

**Area 25 Committee Meeting
Minutes
April 4 & 5, 2025
Quality Inn Salina, Ks**

Friday April 4 - 7:00pm-8:00pm

Melissa B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and introduced speakers Sallie T. and Tagen E.

Saturday April 5 – 8:15am-9:30am

Melissa B. opened the Area 25 Committee meetings and instructed members on the Mock Conference and the members divided into committees.

9:45am-10:45am – Mock Conference Reports

Agenda – Brett G.

There were 5 members present with the focus being Item I and Item J.

Item I: There is importance in sharing what each Area is doing. We feel there is a benefit in building connections by allowing time at the GSC for sharing.

We suggest exploring if there are options to break up the time throughout the week instead of all at once.

Item J: We are unanimously in favor of promoting harmony and effectiveness. We inquired about how this will measure the effectiveness of the pilot. Most of the discussion centered around how to promote harmony and how the censury process would impact harmony.

CPC – Sally T.

Item E: Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how AA can serve as a resource for unhoused neurodivergent alcoholics.

The committee discussed that it's best to take a meeting in a controlled environment, the same as going to the homeless shelters and the missions.

Also discussed was taking cards/pamphlets to the plasma centers, professionals, Uber drivers that have a slot to place AA pamphlets.

Another suggestion was to attend workshops to learn to best interact.

Also to remember the Traditions.

Corrections – Jeremy S.

Item A: The committee discussed raising money for corrections with example of Kansas contribution cans at meetings.

- Information is dated and could be updated to reflect current Kansas Yellow Can. (Based off of the Colorado Pink Can) since grown and funds literature is in corrections.
- Yellow Can is separate from the 7th Tradition in a meeting, so keeping in line with 6th tradition.
We would like the information on KS to be updated in the corrections workbook. We would recommend the Kansas Corrections Treasurer, Sharon, to create an updated statement.
- Some of the language of the workbook is too detailed and hard to follow.
- Suggest a call for new stories for the workbook to be put out so we can update the workbook.

Item B: Positive feedback from a transgender member in Dist. 10 Area 25. “Nice to see extra steps for representation and the pamphlet is well written and developed.

Item C: Seems like audio books engagement and completion rates are really high makes sense that some can't read or struggle.

- It seems like newsletters do not get much engagement.
- eBooks have a lower start rate and really low completion rate.
- Recommend audio book version of PLBB and translate it to Spanish and French.
- In KS 540 P1BB have been purchased for corrections.

Item D: Yes – The information is very helpful, and we have no suggestions to make.

Item E: Good idea to share this information, the group did not see a reason to separate. Trust the literature and archives to make that call.

- How do we rectify this with the 1995 Advisory action to keep specific sections intact?
- Seems like the most appropriate place for this is appendices.
- If it does not pass, then could consider adding to a pamphlet. (This is AA maybe)

Finance – Kaylon J.

Item G. Remove phrase “a group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all”.

Discussion regarding the importance of information GSR brings back to the group. However, it comes back to a group’s autonomy.

We felt that removing the statement is a good idea.

Finance Committee

- A. Should we make recommendations to promote reporting and giving percentages as recommended by GSO?

Discussion of what this means and discussion on how GSO has been spending money and whether it is wise to ask groups for more money.

Reporting quarterly contributions statements given to the Delegate twice a year. 60% Intergroup, 30% GSO, and 10% to area. And send this amount per reporting from the previous year. From 1975 conference.

If GSO were better stewards to our money, then this would not be an issue.

- B. Review of the Conference approved level of 10K for individual bequests to the GSB from AA members. If it tracks on inflation % does not track.
- C. Review of the Conference approved max annual contribution of 7500 to GSB from an individual AA member. Same feelings as B keeping in mind that it was just increased last year.

Grapevine/La Vina – David M.

Item C: Review of the 5-year financial plan for La Vina.

We need more information about the 5-year plan.

Item F: Needs to update to the new item’s app and tool for better service and workshops.

Literature – Anne S.

Item J: Consider request that the 12 Concepts for World Service essays on the 12 Concepts for World Service be included in the current application, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

Recommendation that they move forward, having the 12 Concepts be added to the current publication of the 12x12.

Item K: Consider requests to update the book Living Sober.

Recommendations for a plan to be brought back to the GSC 2026 with a plan/lost for full rewrite of Living Sober, with a plan cost for less substantial updates. Move forward with updates/get more info.

Policy/Admissions – Jessica B.

Item D: Discuss the process of simple majority items: our suggestions are to refer to these as “simple majority items, items that did not receive the 2/3 required votes. Then list out the items that got simple majority and put the percentage of the votes received next to each item.

Item G: Consider request to prioritize a list of selection criteria to inform the committee selection process. We affirm the idea to rebalance the committees to have no more than 4 new Delegates on a committee. In terms of software development, the concern is the cost of this given the current fiscal climate. It’s likely there are affordable in-house options that are more prudent.

Attendees: Doug, David, Eric, Abby, Jessica

Public Information – Will H.

Reviewed the 2025 PI Comprehensive Media Plan

I: Support committee's recommendation to forward on to the 2025 GSC

PSA's

Reviewed and have the following recommendations:

That every 5 years a new PSA be developed to prevent having dated material

and to get rid of the need to review all PSAs at every GSC.

