

## **Minutes – Area 25 Assembly**

**January 19-21, 2024, at Webster Conference Center**

**Salina, Kansas 67401**

**Friday, January 19, 2024**, Rehearsal for “Robertas Rules of Order” and taco dinner.

**Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:00pm:**

Melissa B. welcomed the Area Officers and all Area Committee Chairs.

Melissa asked the Area Committee Chairs, to be approved, to share about themselves and their plans as Committee Chairs.

### **Saturday, January 20**

At 9:00am Area Chair Melissa B. opened the Assembly with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The members of the Assembly then split off to attend GSR and DCM sharing sessions. Will H. and Jimmy Jack B. led GSR sharing session and Brett G. and Sheri P. led the DCM sharing session. The members reconvened at 10:45am and then split out to attend their Committee Meetings.

1:30 to 2:00pm Area Chair Melissa B., welcomed the members of the Assembly back by stating that she hoped they had all had good Committee Meetings this morning and a good lunch. Melissa then introduced Jessica Burche to explain the instructions for the Robertas Rules of Order skit.

The group performed the Robertas Rules of Order skit with audience participation, and lots of fun and education was had!

2:00pm Traditions 1-3 were led by Bridget B.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities Chelle F.:** 9 were in attendance and 6 Districts were represented.

Our committee opened with the Serenity Prayer followed by sign in and introductions. Nine members of AA including myself attended, representing Districts 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 23. We reviewed the goals of our committee for this year, including raising awareness of what Accessibilities is and collaboration opportunities with CPC, Treatment, Corrections, and Literature. We created index card for DCMs to complete to add to the Accessibilities display and for me to track which Districts I will visit first and get to know better. We discussed an email that I received regarding Google Translate for English to Spanish documents. There has been a request for more Spanish speaking members who can translate to English. There has also been a request for members who know sign language to step forward as translation providers at Area meetings. A concern that the Webster Conference Center is inaccessible, and no vote was put to the Assembly for meeting location has been raised.

Everything AA app is a helpful tool for those with reading struggles.

Issues brought by committee members in attendance today:

District 8: Emotional support animals. Also identified inventory of meetings to determine which ones are truly accessible as a goal for this year.

District 12: Single parents with little kids. This group made busy boxes to entertain our “blossoming Al-Anon’s.”

DCM’s, please turn index cards in to me.

Our committee closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Chelle F.

**Al-Anon Liaison Martin B.:** Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon’s believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Kansas Al-Anon and Alateen Conference will be June 7-9, 2024, at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manhattan, KS. The theme will be “Opening Doors for 2025: Bring a Friend.”

Among the speakers are Shanna and Scott G., formerly from Manhattan, as well as Owen, Judy, Trisha and Sharon M. from Topeka.

Registration can be done through the Alanon website at [Kansas-al-anon.org](http://Kansas-al-anon.org).

Also, through the website, you can find Al-Anon meetings close to you as well as other resources.

Martin B.

**Chronicler Eric D.:** 7 were in attendance and 4 Districts were represented.

The Chronicler committee discussed how to submit group histories and looked at Google Drive with the documents that have been submitted. We then discussed visiting the Topeka storage locker. I would like to ask groups to submit group histories if they are new groups or haven’t submitted a group history in a while. The group history can be submitted through an online form found on the Area 25 website, under the documents tab. If any group or district would like to see what histories they have submitted, let me know You can email me at [chronicler@ks-aa.org](mailto:chronicler@ks-aa.org).

Thanks!

Eric D.

**Corrections Jeramie S.:** 25 attended with 10 Districts represented. Bridget discussed going through the work book to find items that may no longer be relevant or need updating. Please notify DCMs of Corrections Conference hosted by District 13, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, in Hutchinson, KS.

The committee discussed wanting to work on creating a corrections corner on the Area 25 website to list where meetings are being held, requirements to join and a contact list. All information can be sent to: [corrections@ks-aa.org](mailto:corrections@ks-aa.org). The committee also discussed creating an ad hoc for setting up Zoom meetings in jails. Lisa R and Darin S. will lead the ad hoc.

Jails are opening back up but it's still slow.

