secretary) are not advocating for this particular change, it seems to make a lot of sense.

Motion read by Scott C.

**Robert, District 9, GSR PTA Noon Group:** I am not sure how to do this, but my group had suggested an amendment to this motion. They felt that for safety and privacy reasons, the people listed in the roster could either have their email or their physical address. Which would alleviate the problem with the one cell added for the other cell email.

**Ron W, Chair:** inquired as to the motion makers intent to amend.

**Scott C:** Well I think that clarified it really yes or maybe yes we need to amend it by adding a column to the roster to add the email address to the roster, which would impact the budget monetarily. That would allow the ability to both keep the current mailing address and add an email address, which is what we are really looking for.

**Patty, GSR Saturday Morning Live:** I just have a comment that so many people use their email addresses as first name last name, first initial last name. I think before we did something like this there ought to be, maybe we all just get a different email address that is more unidentifiable. I am not sure what to think about that and would like to hear what other people think.

**Dean C, DCM District 22:** I would recommend the email replace the street address for safety purposes. One of our GSR's in our group has changed her AA email address to reflect, not sure if I have it exactly right. Its GSR.KISS. District 22 @ gmail or aol or whatever her carrier is. That eliminates having addresses available and it would eliminate the personal email address too. It is also going to be pretty complicated for the Registrar to try to determine whether you do an email address or a street address, because you could almost guarantee that they are not going to get that 100% accurate.

**Walt:** I got something right here from Common Grounds right here on the front cover. It is a quote from Bill W. Nothing matter more for AA's future welfare than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination. That is all I got.

**Bobby, District 13:** As I read and maybe I need a little clarification, its not just a simple yes or no. It is whether we want to do it or whether we want to replace the current address with email or and then the yes option whether we want to add another line or vote no. As I read it, there is 3 options not just a simple yea or nay.

**Shannon, DCM District 15:** I just want to point out a couple things about the roster. One, it is only handed out to DCM's and Alt DCM's. So not everyone has a copy of it. The last names are printed in the roster. I do think it would be a good idea to have email addresses in here. I don't think that mailing addresses are a problem for safety reasons, because this is not widely distributed. We do vote our DCMs and Alt DCMs carefully into position. But, I am curious about how this process would go. It seems like it would be a lot of work. I am curious, if, I know that when we submit new group forms or new GSR update forms to the registrar, that usually email addresses are included. So I am curious as to how many email addresses are already on file? And how long this process might take. I also wanted to ask too, to Scott the motion writer, did you actually change the motion so that, because I think the motion was little unclear, there was an option of whether we were going to keep, I think you wanted to keep the email addresses and the physical mailing addresses? Cause the motion kind of said that either/or in that description section.

**Scott C:** The motion did kind of say either/or in the description section. Yes, we were trying to include either a no impact solution or an impact solution. So that people could see that just by changing email address for the mailing address there would be no impact on the budget. Which would be simple, get it done, getting it changed out and we can get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The other way would be an impact that would remain both the email address and the mailing address or the option of the GSR to provide either one or the other at their discretion.

**Shannon, DCM District 15:** So I think that we would need a clarification as to what we are voting on.

**Ron W, Chair:** That is correct. We can't vote on something that we have an option, this or that. Its got to be one or the other.

**Scott C:** Then the request would be for the budgetary impact of having both the email address and the mailing address.

*Discussion ensued between the Chair, Motion Maker and Ariel P (2<sup>nd</sup>) as to the intent of the motion and whether it was amended by the clarification. It was determined due to the clarification the intent of the motion was not changed, motion to stand as read. Discussion continued.*

**Debra, District 19, GSR Downtown AM:** Our group is opposed to this motion to add the email addresses. Mainly because GSR email addresses are super fluid. A lot of GSR's did not know that they need to notify GSO and the Area Registrar. There could have been several rotations of GSR's that have not updated their email address. My group also felt that it would be up to the DCMs to reach out to their GSRs and their District to get their current email addresses. It would not necessarily be the job of Area to get it in the roster. Thank you

**Caitlan, District 26, GSR Salty Bunch:** I am going to advocate for this on behalf of myself and my group. We support this because first of all it feels inevitable. It feels like we are progressing further and further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, technology is progressing exponentially. And eventually its going to be inevitable. I feel like it's a question of whether we want to start the process now or wait until our hand is forced. In addition to that, I think, email, there is a question of whether there are last names in it, its free to make an email and it takes a couple minutes, so there could be one made for the group. Without names in it or last names in it. I think it is a pro to communicate within seconds, and if it enables communication it enables connection between groups and I think that if for some reason we need a mailing address and some the GSR or DCM does not provide a mailing address, we can send an email and get a response within minutes. And then have the mailing address to send whatever we need to. So I think this is definitely the right move. I think that is everything. Thanks.

**Patrick, District 31, GSR Aloha Men's Group:** My group, overall, has no negative feeling about putting email addresses in the roster. As was previously mentioned, the roster is fairly private. It already has our street address. What my group had is the same thing being voiced here. This is a flawed motion. It should be taken off of the table. And it should be represented with a defined solution. Because as it sits now, the motion says, add GSR email addresses to the roster. I don't think Roberts Rules of Order as modified can amend this on the fly. So we have to vote no.

**Scott C:** It has been suggested and I would like to consider withdrawing the motion, rewriting it and presenting it at the next assembly.

Ron W, Chair accepted the motion withdrawal and ended discussion.

**Motion withdrawn**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>Incoming</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	Sanjuro J	Randy W
<b>Alt Treasurer</b>	Lisa S	Chrystal H
<b>Treasurer</b>	John A	Lisa S
<b>Registrar</b>	Robert C	Martha G
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Randy W	David F
<b>Finance Co-Chair</b>	David F	Angela M
<b>Asst Finance Chair</b>	Angela M	Cindi W
<b>CPC North</b>	Amber N	Amber N (Chair)
<b>CPC South</b>	Chuck S (Chair)	Glen B
<b>Hospitals Chair</b>	Chaz D	Dwayne R
<b>Hospitals Co-Chair</b>	Dwayne R	Patty K

<b>Corrections Chair</b>	Roberto F	Lisa C
<b>Corrections Co-Chair</b>	Lisa C	John C
<b>Public Information North</b>	Joe S (Chair)	Theron B
<b>Public Information South</b>	Joey B	Joey B (Chair)
<b>Treatment North</b>	Stacy W	Stacy W (Chair)
<b>Treatment South</b>	Jenny B (Chair)	Chuck S
<b>Accessibility Chair</b>	Perry R	Sarah M
<b>Webmaster</b>	Theron B	Nick F
<b>Asst Webmaster</b>	Nick F	(Open)
<b>Translation Chair</b>	Martha G	Stephen W
<b>Translation Co-Chair</b>	Stephen W	Evonia R

**New Business**

***Item 1: Fully fund the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Chair, and Secretary to attend Area Assemblies.***

<p><b>Motion:</b> To fully fund the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Chair, and Secretary to attend Area Assemblies.</p> <p><b>Submitted by: Michael G, District 1</b></p>
<p><b>Intent/Purpose:</b> This is a simple proposal to allow the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Chair, and Secretary be compensated for their expenses to area assemblies. Their time and effort are comparable to the individuals that are already fully funded. Their costs to attend an assembly are the same as their counterparts, but their funding is about half as much and less than most GSR's and DCM's. It seems only reasonable to increase their funding to cover expenses for area assemblies.</p>
<p><b>Current Practice:</b> The current practice is that the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Chair, and Secretary receive a stipend of \$160.00 per assembly. Whereas the Delegate and Chair are fully compensated for their rooms, meals, and fuel costs.</p>
<p><b>Budgetary Impact:</b> The increased funding for the Alternate Delegate, Alternate Chair, and Secretary will be approximately \$560/officer/year, or \$1.680/ per year.</p>
<p><b>Motion Action: Tabled to next Assy.</b></p>

Adriana (for Michael) read motion. Nick F, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dean, District 22, DCM: Seems to me the math is not very good here. \$560 times 4 is \$2240 not \$1680.

Ron W, Chair: Seeing no one at the mic, I will ask the Finance Committee if there are funds available.

David F, Finance Chair: That would be a solid affirmative.

Vote on Urgent/Administrative: Motion Tabled

**Item 2: Increase the Area Committee Orientation Line \$3.31, from \$1000.00 to \$1003.31.**

<b>Motion:</b> Increase the Area Committee Orientation Line \$3.31, from \$1000.00 to \$1003.31. <b>Submitted by Lisa S, Area Treasurer</b>
<b>Intent/Purpose:</b> To bring our 2018 Fiscal Year budget into balance. The facility rent for our January Area Orientation was paid in full. Generally, there is a \$100 deposit made to reserve the facility. The previous Treasurer paid the entire rent in full, which caused us to exceed the budget line.
<b>Current Practice:</b> It is common practice for Oregon Area to ensure that our budgetary lines at the end of the fiscal year are at an amount equal or greater than zero.
<b>Budgetary Impact:</b> \$3.31 increase to the 2018 Area Committee Orientation budget line.
<b>Motion Action: Motion Carried</b>

Lisa Read the Motion. 2<sup>nd</sup> (unintelligible)

Vote on Urgent/Administrative: Affirmative as to Administrative

Vote on Main Motion: Pass unanimously

**Item 3: Area 58 establishes a “prudent reserve”.**

<b>Motion:</b> We move that Area 58 establishes a “prudent reserve,” defined as a specific dollar amount, below which money shall not be spent, save for unexpected expenses. <b>Submitted by: Bob F, District 19</b>
<b>Intent/Purpose:</b> It is suggested that AA groups have a prudent reserve set aside to meet unexpected expenses. This is usually defined as a set dollar amount. We believe the same should apply to Area 58.
<b>Current Practice:</b> Area 58 does not have a defined prudent reserve dollar amount.
<b>Budgetary Impact:</b> NA
<b>Motion Action: Tabled to next Assy.</b>

**Bob F** read the motion. There is another motion after this and I have to be careful. Its like step 8 and 9, its hard to talk about this without the other. I think that the general intent of both these motions is that our group feels that the balance on hand is higher than we are comfortable with. When I started this we were around \$30,000 in 2016 and we have seen it go as high as \$45,000. As the conference says in this pamphlet here. We view with much concern those AA treasuries which continue beyond prudent reserve to accumulate funds for no stated purpose. The bottom line is. Go ahead sir.

**Ron W, Chair:** We need a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the motion. We are not supposed to discuss without a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Is there a 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion? (Unintelligible, yes)

**Bob F, District 19:** Just what I said. The prudent reserve is something we don't have right now. We feel we should set one.

**Jeff, District 15:** I just need clarification on the motion. A prudent reserve means we are going to keep a certain amount of money in the bank and not spend beyond that. But I heard you say something else about we are accumulating all this extra money, which is a different issue. So it is not a prudent reserve but some kind of cap. Could I have some clarification on this?

**David, Finance Chair:** Just to clarify, we do not have a Prudent reserve per se. only because we do not use that terminology. We do have a \$7000 threshold amount. If our funds drop below the \$7000 mark , then the Finance Committee is made aware of that. Actually we would probably be the first ones to know about it. Then we would make you aware of it. And at that time we could take steps to how we are going to bring our dollar amount back up above the threshold Although we don't use the term prudent reserve, we do have a dollar amount in place, at which point we start looking at what changes we need to make and how control that money. And also to agree with what the last person pointed out, the issue of the top end is a whole different issue than what we are talking about right now. If we have too much money, then we can look at ways in which we can, in a prudent manner, disburse those funds. Just for clarification. Thank you.

**Bob F, District 19:** Just to address the gentleman before that said. Again, there are two motions, the next one is coming up. The next one, just to give you a preview will be to spend or donate the money we have in excess of our prudent reserve. You can't do that if you don't have a prudent reserve. If \$7000 is the equivalent of a prudent reserve. (interrupted by the Chair to talk to the motion on the floor).

**Kyle, District 5, GSR Tuesday Night AA:** I wanted to clarify if the motion involved the recommendation to set the prudent reserve to a certain amount or to give the treasurer or the Finance Com the option to set that.

