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## Area 41 Business Meeting

April 11th - 12th, 2026 | Grand Island, NE

### Grand Island Quality Inn and Conference

7838 S. Hwy 281, Building A, Grand Island, NE, 68803

308-384-7770

**\*To get the Area 41 reduced rate, reserve your room four weeks before the meeting.**

**\*Quality Inn will no longer accept cash or checks as payment for hotel rooms. Payment must be made with cards.**

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### Area, Regional, & International Dates:

WCRAASC	Feb. 27 - Mar. 1 2026	Cedar Rapids, IA
76th General Service Conference	Apr. 26 - May 2 2026	New York, NY
Area 41 State Convention	June 5 - 7 2026	Grand Island, NE
Area 41 Assembly	July 11 - 12 2026	Grand Island, NE
Area 41 Assembly	Oct. 10 - 11 2026	Grand Island, NE

**\*\*Note from the Report and Charter Committee: Any member that would like to receive a digital copy of this Newsletter can do so by emailing [secretary@Area41.org](mailto:secretary@Area41.org). We still encourage all GSRs to attend their District meeting.\*\***

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# HOW TO JOIN ONLINE

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The following guidance is also available—and may be expanded upon—at [area41.org/hybrid](https://area41.org/hybrid) or by scanning the pictured QR code.

Starting April 2025, Area 41 Assemblies and Business Meetings will be held in a hybrid format (in person and online). The Zoom meeting will open 15 minutes before the first scheduled activity.

There is no cost to join a Zoom meeting, and no account is required. However, you may find it convenient to create an account or install the Zoom app on your device.

## What You Need

- A device with a camera and microphone (smartphone, tablet, or computer) is recommended. You may also dial in by phone.
- A stable internet or Wi-Fi connection, or an unlimited data plan if joining on mobile.
- The Meeting ID and Passcode.

## Common Actions

- **Display Name:**
  - If you'd like, set your Display Name to include: *Name, Position or Home Group, District.* (You may also message a Zoom Host for help.)
  - To change your name during a meeting (desktop or mobile): open the Participants list, select your name, and choose **Rename**.
  - During Business Meetings (voting), Zoom Hosts will set participant names, and you will not be able to rename yourself.
- **Speaking Order:**
  - To join the speaking line, raise your virtual hand:
    - *Desktop or mobile:* Select **React** → **Raise Hand** (or **Lower Hand**).
    - *Telephone:* Press \*9 to raise/lower your hand.
  - Hosts will be notified, and a volunteer will track the speaking order for in-person and online members. You'll be prompted to unmute when it's your turn.
- **Mute/Unmute:**
  - *Desktop or mobile:* Click/tap the microphone icon (bottom-left).
  - *Telephone:* Press \*6 to toggle mute/unmute.
  - *Note:* Depending on meeting security settings, the host may need to prompt you to unmute first.
- **Simultaneous Meetings:**
  - For Committee Meetings and Workshops, breakout rooms will be used. Each in-person breakout will need its own device connected to Zoom.
- **On mobile device:**
  - Tap the screen once to show the toolbar (menus).
  - To switch views: swipe left for Gallery View (multiple videos) and right to return to Speaker View.

## Translated Captions

- Confirm your **Speaking Language** when you join the meeting.
- *To turn on captions:* On the toolbar, click/tap **Show Captions** (or **CC** icon).
- Select **Translated Captions**.
- Choose your **preferred language** from the dropdown.
  - Captions will appear on screen in your chosen language.

## Common Ways to Join a Zoom Meeting

- **On the Zoom desktop app (computer):**
  - Install Zoom at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download).
  - Open the desktop app.
  - Choose one of these options:
    - *Without signing in:* Click **Join a Meeting**.
    - *Signed in:* Sign in → **Home** tab → **Join**.
  - Enter the **Meeting ID** and your **Display Name**.
    - *Signed in:* edit your name if you don't want the default.
    - *Not signed in:* type in a display name.
  - Select audio/video preferences and click **Join**.
- **On the Zoom mobile app (phone or tablet):**
  - Install Zoom at [zoom.us/go](https://zoom.us/go) or your app store.
  - Open the app.
  - Choose one of these options:
    - *Without signing in:* Tap **Join a Meeting**.
    - *Signed in:* Sign in → **Join**.
  - Enter the **Meeting ID** and your **Display Name**.
    - If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your default name to appear.
    - If you're not signed in, enter a display name.
  - Select audio/video preferences and tap **Join Meeting**.
- **By telephone:**
  - Dial the phone number in your invite.
  - Enter the **Meeting ID** (9–11 digits) followed by #.
  - Enter the **Participant ID** (if also joining on computer/mobile) or press # to skip.
  - Enter the **Meeting Passcode** (if required) followed by #.
  - *To link your phone and computer/mobile session, enter #Participant ID# once in the meeting.*
  - Phone controls:
    - \*6 - Mute/unmute
    - \*9 - Raise/lower hand

## MEETING DOCUMENTS

[area41.org/business](https://area41.org/business)



Applicable documents and electronic versions of any in-person handouts will be made available at [area41.org/business](https://area41.org/business) or by scanning the pictured QR code.

## MEETING ID

**Zoom Meeting ID: 885 2043 9892**

**Passcode: Rule62**

Dial-in: +1 312 626 6799

Dial-in Passcode: 929644

*Please do not post Zoom Meeting details on any social media.*

## Support

Contact the Technology and Communications Committee at [area41.org/tech](https://area41.org/tech) for further assistance, or to be a hybrid volunteer (remote or in person).

## Saturday, April 11, 2026

\*Please reach out to the Area Chair at chair@area41.org if you have any questions about the Assembly Agenda. The agenda is subject to change!\*

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	First Timers' Orientation	Important for First Time Attendees!
9:00 AM – 11:30 AM	76 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference (GSC) Breakout Discussions Pick Whichever Breakout Interests You!	
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch *On Your Own*	Enjoy the Fellowship!
1:30 PM – 3:15 PM	76 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Large Group Sharing	
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	<b><u>Area Committee Meetings</u></b>	
<b>Committee / (Service Position)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>DCMs Assigned</b>
Accessibilities, Accommodations, Treatment, & Remote Communities	McKenna K.	7/14/28
Agenda / (Workshop)	Nick K. (Lisa V.)	6/21/30
Archives / (Archivist)	Charles C. (Brian R.)	9/10/18
Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information	Brandy N.	1/16/22
Corrections	Aubrie R.	3/20/24
Finance	Char S.	19/26/29
Grapevine	Steve S.	5/13/23
Literature	Jenny R.	2/11/12
Report & Charter (Newsletter, Registrar)	Zach I. (Jaiden W., Mark S)	4/8/32
Technology & Communications (Audio/Visual, Webmaster)	Ann R. (Cory E., Sarah R.)	15/25/31

**All GSR's are strongly encouraged to attend the committee meeting (above) of their choice**

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Dinner *On Your Own*	Refuel however works best for you!
7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Workshop – Area 41 Budget Feedback	Bring your ideas and feedback about how we utilize contributions.
8:00 PM – 8:30 PM	76 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Large Group Sharing	
8:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Open A.A. Speaker Meeting	

## Sunday, April 12, 2026

7:30 AM – 8:20 AM	Open A.A. Breakfast Meeting	Rise and Shine!
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Reports and Q&A: -Districts by DCM -Officers -Area Committees - including additional committee considerations for agenda items still in committee -Service Positions -Ask it Basket	Ask It Basket QR Code  
10:45 AM – 1:00 PM ish	<b><u>Area 41 Business Meeting</u></b> -Roll Call -Old Business -Agenda Items Moved to Vote -New Agenda Items Presented	Participate in the group conscience!

### OLD BUSINESS: Voting Items (4)

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 009 Agenda (VOTE): Area 41 submit a proposed agenda item for the 77th General Service Conference to consider changing the policy for how the Conference agenda is set to give Conference committees the ability to have a formal role in setting their agenda, instead of the General Service Board having exclusive authority to set the General Service Conference agenda.**

*Background: In recent years, the Fellowship has submitted more than 100 proposed agenda items for each General Service Conference, and very few of those make the Conference agenda, even when submitted by one or more multiple Areas. The current policy only empowers the General Service Board to set the Conference's agenda. The area delegates, representing the Fellowship, have no formal role to set their agenda. While committees can and do discuss items not on their agenda, it is without the benefit of background information and widespread Fellowship discussion. Other Structures around the world give area delegates much more authority in setting the agenda for the Fellowship's Conference.*

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 001 Finance (VOTE): Amend Area 41's Financial Guidelines to update the dollar amounts set for what expenses can be approved by the treasurer, from \$100 to \$150 and the Finance Committee, from \$400 to \$500 as outlined in Section 4, paragraph 1, sections a, b, and c.**

*Background: The current guidelines were approved in 2008. Suggested increases are in line with inflation and maintain the spirit of the limits.*

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 003 Finance (VOTE): To remove any "Sponsorships or Incentive" payments from outside venues when considering hotel bids. Area 41 will not accept such offers.**

*Background: 7th Tradition states, "We are self-supporting, declining outside contributions." When considering hotel bids for 2027 and 2028, two hotels offered payments from their local Visitors Bureau. These were removed. In the future, any such Sponsorships or Incentives will be deleted from any hotel bids submitted to Area 41 for presentation to the Fellowship.*

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 010 Agenda (VOTE): Area 41 submit a proposed agenda item for the 77th General Service Conference to consider requiring candidates for new Non-Trustee Director and General Service Trustee positions to have been rotated out for at least one year from previous Conference or Board-level service.**

