

Area 52 AA March Assembly
March 17-19th 2023
Hybrid via Zoom and in Bismarck, ND

Friday, March 17th

Due to road and weather conditions, and no-travel advisories, the area committee met via Zoom at 6pm. The committee agreed to cancel the Friday Night portion of the Assembly. Committee and those present in Bismarck created an Agenda together hybrid on how to proceed for Saturday March 18th and Sunday March 19th. The agenda posted online to www.aanorthdakota.org.

Saturday, March 18th

Sherri opened the assembly with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Sherri welcomed everyone to the March assembly that is being held Hybrid with most of the committee chairs and officers attending via Zoom. Sherri will be acting as in person assembly leader while the A52 chairperson is attending virtually. Thank you to D.7 for hosting event. Housekeeping announcements were made. There was a round of introductions for the body and committee members. There were 40 participants via zoom and 30 in person. Past Delegates (4), first time GSRs (7 in person), and first-time attendees (7 in person) were recognized. 12 traditions were read by Cyrena. Amanda ready "Why we have a conference".

This is not the Area 52 assembly portion. This is for our Delegate to get a conscience of the area to be brought to the 73rd General Service Conference in Brooklyn New York on April 23rd-29th.

Rachel explained how the conference operates/structure/procedures. Screenshared 'How the conference operates', and Area 6 Summaries. Area 52 assembly operates similarly with the General Service Conference and follows Roberts' Rules of Order. We will not split up into committees for this session..

73rd annual GSC Agenda Items Discussion Opens:

Area discussed agenda items in totality from the following committees as a body: *Report and Chart, Corrections, Literature, Trustees, Archives, CPC, PI, and Finance*. Upon closing this portion of the GSC, a vote was had on how to proceed with the remaining committees. **Three options posed on how to proceed with the remaining committees.**

Options as follow:

A: Continue agenda item topic discussion after Mike L's sharing

B: Continue agenda item discussion tomorrow morning after business items.

C: Leave agenda item topic where it's at. Individuals/dcm/etc can call/email/txt rachel with their thoughts.

Vote commenced. Option C was decided by simple majority.

Area discussion report was shared with the Delegate.

***Topics not discussed: Agenda, Grapevine/La Vina, Policy & Admissions, Treatment & Accessabilities, Int'l Conventions and Regional Forums. Groups will get their conscience to our Delegate Rachel M. prior to the GSC in April.*

Break

Responsibility Statement to open the Area 52 business portion of the Assembly. The voting process explained. Minutes from the September 2022 Assembly were read by Katie E.. Correction by Shilah to add Jessie in attendance in the Literature/Grapevine Committee.

Jason G. motion to approve minutes as corrected. Shilah seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Finance Report: Reported by Donna P.

Donna gave the Finance Reports displayed on screen. Review P&L. Discussion on discrepancy of \$2500 round up expense displaying on P&L report incorrectly. Correction of being negative \$-1,657.33 on the P&L we're positive \$842.67. Assured body the \$2500 came from round-up reserve and not the GL. Opening balance 1/1 \$15,760.25. Went over contributions

and expenses. Closing balance as of 3/12 \$16,602.92. Handed out group contributions report for Q1. Total group contributions YTD \$4,846.43. New group contribution form available on finance page on website. Treasurer's address is on the form. Reports will be available on the website.

Jim makes a motion to accept treasurer reports as corrected. Amanda seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

2023 Budget Proposal:

Proposal of 2023 Budgets were presented on-screen. Rachel clarified additional Forum expenses TY versus LY. Scott talked website/tech expenses and corrections. Donna noted separation of Lit/Gv/Sec/Reg position added increased cost of \$3k. Total proposed budget for all committees/officers \$36,903.60. This gives us a proposed deficit of \$-12,133.66. Discussion on the deficit. Scott noted this is a bloated budget. We're down on contributions and would ask the committee to see where we can save money.