Corrections Committee:

Jeramie S.: Chair          Sharon F.: Treasurer          Abby R.: Secretary

Lisa R.: Pre-Release Correspondent

Jeramie S.

**CPC Sallie T.:** 15 attended with Districts that were assigned present.

Good morning, I'm Sallie. Welcome to what I hope is a wonderful journey. I'm all about our Primary and singleness of Purpose. I believe my sobriety is contingent on sharing what was shared with me. Carrying the message is how I keep going. Sometimes when life does what life does, I reach out to others. The service I do has literally saved my life. I am who and where I am because someone shared the message of hope with me. I am reasonably new to CPC. I am, however, very familiar with carrying the message of hope to people outside of the fellowship. I've not kept my sobriety a secret, per se. I've had several opportunities to share with the professionals I encounter through my daily interactions. I've been involved with my granddaughter's support people for 24 years. Sometimes drinking gets mentioned. Sometimes I've been asked if I'm a friend of Bills. No matter how the conversation leads I'm always open to an opportunity to share my experience, strength, and hope. I'm always looking forward to the next encounter. I think if we put our ideas together, we can come up with some interesting and outstanding opportunities to carry our message of hope. Thank you for your service and allowing me to be a small part of the experience.

We got acquainted. Had some professionals in attendance. We have come up with some good ideas for reaching professionals. I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve. I'll have more ideas, suggestions and what will be put into action.

In Gratitude and Service

Sallie T.

**Grape Free Press Kim H.:** 9 attended with 5 Districts represented.

- Get the GFP to more groups
- Become more aware of Area 25
- Talked about information going into the GFP
- Get DCM mailing list updated- need more
- Talk about putting Area 25 email address as footer of each page
- Get updated info/Chronicler- group history

Kim H.

**Grapevine David M.:** We opened with the Serenity Prayer followed up with the presentation and we had 12 in attendance. District 19: when a member has a birthday, they get a chip and a subscription to the Grapevine.

District 10: They buy a subscription for each meeting; this year they are working the Grapevine.

Discussed using the Grapevine stories every week as a meeting topic. Also get a package for the old Grapevine (30 magazines) for \$56 and send them to correctional facilities. (Just need to be sure they don't have any staples in them) to donate. Also looking into other places to donate, such as detox centers.

We also discussed getting magazines to young people to read and ask them to make a laminated QR code so they can reach all students from middle school and high school. This may also help their parents.

Another idea was to work with Al-Anon and Alateen to get the Grapevine subscription to them.

It was also suggested to work with the CFC, Treatment, CPC, PI, Accessibilities, and the Al-Anon Committee Chairs.

Also shared was that some groups have a raffle on Birthday night and the prize is a subscription. Others give newcomers a Grapevine.

A newcomer came to the meeting, and she is on fire about the Grapevine, and she was informed by the some in the group how she could get involved.

We also discussed how to motivate others to get more subscriptions to the Grapevine and LaVino.

David M.

**Literature Ann S.:** Met with Ken and took the traveling display. We read the letter from GSO to Trusted servants and the 7 questions regarding how the fellowships feels in regard to the founder's texts and our proclivity to change the original texts.

We discussed how other original documents aren't changed. Especially after the authors are no longer alive from an historical standpoint. What happens if we change wording to appease one group, and what precedent does that set going forward? We believe some of the issues that people have brought forward are generated from outside issues that we ought not have an opinion on.

We believe that sponsorship is vital to the newcomer understanding the Big Book and it is important to understand the history and times that the book was written.

The committee feels that \* and Footnotes would go a long way in keeping the original text together, while providing context to the era that it was written in.

The Literature chair will also provide an order form for groups that would like it going forward or provide guidance for someone to order it via aa.org.

Ben S. for

Ann S.

**Public Information Bob H.:** 13 attended with 11 Districts represented. We talked about PI work within each district as everyone introduced themselves. There is good work going on in the Public Information area around the state. Excited about learning how to better make the public aware of AA.

Bob H.

