

**North Florida Area Conference Assembly Minutes**  
**2nd Quarter, March 30-April 1, 2012**  
**Theme “Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”**

**Area Chair:** Kelly J. called the meeting to order.

**Registrar:** Roll call was taken by Vivian F. Each District was called for attendance D.C.M., Alternate D.C.M., G.S.R.’s Alternate G.S.R.’s, Panel 61, and Visitors.

The AA Anonymity Statement was read and the short form of the Twelve Concepts was read.

**Officer Reports -**

**Secretary:** Heather V. Motions from the January Assembly were e-mailed to the Webmaster 10 days after the Assembly and posted to the password protected area of the a northflorida.org website on January 25, 2012. There were a total of 400 copies double-sided, and stapled. Fifty were given to the Area Chair for the GSR packets and the remaining copies were inserted into envelopes and given to the Registrar on February 16<sup>th</sup> to be mailed out 30 days prior to this Assembly. The total duplication cost for this mailing was \$312. Only the date change was made and no other changes. I would like to thank the Wake Up Call group for asking me to facilitate their group inventory this quarter. Your heartfelt thank you card is warmly received. Motion to accept the minutes, all in favor with none opposed.

**Treasurer:** Connie D. Thank you for the privilege of serving. Financial Reports – Current assets include a Reserve fund balance of \$42,718.52, which is 62% of the actual expenses and 7.4 months reserve. Prudent reserve recommended is 9 months. A money market account we had at a promotional rate and minimum \$25,000 balance to improve liquidity has passed promotion period. It has been changed to a lower rate to give us no fees for minimum balance of \$10,000. The account will be monitored and reinvested as rates change. The checking account balance at March 31, 2012 is \$7,301.76. Contributions for the first quarter are \$8,687.41, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, coffee collections, interest and literature sales including Grapevine raffle total 10,123.03; expenses were \$14,483.26. This resulted in a loss of -\$4,360.23. We are actually on track with the 2012 budget when the loss is annualized. The budgeted loss for the year ending December 31, 2012 is -\$14,517. Budgets are being decided for 2013. Budget forms have been turned in by most of the service coordinators and officers. The goal is for the finance committee to have a draft of the budget this month, April. The draft will be approved by the finance committee in the July Assembly meeting and included in the July minutes to be voted on in October. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

**Delegate:** Cecilia R. Where have I been since I saw you last. I attended the General Service Board Weekend in January, where as Chair of the Policy/Admissions Committee, I met with the Committee Secretary Rick W. and sat in on the various Trustees’ Committee meetings. I attended as an observer to these as well as the General Service Board on Monday. I asked our Alternate Marilyn B. to come as my guest and she was able to meet the staff at GSO as well as the Trustee’s.

The Theme for the 2015 International Convention in Atlanta was announced – 80’s Years, Happy, Joyous and Free.

The Delegates Get Together in Atlanta was the next weekend in February. We received the Trustee’s report on the board weekend, as well as met the new Panel 62 Delegates and their Alternates.

There were 4 pre conference workshops before this assembly. Thank you to District 15 for the idea of speed dating thru the agenda items. We had great fun and gave those who attended a more one on one with the Service Coordinators to discuss and ask questions of the items at hand.

We received notice that eBooks is available on the GSO website with Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions being the first available. More are in works to follow. The Literature Service Coordinator will give more in her report.

Box 459 has many great articles and items of interest. The A.A. Grapevine is looking for a Senior Editor and there is an opening for a Class A Trustee. We did have a candidate interested in Area

14, and their resume has been sent to the Trustee's nominating committee. There are also openings for A.A.W.S. Nontrustee Directors and A.A. Grapevine Nontrustee Directors. You will also notice on the Bulletin Board, that our assembly dates and place are listed. Thank you to our Public Information Service Coordinator for getting this accomplished.

We received a thank you letter from the General Service Office regarding the area contribution for the Delegates expense for the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference.

About AA, a newsletter for Professionals Winter 2012 was sent out. There are many articles of interest in these publications. You can receive them by going to aa.org, member services, literature, and newsletters.

The Public Information motion that we sent in December regarding PSA's has been sent to the July Trustee's Board meeting for consideration per a letter from the Public Information Secretary. I will be leaving on Thursday April 19, 2012 for the General Service Conference. I have the notes that our Alternate Delegate with your area conscious on it, and will be returning on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>. My intention is to have all the agenda items results on the password protected part of the website two weeks after conference. I have already received several requests for post conference reports and the first one will be the Orlando/Seminole/Osceola Districts May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please email me with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Alternate Delegate:** Marilyn B. I had the privilege of accompanying our Delegate to the annual Southeast Regional Delegates Get-Together, that was held in Atlanta the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in February. The primary purpose of this weekend is to help prepare the Delegates for the upcoming Conference that will be held in Rye, NY this coming April.

Attendees include current Delegates & Alternate Delegates, past Delegates, our current S.E. Regional Trustee & past S.E. Regional Trustees. We also had out Trustee at Large Don M. and a GSO staff member Rick W. who was our speaker Saturday Night. We had approximately 75-80 in attendance. Although no business is conducted during the weekend those in attendance do have an opportunity, during an open mic session called "What's on your Mind" to ask question or voice an opinion on AA topics. We also have a time when our current S.E. Regional Trustee, El N., gives us the most recent Board Report. I'd like to take just a moment to discuss El's report. Many times I have heard the comment that AA is inflation proof. Given the current contribution figures that were given, we could see that AAWS & GV have challenges in the months & years to come. With declining contributions and increasing costs "tough" decisions are going to have to be made. Both at this weekend and at SSAASA I heard that AA could be self-supporting at all levels, if we the members would contribute even a small % of what we used spend while we were drinking. Wow! That statement hit me personally. This fellowship has given me back my life, a good life. Where would I be now if AA's doors were not open to help this alcoholic? I can answer that question with one word, "DEAD". A few days after I returned home from Atlanta I was at my home group meeting. I picked up a current copy of the Nature Coast Intergroup Newsletter and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page the heading read, NC Intergroup store will close on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The article went on to say not because of lack of need, but because we lack funds. In a matter of just a few months I have heard the fellowship needs my help. Here are some of the suggestions that were given. I heard them before but this time they took on a special meaning. Participate in the Birthday Plan, put \$2 in the basket, & send contributions to celebrate sponsees' or sponsor's anniversaries rather than a cute card or gift. On the plane ride back to Florida I promised myself that I would take the challenge and be part of the solution and start making my AA contributions a priority. You're not responsible, as the responsibility statement says, "I am responsible" because I always want the hand of AA to be there for those that follow. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Chairperson:** Kelly J. Recognized the Past Delegates Dan E., Panel 45, Dick G., Panel 47, Kathy P., Panel 49, Tom G., Panel 51, Corliss G., Panel 53, Michael S., Panel 55, Fred H., Panel 57, Chet P., Panel 59. Dennis J., Delegate Area 1, Kathy G., Delegate Area 15, Howard L., Past Southeast Regional Trustee. I want to recognize all new GSRs and DCMs with orange badges. Also, I want to recognize all our visitors with green badges. I want to thank all our Area Trusted Servants this weekend for an awesome Assembly. Please respect those at your table by not texting, using internet, checking emails or distracting those around you during the meeting.

Please remember that when discussing motions that everything needs to be said for an informed group conscience, but not everyone needs to say it. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Alternate Chair:** Ken S. Good Morning Everyone! Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you as your Alternate Chair. What an amazing and fun weekend this has been! Thanks to all of you for all your continued dedicated hard work and feedback on how we can continue to improve what we do to make the Assemblies a pleasurable experience for everyone.