Traci has made a motion to approve the proposed budget as corrected. Renaye seconded the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

WCRAASC Report: Shilah- Attended session 'YPAA Meets General Service'. Lots of discussion on meeting them where they're at. Young people are excited, like technology, and want to be treated like an equal. Bring them along, sponsor them into service, and keep them excited. Be sure to get permission when traveling with minors. *Full report available upon request.*

Karry- Attended the 12 concepts breakout session. The room was packed with people sitting on the floor and standing around the room. Attendees came up with 5 topics to discuss, with two of them on specific concepts (concepts 9 and 10). It's important to keep groups informed; workshops will help this; keep workshops fun. Topics discussed until time ran out. *Full report available upon request.*

Susan- How to incorporate zoom only meetings into the areas and the service structure of GSO and that they felt accepted and welcomed. Getting service positions in zoom meetings so there's a foundation. Encourage their GSR and service members to attend hybrid to the assemblies/conferences. The main concept is that Hybrid is available at assemblies for accessibility more regularly so the zoom only meetings can be involved.

Rachel- attended session "7th tradition". Discussions on how to approach non-contributors, transitioning to electronic contributions, and what is the "standard" contribution per person. Biggest takeaways are we shouldn't be having extra money, when using electronic funds keep track and be vigilant on who is/is not a member, have DCMs help explain where our money goes and why, there's no standard amount due however drinks aren't \$1 anymore, and lastly have faith in Higher Power and there's always enough. *Full report available upon request.*

2024 WCRAASC Progress Report: Shilah: Began planning already. Had our first two meetings with planning committee. Met with Cathy and Mike via zoom. Have positions filled. We've been assured we are on track. Steve S is chair. Treasurer is Sharon J. and she had an external call with Mike and Cathy to go over budget.

Round up Reports:

2023 Bismarck: Jason G.:if you haven't seen the flyer, it does exist. Sept 15-17th at the Radisson Hotel Downtown (by the hospital). \$109 double queen, \$119 for King. Rooms before August 15th. You can register by mail, venmo, QR code. Agenda already out and on the flier. Banquet Saturday evening and Hypnotist Saturday night. YPAA panel on Sunday. The Flyer will be online shortly. Jessie S. in D7 is looking for volunteers.

2024 Dickinson: Donna P:- Sept 20-22nd in Medora. We do have all the speakers lined up, bands booked, and an entertainment chair is in place. Blocks at AmericInn and Badlands Inn. You can start booking whenever. We will not meet again until August to finalize things for the flier.

2025 Minot: Shi- the venue has been secured. Grand International Inn in Minot. Believe the dates are September 19th-21st. Will be at the same venue as the WCRAASC.

At June assembly '23 in Stanley we will be accepting bids for groups on the East side of the state to host the 2024 June assembly. It will be held in a location that is not large enough to host a state convention. Guidelines are in the A52 handbook. 2023 June assembly dates will be the first weekend in June.

Supper Break

Sherri announced there has been roughly 86 persons in participation this weekend as of today. Housekeeping announcement made. Sherri opened this portion of the assembly with the serenity prayer. Chelsey read How it Works. Sherri introduced our speaker Mike L.

West Central Regional Trustee Mike L: Shared his awesome personal story of experience, strength, and hope followed by ice cream.

Sunday March 19th

Jessie opened the Sunday portion of the Area 52 assembly. Thanked the D7 DCM Jason and the D10 DCM Curt. Housekeeping announcements were made again. 33 members in person, and 31 via zoom.

Mike L. shared addressing the actions the board took on the January board weekend. He read the statement that was released to the conference. Letter is available to members. Mike opened the floor for questions. He is willing to answer any questions. His contact will be made available upon request.

Inventory Summary: Jessive went over the inventory summary. In total there were 8 groups who submitted inventories, 4 of which from D1. Jessie reviewed key takeaways 1) There is a clear breakdown in communicating information up and down the triangle. Education is needed at the group/dist/area levels on what each of these entities are, how they work, and what they do, including discussions about 7th tradition and funding. 2) There is a desire for zoom/hybrid options for workshops, assemblies, and other events; partially but not wholly related to high travel costs. 3) there is a desire for Area committee members to provide information, workshops, and in-person/Zoom meetings outside of Assemblies; 4) there is a desire for more information to be provided on the Area website for members in general on those new to service. 5) there is a lack of participation and involvement in the Area 52 inventory process. Open discussion was had on filling out the inventory for the area. The deadline for submission for the summary has passed however, the area is open to daily inventory just as we are as individuals. . The full summary will be available on the website.