**Treatment Rich S.:** 23 attended with 10 Districts represented

We had 23 people from 10 different Districts. We went over the guidelines for the treatment committee. We discussed how important carrying the message into treatment centers and bridging the gap is. We also discussed what the temporary contact person is and how important that is. We also discussed, when being a temporary contact person, you are not a sponsor, employment agency or a banker. As a temporary contact person our job is to get them to 5 or 6 meetings and help to get them find a home group and a sponsor. We also talked about how we stay within the Traditions. Also discussed is how we cooperate with the treatment center.

Rich S.

**Web Brett G.:** 10 attended with 7 Districts represented

Districts 5,12,13,16,19,25,26 were present.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Website improvements were listed:

- Delegates Corner for Bridgette to use as a conduit for communication and transparency.
- ADA Compliance – the website needs review
- Contact forms- Discussed issue with multi select on mobile
- Discussed sub sites for districts without websites.
  - Take a poll
  - Discuss technical challenges/risks of adding multiple people to admin
- Web Committee guidelines updates to be discussed Sunday. Adding Alternate Web Chair position.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Brett G.

**DCM Reports:**

District 1 - No Report

District 2 – 6 Groups. With 1 inactive. I have at least made one trip to every group if not more. We had one district meeting with only 3 groups in attendance. We have added one new group into the district at WaKeeney, and they are struggling, but keeping the doors open. Our Corrections Chair is having their group now taking in three meetings a week. The Treatment Chair is working at keeping the two meetings a month going into our treatment center. We are currently working at two summer events to be promoted for local events.

Steve R. DCM District 2

District 3 – No report

District 4 – 7 Groups. District 4 covers Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russell Counties. We have our Round Robin on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> in Russell. The Al-Anon speaker is Sherr P from Seneca, and the AA speaker is Jerry Dawn J. from Oklahoma City. All are invited and flyers are available in the hallway.

Thank you!

Sam S.

District 5 – There are 12 groups in District 5. We are working on starting a quarterly district speaker meeting again.

District 6 – District 6 is alive and well. We have monthly meetings that rotate between all groups. We currently have five counties and twenty groups in the district. We have incoming trusted servants for all our positions.

DCM Cheryl H. Foxhall Group Wamego	Alt DCM Chris E. TWTW Group Manhattan
Secretary Chelsie P. Foxhall Group Wamego	Alt Secretary Sergio H. Downtown Group J.C.
Treasurer Chris H. Foxhall Group Wamego	Alt Treasurer Preston C. TWTW Manhattan
CPC Floyd H. Noon Group Manhattan	PI Danielle C. Downtown Group J.C.
CFC Cliff S. BYOBB Washington	Hotline Bruce L. Turning Point Manhattan

Cheryl H.

District 7 – No Report

District 8 – 33 Groups. District 8 is active with about 15 groups attending monthly meetings. Elections produced chair persons for all committees. We actively take meetings into local jails, treatment centers and the rescue mission.

Plans are underway to hold an event in the near future, details to come!

Tagon E.

District 9 – District 9 has nine groups listed. Six groups are represented at GSR meetings while three groups have not participated as of late.

District 9 rotates GSR meeting locations. Each group hosts for three consecutive months. We are currently meeting at Turner Group through March. Bonner Springs group will host next, then Leavenworth Group #1, Basehor Group, and finally Primary Purpose Group to start off 2025.

We have a good turnout from our GSR's, but we continue to have very little support at committee levels. We have no Accessibility chair, no PI/CPC chair, one Literature/Grapevine chair, and no Treatment/Corrections chair. After 42 years at their location, Bonner Springs Group lost their lease and are moving. They were able to find a new location not too far down the road and are excited for new beginnings. Bethel group is also being forced to move after the new landlord doubled the rent. Bethel

just moved a few years ago after more than 30 years at its original location and are currently looking for a new location. We (Bethel is my home group) have until the end of April to find a place. District 9 DCM.

Gregory A.

District 10 – District 10 went through a service rotation with new district officers and committee chairs effective January 1. All positions with the exception of Chronicler are filled.

Generally, groups are reporting that things are going well within their groups with some groups indicating they are growing. One group is looking for a new home as their current landlord has other priorities for their building. The district continues to pay for 50% of the cost of providing ASL interpreters at the Olathe Group.