**Bob F, District 19:** The motion is to define a prudent reserve. Like in my home group, our prudent reserve is \$200. The question he just asked, who would define that, we would. I assume we would get a recommendation from the committee and vote on it.

**Ariel P, District 10, GSR Davis Road Group:** What you read a couple minutes ago about the prudent reserve in your home groups, you were talking about home groups, this is Area. You have in Area distributed to us from the home groups, and to set a prudent reserve or to distribute money or have certain amount that we can have is going against what the groups originally sent to Area. It is just something to consider.

**Carolyn, District 30, DCM:** I think it was already explained. He is referring to prudent reserve, it is actually a threshold and I call the question.

Chair recounted calling the question as improper use of the tool. "You cannot call the question directly following your comments."

**Lisa S, Treasurer:** I know in home groups, generally speaking we are talking about a prudent reserve that is 3 months of operating costs. Coffee, rent or whatever the home group's group conscious is, what that 3 months is. If you are looking at a prudent reserve for area, we spend approximately \$12000 to \$18000 per assembly. And that is on a quarterly basis. So if we are looking at getting 3 months of prudent reserve, the \$7000 would not match up.

**Jonsey, District 21:** Call the question

Vote on the question: Passed

Vote on administrative/urgent or table: **Motion is tabled until the next assembly.**

**Item 4: All funds that exceed the Area's prudent reserve be spent or donated on an annual basis.**

**Motion:** We move that all funds that exceed the Area's prudent reserve (see motion 1) be spent or donated on an annual basis.

**Submitted by: Bob F, District 19**

<p><b>Intent/Purpose:</b> Cash on hand has steadily increased over the past several years. Our group donates money to the Area under the assumption that it will be used to help the alcoholic still suffering and to carry the AA message. We believe that cash balances exceeding \$20,000 violate the spirit in which the money was given. In short, spend it or give it back.</p>
<p><b>Current Practice:</b> Area 58 does not have a requirement that its funds be spent or donated. Right now, thousands of dollars are sitting in bank accounts.</p>
<p><b>Budgetary Impact:</b> NA</p>

Bob F read the motion. Seconded

Vote on administrative/urgent or to table: **Voted to table to next assembly.**

***Full reports, when provided, are in the Full Reports section***

**Assembly reports**

- Feb 2018, Districts 6, 19, and 20 - Eugene, Chaz D.
- May 2018, District 15 - Clackamas, Shauna C.
- Sept 2018, Districts 11 and 25 - Welches, Gabriel K.
- Nov 2018, District 7 - Grants Pass, Les S.
- Feb 2019, District 16 - Medford, Kelly N. (read by Gary M.)
- May 2019, District 17 – Klamath Falls, Kim C.

**Intergroup Reports**

- Westside Central Office, Carla M. (read by Nick F., Assistant Webmaster)
- Josephine County Intergroup, Jen F. (submitted by email)
- Portland Area Intergroup, Matt S.
- District 5 Intergroup, Tricia M.
- Klamath Falls Intergroup, Rick F.

**Final Treasurer’s Report – Lisa S.**

We came into the assembly with: \$43,758.12  
 We wrote checks totaling: \$17,604.66  
 Leaving the Assembly with cash in bank: \$26,153.46

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Delegate November 2018 Quarterly Assembly Report**

Greetings OR Area! It is good to be with you again! My name is Vera and I’m an alcoholic. My sobriety date is September 19,1989 and my home group is the Attitude Adjustment Group in Bend, OR! Congratulations to the new Area Officers and Committee Chairs and welcome to the new DCM’s and GSR’s. I’m look forward to serving with you in the coming year.



After our September Assembly I visited members from District 27 & 15 for a Delegate Post Conference report and attended the 3rd anniversary celebration of the Primera Decisión group. Both events were held on the same day which really helped with travel. I had a wonderful time meeting some great people and eating a variety of delicious food. Sharing my joy about being sober and my love of service in A.A. is one of my most favorite things to do. Connecting with members who are not familiar with general service and see the “service light” come on in their eyes, is special. It’s like watching a newcomer “get it”! It inspires me to stay engaged and be part of this life changing movement.

In October I attended a couple of events that were not part of my delegate responsibilities. However, they were part of the work that I do to stay sober. I attended Idaho Area 18’s Fall Assembly in McCall, ID. There were panels, workshops, speaker meetings and the business meeting. Like groups, areas are autonomous so there were some noticeable differences in how they structure their assembly. It was interesting to be at an assembly and not have a job to do. The ID fellowship was very gracious, and I met new friends. The next weekend I traveled to Indianola, WA with my friend Lisa C. to attend a women of color retreat. I was a new comer, a first-time attendee feeling totally out of my comfort zone. But the women were welcoming and reached out just like we do when we see newcomers in the rooms. It was time well spent refilling my spiritual cup with meditation, reflection, deep sharing with women in recovery and swinging on a rope 55 feet in the air! Yep, I did it! Highly unlikely I’ll ever do it again! Overall it was a great experience and I look forward to going again next year.

This month I co-facilitated a GSR school with our Alternate delegate Jim F and attended a GV writing workshop facilitated by our Area GV Chair Reilly K. Both events were in District 5, my home district so traveling was a breeze.

Throughout our Area, I have met some very enthusiastic trusted servants carrying the message of hope from the disease of alcoholism. As I listen to members share their experience, strength and hope, their concerns and their love for Alcoholics Anonymous, I am humbled to be part of it. I am also in awe, because there is a lot of work being done in our Area and around the world on behalf of A.A. Part of my job as your delegate, is to maintain the two-way communication between our area and the General Service Office (G.S.O.), hence the plethora of emails you receive from me!! The primary function of our General Service Office is to provide, members, groups, districts and areas with resources to carry the message. My report backs to districts are a vehicle to share with the fellowship, what those resources are, and how they help us outreach to the still suffering alcoholic.

As A.A. members we play a vital role in determining what resources we need and want in carrying A. A’s message. At the February assembly we will participate in a mock Conference where we will learn what is on the final agenda for the 2019 General Service Conference. Now you might think... isn’t it a bit early to be talking about this? It isn’t. Our GSB and the Trustee committees meet year-round to work on the recommendations given to them from the fellowship through the GSC. This week, a list of 35 proposed agenda items for the 2019 GSC was sent to the delegates and other members of the conference. I will email this out to DCMs for distribution to GSRs and A.A. members. So, it’s not too early to start discussions on these.

I will mention a few of these proposed agenda items in the AAWS highlights later in this report.

Here are some highlights from the October board meeting:

### **A.A.G.V.**

GV's new book, "One Big Tent – Atheists and Agnostics AA Members Share Their Experience, Strength and Hope" has far exceeded the sales projections for the first 2 months in circulation and stands at \$37,000 in revenue for first two months. These are the most sales of any book in GV history for a 2-month period!

AAGV has now released LaVina in full color.

AAGV is also translating Emotional Sobriety into French, so Grapevine continues to expand its footprint in languages as well as publications.

AAWS purchased \$5000 worth of Grapevine subscriptions. This was a result of a 2018 General Service Conference Finance Committee consideration..... **"That the General Service Board make available issues of Grapevine for distribution purposes through G.S.O. staff assignments."**

As a member of the Conference Finance Committee it's very gratifying to see the GSB follow through on this

A.A.W.S.

Website and App are now in a project management model and AAWS is coordinating a massive I.T. overhaul with a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. The Fellowship New Vision (FNV) will be replaced and a consolidation of databases from records, contributions, FNV, plus sales to your group had to go through a blender to come up with one database. It is progressing very well, and a new on-line portal currently refer to as "MyPortal" will bring new opportunities to the AA Groups. A week-long shutdown is planned at the end of January for planned go-live at the beginning of February. There plans to offer training to Area Registrars in February.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., has licensed the Meeting Guide technology. This app provides a platform for local A.A. entities (Areas, Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts, etc.) to post their local A.A. meetings and currently provides information to more than 100,000 users, reflecting some 86,000 meetings. Since the meeting information is all made available through the app's mobile-friendly interface, those seeking a meeting have a simple, one-stop place to look. The collated meeting information will be available in the future through G.S.O.'s website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), and will be a component of the proposed A.A.W.S. app. The intent is to make it easier to find meetings.

A.A. Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts and Areas that provide online meeting lists are invited to have their meetings displayed through the Meeting Guide. If you are already synchronizing your meetings through the Meeting Guide app there is no additional action necessary. When the new [aa.org](http://aa.org) website launches at some point in 2019, your information will be seamlessly included.

Please note the meeting information database will operate completely independently from the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database that is currently supported by G.S.O. Meeting Guide is a separate tool that offers A.A. entities full control of their local meeting information and collects it in one place. Users of this new portal will be linked to the service entity providing the information. Participation is, of course, voluntary, but the more connected the service is to the Fellowship as a whole, the more powerful a tool it will become. Watch for emails to area, districts and intergroups to opt in to post meetings to the meeting finder app.

Agenda

Request for Theme, Presentation and Workshop topics for 2020. Send suggestions by December 15, 2018

Archives

Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970 will be complete early in 2019 in all 3 languages. This will be the first book published with new material in over 30 years at AAWS.

#### Corrections

Recommended the 30-minute video "A New Freedom" be produced in 15- and 3-minute versions.

#### Finance

Contributions for the first 9 months are 1.66% higher than budget and 1.14% lower than 2017

#### Literature

The committee agreed to forward to the conference a request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" to add an inventory question about safety in the meeting; "Do you feel safe"

The God Word and A.A Mental Health pamphlet are completed

There are two proposed agenda items concerning the big book have been forwarded to the Trustee Committee on Literature

1. is work begin on the development of a fifth edition big book this is currently under consideration
2. Consider translating the Big Book into plain language----at a fifth grade or similar reading level----- pending

#### Public Information

The membership survey continues to be a major PI issue, and a technical subcommittee has been formed to discuss methodology, address the survey process and offer any alternatives that may increase the survey's accuracy.

### **General Service Board Strategic Planning**

A.A.W.S, AAGV, and the GSB are in the process of a communication inventory. This is an outgrowth of the GSB 2016 Strategic Planning, which is and always has been intended to be the board's planning document for its own efforts on behalf of the Fellowship, and isn't a plan trying to tell the A.A. movement what it ought to be doing. In fact the Strategic Plan is a the result of the General Service Conference Inventory

An outside firm, Impact Collaborative, was hired to do research and report on our communication within the Fellowship and with the public to get a fuller understanding of how GSO/AAWS and AAGV are perceived by the Fellowship, as well as how AA in general is perceived by the public. The A.A. Internal/External Communication Audit Report (Abridged) has been sent to Area Officers, Service Committee members, DCMs and Alternate DCMs for distribution and review by the fellowship. A copy is also posted on the Area website.

#### International Conventions/Regional Fourms

St. Louis was selected for the 2030 International A.A Convention! So, it's Detroit in 2020, Vancouver in 2025 and St. Louis for in 2030. A video about the 2020 Convention will be on the aa.org website.

In Gratitude & Service,  
Vera F.

### **Alternate Delegates Report November 2018, Grants Pass.**

Hello to all in Oregon Area 58.

My name is Jim and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 1996. My home group is The Tillamook Group and we meet 5 days a week in Tillamook and 1 day in Bay City.

First, I would like to give a shout out and a thank you to District 7 for hosting this assembly. I know a lot of hard work and sacrifice go into hosting an assembly in a sparsely populated district.

Since we last met in September, I have been fortunate to have good health and a roof over my head. I have also had the good fortune to have seen many of you in your home groups, districts and other A.A. functions.

This quarter I didn't have as many miles to drive as I usually do but I still had plenty of rewards and highlights that I receive from serving as your Alternate Delegate. I shared my story in Downton Portland at the "Eye Opener Speaker Meeting". Of course, they were wonderful hosts and gave me a warm welcome and they served a fantastic breakfast. For me that was an early meeting and I was surprised that so many people get out of bed to make the meeting.

I was invited by Scott F to Scappoose District 18 to share at their Service Day Event. Again, I was welcomed and fed very well. I saw some old friends and met several new ones. It was such a rewarding day and I will treasure the memories.