DCM Reports

Dist. 1: Skyler: Our last District meeting was held March 4, 2023 hosted by the Williston group. 5 out of the 8 groups were represented at the meeting . Groups reported newcomers attending meetings with a small growth in return by new members. A game night will be held by the Williston Group March 25th. There is a flyer. New town group reported the election of a new treasurer and a new sober house in their community. DCM shared the information and highlights from the last area zoom meeting . GSC items , committee assignments for the area assembly and acknowledgment that the groups GSR needed updated on the committee assignments. H and I chair reported that they are currently working with last years chair member. Learning and growing in the position. Hotline phone! New service was added to keep phone running . One call was made to the hotline “ looking for meeting for family member “. Phone was passed off to another member until next district meeting. PI/CPC report not present . Pamphlets that were ordered from GSO are still on back order. It has been over a year now. 2 groups brought their group inventory to be turned in 1 group sent in via email. GSR and district committee members held discussions on inventory items and filled out inventory as a district. Discussions was held on a Motion to amend the Area 52 Website Guidelines, the section "Principles of the Area 52 Website" with this addition - "Event listings or Event Flyers that promote any method of fundraising other than 7th Tradition

contributions will be declined and not appear on the Area 52 website". This was passed by the district to be brought to the area. GSR were asked to go to groups and talk about if they would like a spring fling put on by the district. A member's jail card to carry a meeting into the Williston jail has expired and will not be renewed. Will have discussions next meeting for solution to keep taking meeting into the jail .Next meeting April 15th at 2:00 hosted by Our redeemers group.

Dist. 2: Shi: District 2 DCM Report District 2 held our annual Service Workshop on February 25,2023. Attendance was 30. There were 3 workshops (Showing Up, 3rd Tradition, and 7th Tradition). Potluck lunch. Went well even with a couple of hiccups. We had our 1st and 2nd WCRAASC Planning committee meeting. Met with Kathy and Mike.Steve S Committee Chair and Sharon S Committee Treasure had a call with Mike and Kathy. We will also begin Planning for the 2025 State Round Up Soon Venue has been secured.The Spring Fling, our District Round Up is coming up April 22. I was able to attend the GSR School and PI/CPC workshop in Watford.Great job Sherri and Diane!!! I was grateful to be at the WCRAASC in Omaha.This was my first Regional Service Conference. There was so much great information on the Agenda Items. Kerry I. and myself presented/shared during the General Sharing Session "Using AA's Literature in Carrying the Message".

Dist. 5: District 5 is home to some 33 Registered or Listed Groups. Our District meeting typically occurs the 3rd Sunday of each month, 3pm, at the SDSOS Clubhouse in Fargo. We conduct business utilizing basic parliamentary procedures, and 3rd Legacy for elections. This year we have placed an emphasis on group reports, getting back into the practice of being a resource for groups for any needs or assistance they may have to bring forward. Additionally we are dedicated to carrying the message in our District with the resources we have at our disposal. There consistent monthly and annual events in our District; upcoming we have the 42nd Annual Dinner and Speaker Event in April, formerly known as the Barn Dance, hosted by the Saturday Morning Men's Meeting, both the Spring-a-Ling, hosted by the Northern Plains Group, and the CAMPAARAAMA, hosted by the 4th St Group, coming up in May. June brings an all day Founder's Day hosted by the BYOBB group. Fargo AA also hosts their open Speaker Meeting, Birthday Celebration, the last Saturday of each month. There are always things going on in our District.

At our most recent District meeting, March 12th, we had a total of 30 participants: 15 GSRs, 2 Alternate GSRs, 6 Officers, and 7 visitors. We spent the majority of the meeting discussing background in preparation for this weekend's assembly and to foster better discussion within the groups themselves. We also voted to reinstate the PICPC Chair position to our District Committee and make the consequential change to our District 5 handbook. The position was filled by Kris; she had made herself available the previous month, stood uncontested, and was elected by acclamation. She will work in coordination with the PICPC Chair for the FM Intergroup to organize the PICPC Committee.

For Context: Approximately 8 years ago there was a concerted effort between District 5 and the FM Intergroup within the domains of Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Institutions. At the time each entity had 1 chair for all 3 duties, a PICPCI Chair for District 5 and one for FM Intergroup. The two individuals coordinated and worked together, shortly thereafter a 3rd arrived and the idea of each member focusing on one of the duties naturally took shape. One did PI, one did CPC, and one did Institutions. After some time the 3 became 6, then 8. Eventually the idea of the subcommittees was born; the original idea being that each entity, District 5 and the FM Intergroup, would have chairs for each domain and that together they would organize committees which groups could elect and send representatives to serve on. For a time all went well; the initial elections were held with almost 30 people participating, and an annual event was organized; the FM Intergroup Symposium, which some of you may recall. CPC struggled to get traction and later on combined with PI. One of the original 3 passed away. District 5s DCM walked away, but we had members step up to fill their roles. After the second annual symposium and the first rotation of trusted servants on the District, the FM Intergroup, and the subcommittees, there were still 20-25 members participating in the subcommittees of PICPC and Institutions. The 3rd year of the Symposium met challenges, it was changed to the fall, the venue shifted, and attendance suffered. Without much activity the PICPC committee started to deteriorate; there was reading of the