1. PSAs should contain multiple people from different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds to more accurately reflect the demographics of AA as a whole.

GSO Podcast "Our Primary Purpose"

Need to do a better job of promoting the podcast (released January 2025) throughout the fellowship. Simply put...not that many people in AA know about it or where to find it.

AAWS YouTube Channel

The channel does not seem to be used very much with minimal views and we question its effectiveness. There was an overall decrease in viewership in 2024.

If it is a matter of allocating money for other areas of PI (e.g. Meeting Guide App, PSAs, etc.) then perhaps this is something that could be cut.

Meeting Guide App

The app is vitally important and widely used. Need to make this a primary area of focus for PI.

Progress Report on Developing Communication

I. 42 question survey regarding anonymity on digital media/communications

II. Biggest concern was anonymity in posts of FB

P.I. Kit and Workbook

Continue to review content annually to ensure it has the most up-to-date and relevant material available.

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Report and Charter – Brenda G.

Item B: Consider a request to expand the article in the conference charter.

Majority opinion approves it, the minority is concerned about the etc....

A.2: Progress report on the development of a new section “Amendments” to be added to the Twelve Concepts for World Service.

We appreciate the work that’s been done and look forward to what’s coming out.

Treatment and Accessibilities – Rich S and Chelle F.

Item E: Where do we go from here

Generally, the flyer is out of date specifically.

Big font at the bottom states “telephone directory” and “write to”, and the fine print directs to a phone number and website.

Suggest making website and phone number in a bigger font since that information is more relevant now, and flip to the top of the flyer.

Item C: Progress on Accessibility resource flyer

No recommendations

Discussed the Plain Language Big Book as a tool/resource listed in Accessibilities flyer should not be used to replace the Big Book.

Trustees – Sonia F.

We met on 4/5/2025, with 4 people in attendance.

We were assigned page 33, item F.

Reviewed Censure Process Proposal excerpts from the Nominating Committee on Trustees.

The committee recommended that the General Service Board accept censure motion after the proposed Agenda Item (PAI) deadline, as detailed in the Censure Processes document. The committee also requested the new chair of the trustees nominating committee reappoint the subcommittee to continue the work of the subcommittee to address grievances about the GSB actions.

After careful consideration we recommend considering this proposal after careful review.

We also were given page 51 Item G

Consider request to include the version of the Lasker Award text in AA Comes of Age in the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Page 301 AA Comes of Age and 571 in the Big Book of AA. After some discussion and obtaining information about the Big Book reprint and clarification we have recommended to take action on this item.

Archives – Eric D.

We discussed the agenda item for the Archive committee of updating the Archive workbook. We suggest that more information on how to train the Archivist for rotation should be given.

We also discussed the agenda item F. for Trustees committee. We thought it was good to make sure that the Censure of the Trustees and the Board could happen at any time. We were wondering if this also applied to the General Service manager. Also, we question adding an extra harmony and effectiveness meeting to the GSC.

International Conventions/Regional Forums – Melissa B.

Item C: It is the recommendation of this committee that the current guidelines which apply to sovereign entities, enabling participation in the Flag Ceremony be applied to all sovereign entities, including Native American Sovereign States and First Nation Sovereign States.

Committee Reports and DCM Reports – 1:30pm-2:45pm

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities – Chelle F.

Members representing the following Districts: 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, and 23, for a total of 6 Districts.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer.

District 12: Struggling to set up District meetings. Haven't held for over a year.

Dave R., Past Delegate, encouraged the DCM to reach out to a past DCM who had similar issues and overcome them.

District 17: Getting groups involved is a struggle. The willingness to serve is a struggle. A true challenge. But the 5 groups spread over 5 counties are very small. The Front Street Group has an Accessibilities Chair. They have ordered the Plain Language Big Books and have taken them into jails. They have an ongoing discussion about childcare. Updates for the website and are reviewing the Accessibilities checklist to determine goals to address.

District 20: Brought a concern about approaching attendees who address themselves as an alcoholic/Al Anon or a double winner.

The committee then held a group discussion on singleness of purpose. The general consensus was, despite tools to help those who may be marginalized in some way, to access the full program of AA. AA is about identifying, hence a focus on similarities, not differences. We can help deliver an addict to an appropriate group. It is hard in a treatment facility town where all are grouped together sometimes due to lack of non-AA meetings available that are carrying a message. We still need to identify as Alcoholics not Alcoholics and fill in the blank.

There is a difference between membership and attendance. Groups need to determine in their group conscience to what extent an addict or other shares during an open meeting.

District 23: Accessibilities Chair: a focus on the how to's of everything for in-person members needing to transition to online meetings and still feel connected was shared.

In the works: Accessibilities workshop – Stay tuned.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. I believe as why I celebrated 3 years on March 27th.

Al-Anon – Brenda G.

I am part of a committee that is planning the 52nd Annual Area 20 Al-Anon and Alateen Conference. The conference will be held, June 13-15, 2025, at the Doubletree by Hilton in Wichita, Ks.

The cost is \$30 for the weekend, \$10 for Alateen, \$20 for one day and \$40 for a banquet, which is optional. The weekend will have workshops, raffles, speakers, a candlelight meeting, and an open AA meeting. Al-Anon speakers are Belinda S. from Oklahoma City, ok, Shari B. from Lee Summit, Mo, and Rosie P. from Fayetteville, AR. Alateen speaker is Sam M. from Kiowa, KS. The AA speaker is Larry B. from Lee Summit, Mo.

If you have any questions or are in need for an Al-Anon speaker please contact me. Please support your local Al-Anon/Alateen.

Chronicler – Eric D.

The Chronicler committee met this morning with 3 of us in attendance, representing District 4 and 19. We discussed group histories from District 19, and discussed what is stored in the Archives, and what the responsibilities of the Chronicler are.

I would like to thank the Atchinson Group and South Leawood Group for sending in updated histories.

If you would like to see a group history, please let me know, or if you want to see minutes from an assembly or committee meeting.

Group history forms can be filled out on the Area website, or if you want one, I have some extras here. You could write a history as well.

Corrections – Jeramie S.

There were 7 people, with 5 Districts represented.

I attended Oklahoma's 2035 Corrections Conference in Tulsa, Ok on March 15th to learn more about their pre-release program.

They had a lot of success with the Kansas Area 25 Corrections Conference. It was hosted by District 8 in Topeka. My opinion, the conference was a success.

We had 36 AA members, 6 professionals in attendance, Dawn, KDOC Parole Director as the 2nd Judicial District. Retired Magistrate Judge, KDOC women's facility. Shawnee Co. Corrections. Also, had past inmates speak who have had success in AA since their release. I would like to thank Mark and everyone who was involved in the planning of the event. It was very well put together and a lot of new information was made available.

Discussed needing a host for the 2026 Corrections Conference.

\$700 was returned to the Yellow Can after a fraud investigation was completed.

Introduced the Pre-Release program.

Reimbursed Lisa with \$40 for the PO Box pre-release.

Sharon A. to provide Bridget the Yellow Can history.

The current Yellow Can Balance is \$6,168.24.

CPC – Sallie T.

There were 7 in attendance.

There was discussion on talking with professionals and leaving information with social workers.

Districts 10 and 19 shared about visiting school nurses and counselors.

Other topics discussed were visiting and leaving resources for transplant centers and liquor stores.

It was suggested to be sure and ask permission before leaving literature items anywhere.

Grapefree Press – Kim H./Given by Melissa B.

There were 3 in attendance with 2 Districts Represented.

Working to make sure the future GFP's are sent out electronically, versus just posted to the web. We need to create a highway of information. Are we talking about the GFP at home groups and the District? Also, working to add current events to the GFP, so if you have a group anniversary or District event, please send them in to be in future copies.

Grapevine/La Vina – David M.

We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

There were 6 in attendance with District 13, 14, and 31 representing.

I shared a pamphlet called 12 Ways the Grapevine helps our Daily 12th Step Work.

I am focused on how many groups are in the District and how many GSR's they have.

It has not been good, and we need to encourage enthusiasm for this service.

The other topic of discussion was the need for more sales of books in order to be financially supported.

Literature – Ann S.

There were 5 Districts represented with 5 people in attendance.

We discussed updates regarding several pamphlets. Native North American.

Do you Think You're Different and The 12 Steps Illustrated.

I brought several copies of the little workbook, which is not available in Spanish.

I also brought copies of the Service Manual, and the Literature Catalogue.

There was discussion about there being discussions regarding possibly expanding the Medical appendix and the Religious View Appendix in the 5th Edition of the Big Book to include them.

There was also discussion about literature in our own groups and how they are presented and that there are different needs.

Public Information – Bob H./Given by Will H.

There were 6 present with 4 Districts represented.

Discussed the QR code (bigger cards and business cards) and that some groups have used them.

Big cards - \$.03 a piece, Business cards – a few boxes are \$100.

We discussed placing cards at interlock places, laundry mats, etc.

Ideas to take card to include:

Divorce Attorney, Medical Facilities, Hospitals, Schools (try writing letters to counselors), Libraries, Treatment Centers.

Possibly place a QR code linking AA's YouTube channel to bring in more traffic.

Groups need to update inactive groups, so the meeting app is updated with the correct meetings.

Just in case there is a newcomer, we can continue to spread the message.

You can update meetings either by the email option in the meeting app or by using the Area 25 website.

Message of the day seems to not have enough time to get much of a message out.

YouTube channel is well known. Need to spread the word to our groups.

When updating meetings, you can include your Venmo or Cash App name for the 7th Tradition.

Treatment – Rich S.

We had 10 people at our meeting with Districts 5,8,10,14,27 districts represented.

District 8: Carrying meetings to the treatment center.

District 10: Getting meetings into treatment centers.

Overall, the message is being carried into treatment.

We discussed B.T.G., the dos and the don'ts. We also talked about explaining what AA is and is not. We also talked about our singleness of purpose.

Web – Brett G.

We had 9 people attend the web committee meeting.

Discussed open web items this year: Review of issues, there is a brief down time from patching the meeting guide app. Discussion of how patching is handled by High Touch and new processes. Discussion around meeting guide application. Discussed success planning and training documentation, how would the website function if web chair was hit by a bus.

Enhancement discussion: Discussed how to add a phone number to call for zoom link for certain meetings.

Discussed updating the Area district map, and if it would be more helpful to find meetings, or load to a page about the districts themselves. Consensus was that most people will rely on the app to find meetings and would not know how to look for the map.

DCM Reports

District 1: No Report

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: Sam S. DCM – 7 Groups

District 4 covers the counties of Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russel. We have 7 groups, plus two new, unregistered groups.

In Hays the construction of a Crisis Intervention Center has begun. The center will have 22 patient rooms and will be able to accept detox patients. They expect to serve at least 500 patients annually and it will be the closest option for residents in 28 western Kansas counties. The District is also planning its annual campout at Lake Wilson. The campout will be Sept. 5-7. Bryce M, from Halstead will be our AA speaker. Flyers will be circulated soon.

District 5: Mindy – 14 Groups

We are well, all positions at the District are filled and the District meetings have been well attended. We are having a District event on June 1st, A Founders Day Celebration at the Friendship Center in Salina. Eric D. from Hays will start off the event, followed by a taco bar. We will have a raffle, one of our prizes will be a conference registration. Jimmy Jack will follow our lunch and raffle. Our District is excited about this event. We are uniting our groups and there has been good group participation so far. Grab a flyer and come. Meetings at the men's shelter are doing well. We also have meetings going into the prison and treatment center.

District 6: Cheryl H. DCM – 22 Groups

Well, unfortunately this report is pretty much a repeat from January.

District 6 is alive and well. I just wish it was a little more alive.

We continue to have monthly meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm and we rotate where the meetings are held to try and encourage other groups to participate. Unfortunately, our attendance has not been the best in the last few months. I have tried reaching out to some groups that aren't active at the district level, but they seem to be happy with how they are managing. And they are staying sober. We are hoping it will pick up in the near future.

Our summer event is still being planned. As soon as there is a flyer it will be on the website.

Events that have occurred in the last 3 months include Turning Point celebrate their 30th Anniversary in March. Crossroads had their Mexican Night, and both had a great turnout and was a lot of fun and fellowshiping.

TWTW is having their 48th Anniversary on April 26th. This is always a good time with great speakers. IF you've never, been, I would highly suggest coming and check it out.

District 7: Kent P. - 5 Groups

Currently we are working on collecting group histories.

Atchinson Alano Club goes to Valley Hope on the 4th Tuesday of every month.

Seneca Wild Bunch has a speaker meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. November 1st will be the chili feed with Bridget B. as the AA speaker.

Sabetha Right Step is on Thursdays at 7pm.

Burgers in Berns are on Sundays at 7pm and the last Sunday is a potluck with a speaker.

Valley Falls meets at 7pm Big Book 4th Thursday Valley Hope Treatment Center.

District 8: Tagen E. – 30 Groups

We take meetings to the treatment centers and rescue missions. The jail annex has multiple meetings as well as the Topeks Corrections Facility.

The Corrections Conference was successful. Jeremy, Darrin and others made the trip. Six professionals spoke. Mark Q. did a great job of recruiting and executing.

Topeka Area Banquet is in the planning stages.

The District is spit balling ideas for a service-related event ahead of elections.

District 9: - Ed M. DCM – 9 Groups

We have 9 groups with a new group in Lansing. Hoping to get them registered. Half of the groups are doing well, and the other half are just surviving. Still working to get the District service chairs filled and getting some interest from the groups.

We have 3 active prison groups, and we have someone taking meetings into the WYCO Juvenile Facility. We could always use more volunteers for Corrections. We have a few groups that help District 10 with Mirror and JOCO Detox.

We rotate our District meeting every 3 months and the next 3 months it will be at the Serenity Group. They are starting to participate in the District again.

Planning our District 9 round Robin for this fall. The date will be determined by the Chiefs schedule.

Ed M. The man with many hats.

District 10: - Tom L. DCM - 28 Groups

District 10 has approximately 28 groups, 18 of which are regularly active at the District.

Our committees continue to be active within the District and all of our Committee Chair positions are filled.

Items of note in the first quarter of 2025:

- A specially formed committee has been in the process of reviewing our District Guidelines as they had not been formally reviewed since their initial development in 2004. Major areas of focus have been on the timing of our annual excess reserve review and the entities we allow to be considered as recipients of the excess funds, voting member eligibility, adopting the position of Alt-Web chair, documentation of future guideline change procedures and the timing and method of our annual budget process. The committee will present their recommendations for the final updates at our May District meeting. Changes to the guidelines require a 2/3 majority for acceptance. As a matter of interest, our guidelines are largely a refection of the Area's Guidelines with modifications for the District needs.
- D10 held their annual Mock Conference at their April 3rd meeting. I am happy to report that we had approximately 60 attendees and that every chair at the committee tables were full. A report-out followed committee discussions just as we do here at the Area. It was an engaged and lively discussion.

Groups are doing well and attendance at the groups and District have been very good. We are rolling along.

District 11: No report

District 12: No report

District 13: - Frank H. - 8 Groups

There has been better participation at the District meetings.

On May 4 there will be a Round Robin.

12X12 meetings at the Newton Group and Big Book study on Thursdays.

1st Sat. is a speaker meeting at the Newton Group.

McPherson Group Speaker/Potluck.

3rd Fri, St. E's.

The Newton Groups time changed for 5:30pm and 7:30pm to consolidate to 6:30pm.

Address mishap for McPherson Firehouse Group. Contact Brett and the address has been fixed.

District 14: - Rachel B. DCM 9 Groups

Things are going well in District 14, with generally good attendance at meetings throughout the District. We had our 3rd Annual Service Extravaganza on March 30th, and it was a great time! Jeramie S., Area Corrections, Sallie T., Area CPC, and Pam, District PI and CPC committee member shared their experience with service and described committees they serve on. We are still trying to start taking meetings into the correctional facilities in our District, with still some delay and push-back from the facilities.

Our District is considering setting a prudent reserve for the District and going to annual contributions to Area 25 for 60% and GSO for 40%, in January. This is still being considered and discussed as a District.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District 15: No Report

District 16: - Jeff D. DCM - 6 Groups

District 16 is the 9 Southwest Kansas counties with 6 active groups.

The 12th Step Group, Garden City, Sublette Group, Santanta Group, Club One Liberal AA, New Beginnings Group Hugoton, and the Ulysses Group.

Hugoton had their 20th Annual Taco Feed with speakers Andy and Jenny K. from Osawatomie. The food was great, and it was well attended.

District 16 Fun Day is scheduled for April 12th in Ulysses with food, fun, and fellowship.

Also, on April 12th the 12th Step Group will have a speaker, Kristie I. from Dodge City.

District 16 will have a panel discussion on May 31st in Ulysses with 3 panel guests with the topics, Home Group, Singleness of Purpose, and Three Legacies.

On August 9-10 District 16 will have their Annual Summer Roundup with Anne and Ben S. from Mission, KS and Steve A. from Olathe giving an AA history and literature report, in Garden City.

District 17: - Jonas U.- 5 Groups

District 17 is doing well. We had our District meeting last weekend and had 12 people in attendance from one group. We are having our Family Fun Day June 7th in Cimmaron, Ks. Front Street Group is currently holding meetings at New Chance in Dodge City weekly and taking

meetings to the Ford County Jail. Meade and Ashland are having weekly meetings but are struggling with attendance.

District 18: No Report

District 19: - Susan G. - DCM 30 Groups

Founders Day June 7th from 10-2pm at Hyde Park.

District 20: -Samuel H.DCM 20 – 6 Groups

Hello everyone, my name is Samuel H. I am an Alcoholic and DCM for District 20. I inform you that we are 6 active groups. Ark City Group celebrated their first Anniversary of having its doors open on March 22nd. Amor Y Amistad Group will celebrate its 23rd Anniversary on May 3rd. Emperadores Group will celebrate its 27th Anniversary on May 25th. The groups usually celebrate with a Public Information meeting followed by a delicious dinner, cake and dancing. Everything is free. On May 10th we will have our meeting of the three Hispanic Districts in Kansas, which we will hold every six months. We had a member of the Corrections Committee as a guest, and we also attended a meeting of his committee. Our PI Committee continues to deliver the message to Higher Ground Institution and also through the radio every 3rd Thursday of the month. The PI contact number is: 316-284-7727.

Our District meets every 2nd Sunday of the month. We also hold a rotating unity meeting per month in groups.

That is all of my report. Thanks for letting me serve.

District 21: No Report

District 22: No Report

District 23: No Report

District 24: - Hunter W. Alt. DCM – 4 Groups

District 25: No report

District 26: No Report

District 27: - Idelfonso S. DCM – 14 Groups

We are working with 14 active groups. We continue to have a District meeting Wednesday's every two weeks. The Corrections Committee visits the Lansing, KS prison every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm. On April 20th we will have a workshop on Traditions at the district premises from 12:35 to 3:00pm. April 19, 2025, 5th Anniversary of the group Living Sober. May 17, 2025 Un Dia Alavez Group, 39th anniversary. Resurrection group anniversary June 21, 13 years. Olathe Hispanic Group Anniversary June 28, 23 years.

District 28: No report

District 29: No report

District 30: No report

District 31: - Sergio M. DCM - 7 Groups

Dear colleagues of Alcoholics Anonymous, welcome to our second reunion in area 25. I want to inform you that District 31 will be organizing a reunion for AA veterans on May 24th to strengthen unity between veterans and new generations to be able to share their experiences. We are also holding our Encuentro Hispano on Jun 6th, 7th, and 8th this year in Dodge City, KS. We are also having our National Convention in Florida later this year as well as our International Convention in Vancouver, Canada. Our annual conference in Great Bend, KS will be on September 19th, 20th and 21st. 3 Legado's, because we want to encourage their GSR to attend our reunions. This is all I have for you today. Have an amazing 24-hour sobriety. Thank you!

Memorials:

Garry B. - 42 ½ years – District 23

Officer Reports 3:00pm-5:00pm

Secretary Report – Dee Y.

