

Kansas Area 25 Committee Meetings
Quality Inn & Suites, 2110 W Crawford St., Salina KS
April 14th – 15th, 2023

Friday, April 14th

7:00pm – Area Chair Josh R. opened the meeting with a moment of silence and invited God into the room. Just remark that we had a record crowd for Friday night. Darin H., Delegate Panel 72 then shared what had happening with the General Service Board. Darin provided handouts which explained some of what had gone on with the General Service Board. He shared that the Chairman of the General Service Board Linda Chezem had resigned under unusual circumstances after she asked for clarification and transparency of some actions by a fellow Board member. A second Trustee, Josh E. also resigned from the Board due to these actions being taken. Darin stated that this is not how we do things in Alcoholics Anonymous and that he and fellow delegates from the Southwest Region will be addressing this issue in April at the General Service Conference. Darin stated that he had been in 25 hours of Zoom meetings discussing this situation and its resolution. Darin will report back on the outcome once he returns from the General Service Conference in New York.

Saturday, April 15th

9:00am - Josh R., Area Chair, opened the Committee Meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The members of the Assembly disbursed into their respective Committee Meetings.

10:00am – The members reassembled and Darin H., Area Delegate, shared about taking part in the Mock General Service Conference. Darin stated the importance of taking good notes and turning them in to the Area Secretary as this information is what he will take to the Conference with him to inform his vote at the General Service Conference. Darin then assigned Districts to discuss the various agenda items and the groups broke out for their discussions.

12:00pm – Lunch Break

1:00pm – The Committee’s reported back with their responses to the GSC Agenda Items.

Note from Secretary: Below is the complete list of Agenda Items for the 73rd GSC. Items that were discussed, have the Committees responses in *italics* following the item of discussion. If there is no response noted, the item was most likely not discussed as some Agenda sections had a lot of items and not enough time to address all items.

73rd General Service Conference Committees - Agenda Items

- I. **Agenda** – *Not assigned for discussion.*
 - A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2024 General Service Conference.
 - B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.
 - C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2024 General Service Conference.

- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, distribution process and 2022 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- F. Review feedback from Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications.
- G. Review a report and draft plan for a future Conference Inventory.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community -Cheryl H., CPC Chair and Districts 7 & 20

- A. Review progress report on A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page. - *Read report - No vote.*
- B. Review suggested revisions for the draft pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community." – No revised pamphlet available. *No vote but felt it was ok to change.*
- C. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlets for mental health professionals. – *Alt format? AA Literature about trauma – not what we are about. Are we letting Mental Health Professionals know what AA is? Doing a good job? Language – quan/qual statistics – No. Doctors Opinion – as evidence/peer support. Rewording of "strong words". Focus on cooperation. Need more interviews.*
- D. Consider retiring the pamphlet "A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous." - *Response - Retire – Voted yes to archive.*
- E. Review content and format of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook. - *Reviewed*

III. Corrections – Sallie T., Corrections Chair and Districts 2 & 15

- A. Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship. *Response – Corrections can not fulfill this at this time.*
- B. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook. *Response – Reviewed.*
- C. Discuss service piece, "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare" (SMF-209) and its revisions. *Response – the Committee voted that these revisions need to be made.*

IV. Finance – Scott O., Area Treasurer and Districts 19 & 24

- A. Consider request that materials produced and maintained by A.A. World Services, AA Grapevine, La Viña, and the General Service Office (GSO), clarify that the General Service Board ("GSB") is the A.A. entity which receives all voluntary A.A. contributions and that GSO is the A.A. entity which performs the processing of all A.A. contributions. – *Response – We need more information.*
- B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference. - *Response – We need more information.*
- C. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members. – *Response – No action needed.*

- D. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member. – *Response – No Action Needed.*
- E. Review Self-Support Packet. – *No response.*
- F. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI's) regarding the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.* – *Response – Resend back to the way it was – leave wording as is.*

V. Grapevine/La Viña – Gena W., GFP Chair and Tama C., Grapevine Chair and Districts 10 & 26

- A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook. *Response - The Committee found that the Workbook is available online and that the Spanish version is still in progress.*
- B. Review progress report on the Grapevine and La Viña Instagram accounts. *Response - The committee reviewed that metrics and were pleased the continued engagement.*
- C. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2024 or after. *Response - The Committee was in favor of all proposed book ideas. Since the list is getting quite long it might need to be reduced in the future.*
- D. Consider a request to provide all area alternate delegates the same Conference materials as sitting delegates. *Response - The Committee felt that the Delegate and Alt. Delegate must both be fully prepared for the GSC. They felt that the 93 additional licenses should approved to allow Alt. Delegates access to all background information. The Committee suggested that Tech Services also consider the cost of licenses as they look at new software.*

