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PREAMBLE:

Kansas Area Assembly

Service shall be Area 25's primary purpose.

All Area 25 activities will be aimed at assisting Kansas A.A. groups to function more effectively. Area 25 will also try to insure that the Area's group conscience is conveyed through the general service structure to the General Service Conference, to help the Conference fulfill its primary purpose of acting as the "true voice" of A.A.

Area 25 shall encourage all Kansas A.A. groups to support the Area in its efforts to carry out this goal.

Assembly Meeting .
January 16 & 17, 2016
It will be held at the Quality Inn
2110 W. Crawford St, Salina , Kansas
(ph. 785-825-2111)

DELEGATE

Good day Members of Area 25 Kansas, I thought this report would be an easy one to write, but that would be incorrect. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate. The experience showed me that Kansas is one part of the great whole in what is Alcoholics Anonymous. Our fellowship is in good hands at General Service Conference level as well as here in Area 25.

To the 23 Districts and groups that invited and allowed me to share the conference reports, thank you, that is greatest enjoyment I have experienced. I have had a lot of great jobs in AA, and this was most fulfilling. So as I close out my term and prepare to go to the wall, I would like to close with some words from Bill W. :

THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION

Traditionally, rotation ensures that service positions, like nearly everything else in A.A., are passed around for all to share. Many positions have alternates who can step into the service positions if needed.

To step out of an A.A. office we love can be hard. If we have been doing a good job, if we honestly don't see anyone else around willing, qualified, or with the time to do it, and if our friends agree, it's especially tough. But it can be a real step forward in growth—a step into the humility that is, for some people, the spiritual essence of anonymity.

Among other things, anonymity in the Fellowship means that we forgo

personal prestige for any A.A. work we do to help alcoholics. And, in the spirit of Tradition Twelve, it ever reminds us "to place principles before personalities."

Many outgoing service position holders find it rewarding to take time to share their experience with the incoming person. Rotation helps to bring us spiritual rewards far more enduring than any fame. With no A.A. "status" at stake, we needn't compete for titles or praise—we have complete freedom to serve as we are needed. (Reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.)

Thanks again for allowing me to serve,

Don G

Panel 64 Area 25 Kansas

Reaching out to the Dark Districts

Some of our neighbors do not actively participate at Area 25, nor are their voices heard within AA as a whole. We encourage you to reach out to those districts without active DCM's, and Groups without GSR's and share your experience of service *beyond the home group* and carry the message one on one. Area 25 welcomes your ideas on how we can best do this and offer our support.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 25! It's been a busy and full fall. As I write this, I'm sitting in my daughter's living room, enjoying family time for Thanksgiving Day, and boy, do I have a lot to be grateful for, and plenty of reason to pass it on.

I attended the SW Regional Forum in St. Louis in early October. I went a day early so I could visit the Eastern Missouri (Area 38) Archives, where I was met by Dave R, one of the most energetic committee members I've ever encountered. It was a good visit – they have some advantages we don't, yet we are way ahead of them with the extent to which we've digitized our records. I was able to locate some records from the 1970s pertaining to Kansas AA groups, so that was a real find.

I went to as many sessions as I could at the Forum and also got to meet the Alternate Delegates from the other 10 Areas in the SW Region. One of the sessions I attended was the Grapevine one, led by the Editor of the Grapevine, Amy B. She facilitated an amazing "Let's Write an Issue of the Grapevine" session. What fun! I also

attended a session about the New Vision software, put on by Helen K who manages this group records service work. I came away with a much better understanding of the magnitude of work involved in keeping group records up to date, and of the fine working relationships between Helen's staff and the Area Registrars.

The following week I enjoyed the 58th Kansas State Conference; kudos to Sherri P and her crew for a great conference. I was privileged to give a presentation on the history of AA in Kansas as part of the Conference offerings. I'm looking forward to serving as the 2016 Conference Registration Chair.

We had a busy and productive Oct. Committee meeting – on Saturday morning, the Audit Committee met with the Office Manager and as usual, found all to be in order. Again, this gave me a deeper appreciation of the amount of work that goes into tracking all the details involved in our financial and business end.

I want to alert everyone to the Additional SW Regional Forum in Denver,

Co. This will be June 3-5, 2016. Additional Forums were started quite a number of years ago, but are being phased out, and this will be the last one. GSO puts on these Forums, and many of the staff and Trustees come to meet and be available to us. So if you missed out on the Forum in St. Louis this year, here's another chance. It will be held at the Doubletree-Stapleton in Denver.

