

KANSAS AREA 25 WRAP SHEET

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The Wrap Sheet is a brief synopsis of Area 25 Assembly/Committee Meetings. Please share this information in your District/Group Business Meetings. The Wrap Sheet is a source for the membership to see the Area service structure working to carry the message.

AREA ASSEMBLY

Salina, KS | January 28th – 29th, 2022

8:00 am – KAAAAI Board Meeting

9:00 – 10:30 am – GSR & DCM Sharing Sessions: GSR Session Leader: Mike R. and DCM Session Leader Mike H.

[I attended GSR Sharing Session, GSR = General Service Representative].

Mike R. shared his experience and how it fits into service. Was told as GSR he was accountable to the group, that he should follow the duties as described in the service manual and that leadership is important. Ultimately the Groups in charge, GSRs are the ones that motivate and communicate down thru the upside-down triangle to the GSC it is a democratic process. There are 93 Areas represented there, 135 members. We tell our delegate what we think. As GSRs we

replace the founders—we are the conference and therefore a huge part of the GSC process. Groups are busy doing 12-step work, our service work is to make this easier. Groups need to delegate service/representation.

Welcome to leadership in AA! Recommended reading is an essay by Bill W. in Concept 9 about leadership titled, “LEADERSHIP IN AA: EVER A VITAL NEED.” [on page C29 of new red service manuals, edition 2021–2023].

Recommended reading as GSR:

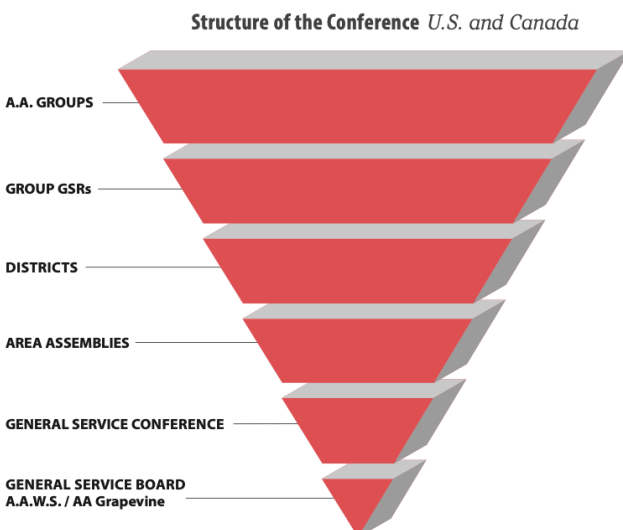
- BM-31 Service Manual

pamphlets:

- P-16 The AA Group ... Where it all begins
- P-19 GSR General Service Representative
- F-3 Self Support—Where Money & Spirituality meets
- P-8 The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated *

Be the most knowledgeable person in your Group about the traditions. It is all about Unity in AA, reading literature is an important component of a sober life. Also about communication and participation [key to unity]. Make sure to give reports to your Group, and to the District, [both ways].

*available at aa.org, or by order.



12:00 – 1:30 pm – LUNCH

1:30 – 2:30 pm – Concept Sharing Session.
Dave R. Concept 1, Mike R. Concept 2, Mike H. Concept 3.

Presentations on each concept including the history of how Bill & Bob created the 12 concepts to turn AA over to the Groups in 1951—to delegate our collective conscious. Recommendation of using the document ‘concepts checklist.’ Concepts were Bob’s attempt to apply our principles to as a whole. GSC replaced what formerly was the Alcoholic Foundation. It is the ‘service’ side of our triangle. Interesting analogy of the 12 steps, traditions and concepts. 1 of all = problem, 2 of all = solution. Concluding with concept 3 focusing on everyone having the right of decision. GSR’s listen to their groups, but if something comes to assembly they need to vote on, they have this right to make an informed decision. This is a way that we trust our trusted servants. We should choose them well.

Josh R. Chair shared something that had stuck with him when he heard it, quoting Connely B: The steps keep us from suicide, the traditions keep us from homicide, and the concepts keep us from genocide. [...so like, WHOA...nothing beats an alcoholic metaphor].