District 10 sponsored a speaker event on December 30 in the afternoon. Harold L. travelled to Overland Park, KS to speak, Stepanie H. brought and manned the language translation equipment, and we brought in an ASL interpreter for the hard-of-hearing and deaf community. We invited District 27 (Spanish speaking district) which was a first for us as well as District 9. We are happy to report we had AAs from both districts in attendance. And, after years of poor attendance at district events we are happy to report that we had 60 attendees there. The feedback was very positive and overall, we feel the event was a big success.

Attendance at district meetings has been good.

Thomas L. District 10 DCM

District 13 – District 13's Fall Fellowship Fiesta was a success: the speakers were great; there were 56 in attendance with 518 years, 8 months and 7 days of sobriety.

There are 9 active groups in the district, of which have GSR's. Attendance at these group meetings is well attended.

The Lyons Trailmakers Group held its third annual year-end potluck dinner and the speaker meeting which was well attended with 20 in attendance.

Some groups have had elections since October 2023: Keep It Simple Beginners group in Newton has a new GSR' Coffee Pot Recovery in Halstead has a new GSR and Alternate GSR' and St. E's Sobriety Society in South Hutchinson has a new Alternate GSR.

The district's committees are functioning well, except for Accessibilities and Grapevine. Corrections is taking meetings into the Harvey and Reno County jails and is preparing to take meetings into the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Treatment is taking meetings into Mirror and Valley Hope.

Upcoming events in the district are the Kansas Area Corrections Conference on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Hutchinson and the Districts Family Round Robin in Newton on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

In love and in service, Charles L., DCM

District 14 – There are 9 active groups. Attendance is steady for all groups. There are several vacancies on District 14 service committees. All but Corrections and treatment have vacant chair positions.

The current District 14 treasury is healthy, and we make quarterly contributions to Area 25 and GSO. Twin Lakes Anniversary is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the Methodist Church fellowship Hall in Council Grove.

Rachel B.

District 15 – There are 4 groups in 3 counties in District 15, as far as I know.

Meetings are being taken into Sunflower Treatment Center and we are working towards taking meetings into the State Hospital.

Andy K.

District 16 – District 16 is the 9 Southwest KS counties, with 7 groups. The groups included are the 12 Step Group, Garden City, Sublette Group, Satanta Group, New Beginnings Group, Hugoton, Elkhart Group, Club One Liberal and Ulysses Group.

We just had our first meeting at Sublette Tuesday, 1/16/2024. We meet monthly, rotating with the active groups with dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting at 8pm. The Southwest Kansas Conference was January 4<sup>th</sup>-January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Inn in Garden City. The 3 speakers were past delegates from Area 10, Area 25, and Area 63 with 2 other Past Delegates from Area 25 in attendance.

Other events coming up are the Big Book Study weekend at the Civic Center in Ulysses, hosted by the Ulysses Group on February 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. The Hugoton Taco Feed on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, District 16 Funday in Satanta on April 13<sup>th</sup>, and District 16 Roundup and Delegate report on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank for the opportunity to serve,

Jeff D., DCM

District 17 – We have 6 groups, only 2 are active in the district meetings. We are still taking weekly meetings into the treatment facility. Two of us are speaking at the treatment center weekly. Our Round Robin was a success, with a good turnout. We are planning a family fun day at Lake Meade on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

John B.

District 18 – On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Mike H., past Delegate spoke about group meetings.

On Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we held our district picnic with Kaylon J. as our speaker.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our Round Robin. We will have Juaquina B. speak.

We meet every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and rotate locations. Cole S., DCM

District 19 – Number of groups – 33

We average 15-17 GSR's. Meetings are held on Zoom. We had an open house prior to the District meeting. There was a great turnout! Thank you for the support from the PI Chair. We saw many past officers and GSR's.

Will have the City-Wide Monthly Speaker meeting. Tonight is the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with a potluck and speaker. We created a lot of electricity in the city. This will be a monthly event. The Wichita Spring Round-up is April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Health Fair at Wichita State. The CPC Chair will have a booth there.