A GSR School was in Redmond was next on my agenda. As always, I was greeted warmly and fed very well by the members in District 5. Thank you, Brad L and friends. Vera and I presented the GSR School and for all of us who know Vera we know that she is very articulate and a great teacher. I learn a little more at each GSR School and this one was no exception.

To visit different districts, meeting new friends and rekindling old friendships is a bright spot in my life. Please remember that if you want a GSR School in your district I am available. Please invite me!

I would like to finish by mentioning something that most all of you already know., that our AREA 58 is awesome!! We are so lucky for the people before us who have blazed a path and we are blessed for ones we have serving with us now. For that I will be forever grateful.

In Love and Fellowship. Jim F Oregon Area 58 Alternate Delegate

### **Area Chairperson November 2018 General Service Assembly Report**

Good morning everyone. My name is Ron W. my sobriety date is November 27, 1992. I am currently serving as Area 58 Chairperson. My home group is Candlelight Recover we meet every Tuesday evening at 7:15 in the Church on the corner of Cedar Hills Blvd. and Parkway in Beaverton.

This past quarter I attended a PNC Committee meeting in Gladstone. PNC Chair Shauna has done an excellent job filling the PNC Committee positions and they are well on their way.

I spent a lot of time reading and studying the 22 Service Resumes that were submitted. With the help and council from Penny, Jim and Vera I was able to fill all the positions except Assistant Web Servant. The hardest part of this whole process, for me anyway, was calling the folks I had to turn down.

Last week I met Lisa at the US Bank in Portland to sign papers for Oregon Areas new account. John and Lisa have spent a lot of time and effort getting Area's account straightened out with the State, IRS and the Bank.

I have asked John to head an Ad Hoc committee to research the affordability for GSR's attending Assemblies.

After a lot of discussion and very helpful information from our Past Delegates I have picked a person to help me, when I get a bit overwhelmed and confused, during our voting procedure. During old business motions I have asked SJ to be my helpful liaison. After rotation I have asked Randy to keep me on the straight and narrow during new business motions. My hope is our business meeting will go smoother and with less confusion.

Thanks for allowing me to be of Service,

Ron W.

### **Alt. Chair Report for November 2018 Assembly**

Buenos Dias Oregon Area and Welcome to this Assembly.

My name is Penny and I am an alcoholic.

My sobriety date is April 2, 1997. My home group is the KISS group that meets Friday/Saturday/Monday at 8PM in Newberg, OR in the wonderful District 22.

This is my Alternate chair report

I want to give a shout out to District 7 for putting on such an amazing conference. I know I say that in all my reports but there is never a bad assembly that is put on, and the hard work that goes into preparing it must be recognized. Thank you also to Barb and Les for making my service work a lot easier.

Thank you to Josh for coming and helping with our AV needs.... Josh you always provide a great service to Oregon Area. And thank you to our timers and readers.

Updates: On your table is a stapled document titled "Assembly Re-Cap Form – New Form". This is replacing the other Re-Cap Form (which is the last page of the stapled document). So now when Hosting assemblies have their final wrap up meetings they can download this from the Oregon Area website and put all their information in it and send it back to me. I want to thank SJ, Theron, & Nick for helping me create this.

For those hosting assemblies that have submitted their Re-Cap information, it is all up-to-date with the information that was provided to me and posted on the Area web under Assembly Planning documents. Please look at it and make sure all the information is correct. If there is anything missing, please contact me right away and I will get it taken care of.

Sample Agenda's are also being revised and I am almost done with those. These revised agendas will include the AV needs, room set ups, stage set ups, etc.

I am also working on creating a template for the SMART Bid Proposal so that hosting assemblies can have an example of what that looks like. I know for me when I opened that document up for the first time it was very overwhelming. What is great about this is it is in an Excel format with those lovely formulas that add/subtract and when you enter your Expenses vs. Income you can see exactly where you are at with your budgeting.

I would like to give a gentle reminder when submitting the SMART Bid Proposal to send it to: Area Chair email at: [chair@aa-oregon.org](mailto:chair@aa-oregon.org) If you have any questions, or are not sure about anything, please send us an email, give us a call....we want to help.

Thank you to the Districts who are working to put in bids to host upcoming assemblies...all I can say is you are teaching me more than you know. Thank you for your patience and thank you for showing me the way also.

Last but not least:

I want to thank those that will be rotating out in New Business for your service to Oregon Area and welcome those that are rotating in. Hang on tight your in for an amazing ride.

Yours In Love and Service  
Penny H, Oregon Area Alt. Chair  
[Chair-alt@aa-oregon.org](mailto:Chair-alt@aa-oregon.org)

### **Secretary Report for the November 2018 Assembly**

Hi all, my name is SJ and I'm your alcoholic secretary. I don't have much to report. Building the minutes was fairly uneventful, it just took a while because you all talked so much at the last assembly. As usual, the past minutes and motion history books, are available at the Registrar's table. They're really handy if you're thinking about offering a motion or you just need to do some research.

I'm rotating out of this position in just a little while. It's an honest program, so I'll say that when I made myself available two years ago, Secretary was the position I was least interested in. I mean, I'm an atheist and I was praying not to get the Secretary position. Much to my surprise, it's been a fun and interesting position, and I've learned a lot. Most of all, it's been a great opportunity to serve the Area that I love so much. Thank you for making Oregon Area such a great place to be of service.

That's all from me.

### **Q4 Treasurer's Report for November 2018 Assembly**

Good morning Oregon Area,  
My name is John, and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is July 13, 2000 and my home group is the Keys to the Kingdom Group that meets in Roseburg District 13. I am humbled to be serving as your alcoholic treasurer.

Here it is, my last Treasurers report. After spending the last nine years on the Area Committee, seven of which have been spent in the finance room this moment is a little serial. The area is in good hands though. Lisa has done a phenomenal job as alternate over the last two years. She has stepped up in helping bringing our records up to date and has managed to teach me a thing or two along the way. Lisa has been a heck of side kick and I will miss serving with her. Lisa will be joined by Crystal who I have no doubt will do a great job for the area.

As you may remember I have been reporting about inconsistencies that we have had with the bank and IRS. I am happy to say that the IRS records have been updated and now shows the name "Oregon Area General Service Committee". We are now listed with the Oregon Secretary of State business registry with the name "Oregon Area General Service Committee". Finally, I have opened a new bank with the EIN we have been using with the IRS for at least the last 24 years. We will start operating out of the account at the start of our next fiscal year on December 1, 2018.

So let's talk about the money. On your tables you will find the Q4 2018 Oregon Area Financial Statement. I will give you a moment to locate the financial statement as we are about to go over it.

As the dates show, the 4th Quarter began on September 21 – the Friday of our last Assembly and ran through November 15 the day before the start of this Assembly.

Let's start at the upper right side in the box labeled cash in bank. Here you will see that we started the 4th quarter with \$65,576.66. The first section there on the left is our income and we will be looking at Q4 which is printed in bold. The bottom line in that section shows our income totaled \$14,496.49 – which Lisa went over in detail in her report.

So let's move on to the expenditures; again we will be looking at the Q4 column in bold print.

The first section of our expenses shows money paid out to Officers and Service Committees for the work they do for the Area in-between assemblies. Here We need to make a correction. If we look at corrections Proxy line you will see it reads \$200. We need to change that to \$100. I will let you know how I missed this mistake in just a minute.

Next please drop down to the travel section. This section includes Area Committee to Assemblies and DCM's to Assemblies. These lines represent the travel stipends to DCM's and Area Committee Members to offset the costs of attending assemblies. The regional travel line is used to fund our Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, and Alternate Chair to attend PRAASA, PNC and the Forum. You will notice that we are over budget for Area Committee Orientation by \$3.31. Well that is my fault. In the fall we generally pay a deposit to the facility for our orientation. This year my brain said, "why don't we just pay the full rent amount now"? "We have the money"! Well now I see the error in my ways and realize my crazy brain put us over budget.

In the next section titled administrative I would like to touch on a couple of items. The first is a miscellaneous expense of \$1130.66. This is the partial cost of sending an additional member of the corrections committee to the corrections conference. This is a onetime expense approved by motion on May 20, 2018. The other expense I would like to mention is the \$2500 in the PRAASA seed money line. This went to secure our contract with the Red Lion at Jansen Beach for March 2022.

Moving back to the Q4 column we will move to the bottom line of the expenses section. There in the bottom line for Q4 you will see that expenses for the 4rd Quarter of 2018 totaled \$21,437.78. This needs to be changed to 21,337.78. This total is also shown in the right hand margin and also needs to be changed So, please change the Ending Balance coming into this Assembly to \$58,735.37 which is shown in the box on the right hand margin. Since we are holding funds for PRAASA we need to subtract that \$13,900.06 to give us \$44,835.31 in available funds coming into this assembly.

I have an explanation or excuse – whatever, for not identifying this error before I hit print on the Financial Statement. I opened a new bank account with \$100. Even though this \$100 is still in our general fund it has been deducted from the account we are operating in. So, as the odds would have it a \$100 error made this account balance perfectly.

The very last section is the Outstanding Assembly Advances, totaling \$3000.00. These advances are given to Host Committees as seed money, and are returned to the area at the conclusion of their assembly.

Are there any questions regarding the 4th Quarter Statement?

***THAT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION!!***

As always we want our Area Treasury to be transparent, and we will keep you informed of our checkbook balance during the assembly. If you have any questions later on you may email or call me, my information is in the Area Roster and you can also find my email on the Area website under Finance, Treasurer.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

John A.  
Oregon Area General Service Committee Treasurer  
[Treasurer@aa-oregon.org](mailto:Treasurer@aa-oregon.org)

### **Alternate Treasurer, Quarter 4 Report for November 2018 Assembly**

Good morning, my name is Lisa S. and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is January 31, 2012 and my home group is the Shine at Nine group in District 11. I currently have the honor of serving as your Alternate Treasurer.

Wow, it's been a quick two months since I last saw you!! It seems like SJ just sent out the minutes from the last assembly. These past 8 weeks have been packed full. John, our current Area Treasurer, Ron, Area Chair, and I have been finishing up some tasks prior to the rotation which will happen today. I want to give a sincere, heartfelt thanks to John, our Treasurer. The past two years have flown by and I have been blessed working with you. Thank you for your guidance, help, and friendship! I have some big shoes to fill, but know, I still have your phone number on speed-dial. On a more personal level, I thank Oregon Area for your trust in electing me to this position two years ago, never in my dreams would I have ever thought that this was possible. I am looking forward to working with Crystal, your new Alternate Treasurer, and with our finance committee. I know that the next two years will be challenging, but with the guidance of God, my service sponsor, and everyone in this amazing fellowship, I'm confident that I can fulfill the responsibilities.

Now let's get "speedily" down to the numbers!!

This quarter I made six deposits. Group contributions accounted for \$14,296.17 or 98.4% of total deposits made. The remainder of our income this quarter came from five district contributions, two birthday contributions, three personal contributions, and three return of committee funds. We also received six online contributions totaling \$611.46, we paid \$19.84 in online fees, leaving the online contribution total as \$591.62, which is part of the total quarter deposit of \$14,496.49. You can find more detailed information in the attached contribution report.

To keep costs down I have provided each district with two copies of this contribution report. DCMs, please feel free to make as many copies of this report as you need. Also know that it can be found in the minutes for this assembly that will be posted on the website at aa-oregon.org. If you have any questions or see changes that need to be made, please let me know. My contact information is on this report, in the roster and on the website. You can also chase me down at the break or after this meeting.

On behalf of the Oregon Area I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution this quarter. Each contribution is very important from the hundreds of dollars to the few dollars, each of them are very important. It warms my heart when I need to add a line to the contribution report, which means a new home group has decided to support the work we do at the Oregon Area level. This work would not be possible without these 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition dollars.

Please make checks payable to:

Oregon Area General Service Committee  
1900 NE 3rd St. Suite 106 -172



Bend, OR 97701

I know you've been reminded in recent years to always include your Group Name, Group ID# and District #, so I'll thank you in advance for doing so!

Blessed to be of Service,  
Lisa S.  
Oregon Area Alternate Treasurer  
treasurer-alt@aa-oregon.org

**Registrar Report for November 2018 Assembly:**

Good morning everyone. My name is Bob and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is March 17, 1977 and my home group is the Men's Serenity Group in Forest Grove, OR in District 31.