VI. Literature - Ken S., Literature Chair and District 30, 4 and 13

- A. Annual review of recovery literature matrix. – *No Response.*
- B. Review draft pamphlet based on A.A.'s Three Legacies. – *No Response.*
- C. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated." – *No Response.*
- D. Review draft of the revised pamphlet "Young People and A.A." – *No Response.*
- E. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the black and African American Alcoholic." – *No Response.*
- F. Review progress report regarding update of the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American." – *No Response.*
- G. Review progress report regarding development of a Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* - Spanish. – *No Response.*
- H. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. *Response - Suggested that current AA members be used with the translation as they are familiar with the material and meaning.*

- I. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. – *No Response*.
 - J. Review revised draft of the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.” *Response - The committee submits for consideration the changing of the word “she” in the last paragraph to a non-gender specific term.*
 - K. Review revised draft of the Literature Committee workbook. – *No Response*.
 - L. Review request to update the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” – *No Response*.
 - M. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI’s) related to the Plain Language Big Book Translation. *Response - Suggested that current AA members be used with the translation as they are familiar with the material and meaning. This could be in conjunction with the current parties that are being used currently.*
 - N. Review update on video animation for the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.” – *No Response*.
 - O. Discuss cost effective media options that welcome young people to A.A. as an alternative to revising the ‘Too Young?’ pamphlet. – *No Response*.
 - P. Review update on the proposal for Big Book or *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* study guides. – *No Response*.
- The committee discussed that a number of specialized pamphlets which are currently printed could be reduced as a cost saving measure.*

VII. Policy/Admissions – Bridgette B., Alternate Delegate and Districts 5 & 18

- A. Review GSO general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection. – *Response - Continue with current GSC site while continuing to evaluate options on meeting locations.*
- B. Review dates for the 2027 General Service Conference. – *No Response*.
- C. Review progress report on the development of a process using virtual meeting technologies for polling the GSC between meetings. – *Response -Agreed with continuing to use virtual meeting technologies for polling the GSC between meetings.*
- D. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process. – *Response - Continue pilot for Equitable Distribution of Workload process.*
- E. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure. – *Response - Ad hoc Committee should continue to work on how online groups participate in the Service Structure.*

VIII. Public Information - Rich S., PI Chair and Districts 12 & 11

- A. Review the 2023 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review the distribution and tracking information for two video PSAs:
 - i. "Sobriety in A.A.: My Drinking Built a Wall"
 - ii. "Sobriety in A.A.: When Drinking is no longer a Party".
 - 2. Review the 2022 report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video PSAs."
- C. Review progress report on the development of a GSO Podcast.
- D. Review report on "YouTube Performance."
- E. Review report on "Google Ads Performance."
- F. Review report on "Meeting Guide Performance."
- G. Review the "2022 Third Quarter Report on A.A.W.S. Board Oversight of GSO's A.A. website."
- H. Review report on "AAGV/La Viña Website, Marketing and Podcast."
- I. Review report for "Online Business Profiles."
- J. Review report on analytics.
- K. Review progress report on the Young People's Video Project.
- L. Discuss feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.
- M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials:
 - 1. Review progress report on revision to the flyer "A.A. at a Glance" – *Response -The committee found nothing wrong with the pamphlet and to leave it alone. They felt that they would need firm costs before reprinting this or any pamphlet with any changes.*
 - 2. Review progress report on revision to the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings".
 - 3. Review progress report on revision to the flyer "A Message to Teenagers"
- N. Review progress report on the request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.
- O. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey process.
- P. Review report on 2022 A.A. Membership Survey results reporting.
- Q. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
- R. Consider request to implement an Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. Instagram account.

IX. Report and Charter – Josh R., Area Chair and Districts 1, 9 & 17

A. *The A.A. Service Manual, 2023-2025 Edition:*

1. Review list of editorial updates.
2. Consider the request to rescind the 2018 Advisory Action concerning a footnote in the resolution concerning “register” and “Groups.”
3. Consider the request for specific changes to the 2021-2023 version of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
4. Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* titled “Amendments.”
5. Review feasibility report of an ASL translation of *The A.A. Service Manual Combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service*.

B. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

- C. Consider posting an anonymity-protected Conference *Final Report* on aa.org. – *Response - The committee recommended releasing/printing Final Report as it is ready and not wait for all translations to be completed before release. They also recommended that a anonymity-protected “wrap sheet” be prepared and put online within 90 days from the end of the Conference so that it is available for summer Assemblies/Conferences.*

X. Treatment and Accessibilities – Jerry W., Treatment Chair and Chelle F., Accessibilities Chair and Districts 14 & 16

- A. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never too Late.” *Response - Reviewed Report*
- B. Review progress report on Military audio interviews. *Response - Good progress, keep it up.*
- C. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- E. Consider request to do an Accessibilities Inventory of Alcoholics Anonymous throughout its services and structure. *Response - The Committee agreed that an Accessibilities Inventory could be done and the resources that come from this inventory could be shared with other Committees and groups to share new ideas of meeting accessibility needs.*
- F. Discuss carrying the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities. *Response - The Committee Recommended that the AA Guidelines for Accessibilities be updated to include learning difficulties and intellectual disabilities.*
- G. Review progress report on Bridging the Gap Workbook and other service materials.
- H. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap.”
- I. Review progress report on GSO’s Guidelines for Remote Communities.

XI. Trustees – Will H., Web Chair and Districts 6 & 24

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada*Response – The Committee had no access to resumes.*
- B. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. *Response – There were no resumes to review and the committee felt that review and vote should be done individually instead of all at once by “slate”.*
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc. *Response – There were no resumes to review and the committee felt that review and vote should be done individually instead of all at once by “slate”.*
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc. *Response – There were no resumes to review and the committee felt that review and vote should be done individually instead of all at once by “slate”.*

XII. Archives – Ann S., Area Registrar and Marty T., Area Chronicler and District 27

- A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook. *Response - The Committee chose to take no action.*

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums – Dee Y., State Conference Chair and Districts 22 & 23

- A. Discuss selection of cities to be considered as a site for the International Convention in 2035. *Response - The Committee felt that bids were needed and the actual site of the Convention needed to be stated for each of the cities, Indianapolis IN, New Orleans, LA and Phoenix, AZ. Response - no action.*
- B. Discuss inviting up to twenty-one non-A.A. speakers to participate in the 2025 International Convention at A.A.'s expense. *Response – No action.*
- C. Discuss update report on methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention. *Fellowship survey indicated that 50% of the membership felt that this should be kept as is, the chose of the meeting chair. Response – No action.*
- D. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. *Response – Committee consideration and refer back to the Trustee Committee.*

2:00pm - Business Meeting

Area Chair Josh R. opening of the Business Meeting. Josh checked in with the members of the Assembly to see how many had registered for the State Conference. He observed that a few more people were registered for the State Conference and that the results were better than pathetic on this check-in. He encouraged everyone to get registered.

The Secretary's Report was given by Area Secretary Cindy D. There were a couple of corrections made to names in the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Scott O. Scott presented the Financial Statements for March 31, 2023. The Balance Sheet was in Balance at \$58, 676.33. Scott shared that a new CD had been set up for the seed money for SWRASSA as voted on by the Assembly. Total income for the accounting period was \$7,792.13 and total expenses were \$8,869.71 leaving a loss of \$-1,077.58 for the period. Scott shared that contributions are down but they are still coming in. He also reported that he had the contributions by District and is working to get those numbers broken down to the individual Group level on future financial statements. Scott restated that contributions should be sent to: 8791 W. 106th Terrace, Overland Park, KS 66212.

Delegate Report - Darin H., Area Delegate, thanked everyone for their participation in the Mock General Service Conference this morning. He stated that he would be leaving Thursday night to head to New York City. On Friday he is planning to go to Bill W's home and Saturday he will be reviewing bids for the 2025 conference before the Conference begins on Sunday. Darren stated he will go to New York and do his due diligence and that he and the Southwest Region will be stern and uphold the Traditions and Concepts of AA. Darren stated that this will be uncharted ground and he would appreciate prayers and to hear from members while he is in New York.

Alt. Delegate Report - Bridget B. stated that she had attended SWRAA's Delegates Assembly in March. She shared that the purpose of this meeting is to prepare the Delegates and Alternate Delegates for the work that they will be doing while at the General Service Conference in New York. Bridget stated that there were a lot of Past Delegates who came on their own dime to help them prepare. Region 66 (Texas) was grateful that Area 25 had approved pushing our turn to host SWRAASA back to 2030. Some dates to be aware of are: 2023 SW Regional Forum in El Paso, TX on September 29 to October 1, 2023. 2024 SWRAASA will be in Richardson, TX from October 11-13, 2024.