service material and organization but little outreach and action. Things began to sour and by the 3rd rotation the PICPC committee was on life support. Institutions continued strong, starting a Bridging the Gap effort. Enter COVID. These committees and the efforts became an afterthought as we all tried to figure out what our basic home group life would look like now. Since then we have struggled to get back to the cooperative effort we once envisioned and had started.

District 5 is committed to collaborating and working with FM Intergroup; there is no competition for service, we strive to be complimentary. The Groups of the FM Community and that of District 5 still see the FM Intergroup as a vital local AA service entity. To this end there should be little dissent, "The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies." (12 Steps and 12 Traditions, page 129).

Dist. 6: Ben W.- dist 6 has over 30 meetings a week primarily Jamestown and a few mts in surrounding areas. All dist positions have been filled. Planning under way for dist 6 round-up. Was planned for April but will be in August of this year. More info to follow. Working on contacting all active groups in the district. Hosted the PI/CPC & GSR school Valley City. Fantastic attendance, including 6 ppl not in service at all. District meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month. The main focus was rescheduling and issues with the April 8th round up. The decision was made to change the date in lieu of the August picnic.

Dist. 7: Jason G. D 7 has 32 listed/registered groups. Out of 32 groups, we have over 100 meetings a week available in person, online, and hybrid. D7 has expanded our corrections this year and are now in the Burleigh/Morton County Jail, the State Penn, MRCC, HRCC, and hoping to get into YCC. Recently discussed beginning holding a forum or open meetings with our PI/CPC Committee and inviting local ER Doctors, Lawyers, judges, Probation Officers, Mental Health Professionals, etc. and have a "This is AA" meeting. We're in numerous Treatment centers and local psychiatric ward, as well as had a meeting at the homeless shelter. We're also working on getting into the Senior Center. After almost 2 years we are on the last 3 questions in review of our District Inventory. After this we will compile solutions presented by groups and GSR's to move forward with Unity and Action to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Workshops chair just had a Long Timers panel that was a blast to attend. They will be doing a "secrets of Service" workshop without Area Delegate and why service is so important for the individual, groups, districts, and beyond! Our D7 campout is coming up the 2nd or 3rd weekend in August and the State Round-up this fall. Keep an eye out on the Website for more deets.

Dist. 8: Our District is doing well. We have 14 active groups, including one that is actively pursuing a group service number. Our rural groups are struggling to stay active, Killdeer is questionable on if they are active, and Bowman and Scranton alternate weeks to keep both meetings going. They all seem to be doing well and contributions are average. We did see an influx from meetings who hadn't been donating at the end of the year, which was a positive sign that they appreciated the communication they were starting to receive from the District. I hope to be able to visit the rural meetings soon, if the weather decides to cooperate. The recent situation between cross-addiction or non-alcoholics at AA meetings seems to have quieted down. The conversations and explanations at meeting between open and closed meetings seems to have helped. Some meetings are struggling to find home group members and those willing to chair. I will suggest the idea of a Service workshop to the District committee to see if that will spark some interest. We are taking the meetings into the jail again. It is slow going as we just recently elected a new H&I chair. Once he gets more organized we hope to have a schedule and set meetings again. PI/CPC chair is excited about her new position. She wants to create a committee to help with working with the community and spreading the message to the professional community. The upcoming District 8 Roundup will be held at the Abbey in Richardton on Saturday, May 13th. Flyers will hopefully be out soon and posted to the website. I am excited about the renewed energy in District 8 and am humbled to be of service to them. Thank you. Traci B. – DCM District 8

District 10: April 29th District 10 is hosting a "Medallion Swap-Meet" and short speaker event from 1-4 at the Bismarck Public Library. If you have too many medallions of one year and not enough of another, come and trade with other

groups and listen to some short speakers share their experience, strength and hope for an afternoon. Everyone is invited. District 10 meetings are normally 12:30 the 3rd Sunday at Serenity Place in Bismarck, except this month's will next Sunday, 12:30.-Curt D.10.

District 11: Josh-no report

District 12: Nels-no report

District 13: Things in District 13 are going well. We continue to meet the first Thursday of every month, with very healthy numbers in attendance. We have found someone to chair our annual Spring Roundup, which will be on April 8th from 10am to 5pm at the Antenna Club. A flier for that event can be found on the grandforksaa.org website under the Events and News tab. Next event we will be having is our annual Founders Day picnic on June 10th! At our last District meeting I shared with the groups which committee's they would be on for the 2023 March Assembly and emailed a copy of the GSC proposed Agenda items to our District 13 email list On average 49 meetings per week in D13. There are multiple groups who have meetings 1-2 a time. At our last business mtg we did approve our proposed budget for the year. It went relatively seamlessly. Brought up discussion on the Lord's Prayer at the end of meetings. Overwhelming consensus to leave that at the group level with full autonomy. Women Carrying the Message is going to provide training material for clergy to do 5th steps in the fall and a separate one for people who want to sponsor in the fall. -Dana D13

FM Intergroup Liaison: Paul FM Intergroup meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in Downtown Fargo. Our meetings are typically attended by 12-15 people in person and online . Our Committees include: PI/CPC, Institutions, Website/IT, and Registrar. We also have an Area Intergroup Liaison.Our Intergroup Institutions Chairperson meets monthly with members of the Institutions Committee. Those persons are responsible for leading and setting up meetings in Cass and Clay County Men's and Women's Jails, an Assisted Living Center, a men's Homeless Shelter, the New Life Center, Sanford Psychiatric Hospital, and many treatment centers. We were able to update the list of names of men and women available for 12 th Step calls and continue to fund FirstLink for 24/7 phone answering services. We have nearly completed a huge undertaking, the finalization of our Group Meeting Registry of the 60 meetings in our geographical area. This Registry includes information such as Name, Location, Time, and Date but also includes information such as open or closed, ADA Accessible, Meeting Format, In person, Online, or Hybrid, and any members of a group conscience each meeting may have and their contact information. This information is used to populate our fmmeetinglist.org and the AA World Service meeting guide app. As of March 7 th we had canvassed and received registries back from over 50 groups. We were able to facilitate one event and that was the Christmas and New Year Alkathon held at the SDSOS Clubhouse. AA meetings were hosted round the clock on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day by fourteen area AA groups. The meetings were very well attended and many times people expressed an appreciation they had somewhere to go where it was warm, lights were on, people were joyous and happy, and they were able to take in meetings during what is traditionally family only times. At our last meeting we were able to fill the open position of PI/CPC Chairperson and a new committee was formed in conjunction with the District 5 PI/CPC Chairperson. The PI/CPC Committee meets the 4th Sunday of the month at the SDSOS Clubhouse, 1112 3 rd Ave S. in Fargo. Our Treasurer completed our annual report and at the end of 2022 our balance was approximately \$2,000. After reviewing finances our group recommitted to sending an Intergroup Liaison to Area and State Assemblies for 2023. We established a Prudent Reserve of \$500 and amended the handbook to include the prudent reserve. We also committed to supporting our new PI/CPC Chairperson with future learning opportunities and look forward to education and exposure from the PI/CPC Committee in our community. Our only open position is Registrar. Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Intergroup Representative.

BREAK

Delegate Report: Hello everyone! My name is Rachel M., and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your Area 52 Panel 73 delegate & very grateful to have been selected to serve at the bottom end of our triangle. I had no idea this was

my Higher Powers plan for me. Thank you everyone for your patience, flexibility, & understanding at the last minute to make the decision to have the March Assembly as a hybrid event!

-The last 77 days as delegate have been interesting, challenging, & a great learning experience for me. The 73rd Conference (delegates, trustees, & board members) held a Q&A session via Zoom on Thursday, 16Mar2023 to discuss the resignation of the General Service Conference Chair, Linda Chezem, a non-alcoholic Class A Trustee. During the session a number of the delegates asked for clarification as to Linda's resignation & the trustees/board members answered their questions. Many delegates shared their frustrations and concerns. The French translator became ill & had to leave the meeting. Therefore, we ended the meeting to ensure everyone is getting the same information at the same time. There were delegates still in line who wanted to share. So, we will be meeting again before the conference to ensure every delegate has the opportunity to share. Thank you, Mike, for taking the time to talk about this with Area 52.