*Background: The spirit of rotation is a core principle of A.A. service and plays a role in ensuring principles are placed before personalities. Tradition Nine says that rotating leadership is best. At the General Service Board level, area delegates must have rotated out for a full year from their last conference before being eligible for Board-level service. The same break is not currently required for appointed committee members or non-trustee directors. This means someone could serve for up to 12 years consecutively.*

## **New Agenda Items Assigned To Committee (6)**

### **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 001 (Agenda): Elect the host district for the 2027 Area 41 State Convention**

*Background: Each year, Area 41 selects a host district for the annual state convention. The responsibilities of the State Convention host committee are found in the Area 41 Service Handbook.*

### **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 002 (Finance): Send contribution acknowledgements to groups or members that contribute to Area 41.**

*Background: Area 41 previously sent contribution acknowledgements to groups and members as an expression of gratitude and accountability for funds received. This practice is no longer followed. At the General Service Board level, the GSB continues to send contribution acknowledgements through the GSB Treasurer.*

*A.A.'s service structure is built on gratitude, responsibility, and trust. Tradition Seven reminds us that contributions are both a spiritual practice and an expression of group conscience. Acknowledging contributions affirms stewardship, reinforces transparency, and strengthens the relationship between the Area and the Fellowship it serves.*

### **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 003 (Finance): Update the Finance Guidelines to require a more detailed financial report to be given each quarter to the Assembly to ensure the Fellowship has the information needed to achieve a fully informed group conscience on area business.**

*Background: Recent Area 41 business meetings have included lengthy discussions regarding Area finances and the cost of services provided to support the Fellowship. However, the Assembly has not received regular, detailed financial reports showing actual expenditures compared to the approved budget, the cost of specific services, or total funds available.*

*A.A. service relies on informed participation and responsible stewardship. A few related principles include Concepts 3, 9, and 12. Tradition 2 Concept 3 grants a right of decision but also an obligation to report back to achieve a fully informed group conscience. Concept 9 calls for sound leadership and clear accountability. Concept 12 expresses transparency as an integral part of our service structure and that prudence is our financial guide.*

### **Agenda Item 2026-05-22 004 (Report & Charter): Allow for the option to vote electronically with virtual platforms during all area voting.**

*Background: Promotes accurate counting and autonomous voting. It also would help expedite the counting process.*

### **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 005 (Finance): Approve the 2027 Area 41 Budget**

*Background: Area 41 meets quarterly in January, April, July, and October. Submitting the 2027 Area 41 Budget at this time allows the Assembly sufficient opportunity for review and consideration within the regular meeting cycle. Addressing the budget through the standard agenda process helps ensure continuity of financial planning and avoids the need for emergency action at a later Assembly.*

### **Agenda Item 2026-04-11 006 (Report & Charter and consult Technology & Communications): Review recent changes to Area 41 service material and documentation posted on [www.area41.org](http://www.area41.org) without requiring logging into Member Services, and create a policy for what requires logging in vs being publicly available.**

*Background: Recent changes to Area41.org have included posting information (Area Newsletters, reports, etc.) that previously required a member to log in to Member Services to access. There was no group conscience of Area 41 to change this practice.*

## **Agenda Items Still In Committee (16)**

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005m Accessibilities, Accommodations, Treatment, and Remote Communities (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** That Area 41 establish a procedure to ensure that all shared Area documentation, publications, and communications are translated into Spanish.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005g Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** Remove the requirement that committees meet on Saturday morning from 9am-12pm.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005h Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** Area 41 shall have an Orientation Workshop at the Election Assembly for all new Officers, Area Committee Chairs, and Service Positions to learn about their new service responsibilities.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005i Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** Area 41 shall have a 3rd Legacy Workshop in July preceding the Elections.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005k Agenda (with consult from Delegate) (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** That the Area 41 Chairperson, either personally or through delegation to the Agenda Committee or another appropriate servant, ensure that the fellowship is provided with a yearly or rotational (two-year) flyer or PDF listing Area and Region-wide events. This schedule should include: 1) Dates, locations, and brief descriptions of events, and 2) Information on where to find additional or updated details (such as the Area 41 website). The flyer should be printable and easy to include in the newsletter or post at meetings or online. *This item is not intended to include events with short notice or frequent changes (e.g., Four-Corners Workshops or similar).*

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 008 Agenda:** Amend the Scope of the Agenda Committee in the Area 41 Guidelines and Service Manual to Include a Defined Inventory Process

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 004 Finance:** Review Area 41 bank account structure and consider a change to consolidate bank accounts with the Area Treasurer handling Area 41 bill payments and reimbursements instead of each officer and committee chair having an individual bank account.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005j Report and Charter (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** All documents distributed at or by Area 41 should have a revision date on them.

**Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005n Report and Charter (from FUNction Ad Hoc):** That Area 41 make District Committee Member (DCM) reports available on the Area 41 website rather than printing them in the Newsletter.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 002 Report and Charter:** Proposed Newsletter Chair Scope and Responsibilities

1. Serve as a point of contact for items to be published in the Newsletter, following guidelines set by the Area 41 Report and Charter Committee. The focus is on sharing Area 41 information with members to help them reach an informed group conscience.
2. Assist the secretary in maintaining a current list of all Area Officers, Area Committee Chairpersons, District Committee Members, and past Delegates.
3. Remove last names, make necessary grammatical edits, and create a Spanish-language translation of the Newsletter.
4. Deliver materials to the printer for publication and provide a digital copy of the Newsletter to the secretary. Publish and distribute the Newsletter within six weeks of an assembly, in a cost-effective manner.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 005 Report and Charter:** That past Delegates be granted lifetime voting privileges at Area Assemblies, effective immediately upon completion of their service term as Delegate.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 006 Report and Charter:** Change the Area 41 Newsletter distribution process so that the standard printed copies just include the agenda, voting items, business meeting minutes, new agenda items, agenda items still in committee, contact list, and the Officer reports. Printed copies of the additional reports will only be printed as requested on demand from the Area Secretary.

**Agenda Item 2024-01-06 003 Report & Charter:** Area 41 to form a new Area committee tasked with hosting the area state conventions.

**Agenda Item 2022-10-09 014 Technology & Communications:** To create an Email Subscription Service

**Agenda Item 2023-04-15 008b Technology and Communications:** Create guidelines and answer Traditions questions for future Area 41 purchases of electronic equipment. Determine who Area 41 should purchase electronic equipment for, how the items should be handled, used, protected, stored or passed along. Address questions of ongoing costs (subscriptions, maintenance, etc.) have not been addressed.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 007 Technology & Communications (and consult with Finance):** Purchase of Additional Hybrid Meeting Equipment. Area 41 will purchase additional equipment to support hybrid meetings and events, which allow for both virtual and in-person participation, in an amount up to \$2,500 including tax.

Proposed Equipment:

- Two projectors, one laptop, one small amplifier, six additional webcams with tripods, and cases for audio equipment storage and transport

The AV Servant will be responsible for oversight, management, and storage of this equipment.

## **BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES:**

Opened at 2:07 pm with the Serenity Prayer, select readings and the Concepts. Roll call was next with an explanation of how it will be conducted and why it is important to ensure the delegated responsibility is exercised correctly. There were 78 total voting members (9 were virtual). Next the Chair reviewed how the Area business meeting will operate and asked the body if there were any objections to these procedures for the rotation. There were none, and the rules were adopted.

**Old Business: Agenda Item 2024-07-13 008 Area 41 to provide audio and text translation for all Area 41 Business Meetings (English to Spanish and Spanish to English) for current rotation.**

**Costs not to exceed \$2500.00 per year.**

**A review of the effectiveness of the translation service and a recommendation of how to proceed going forward is to be provided to the Area no later than the April Assembly of the second year.**

The Chair next addressed the newsletter issue of some districts receiving paper newsletters in the wrong language and offered amends on behalf of Area 41. It was asked of the body if any of the members thought that this stopped the groups from adequately discussing the Agenda Item up for vote. No concerns were raised.

Next the Chair read the Agenda Item and the Committee Chair discussed the background. There was a vigorous debate with concerns raised about financial prudence and sustainability, right of participation, our primary purpose, the involvement of District 31 in this item, Area needing to support the Linguistic District it created, what exactly this item covers (just business meetings), is District 31 still excluded if only committee meetings are interpreted, Wordly as an interpretation option, and the fact that the current methods are not meeting the needs of District 31, among others. A motion was made and seconded to call the question. Another motion was made to recommit the item to committee, but the Chair ruled that motion out of order as that motion does not supersede the motion already on the floor. The motion to call the question required a 2/3 majority and passed 49-18. The question was called, and the vote on the item was 52-19 (71). The item passed. The Minority Voice was heard expressing the concern that adding additional interpretation services beyond what was listed in the item was not financially feasible. A motion to reconsider was not made.

**New Business:** None

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Delegate:**

Greetings Area 41!! It is a privilege to serve as your Panel 76 Delegate! Everything got off to a great start at our January Business Assembly. The Area 41 Business meeting was held on a new day and time from past Assemblies! The meeting was held on Saturday from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It seemed to work well. I only heard positive comments. At the meeting it was approved to provide audio and text translations for all Area 41 Business meetings. English to Spanish and Spanish to English for current rotation. Costs not to exceed \$2500.00 per year.

I had the opportunity to attend my first "OnBoard" meeting. This is a new way to distribute GSC materials to the

Delegates. It replaces the old Dashboard. It's a more streamline way to communicate!

I am excited about my Conference Committee assignment! I've been assigned to the Finance Committee! Some of the Delegates duties are to encourage greater Seventh Tradition support to Area and GSO, as well as other local entities. To also support Grapevine and LaVina and all Conference approved literature! And the one that I am most looking forward to, visiting groups and districts in the Area whenever possible!!

