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the twelve steps of alcoholics anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

the twelve traditions of alcoholics anonymous

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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The Area 25 Preamble

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.

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events

45th Annual Wichita Area AA Spring Roundup	April 14	Wichita, KS
April Area 25 Committee Meetings & Mock Conference *	April 14-15	Salina, KS
Service Workshop 'General Service Structure'	April 16	Leawood, KS
TWTW 46th Anniversary	April 28-29	Manhattan, KS
Foxhall Group of Wamego 30th Anniversary	May 6	Wamego, KS
District 13's 28th Annual Family Round Robin	May 13	Newton, KS
July Area 25 Assembly Webster Conference Center	July 21-23	Salina, KS
26th National AA Archives Workshop	September 7-10	Sudbury, ON
66th Annual Kansas Area 25 Conference	September 15-17	Great Bend, KS

please go to ks-aa.org for specific event details and flyers!

* Quality Inn & Suites, 2110 W Crawford St, Salina, KS 67401



for online meeting schedules,
the most up-to-date information
and much more, please visit

ks-aa.org

area committee reports

delegate

Greetings Area 25!

The time is upon us again to do our yearly Mock General Service Conference. This is how we engage in the process and is an avenue of communications from your groups to the General Service Conference. Come participate in the process!!!!

There has been a lot of activity with the General Service Board and AAWS with the resignations of one Class A Trustee non member Board Chair and one Class B Trustee member. It has resulted in a lot of unfortunate circumstances around the board and without going into a lot of detail, has been a hot topic of discussion throughout General Service. I am confident, as a conference, we will elect to do the right things in order to resolve the circumstances surrounding these resignations and the lack of transparency but as a unified conference body, I believe we will get to a spiritual solution. God is in charge!!

I want to thank you all for letting me be of service for Area 25 to the fellowship we all so love.

In Love and Service, **Darin H., P72/A25 Delegate**

kansas area 25
annual conference
september 15-17
register today!

[https://ks-aa.org/
conference/](https://ks-aa.org/conference/)

66th Annual
KANSAS AREA 25 CONFERENCE
"3 LEGACIES
OUR COMMON SOLUTION"

15-17th September
2023

at the
GREAT BEND EVENTS CENTER
3111 10th St.
Great Bend, KS 67530
(620) 793-4111

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Please See Area 25 Website
for Conference Schedule
ks-aa.org

area committee reports

area chair

I'm looking forward to Area Committee meetings next month. Attached is an updated agenda. There has been a lot of activity around the General Service Board these past few months with several resignations. Our delegate, Darin H. has graciously agreed to host a question and answer session on this matter on Friday evening. We'll start at 7:00pm with a committee chair sharing session and then Darin's session will begin at approximately 7:30pm. All are welcome at both sessions.

Remember, we will be meeting at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2110 W Crawford St, Salina, KS 67401 in April.

In Love & Service, **Josh R., Chair Area 25 Kansas**

alternate area chair

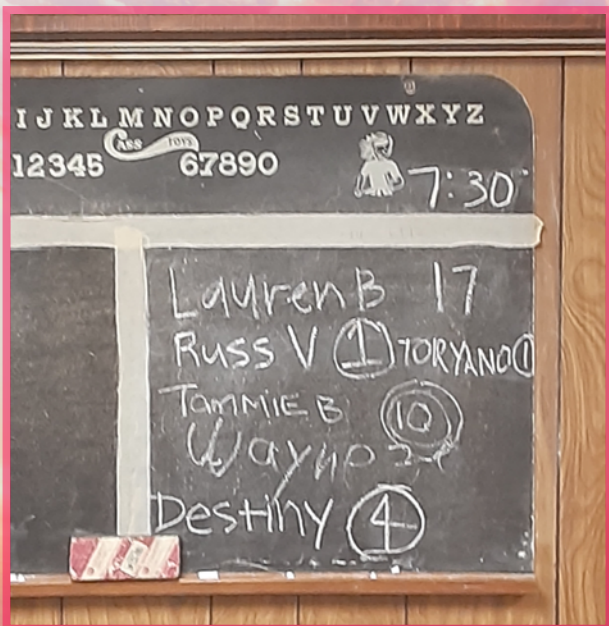
Hello, Area 25,

It was nice to see everyone at the January Assembly! The April Committee meeting will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, 2110 W. Crawford St. There is a room block at the Quality Inn & Suites. The phone number is 785.825.2111 to make reservations. The room rate is \$75.99/night. The cutoff date is April 7th. We also have a room block for the April Committee Meetings at the Comfort Inn. You can make reservations by calling the motel directly at 785.502.8007 and telling them you are with Area 25. The room rate is \$99 per night plus tax. Our group number is IJ87V2. All rooms must be booked by Friday, March 24th.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of service! **Heather G., Alt. Chair**

bulletins... birthdays...

district 13
february bulletin



QR codes submitted by
district 4, 5, 9 & 10



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Meeting Guide



around the area ...

area committee reports

cfc

Corrections is doing well. We are still having issues with being able to get into the facilities. We are however getting literature to the members behind the walls.

Our Area 25 Corrections conference was a success. We had 60 ppl registered and lots of great sharing and good information. Three districts 9, 10, and 27 hosted the 29th annual Conference at the Lansing Correctional Facility.

I've received a request for an outside sponsor for a resident at the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. I think we've got that person.

I can express how blessed I am to be able to carry the message behind the walls, and also get to serve with a great group of people.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

In Gratitude and Service, **Sallie T., Corrections Chair**

grape free press

Greetings Area 25!

We have 3 ways to receive the GFP! 1. Subscribe through the Area 25 Kansas email list by going to ks-aa.org/contact/join-list 2. Download or view the current online issue via the ks-aa.org website, and 3. For those without access to digital print copies—DCMs may request print copies delivered to them so that they can distribute to groups. If you need them, please contact me!

And always please send GFP Fall Edition submissions, such as events, birthdays, memoriams, etc., to gfp@ks-aa.org by September 1st.

In Love and Service, **Gena W., GFP Editor**

area committee reports

cpc

Greetings from your Area CPC Chair

CPC has been kind of quiet over the last few months. I passed out the packets of pamphlets at Assembly and am hoping it is helping to carry the message to professionals in the districts..I know in my district some work has been done.

I have reviewed the background material for CPC at the GSC. They will be reviewing progress on the A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page, reviewing suggestions on revisions to the pamphlet A.A. In Uour Community, review progress on the development of a pamphlet for mental health professionals. and consider retiring the pamphlet, "A Member's Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous"

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Salina.

Cheryl H., **Cooperations with the Professional Community**

public information

Greetings Area 25

Well here we our our committeee meetings and mock GSC just around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing everybody there. I hope you are all doing well. I have been going over the background information for our P.I. committee. Their is quite a bit to go over. I have also been getting ready for our regular committee meeting. I really don't have a lot to report this time. Please remember if your group or district would like to a workshop on public information please don't hesitate to let me know.

In Love and Service, **Rich S., PI Chair**

area committee reports

web

Greetings Area 25!

At the January assembly web committee meeting we had 11 districts represented from throughout the area (24, 14, 10, 13, 11, 6, 16, 9, 5, 8, & 23) with a total of 17 people in attendance. Thank you to all who participated!

We began the meeting by reviewing the past July assembly and October committee meeting minutes. There was old business discussion about the inability to update Google Business address locations for meeting locations listed online with Google.

We reviewed the new website and discussed the following possible improvements:

- Redesign the Register Change Request page and adding a submittable PDF form to the page

- Update the Meeting Change Request form to handle multiple meeting updates versus having to submit an individual request for each meeting day/time.

- Begin effort to make the website ADA compliant

Reviewed the 2023 proposed Web Chair and Web site Expense budgets.

Budget Line Items 509050 and 509550

Line Item #	Description	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	Delta
509050	Web Chair	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	+200.00
509550	Website Expense	\$1,320.00	\$1,908.00	+588.00

Web Hosting for ks-aa.org (HighTouch) - \$360/year (\$30/month)

Website Maintenance Agreement for ks-aa.org (HighTouch) - \$945/year (\$78.75/month)

Document Library Pro (Barn2 Plugins): \$129.00/year

Area 25 Mailer Essentials Plan (MailChimp): \$474/year (\$39.50/month)

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TOTAL WEBSITE EXPENSE [509550]: \$1908.00

Had discussion on non-AA websites being displayed in online search results and if we can do anything about that.

Also discussed the next term's web committee chair position and what that transition looks like as far as technology stack, knowledge transfer and getting the incoming chair person up-to-speed. How do we support that and what can we do to improve that in the future? Should we create a "Web Master" position (volunteer or paid) with possibly a 5 year term or possibly create an alternate web chair position that would work with the existing web chair to get knowledge transfer and any training needed. Then that position would be the web chair elect and they would take over the next term and then a new alternate web chair would be voted in. This would require amending the existing Area 25 bylaws in order to do this.

A friendly reminder, please visit the Area 25 meeting listings page here <https://ks-aa.org/meetings/> and ensure that the meeting information for your home group and/or group(s) that you frequent is up to date. If it is not, please let me know.

For any questions, comments or concerns please contact webchair@ks-aa.org.

In Love @Service, Will H., **Area 25 Web Committee Chair**



upcoming events

April 23th–29th, 2023: General Service Conference, New York.

July 22nd–23rd, 2023: Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina.

September 15–17th 2023: Area Conference, Great Bend Convention Center

September 29–Oct 1 2023: SW Regional Forum, Radisson El Paso Airport
Hotel El Paso, TX

October 21st, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina.

Kansas Area 25 Committee Meetings April 14 – 15, 2023 Agenda

friday, april 14th

- 7:00 pm **Area Trusted Servant and Committee Chairs Sharing Session**
 7:30 pm **General Service Board Q&A, Darin H., Delegate**

saturday, april 15th

- 8:30 am **KAAAAI Board Meeting**
 9:00 am **Committee Meetings**

Committee	District	Chair
Accessibilities	14, 23, 16	
Chronicler	31, 3, 17	Marty T.
Corrections	2, 15, 22	Sallie T.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	7, 20, 19	Cheryl H.
Grape Free Press	4, 21, 8	Gena W.
Grapevine	10, 26	Tama C
Literature	30, 13, 24	Ken S.
Public Information	12, 11	Rich S.
Treatment	27, 5, 18	Jerry W.
Web	6, 9, 24	Will H.

10:00 am *Mock General Service Conference, Introduction & Committee Discussions*

Open with Committee meetings and discuss background material.	District
I. Agenda - Not Assigned	
II. Cooperation with the Professional Community - Cheryl H.	7, 20
III. Corrections - Sallie T.	2, 15,
IV. Finance - Scott O.	19, 24
V. Grapevine/La Vina - Gena W., Tama C	10, 26
VI. Literature - Ken S. 3	0, 13
VII. Policy & Admissions - Bridgette B.	5, 18
VIII. Public Information - Rich S.	12, 11
IX. Report & Charter - Josh R.	9, 1
X. Treatment & Accessibilities - Jerry W.	14, 16
XI. Trustee - Will H.	6, 24
XII. Achieves - Ann S.	27
XIII. International Conventions & Regional Forums - Dee Y.	23, 22

A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service

12:00 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

1 pm **General Service Conference Continued, Committee Reports ***

2:00 pm **Business Meeting**

Chair report	Josh R.
Secretary	Cindy D.
Treasurer	Scott O.
Delegate	Darin H.
Alt. Delegate	Bridget B.
Alt. Chair	Heather G.
State Conference Chair	Dee Y.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities	
Al-Anon Liaison	Martin B.
Chronicler	Marty T.
Corrections	Sallie T.
Cooperation w/Professional Community	Cheryl H.
Grape Free Press	Gena W.
Grapevine	Tama C.
Literature	Ken S.
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Treatment	Jerry W.
Web	Will H.

DCM Reports

Note: Please provide written copies of the report

Discussion Items

- Proposed Guideline Changes
- Area Elections in July

* (8-10 Minutes per Committee / Microphone time limit is 2 min. per person. Avoid repeating anything somebody else has already stated. (If your comments are said before you get to the microphone, please refrain from doubling information.)



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