Motion to approve Tom L. District 10/2nd Sallie T. A25 CPC – Passed

Treasurer Report – Scott O.

The balance sheet is balanced, yet there is no answer as to what the unrestricted net assets are. The PL statement shows group contributions are lower by only \$100 from the same time last year.

The Conference income is roughly \$500.00 behind where it was this time last year. No expenses were paid out during the first quarter, but several have been received, and one has been paid already in April.

The 3 CD's we have at Sunflower Bank mature 16 April and will be reviewed. The CD seed money for SWRAASA will have an additional \$10,000.00 added to it. The \$10,000.00 comes from \$8,000.00 as recommended by the AD Hoc committee last year and \$2,000.00 from a special donation from District 10. All will be renewed at the current rate, which was 4.25% as of last week yet subject to change.

KAAAAI Board Report – David P.

Mission Statement for the K4AI board:

The Area is legally incorporated and is served by the Kansas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc (KAAAAI) board. The board exists to serve the area as being the legally incorporated entity as required by not-for-profit regulations, providing general financial oversight and supporting the Assembly when called upon.

April 5, 2025 - Board Minutes:

Meeting was opened by Mellissa B. with the Serenity Prayer.

Treasurer report: Scott O.

Scott read the Profit and Loss report. He stated that it appears to be on track from last years. The CD matured on 4/16 and were then able to add 10k to the SWRAASA CD, as monies can only be added to the CD at the time of Maturity.

- 8k as directed by Assembly
- 2K from Direct donation From District 10
- Expected renewal of 4.2%

There was discussion over the nature of the prudent reserve being rolled to a CD.

The Treasurers report moved and approved.

Minutes: Dee Y. read the minutes from Oct. meeting. Approved

Old Business:

Mission statement approved and needs to be included in new binders

BYLAWS: Mellisa B. spoke with John R. regarding the possible edits to the By-Laws. John mentioned By-Laws must be changed by lawyer.

There was discussion around board membership.

***ACTION ITEM: Moving forward the Chair will review the election procedure for new board members. She will bring this forth to the assembly to the Assembly. To ensure the Assembly and the Board members understand the process.

New Business:

Membership: The board member who voted in January is no longer able to serve. David P will rotate off of the board at the end of the year.

***ACTION ITEM: Mellisa will present two names for Membership for Approval.

Mellisa moved to close the meeting, and it was seconded by Scott O. Approved.

Delegate Report – Bridget B.

I hope everyone enjoyed participating in our Mock Conference. The Mock Conference is intended to give you all a small taste of how the committee process works at the General Service Conference. It is a way for you as members to let me know how you feel about things to be discussed at the GSC. Another way was providing feedback during the two virtual town hall meetings that we had in February and March. Although they weren't well attended, we did get some valuable feedback. Following the Conference, I will be available to give reports to districts beginning June 1. If you are interested in scheduling a report for your district, please reach out as soon as possible so we can find a time that works.

Some of you know that I try my hardest to present facts in these reports without opinion. There are many theories and opinions going around concerning things going on with the board and the conference. Several things happened in just the last week that I personally found disheartening. I am going to try to summarize these as factually as I can.

1) When we received our conference manual there were changes to the section "How the conference works". The more notable changes were to the discussion on how floor actions will be handled. The board chair sent a clarification relatively quickly indicating that these changes were a result of direct input from the conference last year in the surveys we completed. The SW region delegates requested a zoom with our trustee, and she accommodated us the same day. Major concerns were that this section was also in the service manual. She noted that the service manual is covered by the Report and Charter committee and in order to change this section in the survey manual it would require conference approval. It was also noted that Item E on the agenda committee will directly discuss this during their committee process and will likely recommend changes. She collected the concerns of the regional delegates and immediately forwarded them to the board chair. However, in the meantime many delegates

from the conference wrote a letter to submit to the conference chairs protesting these changes. 49 of the sitting 93 delegates signed the letter. I was not one of them because I found the letter to be more divisive than solution oriented and feel strongly they agenda committee should be allowed to do their work. No response to the letter has been received.

2) One of the Non-trustee directors of the Grapevine board resigned this week effective immediately. In her resignation letter some of her reasons were the process of the nominating committee selection of General Service trustees. Her claims are that the non-trustee directors were not included in the process. She also indicated she experienced a lack of transparency. I contacted the SW regional trustee who indicated to me that a few members of the GSB have reached out to her directly and she indicated to them her reasons for leaving were personal. Regardless of the circumstances my main concern was how are we going to address this vacancy on the Grapevine board this close to the conference. I was told that Joyce (a regional trustee) was supposed to rotate off the board in her last year but will remain on the board to ensure there is no vacancy over the next year. The appointing of a new non-trustee director will take place and the next conference will approve that candidate.