I have really enjoyed the past two years and wish to thank you again for electing me to this position. It is one that I had wanted to serve in for many years and I hope I have been effective and helpful as your registrar. You certainly have been helpful to and patient with me. A special thank you to SJ, our trusted Secretary, for the guidance he gave me initially while I learned the ins and outs of the Excel program.

Many of you know your new registrar, Martha, as she has been involved in Area service for quite some time. She will assume her new duties in a few minutes and will do a great job. Please be certain that you send all of your changes and inquiries from this point forward to her at the destinations listed below. Do not send the change information to GSO as it slows down the process and leads to confusion and sometimes duplications. Martha will take care of updating the GSO files.

You can submit changes online or via the US mail. Change forms are available on the Area website and can be directed to [registrar@aa-oregon.org](mailto:registrar@aa-oregon.org) or the mailing address listed in the roster.

Stop by the table this morning if you have any questions or need change forms. Thank you again for allowing me to serve all of you and AA in Oregon.

Yours in Service,

Bob C.  
Registrar

**Accessibilities Comm Report November 2018 Assembly:**

Perry R, Alcoholic Access Chair

My home group is the Lost and Found group in District 2 in Lincoln City, my sobriety date is Oct.13, 2007

Hello Oregon Area,

Thank you for allowing me to serve. It has been an honor.

I would once again make the plea for PDAC.(Portland Deaf Access Committee)

Go to [pdacAA.org](http://pdacAA.org) to donate. I can best be reached through the Area website. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve. Yours in Love and Service,

Perry R - Oregon Area 58 Access Chair

## CPC North and South Report November 2018 Assembly:

Good morning Oregon Area! I'm excited to be serving you. The last 2 months have been productive for CPC North. I've been concentrating on outreach to agencies that come into contact with the still suffering alcoholic. We have a couple of things in the works. I hope to start a volunteer list at the next assembly for our booth at the Child Abuse Summit in April. We also had the largest turnout yet at our monthly CPC/PI meeting with 13 in attendance. This gave me a light bulb moment. I thought it would be fun and good practice for District CPC chairs, to help at the round tables this weekend. Thank you Gail from District 21 for being my test subject. Hopefully, we can get District Chairs more involved in the future to help them carry the message to the professional. Contact me for more upcoming opportunities.

Yours in Service  
Amber  
CPC North  
Greetings Area 58

As this was my last quarter as the Area 58 CPC South chair – I would like to thank Area 58 for allowing me to be of service for the past 2 years. This time has been a learning experience for me on the importance of connecting our communities with Alcoholics Anonymous.

On October 27, 2018 District 30 hosted a 'Continuing AA Education Workshop' in Bandon. Joey B (PI South) opened the workshop with a great presentation on 'Public Information'. I followed Joey with my presentation on 'Cooperating with the Professional Community'.

After a short break our past delegate Gus P and our current treasurer John A (in their best "Joe & Charley" routine) did a wonderful presentation on Concept 9;

**"Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous."**

In Service,  
Chuck S – CPC South

## Corrections Report November 2018 Assembly

Good morning Oregon area. My name is Roberto F. and this is my report. The Corrections committee this last quarter has continued to support volunteers that help carry the message to the correctional institutions around the state. I traveled Coos Bay in district 8 in October to present a workshop on prerelease and discussion was had on how to approach management at facilities. The participants were engaged and some positive solutions were discussed. Thank you for the invite and hospitality District 8.

In October the committee also held our 3<sup>rd</sup> state corrections conference in Salem. It was well attended by our fellowship and correctional staff. Discussion revolved around volunteer protocol and review of policies and procedures when volunteers interact with inmates. Round tables allowed discussion on issues being faced in certain institutions, solutions were offered. There seemed to be a general feeling that a second gathering of volunteers and correctional staff should be considered apart from the conference.

In the beginning of November both Lisa our co- chair and I had the privilege to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> national corrections conference held in Portland Maine. This year 320 AA members from 32 states and 4 Canadian provinces attended the conference. The conference provided us with a wonderful overview of how other parts of the country practice this vital work of caring the message begin the walls. A more detailed report of the weekend and the information provided will be in the minutes.

Lastly we continue to encounter issues of connectivity with pre- release. Being able to connect inmates with pre- release volunteers continues to be a challenge. Committed volunteers are still needed in all areas of the state.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Roberto F.

I am Lisa and I am an alcoholic serving as the co-chair for the corrections committee.

Corrections Conference-

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Corrections was a great success. More than 40 people attended the event that took place on October 6<sup>th</sup> in Salem.

The Eastern Regional Coordinator, Tim C. and Woman’s Coordinator Katie R. attended and gave reports from their areas. Department of Correction Staff and Coffee Creek leadership was invited to talk about changes, and lead discussions on successes and challenges. Roundtables took place for each area and the regional coordinators present lead discussions for their areas. Experience, Strength and Hope was shared by Christa and Joe. According to the evaluations, members would like to see this event happen more than once a year. Thank all who attended.

Literature Inventory-

The current correction literature was dispersed to all of the regional coordinators and inventoried. The following is the literature for Area 58 Corrections:

Corrections Co-Chair:

Correction	6,80
Correspondence	0
Big Books- 3rd ed.	4
Prerelease Inside	2000
Spanish	
Big Books	4
Twelve and Twelve	5
AA in Prison	2
Living Sober	3
Little Big Books	2
Little 12/12	1
Dr. Bob	1
Coming of Age	1
Language of the Heart	1

Bill Wilson Story	1
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Woman's Coordinator

Big Books 29 3rd Editions;  
1 large print

Box of Corrections Correspondence pamphlets- 1,000

Box of Corrections Pre-release pamphlets- 1,000

Area 58 NW Regional Corrections Literature- on hand

84 - Alcoholics Anonymous (hard cover) (new)

30 - Alcoholics Anonymous (misc hard cover) (used)

50 - 12x12 (hard cover) (new)

Spanish

4 - Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones (12x12)

16 - Reflexiones Diarias (Daily Reflexions)

1 - Alcoholicos Anonimos (Alcoholics Anonymous) large print

2 - Cuomo Lo Ve Bill (As Bill See's It)

1 - Vivendo Sobrio (Living Sober)

2 - El Dr Bob y los Buenos Veteranos (Dr Bob and Good Oldtimers)

1 - El Lenguaje del Corazon (Language of the Heart)

3 - Legard a su Mayoria du Edad (Brief History of Alcoholics Anonymous)

1 - Liegamos A Creer (Came to Believe)

Eastern Regional Coordinator-

ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITEM #	# ON HAND
<u>Books</u>		
Big Book/ portable soft-cover	B-30	80
Twelve & Twelve/ hard-cover	B-2	1
Twelve & Twelve/ soft-cover	B-15	7
(SP) Alcohólicos Anónimos: 3rd edición/ soft-cover	SB-30	1
<u>Pamphlets</u>		
Carrying the AA Message into Correctional Facilities	F-5	153
Primary Purpose/ Open & Closed Meetings (blue card)	F-17	32
Corrections Correspondence: Outside Members	F-26	100
Corrections Correspondence: Inside Members	F-73	20
Carrying the AA Message Behind These Walls (discontinued)	F-108	1
Corrections Prerelease Contact Info: Outside Members	F-162	2200
Corrections Prerelease Contact Info: Inside Members	F-163	938

Memo to an Inmate Who May be an Alcoholic	P-9	22
A Message to Corrections Professionals	P-20	40
AA in Correctional Facilities	P-26	11
It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell	P-33	20

(SP) Alcohólicos Anónimos: 3rd edición/ soft-cover

(SP) Corrections Prerelease Contact Info: Outside Members	SF-162	1
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(SP) Corrections Prerelease Contact Info: Inside Members	SF-163	51
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(SP) AA en las Instituciones Correccionales	SP-26	1
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Mid-Valley Coordinator- not reported

Southern Coordinator- not reported

Literature was given or delivered to each regional coordinator to disperse to the prisons in their area. Literature will be requested and tracked through a google form to help monitor the need and cost.

Regional Coordinator Phone Conference- Regional Coordinators will meet via phone conference once a month. This month Katie R and Greg H. met with me over the phone for updates in Correction in the NW Region.

Coffee Creek Volunteers Meeting- The Coffee Creek Volunteers have been meeting for a year! The last meeting that took place on November 10<sup>th</sup> was lead by Jamie O., outside sponsor for Coffee Creek and Katie. R., Women's Coordinator. Anne M was a great help. This group has minutes and action items you will be able to find on our Area Website. Great job Coffee Creek Volunteers and leadership!

Always more to come, Love and Service,  
Lisa C.

**Finance Committee Report Area 58 November 2018 Assembly:**

Good morning, my name is Randy W. and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is October 10, 2007 and my home group is the Saturday Morning Men's Group in District 22. I currently have the honor of serving as your Finance Chair.

As this will be my last official act as your Finance Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank David, who has been my absolute right hand and will serve you well as the new Finance Chair. I would also like to thank Angela who has brought a new level of excellence to the Finance Committee. And a big thanks to John who has provided a me a wealth of knowledge as to the workings of Area 58 and to Lisa who has been my most fervent supporter. Finally, thank you to all the Area Officers and Committee Chairs who finally learned how to do their expense reports.

Finance Committee will be making all preparations for putting together the 2020 budget. So should you have any input to that process, please see David.

This has been a very gratifying service position and I will always remember my time on the Finance Committee.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you and thank you for allowing me to serve Area 58.

### **Grapevine Report Area 58 November 2018 Assembly:**

Hi – my name is Reilly and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is Bridge to Shore in District 13. My sobriety date is August 7, 1966. I'm very happy to be serving as Oregon Area's Grapevine Chair.

October was a Grapevine intensive month. I spent many hours searching through old Grapevines and the online Digital Archives, looking for articles that would help fire people's imagination. That's just about my favorite thing to do.

The result was a fabulous Grapevine Workshop in District 4, in spite of me losing my password and getting locked out of the online Grapevine Archives! Luckily, one of the members who has an all inclusive Grapevine subscription – only \$50 a year! – and she signed on to our computers. It was so much fun introducing people to the Digital Archives with a short scavenger hunt online. Then all members tried their hand at writing a story for the Grapevine. There were some remarkable results, but the most memorable was a heart rending story by a young man with 7 days sobriety. I don't think I've ever been to a workshop before where no one wanted to leave and they voted to stay almost an hour longer.

The Grapevine Workshop in District 5 served up both great food and a big turnout. We had to keep adding chairs. I was impressed that so many people drove over half an hour to attend. District 5 has a lot of dedicated members! Some beautiful stories were shared, with lots of encouragement to send them to the Grapevine, for sure!

I also participated in a History Workshop in District 5. It was so good, it reminded me of some very early days when workshops like this were regular events. I would encourage other Districts to consider holding a History Workshop. It's a fun way to learn about the Big Book and earlier days of AA.

Last week I indulged in another favorite thing to do – spending hours in the Archive Repository. There are so many historical documents to see first-hand, and the opportunity to learn about AA and Grapevine history. It's so well organized that if you know what you want to find, it's fast and easy to get your questions answered.

If your district doesn't yet have a Grapevine representative, please appoint one soon. I will add them to my roster of GVRs and plug them into the network of information flowing between Grapevine and Groups. If your group doesn't have a GVR, contact your District Grapevine Representative, or me, and we'll get your group connected to that information.

Free shipping from AA Grapevine is available right now, for a limited time. This is a great time to get all those Grapevine books, CDs, and calendars you've been wanting, and save a lot on shipping.

Email me and let's talk about all the things you can do with the Grapevine and La Viña.

With gratitude in service, Reilly K.

### **Hospital Committee November 2018 Assembly Report:**

Greetings Oregon Area, My name is Chaz D. I'm a grateful alcoholic, my sobriety date is 11/26/2003, my home group is the 6:45 AM Men's meeting in beautiful Eugene Oregon in District 6. I have for the past year served you as the Hospital Committee Chair.