Alt. Area Chair Report - Heather G. shared that the July Assemble will be held at the Webster Conference Center. October Committee meetings on October 21st will be held at the Quality Inn. The room block at Comfort Inn has group name: Area25 and the group number: ZD80G5. The cutoff date for the July Assembly is July 1st. In 2024 all Assemblies and Committee Meetings will be held at the Webster Conference Center and those dates are:

January 19-21, 2024

April 5-6, 2024

July 19 dash 21, 2024

October 18 dash 19, 2024

Heather is finalizing the 2025 dates at Webster Conference Center.

State Conference Chair Dee Y. shared that the 66th Annual Kansas Area 25 State Conference will be held September 15-17, 2023 in Great Bend, Kansas. Dee shared that they had 20 people in attendance at the State Conference Committee meeting today over lunch. As of today, they have 101 people registered and they have \$95 in scholarships. She shared to add some fun and to encourage early registration they are doing a raffle: for early registrants, they will draw a name and then at the Sunday meeting at the July assembly they will announce the

winner of the drawing. The winner will receive one night free at the Best Western Angus Inn which includes a free breakfast at Perkins's for all people in the room. Dee encouraged everyone to pick up Flyers announcing this drawing and take them back to their groups. She shared that there are so many fun things planned for the weekend and great speakers to look forward to. She reminded all to be sure and register before leaving today if you haven't already. D also pointed out that you can find registration and hotel information at ks-a.org.

Committee Chair Reports

Accessibilities – Ignacio H. – Josh stated that Ignacio will be unable to complete his term as Accessibilities Chair. The good news is that Chelle F. has offered to take on the Chair. Chelle stated that it was a pleasure to be of service and thank the assembly for teaching her new things. Chelle reported that eight people representing five Districts had attended the committee meeting this morning. She stated that the group agreed that zoom meetings are a positive outcome from COVID. She stated that District 10 is taking meetings into nursing homes. She also shared that the committee was going to develop a list of Spanish speaking meetings, meetings for the hearing impaired and to see if there is a way to code meeting lists where rides or temporary sponsors might be available to meet the needs of the members in the area. The importance of having signage on meeting places and having greeters to meet newcomers was discussed.

Al-Anon Liaison – Martin B. reported that he had attended the Al-anon Area Committee Meetings in Topeka on February 4-5, 2023, and while there he attended the Conference Committee meeting. Al-Anon Area Assembly will be May 5-6, 2023, at the Holiday Inn in Salina. This year will be the 50th Annual Al-Anon/Alateen conference. The conference will be held June 9 - 11, 2023 at Drury Plaza Hotel Broadway at 400 West Douglas Ave. in Wichita. The AA speaker will be Mike H. of Scott City, KS, Past Area Delegate. There will also be an open AA meeting at the conference. To register for the conference Martin encouraged everyone to go to the area website <http://www.kansas-al-anon.org>. Payment for the conference and the hotel can both be done online. Martin stated that you can find Al-Anon meetings near you on the Al-anon website as well as order literature and find out about Al-Anon events in the Area.

Chronicler - Marty T. reported that he had three 3 people representing three Districts attend the Committee meeting this morning. He shared that they had a great meeting and discussion. Marty shared that they are trying to get Group Histories updates and they are also trying to get histories on Groups that have disbanded. Marty reminded DCM's to check that their Groups are listed in the proper District on the Area Roster and that all Groups within the District have histories available. He suggested tapping in the source that is embodied in the long time members of AA to get information on early AA in their Districts. Marty stated that he is still available to visit Groups and Districts..."I have histories and will travel" and he restated, "We do not know where we're going until we know where we have been." He thanked the assembly for allowing him to be of service.