3) Our Class A Trustee serving as our Treasurer (a non-alcoholic) resigned effective after the 75th GSC. He had completed 4 years of his 6-year term. Some of the reasons for the resignation are that he received many personal attacks on his character in public and private settings as a result of financial decisions made by the board (not him as an individual). The letter also claimed that past trusted servants chose to use their influence to use these issues to divide rather than unify the Fellowship. Again, my main concern here that was expressed to the SW Regional Trustee what how will this affect the board this close to conference. I was told the general service board normally operates with 21 members however it currently had 22 due to rotations. What will wind up happening is the board will continue operation with 21 members. Only 6 of these will be Class A trustees and we normally have 7. They will search for a new Class A trustee over the next year and present that candidate to the 76th general service conference. The more pressing issue will be who to appoint to act as the treasurer. In searching for Class A trustees, they generally search for people with specific characteristics they know will be needed in the near-term future. Since it was not anticipated we would need a new treasurer for at least two years it may be difficult to find someone existing on the general service board with the required skills.

Now on to things that more directly impact us. I will be attending the GSC April 24th – May 3rd in NYC. I am the chair of the corrections committee. There currently are 101 agenda items the committees will discuss. There were an additional 119 proposed agenda items that did not get forwarded to the conference for discussion. Just for perspective last year's conference had 78 agenda items and 105 proposed agenda items that did not get forwarded. In accordance with two advisory actions from the 74th GSC, the Conference will complete a two-year inventory process this year. The process started with an online survey for voting members of the Conference A list of the 19 initial inventory questions can be found in the background material and the Final Report from the 74th GSC. The Conference will dedicate time usually reserved for presentations to hold inventory question discussion groups, followed by full Conference sharing

sessions. An overview of the inventory process will be included in the 75th GSC Report, and a Comprehensive Inventory Report will be produced and made available on aa.org once the process is complete.

Full GSB board met 12 times in the last year outside of board weekends. In addition to meetings of the full Board, the trustees' committees and subcommittees met more than 130 times during the course of the last board cycle. One of these activities was the GSB retreat that came as a result of the Board inventory. The retreat focused on leadership building activities. At board weekend in January one of the Class A Trustees informed the board that she would be unable to complete the last three years of her six-year term. They just happened to be interviewing 3 class A Trustee candidates that weekend for 2 class A trustee positions that needed to be filled. Sometimes God just works everything out.

There is a subgroup working on workload issues both on the board level as well as at the office level. One of the items discussed was looking at the amount of work being done at conference each year. Not only have the numbers of advisory actions and committee considerations impact the work of the board and office (and have increased over the last several years), but the number of agenda items as also impacted the amount of work that can be done at the conference. One of the things the board has done to try to address this is restructure the schedule at board weekends to allow more planning and discussion time.

Grapevine board - Grapevine and La Viña magazines are now available in print, online through our websites, and through the apps. We saw substantial growth in subscriptions for Grapevine in 2024. Grapevine subscriptions in 2023 averaged 54,569, compared to 2024 when we averaged 59,189 — an 8.5% increase. La Viña average subscriptions in 2024 were 7,492, compared to 2023 when we were at 6,392 — that's a 17% increase. All digital channels for the Grapevine and La Vina are found have continued to increase. For the YouTube channel alone in the last year the subscribers increased by 16%. The podcast averages 6,100 listens a week and near 25,000 per month. The Grapevine app includes a daily quote, sobriety calculator, and a spiritual maintenance checklist. With the paid subscription you have access to not only the current magazine but all the historical ones. Here's a fun fact. In February the Grapevine App was a solid Number 68 on the Apple Top 200 Magazine and Newspaper App Charts. Our little magazine is ahead of well-known titles such as Newsweek and Bon Appetit. The chart reflects a combination of downloads, subscriptions and user activity.

Finances (through end of 2024)

I do have some financial updates from the fourth-quarter financials and updates from our Southwest Regional Trustee to share with you.

The overall budget for AA World Services in 2024 was \$18.5m. Operating revenues were \$19.6m, operating expenses were \$18.5m, resulting in an overall surplus before depreciation of \$1.1m. After depreciation and La Viña expenses, the net loss was \$60k.

Although the AAGV saw an increase in subscriptions year-over-year the increase was short on what was budgeted. There was a total gross margin on subscriptions of \$829k, gross margin on books and other literature of \$791k, for a total of \$1.62m gross margin. (Gross margin refers to income minus the cost of goods sold). Total expenses for the AA Grapevine were \$2.4m, with a net loss of \$807k.

The AA Grapevine has reduced its staff by 3 people, primarily as a cost-saving measure, and the remaining staff will be almost fully remote. The intention is to vacate the office space on the 8th floor of GSO and have all staff on the 11th floor.

La Viña saw a 17% increase in circulation in 2024, reaching a total of 7,500. The budgeted circulation figure for next year is 8,500. The 2024 gross margin was \$108k, with \$675k in expenses, for a total net cost of \$565k. The projected net cost for La Viña in 2025 is \$455k. I do have a copy of the Q4 Financials that I emailed to all the DCMs on March 12. If you need that document emailed again, please let me know

Progress continues on the 4th edition of Alcoholic Anonymous and the 5th edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. I expect to receive updates on both titles at the Conference.

Since the 2024 General Service Conference, there's been some great progress on the Military Outreach Project. All active-duty member interviews have been added to aa.org and YouTube. A landing page for Military Members in A.A. has been created and can be found at www.aa.org/military. A memo went out to the Fellowship in January 2025 calling for veteran A.A. members volunteers to interview.