I would like to announce that our attendance this weekend is 32 DCMs/Alt. DCMs, 141 GSRs/Alt. GSRs, 38 Officers/Service Coordinators/Administrative, and 65 Visitors for a total of 276 attendees in all. Thanks to everyone who came out this weekend and for making it another successful NFAC!

Special thanks to District 4 for hosting the Friday night meeting, District 24 for hosting the Grapevine Room, District 11 for doing registration all weekend and District 25 for doing the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, Traditions Workshop and other duties all weekend. You all have been great and thanks for your service and dedication. These weekends continue to run smoothly and be an enjoyable experience for everyone because of all the hard work done by the DCMs and GSRs from all the Districts that volunteer to host each Assembly. Districts 21, 22 and 32 are due to host in July. I need one more District to step up and have some fun! Districts 19 and 27 have already volunteered for October. I need two more Districts who would be willing to help. This is a big Assembly in that we will be electing a new Delegate and Service Panel. I also need three Districts to volunteer for the January 2013 Assembly. This will be our first Assembly at the Marriott in Lake Mary. If you are interested in serving for any one of these Assemblies, PLEASE come and see me during the break or after the conclusion of today's business meeting. There are still several Districts that have not had the opportunity to host during this rotation. I hope that every District takes the opportunity to host at least once in the two year time span.

Our Past Delegate for the weekend has been Dick G. Thank you for your dedicated service to the NFAC. Our Past Delegate for the July Assembly will be Tom G. Chet P. has volunteered to be the Past Delegate for the October Voting Assembly. PLEASE. PLEASE. PLEASE. If you have not booked your room for future Assemblies, please do so as soon as possible. Our Friday night room block for the July Assembly is already full or very close to being full. The hotel was unable to expand our room block for Friday night this time around. I am hoping that they will be able to open up more rooms but there is no guarantee that this will happen. It is much easier to book a room far in advance if you think you may be coming and then have to cancel it if you realize that you are not than to try and book a room in the hotel after the 30 day cut-off and the hotel is full. The hotel is under no obligation to honor the NFAC rate if you book after the cut-off date. They may have rooms available but a price that is considerably more than our group rate. So, book early and book often! I would also like to ask that if you have any problems in your interaction with the hotel and its staff to always be considerate and respectful of the staff. They are doing the best that they can to meet all of our needs. If you ever have a problem that you cannot successfully resolve, please contact me via e-mail and I will do the best I can to see if I can help. Remember the way that we treat the staff in any of our interactions with them reflects directly on the NFAC and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Lastly, before you leave today, please drop your name badge into one of the boxes that is being passed around today. Districts that have made their own name badges do not have to do so, of course. Thank you all for doing this for the last few Assemblies. It really has cut down on the number of badges that we needed to buy and I have been able to spend less money on supplies. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

**Registrar:** Vivian F. We have a total of 182 voting members present with a substantial unanimity of 120. The January minutes were mailed 32 days after the January Assembly. The "outside issue" for the July Assembly will be Patriotism. Thank you for the privilege to serve.

### **Special Reports -**

**56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention:** Hello North Florida, my name is Rose S. and I am your co-Chairperson for the 56<sup>th</sup> Florida State Convention to be held August 1 – 5, 2012 at Innisbrook, Golf and Spa Resort 36750 U.S. Highway 19 North in Palm Harbor, Florida, near Tampa. Thank you to all of you who have helped to make this the best convention ever! By registering early,

making announcements, and passing out the flyers in your District meetings. How many of you are going? In addition to meetings, speakers, workshops, fellowship, meetings, and archives from Akron, Ohio. We have Golf for you! To be played on the world famous Copperhead course, wow! Other Saturday morning sports activities include horseshoes, walk/run, volleyball, and tennis. Innisbrook is also the home of the Loch Ness Monster pool with a mountain slide and waterfall, poolside café and yes there will be entertainment by the pool, stay tuned. Recovery and fun in the same place, why not make it a vacation/retreat, you can arrive early and enjoy other local sites in nearby Clearwater or Tarpon Springs. We currently have 850 people pre-registered and over 500 of the total 600 onsite rooms booked. We look forward to putting on a great event for you and seeing you there August 1-5, 2012. Thank you for allowing me to attend and to share this information with you today and this weekend.

**NFAC Florida State Convention Oversight Committee:** Marilyn B. Yesterday the committee received updated report from both the upcoming 56th FL State Convention in Innisbrook & 2013 Convention that will be held in Jacksonville. Those in attendance were made aware that a viable bid for 2014 was reviewed. The proposed site is the Marriott in Ft. Lauderdale. On February 25<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for the FL State Convention. The workshop consisted of explaining the structure for the State Convention and the role that the Area Oversight Committee plays in that structure. For those wishing to bid a convention it is essential that the convention bid committee be familiar with the Joint Advisory Committee which is the Board of Directors of a 501©3, unincorporated association, known as the Florida State Convention. The Area Oversight Committee is a place you come to pick up a bid package, present your bid each January, and get advice from the committee members on a potential contract. The Area Oversight Committee does not have the power to approve your bid. If the NFA Oversight Committee believes you have a viable hotel contract & a workable budget, we notify the other members of the Joint Advisory Committee and you will then be asked to present your bid at their next Board Meeting. The JAC Board of Directors are: the past, present & future convention chairs & treasurers, Area 14 & Area 15 Alternate Delegates and 2 members appointed by each of the Area's Alternate Delegates. On Saturday the JAC Board, by resolution, will now meet 4 times a year; February, May, at the State Convention & November. For the past 9 years the JAC has gone through many revisions. They have updated their by-laws, established a Prudent Reserve & hired a CPA to ensure all I.R.S. & Florida State tax forms are filed accurately and timely. It is the Boards goal to see that the FL State Convention continues for many years to come. Thank you for allowing me to serve

**FCYPAA:** Jamie W. Area Liaison. FCYPAA Conference Memorial Day weekend May 25-27, 2012 at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Florida 32080. The pre-registration costs \$25, and the room accommodation is \$94 per night with only 41 remaining rooms in this block. There are currently 6 cities bidding for the 2013 Conference. There will be a yogurt eating contest Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> between one representative from each bid city. Morgan M. (Delray, Florida) speaking Friday night Talent Show. Saturday there will be bid city skits in the morning, pool party and hot dog eating contest, being young and living sober panel, relationships and traditions panel, Banquet \$35 plate, Stephen G (Los Angeles, CA) speaker meeting, Dance. On Sunday, Lee Y. from Orlando, Florida is speaking.

#### **Service Coordinator Reports -**

**Accessibilities:** Michael L. reports there were 7 in attendance. We discussed the Conference Agenda Items. Talked about the requirements for the persons with handicaps and the restriction these people run into (i.e. size of rooms and openings, etc). Discussed the symbols and signage that the where and when's use. Thank you for letting me serve you as your special needs coordinator.

**Archives:** James B. 30 members attended the meeting. The proposed changes to the "scopes and procedures" of the GSC conference on archives was discussed. Current wording of "scopes" was favored by 24 with 1 favoring the new wording. Current wording of "procedures" was favored by 25 with 1 favoring the new wording. We reviewed changes to the new archives

workbook. A new subsection has been added called "tools and suggested activities for archives committees". Also included in the archives workbook is a revised archives photocopy policy.