Corrections - Sallie T. reported that 16 people attended the Committee meeting this morning. Sallie reported that it has been an exciting quarter and that a few more facilities are opening back up and allowing volunteers to resume meetings. She stated that There has been an uptick on literature going out to District CFC volunteers to take in two facilities. They have also received several requests from the GSO Corrections Desk for contact pre-release and correspondence and that the Volunteers in Area 25 has stepped up to the plate to answer these requests. Sallie reported that the final check that was destroyed in the Reno Country fires was tracked down and taken care of. The Corrections Conference which was held at Lansing Correctional Facility on March 25th was a great success after a couple of hiccups with the prison. Sallie stated that Districts 9, 10 and 27 did a wonderful job. She shared that it was a great opportunity for all to get together and learn new things, share experiences and meet new members. She stated approximately 60 people were in attendance representing 11 Districts, one Missouri member and one Al-Anon. Sally shared that having a translator via cell phones was very useful helpful and she was happy to visit with members from the Hispanic Districts. She thanked Candy G from Topeka and Stephanie H. from Wichita for their help with the translation. Sallie shared that progress is being made in various Districts post covid. There is a lot of excitement going on with carrying the message behind the wall.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) - Cheryl H. reported that she had six people from four Districts attending the Committee Meeting this morning. The Committee opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and then did introductions. District 19 reported they were able to attend the Nurses Fair and were able to talk to many people about AA. The Spanish speaking District in Kansas City has two opportunities to talk about AA, one of those opportunities is in a high school. There are Districts individually giving cards to professionals and letting people know how AA can be contacted. The Committee discussed giving Case Managers at hospitals information regarding AA. Cheryl stated she is available to help with CPC at any time, just let her know where she can be of service.

Grape Free Press - Gena W. shared that she had five people from four Districts at her Committee Meeting this morning. They discussed how to get the Grape Free Press: The three ways to get it are: 1. Go to the Area 25 website ks-aa.org and sign up for the Area 25 email list. 2. Go to the website and download the current pdf version. Or 3. For those not digitally able or connected, copies are printed and distributed to DCM's by mail or given out at Assemblies. The committee continued discussion from January on adding District QR Codes to the GFP. A continuing topic of discussion is the cost of printing the GFP. The January issue had 20 pages and at the same time prices skyrocketed! This brought the cost of each copy of the GFP to about \$5.00 each with printing and mailing. Gena stated that she was able to get the printing cost down to \$2.75 a copy by not going all the way to the edges with the printing. The most recent issue was mailed out with the copies laying flat (not folded) to save on costs. The Committee spoke about redesigning the magazine to make it future printings more cost effective.

Grapevine - Tama C. shared that three people from three Districts had attended the Committee Meeting this morning. The group discussed the Grapevine Podcast which comes out each Monday and lasts from 30 to 60 minutes. District 26 shared that they raffle off two subscriptions to the Grapevine at their speaker meeting each month and they also bring in old Grapevines and leave them on the table. The El Dorado Group (Dist. 19) has a Grapevine Meeting every Sunday at 8:00pm and keep copies of the Grapevine on the tables in the room. District 27 has a Grapevine Meeting on Wednesday and they raffle subscriptions once a month. They also have a check out system for Grapevines. It was discussed that old Grapevines (without staples) can be taken to jails, prisons, probation offices, police stations, doctors offices and lawyers offices. The meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer.

Literature - Ken S. stated that he had ten people representing seven Districts in his meeting. The Committee did introductions and shared what is happening in their Districts. The price increase on literature was discussed. The non-jacketed Big Book and Twelve and Twelve were also discussed. The availability of literature from the Kansas City or Wichita Central Offices was discussed.

Public Information - Rich S. reported that eight people representing five Districts had attended the PI meeting today. District 10 is sending out letters to schools and getting business cards with their QR code out to the public. District 1 is also distributing business cards. District 12 is working on getting things going. The group also talked about getting PSA's to radio and TV stations. The group also went over guidelines on how to set up a PI Committee.

Treatment - Jerry W. shared that five people from five Districts had attended the Treatment meeting this morning. The Committee opened the meeting with prayer and then discussed what has been happening in Groups and Districts. Questions were answered about how to get involved with Treatment facilities and what to do when in those facilities. It was pointed out that one must display excitement and positive energy about recovery and they must comply with the rules of the facility. District 10 reported on Bridging The Gap program in their District. The groups have newcomer packets for individuals who want them. Gathering old Grapevines with info about home groups stuck to them was also discussed. One committee member talked about how to share in facilities meetings and not letting clients take over the meeting and still answer their questions.

Web - Will H. reported that five people from four Districts had attended the Web Committee meeting. A number of issues that have been under discussion were revisited:

- Redesign of the Registrar Change Form and submittable PDF.
- Update the Meeting Change Request form to allow for multiple meetings requests.
- Make Area 25 Website ADA compliant.
- Creation of an Alternate Web Chair position.

The Committee also discussed:

- Reviewed and discussed the existing guidelines for the Web Committee Chair Position.

- Need to create a password vault collection of all Area 25 IT accounts and provide access to the current Area 25 Chairperson.
- Amend existing Web Committee Guidelines to include the appointment of an Alternate Web Chair that would be a four year term (two years as Alternate and then two years as Web Chair). As Web Chair they would train the Alternate Web Chair for two years.