An open letter to correctional professionals has been added to the Corrections Kit Workbook

The GSO is consolidating two floors into one in order to realize future cash savings. We continue to be on pace for the first phase of construction to begin in July. Expense of approx. \$1M each year for the next two years, with cost savings to be realized over several more years

The 2025 International Convention is fast approaching, and I hope to see many of you in Vancouver from July 3–6. As of now, there are approximately 30,000 registrations, which is right on track with prior events at this point in the timeline. Early bird registration pricing is available until April 15. There are housing resource directories available on the website to assist with finding lodging, along with helpful information about traveling to Canada, including a FAQ page that covers entry requirements for those who may have special considerations. As with any A.A. event, there are many opportunities to volunteer, and you can sign up on the website. If you're unable to attend in person, virtual watch parties for some of the larger meetings will be available. Please visit the aa.org International Convention page for detailed information on all of this. Break-even if ~40k.

As always thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Panel 74 Delegate.

Alt. Delegate – Ken S.

The 3rd of February, I was privileged to attend a Past Delegate's 30th AA Anniversary Celebration out in Scott City. It was like an old time AA meeting, seven people and four cats sitting around a kitchen table. It is affectionately known by the group as the cathouse meeting. There were 4 members conferenced in by telephone, and between 11 people and 4 cats, there was a total of 331 years of sobriety.

In March, I went down to Pratt for the District 18 Round Robin, always having a good time of fellowship and participating in the experience our book says you don't want to miss.

I also attended the Kansas Corrections Conference in District 8.

Tomorrow, I get to join the Paseo Group in Kansas City, Missouri for their 29th Annual Service Workshop. It is the second oldest black group west of the Mississippi and started 78 years ago.

June 6th is the Cimarron Picnic in the Park, District 17 Fun Day.

SWRDA, the Southwest Region Delegates Assembly was held in Oklahoma City. It is where past and current Trustees and Delegates and the Alternates from across the region gather for the purpose of preparing the Delegates to attend the General Service Conference. Thank you to our Past Delegates who are willing to share their experience and time with us.

Pittsburg, SE Kansas is one of 11 areas in 7 states in the Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. The SW Regional Forum is hosted by the General Service Board every two years and will be held in Area 46 in Albuquerque, New Mexico November 14-16 this year. The forum allows members throughout the service structure to exchange information. They bring together: Regional Trusted Servants; the General Service Board; AA World Services; AA Grapevine; The General Service Office and Grapevine staff. It's open to all AA members and especially for newcomers to service. You can find details and registration on the events page of our area website ks-aa.org.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve Area 25.

Ken S. P74/A25 Alternate Delegate

Alt. Area Chair Report – Will H.

Explained the Quality Inn room block mix-up in April. All future dates and room block through 2026 have been secured at one location, The Quality Inn.

Discuss the purchase of a new projector for Area 25 to be utilized for Assemblies, Committee Meetings, and Delegate presentations.

Friendly reminder to clean up after yourselves and let's leave the facility in better shape than we found it as we leave.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Will H.

Area 25 Conference Report – Kaylon J.

The 2025 Conference will be in 5 short months. Sept. 19-21 at the Event Center in Great Bend, KS.

Room blocks are available, new promotion flyers have all the details. Please call the motel direct for reservations so we can continue to get the room block rates.

Our speakers are Tina A., Chris C., Elizabeth M., Mike A., Wayne H., and a GSO and Spanish speaker to be announced.

Come for the experience, for the fellowship and encourage new comers to see what it's all about.

This is your conference, the success of it is up to you! We are trying to put together a great event, but we need your help.

So far there are 19 online registrations, 46 registrations and 15 scholarships, with a total of 80 registered. For every 100 registrations we will raffle off a room.

We will have sign up for marathon meeting and hospitality volunteers and will also be asking for donations for Bingo and trivia prizes. AA stuff and candy goes over well.

We encourage going to our Kansas 25 Conference group on Facebook to tell us about a fun memory you have of the Conference or about a speaker that stuck out to you.

Discussion Topics:

1. Elect KAAAAI Board member (must be a voting member of the Assembly. Only need to be effective when voted in.)
2. Review of the prudent reserve
3. Recommendation for interpreters for Spanish written/verbal.
4. Area 25 Elections: (It is suggested to read the 5 questions before standing)
Delegate
Alt. Delegate
Chair
Alt. Chair
Treasurer
Alt. Treasurer
Secretary
Alt. Secretary

Ken S. Alt. Delegate thanked everyone for taking the time to participate in the Mock Conference Committee meetings.

Motion to close Chelle F./2nd Tom L. District 10 DCM

Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Upcoming Events

July 3-6,2025, International, Vancouver Canada
July 18-20, 2025, Area Assembly, Quality Inn, Salina
September 19-21, 2025, Area Conference, Great Bend
October 18, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina
November 14-16, 2025, Southwest Regional Forum, Albuquerque New Mexico
January 16-18, 2026, Area Assembly, Quality Inn, Salina
April 10-11, 2026, Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina
July 17-19, 2026, Area Assembly, Quality Inn, Salina
October 16-17, 2026, Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina

