

R&C Agenda August 16, 2026

- Open
- Welcome! Introductions if needed
- R&C Secretary report
- Old Business
 - **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 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.*
 - Review work to date
 - Discuss with the Technology Committee
 - Gather the Tech Committee's thoughts
 - Discuss next steps
 - **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.*
 - Update on where we are at
 - Discuss next steps

- Consult Website Chair to find where DCM reports will land and expected turnaround on having them posted (i.e. will they be posted by the time the print ones are received?).
 - Amend item
 - Anything else?
- **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 **BACKGROUND:** *Frequently, documents get updated or are out of date and no one is ever sure when they were last updated.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.*
 - Work on rewriting the agenda item.
- **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.*
 - Report back from Mark
 - Discuss new option
 - Reach out to the originator?
 - Coordinate with:
 - Finance
 - Tech (specifically A/V)
 - Do we have the bandwidth to do this?
- Newsletter Report
- Registrar Report
- Discuss Agenda (April, July and old items) for addition to Past Actions.
- Set date for when to meet again.
- Close. Thank you for your service!

July 11, 2026

Opened with the responsibility statement

Minutes were read

No newsletter report

Registrar's report: 566 active groups,

Report & Charter scope of responsibility

Step three: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understand Him"

Zach went through all the newsletters from last rotation and added all items with the "Take No Action Items" into Past Actions

Old business:

Agenda item 2022-04-02 005(j) All documents at or by Area 41 should have a revision date on them.

- Do we need to enforce this item on the whole body or can this be a best practice that can be chosen to use
- From an AA service perspective, there isn't a Tradition or Concept that explicitly says, "All documents should have revision dates." However, several of the **Twelve Concepts for World Service** strongly support that practice because it promotes accountability, accuracy, and informed decision-making.
- 1. **Concept IX – Good service leadership depends on good planning and effective administration.** - This is probably the strongest justification. Revision dates are a basic administrative practice that helps trusted servants know whether they are using the current version of a guideline, policy, or form. Good administration reduces confusion and duplication of effort.
- 2. **Concept X – Every service responsibility should be matched by a corresponding service authority, with a clear traditional scope.** - If an Area committee creates or revises a document, members should be able to identify which version has been approved. Revision dates create clarity about which document carries the Area's authority.
- 3. **Concept XI – Trustees and committees should have the best possible assistance, records, and procedures.** - While written primarily about the General Service Board, the principle applies throughout AA service. Keeping dated documents is part of maintaining reliable records and orderly procedures.
- 4. **Concept V – The Right of Appeal and Petition** - Members need access to the same current information in order to participate meaningfully. Revision dates help ensure everyone is discussing the same document.
- **Tradition Two** - reminds us that trusted servants do not govern. Clear, dated documents help ensure decisions reflect the informed group conscience rather than someone's personal copy or memory.
- **Tradition Nine** - Responsible committees naturally maintain orderly records and current documents.

Many Areas include revision dates (and sometimes version numbers or approval dates) on all distributed documents because it:

- prevents multiple conflicting versions from circulating,
- preserves an accurate service history,
- helps trusted servants know whether a document is current,
- makes future revisions easier to track,
- supports transparency and accountability.

"While the Concepts don't specifically require revision dates on Area documents, Concepts IX, X, and XI encourage effective administration, clear responsibility, and reliable records. Adding a

revision date is a simple service practice that helps trusted servants use the current approved document, reduces confusion, and supports informed group conscience.”

- This item can be placed under “Section VI - Suggested General Committee Procedures”
- Motion made to rewrite this agenda item and add suggested general committee procedure and move out to the Area Body

Agenda Item 2022-04-02 005(n): 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.

- This trial run may be within our scope to simply do it without prior authorization from finances
- Do we really need to do a trial run at all or can people understand what it will look like without the reports?
- This isn’t a small change due to how long the DCM reports have been included in the newsletter - this will ruffle some feathers
- Need to know where they will land on the website
- Trial or no?
- Is taking out the dcm reports within our scope to resolve or does this have to go out to the body?
- How do people without access to the internet get access when the reports are no longer printed?
- Tabled this item for later discussion

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- List everything that needs to be password protected and what can be publicly available
- Jaiden will go through website past actions and list all things in the policy that have already been stated that need to be password protected
- What needs to be password protected?
- What can be public?
- Is there anything that is password protected that doesn’t need to be?
- We should reach out to technology committee to have a joint meeting
- Tabled this item for next time

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- Not necessarily necessary
- Is it good? Perhaps
- Free (not as user friendly) vs. paid apps (better process)
- How much more time will this add to our voting process?
- Option to vote on Zoom already available
- More research into Opa vote
- Can we ask the original author for their intent and if they already considered Zoom as an option?
- Tabled item until next meeting

Ran out of time in the meeting, will meet again on Zoom

Aug 16, 2026 time to be determined later