Please feel free to contact me whenever, so we can set a date and time for a Delegates visit!!

We are looking forward to the WCRAASC! To be held at Cedar Rapids, IA. February 27, 28, and March 1. We have got a van full and ready for a road trip!! As we get ready to go over the General Service Conference Agenda Items! And I ask all of you for your help in preparing me for attending the Conference, which will be April 26 through May 2nd! Ready or not, here we Grow!!!!

Grateful to Serve!! Russ S. Area 41 Panel 76 Delegate

**Alt Delegate:**

Greetings Area 41, I'm Erin, an alcoholic. Welcome to all the new servants! What a privilege and an honor to stand before the Area this morning as your new alternate delegate. One of my hats to wear this rotation is to be the facilities coordinator. If you have concerns with the hotel please let me know so I can coordinate with the hotel to get our needs met, this includes if the location where your committee met didn't work will let me know and I will see how we can accommodate you and committee. Also I will do my best to ensure we do not run out of coffee. Reminder to book your rooms under the Area 41 room block, this helps us when negotiating contracts and we currently get 1 comped room for every 10 booked so you can help the budget and any future contracts with hotels by using our room block and our negotiated group rates. The hotel also will not be taking cash or check for payment any longer. They also would prefer card payments for the buffet lunch, she said they will take cash if they have to but they do prefer cards.

Another one of my hats is to be a signer on all the Area accounts. Reason I mention this is if you are having trouble accessing the online banking feel free to contact me and I can check account balances and activity if you need help.

The North American Alternate Delegate meeting was on January 1st and there was some confusion on which email to send the invite to, so I was unable to attend. We have gotten that corrected and am receiving correspondence. I have listened to the recording and some of the recording archives. In preparing for this rotation I did attend in December since Russ was able to get and send me the invite and sat in on the regional Delegate's meetings. I am taking notes and learning all I can. I am so excited to serve Area 41 and to learn and grow this rotation with all of you! Thank you for allowing me to participate in my recovery today.

In love and service,  
(Alt Delegate)

**Chair:**

Good morning, Area 41 -

Welcome to the start of a new rotation. I'm grateful to serve you all as your chair this rotation, and I am very much looking forward to seeing the wonderful service we'll do together over the next two years.

Last weekend, I hosted an orientation for all of the incoming committee chairs. We covered topics including rotation, officer/committee scopes, resources available, best practices for committee meetings, and all things finance and hybrid. I think you will be well served by this wonderful panel.

The Finance Guidelines task the Area Chair with appointing two past treasurers to conduct a financial audit each year. Two past treasurers have agreed to serve in this capacity. More information will be forthcoming as they complete their work.

As we've tried a few new things this weekend, please continue to share with me your feedback. If you have an idea about how we can more effectively use our time, I'm all ears!

A reminder for when we meet again in April, the schedule will be a little different as we utilize most of our April meeting to prepare our Delegate for the 76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

If you have an agenda item to submit, the deadline to have those to me in writing with background information is Tuesday, January 20. You can continue to submit items after this date, but they won't be assigned until the next assembly. For any committees that moved an agenda item to vote, please email me the final text of the voting item and background information by Tuesday, January 20.

Serving as your delegate last rotation was the honor of a lifetime, but I'm very much looking forward to being able to shift my focus away from our world services and back to local service.

If there's anything I can do to serve you, your group, or district, please let me know.

In love and service, Nick

**Secretary:**

Greetings Area 41,

I am Zach, an alcoholic and your Area 41 Secretary. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve AA. I am grateful and humbled to be here. I will be using the area email this rotation: [secretary@area41.org](mailto:secretary@area41.org) An updated Area Committee contact list has been printed and left on the table, by the flyers and newsletters. Feel free to take one. If you have any corrections or additions, please let me know. Also, please do not leave the newsletters or contact lists when you leave, so we can protect the anonymity of our trusted servants. I will continue emailing the Area Highlights and newsletters to those who requested it from previous rotations. If you want to receive it or the newsletter digitally, please let me know. Feel free to reach out if you are unsure if you are on the list or do not receive it and you are supposed to! Committee, officer and DCM reports will need to be submitted to me for inclusion in the newsletter no later than a week from today.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns or if I can be of assistance. Thank you, again, for allowing me to serve.

Yours in service,

Zach I. Area 41 Secretary

**Treasurer:**

Good morning everyone!

Thank you to those who assisted with completing the electronic banking documents for the Area 41 accounts for our trusted servants' access. During that process, documents were revised and resubmitted to ensure alignment with Area 41 finance guidelines.

All first-quarter Area 41 accounts have been funded. Thank you to Brian R. for facilitating those disbursements and assisting with the transition. If you ordered debit cards, they should be arriving this coming week. If you don't receive one, please reach out and let me know-same goes for anyone who ordered checks!

The Area is operating under the approved 2026 budget, with total projected expenses of **\$44,822.26** and total projected revenue of **\$39,855.78**, as voted by the Assembly.

As of this report, the Area 41 Main Account balance is **\$11826.03**. The Prudent Reserve is **\$18,097.10**. Interest earned last quarter was **\$22.78**.

Sales tax will be paid by January 20th, which is the required deadline due to the limited payment window. Our annual federal taxes are due by May 15th, and I will have those prepared and ready to report on by the second quarter Assembly.

I have received 25 checks and two money orders so far this weekend-all sent to past treasurers, so here's my quarterly reminder: (Thanks Nick, Brian and Tim!)

As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the updated mailing address for the Area 41 Treasurer:

Area 41 Treasurer

920 West 3rd Street

North Platte, Nebraska 69101

Is it too soon to remind everyone to submit their quarterly expense report?! If you need help with it, again, please reach out! Per our Area 41 Finance Guidelines, your account won't be funded for the following quarter until it's received and reconciled!

Expenses, so far, this period include reimbursements from the Four Corners Workshop held in November in Norfolk, totaling \$226.72.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Accessibilities, Accommodations, Treatment, and Remote Communities:**

Greetings Area 41,

We had our first AATRC meeting yesterday. 8 in person and 2 zoomies in attendance. Thank you to Diana for taking notes. We do still need a secretary so be prepared for April's assembly! We spent the first part of the meeting discussing the scope of our committee, focusing on some areas we could bring meetings into or introduce to AA. Some of these were places like nursing homes, high schools, and colleges. We discussed ways to serve people who are deaf, blind, and have mobility issues. How can we help people that are homebound, (can we reach out to meals on wheels or home health care companies). Can we introduce high school kids to AA and hook them up with ncypaa? How can we help remote communities to at least make sure they have contacts for our committee and can reach out for help with zoom meetings, transportation, meeting lists, etc. Toni will be the new liaison for Bridging the Gap!

We are excited to be able to participate in helping people leaving treatment get connected with people in AA. We also are going to be putting on a workshop September 19th which District 14 in Valentine has said they'd love to host. More information to come but mark the date in your calendars! We are going to put a flier together (don't worry, it won't have Dawn's candle on it) for DCM'S and GSR's to take to their groups about the scope of our committee and various ways we need their help in contacting some of the previously mentioned places to get meetings brought in and/or make them more accessible. Jeff has offered to spearhead this which we appreciate!

I'm very excited to see where the next 2 years take us! Overall everyone that attended came prepared with great suggestions and all were very kind with my questions as I navigate this new position.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

McKenna K.

I can be reached via email at: [aatrc@area41.org](mailto:aatrc@area41.org)

### **Agenda:**

The Agenda Committee opened at 9:06 am with a moment of silence, the Serenity Prayer, and the 12 Traditions. Six members were present. The committee reviewed and approved the agenda as presented. Lisa V. graciously volunteered to be the committee secretary.

The committee heard reports from the Workshop Chair and the Area Chair. The Workshop Chair is interested in creating a kit for Four Corners Workshops - what they are, things to consider when planning, and an easy way for districts to express interest in hosting a workshop. There is not currently a workshop planned for the year. The Area Chair updated the committee on the schedule for the weekend and some of the changes made to try out a few new things. The committee weighed in on the chair's plan regarding not having time limits for reports this weekend and on the agenda item scheduled for a vote this weekend. The chair plans to continue the monthly principles workshop from last year, with the focus this year being the Tradition and Concept of the month. More information and a flyer will be circulated to the Area soon.

Next, the committee reviewed its scope from the Area 41 Handbook and reviewed the process for assigning new agenda items. The committee considered submitting an agenda item to consider if committee workload should be considered when assigning agenda items to committees, but no decision was made.

After a short break, the committee continued to a discussion of **Agenda Item 2026-01-10 009 Agenda: Area 41 submit a proposed agenda item for the 77th General Service Conference to consider changing the policy for how the Conference agenda is set to give Conference committees the ability to have a formal role in setting their agenda, instead of the General Service Board having exclusive authority to set the General Service Conference agenda.** Discussion included the current process for setting the agenda, the current ways delegates are able to give feedback on the agenda, and recent experience with how this has played out. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to move this item to a vote.

The committee then discussed **a. Agenda Item 2026-01-10 010 Agenda: Area 41 submit a proposed agenda item for the 77th General Service Conference to consider changing the eligibility requirements for Non-Trustee Director and General Service Trustee to require a one year rotation from their last Conference for Appointed Committee Members and Non-Trustee Directors before being eligible for election as Non-Trustee Director or General Service Trustee. This change would be similar to the current practice of Area Delegates having a required rotation before being eligible to serve as Regional Trustee or Non-Trustee Director.** The committee discussed the current process used, the impact of rotation, and its importance. A plan was made to continue work on the wording to make it less wordy, and then the committee will discuss the item further.

