

# R&C Agenda April 10, 2026

- Open
- Welcome. Introductions if needed
- R&C Secretary report
- Newsletter Report
- Registrar Report
- Review Scope of R&C
- Review Resolution of Agenda Items
- Old Business
  - **Reunion Committee Item.**
  - **2022-04-02 005 (j) Agenda Item FUNction Ad Hoc:** Report and Charter: All documents distributed at or by Area 41 should have a revision date on them.  
**BACKGROUND:** *Frequently, documents get updated or are out of date and no one is ever sure when they were last updated. This would allow for a general idea of accuracy of information, and to help denote what may need to be updated.*
  - **2026-01-10 006 Agenda Item: 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.  
**Background:** *Newsletter distribution challenges have been a recurring issue for many rotations. While many members use the digital tool, some members and groups rely on a physical copy. Streamlining what is printed would allow the hard copy to be available sooner, faster, and printed at a far reduced cost. Having the additional reports be able to be sent if requested still ensures the information is available if a member requests it but ensures that hundreds of copies of reports aren't printed if not needed.*
- **2022-04-02 005 (n) Agenda Item FUNction Ad Hoc:** Report and Charter: That Area 41 make District Committee Member (DCM) reports available on the Area 41 website rather than printing them in the Newsletter.  
**BACKGROUND:** *Have you ever read anyone's report that wasn't yours? Have you read another District's report? Many members have expressed a desire for continued access to DCM reports. By*

*moving these reports to the website, we can maintain open access for all while reducing printing and mailing costs. This change supports better financial stewardship, expands accessibility for members who prefer digital formats, and keeps the newsletter focused on timely highlights and fellowship news. By posting DCM reports on the Area website instead of printing them in the newsletter, we can keep all information publicly available, archive it for future reference, and make it easier for members to find at any time. This also allows us to use our limited funds more effectively for outreach, translation, and other vital services. The intent is simply to modernize how we share information, while continuing to honor transparency, participation, and unity in Area 41.*

- **New business:**

- **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 2026-04-11 006 (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.*

- Set date for when to meet again.
- Close. Thank you for your service!

March 22, 2026

Report and Charter Zoom meeting

In attendance: Zach I., Mark S., Jaiden W., Bob

Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes were read and approved

Newsletter report: 325 English and 25 Spanish newsletters were picked up from the printers on February 25 and were all mailed out on February 26. Total price for the newsletters was \$270.41 and the total for postage was \$182.06

Registrar Chair: attended the National Registrars meeting and has been working on cleaning up meetings

Secretary:

- read through the scope and responsibility for Report and Charter
- The Area 41 Handbook received some formatting edits and is now finished
- Wordly is moving forward, has been paid for and now moves to the technology committee where they will implement orientation. Two year contract and 28 hour contract has been implemented for that

Subcommittee:

- has not met to discuss **Agenda Item 2024-01-06 003 Report & Charter: Area 41 to form a new Area committee tasked with hosting the area reunions**
- Subcommittee agreed to meet via Zoom to get together to make a decision on this item

Newsletter agenda items:

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- **2026-01-10 006** This item would be removing committee reports and DCM reports as well as any flyers, how to join on Zoom, and the seventh tradition info
- Committee reports alone can make up 8 to 14 pages in the newsletter
- **2022-04-02 005** This item would be removing the DCM reports and putting them on the Area 41 website
- DCM reports can make up from 4 to 8 pages in the newsletter
- If we cut the pages down, will we lose bulk price discounts? - Jaiden will reach out to the printer to ask if we cut the newsletter by a quarter or by half, what prices will that lead to?
- When shopping around for different printers there were quotes for how much 425 newsletters would cost. The first rough quote of \$1800 whereas the last printer's quote was around \$300 so searching for the right printer is important
- Most people are already cutting back on the number of newsletter orders or opting for the digital copy - change is happening currently
- Another thing to consider: there are approximately 70 extra copies of the January newsletters that were never used which now requires me to find a shredding / recycling place. It seems deeply wasteful of money, paper and trees, and time
- The committee seems to be in agreement that a trial period may be an option to explore
- Tradition 4. There is a long history of issues regarding the newsletter and their cost with many suggestions of how to fix the issues, why not give these a try since we are

autonomous. We also have the right to bring the written reports back into the newsletters if we need to.

- Tradition 5. Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic and that's what this newsletter does. The DCM reports can make up around four to eight pages of the newsletter and the officer and committee reports can make up around sixteen pages. These reports will still be carrying the message to the alcoholic while being posted online and the remainder being in print. Removing these pages will be cost effective, therefore allowing the extra money to be applied to other parts of our Area to help carry the message to the alcoholic.
- Tradition 11. Anonymity at the level of press radio and film. The reports don't have last names so these reports being put online wouldn't impact our anonymity. They also could be put behind the protected wall, if that is what the fellowship chooses.
- If the DCM and committee reports are only available online, some people will not have access to them if they don't have access to a computer - does this take away transparency from the alcoholic
- The manual states on page 19: "The purpose of Area is to carry out Twelfth Step work that may not be practical for groups, districts or intergroups to take on by themselves. Examples include, but are not limited to: area bulletin or newsletter, etc...."

Motion was made to table these items until the April assembly

Meeting closed at 6:30 pm