In the two years I have served on the Hospital Committee, the Junction City Hospital team has gained 8 members and lost 3. Meeting attendance has gone from an average of 1 or 2 (occasionally none) to 4 or 5 patients each week. 4 patients have been connected to local temporary sponsors. However (to me) the most exciting event of all occurred one recent Saturday when both AA volunteers failed to show up, and the patients had a meeting anyway! There is a tremendous uplift with this special type of service and the last two years have been a blessing in my life.

Here is Dwayne's Report

Greetings, Oregon Area 58, my name is Dwayne, I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is September 18, 2011. My Home Group is the Freedom in The Steps (FITS) Group of Canby, Oregon in District 15 which meets on Thursday evenings at the Canby Foursquare Church at 6:30pm. The Tuesday evening meeting from 5:45 to 6:45 at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem continues to go well with robust attendance. I am still waiting the word as to when we can start the additional three meetings a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:00pm to 2:45pm. The need for volunteers has never been greater, please pass this information on to your home groups or any meetings you attend. Also, I can be reached at the contact information on the Oregon Area 58 Roster if there are any questions regarding both volunteer clearance requirements and sponsorship opportunities.

Respectfully.

Dwayne R., Oregon Area 58 Hospitals Co-Chair

My time in this role draws to a close. Never the less the work continues. Particularly, there is a real need for the Salem Volunteer Team to grow. While this service is not for everyone, the current team is being stretched to meet our commitment to the Salem Hospital. I join Dwayne's plea. I ask everyone here who is in relatively easy or even not so easy traveling distance from Salem to spread the word. Several years ago a home group in Sweet Home took on a weekend at the Junction City Hospital, a 72 mile round trip! They now have 4 members of that home group through the clearance process. It can be done when enough willingness is brought to the table. I wish Dwayne and the incoming Hospitals Co-Chair the absolute best, it has been an honor to serve you and the Oregon Area.

Yours in Love and Service

Chaz D. & Dwayne R.

### **Newsletter Chair Report November 2018 Assembly:**

Hello from beautiful Coos Bay. I have been working on motivating submissions from Area chair people, and from the body and I am very pleased with your responses since the last assembly! There are 3 submissions from a past delate, 1 member at large and a wonderful report from a speaker from who presented at PRASSA!! Thank you so much for actively participating in the process. I enjoyed the read, I hope you do!

I want to thank you for allowing me to be on my first ADHOC committee for the Area Service Committee Inventory. I think the outcome of the inventory will improve the health, focus and productivity of the Service Committee and Area Officers to do our jobs more effectively with greater focus on serving the body as a whole. Even though it was our "Pilot Program", I believe the Area will greatly benefit from the results of the inventory. We learned many things in the processing of the information and also the nuts and bolts of the "how to" portion for the inventory. I think the committee has been moved to be more effective in their positions and the changes will be long-lasting and ever changing. Thank you for letting me be part of the process. I hope you all enjoy the reports that have come from the hard work of those who participated in the process.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service once again,

Cindee S, Newsletter Chairperson

Hello Oregon Area 58,

### **PI North and South November 2018 Assembly Report:**

Well, this is my last report as your Public Information North Chair for Oregon Area. I want to thank everyone for this wonderful opportunity to serve Oregon Area. It has been an exciting journey. I want to thank each and every member of our monthly committee for their dedication and hard work. When I had the idea of forming this committee, I had no idea what we could accomplish or what we would get done. What we have created is great, and it is my hope that it continues to grow and flourish. This isn't goodbye, I will still be involved in the committee. PI work is a passion of mine.

As for the actual work getting done, we delivered presentations at Canby High School last month and reached about 175-200 kids. We did a Compassion Connect Clinic in October in Tualatin, we had a booth set up with literature for attendees. I have been in contact with a new PI chair for District 18 Allison and she joined us in November for our monthly committee meeting. Donn PI for District 5 has his first High school presentation after the beginning of the year which is very exciting for District 5. Our monthly meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at the VA Hospital floor 5 ward C room 165. Please come and join us.

Joe S.

PI North Chair

Greetings Oregon Area. I am alcoholic and my name is Joey B. My home group is Early Risers and we meet every Sunday morning at Elmer's Restaurant at 8:30. My sobriety date is November 10, 1994.

On the 27th of October I went to Bandon Oregon to give a presentation on Public Information to the alcoholics of district 30 and was greeted warmly by Carolyn L and the other people that were present. It was a nice day and I arrived early so I had time to go to the beach and do some meditation grazing at the surf, a gift of the program. My presentation went well and I am starting to get more comfortable with the information I am presenting. I was also treated to a presentation on concept 9 about good leadership by Gus P and John A.

Locally we were asked to go to one of our local high school to set up a table during their teacher's conference nights. That was good to get out in the public arena and make our presence known. We got to talk to a couple of people and hand out some literature.



Your trusted servant Joey B.

### **CTF North Report Area 58 November 2018 Assembly:**

Greetings Oregon Area 58:

My name is Stacy W. and I am an Alcoholic. My homegroup is “Lost and Found Group” of District 2, in Lincoln City, OR. My sobriety date is 5/10/1998.

This has been a slow month in my duties for the Area because of work challenges for the month of September and October. My goal for the November Assembly is to have my calendar out at the round tables to ask about coming to the District meetings in my territory.

The Ad-Hoc Committee on an Area Committee Inventory had its last conference call. We have our recommendation in our final report which will be read separately.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 58  
Yours in Love in Service,  
Stacy W.

### **Translation Committee Area Report November 2018 Assembly:**

We in translation services have been busy preparing for the November Assembly, and have recently translated the September meeting minutes to Spanish. We also had the pleasure of translating our delegate Vera’s presentation to a warm and welcoming meeting a week after the September Assembly. We will have a professional translator provide simultaneous translation for the November Assembly business meeting.

We have finished posting about 125 Spanish speaking meetings to the Portland Area Intergroup website, [www.pdxaa.org](http://www.pdxaa.org), and we are making slow but sure progress on the Events Calendar for Spanish-speaking activities, to be posted on the Area 58 website. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible from the three bilingual districts of 28, 34, and 35 at the November Assembly.

Yours in Love & Service  
Martha

### **Website Committee Report Area 58 November 2018:**

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I submit my last Website Committee report and prepare to rotate out. I am grateful for the trust and support you’ve shown me over the past several years as together we’ve made some significant changes in our web presence and communication resources that I believe have set us on stronger footing for the future.

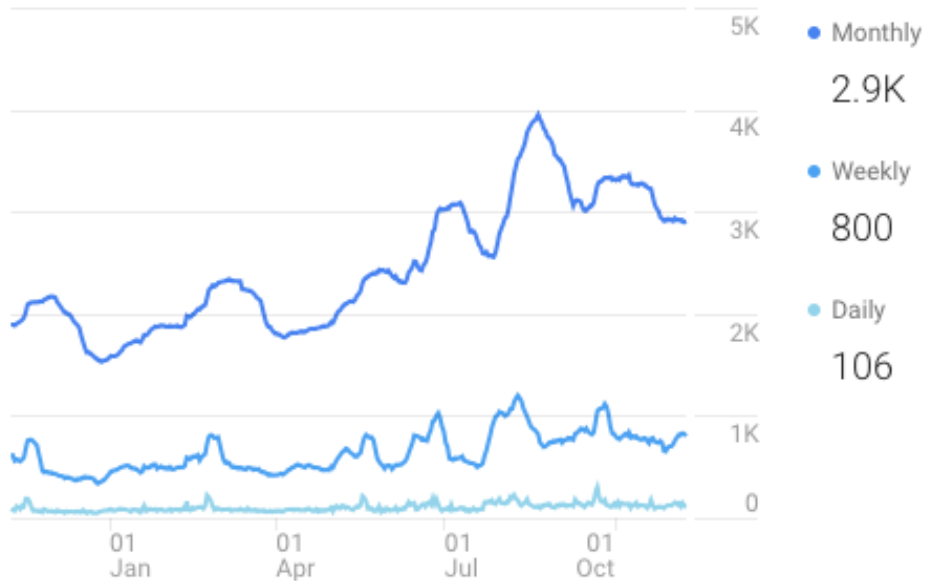
I am also very grateful that we have an excellent new Webservant rotating in; Nick not only has plenty of technical knowledge and experience for the role, but also the temperament and a thorough understanding of Area 58 processes.

So how are we doing in reaching the AA community and the still suffering alcoholic? Here are our updated website statistics:

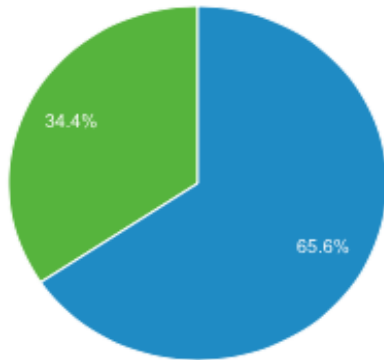
## Annual Usage Trend

For the past 30 days we had 2,900 visitors to the site for a total of 4,000 sessions. Over the past year, our site usage has increased by about 50%:

Active Users



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor

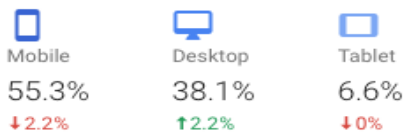


Site usage is split between roughly  $\frac{2}{3}$  existing users and  $\frac{1}{3}$  new users:

Sessions by device



Our site adapts to various screen sizes for best usability and more than half our visitors are now accessing the site by cell phone:



## Tasks Completed

- Website plugins and template revisions updated
- Email user changes as DCMs and officers rotate
- New events and fliers added to calendar
- GSR Workbook revision, GSC Final Reports, and GSO Communication Audit Report uploaded

## What's Ahead?

GSO has announced that they will be supporting the Meeting Finder cell phone app with the intention that eventually, users will be able to find meetings anywhere in the U.S. on the main GSO website at AA.org. Individual intergroups, districts, and areas that are currently using Meeting Finder to post their meeting schedules will still need to enter their data and the GSO site will import it. Whether we will be able to add this functionality to our website is not clear at this point.

Thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Theron B.  
Oregon Area 58 Webservant

## **District Reports**

### **District 2 Report**

Hi, my name is Geoff and I'm an alcoholic. I serve district 2 as the DCM. District 2 includes the groups and meetings from Waldport to Lincoln City. It's my 3<sup>rd</sup> month on the job.

My home group is the Night Owls in Lincoln City and my sobriety date is 4/10/2012.

Our district committee includes a corrections chair, activities chair, secretary and communications, treasurer, assembly host chair, treatment center chair.

We average 4-6 GSRs at our monthly meeting in addition to the above folks.

The district will hold a workshop on AA District Service on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Fellowship Hall in Newport. The workshop will be from 2-4pm. The panel will include Madeleine P., past delegate for Area 18.

An Assembly Host Committee has just formed in anticipation of Area confirmation to hold the November 2019 Assembly. Fund raising plans are already in the works.

I'm looking forward to attending the Area Orientation on January 19<sup>th</sup> in Eugene so that I may better understand my new role as a member of the Area committee.

Yours in service,

Geoff S.

### **District 4 Quarterly Assembly Report November 2018**

District 4 has spent the past two months preparing our proposed 2019 budget and taking it back to our home groups for their input. We voted to approve our 2019 budget this past Thursday. It was a great learning experience with great ideas from our GSR's.

On a one-time basis, we voted to use the funds that are normally budgeted for our DCM to attend PRASSA to take a number of GSR's, Officers, and Committee Chairs to the Pacific NW Conference in Portland next

June. This will be the first time our District has budgeted funds for this purpose and there is enthusiasm about this leadership opportunity! We plan to sign up the volunteers at PNC.

We sponsored a Grapevine Funshop on October 20th, 2018, that was led by Oregon Area 58 Grapevine Chair Reilly K. We had a wonderful turnout with 15 participants from both Districts 4 and 21. Each participant received a notebook to practice writing an article for the Grapevine and then, each person read their story to the group. People wrote amazing stories and we were inspired by them. WE also raffled off two subscriptions to the Grapevine. Everyone also enjoyed pizza and a potluck, including grapes (get it...Grapevine?)

We continue to welcome new GSR's to our District meeting each month. It has been great to have their new ideas and participation.

Because I am in Hawaii during this assembly, I want to thank Alt. DCM Ricardo J. for reading this report for District 4. Aloha from Rose D. District 4 DCM.

### **November Assembly Report from District 5**

Hello Oregon Area 58!

General Service is alive and well in District 5. With one little blink... Here we are!!! The November assembly always comes up so fast.

Workshops! It's been a fun filled few weeks with some amazing AA members bringing some amazing workshops to D5. There were over 50 members present at the History workshop including some members from the Eugene area. James and Hal started off the afternoon and gave a very informative presentation on the history of the Area Archives and its early beginnings. They also shared some wonderful stories about some of the items in the archives, how they got them, and what they've learned about them and from them. I would suggest that anyone who can visit the Archives in St Helens do so and check out all the wonderful items that they have preserved.

Our very own D5 Archives Committee Chair Valorie was up next and blew us all away with the story of how the Big Book came to be. Her thorough and fun fact-filled presentation had everyone riveted to their seats. It was wonderfully done! If you are interested in Valorie's presentation I have an audio copy that I can share with you. Just let me know and I will see that you get a copy.

The afternoon closed with Reilly K and her living history of early A.A. Reilly shared her experience from all aspects of what early life was like in A.A. We laughed at all her funny stories and cried when she talked about the day Bill died. She brought some of her very own memories to share. Her first edition copy of the Big Book, a picture of her and Lois, and so much more. Reilly brought her love of A.A. to the room and wrapped me up in it. Being able to be present enough to feel, that makes me so grateful for Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you to all the presenters for your time and commitment to your own recovery, the fellowship, and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

The next day we were off to LaPine for a Grapevine Writing workshop with Reilly K who is currently serving as the area Grapevine chair. Over 25 members came out to learn about the Grapevine and how to submit their stories. We learned about how the Grapevine started and why and how it has transitioned over the years to what it has to offer in the digital world of today. During the workshop 3 members nearly completed their stories for submission and read them to the group. Thank you Reilly for your service!!!

The GSR school with the Oregon Area Delegate Vera F and the Alternate Delegate Jim F took place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Alano Club in Redmond. Of the 15 members in attendance only four of them were currently GSRs. It was exciting to see so many turn out to learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Several of those in attendance were just around 60 days of sobriety. The room was engaged as Jim and Vera shared their experience and spread their love of A.A. Thank you Vera and Jim for all you do for Alcoholics Anonymous.

The district held its 5th Area Assembly Orientation for all those interested in what happens at an Area Assembly geared specifically to new GSRs. We covered all things to do to prepare for the assembly, covered each agenda item in detail and answered many questions. There were 12 members in attendance. If you are interested in this orientation and would like to learn more about what we do please feel free to contact me. ([dcm@district5aa.org](mailto:dcm@district5aa.org) )

I am in the process of updating the District's guidelines to reflect current practice. I expect to have them completed by the end of the year and will distribute them to the district at that time.

The Alt DCM and I spent some time making sure all was in order to make a successful transition to the newly elected Treasurer Lauren. We met with Lauren and discussed the position, its requirements and put together a plan for the transition. Lauren is excited about the opportunity to serve and Bonnie has made herself available to help out however may be needed.

The District's 2019 budget has been distributed to the groups for consideration. We will be voting on the proposed budget at the District meeting in December.

Here is what our dedicated Committee Chairs have been up to:

**Archives** continues to dive into the monumental task of bringing the D5 archives up to GSO standards. Valorie has been actively interviewing long-timers to get their stories documented, documenting group histories, and organizing and preserving the history of District 5. The new Archives display is completed. The Archive Committee has been taking its display to meetings and events in order to share with the fellowship what the archives are all about, what's in the archives and why it's important. As a result of her amazing job the members of the district requested an A.A. history workshop. Valorie put together and presented a wonderful presentation on the history of the Big Book for that workshop that was held on October 27<sup>th</sup>. As Valorie's prior term as Archive Committee Chair was an interim position she has been reappointed to serve a complete two year term ending in 2020. We look forward to her continued service in the important role of preserving the history of District 5.

**Corrections:** There are currently 37 active members with 14 backups for a total of 51 members to keep the meetings going in the jails of the district. 5 possible new members have completed the orientation and are awaiting the final stamp of approval. The Ride to Recovery program is still in place and the hand continues to be there for when someone asks for help. This year 5 people have taken advantage of the program. Of all the possible opportunities only four jail meetings that have been missed thus far this year, for an overall 97% for the year.

**CTF:** We have a new Treatment Facilities Chair in D5. Welcome Tim C. to the District Committee. Tim has been off to a fast and furious start. The District now has a presence in the local hospital in Bend!!! The hospital has invited A.A. into its facility each Saturday at 1:30 to host a meeting that patients can attend. Thank you to all of those that have worked so hard to make this possible. The committee continues to bring panels into the treatment facilities in District 5. At present, CTF cooperates with four (4) treatment providers and one (1) hospital to offer panels at ~15 facilities in District 5. The vast majority of panels are in Bend (8), then Redmond (4), LaPine (2), and Madras (1-2). Individual panels are presented at varying frequencies from every one (1) to (10) weeks, with the average being about once a month. Approximately 216 total

panels are coordinated per year; or about 4 panels per week. Panels usually run with 3-4 AAs, one of whom facilitates, which implies CTF needs to fill ~650-865 total slots to service its present commitments. Discussion are ongoing for new panels and opportunities to carry the message into the treatment facilities, sober living houses, mental health and/or assisted living facilities throughout District 5.

**CPC:** The committee has been actively pursuing AA members to help distribute information to the professionals within the district. The addition of the hospital meeting in D5 has opened some doors to the medical community. The main focus of the CPC committee currently is health care professionals. CPC, PI, and Treatment are all working hard in a collaborative effort to educate and cover the district with literature for anyone with an interest.

**Grapevine:** I would like to welcome newly appointed Grapevine Chair Mike C. to the district 5 committee. He is new to the area and excited to get to work in general service. Mike has been out spreading the word about the Grapevine and bringing the display and all his wares to anywhere that will have him. As the free shipping event takes place for the holidays he is currently in the process of updating the GV inventory and bringing in all the new books.

**Public Information:** The committee has been very active and is growing its outreach nearly every day.

The locations where PI maintains literature for the public to access is on the rise. More than a dozen new locations have been added including places in Warm Springs, Madras, Sisters, and Prineville. Some of these locations include City Halls, emergency rooms, psychiatric wards, and doctors' offices.

The hard work of reaching out to the schools is starting to have results. Although only in the discovery and initiation phase the committee is receiving interest and has started discussions on the opportunity to carry the message with the schools.

**Website:** With all the activity in D5 the web chair has been very active posting new flyers and events as well as adding content and making the site friendlier to use.

Unity is a topic that has been in my thoughts, prayers and heart in recent days. As we approach the holidays I'm finding it even more important to keep unity as a forethought to the words I speak and the actions I take. Tradition One reads "Our Common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity." I need to remember that A.A. does not need me but I sure need it. I need to promote unity by acting, speaking and thinking in unifying ways. I need to carry unity in my heart whether inside or outside the rooms of A.A.

Pg. 129 of 12 Steps and 12 Traditions reads "The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly." I've begun to ask myself as a part of my evening meditation and prayer "Where have I been unifying and where have I fallen short?" The book continues on pg. 130 to read "Realization dawns that he is but a small part of a great whole; that no personal sacrifice is too great for preservation of the Fellowship. He learns that the clamor of desires and ambitions within him must be silenced whenever these could damage the group. It becomes plain that the group must survive or the individual will not."

I am grateful to be just a small part of the great whole of Alcoholics Anonymous. The fellowship has given me a life where I can be useful to others and it has brought me purpose. I am privileged to be able to have the opportunity to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Yours in love and service,

Brad L

## **District 6**

Hello Oregon Area.

My name is Clare and I'm an alcoholic, and I'm the new DCM for District 6 in Eugene. Our district meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm at our Intergroup office. My sobriety date is 9/26/2010. My home group is The Way Home group, which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30.

Our district meetings have been well attended and our trusted servants are active and involved in putting on workshops lately to bring our fellowship together even more. We had a Women's Workshop in October that was well attended and inspiring. We did have some controversy around the exclusion of men in a district funded event, but I feel like we learned a lot about how to "let go and let God". This month we will be discussing our next Workshop...

District 6 will also be sponsoring a fundraising Take Your Sponsor to Dinner event in January. The proceeds will go to assembly scholarships, Ossypaa, and our Intergroup.

Thank you for letting me be of service!  
Clare C

## **District 7 DCM Report, 11/17/2018**

Good morning, my name is Steve Pechon and I am an alcoholic. District 7 DCM, Grants Pass Area.

We are doing well. Participation at all levels is up. I'd like to take credit for that. But alas, it is not I.

We have been very busy planning for this Assembly. Our fundraising events were wildly successful earlier in the year. This allowed us to focus on the actual logistics of putting on a large event.

I am honored to work with such loving, motivated people.

Our next event will begin in February, a chili feed and air freshener sale. No, just the food. We have not scheduled presentations but our intent is to educate, encourage, and enlist new people and groups into service. As well as to demonstrate unity between District and Intergroup. Wish us luck. We need more people to carry the message.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Steve Pechon,  
District 7 DCM

## **District 8 DCM Report November 16-18, 2018**

I am Pat M, DCM for District 8 on the beautiful central Oregon coast. My sobriety date is 1/1/1987.

District 8 meets on the second Monday of every month during the spring and summer at the BAFS, North Bend at 6 pm. With meeting location change during the winter months to Reedsport for ease of participation from the north as well as the south of our district.

GSR Orientation handouts will continue to be dispensed before the Assemblies to attending GSRs and for the fellowship as a whole as an informational guideline for those GSRs that are hesitant to go to an Assembly and those that might be thinking of service but "would like a little more information"



The Sisters in Sobriety Literature Group in Florence will be hosting a Safety in AA workshop this coming June with a panel on various aspects of safety that the fellowship can become aware of. Madeleine P will also be participating and after doing service during the workshop, she will be the speaker for the Monthly Speaker's Meeting. It is wonderful to see how the group is coming alive with getting this event organized.

The Gold Coast Speaker's meeting co-sponsored a Corrections Workshop with Roberto F on October 20. It was attended by 14 people and was great! Thank you again to Roberto, who is an engaging and deeply committed trusted servant. Our new Corrections Committee Chair, Richard, is busy moving ahead with making service to our incarcerated fellows possible. Thank you, thank you, thank you, Roberto for the shot in the arm to our district! He spoke at the meeting that evening and indeed passed the message of AA to us coasties.

Our website/schedules chair, Cindee, is continuing to work updating our website and make it more accessible. We are working on getting a domain name to improve our access and possibilities. She has been gracious with the never-ending feedback from members of the fellowship on all the latest changes in the schedules.

We continue to have committee service positions open but I see some shuffling of feet when the positions are enthusiastically, informationally, and positively presented. In this district, I have found that folks are hesitant to make the commitment to a position that would require them to drive any distance to meetings. Refraining from asking everyone how far they would drive for a drink (that's what I used to hear at meetings), the car that drives the furthest is now a bus line and usually full, (and I have grown from a solo driver to enjoying the chatter to and from our meetings), and I am going to explore the idea of using Skype or some technology as I have heard suggested in the DCM sharing this past year. Service never leaves us without opportunities to grow!

In loving service,

Pat M, DCM District 8

### **District 9:**

I'm Marc and I'm an alcoholic,

I'm also the DCM from District 9 which is downtown and Northwest Portland. We have had a really good couple months in the district. Our monthly meeting is attended by 12 to 15 GSRs and we have had some really great participation. Recently we hosted a panel discussion on Inclusivity in AA. Our panelists were fantastic and did an excellent job sharing their experience, strength, and hope. You can listen to that panel discussion on our website [www.nwpdx-aa-district9.org](http://www.nwpdx-aa-district9.org). You can always Google Northwest Portland AA if you can't remember the url. We are working on having that panel translated into American Sign Language, so that more members of Alcoholics Anonymous will be able to enjoy the discussion. We just decided to cohost an event with the Portland Deaf Access Committee. Nothing has been set in stone but we are hoping to have this event in the new year. I'm so thrilled to serve the groups of District 9 and am really proud of our districts GSRs.