Next, the committee discussed the April Assembly Agenda. The committee expressed support for having a speaker Saturday night, the longer meal breaks, and avoiding reports being late Saturday night. The chair will prepare an agenda for the April Assembly for review by the committee.

The committee then discussed the Four Corners workshops and reviewed the guidelines from the Area 41 Service Handbook, with emphasis on the purpose of the workshops to bring the area to the districts, having enough time for flyers to circulate, and having more of them this rotation. The committee offered support to the Workshop Chair for whatever is needed to help make a workshop in southeast Nebraska in late first quarter possible. The Workshop Chair will reach out to those districts to find a willing host district.

The committee considered a request from another committee regarding a workshop they are planning to be a Four Corners Workshop. The committee discussed that the purpose of that workshop is different than a Four Corners Workshop, but expressed support for the other committee to continue planning their workshop.

The committee tabled the remaining items in committee and adjourned at 11:56 am.

In love and service,  
Nick K, Agenda Committee Chair

#### Agenda Items Still In Committee

1. Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005k Agenda (with consult from Delegate) (from FUNction Ad Hoc): That the Area 41 Chairperson, either personally or through delegation to the Agenda Committee or another appropriate servant, ensure that the fellowship is provided with a yearly or rotational (two-year) flyer or PDF listing Area and Region-wide events. This schedule should include: 1) Dates, locations, and brief descriptions of events, and 2) Information on where to find additional or updated details (such as the Area 41 website). The flyer should be printable and easy to include in the newsletter or post at meetings or online. *This item is not intended to include events with short notice or frequent changes (e.g., Four-Corners Workshops or similar).*
2. Agenda Item 2026-01-10 008 Agenda: Amend the Scope of the Agenda Committee in the Area 41 Guidelines and Service Manual to Include a Defined Inventory Process.
3. Agenda Item 2026-01-10 010 Agenda: Area 41 submit a proposed agenda item for the 77th General Service Conference to consider changing the eligibility requirements for Non-Trustee Director and General Service Trustee to require a one year rotation from their last Conference for Appointed Committee Members and Non-Trustee Directors

before being eligible for election as Non-Trustee Director or General Service Trustee. This change would be similar to the current practice of Area Delegates having a required rotation before being eligible to serve as Regional Trustee or Non-Trustee Director.

4. Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005g Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc): Remove the requirement that committees meet on Saturday morning from 9am-12pm.

5. Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005h Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc): Area 41 shall have an Orientation Workshop at the Election Assembly for all new Officers, Area Committee Chairs, and Service Positions to learn about their new service responsibilities.

6. Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005i Agenda (from FUNction Ad Hoc): Area 41 shall have a 3rd Legacy Workshop in July preceding the Elections.

#### **Archives:**

Greetings, Area 41,

Despite a few early technology hiccups (lesson learned: I will arrive earlier next time to ensure a Zoom room is fully set up), the Area 41 Archives Committee met and had a productive and enthusiastic first gathering of this rotation.

The meeting was attended by two DCMs, one Alt. DCM, a GSR, and the Archivist. While some members will be unable to attend next quarter due prior commitments, the overall energy and engagement of the group was very encouraging.

As the new Area 41 Archives Committee Chair, I intentionally approached this first meeting with an open and collaborative mindset. I am especially excited to be working alongside our new Archivist, Brian R., as we have built a strong rapport over years of shared service. The committee as a whole expressed genuine enthusiasm, which was refreshing and set a positive tone for the rotation.

Rather than displaying archival materials on my own, I brought the archives into the meeting and invited the committee to explore them together. This served as both an informal icebreaker and a way for us to get to know one another while reviewing what we currently have, what stands out, and what might be meaningful to display or share. The process was engaging, fun, and helped spark thoughtful discussion.

From this conversation, the committee identified three overarching goals for this rotation:

1. Archives Policy Review

Determine whether Area 41 currently has a policy regarding digital archives and member access to them. If no policy exists, our goal is to create one. If a policy does exist, we will review it to determine whether updates are needed, particularly around the possibility of creating a digital workspace where members may view archival materials.

2. Committee Handbook Update

Review and update the existing Archives Committee handbook or reference materials to ensure they reflect the most recent work, practices, and resources, providing continuity for future rotations.

3. 2027 State Convention Presentation

Explore the development of a presentation for the 2027 State Convention focused on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Nebraska. Initial brainstorming took place, and this will remain a longer-term project as we move forward.

Overall, this first meeting focused on relationship-building, shared exploration, and laying a thoughtful foundation for the work ahead. I am grateful for the participation and excitement of the committee and look forward to continuing this work together.

In service,  
Charles C.

#### **Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information:**

Hello Area 41, my name is Brandy and I am an alcoholic.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this rotation, I am grateful for the opportunity.

Introductions were made, and Summer B was elected as secretary. The committee reviewed its scope, procedure and relevant literature, including various pamphlets on AA and public information resources. Our budget and outreach ideas were discussed with several goals proposed for enhancing community accessibility, especially for hearing impaired, various educational institutions, healthcare.

Justine will research outreach strategies for the hearing impaired. Hannah will explore connections with public, private and collegiate schools. Doug will be finding locations of public libraries/and little free libraries and finding out if they have any AA literature.; John is going to investigate the Rural Hospital Associations and emergency room literature distribution. Karlynn will discuss professional healthcare training with HR in Columbus area hospital. Tom is going to investigate resources for farm communities and possibly farm shows that we could potentially have a booth.

Russ popped in for a few minutes and while he was in attendance suggested we attend the West Central Regional Conference February 27 – March 1 in Cedar Rapids to network with other areas PI/CPC committee members to find out what they have done successfully.

We reviewed a lot of information in the time we had together, also planned a Workbook Study group sometime in the next month.

Finally, we discussed the area hotline and how best to maintain and update the contact list. I will be in touch with the answering service next week.

When we get together in April, we hope to discuss some of the ideas that will be researched in this quarter.

We closed with the Serenity prayer at 11:15am

### **Corrections:**

Greetings Area 41. My name is AUBRIE I am an alcoholic, The Corrections Committee met at 9 am with 14 members in attendance. the meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made. Members shared updates from their Districts and other activities of corrections services. We had two requests sent into us one from Tecumseh and one from the Wrap program in Douglas county. We discussed having a corrections workshop at Area assembly highlighting the stigma of taking AA into correctional facilities, sharing the impact it has on both parties, and the process of getting into the facility. I was able to attend the 8 th National Corrections Conference in Nashville! I invited past Corrections chair Pam R. To go along and share her experiences with me. She was able to introduced me to quite a few people who provided me with a wealth of knowledge that I was able to bring back and share with the committee. We had a great time hanging out with Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson! The back stage tour of the grand olé opry was breathtaking! On a suggestion from the Conference we will work on getting a warden's contact information to help with the process of taking AA meetings into a facility. We closed the meeting at 11:05 with the responsibility statement. I am excited to be a part of Panel 76 and see all the wonderful things we can accomplish! Thank you Yours in service Aubrie R, Corrections Committee Chair

### **Finance:**

Good morning.

The Area 41 Finance Committee met on January 10, 2026. We opened at 9am with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. 11 members in attendance, and 1 member in attendance via Zoom.

Our Delegate shared a message from GSO regarding birthday contributions.

We reviewed the scope of the Finance Committee, including our responsibility to review and update the Area 41 Financial Guidelines, which are available through Member Services on the Area 41 website. We reaffirmed the committee's oversight role in relation to the Area Treasurer and emphasized that the availability of sufficient Area 41 funds should be considered prior to approving expenses.

The committee discussed committee sales reporting and sales tax compliance. It was confirmed that monthly sales reports are generally not being submitted, with quarterly reporting being more typical. Current state sales tax requirements were reviewed and confirmed to be volume-based, with annual receipts under nine hundred dollars and annual filing being the current practice. Past practice relied on individual committee chairs calculating and filing their own sales tax. Discussion was held regarding whether guideline language should be amended to reflect quarterly reporting and whether committee chairs could reasonably support monthly reporting.

The annual audit requirement was reviewed. Clarification was requested regarding audit cadence, and it was noted that the guidelines specify annual audits, though completion has historically been challenging. Audit history was discussed, and it was recommended that this matter be raised with the Area Chair.

Section Five of the Financial Guidelines, including Prudent Reserve requirements, was identified for comprehensive review. Concerns were noted that portions of the Prudent Reserve language may be overly restrictive.

The Treasurer provided clarification regarding roles, authority, and transition matters, including that actions are not taken unilaterally and are carried out in service to the Area and within defined scope. Bank signature issues were noted as resolved, and the bank was commended for its assistance.

Natalie D was nominated and accepted as Finance Committee Secretary, with the committee agreeing to allow virtual participation as needed.

The committee discussed technology equipment needs, including accessibility considerations, donated versus unavailable equipment, and cost concerns. It was noted that committees do not have consistently available equipment and often rely on personal devices.

The Webmaster was invited to committee and provided clarification regarding projector needs for breakout rooms, captioning for accessibility including Spanish-speaking members, webcam needs for multiple committees, and considerations around durability and operating systems. Current tools in use were noted as Google Drive, Zoom, and free antivirus software. Questions were raised regarding liability for damaged equipment, general liability coverage for Area assets, and property-in-transit insurance. These items will be placed on a future committee agenda.

