

Hybrid Area 28 Area Fall Assembly Agenda

October 18th 19th 20th 2024

Elks Lodge

397 Civic Center Dr, Augusta, ME 04330

Hybrid Area Committee Meeting on **Zoom User ID:** 851 1305 4753 Passcode: 411347

The 2024 Fall Assembly will be in person and zoom streaming only.

Please include your name, district, and service position when connecting in through zoom

FRIDAY October 18, 2024

- 5:00 PM** Registration Open and Purchase Meal Ticket
Unregistered DCM's, GSR's **register** with Area 28 Registrar
Volunteer crockpot and finger food dinner
- 6:00 PM** Join us for District 12th Principles Workshop

SATURDAY October 19, 2024

- 7:30 AM** Registration Open, Purchase meal tickets
Unregistered GSR's and DCM's please register with Area 28 Registrar
- 8:00am - 9:00 AM** Breakfast
- 9:00 AM** Assembly begins with the Serenity Prayer, Area 28 Preamble, Daily Reflections, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions; Short Form, and The Twelve Concepts; Short Form.
- Housekeeping with District 12

10:00 AM

Establish Quorum: A Quorum shall be the voting members of an Assembly present at the time of the vote. (Area 28 Service Workbook, 2020 p.2)

Pass the Basket for Tradition Seven

"Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Old Business

- **MOTION** to approve the Secretary's 2024 Spring Assembly Minutes

New Business

- Treasurer Report
- Finance Committee Report
 - **Finance Committee Budget proposal for 2025**
 - **MOTION to Vote on 2025 Budget**
- Third Legacy Procedure for Alternate Treasurer
"Is anyone interested in standing for the position of Alternate Treasurer and sharing their qualifications?"

17. Alternate Treasurer:

17.1 Relationship to Area: Attend all area committee meetings; be available to work with area committee in setting assemblies, reports, etc.; be prepared to give full treasury reports in a timely

manner, assist in raising the money needed for area support, which calls for firmness and diplomacy. Assist the area finance committee and Area Treasurer.

17.2 Area duties: Chair the finance committee and make preparation of the annual area budget for presentation at the fall assembly, provide recommendation of contribution sent to GSO at the spring assembly.

17.3 General Duties: Be available to area committee, encourage planning of area activities, and attend district meetings where possible.

17.4 Recommended service experience: G.S.R., D.C.M., minimum of 3 years of sobriety. Experience in bookkeeping useful.

17.5 Be prepared to take the place of the Area Treasurer at any time.

- Third Legacy Procedure for Past Delegate US Trustee At Large
“Is there any past Delegates who would like to stand for the US Trustee At Large?”

12:00 PM Break for Lunch

1:00 PM Assembly reconvenes with the Serenity Prayer and proceed with New Business

MOTION 1

A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) Affirmative vote by an Assembly quorum is necessary to adopt a change in the Area 28 Service Workbook. The assembly quorum shall be established immediately before this vote.

BACKGROUND: From GUIDELINES Background:

- A $\frac{2}{3}$ vote represents substantial unanimity.
- We send our Delegates elected by substantial unanimity.
- Only the 1st 164 pages of the Big Book, the Steps, the Traditions, and the Concepts use $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to be adopted.
- The Workbook is a dynamic, living document to help Area 28 AAs do their service work. • The Workbook is meant to be a help, not a hammer.
- Substantial unanimity respects the importance of our Workbook without inhibiting the useful and necessary change that reflects current Area 28 practices.

MOTION 2

Motion to change Area 28 Service Workbook Section 10 Guidelines for Hosting an Assembly item 10 to add sentence “Host Districts should request from the Area Treasurer needed funds a minimum of one week in advance of the need.”

BACKGROUND: From District 12, This change is being requested to reflect current practice. Most of the cash flow is being sent to the Area through the Area’s PayPal account. The Area Treasurer is providing funds to support purchases required by the Host District.

10. Final financial responsibility rests with the Area Assembly. Host Districts should request from the Area Treasurer needed funds a minimum of one week in advance of the need. A financial report should be submitted to the Area Treasurer and the Finance Committee as soon as possible after the adjournment of the Assembly.

MOTION 3

To make all Area 28 business Hybrid.