**Area Archivist:** Steve R. I assisted the Archives Coordinator with Agenda Items and review of the workbook during yesterday's workshop and speed dating session. I have started a first draft of collection policies for the North Florida Area Archives. This policy addresses collection, scope, and acceptance of donated materials, exclusions as well as retention. The first draft was passed out and discussed during yesterday's archives workshop. I will be making suggested revisions and will bring to the July Assembly. Past minutes of the North Florida Area Assembly have been digitally scanned and will be available on the password protected area of the web-site in the near future. Completed scanned minutes include some from the 1960s, all of the 1970s, the 1990s, and the remainder of the 2000s that are currently not on the web-site. Thank you to Joyce our Literature Chair and Vivian our Registrar for their hard work in scanning these documents. The web-site committee will be going over the minutes prior to posting to make sure there are not last names, phone numbers, etc... Speaking of web-site, we now have available on the web-site the document from GSO on Preservation Guidelines. This document will give local Archives the basic preservation guidelines needed. Also on the web-site we have the evolution of the North Florida Area map. This is a copy of the same large size poster board map made for our Delegate last year. This should be another great reference piece for local Archivist researching their Districts history. Thanks again to our web chair and web master for making this happen. I am currently making plans to move the Archives storage unit from its current location on the east coast to the west coast. The reason for this is to give me the Archivist better access to the collection, which will enable me to do a better job as Archivist for the Area. I will be participating in Archives presentations for Founders Day events on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Orange City and Districts 13 on June 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like me to come to your Districts event please e-mail me at the [archivist@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:archivist@aanorthflorida.org) or call at 813-597-1655.

**CPC:** Mary P. We reviewed the Conference Agenda Items.

**Corrections:** Frances R. GSR gave report. 30 in attendance. The Corrections Service Coordinator and Alternate Corrections Service Coordinator could not attend this Assembly, Frances R. (District 9 Corrections Chair/GSR Dr. Phillips Group) was asked to cover the workshop. Respectfully I submit the following report. Reviewed 2012 General Service Conference Agenda item III Corrections and gave input to Delegate at meeting last night. Reviewed and read NFAC Corrections Service Coordinator, Kathy A. February meeting with Florida Department of Corrections memo. It said we were well received and encouraged to have as much AA contact as possible, to increase peer facilities, help inmates chair meetings inside. Kim L. District 10 Corrections Chair attended that meeting and shared her experience. Dan E. gave positive feedback he received from the meeting and encouraged taking in more meetings. We reiterated contacting our Area Corrections Service Coordinator through the area website for any issues with a Jail or Prison after discussing some local issues. We briefly reviewed contact information for released inmates using local intergroup offices and a list Kathy/Corrections Service Coordinator has compiled. Thank you for permitting me to be of service.

**Grapevine:** Sheryl R. gave report. 30 in attendance. We reviewed the 2012 Conference Agenda Items. Conference Agenda Item A: Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine's Audio Strategy 18 in favor with two opposed, consensus was in favor. Agenda Item B: Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2012 or later, topics reviewed. Agenda Item C: Consider "Sunset" proposal for Grapevine items, 25 in favor / 0 opposed, consensus was in favor. Agenda Item D: Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position "Grapevine Representative" in the Service responsibilities and duties of the "General Service Representative" with 9 in favor / 17 opposed, consensus was opposed. Agenda Item E: Review Grapevine Workbook, the item was discussed. The March 2012 Grapevine news has been posted on our [aanorthflorida.org](http://aanorthflorida.org) web-site. Reviewed with GVR's how to register on-line at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) under "new reps" to receive their packet. Asked all those in attendance to come back in July with suggestions on how to encourage Grapevine sales; how to encourage GVR representation and

current methods used for both. Paula and I would like to thank District 24 for doing a great job hosting the Grapevine Room and for sales of \$383.01. If there is any Grapevine literature you would like to have available in July, please e-mail me at grapevine@aanorthflorida.org. A special thanks again to District 24 for raffles sales of \$383, enabling 13 subscriptions to be awarded. I had the privilege of attending one workshop; thank you to District 17 for allowing me to attend. Thank you for your warm welcome and your attention. A member of the workshop suggested we hold a competition and challenge Districts to sell Grapevine subscriptions. So, as of today “let the sales begin”! The contest will continue through Saturday morning, October 13, 2012, 9:00am. The District that sells the most subscriptions will win a First Edition Big Book. Thank you to our Delegate, our Chair and our Archivist for supplying such an honored prize. Please have your GVR e-mail me at grapevine.aanorthflorida.org with their contact information. If you do not have a District GVR now is the time to find one. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Intergroup:** Melanie E. 29 in Attendance. After the Conference Agenda Items were discussed, the floor was open for sharing. The topic of newsletters was brought up. We discussed how to distribute and the cost of mailing the newsletter. Briefly, we discussed the July Assembly topics.

**Literature:** Joyce C. Service Coordinator. Majority of workshop taken up with Agenda items. Johnette, PI Service Coordinator made a presentation to the workshop and entertained a proposal for a Public Information pamphlet. The pamphlet would be an inexpensive service piece which would be a useful tool to better help convey to our fellowship the PI area of service work and help dispel common misconceptions about Public Information work. Literature voted unanimously to present a motion to this effect to the assembly, which will be introduced under new business. Updates on Literature: Android version of ebooks is still in testing phase, and expected out in the next month. The next books to be put out as ebooks are Daily Reflections and Living Sober. Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving.

**Public Information:** Johnette K. Our primary focus was to discuss the P.I. agenda items with particular emphasize on items D and E. A sample inexpensive tri-fold service pamphlet was distributed to those who participate in P.I. service work for their consideration as a new tool to use in their Districts to educate the fellowship about P.I. service work. (This pamphlet was also taken to the Literature Committee for their perusal and consideration. The Literature Committee entertained a motion for G.S.O. to consider this pamphlet for production.) As of date there are now six Districts who have downloaded the Area display and had it made it into a 24’x 36’ poster display for their Districts C.P.C./P.I. service work. Any Districts interested in doing this, but still uncertain how, please contact our NFAC Interim Webmaster, Jeff P. and he will gladly help you. I wanted to thank all the Districts who invited P.I. to participate in their pre-agenda item workshops, and thank you to District 17 for including P.I. in your Service Fair. In addition, I want to express my gratitude to Mary A. who stepped in to help and covered for my Alternate, Al B., thank you Mary. Also, just in case you forget the future assembly dates are posted in Box 459 in the calendar section. Thank you everyone for allowing me to serve, and please continue to feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns or if your Districts need some P.I. help.

**Treatment:** Deborah K. 46 in attendance.

Discuss trustees’ progress report on the review of the video Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous – “Uncle Sam is not going to come in and bail us out.” – trustee committee requested to review line by line the scrip and video and give progress report on whether or not to remove this line of text.

Advisory Action history was reviewed

Trustees’ Committee Progress Report Reviewed

Watched the Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous Video

Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.

Advisory Action history was reviewed

The Pamphlet “The AA Member – Medications & Other Drugs” was discussed

Motion that created the Agenda Item was reviewed

Living Sober excerpts were reviewed.

Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook

Treatment Committee Workbook made available for those who wished to review.

Review contents of Special Needs / Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

Special Needs / Accessibilities Kit and Workbook made available for those who wished to review.

Sense of Committee on Agenda Items A and B

Accept Trustees’ Progress report as is 30

Needs further action 6

Yes create a new Pamphlet for the Alcoholic with Mental Illness 17

No do not create new pamphlet but other action to address concern 16

### **Administrative Reports –**

**Finance:** Annette D. 13 in attendance. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Finance Committee Chairperson. I want to give you my heartfelt thanks and let you know how appreciative the North Florida Area Conference is of your contributions, which we know are sacrificial to your group. I want to thank the Districts who were able to invite us for pre-conference workshops. In our meeting we discussed the Conference Agenda items and reported our recommendations to our Delegate last night. We are currently at just under 9 months of prudent reserve. Contributions are trending at the same pace as last year. We discussed the issue of our Delegate’s Conference Fee for this year. While we are all supportive of the hard work our Delegate does, it was decided that we would not send funds in addition to the \$1200 already paid due to the financial state of the area at this time. I want to second our Alternate Delegates comments regarding personal responsibility. More in the basket still needs full participation in self-support for those funds to reach the Area or GSO. Don’t forget use of the GSO online application for individual and group contributions. Remember \$7 per individual and \$156 per group makes us fully self-supporting. I will be participating in a self-support workshop in District 28 later this month. Thank you to the South Florida Area Delegate and Past Delegates who attended our meeting to support our work, and thank you for the opportunity to serve. We will be bringing no motions to the floor.