It was clarified that this discussion was not related to the current Report and Charter item before the Area, and that technology equipment remains under committee review. The committee voted seven to one to table technology equipment funding pending development of Tech Committee guidelines.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 001 Finance:**

**Amend Area 41's Financial Guidelines to update the dollar amounts set for what expenses can be approved by the treasurer, from \$100 to \$150 and the Finance Committee, from \$400 to \$500 as outlined in Section 4, paragraph 1, sections a, b, and c.**

*Background: The current guidelines were approved in 2008. Suggested increases are in line with inflation and maintain the spirit of the limits.*

**This item was moved to a vote.**

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 003 Finance:**

**To remove any "Sponsorships or Incentive" payments from outside venues when considering hotel bids. Area 41 will not accept such offers.**

*Background: 7th Tradition states, "We are self supporting, declining outside contributions." When considering hotel bids for 2027 and 2028, two hotels offered payments from their local Visitors Bureau. These were removed. In the future, any such Sponsorships or Incentives will be deleted from any hotel bids submitted to Area 41 for presentation to the Fellowship.*

**This item was moved to a vote.**

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 004 Finance:**

**Review Area 41 bank account structure and consider a change to consolidate bank accounts with the Area Treasurer handling Area 41 bill payments and reimbursements instead of each officer and committee chair having an individual bank account.**

*Background: Each trusted servant used to open a bank account personally. Area 41 moved to having all bank accounts at one bank with the Area Treasurer and the Alternate Delegate on each account. The Treasurer manages disbursements and reconciles each account quarterly. A majority of expenses are known and could be paid by the Treasurer, potentially leading to a simpler and more straightforward financial system for Area 41.*

**This item was tabled for further review.**

The committee also approved posting the Area budget within password-protected Member Services, with one dissenting vote. Action will be assigned to the Webmaster.

Monthly Zoom meeting cadence was discussed, with agreement that meetings will be scheduled as needed. Meeting closed at 12:12 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

In Service,

Char S

### **FUNction Ad Hoc:**

The FUNction Ad Hoc Committee has finally met its end thank goodness...not the members though. They're doing great! I think... We have been grateful for the opportunity, but are ready to rotate. I am handing out a paper printout of "What We Learned / What We Reccommend", but I will also give highlights of the highlights. They are very brief summaries of the full report, which can be found at [area41.org](http://area41.org)...along with a listing of much of the supplemental information. The full report & supplemental information gives a more complete overview of some of the topics & tools discussed and/or used in our monthly meetings from 2023-2025. Many agenda items came out of the FUNction Ad Hoc, and a complete listing of what is what like, what happened, and what it's like now can be found in the Supplemental to the Final Report.

### Key Learnings

- Participation is often driven by **access and connection**.
- **Cost, distance, scheduling, and agenda design** shape who can participate.
- **Clear, meaningful service roles** increase engagement (Concepts IV & IX).
- **Workshops and discussion** build participation; report-heavy agendas don't.
- Communication flows out - but not always **back from groups**.
- Current formats can unintentionally **exclude smaller or outlying groups**.
- **Longer breaks and focused workshops** improved unity and attendance.
- Trust can support a **stronger group conscience**.

### Future Considerations

- Explore **rotating formats**.
- Strengthen **orientation and training** for trusted servants.
- Prioritize agendas with **workshops & sharing**.
- Limit time spent on **procedural business**.
- Improve **two-way communication** with districts and groups.
- Review costs with focus on **who can realistically attend**.
- Expand **language access** and accessibility.
- Support service spaces that feel **welcoming and enjoyable**.
- Allow flexibility to **try, learn, and adjust** through group conscience.

### About This Report

- **The Report Is:** observations, lessons learned, & a future resource
- **The Report Is Not:** rules, mandates, or a replacement for a group conscience

**Thank you for the journey, and for allowing us** to watch the Concepts in action; to participate in the work of

strengthening our Area; and to support changes that better serve the whole.

**Thank you for everything — we are deeply grateful to have been useful.**

FUNction Ad Hoc

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### **Grapevine:**

Greeting Area 41, We welcomed our higher power into the Grapevine and La Vina committee. The committee opened yesterday with 9 members in attendance. We quickly got underway with a discussion about how to handle taxes and pricing. The group conscious was to abide by Concept 3 and let the Chair decide. The committee then discussed putting a monitor on the table and showing content from the Grapevine YouTube channel, the conscience was to make it available on the table. We then listened to the AA Grapevine Podcast on the AA Grapevine App. We listened to Series One, Episode Two, the topic was General Service, the guest was Josh a former Trustee, who ran our election Two Years ago. I recommend checking it out. We then started a discussion about how to support the groups and reach out on Grapevine Service Reps. We also discussed issues down the triangle and how we can impact things there. We will keep an open mind to what is possible and what is impossible. It was a great start to a new rotation. There are no agenda items in committee.

### **Literature:**

The meeting started at 9:00am with 7 in attendance from 6 different districts.

We began with introductions, then moved on to deciding on a committee secretary for this rotation. Donna J. graciously agreed to fill the position.

We moved on to discuss our ‘why’ as a committee and the importance the Literature Committee serves. The chair read a few excerpts from the Literature workbook, the main idea being that our literature preserves the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. And although there are a lot of things we, as people, disagree about, the literature carries a written record of what we as a fellowship do agree upon.

Committee members then shared their own personal experience with the impact literature made on their sobriety. Jeremiah shared that a pamphlet may have saved his life.

We then discussed our goals as a committee for the 2026/2027 rotation. We reviewed some more excerpts from the Literature Workbook about what functions an Area literature committee serves, followed by sharing of ideas.

We emphasized the importance of literature being available in the places it is needed, which included ideas on how to get more of it into the western part of Nebraska. In addition to the Area Assemblies and 4 Corners Workshops, the Literature Chair will travel to events with the Area literature at the request of districts and groups upon consideration of being needed, funded, and available.

We discussed the idea of inventorying, bringing back, and recreating Area 41 packets- groupings of pamphlets and other literature targeted toward specific needs (i.e. Newcomer Packet, Service Packet, C.P.C Packet, etc.) The Chair will follow up on this and communicate with the committee before next Assembly.

We talked about the idea of having poster boards behind the literature table with a price list for materials as well as what items might be chosen for a specific purpose, similar to the packet idea.

We also discussed that one of the functions of the Area Literature Committee is to consider items related to changes in and additions to literature at the Conference level. Our committee pretty unanimously agreed that the option of creating a better AA App for a small monthly fee rather than focusing on increasing the price on physical literature that isn't selling as much would be really smart. We will do some more research on this.

Finally, we discussed the upcoming AAWS price increase! February 1st, 2026 all AAWS books will increase by \$3 a piece,

and all other materials will increase by 15%. We discussed how to best get the word out to groups and districts that they should buy as much literature as they can before the price increase.

That being said, I brought as much literature as I possibly could this weekend- it's almost everything we have currently. There are some extra cases of Big Books and 12&12s for purchase. I have 2 extra cases of the reprint of the 1st edition of the Big Book. Each book is marked down to \$2.13 plus tax. The first 164 pages are the same. The stories and forwards are different. It's a great piece of our history, and a great item to give away. And while you're here, don't forget to buy your Service Manual! They're \$5.13 plus tax. This is one of the most helpful tools available for any kind of service work in Alcoholics Anonymous!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Jenny R

### **Report and Charter:**

Report and Charter meet with six in attendance. We opened with the Serenity prayer followed by introductions. Next we elected a secretary for the committee. Thank you Jaiden for stepping up and serving! The committee then discussed the scope of Report and Charter along with how a committee operates and the process for handling agenda items.

Next we discussed the procedure for updating the past actions from the last two years. In this discussion a member of the committee asked why dates of the vote are not included to help find certain items. The committee is interested in revisiting this in the future. The committee ultimately decided to look over these items on their own time to ensure an accurate and thorough review before adding them into the Agenda Items Action Listing. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The Spanish translation of the Area 41 Handbook was discussed next. The Area 41 Handbook was translated using an online translation tool; however, it has not been proofread to verify how accurate this version is. After discussion it was unanimously decided to email the translated version to two committee members who can reach out to people they know to help.

The English version of the Area 41 Handbook was discussed next. Two edits were pointed out to the committee. The committee reviewed and agreed unanimously to approve the edits. Note: the Spanish copy will be edited and updated prior to proofreading.

Next the committee reviewed agenda item 2024-01-06 003 Area 41 to form a new committee tasked with hosting the Area State Convention. It was discussed at length with multiple points brought up including the name change from "Reunion" to Area 41 State Convention, funding and budget impact, staffing of the committee, the process for election has changed, uncertainty about some of the financial numbers, the point of the convection, and many more. The options for resolution were discussed. A motion, second and vote to take no action passed. A minority voice was heard speaking to the desire to discuss and visit this item to see if editing this to make it work better or fix the item to make the item to match up with the original intent was feasible. There was a motion to reconsider, and a motion and second to table this item and form a sub-committee to discuss this item before the next Area assembly was passed. The Secretary will email the committee to set a date for a Zoom meeting.

Agenda item: 2026-01-10 005 That past Delegates be granted lifetime voting privileges at Aea assemblies, effective immediately upon completion of their service term as Delegate was discussed next. After a spirited debate this item was tabled due to a lack of time.

Items tabled still in committee 2026-01-10 005 That past Delegates be granted lifetime voting privileges at Area assemblies, effective immediately upon completion of their service term as Delegate, 2026-01-10 006 Change newsletter distribution process, 2022-04-02 005 (n) That Area 41 make District Committee (DCM) reports available on the Area 41 website rather than printing them in the Newsletter, 2022-04-02 005 (j) All documents distributed at or by Area 41 should have a revision date on them, 2026-01-10 002 Proposed Newsletter Chair Scope and Responsibilities, 2026-01-10 006 CHange the Area 41 Newsletter distribution process so that the standard printed copies just include the agenda, voting items, business meeting minutes, new agenda items, agenda items still in committee, contact list, and the Officer reports. Printed copies of the additional reports will only be printed as requested.

The committee will meet via Zoom next month. The Secretary will email committee members to schedule and post the

meeting date to the website. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Yours in service,  
Zach I.  
Area 41 Secretary

### **Technology and Communications:**

The January 2026 meeting of the Area 41 Technology & Communications Committee focused on advancing key agenda items while reaffirming committee scope and procedures. The committee reviewed its role as a support and research body to the Area Assembly, with final authority resting with the Area, and confirmed how agenda items are tracked and reported for continuity.

The committee had 19 members in attendance including four online, Kellie T. graciously volunteered to be our new secretary. We reviewed Email Subscriptions / Website Communications (2022-10-09 014). While past feedback showed mixed interest, members consistently want timely notifications—especially for the Area newsletter, assemblies, and key documents. With the Area 41 website now on WordPress, the committee agreed that a user-selectable email subscription system is technically feasible. Tabled while internal testing will continue before bringing a recommendation to the Area.

At the same time, inventory, cost tracking, insurance coverage, storage, and maintenance of existing Area-owned technology remain in committee under 2023-04-15 08b. Tabled and action items were assigned to complete an equipment inventory, clarify insurance coverage for physical property, and coordinate with the Finance Committee.

Under New Agenda Item 2026-01-10 007, we voted and approved advancing Purchase of Additional Hybrid Meeting Equipment for Area April voting after checking in with Finance and locking down software subscription questions. The committee is recommending up to \$2,500 (including tax) for essential A/V equipment to support reliable hybrid participation, citing ongoing issues with hotel-provided equipment (details below).

Finally, the committee discussed scope and use of Area technology, including Area email accounts and Google Workspace with ongoing discussion per Service Handbook Section VI.F. The committee reaffirmed that Area email accounts are optional and that servants retain autonomy over personal email use. Work will continue on developing Technology & Communications Committee guidelines as a committee document, while keeping Website Guidelines as an Area document.

**Agenda Item 2026-01-10 007 Technology & Communications (and consult with Finance): Purchase of Additional Hybrid Meeting Equipment. Area 41 will purchase additional equipment to support hybrid meetings and events, which allow for both virtual and in-person participation, in an amount up to \$2,500 including tax.**

### **Proposed Equipment:**

● **Two projectors, one laptop, one small amplifier, six additional webcams with tripods, and cases for audio equipment storage and transport**

**The AV Servant will be responsible for oversight, management, and storage of this equipment.** *Background:*

*Per Agenda Item 2021-07-10 017, passed in January 2025: “The hybrid meetings will utilize some borrowed equipment from A.A. members for a period of one year... At the end of this period, the hybrid meetings would continue with the Area purchasing additional necessary equipment.”*

*Member-Donated Equipment Since January 2025:*

*Audio mixer, projector stands, projector screens, receiver and wireless microphone set, all-in-one computer with wireless keyboard and mouse, tripods, ethernet switch, and various cables, extension cords, and surge protectors (estimated \$1,200 value). All donated items are now Area property.*

*Estimated Cost Breakdown for Remaining Needed Equipment (amounts include shipping and tax where applicable):*

- *Two projectors - \$1,499.98*
- *One laptop - \$224.14*
- *One small amplifier - \$61.05*
- *Six additional webcams with tripods - \$318.42*

- *Cases for audio equipment storage/transport - up to \$325*

*Area 41 currently utilizes the hotel's house sound, with the approved contract extending through 2028. If the Area chooses to meet in other types of facilities in the future, additional sound system equipment may need to be considered.*

### **2026 Area 41 State Convention:**

Greetings from District 16! I'm Tom T. We have had 4 meetings working on planning the State Convention on June 5-7. Thank you to Sarah R., webmaster, for all her help with the Zoom meetings. Cat O., former State Workshop Chair, has been incredibly helpful lining up speakers for the event. We also got great help from Trevor S. with the flyer. And, registration is available on the event page. Cost is only \$25.00. The theme will be Humility In Action, which is very appropriate for those of us at District 16, since there are actually 3 of us working on the logistics of the rest of the event. Help!

### **SERVICE POSITION REPORTS:**

#### **Archivist:**

Thank you Area 41 for entrusting me with responsibility to preserve and catalog our shared history. I am both honored by the trust you have placed in me and somewhat overwhelmed by the task at hand.

I want to thank Collen, Curt and the other past archivists who have provided me with a great deal of documentation, organization and direction in order to carry on with this ongoing process. I must confess that I have not had ample opportunity to review all that has been left for me, but I have been able to identify my first few tasks that will need to be addressed as I get started on this phase of my growth and development. One of my first projects will be to digitize and conserve the archived copies of the Area 41 newsletters. Many of the copies in storage, which go back to 1980, have not yet been digitally duplicated or cataloged and many have not yet been preserved in protective casings. The other project I will be focusing on is replacing bookshelf 3 in the repository. Colleen and I have set up a suitable replacement to be delivered in the spring, with the only cost being the time and labor of a couple of my sponsees to transport and set it up. During the process, I will using the reel-to-reel player recently acquired to digitize and catalog the various reel tapes which already reside on the bookshelf, along with the ones I picked up at the assembly yesterday. In addition, I look forward to working with the archives committee and providing whatever support I am able to assist in the projects the undertake this rotation.

Yours in Service, Brian R., Area 41 Archivist

#### **Audio/Visual:**

Zoom attendance

- 10 - zoomers for reports
- Most attended: workshops about 20 between concepts & traditions and how area 41 business works
- 9 - business meeting

Recordings - business meeting, 3 workshops, first timers orientation, last night's speaker, reports

Working on inventory of our equipment

#### **First Timer Orientation:**

Greetings - more than 25 members joined the First Timer Orientation on Saturday morning, with most being first-time attendees. We reviewed the purpose of the Area assembly and how to participate throughout the weekend. We reviewed the area41.org website and all of the resources available to support and inform our service. We ended the session with Q&A. In love and service, Nick

#### **Newsletter:**

Greetings Area 41,

My name is Jaiden, and I am the newly-appointed Newsletter service person. In the last quarter, there was an issue with the newsletters getting to the right place in the right language. This last order consisted of 400 English and 25 Spanish newsletters, totalling \$816.20. I am currently evaluating printers that are more accessible to me, along with their costs.

To all the DCMs, please let me know how many newsletters you need or if you would prefer a digital copy to help reduce Area 41 expenses. You may share this information with me today before you all leave or via email at newsletter@area41.org. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service and I promise to do my best for you all during this rotation.

Yours in service,

Jaiden W.

**Registrar:**

Good morning Area 41, my name is Mark and I am an Alcoholic and your Area 41 Registrar. Currently 11 days into this rotation. This past Monday I completed the Fellowship Connection training and was given full access to the database on Tuesday. All group & district changes that I have received up to last Thursday have been updated in Fellowship Connection. Remember you can fill out the Group/District change form digitally on the Area 41 website or fill out one of the paper copies we have available here today. Keeping our group and district records up to date is essential to helping us to better communicate throughout our service structure. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to me via email at registrar@area41.org or phone at 402-326-0871.

Yours in Service,  
Mark S.

**Webmaster:**

Greetings, Area 41.

During the first eleven days of this new rotation, I have focused on maintaining and supporting Area 41's technology, communications, and website functions to ensure accurate information flow and continuity of service.

Key activities include:

- Reset and reconfigured email accounts for Area officers, service positions, committee chairs, and DCMs. In accordance with past committee documentation, a complete list of Area 41 service email addresses is now posted in Member Services. Please note that servants may choose to log in to Google Workspace or have their service email forwarded to a personal address.
- - To the best of my knowledge, this was our first full rotation of all 51 service email accounts. Officers, service positions, and committee chairs were all reset in the wee hours of January 1, but I later learned that password reset emails sent via the Admin Console were not consistently delivered. In future rotations, I will also manually forward temporary passwords to ensure timely receipt.
  - Based on feedback received, I want to assure the Area that I do not have access to individual email messages. My role is limited to administering accounts and ensuring messages are routed to the appropriate trusted servants.
- Verified and corrected website infrastructure, including form destinations, meeting information, district pages, the Treasurer mailing address, calendar events, and Assembly-related Zoom details.
- Posted multiple committee agendas and updated Area documentation, including the revised Area 41 Financial Guidelines.
- Added and updated meeting listings, including new meetings and changes to existing meetings.
- Supported committees and events through Zoom configuration, calendar invites, agenda posting follow-ups, and event flyer assistance.
- Attended the State Convention Committee meeting and provided technical support. Responded to inquiries to ensure timely access to Area resources and information. Overall, this work has been directed toward improving the reliability, accuracy, and accessibility of Area 41's communications and digital services in support of the Assembly and its committees.

Looking ahead:

- I will continue completing the rollout of the new website; a few sections are awaiting full Content.
- Please note that there is a blue alert banner directly below the Sandhill cranes banner on the area41.org website. This banner links to the Area Assembly Documentation page and includes a brief note indicating what materials were most recently posted.
  - We are consistently achieving publication of the next Area Assembly agenda within two weeks of the previous Assembly. I encourage everyone to check this banner for timely access to forthcoming agenda items, so they may be reviewed and discussed with your groups and districts.
- The Twelve Step Meeting List data will be converted to a "feed" format. Volunteers from Lincoln Intergroup and Omaha Intergroup are assisting with quality control to ensure accuracy before retiring their duplicate lists. This will allow meeting data to live in one source while populating multiple websites and positions us for future service should districts elect web servants.

- Districts are invited to collaborate on updating their District pages on area41.org. These pages can function as district websites and may include a description of your district's location, meeting links, recurring district meeting information, special events, posts, and contact forms. I am reformatting each page to include, at minimum, a button linking to the meetings in your district and content blocks for recent posts and upcoming events.

Similarly, pages for officers, committees, and service positions are intended as tools to communicate with the Area 41 fellowship. I welcome your content for scope descriptions, posts, and events. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to supporting your ideas.

In service,

Sarah R.

[webmaster@area41.org](mailto:webmaster@area41.org)

### **Workshop:**

Greetings, Area 41 !

I am honored and excited to begin my time as your Four Corners Workshop Chair.

As it says in our Area Service Handbook, The purpose of a 4-Corners Workshop is to take Area 41 to the four sections of the state and give local members a chance to learn about Area 41 and to meet and get to know the Committee members.

I look forward to bringing the "Area 41 Roadshow" to Districts across the state. I plan to make it simpler and easier to request and plan a workshop by creating a planning checklist, a list of possible topics and a request form accessible on the Area 41 website.

Plans are underway for up to four "Four Corners" workshops in the coming year. If your district is interested in hosting or would like to help shape a future workshop, please reach out to me, and I'll be happy to discuss it with you.

We are looking forward to getting started with planning for our 2026 schedule as soon as possible, and I look forward to working with the Agenda committee as we host Four Corners Workshops across the Area.

## **DCM REPORTS:**

### **District 1:**

Hello everyone. My name is Shelly and I am an alcoholic. I am happy to be on board to serve District 1 as the incoming DCM. Our past DCM Charles and Alt DMC Jason did a fantastic job serving District 1 and I hope to follow in their footsteps. I have been a part of District 1 my entire sobriety serving in various capacities and I am looking forward to doing the same as DCM. Our goal is to encourage not only GSR participation but any AA member participation at the District and Area levels and will continue to attend meetings in our area to spread the word on how our three legacies of Unity, Service and Recovery has played an integral part in my recovery. District 1 was assigned to the CPC PI committee and I enjoyed meeting new members this morning from all parts of the State of Nebraska and becoming familiar with how we can become of service and carry the message.

In Service, Shelly L.

### **District 2: No report**

### **District 3: No report**

### **District 4:**

Hello my name is Bob I am the DCM for District 4. I was the DCM for last rotation but instead of going dark I agreed to stay on as DCM until April in the interim we are changing the time we have our district meeting to 7:00 p.m. next district meeting will be first Sunday in March at 7:00 p.m. we were able to elect an alternate DCM at a secretary and hopefully someone will step up as DCM in April we have a few candidates that are willing so things are improving I completely retire February 1st so I will have more free time to help spread the message. our groups in District 4 had Christmas parties and they were well attended the Washington County jail meeting is doing well the men's side is averaging 6 to 8 inmates whereas the women side is averaging about 11 to 18 inmates I have set out to get contacts for from every GCR and group leader in District 4 and we also have a Facebook page which I plan on using a little bit more to let the groups update what events are going on in there individual groups I will also be trying to get more contacts for the hotline and eliminate the ones that are no longer valid. I would like to welcome all the new gsr's dcms and area officers and

hope they're two years who was rewarding as mine were and continue to be as always thanks for allowing me to be of service

Bob F

#### **District 5:**

Hello, Area 41! I'm Brody, District 5 DCM.

All is still well in District 5. We held elections in October, and surprise surprise, the district was very eager to keep me on for the next rotation. I feel very grateful for the opportunity to have an extra year in this role. I'm trying to soak up as much as I can. This is my 5th Assembly I've attended, and I think these are some of the most beneficial experiences of growth in recovery. I'm very grateful for everybody here that keeps coming back.

We did have quite a few new individuals step up for positions this rotation. It's great to see others getting excited about service work like I do.

Beatrice had their Anniversary dinner in October. In November, we had Nick give his Delegates Report to the District. The turnout was decent. But everybody enjoyed it much more than they expected. It was very informative and the group really appreciated getting the information. In December, Nebraska City had their Annual Holiday dinner. This year was probably one of the best dinners we've had, and not just because we were lucky enough to have Cara come down and share her story. She did a great job and everybody really loved it. Thank you again Cara, for sharing your story with us.

I'm excited to continue being of service and helping groups reach as many people as they can. We have quite a few groups that don't want to get involved with District or Area, and my hope is that I can better understand that relationship and get those groups more involved. I'm just now getting into my DCM Area 41 workspace also. Technology and I don't get along. But I'm excited to learn this new platform.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Brody H, District 5 DCM

#### **District 6: No Report**

#### **District 7:**

Greetings Area 41,

I'm Jeff W. District 7 DCM. The rooms have been full and very busy. Friday-Saturday Night Group has a potluck with a speaker every third Saturday and usually 25 there. Uptown Group has 10 meetings per week with the noon meetings doing very well. They do a Big Book meeting every Monday. Some nights there's over 20 attending. Sunday Morning Speaker meeting has almost 2 months of Sunday speakers lined up. The Stratton Group - There is a Solution has 1 meeting a week but usually around 12-16 in attendance, do very well. On Thursday the 29th they will be celebrating 4 years!!! The Saturday Morning Serenity Seekers Women's meeting is very well attended and usually has something going on once a month. The Gothenburg Thursday Night Thirsty group is doing well. Attendance has been good. Sam is new to service and ready to get to work. Doing Jail meetings in McCook every Tuesday.

Yours in service,

Jeff W.

#### **District 8:**

Good Morning Area 41,

I am Yvonne C , Alcoholic. Recently elected District 8 DCM. My Sobriety Date is July 28 ,2017. District 8 includes West Central Nebraska , with Arthur , Lincoln, Logan and McPherson counties including cities of North Platte.

Our District ended 2026 with us hosting an Afternoon-Christmas Day gathering with snacks and games for those needing a break from the holiday stress. We next had the annual Alcathon on 12-31-25 which was a success with several newcomers in attendance. We ended the celebration with Breakfast and a Speaker meeting hosted by the North Platte Alano Club and Sunday PM 12x12 Group. The speaker was David B. , who was also celebrating his 6th year Sobriety Anniversary that day. The following week we had the first District 8 Business meeting for 2026. Those in attendance were eager to participate in the meeting and came prepared . One of the highlights was the CPC/PI chair sharing his goals for the upcoming year on sharing the AA message in our community within the principles of the 12 Traditions. Afterwards we all were inspired to help . Being open minded and willing to receive wisdom and courage from our Higher Power on the revealed will for us to do what we can. That will bring about the changes and miracles we can't.

Thank you for allowing me to actively participate in Area 41 Fellowship and Service.

Best Regards,

Yvonne C. District 8 DCM

**District 9:**

Hello everyone, I'm new with representing the groups in District 9. Overall meetings in our district remain steadily attended with a good variety of meeting types and opportunities for people to carry the message. Coming up April 24–26 is the Panhandle Jamboree in Scottsbluff. Speakers will include members from both AA and Al-Anon, so bring your other half along. Email [panhandlejamboree@gmail.com](mailto:panhandlejamboree@gmail.com) for more details.

In service, Jessica

**District 10: No Report****District 11:**

Greetings and Happy New Year Area 41.

I'm Donna alcoholic, DCM District #11. Northeast NE. The 4th quarter of 2025 was great and eventful for our district. We cohosted a 4 Corners Workshop with our neighbors in Districts 16 and 24 in November in Norfolk with 75 people in attendance... Woohoo! We had our annual New Years Eve party in Wayne, was a great time for fellowship and also celebrated a couple sobriety bdays, Eric 6 yrs and Cayden 2 years. This proved to be a great time and also an opportunity to share some great food. We have a couple group celebrations coming up next Friday the 16th the Winside Friday Night "All Night Group" will be celebrating 48 years of "Carrying the Message". Snacks and treats at 7:00, meeting at 8:00 in the Winside Library 417 Main St. and on the 27th the 4th Dementia Group will be celebrating 8 years, 6 pm Pot Luck, snacks and conversation, 7 pm open AA meeting. This is at St. John's Lutheran Church North basement door 1300 W Benjamin Ave, Norfolk. Would like to give a quick shout out for our Delegate Russ S. on celebrating 22 years this past Sunday the 4th Woohoo!! We also have a couple new meetings beginning in Winnebago and Dakota City.

Yours in service,

Donna J.

**District 12:**

Greetings from District 12. Loup City hosted our December business meeting. Soup and snacks were enjoyed by 9 members representing 7 groups. New officers are as follows. David B is DCM, John G alternate DCM, Josh R. Is secretary and Logan D is treasurer. A big thanks to outgoing officers for their service. Discussion was had on how to get more members involved. All groups reported good attendance at their meetings. A few members from the District attended the Four Corners workshop in Norfolk in November. Great food, fellowship and speakers. The Loup City group and the Broken Bow Downtowner's group hosted New Year's Eve meetings and parties that were well attended. I am looking forward to serving District 12 in this rotation.

David B. District 12 DCM.

**District 13:**

Hi Area, 41, I'm Hondo F Alcoholic and district 13 DCM

Our District is the "L" shape of Nebraska next to Colorado including the 6 counties of Chase, Perkins, Keith, Garden, Deuel and Cheyenne. Basically, Sidney east to Ogallala and then south to Wauneta. Our District meets 4 times a year in Ogallala and has 8 groups. We have a few annual events including camp outs at Enders Lake, lake Ogallala and suppers in Grant. The couple things on our to do list that we would be open to ideas are: 1. Getting a meeting into a jail that does not have a room to meet in, currently the meeting is starting in a hallway but must stop to allow new inmates into the facility. 2. We are going to try turning our district meeting into a hybrid zoom meeting. Currently we are going to try the free version of zoom to test the waters and will discuss the possibility of purchasing a subscription or the possibility of sharing the subscription and co-opting with the other districts. Ogallala Friendship group GSR Cindy would like to report that they had a great New Year's Eve party and celebrated their 46th anniversary that night.

Yours in service and grateful for this opportunity. Hondo F.

**District 14:**

My name is Larry and I'm an alcoholic, new DCM for District 14. Sand Hills Group hosted a Halloween Party and there were about 11 people that came to the meeting that night; 5 people were dressed in costume. There was a first, second and third vote for best costume. District 14 has quite a few newcomers those past a few months. Cody Group hosted a birthday party for a member with 5 years this last quarter. They have a couple of newcomers, one with a month and another with a week of sobriety. Ainsworth Group reports having 6 newcomers lately, with one having a year and 5 having less than 6

months. Theford group had one newcomer recently. No report Bassett Group. District 14 voted in new committee members for 2026-28 rotation. Three members of District 14 attended the Four Corners Workshop in Norfolk this quarter.

**District 15: No Report**

**District 16:**

I'm Tom T. from District 16. New to this part of service. Looking forward to broadening my group contact and new people. We are in Northeast Nebraska - Boyd, Holt, Knox, Antelope, Pierce, Madison. I'm located in Norfolk. We co-hosted a Four Corners workshop. We are also working on the State Convention and am in need of help with the hospitality room as we have a shortage of bodies. Sarah R. has aided in letting us have a Zoom meeting. We have some great committee members who have got off to a fast start. Upcoming in April 18 Spring Classic in Norfolk. That's a Saturday. I'd like to Thank Brian S. for his years of service. Looking forward to learning a lot from him.

Yours in service,  
Tom T.

**District 18:**

Greetings from District 18!

We are off and running and we have a full committee going into this 2-year rotation, with some enthusiastic members ready to step into District service. We have a Trivia Night coming up, February 21st @ Lord of Love Church 10405 Fort Street 5:30pm Social Time, 6pm Trivia begins. Snacks and drinks provided. Our Spring Picnic is in the planning stages also. I am excited to learn more about Area 41 through the eyes of a DCM and look forward to getting to know some of you better.

Yours in Service,  
Chris M., District 18 DCM

**District 19: No report**

**District 20:**

Greetings Area 41!

District 20 had our first District meeting of the new rotation on Wednesday January 7th. First and foremost, I would like to thank our past District officers, Committee chairs, and GSRs for their hard work and dedication - they truly left our District better than they found it. Second, I am pleased to report that all of our Committee chair positions have been filled and we had good attendance by our groups. We are off to a solid start for 2026! Our annual workshop was held on October 18th, the topic was the "The Promises." Shelly and Dave B. did a fantastic job sharing the experience, strength and hope and we had approximately 75 in attendance. Lastly, we are looking forward to our 53rd annual Bellevue anniversary. It will be held at Bellevue West High School on Saturday, January 17th with coffee at 5:00 pm and a lasagna dinner at 5:30 pm.

Yours in service, Gail K.

**District 21:**

Greetings Area 41! District 21, which encompasses the southwest quadrant of Lincoln and the surrounding area, has been active this year. In preparation for this new rotation, we worked together with District 22 to put on our biennial GSR Workshop. Diana, whose day job is at the General Service Office, zoomed in and joined our delegate, webmaster, and several local trusted servants to help prepare new GSRs for their new responsibilities. We even made some new voting paddles to celebrate the new rotation. We held elections in November and were able to fill all service positions except alternate DCM. We are so grateful for the dedication for our outgoing DCM, Lisa V., and all of the others who stepped up to serve during the last rotation. Our next planned event will be our annual Unity picnic in the fall. Between now and then, we will be visiting the groups in the District and inviting them to let us know how we can support them in carrying the AA message. As DCM, I will be serving on the Area Agenda Committee and our GSRs will be contributing to the work of the committees of their choice. We will also continue to collaborate with the Lincoln Intergroup. Finally, we will be keeping the District 21 page on the Area 41 website up to date as another way to keep our groups informed.

Yours in service,  
Rebecca T., District 21 DCM

**District 22:**

Hello Area 41,

I'm grateful to be here and diving into a new type of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Our attendance has been consistent and discussions have held depth. Prior to elections for this rotation District 22 updated their scope of each service position so all members, especially new to service, were informed about each position. I am grateful to say all service positions were filled for this rotation! Last month District 22 partnered with District 21 to host a GSR workshop. Attendance was good and had a wonderful Speaker Panel who shared their experience, strength, and hope regarding various aspects of service. I look forward to serving Alcoholics Anonymous as a DCM and am curious as to what Growth Opportunities the next two years will bring.

Yours in service,  
Summer B., DCM District 22

**District 23:**

District 23 is Ralston, LaVista, Papillion and Springfield. On 1/8/26 we had our first meeting of the new rotation with great participation. We filled all the positions except Institutions/Bridging the Gap.

We have mini-workshops every other month at the Ralston meeting hall and our annual Service and Sponsorship Workshop will be in April or May. Please go to the Districts website [d23ne.org](http://d23ne.org) for additional information.

Our webmaster does a great job with the District 23's website so I encourage you to check it out.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Lori B.

**District 24:**

District 24 Report - Boone, Butler, Colfax, Nance, Platte counties. We cohosted the 4 Corners Workshop November 25 in Norfolk, about 75 attended. New meeting Big Book Babes Tuesdays 6:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran. Trying to increase attendance at district meetings by offering treats & texting GSR's & Alternates on the weekend of the meetings. Going to take a list of open committee positions out to the groups to try & fill the vacancies.

Jerry M.

**District 25:**

Hello Area 41, my name is Ed Lawler- the incoming DCM for District 25. Our last district meeting was attended by 7 people from our District including the GSR's from Amigos and We Drop Rocks. We held elections and were able to fill all but 2 of the committee positions. We are excited for the year ahead and our goal is to help with providing Plain Language Big Books for the Douglas County Corrections and increasing participation in District 25. I look forward to this rotation!

Yours in Service,

Ed

**District 26:**

Good morning Area 41. We're currently a "district by committee" without a current DCM. Standing officers are filling in responsibilities as needed until we recruit (railroad) a new, unsuspecting member to step into service at the District/Area level. The Fellowship is growing across the District...apparently, alcoholism is still a thing. Many groups are sponsoring speaking meetings and special events so there's plenty of opportunity to find recovery in District 26. We're just carrying the message.

**District 28:**

All District 28 meetings are strong and growing. We had a full and successful traditional 6 am Christmas morning meeting. This tradition has been happening for over 20 years. District 28 has a Winter Social and dinner planned for February 22, 2026. Our District has 3 new first time committee members DCM, Alt. DCM and Treasurer. District 28 is planning to have an event for each season that is family friendly. Our District is in need of more family friendly events.

Thanks for letting me serve.

Jamie B. District 28

**District 29:**

Greetings Area 41,

I am Mark C, Serving as DCM for District 29 this rotation. It was great to see 2 new GSR's here this weekend along with

one of our seasoned veterans. I always am glad to see members willing to be of service to their Groups and to AA as a whole. My goal for this next 2 years is to try and get better participation from our Groups. I will be trying to visit the 30ish meetings in our District as time permits. I will just be trying to let them know how important it is for their Groups voices are heard. I realize that many are not interested in "organized service" but as we know here at the Area level, much of what we try to do is aimed at helping the still suffering alcoholic. And is what I believe our most important function should be. Thank You all for being of service.  
Mark C, DCM district 29

**District 30:**

Greetings Area 41,

We are getting a very good turnout of new comers, at the 8:15 am meeting the group is doing very well at the Ambry. The meeting at the Over Hill Gang on Wednesday is a really good meeting. It is an 8:30 pm meeting. I had the chance to get to go to the meeting then. We get to have our Thanksgiving potluck on November 22. We had 3 good speakers. Kristen, Cal, Nick the Delegate. The speakers did a very good job. We did have 7 turkeys and 4 hams. We ended up having a great turn out about 85 to 100 people show up.

Alt DCM,  
Love service Jeff

**District 31:**

Greetings Area 41.

District 31 sends you warm greetings and wishes you many 24 hours of blessed sobriety. I am pleased to inform you that at the November 2025 meeting, the election of District 31 officers for the 2026-2027 term was held, with the following results: CMD Cesar M. Secretary Abel R. Treasurer Francisco T, Literature Committee Jaime S. Vineyard Committee Aurora T. There are still some committee positions vacant, so groups are encouraged to serve and fill those gaps. The district will hold a workshop to share the three legacies: Recovery, Unity, and Service at the February 8 meeting in commemoration of co-founder Bill W. The Rescate group invites you to celebrate its 33rd anniversary and will hold a public information meeting on April 18 of this year in the Guadalupe room located at 5005 South 23rd Street, Omaha, NE 68107. We also inform you that we are organizing the 53rd Hispanic Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous United States and Canada with the theme AA A REUNION WITH LIFE to be held on September 4, 5, and 6, 2026, at the Hilton Omaha hotel located at 1001 Cass St. Omaha, NE 68102. The room rate is \$145 per night plus taxes. Reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-315-1066, code 93NN, online at <https://book.passkey.com/e/51163363>, or by scanning the QR code on the website: <https://www.Liiiconvencionhispanausacanada.org>, we will continue to provide updates on the progress of the event's organization, to which you are cordially invited to participate in the convention. That is all for now.

Sincerely,  
Cesar M. 531 203 3510 or [\[redacted for web\]](#)  
MCD of District 31

**District 32:**

Hello Area 41. We at District 32 are doing petty good with meeting attendance. We hold our district business meetings on every 1st Monday of the month. We had elections and I got voted in as DCM again. My alternate is Dave H. We are planning a soup supper on 2/6/26 at Living Word Church in Seward from 6pm to 9pm with a speaker

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