DCM Reports – To change it up again this time, the DCM reports were given in reverse order.

District 31 – The DCM, Guillermo Josso, brought greetings of an enjoyable 24 hours of sobriety. He reported that there are six active groups in District 31. The group Nueva Esperanza will celebrate their anniversary on April 22nd. The District is having workshops on various topics to expand members' growth. They continue to have meetings every two weeks for unity of the District. That is all for this time.

District 30 - No report

District 27 – DCM Idelfonso S. reported that on March 7th the District completed its task of visiting all Groups. One March 18th the District did a workshop on The Concepts where three former DCM's participated. The District agreed to do another workshop on June 3rd from 7 to 9pm. The District was represented at the Corrections Conference on March 25th at Lansing Prison. A notification was sent to all Groups in the District to motivate them to attend the next committee for Encuentro Hispano on April 16th at 12:00pm. District 27 has been having their meetings on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm. They have been studying the pamphlets for GSR and DCM and are now moving on to study the Service Manual. The reason for the GSR & DCM studies is to motivate people to stand in the next election. The District wants to stay even with all services in the Area. That is all for the moment.

District 26 – DCM Allen S. stated that the District has six active groups in the North Central area of Kansas. On February 19, 2023 they held their Round Robin at the Freedom Club in Concordia. There was a good attendance at this event and great food!! The District does not have any other events scheduled at this time.

District 24 – DCM Fred H. shared that the District has four groups. The Fall Festival for the District is set for September 9, 2023 and there will be fun, food and fellowship! All groups have seen a surge in attendance, especially the Silver Lake Group which has been having attendance of 40 or more people. They may have to find a bigger meeting room. John G. of the Silver Lake Group just celebrated 50 years of sobriety.

District 23 – DCM Karma L. stated that financially the District is doing ok. A lot of Groups in the District are having activities and gatherings. The District continues to struggle to get attendance at Committee Meetings and Assembly.

Memorial: Chris K. 33 Years – The Freedom Group

District 22 - No report

District 21 – DCM Randall R. stated that the District has four groups. The District 21 Annual Round Robin/Chili Feed was held February 5, 2023 in Winfield, Kansas at the Physicians Pavilion. Thirty-four members participated in the event. Winfield Group is taking meetings into the County Jail and Wellington is taking a women’s meeting to jail. Winfield is also holding weekly meetings at PFH Treatment Center on Saturday’s at 10:00am. The District is showing renewed interest in service and filling empty committee positions.

Memorials: Willie B. – 48 years, Winn S. – 38 years, Bob B. – 40 years and Mark W. – unknown.

District 20 – DCM Samuel H. reported that the District has five active groups and they are open from 8:00-9:30pm seven days a week. Grupo Emperadores and Grupo La Ultima Milla hold meetings on Saturday from 12-1:30pm and Sunday 10-11:30am. The District holds its meeting every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. The Public Information Committee visit Higher Ground Treatment facility and Radio Lobo on the last Thursday each month to carry the message. Grupo Amor Y Amistad will celebrate their 21st Anniversary April 29th at 925 N. Waco, Wichita, Kansas. The event will start at 5:00pm with Public Information. Grupo Emperadores celebrates its 25th Anniversary at St. Patrick’s Church gymnasium at 5:00pm on May 20th. There will be dinner, cake and a dance afterwards. The District is also working on the next Hispanic Encounter in Wichita, June 9-11, 2023. The event will be held at the Double Tree Hotel.

District 19 – DCM Robyn G. shared that the District has 31 groups. 15 of the active Groups are in person and two are by Zoom. 17 Groups were represented at the April District Meeting. The District is working on updating Group Rosters and they have two meetings that have gone dark. Goddard Group and Freedom to Change Group were added to District 19 in January 2023. The Spring Round Up is currently happening in Wichita at the 101 Club until 11:00PM this evening. Coming up in June 2023 the Metropolitan Group will have its 75th Anniversary celebration with a fish fry on June 3rd. District 19 Founders Day picnic will be held June 10th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. (Flyers for both of these events are on the area 25 website.)

District 18 – The DCM J. Wynn F. reported that there are nine or ten(?) Groups in the District. The District Picnic will be August 5, 2023 at the 5th Street Park in Pratt and they will have two speakers.

District 17 – DCM John B. shared that the District has seven groups. District Family and Friends Fun Day will be coming up on June 10th at Mead County State Lake. Speaker will be Don S. from Dodge City, KS. Some of the guys in the District are taking meetings out to the Treatment Center in Dodge City.

Memorial: Dan K. 39 Years of sobriety.

District 16 – DCM Pat R. stated that the District has seven groups registered and five are active in District. Meeting attendance is up. District Fun Day will be April 22nd in Santana, Kansas.

District 15 - No report

District 14 – DCM Eric H. reported that there are nine groups in the district. The District currently has seven vacant spots for committee chairs in the District only having filled the Corrections and Treatment Chairs. Groups and meetings are going well. The District decided to hold a Service Workshop for committee chairs. This workshop will be held on May 20, 2023, at the Westminster Presbyterian Church at 1702 West 15th Ave., Emporia KS. There are no Flyers or details so far as of today. Currently no one is allowed in the Lyon County jail. Five members are taking meetings into the Osage county jail.

Memorial: John G. - Flint Hills Group - 20 years sobriety

District 13 – DCM Charles L. stated that the District has 13 will be hosting its 28th Family Round Robin on May 13th at the Harvey County East Lake. The District's Web Chair continues to send daily recovery readings and sends out District news as well. Meetings are being taken into the Harvey county and Reno County correctional facilities. They are inquiring about getting into the Hutchinson Correctional Facility and the Marion County Corrections Facility. The Grapevine and Literature Chairs have worked together to attend each group in the District pamphlets for the welcome packets have been ordered. The District's Grape Free Press Chair sends Birthday's and Events to the Area GFP Chair. CPC & PI have requested pamphlets to put together packets. Treatment is taking meetings into Mirror and Valley Hope - Moundridge.

Memorial: Denise N. – Newton (Years – not stated)

District 12 - No report

District 11 - No report

District 10 – DCM Brett G. reported that there are 26 Registered Groups in the District and that 20 of those Groups are active. Things are going well in District 10. In March the District allocated extra funds to various projects in the Kansas City area which included: increasing literature outreach in Treatment, Corrections and CPC. The Grapevine Committee is making sure that all Groups have at least one active subscription to the Grapevine. Last week the District held a Mock Service Conference with about 30 people in attendance. The Committee Chairs selected Agenda Items and then everyone broke out into small groups to discuss the selected materials. It was a great learning opportunity and led to some great discussion about service and how it works. A few groups in the District have nominated GSR's and are attending District for the first time or the first time in a long time. The South Leawood Group has established monthly service workshops. Tomorrow the topic will be an overview of the AA Service Structure featuring Area 25 Delegate Darin H. This event will take place at Cornerstone Church at 1:30 PM. Next month Alternate Delegate Bridget B. will be moderating our district inventory. On a sadder note, PI Chair John O. is working through some health issues and had to step back from service for the time being. Brenda has volunteered to serve out the remainder of the term. Please keep John in your prayers. It is a pleasure to serve.

District 9 – DCM Greg A. reported that the District has nine Groups. Of those Groups, six or seven are active at the District Level. The District Meeting rotates their location and 4 groups have stepped up to host this year, Turner Group, Baser Group, Bonner Springs Group and the Leavenworth Group. District 9 recently hosted Area 25 29th Annual Corrections Conference at Lansing Correctional Facility with the aid of Districts 10 and 27 (Spanish speaking). District 9 voted to donate its share of the profit from the Corrections Conference to the Yellow Can Fund. The District printed new postcards with their QR code to the district website to be distributed by the PI and CPC committee.

Memorial: B. J. (Bobby Joe) W. Cofounder of the Bethel group and a longtime member of the Sunflower Roundup Committee passed away with 40 years of sobriety. His family held a memorial service at the FOP Lodge #4 on Leavenworth Road in Kansas City and there was a large turnout.

District 8 – DCM Debbie T. shared that the District has 35 Groups. Between 12-17 Groups are represented at the District Meeting. Debbie reported that all Committee Chairs for the District are filled and active. Two members of District 8 celebrated 50 years of sobriety in April!! The District will put on a Sponsorship Jamboree on July 15th and there is a GSR Training Workshop in the works as well. Hunter Ridge Group will be celebrating their 18th Anniversary on May 5th at 4211 NW Topeka Blvd. Doors will open at 5:00pm and dinner (pulled pork) will be served at 5:30pm. The speaker will be Mike H., Past Delegate, from Scott City, KS. The Freedom Group will celebrate their 40th Anniversary on Saturday, April 22nd from 12-3pm at the First Congregational Church, 1701 SW Collins, Topeka, KS. Dinner dessert and drinks will be provided. The speaker will be Carol D from Kansas City.