Finally, the SW Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA) will be October 21-23, 2016. SWRAASAs are different from Forums because they are hosted by the region, not GSO. I've been informed that the Alt. Delegates have a big responsibility for the SWRAASA and expect to be calling on some of you to help out. SWRAASA will be at the Embassy Suites in Rogers, Ark.

Please contact me if I can be of service in any way – be it helping with a workshop, a group or district inventory, or anything else. Thank you for letting me be of service!

Dave R
Alt. Delegate, Panel 66, Area 25.

AREA CHAIR

Hello Kansas A/25,

WOW!!

That's about it in a nut shell. Quite a ride you have let this old cowboy go on, it's true that you never stop learning. I don't know how many of you have taught me things I hope I will never forget through your experience, strength, and hope.

Rhonda, my love, I couldn't have done any of this without you.

Here it is time for a new rotation. We have worked very hard at becoming transparent and trying to keep you all fully informed. I am sure this new rotation will do the same but, we couldn't do any of this without you, "We need you."

I am looking forward to seeing all the new and old faces at the assembly. Fill your vehicle with people and come "be a part of." As in the words of my dear friend Milton "I love each and every one of you and there's nothing you can do about it." Thank you all for your service, Mike H.

CHRONICLER

Hello Area 25,

I would like to say Thank You to all that participated in the Chronicler meetings the last 1 1/2 years. You've made my job a lot easier. The main goal during this time was to get the designated group updates done, as per our guidelines. I feel that we did our part to get

the information out the Fellowship and those that wanted to participate, did. I've enjoyed traveling around the Area putting up the display and meeting new members along the way. Thank you to all the Groups and Districts that extended an invitation or were gracious enough to allow us to put up the

Chronicler display and distribute Group History forms. We recently had the display available at the District 13 Fall Fiesta and we will be making some trips to western Kansas to finish the year. Thanks again for all you do!

In Service,
Justin G.

LITERATURE

From the Literature Desk,

The Literature committee met in Salina at the October meeting to review, discuss, share, and close out a two year term commitment in the Area. The committee has faithfully carried out their responsibilities and are ready to pass on to the new committee so that they may

enjoy serving in this capacity to the Area. As committee chair it has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of this process. As I announced at the Friday night get together on this committee meeting weekend, I have retired in my professional career and have moved back to the family ranch in Freedom, OK. My home group is now the NoAl group of Alcohol-

ics Anonymous in Woodward, OK. I have resumed by service responsibility in Area 57 and am currently serving as DCM for District 50. Area 25 will always be near and dear to my heart and I just want to say that I am truly grateful for the many opportunities that you afforded me while living in Kansas. See you down the road,
Terry H

WEB

Hi everyone.

It has been an interesting, learning, wild experience this last couple of years. Granted we have come a long ways with our usage of the Website www.kansas-aa.org. My experience as Webchair has given me the lesson of how to communicate and how important it really is. If the chain of communication is broken we lose! Why, it's because we don't know what is

happening and we assume everybody knows what is going on. Error! We need to communicate by means of technology. Look at it, how many times a day do you check your text messages, missed calls, emails, what's new, RSS feeds and Facebook. Can we not just give a couple of those minutes to pass the word to the already suffering alcoholic? Take the time to tell your groups and fellowship what is

happening. Tell them to go to the website of www.kansas-aa.org and check it out. They can find out what is happening in Area 25, go to our website, it is our communication. It has been wonderful to be of service to the Area. I look forward to new changes and plan to keep coming back.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Virgil H

GRAPE FREE PRESS

Greetings Area 25,

The GFP is a wonderful communication tool. The GFP helps educate as well as keep our groups informed about all the ways that the Area Committees help support groups and districts in carrying the message of Alcoholics

Anonymous to the still suffering Alcoholic.

The Wrap sheet was developed to help the GSR's and DCM's communicate in a concise manner the business conducted at the previous Assembly/Committee meetings.

I encourage you to share a copy with your group at your next meeting and place it on your Groups Bulletin Board and encourage other members to read it and get excited and involved in service.

Yours in Service, Sue N

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

It has been a pleasure to serve as your CPC chair for the past two years. I can't believe how quickly time has flown by! I've had the opportunity to interact with trusted servants interested in CPC work in nearly every district in Area 25 and have even interacted with CPC workers outside of the area and at GSO.

Like every other committee, the upside down triangle of service applies to CPC. Some of the most impactful outreach to the professional community occurs when one member of AA shares their own experiences with their healthcare provider or other professional. There are some great pamphlets and newsletters available to provide information to profession-

als, but them seeing an alcoholic progress their life through adopting the principles of AA is the best "commercial" that AA can have.

I'd like to remind everyone to study anonymity in the traditions and how it applies to CPC work (Hint: the 11th tradition speaks of breaking anonymity in press, radio and film; it doesn't mention telling a group of professionals that you are an alcoholic!). Also, on this topic, I encourage all to freshen up on how social media fits into the picture.

Where do you find this great information, well this is my lead into resource I've shared with you many times before! The CPC workbook is

available for free download at the following address:

http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/m-41i_CPCWorkbook.pdf

Those of you who have sat in on committee meetings in the past two years know that I've "advertised" this link quite a bit. I just want to make sure all are aware of the great, FREE resources that are available.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to be of service, I'll see everyone in January at Area Assembly!

In AA's Love and Service,

Josh R

CORRECTIONS FACILITIES

Greetings,

Thank you for your continued support of Corrections and allowing me to serve as Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson. I have enjoyed these past two years and I am looking forward to Doug T. taking over in January as your new Area 25 Corrections Facilities Chairperson. With your support of the Yellow Can Fund and all the Volunteers taking meetings into Cor-

rections Facilities and County Jails you have helped make my responsibilities operate very smoothly.

The Yellow Can Fund Address will be changing as Doug T. and his committee takes over in January.

New Address

**Yellow Can Fund – P. O. Box 28
– Valley Center, KS 67147.**

Corrections Pre-Release and Correspondence Chairperson, is still looking for individuals and groups willing to write to an inmate while he or she is incarcerated; and/or meet him or her when first released and take to a meeting. Forms to fill out will be on the display table.

Sharon F.

TREATMENT

Greetings Area 25,

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. At the committee meeting we discussed the following district committees activities: District 5 focuses on the first three steps, what AA is and what AA is not, singleness of purpose and differences between open/closed meetings. They also have a

round table with AA/NA per facility request and have facilitated sponsorship workshops. They have also been contacted by KDOT and present at weekend DUI programs. District 8 continues to take meetings into treatment centers. District 26 has a BTG meeting every week. District 13 takes meetings to 4 treatment centers, including a

small satellite center. District 17 had stopped taking AA BTG meetings to facility's because of HIPPA but are now back in as "A Recovery Panel and can talk about the steps but not mention AA. District 19 very active in the Wichita area. Keep up carrying the message, yours in service Tom L.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Hello Area25

Well here it is again another rotation about done and the holiday season upon us. What a joy and a privilege it has been to serve our area and to meet so many people wanting to be of service in Alcoholics Anonymous to help get the message of recovery out to those still suffering. We had a small committee meeting with 5 people in attendance from 4 different districts what we discussed was the spiritual principal of anonymity on tradition

11. We also discussed anonymity breaks on social media like birthday announcements and mentioning AA. We also talked about getting out PS A's on radio and TV and in the movie theaters. We also talked about getting literature out to the libraries, hospitals, and medical clinics. I'm really glad to say there is a lot of PI service being done in our area. People are really getting involved. Another thing that we talked about was when forming a pi committee please don't be a

committee of one. Try to get other people involved to help. Also it was suggested to figure out a target group that you want to contact when you have worked with a target group for a while continue to do follow ups, and always remember to have contact phone numbers for the people to call. Thank you Area 25 for allowing me to serve you. It is with a grateful and humble heart that I thank you.

Rich S.

TREASURER

Greetings Friends in Service:

As this rotation come to a close, I feel much gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Area 25 Treasurer, for the last two years! It has flown by so quickly, I guess that is what happens when you love your job, love the Area, and all the people that make up the service structure of that Area. I wish everyone

a Merry Christmas and all the blessings possible for the coming New Year! Our finances are in excellent shape, thanks to your efforts, and I sincerely THANK YOU all for making that happen. Changes are coming whether we replace the KASO Manager, or move forward without replacing the Office Manager. These are the decisions you will decide in January, and they are

very important, so please come prepared to question what you don't understand, so that a fully informed Group Conscious can be achieved. God bless all of you!

Thank you for the Opportunity To Serve:

Ken D.

**Upcoming Events Around the Area and Southwest Region
Get a complete list at kansas-aa.org**

**Kansas
Area 25 Assembly
January 16, 17, 2016
Quality Inn
2110 W. Crawford, Salina
Please make your
Reservations :
(785-825-2111)**

MILESTONES

Birthdays from District 8

- Bob M 49 yrs
- Chip M 33 yrs
- Chris M 14yrs
- Tom T. 16 yrs
- Jerry G 28 yrs
- Darrell S 25 yrs
- Tracy G 3 yrs
- Mark W 21yrs
- Stephanie 10 yrs
- Dan 13 yrs

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“Our Spiritual Way of Life Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

January 15th, 16th, and 17th

Quality Inn 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, Ks. (785) 825-2111 (Rooms must be reserved by Dec. 24th)

Friday, January 15, 2016

7:30 pm ~ Web / Technology Speaker: Chris H. Web Chair, Wamego, Ks. Duke Room
(Optional Travel Day)

Saturday, January 16, 2016

8:30 – 9:30 am KAAAAI Board Meeting Duke Room
9:45 – 10:45 am GSR Orientation Regency Room
9:45 – 10:45 am DCM Orientation Duke Room

11:00 – 12:00 pm Committee Meetings

<u>Committee</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chair</u>	
Chronicler	1, 4, 15	Rosa M.	Regency Room
Corrections	9, 12, 20	Doug T.	Regency Room
Cooperation w/Professional Community	14, 16, 31	Galen E.	Regency Room
Grapefree Press	10, 23	JC R.	Regency Room
Grapevine	5, 18, 27	Tom L.	Dukes Room
Literature	3, 24, 26	Pat W.	Dukes Room
Public Information	11, 21, 30	Ken D.	Dukes Room
Registrar	2, 19	Nancy B.	Dukes Room
Special Needs	6, 7	Anissa P.	Dukes Room
Treatment	13, 22	Janet B.	Dukes Room
Web	8, 17	Chris H.	Dukes Room

12:00 – 1:30 pm LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 2:00 pm Area 25 Delegate Report Sue N. Regency Room
2:00 – 2:30 pm 2016 State Conference Committee Joe C. Regency Room

3:00 – 5:00 pm Chair Reports Regency Room

Al-Anon Liason	Ann K.
Chronicler	Rosa M.
Corrections	Doug T.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	Galen E.
Grapefree Press	JC R.
Grapevine	Tom L.
Literature	Pat W.
Public Information	Ken D.
Registrar	Nancy B.
Special Needs	Anissa P.
Treatment	Janet B.
Web	Chris H.
District Committee Members	DCM's

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5:00 – 7:00 pm DINNER BREAK

7:00 – 8:00 pm ~ Traditions Speaker: Rondell M., Area 39 Past Delegate Panel 55 Regency Room

Sunday, January 17, 2016

8:30 – 12:00 Regency Room

Closed Business Meeting	
Opening of Assembly	Sheri P.
Secretary Report	Ed M.
Treasurers Report	Ken S.
KAAAAI Board Report	Tom H.
2016 State Conference Report	Joe C.
Delegate Report	Sue N.
Alt. Delegate Report	Dave R.
Roll Call	Jon R.

Old Business: Chair forming Ad Hoc committee to review State Conference Location

New Business:

1. Introduce Incoming Area Chairs
2. 2016 Budget Proposal
3. Lap top for trusted servant handling financials \$700.00
4. Lap top for registrar \$700.00
5. Reimburse Chris H., Web Chair for Technology Seminar \$572.03
6. Area 25 Assembly & Committee meeting location
7. PA system to be used at Area functions
8. State Conference Contract for 2018
9. State Conference Contract for 2017 status
10. Secretary's Responsibilities
11. Registrar's Responsibilities
12. Elect – Area 25 Past Delegate to KAAAAI Board
13. Elect – Area 25 even number DCM to KAAAAI Board
14. Elect – Area 25 even number GSR to KAAAAI Board

Kansas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous Budget Proposal 2016

Expense Account	2015 Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget	Diff	
Accounting Fees	400	400	0	
Bank / Paypal Charges	25	25	0	
Postage Area	250	250	0	
Printing Outside Area	250	1800	1550	
PO Box Rent Area	62	62	0	
Office Supplies Area	200	200	0	
Off Mngr. Travel Exp Area	0	0	0	
Copier Paper Area	400	0	-400	
Copier Rent Area	2810	0	-2810	
Insurance, Office & Equipment	525	525	0	
Telephone Exp Office Area	300	70	-230	
Ins. Work Comp Area	298	0	-298	
Salary & Wages Area (Contract Labor)	12163	1200	-10963	
Office Rent Area	3060	360	-2700	
Payroll Tax Employer Area	930	0	-930	
Employers QU Wage Contribution	180	0	-180	
Utilities Area	384	0	-384	
Computer Soft/Hardware Area	120	120	0	
Computer Internet Service	120	120	0	
Total General Operating Expense	22477	5132	-17345	
Delegate Expense Area	2000	3000	1000	
GS Conference Registration	1600	2000	400	
Alt Delegate Expense	400	600	200	
Area Chair	0	500	500	
Public Information Chair Area	100	500	400	
Treatment Chair Area	100	500	400	
Corrections Chair Area	100	500	400	
CPC Chair Area	100	500	400	
GFP Editor	100	500	400	
Literature Chair	100	500	400	
Chronicler Chair Area	100	500	400	
Al-Anon Deleгат	0	500	500	
Grapevine Chair Area	100	500	400	
Special Needs Chairman	100	500	400	
Web Chair Area	100	500	400	
Area Website Expense	300	300	0	
Outside GFP Printing	200	600	400	
Copier Rent GFP	940	0	-940	
Postage Grape Free Press	300	300	0	
Total Officer/Committee Expenses	6740	12800	6060	
Bldg. & Facilities Area	1300	1800	500	
Coffee Expense Area	0	0	0	
Area Manuals	200	200	0	
Memorial Contr. GSO Area	400	400	0	
Contribution to GSO Area	0	0	0	
Speaker Travel Area	500	2000	1500	
Speaker Meals Area	50	200	150	
Speaker Rooms Area	200	800	600	
Other Expense Area	100	100	0	
Last Year Conference Loss	4352	0	-4352	
Total Other Expenses	7102	5500	-1602	
Totals	36319	23432	0	-12887