Yours in love and service- Marc

### **District 10 November Report at Assembly**

11/17/18

Good morning Oregon Area 58,

My name is Chad M. and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 10. My home group is Candlelight Recovery and we meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm. My sobriety date is St. Patrick's Day 1994.

Our districts business meeting is held on the last Monday of the month at the Recovery Club in Beaverton. The meetings are well attended by GSR's and committee members.

Since we last met, we had our District Committee elections. It far surpassed my expectations on how well they went. I have a fantastic group of men and women doing service in my district. I feel especially honored to be a part of it. They have really been patient with me as I navigate thru this last year of life on life's terms...

I'm sure there is more I should be reporting on, but I'm just coming up blank as I sit here typing.

Thanks, have an excellent day!

Chad

### **District 12**

Greetings from District 12, land of Portland institutions such as The Moda Center (home court of the Trailblazers,) Saturday Market, and Hooper Detox

I'm Peter Benzinger, alcoholic, and first time DCM. We thank Marissa for her excellent service as outgoing DCM. She brought an abundance of enthusiasm, acumen, and agility to the District. She invited several Area Committee Members to talk at our District meetings and helped us find an area of specialized service. I hope to sustain her legacy and make sure the message is strong in North East Portland.

Last month we held an open house for District 12 members, to testify in favor of General Service as a part of AA sobriety. It was an easygoing session where GSR's shared their experience at the District and Area levels.

We look forward to working with the Area PI & PCP committees, and we would like to make sure that professionals and the public in our District know what we do.

Thanks!

### **District 13**

Good Morning my name is Bobby and I'm an alcoholic. I represent district 13 in Douglas County, my home group is the Hole in the Ground located in Roseburg OR.

Last month we hosted a service workshop with different meetings representing service positions at the group level. It was a great time for fellowship and food.

Our district meetings average 11 or 12 groups. The 2019 budget passed after the budget committee looked over the last few years of spending and donations. This was then brought back to the group and passed.

We are currently trying to recruit for vacant committee positions and also have a couple new GSRs who are eager to serve.

We look forward to our annual New Year's Eve Event.

Yours in love and service.

Bobby

### **District 14**

Hello, greetings from District 14.

Home group "Desire to quit Drinking", Wed night at P senior center.

There has been some growth at our District meetings. 5 new GSR's. Some are rotating, others are groups that have not had GSR's for a while.

Groups in our District have been having to move where the groups are held. Some were long time meetings that had to move. Our District has embraced the change with acceptance and love.

District 14 is happy to host an upcoming Assembly and are looking forward to the unity it brings.

We had an Archives workshop with great success.

Ever grateful

David P

District 14

DCM

### **District 15**

Hello Oregon area. My name is Shauna and I am the new DCM for District 15. I am excited to serve District 15 and to be a part of this wonderful fellowship we have in Oregon.

Here's what's been going on in District 15. In October, we held our semi-annual Old Timers meeting. This is a meeting where anyone is invited to come, however only people with 20+ years are allowed to speak. We had three main speakers, and then names are pulled out of the hat and those people get to share for five minutes about their experience, strength, and hope. There is a silent auction, and a cookie potluck, so we always get a great turnout! We had 1774 years, 23 months and 4 days of sobriety in the room that day. Pretty amazing!

As a district, we are doing well. We have all but two committee positions filled, and we regularly see attendance at our district meetings of about 25 to 35 people. We have a total of 39 meetings in our district, and we feel blessed to get that kind of turn out.

We are beginning planning for our next Take Your Sponsor to Dinner event to be held in March 2019. This will be the sixth annual event, and we always look forward to it! With the dessert dash and silent auction, it is always a great fundraiser for our District.

I am setting a goal for myself to get out to each and every meeting in our District over the next two years. I would say I've probably been to about half of our meetings, so I'm looking forward to getting out there, meeting some new people, and seeing how our District can be of service to these meetings. About half of the meetings don't participate in District meetings, and we're not exactly sure why, so finding out the reasons and being of service to them is a goal of mine. I'm sure there is a mix of reasons ranging from, "we don't have enough people to serve in the capacity as GSR"; "we don't know what a GSR is"; and "what is

District”; and maybe one or two “we don’t want anything to do with your bureaucracy”. Whatever the reasons are, I plan to find out and to be a beacon of information, love, and service for them all.

I also look forward to collaborating with and getting to know other Districts, so please feel free to reach out to me!

Thank you so much for listening! You are all welcome and wanted in District 15 anytime!

Shauna C.  
District 15 DCM

### **District 18**

We in District 18 now have 6 GSR's, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Corrections chair, and a P.I. chair.

We are excited to have this level of participation.

Jim F. came and did a terrific service workshop for us in October with food and fellowship.

On the first Saturday in November District 18 hosted the Annual Gratitude dinner with an Alanon and A.A. speaker. Outstanding food, great turnout, amidst comfortable surroundings. We'll do it again next year.

We've also developed a new formatted schedule that has been met with favorable reviews.

We in District 18 continue to make progress.

Scott F.

### **District 19 November Assembly Report.**

DCM: Ian Scott  
Alt DCM:

Major Changes this quarter within District 19! Not really, it is business as usual; reaching out to the more distant groups. We have improved meeting attendance at the district business meeting. We have a new Secretary, and not only did we vote to approve our 2-year long ad hoc committee's recommendation for district guidelines, but also were able to unanimously approve our 2019 budget, with room for not one, but 2 workshops. In all honesty, we should probably be relabeled as District #1!!!!

Yours in Obligation  
ian DCM19!!!!

### **District 20 DCM REPORT Nov, 2018**

Matthew C

While it is true that when the alcoholic drinks something happens, it's also true that when a few alcoholics in recovery unite their efforts in service, something even better happens! In District 20 we united our efforts to put on a Workshop on Mental Illness in Recovery. We chose to hold the workshop in Cottage Grove, a small-ish community 20 miles south of Eugene/Springfield. It was remarkably well attended, by both locals and drunks unfazed by the prospect of the little road trip. We were all treated to a wonderfully informative panel of program seasoned professionals in the Mental Health field, including our own Chaz D. Oregon

Area Hospitals Chair, who shared their experience, strength and hope in the realm of Mental illnesses facing all of us in AA, ranging from Medications in sobriety, Suicide, Emotional Sobriety, and sponsoring those with grave emotional and mental disorders. We also ordered 50 copies of the brand new pamphlet, "AA for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues", which we gave to all the attendees. We served pie and ice cream and just enjoyed a memorable meeting and warm fellowship. Something happens indeed.

Interestingly, we noticed of couple new GSRs at our next District Meeting. I know I'm not the only one eagerly anticipating our next workshop. More will be revealed.

I'm grateful to have this opportunity to serve my fellow alcoholics,

Matthew C

November 17, 2018

### **District 21 Report to Oregon Area 58**

Hello Area, my name is Bruce L., my sobriety date is July 1, 1982, I am the DCM for District 21.

We have been wondering why we do not say the "we" version of the "Serenity Prayer"?

Bill W. writes in the "12 Steps and 12 Traditions" on page 125, "With each passing day of our lives, may every one of us sense more deeply the inner meaning of AA's simple prayer:

"God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change,  
Courage to change the things we can, And wisdom to know the difference."

On page 20, of "As Bill Sees It", Entitled, "Light from a Prayer" he uses it with:

"We treasure our "Serenity Prayer" because it brings a new light to us that can dissipate our old time and nearly fatal habit of fooling ourselves.

In the radiance of this prayer we see that we do not have to run away, nor ought we again try to over come adversity by still another bulldozing drive that can only push up obstacles before us faster than they can be taken down."

It is written in, "AA Comes of Age", page 196. "Just before Ruth left, a news clipping whose content was to become famous was called to our attention by a New York member, newsman Jack. It was an obituary notice from a New York paper. Underneath a routine account of the one who had died there appeared these words: "God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference."

From GSO, SMF 196, A Historical Paper of the Serenity Prayer, The actual origin of the "Serenity Prayer" has been, over the years, a tantalizing, elusive and, some still feel, an unsolved mystery; intriguing to those of us at G.S.O. who have, at one time or another, attempted to trace the prayer to an authoritative, unimpeachable source.

There is a belief that the "I" version was written on the cards printed at the time for the use of the individual. Having worked the Steps, as in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, the individual has arrived at the point of belonging to a fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The "I" becomes the "we".

Research found using the word "we" when talking in groups, especially about difficult things, are happier, calmer, exhibit more positive emotional behavior, have less negative automatic arousal (i.e. heart pumping adrenaline and anxiety) and in general are more satisfied with their relationships (think: affection, respect, intimacy) than those who's communication is more populated by the pronouns you, me and I.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this wonderful process of “WE”.

DCM Report, Dennis C, District 25, Sobriety date is April 15, 2010.

### **District 25**

from the wonderful Estacada/Sandy area is chugging right along.

District Chair positions are filled, need AHS.

Since last Assembly we have picked up an Alt DCM and 2 new GSR's for a total of 6. Our Alt DCM and I have resolved to find and add 2 more GSR's. One of our groups has added a monthly speaker meeting.

Another group has added an additional weekly meeting.

Another of our groups “The Estacada Friendship Group” a group that I know has met at least twice weekly for at least the past 35 yrs, gritted their teeth and with help from Madelin did their first Group Inventory. We are growing up! Sponsorship.

The District 25 fellowship is doing good but seems to be poised to have a strong winter and spring.

### **District 26 DCM Report November 2018**

This year several new people have rotated into our service positions of Literature Chair, Treasurer, Alt-DCM, and DCM. At least two of whom are new to district level service. We want to extend our warmest thanks to our outgoing servants: Lisa K., Todd G., and Ed Z.

We have initiated a District-funded Scholarship to help GSRs attend quarterly assemblies. We wish to again thank Vera and the other DCM's with whom we discussed ideas and practices. Along with the announcements of the scholarships, we distributed information about the AA service structure and what happens at assemblies. For the November assembly we offered 3 scholarships of \$150 each and were able to grant them to two applicants (neither of these groups were new to area service, but we will keep trying).

Inspired by other Districts, we are hoping to organize a Safety in AA Workshop in early 2019. We are also interested in bidding to host an Assembly in our geographic area in February 2020. We would be very happy if other PDX districts would sign on to co-host. Finally, we are making a concerted effort to contact all groups in our area, especially those that are “dark”, in order to get good contact information and to give them information about District activities (for example, the GSR scholarships).

David F.. DCM for District 26

### **District 27 DCM Report**

November 2018

Hi, my name is Harriett and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is October 16, 1983. My home group is *It's Friday and We're Sober* that meets every Friday at 7:30 pm in Happy Valley.

This is my last report as DCM for District 27, as my term ends in December. I have learned so much about Alcoholics Anonymous and about myself and recovery. This is my tenth assembly since I was Alternate DCM and then Interim DCM, before being elected to my current position.

District 27 has grown substantially stronger during the time that I served. The district has been blessed with an amazing group of GSRs who truly understand serving Alcoholics Anonymous. Though we have had ups and downs in attendance at district meetings, just when I began to be discouraged, a new

GSR would show up wanting to see what happens outside of his or her own group. What an eye-opener! Our first accomplishment was to accept guidelines for the district and then a budget. We also produced a new district meeting schedule (and are ready to re-publish early next year.) Enough about our history of the last couple of years.

District 27 teamed up with District 15 to host Vera presenting her report from the General Service Conference in September and *How it Works* hosted a Gratitude Dinner last week, complete with a skit and three great speakers. Elections were held at November district meeting. I am grateful that we have an excellent new crew starting in January; Trista K. is our new DCM, Kristen L ends her term as secretary and steps into the Alternate DCM position, and Isaac C. is our new Treasurer, following the footsteps of Faye M, who skillfully developed our budgets for the last few years including one for the 2019. I believe that District 27 will continue to grow and thrive with its new trusted servants.

One of the many things I learned in the last several years is that “we rotate in- not out,” so I will continue to work at the district level doing whatever the GSRs decide is needed. I am humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve the district. Thank you to all who have helped and guided me. I am certain that my Higher Power has more in store for me.