-The 73rd General Service Conference theme is 'A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution.' I have been busy preparing for the conference that will be held at the Marriot at the Brooklyn Bridge in Brooklyn, NY. I will be on the Finance Committee for both years of my rotation. We met as a committee on zoom in February, March, & will again on April 6th to get to know each other before the conference. I will be serving with the delegate from Colorado, Alaska, Canada, Northern Illinois, Maine, Western Ontario, Mississippi, and Eastern Massachusetts. It has been a lot of fun getting to know delegates from all over. I greatly appreciate the agenda item discussions yesterday, way to go Area 52! The discussions we had have made me even more excited to attend the 73rd General Service Conference. I can't believe it's only 5 weeks away. Maybe we should look at doing a similar session for the agenda items on zoom in the future. Please email me any group or district conscience at delegate73@aanorthdakota.org, especially the topics that we were unable to discuss as a group this weekend.

-I will be setting up some zoom office hours using the Area zoom account before the conference for anyone who has questions or would like to discuss the 73rd Agenda Items further. I am here to serve the groups and carry their conscience to the conference, so the more conscience I have, the more informed I will be.

-This is my area highlight that I will be presenting in front of the conference along with a few fun pictures that represent our great state! ☺ Peace garden state, number one producer of honey in the US, the Enchanted Highway, the Theodore Roosevelt National State Park, and the least visited state are just a few of the wonderful things that make up the state of North Dakota! Area 52 in North Dakota has approximately 150 groups in ten districts. Some meetings are still being held virtually. There is an intergroup office in the Fargo/Moorhead area. We hold three assemblies a year, in March, June and September. Part of the March assembly is reserved to discuss the General Service Conference agenda items and to collect a group conscience for our delegate. At the March assembly, held on the odd years, we welcome the regional trustee to share his/her experience, strength and hope with us. Our June assembly is rotated between the west and east side of the state each year. The one-day September assembly is held in conjunction with the Area 52 State Roundup. We hold elections every even-numbered year. Annually, Area 52 holds a G.S.R. school and P.I./C.P.C. workshop on the first and third weekend in February at a location too small to host a state roundup. A General Service workshop is held in the second year of rotation, at the same locations as the G.S.R. school. The workshop includes the chairs (or their representatives) for area archives, institutions, technology, and literature. We introduce the A.A. Service Manual and the Area 52 Service Handbook, and encourage participation at the group and district level. The Area 52 officers and committee chairs hold a monthly committee call that allows for continuity between assemblies. Area 52 has very active groups and districts that host various fellowship opportunities. Mark your calendars, the 2024 WCRAASC will be in Minot, ND. When the sun dogs come out, you know it's going to be a bone-chilling day! Uff-da!

-I attended the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference in Omaha, NE March 2nd – 5th. We had a Delegate's & Alternate Delegate's meeting Thursday night and the Past and Current Delegate's meeting on Friday morning. There was some good discussion and the past delegates gave the newly elected delegates some helpful tips and tricks for the conference in NY. The service conference officially started at 7pm Friday night. The weekend was packed with agenda items, discussions (just like we did yesterday), sharing sessions, breakout sessions, Carolyn W from British Columbia sharing her experience, strength & hope with us, laughs, tears, and fellowship! Thank you again to Susan, Shi, & Kerri for sharing their breakout session experience with us yesterday!

-Shi H and Kerri I from Minot presented Saturday morning on the topic, Using AA's Literature to Carry the Message. They both did an incredible job! Thank you, Shi and Kerri, for your willingness and participation! It was an amazing turnout! The last final number in attendance I heard was 440. In attendance were AA members from each state in our region (West Central), which includes South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Montana, Northern & Southern Minnesota, and Iowa. North Dakota had 7 people attend in-person and multiple people attended on zoom. Last year we had 4 people in person from North Dakota, so we got a couple more this year than last year. My hope is that number increases significantly next year since the **2024 WCRAASC, March. 1-3, 2023** will be held in **Minot, ND!** Planning has already started. I strongly encourage anyone who had never been to a WCRAASC to attend next year. For a portion of the conference, I sat next to a guy who had 40 days of sobriety & was on fire for general service.