Registrar:

1. Shall be appointed by Area chairperson and approved by the Assembly.
2. Maintain records of all groups in the area including group names, meeting location, time and GSR or group contact.
3. Responsible for maintaining names, addresses, email address, and phone numbers of the GSR's, DCM's, district and area officers, and area committee members.
4. Maintain confidentiality roster for publication each January. The roster will be transmitted to the secretary / alt. secretary for publication after the January Assembly.
5. Provide updated mailing addresses and email lists to the Area Secretary, Web Chairperson, and Area Chair.
6. Shall expedite the registration of Groups with the General Service Office.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE AREA SECRETARY DUTIES

CURRENT DUTIES

1. Take minutes of area Assembly Meetings & Area Committee Meetings
2. Keeps mailing list current.
3. Acts as liaison between Area Committee and KASO staff.
4. Acts as secretary on any Ad Hoc committees.
5. Reads only business portion of minutes of last Area Assembly to the current Assembly.
6. Area Secretary is on KAAAAI Board
7. Duties are outlined in AA Service Manual.
8. Elected for 2 years.

DUTIES TO BE ADDED

- A. Sends draft of Assembly & Committee meeting minutes to GFP Editor within 2 weeks following the meeting.
- B. Prints, collates & assembles Area Service Manuals for distribution.
- C. Updates any parts of Area Service Manual as needed.
- D. Provides registration forms for members attending Area Assembly & Area Committee meetings, designating voting members.
- E. Prepares ballots for elections.

ANONYMITY PROTECTED

[corrected]

Business Meeting Minutes July 19, 2015

Sunday, January 19 – Business meeting

Attendees	Present
Districts (1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30)	96
Chairs (Chronicler, Corrections, CPC, GFP, Lit, PI, Treatment, Web)	8
Officers (Chair, Alt Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Chair, Board Alt Chair, Delegate, Alt Delegate, KASO OM)	9
Total voting members	113

Opening: Mike H, Chair, opened the meeting with a reading of the Kansas Area Assembly Preamble. Alt. Chair Galen E then read the 12 Traditions.

Minutes: Secretary Dave R read the business portion of the minutes of the January, 2015 Assembly meeting.

Corrections: Pg. 3, Joe C is from District 5, not 6.

Motion to approve with corrections by: Tim D, GSR, Dist 23 **Second:** Dawn MS, GSR, Dist 8 **Approved**

KASO Report by: Heather G, Office Manager (OM)

- New office phone (OOMA) is 785-370-0745
- Heather shared that she is retiring as OM at the end of the year.
- Assembly gave her a standing ovation.

Treasurer's Report by: Ken D, Area Treasurer, reported on the 2nd quarter, 2015:
(See Financial Report as published and distributed for full details.)

Income	2 nd Quarter	Year to Date	State Conference		
Groups	\$5,570.87	\$12,703.24	Income	2nd Quarter	Yr to Date
Other	\$1,521.70	\$4,405.95		\$ 2,304.72	\$ 4,743.72
Conferences	\$ 0.00	\$1,894.59	Expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ 359.91
Total income	\$7,097.57	\$19,003.78	Net Gain/Loss	\$ 2,304.72	\$ 4,383.81
Expenses	\$7,230.12	\$20,286.96	State Conf. Balance Sheet		
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 137.55	\$ 1,283.18	Assets		\$ 7,383.81
			Liabilities&Equity		\$ 7,383.81
Balance Sheet					
Assets		\$28,593.34			
Liabilities&Equity		\$28,593.34			

Motion to accept by: Sam W, DCM Dist 22 **Second:** Traci, B, GSR, Dist. 8 Motion approved.

KAAAAI Report by: Tom H, Board Chair

- Board reviewed the standing agenda items:
 - 2015 budget & expenses to date
 - Conference contracts for 2015 & 2016
 - Budget committee composition guidelines.
- Board discussed the Office Manager's resignation, and two options:
 - Hire a new OM, move the office, and continue making 88,000 copies a year, OR

- Return most of the duties to the Area Chairs & Officers, contracting only for some financial work.
- The Board reached consensus to recommend the following to the Assembly:
 - Not to hire a new OM, but to return duties to Chairs & Officers
 - Have a 2 day Committee meeting in October to iron out details of a plan to be implemented in Jan, 2016.
 - Start transferring some of the duties *now* so it will be in place by then.
- The Board Chair asked everyone to keep Concepts 3 & 4 in mind as we move forward.

2015 Conference Report by: Sheri P, 2015 Conf. Chair

- We started the weekend with 229 pre-registered, and 69 rooms reserved.
- We now have 268 pre-registered, and 79.5 rooms reserved
- We started the weekend with income of \$5,147, took in \$780.
- Goal is to have 300 pre-registered, and 100 rooms reserved.
- Dates to be aware of: Pre-registration deadline is 9/12/15. Online registration deadline is 9/15/15 at midnight. Hotel reservation deadline is 9/4/15, after which the hotel lets the block & rates go up.
- Please sign up for greeter, volunteering in registration, hospitality & coffee areas.
- Help us make the weekend happen. Promote the conference. If we have 730 registered, we'll be fully self-supporting.

(note from the Secretary – at the end of the day, Sheri announced we had 285 pre-registered, and 96 rooms reserved!)

Delegate Report by: Don G, Panel 64

- Remodeling & co-location of offices at New York starts this month.
- Directories – currently GSO is working on these, so get correct information in ASAP
- New Archives exhibit – AA's 10th Anniversary – is on the AA website.
- A new audio is also there – Sister Ignatia addressing the 1960 International Convention, telling the story of Dr. Bob admitting the first alcoholic to the Akron hospital.
- Went over the financials for GSO
- Will be giving the Delegate's report at the following:
 - Montezuma – Aug 1
 - Blue Springs Group – Aug 9 (joint presentation with Western Mo Area delegate)
 - Wichita Round Robin – Aug 16
 - District 23 – Oct. 3

Alt. Delegate Report by: Bruce L, Panel 64

- Due to personal reasons, I am stepping down as of today.

Roll Call: Those present are noted above. There were 113 voting members present.

Old Business:

1) Ken D, Area Treasurer, discussed our need to rebuild our prudent reserve. No motion, no request, but things to consider that individuals, groups, and districts can do.

- Pass an extra basket on Founders Day.
- Declare August as Support Month, and have a "Support the Area" day.
- Hold workshops on services offered by Area 25. Area chairs & officers can help!
- Emphasize the Birthday Plan (send \$1 for each year sober on your sobriety anniversary date).

New Business:

Board Chair gave some background information about the 1st 3 items pertaining to the resignation of the OM.

- 2/3 of the Area budget is for employing an office manager
- We make 88,000 copies per year. Most of this could be handled on the Area web site.
- Current copier lease expires in September; a new lease will be a minimum of \$18,500 over 5 years.

- We can outsource copying & mailings for less money.
- We need to move to more electronic communications.
- This will require DCMs, Officers, & Chairs to be more active in communication – print off copies you need for your district, committee, etc.
- We can drop the bulk mailing permit if we quit sending out paper copies of the GFP.
- This change will require more involvement of more people – this will probably result in more participation, which is good.

1) Moved that the Area Chair appoint a Registrar.

(Registrar will take over duties of group records. See page S45 in the Service Manual for description of duties. This person will start working *now* with Heather to learn the New Vision software that GSO uses)

Moved: JC R, DCM, Dist 6. Second: Kat M, GSR Dist 23. Motion passed with 4 Nays. Minority opinion expressed that the membership at large needs to be involved because this is a structural change. No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried. , Mike H, Area Chair, appointed Sam M, Dist 10, to serve as Registrar.**

2) To have a 2 day Area Committee meeting October 16-18, 2015. Approve the 2015 budget.

Moved: Traci B, GSR Dist 8. Second: Kim K, GSR Dist 9. Discussion noted this will allow 90 days for GSRs & DCMs to take the detailed plan to their groups/districts, so they can be informed for the Jan. 2016 Assembly. Motion passed with 1 Nay. Minority opinion expressed that, due to other obligations, they couldn't stay for a 2nd day in October. No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried.**

3) That the Board continue developing plans for structural changes in the business office, to be presented in October:

Moved: Rita G, GSR Dist 9. Second: Randy K, GSR Dist 8. **Motion carried.**

4) Approve se of Mail Chimp by the Area for distributing flyers.

Moved: Kat M, GSR Dist 23. Second: Sam W, DCM Dist 22. Discussion focused on whether a person has to opt in to receive the mailings, and whether they can opt out. Motion passed with 6 Nays. Minority opinion expressed that "I want to decide for myself, not the Area." No one in the majority wished to change their vote. **Motion carried.**

5) Approve anonymity protected Grape Free Press and other correspondence from Area 25, whether on the web site or via email.

Moved: Sam W, DCM Dist. 22. Second: Kim K, GSR Dist 9. Discussion – JC R, DCM Dist 6, noted we already have it in the guidelines that the GFP is anonymity protected. Clarification that the version that is emailed to members has *not* been anonymous, just the version on the web site. **Motion carried.**

6) Elect a Delegate for Panel 66 (2016-17).

Standing: Sue N, GFP Editor; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Galen E, Alt. Chair; Ed M, Treasurer Dist 9; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8; Dave R, Area Secretary. **Sue N elected on 4th ballot.**

7) Elect an Alternate Delegate for Panel 66 (2016-17).

Standing: Galen E, Alt. Chair; Dave R, Area Secretary; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8. **Dave R elected on 2 ballot. Mike H, Area Chair, asked the Assembly's approval for Dave to start serving now to fill the rest of Bruce's term. Approved.**

8) Elect an Area Chairperson for 2016-17.

Standing: Galen E, Alt. Chair; Ken D, Area Treasurer; Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Sheri P, DCM Dist 8. After 4 ballots, it went to the hat. **Sheri P was drawn.**

9) Elect an Alt. Area Chairperson for 2016-17.

Standing: Rich Schmidtberger, PI Chair; Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Ed M, Dist. 9 Treasurer; Jon R, past member of KAAAAl board & DCM. **Jon R was elected on the 2nd ballot.**

10) Elect a Treasurer for 2016-17.

Standing: Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison; Ken S, Dist. 8 Treasurer; **Ken S was elected on the 3rd ballot.**

11) Elect an Alt. Treasurer for 2016-17.

Standing: Jerry W, Al-Anon Liaison. **Jerry W was elected by acclamation.**

12) Elect a Secretary for 2016-17.

Standing: Ed M, Dist 9 Treasurer. **Ed M was elected by acclamation.**

13) Elect an Alt. Secretary for 2016-17.

Standing: Dawn M-S, GSR, Dist 8; Andy K, GSR, Dist 10. **Andy K was elected on the 2nd ballot.**

Chair closed the meeting with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

David R
Area Secretary

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**Kansas Area Assembly Alcoholic Anonymous, Inc.
Minutes for October 17, 2015**

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Tom H. (Board chair)	X	Bob H. (Odd # DCM)	
Mike R. (Alt. chair)	X	Kat M. (Odd #GSR)	X
Mike H. (Area chair)	X	Sam W. (Even #DCM)	X
Ken D. (Treas.)	X	Andy K. (Even # GSR)	X
Teresa S. (Sec't)	X		

Opening: The Board Chair opened the meeting with reading the Unity Declaration in unison.

Roll Call: Secretary called the roll. All were present except the Odd # DCM, who had emailed a report.

Minutes: The secretary read the minutes of the July 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by: Treasurer **Second:** Even # GSR Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report by: Area Treasurer

Treasurer reported on the 1st quarter, 2015 figures:

Income from groups = \$ 7,103.79 (+8% over same period in 2014)
 Income from other = \$ 1420.00 (+9% over same period in 2014)
Income conferences = \$ 20.00
 Income = \$8543.70 (+8.5% over same period in 2014)
 Expenses = \$7537.64 (+65% over 2014.)
 Net income = 906.15
 YTD income = \$27,547.57 (+9% over same period in 2014)
 YTD expenses = \$27,924.60 (+11% over same period in 2014)
 Net YTD income = **(-\$377.03)**
 Balance sheet
 Current Assets = \$ 29,499.49
Total liabilities & equity = \$ 29,499.49

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues \$ 18,074.55
 Total expenses \$ 16,068.68
Net income \$ 2,005.87

State Conference balance sheet

Assets - Sunflower Bank \$ 5,005.87
Total equity & liabilities \$ 5,005.87

Motion to accept Treasurer's report by Area Chair, seconded by even # DCM; Motion passed.

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Office Report: KASO Office Manager

- Paypal receivable from Area Conference has policy of only being able to pull \$500 per month unless a SS# was given, OM able to negotiate a deal that she did not have to give SS#.
- Bought a new battery for computer, helped some, computer is 4 years old and unstable. Everything is securely backed up.
- Setting up Quick Books, which is standard bookkeeping program.
- Copier lease expired end of September. Now leased on month-to-month basis, \$317/month.
- Bulk mail permit allowed to expire end of September.

Board chair expanded on reasons for allowing copier lease to expire as would have incurred \$10,000 obligation; majority of GFP are now delivered via electronic transmission and there were many GFP being mailed back to KASO to maintain mail permit; there will have to be a few Confidential rosters and GFP printed and mailed out as not everyone has a computer to receive electronic copies. It will still be cheaper to print and send than to sign a new long-term lease.

Alternate KAAAI Chair report: Non given

GSR report: GSR 23 – positive feedback about KASO and OM changes. GSR even district – no feedback on information provided.

DCM report: DCM 22 – no questions or concerns, majority of members support OM's resignation and Area officers absorbing KASO duties and also going digital.

Odd DCM - 9 emailed report – supporting OM's resignation, support letting go of copier, supports keeping OM on as contract employee for certain duties.

Old Business:

1. Mail Chimp

Web chair reports that Mail Chimp has been set up, using most recent list of email addresses from 2014, he sent out test email with positive response. He has been able to send flyers out via Mail Chimp. Emphasizes that web site is more populated with lots of information including Guidelines, upcoming Agendas and other documents. It is important to remind GSRs that the web site can be the focal point of communication for Area 25. Area Chair thanks Web chair for all his work and reminds everyone to be sure Web chair has updated and correct email addresses. Treasurer asks about flyers sent for web site being automatically sent on Mail Chimp, answer is that when a flyer is sent for publication on web site, a request needs to be made if it also is to be sent via Mail Chimp. Literature chair asks about the legibility of flyer sent out that is partially illegible. Web chair clarifies those documents for web site has to be in PDF format and in JPEG format for the Mail Chip.

2. No further discussion about copier contract or Bulk mail contract. Area Chair and Board Chair are reviewing all contracts.

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New Business:

1. Board chair proposes that the \$2000 profit from the 2015 Area Conference be placed back in the prudent reserve since \$4500 was “loaned” to cover loss of 2014 Area Conference. Alternate KAAAAI chair suggests that the motion be dependent on the budget needs of the Area, based on whether the budget reflects a moved KASO or whether there is no longer a KASO.
2. Board chair proposes acceptance of new job description of contract employee, all board members received job description list, and contractor will receive \$100 per month plus \$30 per month for storing of Area financial and other records. Motion to accept by Area Treasurer, seconded by Area chair – so moved.
3. KAAAAI chair proposes to change the Web chair to a non-rotating position because of the technology involved; and that the Web chair be a member of the KAAAAI board because of the Board’s legal responsibility for the web site and domain.

Alternate KAAAAI chair points out that this is a new precedent as there has not been an Area Committee Chair on the KAAAAI board in the past, will there be situations when other committee chairs will find reason to also be on the Board, i.e., corrections committee has control over Yellow Can money, though it is included on the Board’s tax roles. Area treasurer points out that the original ad hoc committee creating the web chair guidelines suggested that the web chair be a non-rotating position, but he did not want to remain for more than one rotation. He points out that after 8 years experience, it has become apparent that experience is important when it comes to the technology of the web chair and it would be a good idea to make it a non-rotating position, but he has no opinion on whether the web chair should be on the KAAAAI board of directors.

Incoming Area Chair reports that her choice of Web Chair has attended a national conference on AA Web Sites; he has a lot of computer experience and knowledge, and has been informed that it is a possibility that the web chair position may be a non-rotating position.

Previous Delegate Mike S points out that good points and negative points, we must be careful as ongoing chair may take too much ownership of a position.

Odd #GSR suggests that web chair may be invited by incoming Area Chairs to remain on the Area Committee with approval of Assembly and Board.

4. 2015 Area Conference registration chair asks if Area conference registration use Square device to accept credit card payment for registration, current OM reports that the Area already has an account set up with PayPal, which also has a device that would be cheaper to use. Kansas State Law prevents vendors from passing on surcharges on to customer; Area Conference would have to absorb the surcharge.
5. Area Chair points out that this facility does not have adequate PA system, with no second mike that can be on the floor. There is a PA system with multiple mikes for sale, should we look at purchase?

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted

Teresa S, Area Secretary