BACKGROUND: AA Service Manual, Introduction, Second Paragraph: Quite rightly, each new generation of A.A. world servants will be eager to make operational improvements. Unforeseen flaws in the present structure will doubtless show up later. New service needs and problems will arise that may make structural changes necessary. Such alterations should certainly be affected, and these contingencies squarely met

Concept IV: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

AA Service Manual , Appendix Q, Section 5: Participation in Meetings by Conference Telephone: In connection with any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee, any Director or member of such committee may participate in the meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment or by electronic video screen communication, provided that all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time and each Director can participate in all matters before the Board or committee, including, without limitation, the ability to propose, object to and vote upon a specific action to be taken by the Board or committee; participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

MOTION 4

The Finance Committee is moving to increase the prudent reserve from \$7,000 to \$10,000.

5:00 PM- 6:00 PM Break for Dinner

Assembly reconvenes with the Serenity Prayer and proceed with Standing Committees Meetings

Standing Committees Meetings, District Chair/DCM, Assignment below.

D1 Accessibility, D2 and D7 Archives, D3 & D16 Boomerang, D4 and D17 BTG, D5 PI/CPC, D6 Corrections, D8 Finance, D9 and D23 Grapevine, D10 Guidelines, D11 and D20 Literature, D12 and D24 Love & Service, Round Up, See Josh, D13 Treatment, D14 Website, D15 Al-Anon, D18 CSO/DEIG, D21 Hybrid

A28 P74 Standing Committee Chairpersons

Accessibilities	Voting	Robin G.	District 1
Archives	Voting	Mike S.	Districts 2 & 7
Boomerang Editor	Voting	Shawn	Districts 3 & 16
Bridging the Gap	Voting	Ted D.	Districts 4 & 17
PI/CPC	Voting	Jay M.	District 5
Corrections	Voting	Andy G.	District 6
Finance	Voting	Open	District
Grapevine	Voting	Cathy M.	Districts 9 & 23
Guidelines	Voting	Willy	District 21
Literature	Voting	Carol G.	Districts 11 & 20
Love & Service	Voting	Harriett W.	Districts 12 & 24
Round-Up	Voting	Josh T.	District 14
Treatment	Voting	Adreth	District 13
Web Chair	Voting	Marissa C.	District 25

A28 P74 Non-Voting Standing Committees and Chairpersons

Al-Anon Liaison	non-voting	Trudy S.	District 17
CSO/Intergroup Liaison	non-voting	Open	District
Hybrid	non-voting	Moxie W.	District 21
Webmaster	non-voting	Mike M.	District 6

Closing

MOTION to Adjourn Assembly till Sunday 10/13/24

Close with the Responsibility Pledge

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

“Our Big Book –First Published in 1939”

Sunday October 20, 2024

7:30am - 8:30 AM Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00 AM Spiritual A.A. Meeting

9:00am - 9:15 AM Assembly convenes with the Serenity Prayer, Area 28 Preamble, Daily Reflections, Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions; Short Form, and The Twelve Concepts; Short Form

Unfinished Business

- Call for new Districts
- Bid for Spring Assembly 2025 – Starts with North 1st, East 2nd, West 3rd, South 4th

9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Reports

- Area Standing Committee/ Liaison Reports
- Round up Committee Report
- Spring Assembly Chair Report Jason District 24
- DCM Reports
- Panel Reports

Closing

A.A. Announcements

MOTION to Adjourn Assembly

Close with the Declaration of Unity

“This we owe to A.A. ’s future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. Unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come”

Preamble of General Service Area 28 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous

“The Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous shall always be a service body and shall protect and respect the autonomy and the privilege of dissent of the Group Conscience of the Area. In the course of deliberations and discussions, the Assembly shall ever be mindful of the ideals expressed in the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, and the A.A. Service Manual, and shall strive to be the true voice and Group Conscience of the Area. Unity and service shall ever be the Assembly’s primary purpose, and it shall encourage all Area Groups to

participate in the business of the Assembly and to support the Assembly in its efforts to cooperate with the A.A. General Service Office and A.A. World Services. The Assembly is specifically charged with the duty of electing a delegate to the General Service Conference and to provide the delegate financial support to assist him or her in the course of performing the duties of the office. The Assembly is further charged with electing an alternate delegate to the General Service Conference and to elect such Area Officers it deems necessary.”