Yours in serve, Harriett

### **District 28**

Good morning, everyone. My name is Jerónimo and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is March 15, 2004, and my home group is Fraternidad Latino of Woodburn, where we meet every night from 7 to 8:30 and Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:30. I am the DCM of District 28 of Salem, one of the three Hispanic Districts, which has 9 groups.

We have two district meetings per month, the second and fourth Monday from 7 to 9 pm. We typically visit a different group within District 28 each week to build unity and to stay informed. All three Hispanic Districts provide financial support for their DCMs to travel to assemblies; we also donate \$70 to each Assembly. We recently shared our ideas and service experiences on October 27<sup>th</sup> at our inter-District meeting, which meets quarterly.

Thanks to you all, and to the program of Alcoholics Anonmyous, everything is going very well for the moment.

Happy 24 hours of sobriety!

Jerónimo

DCM District 28

### **District 30 DCM Report for November 2018 Assembly**

Hi, my name is Carolyn L and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is January 27, 2012. My home group is the Fresh Air Group in Bandon. We meet every Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Unity Church just South of town. If you're in the area, drop in, we love out of towners.

In October we sponsored a workshop on CPC, PI and Concept 9. Thanks from District 30 to Gus P and John A for their presentation on Concept 9. They entertained us with their comedy team act while coherently sharing the concept 9 message. Here's a question...how many of you have read the Grapevine article authored by Bill W on leadership? Found in the service manual. A big thanks to Joey, PI South and Chuck, CPC South for sharing their information. We all gained by these folks presence at our workshop.

District 30 had been plagued with issues on our website for some time. At our business meeting last month we found a gem in our midst. Vern M, Myrtle Point GSR and District Treasurer, volunteered to be our webmaster. Since he took over the website is running like clockwork. Thank you Vern!

Gratitude Banquet was fun, anyone who was there would agree Earl from District 13 did a fantastic job.

Thanks for your attention,

In love in service

Carolyn

### **District 31 DCM Report**

Hi, my name is Bruce McAlister, DCM District 31. Our District is located 20 or so miles west of Portland. Our business meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

My sobriety date is 3/7/1989. My home group is "Mens Serenity". I have a sponsor and and service sponsor. We have 28 groups in our District.

October was a different month. Our Halloween party broke even financially, but was an overwhelming success fellowship wise. I was on vacation and had a senior moment by missing our business meeting because I thought it was the Tuesday after I got back. If you don't think GSO is paying attention to your group, evidently someone notified them of my absence and a few days after I got back I got this pamphlet from GSO. "AA and the Older Alcoholic". Our Alt DCM took over for me and after a little chaos because no one had a key to get in, held down the fort.

We had elections this Nov. Refilled all our service positions but 2. Thanks to all that rotated out for their service. We still need a Treasurer and a CPC/PI Chair. Bob L was elected as our Archivist. Looking forward to his experience.

Life is good AA wise in Washington County. Looking forward to putting on our New Years Eve party and putting on an Assembly sometime in the near future.

Thanks to Stacie for putting on a Treatment workshop in Oct 18. We now have a 3 person committee that went through the process of reviewing the literature and watching informative videos so that can approach hospitals and treatment centers armed with all the information needed to deal with getting AA into their facilities.

So thanks for letting me be of service, ☐ AA

Good morning, everyone. My name is Antonio and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is November 11, of 1989 and my home group is the 12 & 12 Group in Milwaukie, where we meet every night from 7:30 to 9. I am the DCM of District 34, one of the three Hispanic Districts in Area 58, which has 11 groups. District 34 visits a different group within the district each week. We also meet regularly with 9 groups that are planning the annual Hispanic convention next March in Jantzen Beach.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Happy 24 Hours.

Antonio A

### **District 36 - Scott C., DCM. November 2018**



Hello District 36 and OR Area 58:

District 36 DCM has had a quiet month since the September Assembly.

1. We have two new GSRs, Diane A. whose Home Group is the Suburban Survivors Group in Lake Oswego and Jeff C. whose Home Group is the Didn't Drink Today Group in Lake Oswego. Welcome Diane and Jeff!
2. The 2019 District 36 budget was approved by District 36 for submission to OR Area 58.
3. The three motions from the September Assembly tabled for Group discussions and vote before the November Assembly, have been taken, or are being taken to the Groups for vote before the November Assembly.
4. I will be attending the November Assembly the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Grants Pass. I hope to see many of you there as well.

The District GSR Meeting is for the GSRs. We would love to see all GSRs in attendance, regularly, to help GSRs with their Groups and ensure retention of newcomers. Our purpose at the District is to provide guidance and support, not directives. The District is here for you, your Groups, and all who attend your meetings. We want to ensure you have the tools you need to provide the best possible Group and meeting structure to help the newcomer, and all your members, are happy, joyous, and free in their sobriety.

I hope to see you all at the District 36 GSR Meeting, December 11, 7pm, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church on Vermont St.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service!

Scott C  
District 36 – DCM

### **District 37**

DCM Report

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Greetings Area Assembly from District 37.

Our business meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Located at the Sherwood Friends Church, Sherwood, Oregon.

We have a good showing of GSR's attending monthly meetings. After elections, we filled half of our empty committee chairs. Additions included Activities and Alternate Activities. I feel certain we'll start having some keen fellowship events coming from District 37. We have been fortunate in that our district supports us monetarily.

We've been able to donate cases of books to Area Corrections and to the corrections facility in our district. District 37 with our PI/CPC chair has been honored to participate with Area and other Districts producing the Pamplin PSA for the local newspapers and bringing information into schools, hospitals and other institutions. From my experience, it is the "hand of AA" that keeps this thing alive for the next suffering alcoholic.

Yours in loving service,

Kathie M.

District 37 Committee Member

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Hello Oregon Area, my name is SJ, I'm an alcoholic and the Chair of the Ad Hoc Sound System Committee. The other members of the committee are CPC Co-Chair Amber N., Past-Delegate Chase B., Alt-Chair Penny H., and Past-Treasurer Teffany H.

So far, we've done a survey of other Areas, a follow-up survey to some of the responding delegates, a survey of past host committee chairs, a recording experiment at the last assembly, and we've reached out to equipment vendors for rental and purchase options.

At our last assembly, I told you that I was hopeful we could deliver a final report to you at this assembly. Turns out I was over-optimistic. While we have the bulk of the work done, we still need to whip up a final report that includes all the research we did and come up with some recommendations based on that research.

I am certain that we will be back in February with a final report.

Oregon Area 58 IT Ad-hoc Committee  
2018 November Assembly Report

Greetings Oregon Area, My name is Chaz D. my sobriety date is 11/26/2003, my home group is the 6:45 AM Men's meeting in beautiful Eugene Oregon in District 6. I am serving you as Chair of the Area Information Technology Ad-hoc Committee.

The committee is comprised of myself, Past Delegate Anne M., Treasurer John A., Joe S., Stephan W. and recently added Theron B.,

Our work to date includes: Compiling a list of past motions having to do with technology purchases back to May 2002. Reviewing the 2008 final report from the previous Technology Ad-Hoc Committee. Completing a survey of IT related devices owned by the Area. Creating a brief survey on IT related questions, which our Delegate Vera sent out to Pacific Region Delegates, getting 8 responses out 15 Areas. Reaching out to GSO to gain some experience strength and hope in this specific area. The results of these all these endeavors will be included in our final report.

We have identified 9 issues or concerns that will be included in our recommendations to the area.

They are:

1. PC purchasing and support.
2. Google Apps support and training for the Area Committee
3. Wufoo support/administration - *a qualified yes, Wufoo is only one platform, the committee agreed to identify possible options for the Area to consider in supporting Assembly Host Committees to accept on-line registration monies.*
4. Online contributions – *Yes, although the Area already accepts online contributions, the Treasurer has a need for IT support in this area.*
5. Requests for video or some other remote community support - *qualified possible. The committee wants to know if there has been a request from any of our remote communities for this.*
6. Shared experience, summarized group experience with accepting online contributions,
7. How do we safely integrate technology during rotation of service positions
8. Complete a survey of current IT equipment owned by the Area.

9. Have the Area participate in issues regarding “AA in the Digital Age” and social media.

Our most recent meetings have begun to dive in to the weeds on the above concerns. I continue to be optimistic that the committee will be able to meet the request from the Area Chair to provide a final report at the February Assembly in Medford.

Yours in Love and Service, Chaz D.

### **Area Committee Inventory Ad Hoc Committee**

**Chair:** Stacy W. – CTF-N Chair

**Members:** Gus P. – Past Delegate, Lisa S. - Alt-Treasurer, Angela – Finance, and Cindee S. - Newsletter.

**Scope and Purpose:** The Ad Hoc committee was asked to evaluate the need for a separate Area Committee Inventory and develop recommendations on how to facilitate the inventory and report the findings to the general assembly.

**Finding:** The committee discussed and voted that a separate inventory is necessary to further review and discuss questions that have been directed to the Officers and Committee Chairs during the general inventories and the Q&A discussions during the assemblies. Also, to make certain that we are serving the Oregon Area of Alcoholics Anonymous to the best of our ability, as committee chairs, as officers, and as a service entity.

**Background:** Suggestion made during the November 2017, Area Committee Meeting by Past-Delegate Anne to have a separate Area Committee Inventory to facilitate if we the trusted servants of the Area are performing our duties to the best of our ability. Brought up again at the February and May Assemblies.

**Duration:** A final report will be provided to the Oregon Area 58 body at the November 2018 assembly.

**Time commitment:** We had a conference call every couple of weeks for 1hr per call.

### **Recommendations to the Assembly**

First, I would like to thank the Committee for its time and commitment to insuring that we are providing the assembly with the best possible options for the Area to review concerning an Area Committee Inventory. Each member has thoroughly thought about each question, put forth their concerns and ultimately, we came to a consensus about what options we think are best for the Area to have an informed discussion about the direction they would like to take with the Area Committee Inventory.

1. Who is responsible for the Area Committee Inventory?
  - a. We recommend the Alt – Delegate be responsible, as they are responsible for the Area Inventory.
2. Members of the Inventory – Officers and Service Committee Chairs
  - a. We recommend the Officers and Service Committee Chairs have separate inventories because their responsibilities to the Area are very different.
  - a. We recommend the Officers and Service Committee Chairs have a wrap up meeting as an Area Committee after the separate inventories to read notes from each inventory and have either group make comments on the discussion about any of the topics. These comments would be added to the notes but not discussed again.

3. Who would Facilitate the Inventories?
  - a. We recommend the Past Delegates be facilitators and notetakers.
  
4. How often do we have the Inventory and how long will it last?
  - a. We recommend every even number year at the September assembly on Sunday for at the least 2 hrs. with 1 ½ hrs for the separate inventories and ½ for the wrap up session.
  
5. For the Area Guidelines and the Planning Committee Guidelines
  - a. For the Planning Committee Guidelines, we recommend 2 additions
    1. Sample agendas including the full Area Inventory in the odd year and the Area Committee Inventory in the even year, both on Sunday morning (so the Area Chair has a template)
    2. The Area Committee Inventory will be held at the September assembly of the even numbered year and the Area Inventory will be in the odd year.
  - b. We recommend the guidelines listed below be added to the Area Guidelines:
    1. The Alternate Delegate is responsible for the Area Committee Inventory.
    2. The Area Committee inventory will be held at the September assembly of the even numbered year on Sunday morning.
    3. Past Delegates will be the Facilitators and Notetakers with the Alt- Delegate facilitating the Wrap Up Session.
    4. Ask the Area Chair to add to the appropriate assembly schedule.
    5. Put out a request for questions on each districts table at the previous assembly.
    6. Collect the questions and create a Survey Monkey with the Webmaster to send to the Officers and Area Service Committee chairs to prioritize the questions for each individual inventory.
    7. Alt-Delegate will create a document with summaries from the notes to add to the next November Assemblies minutes. Alt-Delegate will also create a document with all comments and notes to send by e-mail to the Officers and Area Service Committee Chairs.

Where's YOUR Submission?



Wha Chew Bean Up 2?

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