We are struggling to find volunteers. We need and Accessibilities and Archives Chair.

Robyn G.

District 20 – 5 Groups. Hello everyone, my name is Samuel H. I am an Alcoholic and DCM of District 20.

We continue to have 5 active groups. We have sessions 7 days a week from 8-9:30pm. La Ultima Milla also sessions Saturday and Sunday at 10am. Emperadors on Saturday at 12pm and Sunday at 10am.

La Ultima Milla will be celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary with a Public Information meeting, January 20, 2024. La 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition will be celebrating their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our district rotated service positions for a 2-year rotation to be on scale with Area 25.

Public Information Committee continues every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8am on the radio. Continuing as well in institutions like Higher Ground. We also continue our Spanish session weekly in Ark City at Maple Park Group at 8pm. We will soon be doing these on Sundays as well.

Emperadors Group began a women's session weekly on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Our district made the decision to close the local district office and session in the local groups due to this being a non-essential cost. The sessions will be rotated every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8am.

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we had our inter district meeting and November 12<sup>th</sup> Area 25 Delegate Darin H. visited our district. We are extremely grateful to him.

That is all for now.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Happy 24 hours in sobriety.

Samuel H., DCM

District 23 – 19 Groups. District 23 has formed committees who will be putting together a Concepts workshop.

Our meeting attendance has been good, although contributions seem to be down. This doesn't seem to be a trend.

The quarterly district meeting is January 13, with Tagan E.

Nuts & Bolts 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary is January 27<sup>th</sup> in Lawrence.

2pm Workshop hosted by Missoon W., Florida

6pm Speaker Byron L, Oklahoma

7pm Raffle

8pm Missoon W.

Karma L.

District 24 – District 24 has 4 groups: Paxico, St. Mary's, Silver Lake and Maple Hill.

All 4 meetings are doing well. Attendance has been slow with the snow and cold weather.

Fred had to go to Mexico, so I am acting DCM.

Thanks,

Tom L., Alt. DCM

District 25 No Report

District 26 – 7 Groups. We are 2 counties in North Central Kansas. We meet quarterly at rotating locations. Our District Round Robin is Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Doyle R., DCM

District 27 – 13 groups. District 27 report for our Area 25. The table of service of District 27. We are starting a new panel of 2 years to be on scale with our Area 25.

We continue to have study meetings every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm in our local District.

We currently have 13 groups and one inter-group office.

The Encuentros Hispano Committee is working on the event, which will be June 7,8 and 9, 2024.

Our 3 linguistic districts: 20, 27 and 31 approved inviting the current Delegate of our area to the future Encuentros Hispano events with a theme.

On January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we will have a 12 Concepts workshop and functions conference imparted by Sergio G.

District 27 is in the best provision to support our Area 25 and work jointly.

Adjunct a list of groups that no longer exist in District 27. That is all for the moment. Continue enjoying 24 hours of sobriety that the program offers.

Idelfonso S., DCM

District 27 – (Spanish) INFORME DEL DISTRITO 27 PARA NUESTRA AREA 25

1, LA MESA DE SERVICIO DEL DISTRITO 27 ESTAMOS INICIANDO UN NUEVO PERIDO DE 2 ANOS PARA IR PARALELAMENTE CON LOS SERVIDORES DE NUESTRA AREA 25.

2, SEGUIMOS TENIENDO JUNTAS DE ESTUDIO TODOS LOS MIERCOLES DE 7:00 A 8:30 PM. EN EL LOCAL DEL DISTRITO.

3, ACTUALMENTE ESTAMOS TRABAJANDO CON 13 GRUPOS Y UNA OFICINA DE INTERGRUPO.

4, EL COMITE DEL ENCUENTRO HISPANO, ESTA TRABAJANDO PARA EL EVETO DEL MES DE JUNIO 7,8 Y 9 DEL 2024.

5, SE APROBO POR LOS 3 DISTRITO LINGUISTICOS 20, 27 Y 31 INVITAR AL DELEGADO EN TURNO DE NUESTRA AREA AL EVENTO DEL LOS FUTUROS ENCUENTROS HISPANOS A PARTICIPAR CON UN TEMA.

6, EL DIA 25 Y 26 DE ENERO 2024 TENDREMOS UN TALLER DE LOS 12 CONCEPTOS Y FUNCIONES DE LA CONFERENCIA IMPARTIDO POR EL COMPANERO SERGIO G.

7, LOS TALLERES SE LLEVARAN A CABO CADA 3 MESES

8, EL DISTRITO 27 ESTA EN LA MEJOR DISPOSICION DE APOYAR A NUESTRA AREA 25 Y TRABAJAR CINJUNTAMENTE

9, ADJUNTO UNA LISTA DE GRUPOS QUE YA NO EXISTEN EN NUESTRO DISTRITO 27

SIN MAS POR EL MOMENTO QUESAMOS ANTE USTEDES Y QUE SIGAN GOZANDO DE FELICES 24 HRS. QUE OFRECE EL PROGRAMA

ATENTAMENTE DISTRITO 27

DCM. IDELFONSO SALINAS. ALTERNATE DCM GERARDO G.

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TESORERO: AGUSTIN R. ALTERNATE: SIVESTRE H.

District 31 – 6 groups. Committee of District 31 Area 25 of Alcoholics Anonymous of the state of Kansas.

District 31 sessions every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and has 6 groups.

We have unity groups every 2 weeks.

We continue to have workshops as well.

We also continue to motivate one group to take the Public Information Service, and this has been getting great results. January 7<sup>th</sup> Mensaje de Vida had their anniversary. On February 2,3 and 4 Legado De Amor group will be celebrating their anniversary and the 17<sup>th</sup> Volver A Nacer group will celebrate theirs. Everyone is invited. Our district has selected the speaker for Area and his Efen N. He is who was selected.

That is all for the moment. I hope you are all enjoying 24 hours.

### **Sun. Jan. 21, 2024, Closed Business Meeting 8:30am-12pm**

Melissa B., Chair, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Melissa called the DCMs for roll call to present the number of votes, led by Will H.

**Total Votes:** 90 voting members, updated to 93

### **Secretary Report Dee Y.:**

Dee Y. read the notes from the last Area Assembly in July. Motion: Cheryl H. District 6 Seconded: Lisa R. Conference Chair. Motion passes

### **Treasurer Report Scott O.:**

Handouts of financial reports available, the balance sheet is balanced. The January 2023 to December 2023 Profit and Loss sheet still needs additions to 2023 before wrapping last year. (See Handout)

Asked if there were any questions. Cheryl H. asked what do we do with the report that isn't complete? Do we vote on that? Scott O. stated it is complete but not final to close out the year due to adjustments. Meliss B. asked what the Assembly would like to do. David S., District 14 Motion to approve the report as read, to be amended having the final 2023 report in July/ Second: Matt H. District 8.

Discussion: Eric D. District 4 asked about the -4,332.69 negative number under Equity. Scott O. says it's a holdover from when we had an office/manager, doesn't know why it is there. Shari P. Past Delegate shared she had looked at it with Scott O. Mike H., Past Delegate, asked what the question was also. Guess it never got taken out of Quick Books. Shari P. stated we need to look at that number more closely and get back to the Assembly. Motion Passed

### **KAAAAI Board Report David S.:**

David S. read the current KAAAAI Mission Statement. He informed the assembly that the Bylaw's in the current 3 ring binders are a previous version. He stated if anyone is interested in reading the new Bylaw's, they are located on the Area 25 Website @ [ks-aa.org](http://ks-aa.org) and there will be an update in the new binders.

David read the minutes from the KAAAAI Board minutes from the January 20, 2024, meeting.

### **Delegate Report Bridget B.**

To prepare for attending the General Service Conference and inform the Area about the Agenda Items and the background material for things that will be discussed I have worked with the Area Chair as well as the Web Chair to come up with a few new strategies for you.

1. A dedicated area on our website called "Delegates Corner". Here I will put links to the Agenda Items, background material that is available, news from the General Service Office, etc.
2. We will have at least 1 Townhall Meeting via zoom prior to the Committee meeting – most likely this will occur March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This will allow the membership to provide feedback on the agenda items – especially those that cannot attend the Moch Conference in April.
3. After the General Service Conference and after I have developed my report, we will also post a recorded Delegates Report for viewing.