Contributions: Most contributions (totaling \$31,000) from 2022 were in increments of \$0-50. Only 813 members contributed over \$1,000. B-day contributions can now be traced back to a group number. International Convention planning is underway. It will be held July 2-5, 2025 in Vancouver. The theme is '90 years – Language of the Heart.'

-GSO tours are back! Group & individual tours need to be scheduled in advance gsotours@aa.org

-The meeting Guide app now includes online meetings as well as notices & developments in the fellowship. We currently have 110 approved languages, 12 X 12 in 52 languages, 72 languages for the Big Book.

-**Grapevine** podcast (released every Monday 9am EST). The Grapevine app is currently in development & will contain everything the Grapevine in print has. It will also have some fun features such as, customizable for personal preferences, a calendar, reminders, sobriety calculator, & comment section for articles that will be monitored. Hard rollout for the new app will be Sept 2023 & a sample will be available to look at during the conference.

-If your district wants me to come & give a delegate's report after the conference, please let me know. I am already scheduled to share in Bismarck on Saturday, 20 May 2023. I look forward to visiting you all & giving my conference report.

-Thank you for the privilege to serve as your Area 52 Delegate!

Final Business: 14 voting members in person, 22 on zoom

Fred DCM D5 submitted agenda item for Agenda committee. Brought to floor for final business.

Consider allowing the Moorhead Thursday Night Group, formerly of Dist. 3 of Area 35, to participate in Area 52.

Motion made by Fred W.. Seconded by Mark. Floor was opened for discussion.

Rachel P: Is this something we can do? Sherr: yes there is precedence. Yes we have accepted Plentywood MT into Area 52. This is just a process. Adam- what has been discussed with D3 A35?. What are we taking from them? Fred: clarification. In practical application they aren't losing anything. They have not had a GSR for multiple years. There has been discussion about it with D3 and Area 35, ultimately it has come back to the group being autonomous and are able to do these things if they so choose. Jason-If i've heard this correctly, D5 has already accepted them—so are we just discussing if we'll allow them to participate in our area? Joe- Area 40 D21 for years w/ the plentywood group, representation was poor/difficult, so the decision was made 4-5 years ago to absorb into D1. logistics were more favorable to D1 A52. we're grateful to be part of A52 and it just made sense. This sounds similar. Fred- this has happened in D5 in the past. At Least 2 groups that meet in the MHD side of the river that participate in D5.

Motion made by Fred W.. Seconded by Mark. Floor was opened for discussion. 13 in person, 22 online in favor. 1 opposed. Minority declined to speak. Motion carries with substantial unanimity.

No further final business.

Ask It Basket:

1: Question is for the DCM 's During GSR reports at your district meetings , are the GSR reporting their groups treasury reports?

-Jason: no, Shi-do not recall hearing that in D2 either, Curt- we don't' at the District level. Fred- if groups have financial issues they want to bring forth, the district would discuss those things.

2: How many of your groups have a GV chair:

-Jason- there's 1 out of 5 of the districts in person that have a GV chair, which is D7. Fred- not at the district level but proud to say my homegroup has one. Shi- does not have one, Jim- the satellite group does have a GV chairperson.

Upcoming Events/General Sharing:

-Diane our treasurer has a round-up budget. 2 years ago that was a past action in the committee that our round-up committee is preparing a budget.

- Jessie: For the next 7 years, our march assembly conflicts with the ND state basketball tournament. Possibly switch assembly rotation of Minot/Bismarck. Please get your group's voice.

-A newsletter mock-up was drafted by Randy. Recap of news items etc. this comes at an opportune time with the Area Inventory feedback. Do you want it? Do you understand it's going to cost money to print and mail out? Who's going to get it? Who's going to come up with the stories? Discussion was had on the topic. More will be discussed in future.

-Skyler: thank you to everybody behind the scenes who put this on at the last minute. It was a scramble. Thank Mike traveling to be here and how valuable the input has been.

Upcoming Events:

Upcoming assembly in Stanley–West Central Regional Forum 25-27th, Missoula MT–Recovering w/ Pride next sunday event—D13 hosting spring round up. April 8th at antenna building 10a-5p—Today from 4p-6p chairperson workshop in Minot. April 22nd spring fling–June 10th All Day Founders Day Event, MHD Career Academy, Lots of fun activities, Free food, Free Event. Speaker Julie T. coming in from the cities.

The Assembly closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Yours in Service,
Katie E.
Area 52 Secretary