District 7 – DCM Kent P. stated that the District has four groups now. The new Group is the Sabetha Right Step Group which meets on Thursday at 7:30pm. The District held its first Roundup and had a Three Legacies Workshop. Josh R., Area Chair, spoke. A hog roast was also held. About 30 people attended the Workshop and 70 people attended the hog roast. The District is taking treatment meetings into Valley Hope - Atchison. They had their first Corrections Committee Meeting on April 7th with six people in attendance. The District is physically taking meetings into three out of the five county jails in their area. Quote from Kent, "But we are not a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life."

District 6 – DCM Cliff S. Reported that since the January Assembly, District 6 has hosted some interesting events. The Young People's Candlelight Group in Manhattan celebrated their 7th Taco-versary on February 4th. February 10th the Serenity Group in Junction City held a Sweethearts Bingo Night with snacks and prizes. The Turning Point Groups celebrated their 28th anniversary with the speaker and dessert buffet. Cliff stated he crossed District lines and attended the District 26's Round Robin on February 19th so he could hear the Wichita couple share their stories. TWTW in Manhattan will be celebrating their 46th Anniversary the

afternoon of April 29th with three speakers and a potluck dinner (Turkey and ham will be provided), doors will open at 1:00 PM. Foxhall Group in Wamego will have their 30th Anniversary on May 6th. doors open at 11:30 AM, potluck at 12 (fried chicken). District 6 will be hosting the Spring Roundup on May 13th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Junction City. Four District members will be sharing on the steps: **Give it up** (Steps 1,2,3), **Clean it up** (Steps 4,5,6), **Make it up** (Steps 7,8,9), and **Keep it up** (Steps 10,11,12). There will be a potluck lunch with ham and pulled pork provided. The trend continues, "If you feed us, we will come!!" The Triple S Group in Clay Center, KS has submitted paperwork to register with GSO. This Group has been meeting the primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers all along, hopefully this will improve communication.

District 5 – DCM Bryan P. stated that the District has 10 groups. Bryan shared that the District has plenty of Chair positions open in the District. He stated that meetings are continuing to grow. The District website has a schedule (PDF) available. Each group has a history and an archive on the District Website. Brian stated that Area 25 and District 5 are current with each other as to dates, times, and addresses on meeting schedules. Brian stated that the District is continuing to work on bridging the gap and carrying the message!

District 4 – DCM Eric D. reported that the District has eight groups of which four are attending District Meetings regularly. The District held its Round Robin on February 13, 2023 at the Fossil Creek Hotel in Russell, Kansas. About 40 people showed up and enjoyed speakers, Brian L. and Rita L who came from Broken Arrow, OK. Attendance at the Round Robin than it had been in the last several years. District 4 has a new Speaker Meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:00am. The meeting will be called Beanie-Weanie Speaker Meeting and it will be held at 410 Oak Street in Hays, Kansas. Lunch will be served after the meeting....guess what will be served? District 4 will also have a camp out at Lake Wilson on the last weekend of August. They are still looking for an Al-Anon speaker.

District 3 – Kay from District 3 reported that there are two Groups using AA Literature in the District and that at the next Assembly she will be bringing some new folks along.

District 2 - No report

District 1 – Mark brought greetings from District 1, Northwest Kansas (Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Oakley and St. Francis, KS). He reported that the District is getting new business cards printed featuring the phone number of each city's contact person and have a QR Code on them. Special events in the District are: Book Study, Colby Downtown Group at 8:30pm every Monday evening. Step Study at the Atwood AA Group at 8:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (509 Main Street, Atwood, KS). Celebration of Atwood Groups Bill L.'s 54th Sobriety Birthday on April 4, 2023. Ice Cream Party Celebration for the 20th year of sobriety for Oakley, New Hope Group member, on April 29, 2023. Upcoming District Meetings: Colby – April 29, 2023, St. Francis – July 29, 2023 and Goodland – October 28, 2023.

Discussion Items:

Proposed Guideline Changes. A handout was given to the member of the Assembly stating the proposed changes in the Area Guidelines. Josh encouraged all to read it over before the voting Assembly in July. It pointed out that most of the changes are being made for things that have gotten dropped out of the Guidelines in the past or just needed to be changed as positions evolve within the Area.

Area Elections in July. Josh encouraged all to give some thought to running for an office for the upcoming term. Josh shared that a Regional Trustee is generally called upon to oversee the Area elections. He stated that this Trustee would most likely speak on Friday, July 21st, the evening before the Assembly opens on Saturday.

The Committee Meeting closed with the Members standing and reciting the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully Submitted
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