I plan to start delivering Delegates reports in June. If your district is interested in having a Delegate's report, please get with me to get it scheduled on my calendar.

Many people have had questions about the request from the Trustee's Literature Committee to create discussions about the Founder's Writings. I contacted Teresa Jacks, our SW Regional Trustee, to get additional information about what they are trying to collect. As I understand it this is a result of recommendations made by the Delegates for the committee that addressed this agenda item at the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. The primary objective is to get the fellowship talking about how we want to treat these writings. The questions provided are suggested questions to create discussion within the groups. The idea is for each group to have a group conscience discussion and come up with one answer

for questions per group. These would then be provided to me so I can have an idea of how the fellowship feels prior to going to the conference. To be clear – there are no agenda items that suggest changing the founders’ writings. The recommendation was just to get a feel on how the fellowship felt on these issues. This is one of the agenda items to be discussed by the committee at the conference. If anyone has specific questions regarding this come see me. The best way to provide this information to me is to either email it directly to me at [delegate@ks-aa.org](mailto:delegate@ks-aa.org) or give it to your DCM to bring to me at the April committee meeting.

Each Delegate gets assigned to a committee while at the Conference. I am excited to say that I was assigned to the Corrections Committee. That is until I saw there is not much on that agenda to discuss. I am sure we will be assigned additional topics through the Equitable Distribution of Workload EDW process.

The results of the 2022 Membership Survey are out. Over 6,000 members participated in the survey. I provided these to our current Public Information Chair. They have also been posted to the Delegates Corner under Communications from GSO in both English and Spanish. Generally, the survey shows that since 2014 when the last survey was conducted 41% of our members first came to AA more than 20 years and that the average meeting attendance was 2 meetings a week. About 81% of our members have a sponsor and 89% belong to a home group.

The other thing that is posted under the Delegates Corner is the preliminary agenda for the conference as well as the original proposed agenda items. The final agenda for the conference will most likely be available in early Feb. these are posted under “Conference Materials”.

The background materials for the conference are scheduled to be available to me by Feb. 15. As soon as I get them, I will make sure they are available in the Delegates Corner.

I submitted the SW Regional Trustees report to the Delegates and Alternate Delegates after the October General Service Board Weekend. A copy of this report is available in the Documents Library under Delegate on the website. The primary topic that was discussed was the budget and the prudent reserve. As many of you know Bob – the GSO manager sent a letter late last year urging the fellowship for additional contributions. As some of you may be aware, the prudent reserve is currently just over 7 months of expenses, which is below the recommended 9–12-month target. Teresa Jacks (our SW Trustee) communicated that they are very committed to establishing a budget that is balanced and not operating at a shortfall. In order to do this this could likely include staff decreases, etc. To say that the delegates in the SW Region are very committed to both addressing the budget issue as well as the shortfall in the prudent reserve is an understatement. The final budget will be presented after the January 2024 board weekend.

Lastly, Clint M., who chairs the Plain Language Big Book subcommittee of the Trustees Literature committee will be presenting on a virtual session that is being hosted by the SE Region. They have opened the registration to 1000 people so members of other regions can attend if they choose to. This would be a great opportunity to hear directly about a topic that has a lot of rumors floating around about it. The zoom meeting will be held on Sunday Feb. 25 from 1-3pm. There are some flyers in the back of the room, but the Meeting ID is: 867 2200 6265 PW 924686.

I look forward to serving as your Panel 74 Delegate, Bridget B.

### **Alternate Delegate Report Ken S.**

I attended the 53<sup>rd</sup> SW Kansas Conference in Garden City, Jan. 5-7. It was a great conference and if you've never been to one, I'd recommend you head out there next January.

Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – Oct 11-13, 2024, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel. Bringing together trusted servants in the Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous to learn and share about the General Service Structure on the Group, District, Area and Conference levels. To register and for hotel information go to [swraasa2024.org](http://swraasa2024.org).

Audit committee report – met by internet meeting on Wed. Dec. 13, 2023. The audit was routine. We corrected a few items and accepted the reports.

GSR's and DCM's- Bridget and I will give our best effort to communicate with the Area so please be sure to have your current group and district contact information updated with the Registrar. At the April committee meeting, we will be having our Mock Conference in preparation for Bridget to go to New York to the General Service Conference. There will be background material to email out, so DCMs please be sure you have a working email address.

Re-districting committee – we met Nov. 14, 2023, on Valley Falls request. I emailed that information out to DCMs, and we'll vote on that during New Business.

Thank you and it's a privilege to serve. Ken S.

### **Alternate Chair Report Will H.**

There are 93 voting members.

Will stated he would have the tables set up at the next meeting better. He also asked that everyone clean up after themselves, to please pick up their cigarette butts and throw out their trash.

The importance of having voting representation was stressed.

### **Area 25 State Conference Report Lisa R.**

Good morning! Lisa asked how many were already registered for the 2024 Area 25 State Conference in Great Bend Sept. 20-22.

She challenged each GSR to get 4 people registered from their group. There are scholarships available to purchase or use.

She stated that last year's conference was self-supporting, great job Dee Y and the committee.

There is an airshow the same weekend as the conference, so it would be a good idea to get your hotel room booked early. The Holiday Inn, Quality Inn and Super 8 are where the room blocks are.

As of this morning there are 37 registered.

There will be a raffle giving away a room at the Holiday Inn. For every 75 registrations a room will be given up to 3 rooms.

Lisa stated that they have the speakers lined up. Michael D., SD, Cliff G., OK, Debbie D., CA. They also have the Al-Anon speaker, Chris C., TX, the Alateen speaker TBA, and the Hispanic speaker, Efren N., Dodge City.

They will have BINGO with Jason L. Again. That's always a good time!

Anyone that has a special talent for making things and would like to contribute something to the BINGO prizes, let Jason L. know.

Also, they will be accepting baked goods and snacks for the hospitality room.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Lisa R.

### **Area Chair Melissa B.**

Referred to the storage unit our Area has been looking into options to move it to Salina. She stated she believed she could find us a good deal for one.

### **Memorials:**

District 5: Jerry N. 47 years, Loren E. 30 years

District 6: Jerry E. 46 years, Bill G 39 years, Ben C. 31 years

District 8: Rosemary F., Sobriety date 3/12/82

District 9: Bethel Group: Ronald S. 36 years, Turner Group: Michael C. 2 years?

District 16: Therlene K. Hugoton 38 years, Ben B Garden City 4 years

District 19: Hoyd L. Beginners Group 44 years, Rodney K. Metropolitan Group 33 years

Bill V. 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Group 33 years, Mike Y. VIR Group, Time Unknown

District 23: Ronald S. 37 years, Jackie B 30 years

### **New Business:**

1. Approve 2024-2025 Committee Chairs: Motion to approve Cheryl H. District 6/Second Tom L. District 10.
2. Approve 2024 Budget:

There has been concern about operating in a deficit. The proposed budget over the last few years has brought about a deficit but we've never actually gone into the negative. Discussion took place. Motion: Cody R. Valley Falls GSR to approve (amended) to include \$159 in computer software/hardware. \$500 in seed money for SWRASSA / Second David S. District 14 Passed

3. Web Chair Guidelines: Motion to approve Kim District 13 / Second Chelle F. – Passed

4. Redistricting of Valley Falls: Motion to approve Lisa R. Conference Chair / Cheryl H. District 6 DCM Passed

5. Motion to pay \$1783.16 to cover Delegate over expenses.

Motion Lisa R. Conference Chair / Second Matt H. District 8 GSR Passed

Motion to Close January 21, 2024, Business Meeting:

Matt H. District 8 GSR / Second Jessica L. District 6 GSR

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

### **Upcoming Events**

**April 6, 2024, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**July 19-21, 2024, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**September 20-22, 2024, Area Conference, Great Bend**

**October 19, 2024, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**January 24-26, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**April 5, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**July 18-20, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina**

**September 19-21, 2025, Area Conference, Great Bend**

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