**Growth:** Report given by Alternate Growth Chair – Lori Soule. Conference Agenda Items discussed.

**Site & Agenda Chair:** Ken S. reports good Morning Again Everyone! As your Alternate Chairperson, I am automatically assigned to Chair the Site & Agenda Administrative Committee. There were 8 of the 11 DCMs currently assigned to the committee present and we had quite a few visitors. The Site & Agenda Committee did not have any General Service Conference Agenda items assigned to us. We spent the first hour of our meeting discussing the motion that was presented to the body at the January Assembly from the committee in regards to coffee at the Assembly as well as several other proposals. After much discussion and spirited debate, it was decided that the proposal that was presented in January is not really a viable option. There were just too many variables that could not be resolved satisfactorily. The committee could not come to a clear substantial unanimity on the other proposals. However, we were able to come up with two proposals that we would like to ask all of the DCMs and GSRs take back to their respective Districts and Home Groups.

The first proposal is to eliminate coffee altogether at the expense of the NFAC. The second proposal is to cut the coffee consumption to \$750 per Assembly (approximately 46 gallons). This coffee would be distributed throughout the Saturday and Sunday events at various times. Once the coffee put out at a particular time is consumed, no more would be available until the next time frame. This would cut approximately \$4,000 a year off the current expense and still allow for coffee to be available at the Assembly. The Site & Agenda Committee would like to hear, at the July Assembly, the feedback from as many Districts and Groups as possible. This will help the committee to be able to make an informed group conscience decision as to what type of motion to bring to the body for recommendation. Any GSR or DCM that would like to e-mail their Group or District conscience in advance of the July Assembly can do so by sending me an e-mail at [altchair@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:altchair@aanorthflorida.org). I will then forward all those responses to the DCMs that sit on the Site & Agenda Committee. The updated Host Districts Duties and Responsibilities document was distributed to the committee members for their review. Any additions/deletions/corrections will be made to the document as needed and it will then be posted on the Area's Website.

The last portion of our meeting was spent talking about the Friday night Service Meeting. We are currently booking approximately 60-80 rooms on Friday night each Assembly. However, attendance at the Friday night meeting has dropped from 80-90 people to 40-50 people. It was discussed that maybe the meeting has gotten to be a bit stale. Several ideas were tossed around as to how to spice it up and make it more interesting. It was the sense of the committee that we would create a slate of several (4-6) topics/formats that would be given to the Host District for the meeting and let them decide what topic/format they want to use. Those of us arriving on Friday night for the meeting would find out exactly what the topic/format is when the meeting starts.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

**Web-Site Committee:** Jim S. gave report. We discussed two of P.I.'s Agenda Items that affect the digital world and our P.I. Chair who is also a member of our committee was able to add these discussions to her report to the Delegate. After some long and tedious hours of labor and testing, our fill able forms are ready to be used. These forms are located on the Documents page and will be ready to use later this week. Jeff will be writing instructions for these and they will be found right on the same page. If you have problems using these pages you can still use the original print format and either scan and email or snail mail to the Registrar. Please do not contact the registrar with any kinks on this system, contact me at [webchair@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:webchair@aanorthflorida.org). Remember if the form does not work for you, you do not have to use it. I want to thank Vivian for being our crash test panel member and the members of the ad-hoc committee for their work, and a special thank you to Jeff P. whose work is not yet done. We also discussed the future of the Webmaster's position. As you all know we are working with an interim Webmaster who as volunteered his time to help us get through a rough patch without a Webmaster. We are accepting resumes for qualified people to fill this position. Please email these to me at the previous mentioned email address. We also discussed the achieved minutes that were mentioned to be posted in the password protected area of the site and the committee would like to ensure that these minutes are scrubbed before posting, so further discussion will be necessary before we can put them up, however I do not see this being a roadblock as much as an obstacle. Please remember all correspondence with the website should be directed to [Webchair@aanorthflorida.org](mailto:Webchair@aanorthflorida.org). All of your needs and resources to do business with the area are available on the site.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Changes Section 5. NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES  
Move to insert a sentence after the 1st sentence. This Committee solicits, obtains and reviews bids from hotels/motels willing to provide facilities for NFAC Assemblies. The S&A Chair negotiates the hotel bids once submitted. It is suggested that the S&A Chair should present the committee's recommendation at the July Assembly. After the site is chosen by the body, the Alt. Chair negotiates the new hotel contract with legal assistance & subject to the Area Chair's approval. Motion passed with none opposed.

Changes Section 5. NFAC SERVICE COORDINATORS / ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES  
Move to include the following paragraph at the end of the Site & Agenda Chair's current job description. The logistics include the following: Manages the A/V needs for Workshops, Panel Members, & the Sunday Business Meeting, works with the hotel to sets up & sign the Banquet Event Orders, arranges for a Spanish Translator and/or ASL, as needed, for the Assembly weekend, acts as the liaison between the AA Fellowship & the host hotel, settles the Assembly bill with the Area Treasurer, develops the Saturday Agenda with the Area Chair to meet the needs of the Panel and the Assembly Attendees, and conducts & coordinates the GSR afternoon Workshop on Saturday. Motion passed with none opposed.

This motion will change Section 11. QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF NFAC OFFICERS in the Structures & Guidelines. Move to add to the Area Chair's job description the following: The Area Chair is the Administrative Officer and is responsible for overseeing all Area operations. Motion passed with none opposed.

From the Site and Agenda Committee, Move, to implement a 'Pay for coffee' plan for each Assembly. The 'coffee plan' would provide that each attendee who desires coffee would pay a flat fee for coffee to cover the coffee expenses for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Site and Agenda Committee will determine the coffee fee. The coffee duties shall be delegated to one of the Host Districts for that Assembly. Motion failed with none opposed.

Motion from Scott B. DCM District 31, Move, to have the complete wisdom, experience and expertise of all of Area 14, to work with the Medical Community and Hospitals of Florida to implement "The Friends of Bill W." hospital visitor program. Motion failed with two in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion from Joyce C. Literature, Move to have GSO consider the development of an inexpensive service pamphlet summarizing what Public Information is, what they do, why and how they do it. Sample provided. Motion tabled to the next Assembly with four opposed.

Motion from District 1, Move to pay for coffee at Area Assembly – sell raffle tickets at registration at one dollar ticket to be redeemed for coffee. On Sunday at the end of the Assembly a ticket will be drawn and the holder awarded 10% of the raffle not to exceed \$100. Motion to table to the next Assembly failed with 15 in favor. Motion to reconsider passed. Motion to call the question. Motion failed with seven in favor.

Motion from Sharon R. GSR, Move to have GSO consider adding the short form of the 12 Concepts for World Service to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and revising the Forward to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions to include a description of the 12 Concepts for World Service along with a reference to the AA Service Manuel / 12 Concepts for World Service. Motion failed with seven in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Jim at 11:20 AM.

NFAC Assembly Roster April 1, 2012 – Provided by the Registrar

Officer	Present	Non-Voting Member	Position	Present	Alternate
Delegate	X		Accessibilities	X	
Alt. Delegate	X		Archives	X	
Chairperson	X		CPC	X	
Alt. Chairperson	X		Corrections		X
Treasurer	X		Finance	X	
Registrar	X		Grapevine	X	
Secretary	X		Intergroup	X	
			Literature	X	
Archivist		X	PI	X	
Parliamentarian		X	Treatment	X	
Webmaster			Website	X	

District	DCM	Alt. DCM	GSR	Alt. GSR	Votes	Visitors
DCM #01	1	1	3	1	6	
DCM #03	1	1	1		2	
DCM #04	1		2	1	3	1
DCM #05	1		3		4	1
DCM #06	1	1	5		6	
DCM #07A	1	1	1		2	1
DCM #07B	1	1				1
DCM #08	1	1	2		3	
DCM #09A	1		7		8	
DCM #10	1		2	3	5	1
DCM #11	1		7	1	9	
DCM #12A			4	1	5	1
DCM #12B		1	4	1	6	1
DCM #13	1	1	7	1	9	1
DCM #14	1		6		7	1
DCM #15	1	1	6	2	8	
DCM #16			1		1	
DCM #17	1		4		5	
DCM #18A						
DCM #18B	1		4	1	5	
DCM #19A	1		1		2	
DCM #19B	1		4		5	1
DCM #20	1	1	6		7	
DCM #21	1		3		4	
DCM #22		1	3		4	
DCM #23	1		2		3	
DCM #24	1	1	5		6	
DCM #25	1		7	2	8	
DCM #27	1	1	4	1	5	2
DCM #28	1	1	8	1	9	
DCM #30	1	1	5		6	
DCM #31	1		5	1	7	1
DCM #32	1		2		3	
DCM #33	1		1		2	
					165	13
					17	
			Total Votes		182	

**NFAC PANEL 61**  
**Renaissance Resort – World Golf Village 500 South Legacy Trail**  
 St. Augustine, Florida 32092 / 904-940-8000 F: 904-940-8008  
 Host Districts 21, 22, 31, & 32

<u>Time</u>	<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chair</u>
<b>Friday Jul 13, 2012</b>			
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Registration	Conference Center	Host District 21
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Discussion Meeting	Service	Host District 31
<b>Saturday Jul 14, 2012</b>			
7:00am - 8:00am	Discussion	Poolside - weather permitting TBA	
8:00am - 6:00pm	Registration	Conference Center	Host District 21
9:00am - 6:00pm	Grapevine Room	Board Room	Host District 22
9:00am - 10:00am	GSR Orientation	Service	Past Del. Tom G.
9:00am - 10:00am	Officers-Service Coordinators-DCMs	Courage	Kelly J
Availability	Registrar	Small Board Room	Vivian F
10:00am - 11:00am	Literature Workshop	Courage	Joyce C
10:00am - 11:00am	Public Information Workshop	Experience	Johnette K
10:00am - 11:00am	Traditions Workshop	Service	Host District 32
11:15am - 12:15pm	Grapevine Workshop	Unity	Sheryl R
11:15am - 12:15pm	Treatment Workshop	Experience	Deborah B
11:15am - 12:15pm	Intergroup Workshop	Service	Melanie E
11:15am - 12:15pm	NFAC FL State Convention	Courage	Marilyn B
	Oversight Committee Meeting		
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Lunch - \$8 Sandwiches & Salads Hotel Restaurant!!		
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Ask the Officers Forum	Service	Kelly J
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Grapevine Workshop	Courage	Sheryl R
1:30pm - 2:30pm	CPC Workshop	Experience	Mary P
1:30pm-2:30pm	Twelve Concepts Workshop	Wisdom	Past Del. Tom G
2:45pm - 3:45	Archives Workshop	Archives	James B
2:45pm - 3:45	Las Tradiciones	Service	District 33
2.45pm - 4:15pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Courage	Annette D
2.45pm - 4:15pm	Site & Agenda Committee Meeting	Wisdom	Ken S
2.45pm - 4:15pm	Growth Committee Meeting	Experience	Marilyn B
2.45pm - 4:15pm	Website Committee Meeting	Unity	Jim S
4:30pm - 6:00pm	GSR Workshop	Service	Ken S
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Officers, S/C, -DCM Workshop	Experience	Kelly J
6:00pm - 8:00pm	Dinner		
8:00pm - 9:30pm	GSC Delegates Report/Service Coordinators Q&A	Ballroom	Cecilia R
9:30pm	Ice Cream Social		
After Agenda Items	Discussion Meeting	Poolside - weather permitting TBA	
<b>Sunday Jul 15, 2012</b>			
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration	Conference Center	Host District 21
9:00am - 12:00pm	Business Meeting	Ballroom	Kelly J

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: This agenda is only tentative and is for informational purposes only.**

Open: Call to order – Kelly, Serenity Prayer

Roll call: Registrar – Vivian

Reading of Anonymity Statement/Reading of short form of Concepts

Officer's Reports:

Secretary – Heather

Treasurer – Connie

Delegate – Cecilia

Alternate Delegate – Marilyn

Chairperson – Kelly

Alternate Chairperson – Ken

Registrar – Vivian

Special Report:

56th Florida State Convention

NFAC Florida State Convention Over site Committee

FYCPAA

Service Coordinators Reports:

Accessibilities – Mike

Archives – Jim

Area Archivist – Steve

Cooperation with Professional Community – Mary

Corrections – Kathy

Grapevine – Sheryl

Intergroup – Melanie

Literature – Joyce

Public Information – Johnette

Treatment Facilities – Deborah

Administrative Committee Reports:

Finance – Annette

Growth – Lori S. Alt. Growth Chairperson

Site & Agenda /Alternate Chairperson – Ken

Web Site – Jim

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion from Joyce C. Literature Service Coordinator, Literature would like to make a motion to have G.S.O. consider the development of an inexpensive service pamphlet summarizing what Public Information is, what they do, Why & How they do it.

NEW BUSINESS:

**N.F.A.C.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of March 31, 2012**

	Mar 31, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1000 · General Fund	9,967.41
1050 · Chk - SunTrust	4,956.04
<b>Total 1000 · General Fund</b>	4,956.04
<b>1500 · Reserve Fund</b>	
1511 · SunTrust Money Market	23,265.43
1596 · CD 4203 SunTr Matures 9-6-12	19,453.09
<b>Total 1500 · Reserve Fund</b>	42,718.52
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	47,674.56
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1700 · Inventory	1,948.75
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	1,948.75
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	49,623.31
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>49,623.31</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
2200 · Sales Tax Payable	14.88
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	14.88
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	14.88
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	14.88
<b>Equity</b>	
3000 · Beginning Fund Balance	56,327.26
Net Income	-6,718.83
<b>Total Equity</b>	49,608.43
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>49,623.31</b>

**N.F.A.C.  
Profit & Loss  
January through March 2012**

	Jan - Mar 12
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
4100 · Contributions	8,687.41
4200 · Assembly Income	
4210 · Seventh Tradition	552.15
4220 · Coffee Collection	189.42
<b>Total 4200 · Assembly Income</b>	741.57
4500 · Literature/Merchandise Sales	
4550 · Grapevine	259.05
4551 · GV Raffle	435.00
<b>Total 4500 · Literature/Merchandise Sales</b>	694.05
<b>Total Income</b>	10,123.03
<b>Expense</b>	
6100 · Delegate	
6110 · Duplication	110.14
6120 · Postage	99.05
6130 · Supplies	103.98
6160 · Travel	
6171 · General Service Conference	1,200.00
6172 · Delegate Get-Together	800.00
6175 · Florida State Convention	109.00
6176 · Agenda Workshops	578.50
<b>Total 6160 · Travel</b>	2,687.50
6190 · General Expenses	946.03
<b>Total 6100 · Delegate</b>	3,946.70
6200 · Alternate Delegate	
6230 · Supplies	48.04
6245 · FL State Conv. Advisory Comm	75.00
6255 · Travel	
6270 · SERC	336.51
6272 · Delegates Get-Together	799.54
6255 · Travel - Other	107.00
<b>Total 6255 · Travel</b>	1,243.05
<b>Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate</b>	1,366.09
6300 · Chairman	
6310 · Duplication	5.25
6330 · Supplies	24.18
6360 · Travel	62.40
<b>Total 6300 · Chairman</b>	91.83
6400 · Alternate Chairman	
6410 · Duplication	96.00
6420 · Postage	0.00
<b>Total 6400 · Alternate Chairman</b>	96.00
6500 · Secretary	
6510 · Duplication	312.00
6530 · Supplies	0.00
<b>Total 6500 · Secretary</b>	312.00
6600 · Registrar	
6620 · Postage	559.95
6630 · Supplies	58.39
6650 · P.O. Box Annual Rent	0.00
<b>Total 6600 · Registrar</b>	618.34

	<u>Jan - Mar 12</u>
<b>6700 · Treasurer</b>	
6710 · Duplication	288.00
6730 · Supplies	46.78
6782 · Bank Charges	55.00
<b>Total 6700 · Treasurer</b>	<u>389.78</u>
<b>7200 · Archives</b>	
7210 · Duplication	0.00
7230 · Supplies	18.49
7260 · Workshops	43.20
7265 · Natl. Archives Workshop - NAW	0.00
7270 · Storage	318.00
<b>Total 7200 · Archives</b>	<u>379.69</u>
<b>7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.</b>	
7381 · Exhibit Space & Convention Fees	629.00
<b>Total 7300 · Coop w/ Prof Community Cmte.</b>	<u>629.00</u>
<b>7400 · Corrections</b>	
7410 · Duplication	0.00
7420 · Postage	14.80
7430 · Supplies	0.00
7450 · Literature	152.00
7460 · Workshops	370.56
<b>Total 7400 · Corrections</b>	<u>537.36</u>
<b>7600 · Intergroup</b>	
7610 · Duplication	15.00
7620 · Postage	0.00
7630 · Supplies	0.00
7660 · Workshops	72.00
7671 · National Intergroup Workshop	0.00
<b>Total 7600 · Intergroup</b>	<u>87.00</u>
<b>7700 · Literature</b>	
7710 · Duplication	6.00
7720 · Postage	4.83
7730 · Supplies	16.08
7750 · Literature	26.00
<b>Total 7700 · Literature</b>	<u>52.91</u>
<b>7800 · Public Information</b>	
7815 · Display	49.98
7810 · Duplication	23.69
7820 · Postage	8.69
7830 · Supplies	22.66
7850 · Literature	158.74
7860 · Workshops	128.00
<b>Total 7800 · Public Information</b>	<u>391.76</u>
<b>7900 · Treatment</b>	
7930 · Supplies	42.72
<b>Total 7900 · Treatment</b>	<u>42.72</u>
<b>8300 · Website</b>	
8310 · Duplication	0.00
8320 · Postage	0.00
<b>Total 8300 · Website</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>8100 · Finance Cmte</b>	
8130 · Supplies	11.98
<b>Total 8100 · Finance Cmte</b>	<u>11.98</u>

	<u>Jan - Mar 12</u>
<b>9100 · Hotel and Mileage Expenses</b>	
9110 · Hotel for Officers	738.00
9120 · Hotel for S/C - Other	1,046.00
9130 · Less Complementary Rooms	-656.00
9140 · Mileage for Panel	2,279.60
9150 · Past Delegate Hotel & Mileage	35.20
<b>Total 9100 · Hotel and Mileage Expenses</b>	<u>3,442.80</u>
<b>9200 · Conference Operations</b>	
9210 · Annual Corporate Fees	61.25
9280 · Orientation Packages	379.50
<b>Total 9200 · Conference Operations</b>	<u>440.75</u>
<b>9300 · Literature Purchases</b>	
9350 · Grapevine Merchandise	1,003.03
9351 · Raffle subscriptions	34.97
<b>Total 9300 · Literature Purchases</b>	<u>1,038.00</u>
<b>9400 · Assembly Costs</b>	
9410 · Coffee Service	1,683.44
9420 · Hosting Expense	0.00
9440 · S Florida Delegate Visit	0.00
9460 · GSO Staff Visit	807.62
9470 · Spanish Translator	335.00
9480 · Equipment Rental	143.09
<b>Total 9400 · Assembly Costs</b>	<u>2,969.15</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>16,843.86</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-6,720.83
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
4700 · Interest Income	2.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>2.00</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>2.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-6,718.83</u></u>

**NFAC  
Contribution Report  
January through March 2012**

	<b>Jan - Mar 12</b>
<b>District 01</b>	
Sunrise Breakfast Group	1.85
Arlington Group	24.00
Central Group	45.91
Fiesta Group	79.06
Free To Be	20.62
Language of the Heart Group	30.00
SAN-MAN GROUP	20.00
District 01 - Other	24.00
<b>Total District 01</b>	<b>245.44</b>
<b>District 03</b>	
Orange Park Group	200.00
Orange Park Stepsisters	25.00
<b>Total District 03</b>	<b>225.00</b>
<b>District 05</b>	
Came to Believe	45.56
Capital City Group	14.70
Central Group of AA	80.00
Northside Group	34.15
District 05 - Other	40.00
<b>Total District 05</b>	<b>214.41</b>
<b>District 06</b>	
The Winning Game	13.40
Fresh Start Group	104.80
Half Way Through	20.00
Ladies Unity	19.97
Lest We Forget	50.00
Morning After Group	50.00
Oldest City Group	46.73
Seascape Group	20.00
Sober Sisters Group	41.07
Sunday Morning Group	80.00
Trinity Group AA	20.00
Way Out Group	120.00
Women's Candlelight Group	46.32
<b>Total District 06</b>	<b>632.29</b>
<b>District 07</b>	
Brooksville Women's Group	10.00
Squirells Nest at Oxford	6.03
Each Day a New Beginning	40.00
12 Steps To A New Beginning	19.37
Came to Believe Group	85.00
Circle of Light Group (Wed Night)	5.00
Daily Reflections	19.15
Lady Lake Sunday Breakfast Group	55.00
Lunch Bunch	25.00
Mt Dora Speakers Meeting	70.00
New Life Group	26.00
South Lake Women's Group	20.95
Stepping Stones	73.00
Surrender is Freedom	20.00
Take It Easy Men's Group	72.70
Take It Easy Women's Group	17.00
Triangle Breakfast	71.72
Triple Crown	27.00
Your Place O.D. Group	20.00
<b>Total District 07</b>	<b>682.92</b>
<b>District 08</b>	
New Hope Step Group	50.00
Brighter Days Breakfast	25.00
Road to Recovery	30.00
<b>Total District 08</b>	<b>105.00</b>

	<u>Jan - Mar 12</u>
<b>District 09</b>	
Conway Group	50.00
Dr Phillips Group	65.83
ORLOVISTA Group	50.00
<b>Total District 09</b>	<u>165.83</u>
<b>District 10</b>	
College Park Triangle Group	100.00
Maitland Beginners	60.00
Winter Park Group	227.01
<b>Total District 10</b>	<u>387.01</u>
<b>District 11</b>	
Central Orlando Group	240.00
Jaywalkers	70.00
Today's Woman	16.00
Wake Up Call	20.00
<b>Total District 11</b>	<u>346.00</u>
<b>District 12</b>	
Space Coast Area Camp Out	50.00
Barefoot Bay	50.00
Brown Bag Bunch	111.00
Early Birds	22.45
Eau Gallie Group	45.00
Second Base Group	20.00
Suntree Group	27.78
Suntree Women's Group	25.20
<b>Total District 12</b>	<u>351.43</u>
<b>District 13</b>	
702992	30.63
Heavy Hitters	50.00
Life Goes On Group	8.00
More Serenity Sisters	21.44
Promises Group	30.00
Serenity Sisters Women's Group	25.00
<b>Total District 13</b>	<u>165.07</u>
<b>District 14</b>	
4th Dimension/Sunday 6PM	100.00
Design For Living	50.00
Eye Opener Group	53.10
Free To Be	161.00
Happy Hour Group	75.00
New Freedom Group	63.20
Out To Lunch Bunch	116.20
Solutions Group	50.00
The Way Out Group	40.00
Tuesday Night Step Study	28.00
<b>Total District 14</b>	<u>736.50</u>
<b>District 15</b>	
Cape Canaveral Group	20.00
Cocoa 11th Step	25.00
Gateway Group	50.00
New Hope Group	75.00
<b>Total District 15</b>	<u>170.00</u>

	Jan - Mar 12
<b>District 17</b>	
Belleview Group	100.00
Free to Be	25.00
Happy, Joyous, Free	3.69
Head Start Group	47.51
Living Sober Group	7.00
New Attitude Group	75.00
Ocala Group	21.34
Ocala Mens Group	40.00
Serenity Group	10.00
Summerfield Group	8.00
The Breakfast Club of Ocala	185.00
Young People's Group of Ocala	100.00
<b>Total District 17</b>	<b>622.54</b>
<b>District 18</b>	
Today's Women Study Group	16.00
Bill and Bob's Mob	27.76
226 River Bend Men's Group	25.40
6's & 7's group	42.25
High Noon @ Lake Mary	299.00
Hope And Courage Group	10.33
Pass It On Group	157.42
Sober Won	30.00
Wekiva Basics Group	25.00
<b>Total District 18</b>	<b>633.16</b>
<b>District 19</b>	
Judge Not Group	25.00
Back to Basics	50.00
Deland Group	16.58
District 19 GSR Committee	15.00
New Beginnings Group	15.00
Pass It On	6.23
<b>Total District 19</b>	<b>127.81</b>
<b>District 20</b>	
New Dawn Group	75.00
The 5 30 Group	20.00
Women's New Beginnings	20.00
<b>Total District 20</b>	<b>115.00</b>
<b>District 21</b>	
Lest We Forget	23.00
Wednesday Women's 2pm CBC	34.00
<b>Total District 21</b>	<b>57.00</b>
<b>District 22</b>	
12 & 12 Study Group	57.00
A New Beginning	35.00
Came to Believe Group	25.00
Jump Start Group	165.00
Message Group	75.00
Steps to Serenity	50.00
Women To Women Group	25.00
<b>Total District 22</b>	<b>432.00</b>
<b>District 23</b>	
Sisters in Sobriety	100.00
Conscious Contact Group	30.00
Melbourne Beach Group	103.95
Outreach Group	20.00
Patrick Group AA	103.50
Sandpiper Group	240.00
Sunrise Group	105.48
<b>Total District 23</b>	<b>702.93</b>

	<b>Jan - Mar 12</b>
<b>District 24</b>	
Bostwick Evergreens Group	20.00
<b>Total District 24</b>	20.00
<b>District 25</b>	
Beaches Unity Group	100.00
Beachside Step Study Group	12.50
BLISS	20.00
Conscious Contact Group	36.78
I Am Responsible	40.00
Men's Blackeye Group	18.00
More About Alcoholism	9.60
Neptune Beach Book Study	15.00
Ponte Vedra Men's	35.00
Ponte Vedra Women's Group Thurs Night	25.00
Solutions Group	70.00
Step A Month Group	20.00
Stepping Stones Group	15.78
Third Street Third Tradition	24.90
Wednesday Night Big Book Study Group	13.20
Women Enjoying Sobriety	24.00
<b>Total District 25</b>	479.76
<b>District 27</b>	
Bronson Believers Group	72.00
Old Town Saturday Meeting	85.00
Sunday Evening Beginner Group	58.00
Trenton Group	66.98
Williston Winners	23.32
<b>Total District 27</b>	305.30
<b>District 28</b>	
164 Group	10.00
Crystal River Group	250.00
Inverness Friday Night	20.00
Inverness Monday Night	150.00
Inverness Wednesday Nite Step	10.00
It's In The Book	20.00
Won Rebos Group	96.75
<b>Total District 28</b>	556.75
<b>District 30</b>	
Mandarin YPG	58.26
Amethyst Group	15.00
Mandarin Big Book Step Study Group	20.00
Switzerland Group	40.00
<b>Total District 30</b>	133.26
<b>District 31</b>	
Keeping It Sober	10.00
<b>Total District 31</b>	10.00
<b>District 33 Hispanic</b>	
Grupo Esperanza	15.00
<b>Total District 33 Hispanic</b>	15.00
<b>Contributions - Other</b>	
Anonymous	50.00
Area 14 Committee	1,435.62
<b>Total Contributions - Other</b>	1,485.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,123.03</b>

## January 2012 - General Service Conference Committees

### Agenda Items

*Italized: W/S Responses*      Underlined: Sat. Night Responses

#### I. Agenda – Leaving it For the Conference Committee.

#### II. Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. “A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community” DVD:
1. Discuss report on replacing the current “A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community” DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material.  
*29 – For, 1 – Against*
  2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.  
*Suggestion: use a flash drive rather than a DVD*
- B. Consider adding the phrase “non-alcoholics may attend as observers” to the “Singleness of Purpose” statement in C.P.C. literature.  
*30 For adding words non-alcoholics may attend as observers. Another suggestion “non-participating observers”.*
- C. Review contents of Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.  
*didn't review*

#### III. Corrections:

- A. Review the draft revision of the pamphlet “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”  
*Nothing to review*
- B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals.”  
*\*Felt the pamphlet need to be revised. Agreed w/ the revisions in the background.  
\*We realize you can't interfere with correctional staff & their involvement.  
\*Ok to delete stat. section. Agree w/background not to spend the money.*
- C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”  
*Will the amount of copies sold merit the cost of production. The folks in the committee voted not to spend the money to redo the video. Video is not used as it was intended.*
- D. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook. – *Not discussed*

#### **IV. Finance**

- A. Consider suggestion to increase the Conference delegate fee.  
*YES consider raising – Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision. Also added a caveat that the Conference consider a % increase rather than a dollar amount.*
- B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests.  
**Saturday night consensus – maximum of \$5000. Bequest Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision.**
- C. Review proposed Self-Support Kit. *Did not review.*
- D. Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.  
*Nothing to review.*
- E. Review information concerning General Service Office/A.A.Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014. **Read from the podium on Saturday Night.**  
**Nothing handled at the Finance W/S**
- F. Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Viña per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that “La Viña continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Services Board as a service to the Fellowship.” *24 – Yes, 10 – No*  
***Suggestions included: Money would be better spent on other Spanish Literature, look at different publishing methods, use it behind the walls, Ask the Sp. Speaking community what their needs are & spend the money on what they want rather than La Vina.***

#### **V. A.A. Grapevine**

- A. Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine’s Audio Strategy.  
*In Favor of the proposal.*
- B. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.  
*W/S did not deal w/ this item.*
- C. Consider “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items.  
*W/S participants - Supported the “Sunset” Proposal*
- D. Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position “Grapevine Representative” into the Service responsibilities and duties of the “General Service Representative.” *9 For, 17 Against*
- E. Review Grapevine Workbook. – *did not have time for review*

#### **VI. Literature**

- A. Discuss progress report from the trustees' Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. **Nothing to Review**
- B. Consider the draft of the revised "A.A. and the Armed Services" pamphlet. **Nothing to Review**
- C. Consider the final draft of the revised *Living Sober* booklet. **Nothing to Review**
- D. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service." **Pamphlet needs revision, but they feel it is valuable & should be continued.**
- E. Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book. **20 Yes, 2 No. All believed it should be edit to remove redundancy.**
- F. Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **YES 24-For, 1 Against Sat Night vote 50/50**
- G. Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to *As Bill Sees It*. **19-For, 1 Against**

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference as observers.  
**Concept 3 – Delegates choice**
- B. Review dates for the 2015 General Service Conference.  
**Concept 3 – Delegates choice**
- C. Consider modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.  
**Leave the procedure as is. No changes to the 61<sup>st</sup> GSC vote.**
- D. Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service Conference.  
**Procedure as defined for the GSC – General Session is fine. It is recommended that the P&A Committee allow the use of personal electronic devices for committee meeting. The same guidelines can be added when the committee meets that are used for the General Session. Committee members should be able to have the background information & their personal notes available without having to carry bulk paper copies.**

## **VIII. Public Information**

- A. Consider 2011 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. – *Approve Trustee's Committee recommendations*
- B. Review the final draft of the “Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey” pamphlet.  
*Had nothing to review*
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
1. Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., “Tengo Esperanza.”  
*Had nothing to view. Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision*
  2. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A., “My World.” *No vote - Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision*
  3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A., “Tengo Esperanza,” at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, as an addition to the work of local Public Information committees.  
*Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision*
  4. Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.  
*Had nothing to view. Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision*
  5. Consider production of new video P.S.A.s.  
*Had nothing to view. Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision*
- D. Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.  
*W/S Results – If AA could have presences that did not allow interactive posting & eliminated advertising the W/S attendees vote was 40% For – 60 % Against.*  
**Saturday night consensus was opposed to a Facebook Page under any circumstances.**  
**Opposed by more than substantial unanimity.**
- E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.  
*W/S Results: 14 For – 7 Against; Speed Dating Vote: 22 For – 14 Against*  
**Saturday night consensus: Opposed by more than substantial unanimity**
- F. Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card – *19 For, -0- Against*
- G. Review contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook. – *Didn't have Time*

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2012-2013 Edition:
1. Review revisions from the A.A. Grapevine Board.
  2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
  3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
  4. Review list of editorial updates.
  5. Consider suggestion for revising text on “Conference Panels,” on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term “panels.”
  6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the “spirit of rotation.”  
*Most people said that yes, the "spirit of rotation" ought to be in the Service Manual. And the wording from the "AA Group" pamphlet was sound and reasonable - all 4 paragraphs (not to mention had already been through "conference" and approved.*
  7. Consider suggestion to replace the “STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE” illustration on page S16 with a previous version. - *NO*  
*There was quite a bit of conversation about this one. The majority of the members said the current version is easier to read without all the "illustrations". They understood the point of taking the "AAWS & Grapevine Boards" out of the triangle. The majority liked the current version with taking the Boards out of the triangle. The "GSRs" in there didn't seem to make a difference to most, although some thought they ought to be removed to keep it consistent.  
Each moment is a gift~*
- B. Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).
- D. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

## **X. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities**

- A. Discuss trustees’ progress report on the review of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.  
*Accept Trustees’ Progress report - 30 Needs further action - 6*
- B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.

<i>Yes create a new Pamphlet for the Alcoholic with Mental Illness</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Do not create new pamphlet but other action to address concern</i>	<i>16</i>

- C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.  
*Didn't have time to review*
- D. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.  
*Didn't have time to review*

**XI. Trustees - Concept 3 – Delegate Right of Decision**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - 1. West Central Regional Trustee
  - 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review report from the trustees' Nominating Committee on the "Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate."

**XII. Archives**

- A. Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.  
*Scope - favored by 24, 1 favoring the new wording*  
*Procedure - favored by 25, 1 favoring the new wording*
- B. Review Archives Workbook. – *no changes recommended*

**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums.  
**Dick recommends that the Forum be promoted like the State Convention. Keep the Forum Local. Problem exists when you try to get regional participation.**
- B. Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.  
**Dan – Process is fine as is.**

## Alcoholics Anonymous Publications

*(A partial list, suggested for the public)*

AA in Your Community

A Brief Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous

44 Questions

The AA Member

This is AA

Is AA For You?

AA Membership Survey

Too Young?

Young People and AA

A Message to Teenagers

Understanding Anonymity

It Happened to Joe...

It Happened to Alice...

*A.A. at a Glance*

*A.A. for the Older Alcoholic*

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***I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.***

## How Can You Help?

There are many ways to get involved even if you do not wish to call on the public face-to-face. The behind-the-scenes work that makes everything possible exhibits the same rewards, and is necessary if we are to carry the message.

This type of service work can often be done at your convenience. There are many different aspects to public information work, so many of the jobs can be done by anyone. Public Information is an interesting, exciting, and very rewarding service area.

If you are interested in getting involved with Public Information (P.I.) service or desire more information about this type of service contact:

Your District's P.I. Chair

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Intergroup or Central Office

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Area P.I. Chair

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Or contact Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or phone them at 212 870-3119.

# What is Public Information? What Do We Do?



## Want to Get Involved?

## Don't Know How?

The Public Information Committee is A.A.'s official contact with members of the public community. All you need to help this committee is to be sober, and have a desire to serve.

## What We Do

A.A. Public Information has one ultimate goal, and it is the same as that of every A.A. group and every type of service work: To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. But public information tries to reach the alcoholic indirectly, as well as directly, in three ways:

1. By informing the general public about the A.A. program,
2. By informing "the third person" whose work is be involved with the active alcoholic,
3. By keeping the fellowship well-informed, so that members and groups may carry the message more effectively.

## Why We Do It

Much of the public has not had the opportunity to find out how the A.A. program works. There are a great many misconceptions about A.A. in the public eye.

Unless we inform the public, many practicing alcoholics may never find us.

The PI committee is prepared to meet any group of individuals that would like information about what A.A. is and what it is not.



## A.A.'s Public Information Policy

Public Information service volunteers do the public relations of A.A. Our sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic, and this is our public relations policy.

We remain always mindful of personal anonymity, but we believe our experience should be made freely available to all who express a sincere interest.

We believe that all efforts in this field of service should reflect our gratitude for the gifts of sobriety and our awareness that many outside A.A. are equally concerned with the serious problems of alcoholism.

We also recognize that our competence to speak about alcoholism is limited in subject matter to Alcoholics Anonymous and its recovery program.

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"Nothing matters more to A.A.'s future than the manner in which we use the colossus of modern communication. Used unselfishly and well, it can produce results surpassing our present imagination."  
*Bill Wilson, Grapevine 1960*

**A.A. is Anonymous, Not Invisible.  
(We can not be attractive if no one knows about us.)**

## How We Carry the Message to the Public

- Distribution of A.A. literature, pamphlets, and books
- Distribution of A.A. Public Service Announcements to the media (The media can include, newspapers, trade journals, Craig's list, A.A. websites, television and radio stations, and film companies)
- Distribution of the A.A. School poster
- Distribution of our educational DVD's
- Workshops /Panels
- Presentations to Organizations and Civic Groups
- Service and Health Fairs
- The use of Billboards
- Direct calls and e-mails
- Letters
- One on One contact



## The "Public" Can Include:

- Students
- the Media
- Health Organizations
- Civic Groups
- Senior Citizen Groups
- Youth Organizations
- Religious Groups
- the Clergy
- Business Organizations
- Basically anyone, anywhere who desires information about A.A.