Questions and discussion followed. Including picking and trusting our servants, and that it is important that the Area works well so that the GSC can, we are the general service conference.

2:30 – 3:00 – BREAK

3:00 – 4:30 pm – Committee & DCM Reports

Accessibilites / Ignacio H. No report.

Alanon Liason Report / Martin B. The Alanon/Alateen Assembly was held at the Holiday Inn at 3145 S. 9th in Salina on November 4 & 5, 2022. This year will be the 50th Annual Alanon/Alateen Conference for Kansas. The Alanon/Alateen Area Conference will be held on June 9–11, 2023 at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadway at 400 W. Douglas Ave. in Wichita. To register for the conference, you are encouraged to go to the area website www.kansas-al-anon.org. Payment for the conference and the hotel can be online. There will be an AA speaker and a separate AA meeting at the conference. Our literature encourages us to offer our program to our families. At the time the Big Book was published, Alanon had not yet been established. Now, Alanon/Alateen meetings and groups have been formed in many communities. You can find meetings on the Alanon website as you can AA meetings on AA sites.

Chronicler / Marty T. Had a great turnout today. 16 people in attendance. Want to thank all the folks from District 31, for joining us. We shared the latest & Greatest with the Area of Service in collecting histories & preserving our history. With that in mind, transferring tapes to digital. Got a few history reports from District 31. Need to get those translated and scanned on our drive. For any District, any questions, don’t hesitate to get in touch with me. I am willing to visit Districts or Groups. Have History will Travel! Like I have said in the past, we don’t know where we are going, until we know where we have been.

CFC: Corrections Facility Committee / Sallie T. 23 people in attendance. We have had some activity since we last met. 7 districts have reported on more facilities opening. Districts have also reported new District Chairs. It’s been so exciting to see some new faces. There has been reaching out to get information on literature for incarcerated

AA members. Districts 4, 8, 9, 13, 16, and 19 reported either new or ongoing meetings being brought to their Facilities. Debra C. from Garden City, District 16 contacted me and was excited to report being allowed to go back into the Finney Co. District 6 is reporting three counties out of six in the district taking AA meetings to the county jails during the last three months. The attendance at these meetings has been anywhere from 4 per month to 21 for the men and 0 to 16 for the women. Literature has been ordered for some of these counties. District 9 has reported the use of pamphlets and 'Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.' They have put QR codes for the Meeting Guide app and Newcomer's pamphlets. They took 100 of them to the Wyandotte Co Jail. They are still not allowed to take in meetings, but inmates have tablets. We hope that they will scan the codes to get information on AA. The 2023 Corrections Conference will be hosted by Districts 9, 10, & 27. Flyers are at Area 25 CFC display. GSO has sent us several requests for contacts on the outside, all of which have been fulfilled. We've received one this past week for a Contact-PreRelease. Groups in the KC area are assisting with that request. We have also received a request from GSO the EDCF Oswego facility is wanting AA meetings to resume. We were able to reach an AA contact and connect them with the Deputy Warden of the facility. The Yellow Can Fund is able to keep literature going to the facilities, for that we are sincerely grateful to KS Area 25 members.

CPC: Cooperation with the Professional Committee / Cheryl H. 24 people in attendance. It was a great turnout of people. The purpose of CPC was read. The CPC committee informs professionals, and future professionals about AA. It was discussed that we work closely with PI but it is different. We talked about who professionals are. To name a few: judges, lawyers, HC professionals, educators, Human resources and a number

of others. A couple members shared what they are doing to take information to professionals.. The CPC Chair offered to help with going to meetings of different professional groups to help them understand more about AA. A couple people have asked to have her come. She has also made packets for different professional groups with info about AA. Will give a packet to each DCM to take back to their Districts. All of the pamphlets can be ordered through GSO and are fairly reasonably priced, some are even at no charge. They also talked about the pamphlet: 'Speaking at Non-AA Meetings' recommended reading, also discussed anonymity and traditions.

Grape Free Press / Gena W. We had a great discussion and exchange of ideas! 11 people in attendance. We talked about what the GFP is and how to get it. There are 3 ways: 1. go to ks-aa.org and sign up for the Area 25 email list and select GFP, you will receive a digital copy via email. 2. go to the website and download the current pdf version of it as posted and 3. For those not digitally able or connected we print a paper copy and mail out to [currently] the DCMs. We talked about soliciting content for it, and have emailed all the DCMs as a reminder. A committee member mentioned we might reach out to GSRs as well. A couple districts have given me their 'business' cards with website information and QR codes that they suggested could be added to the next issue. We talked about ways to save money on the printed copies such as printing in black & white. A lot of questions I get are if individuals can receive/be mailed them, the current model is to send to DCMs to save costs and create unity in the districts. Regarding today's GSR discussion of participation and communication, the GFP is a great option to use as well as the 'Wrap Sheet' that is compiled to be emailed out to the Area after Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies.

Grapevine / Tama C. We started with introductions of the 15 people in attendance, then we discussed what groups did to promote The Grapevine. One member buys napkin holders and puts a grapevine in each one and sits them on tables. Another give subscriptions to members celebrating 1 year of sobriety. There was discussion on raffling of Grapevine subscriptions on birthday nights; everyone gets a ticket and at the end of the evening announce a winner. Talked about putting old Grapevines in Truck Stops, Dr. Office, police stations, Lawyers office, probations offices. There was a suggestion or having a teen version of the Grapevine which would relate to teen alcoholism. There are more young people or teenagers with drinking problems now.

Literature / Ken S. Several new people on committee, 9 people in attendance. Good discussion on purpose of literature, how to order and what a group/district Literature chair does. Ordering literature may be done online or by mail with form F-60 which is available from AAWS at no charge. There was a question about ethics of using free online apps to read literature as apposed to supporting AA by ordering. The group did not for an opinion but agreed it was a valid point.

PI: Public Information / Rich S. We had 8 people from 8 different districts. District 19 are getting people interested in possibly doing PI work. District 9 are getting cards out with QR codes, they are handing them out to police. District 23 is handing out pamphlets, and District 5's website is up and running and carrying the message. PI @ GSO: they are working on young people submissions, hopefully they will have that ready for the conference in April. The comprehensive media plan has been updated and will be forwarded to the conference.

Treatment / Jerry W. 12 in attendance, opened with personal history of treatment

experience. Discussed how to find Detox, inpatient facilities. What committees can do for facilities. Talked about how we interface with facilities. District 8 takes meeting into various facilities as does District 19. Rural districts have difficulty having interface with treatment facilities. District 5 has an employee who is a member as Treatment Chair. She is aware of the responsibility to both employer and the program of AA. The most important work with treatment clients i when they attend meetings. It is our responsibility to see that they are welcomed and see the benefits of the 12 steps.

Web Committee / Will H. 17 in attendance, reviewed past July assembly and October committee meeting minutes. Discussed google business address/location issue. Reviewed the new website and discussed possible improvements:

- redesign of registrar change request page and submittable PDF
- update the meeting change request form to handle multiple meetings versus having to submit individual ones for each day
- begin effort to make the website ADA compliant

Effort has been made to make the website ADA compliant. Reviewed the 2023 proposed Web Chair and Website Expense budgets, [e.g. HighTouch, Barn2Plugin, Mailchimp] Discussed non-AA websites being displayed in online search results [e.g. www.alcoholicsanonymous for instance], and if we can do anything about that. Discussed on next term's web committee chair and what that transition looks like as far as technology and getting them up-to-speed...How do we support that and what can we do to improve that in the future? Discussion on whether we should create a 'web master' position [volunteer or paid] with possibly a 5yr term or an Alt. Web Chair with a regular 2 year

term that would work with the existing web chair.

DCM Reports / Districts lined-up in descending numerical order starting with District 31. DCMs gave reports and handed them into the Secretary.

4:30 – 7:00 pm – DINNER BREAK

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Area Guidelines Discussion Rich S. Ad Hoc & KAAAAI Board Discussion, Josh R. & Jim H.

Rich S. / Ad hoc Guidelines Committee went over the recommended changes of the Ad Hoc Committee for the guidelines, supplied by handout. There were seven listed, and drew no questions or opposition from Assembly. Some changes in verbiage and dates of duties, but specifically updates to the Interpretation Equipment under Accessibilities as we hope to replace that equipment soon.

Josh R. / K4AI Discussion Josh described the open sharing that was had about the composition of the board at the October Committee Meetings. The assembly discussed history, composition of it and duties, as well as ideas to expand the board to include not only the 2 voted in every two years [happening tomorrow], but possibly adding representation on the board from all of A25 Kansas' quadrants, North West, East, South West and East. No action was taken but informative discussion.

Jim H. / K4AI Discussion Had not been in attendance in October but had heard from a member, "Is all we talk about is about the K4AI Board?" Josh reiterated the above. In answer Jim H. emailed other Area delegates questions regarding some of the duties of our board, and how they do it [i.e. 501c3 status, etc.]. He emailed all of them and received 20 responses he supplied as handouts, all

his questions and their answers going over each one. It seemed clear that every Area was autonomous and differed in the ways they handled things, some had a board, some did not and why, some had outside help for legalities and taxes etc., some did the same things. His aim was to provide information to the Area, without opinion, to provide ideas and other options regarding the K4AI Board.

Josh thanked Jim for his presentation and information.

Sunday, January 29th

8:30 am – 12:00 pm Closed Business Meeting

Opening of Assembly Josh R. We have a new Al-Anon Liaison, Martin B. represented us. Entertained motion to accept him in this position for rest of year. Approved by Assembly. Motion carried

Roll Call-Voting Count Heather G. Called out Districts and found out how many votes they have.

Secretary Report Cindy D. / Read October Committee Minutes, approved by assembly

Treasurers Report Scott O. / 1st report, thanks to Heather for all the help. Went over financial report supplied. Financial information is available thru treasurer@ks-aa.org. All financials are current all bills paid. The Conference came out as self-supporting! Approved by assembly.

KAAAAI Board Report Don G. / discussed rotation, and most importantly they recommend replacing the translation equipment that is needed for the Area to communicate with our Spanish members more effectively. Approved by Assembly.

Delegate Report Darin H. / He could not attend because of General Service

responsibilities in NYC. Alt Delegate Bridget B. will give both hers and Darin's report. April we will be doing the mock conference! We will go over the agenda items to be discussed at the GSC. That way he can get feedback of the Area regarding the items before attending. He will be providing a link that is password protected to download information or this. Everyone and anyone in the area will be able to download the materials. Hard copies of the 2022 GSC was distributed to the Assembly.

Alt. Delegate Report Bridget B. / SWRAASA 2022 thanks to those from our Area that were able to participate. We are scheduled to host in 2028, but the Area that was to host in 2020 wish to be put into the rotation again, pushing our 'turn' to 2030 so they don't have to wait 22 years. SW Forum is led by the GSO, you can put faces to the names of servants Radisson Airport Hotel, El Paso, Texas. Completed the Audit of the Area Assembly. Turned out just fine. Our books look great including the Yellow Can Fund. Everything closed out well.

Alt. Area Chair Report Heather G. / 2110 West Crawford April 15, have room block at the conference center but welcome to stay in usual hotel. July will be back here at the Webster Conference Center.

2022 State Conference Report Dee Y. / Got together with entire committee Saturday. Will be Sept 15-17th Great Bend Kansas, you can register thru ks-aa.org, you can do scholarships. there is a 2.9% fee. You can register by cash or check without fee at the Assembly or by mail. Please tell everyone, generate some enthusiasm and encourage people to attend. Multiple hotels are available. You will need to call for reservations, but all info will be on our website. Will have snacks in hospitality, ideas for food trucks on Saturday and other stuff in the works. Going to be fun!

New Business:

- 1. Elect Alternate Treasurer.** They pass the basket at Area and assist Treasurer. Kaylon J. district 16 stood, elected.
- 2. Approve 2023 Budget /** only one change reflecting updated costs that occur with the maintenance for website. went over proposed budget. entertain motion to approve budget: motion carried by assembly.
- 3. SWRAASA Seed FUNDING**

* when to host... if we chose to change our rotation from 2028 to 2030. Amarillo, TX. waiting for our approval.

* seed money, did calculation on what we would need to do it, 12,000 in addition to registration. Funding model of 1700 dollars would be set aside until 2030. Also discussed all of SW Region all to set aside money to support other Areas in \$500. To be sustainable. Next will SWRAASA will be at 2024.

DISCUSSION had; idea to put into a CD to accrue interest over time. Should look at our money before we do that. Josh made an easy to understand spreadsheet of what it would look like shown with all our finances. Prudent reserve always a talking point. This would be a non-budgeted expense, added 8000 for translation equipment. Think we should have prudent reserve discussion first... if we put 10,000 in CD, 4% interest would make 12,000. Will take back to District and Groups to think about budgeting to support it as well to cover any shortfalls.***

- Motion to move to push to 2030, motion passed by Assembly.
- Motion to save \$12,000 to save up for it, so 1700 a year (suggest put in CD) amended to 5000 a year until reaches 12,000 in CD, amended to 4,000 x 3 years because 5,000 until we get to 12,000 doesn't compute. Discussion ensued. ...

different model suggested but no motion. Called to question, stops the debate, passed by Assembly. Motion carried by Assembly for \$4,000 for 3 years.

***Prudent Reserve Discussion. Some in Area feel that our prudent reserve as set is 'accumulated' funds, think we should use it. Josh, we could be at a situation where we would be at prudent reserve and could not fund budgets, would need cuts. Josh showed what it is, what it is allocated for. basically 6 months operating expenses. Another motion to put 5000 dollars in each year until 12,000, then put in CD to accrue interest. ***

After a Break, another motion was made to also allocate an additional line item of \$500 for SWRAASA a year for other and future SWRAASAs. motion passed by assembly.

The translation equipment was discussed that we should get them, also as recommended by the K4AI board. We could move to buy it now so it is available for April, or discuss in April and have after July.

- Motion made to buy 2500 dollar translation equipment. ...discussion to trust Area Chair to allocate Area funds appropriately for the equipment. ...motion carried by the Assembly.
- Motion made to pay for room, travel for translator, 2 Committee and 2 Assemblies plus the State Conference. ...motion passed by assembly.

5. KAAAAI Board Bi-Law Update / About Composition/Size: Discussion in October was to add members to the board from 4 different quadrants of the state, discussion last night was also about making it smaller. No motions were made.

6. Area Conference Guidelines / Update to amend: passed out change in verbiage to better represent what we do, i.e., change

state conference location verbiage from Wichita to the location voted by the Assembly... motion carried by the Assembly.

7. Elect two KAAAAI Board Members from the Assembly / composed of Chair, Secretary, past delegate and 2 elected members of the Assembly. 3 stood. Rick District 17 & Dawn from District #, Dee from District 10, all listed their previous service commitments and desire to serve.

- Rick
- Dawn
- Dee

The third legacy procedure of blind ballots was overridden by vote of the assembly to be a show of stand with the 3 candidates out of the room. Each candidate was voted for separately. It will be decided by 2/3rds vote, Rick passed and will be serving on the committee. Dee and Dawn went to second round because they did not achieve 2/3 vote. Dee made the 2/3 on the second round and will serve on the K4AI board.

Any other business to be brought to the Assembly?

- **Register for Conference!**
- **Remember Quality Inn for Committee Mock General Service Conference.**
- **July will be voting assembly, think if you would like to stand for trusted servant positions.**

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 15th, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina
- July 22nd-23rd, 2023: Area Assembly, Salina Webster Conference Center.
- September 15-17, 2023, Area Conference, Great Bend Convention Center
- October 21st, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina.