

THE WAMO WORD

June 26-27, 2021

2021 GSC Theme: AA in a Time of Change

Action News!

Welcome to our Hybrid Assembly!

- We will again be holding a “hybrid” assembly, with members able to participate in person or online via Zoom.
- For those attending via Zoom, please log on a little early to allow time for tech troubleshooting if needed.
- **All attendees must register for the assembly, whether attending online or in person.** Registration will open shortly on the Area website (<https://wamo-aa.org>)
- For those attending in person, we are responsible for complying with public-health guidelines regarding social distancing and use of face masks.
- Pre-registration is needed so we have contact information if contact tracing becomes necessary.
- *We may have to move to a fully online assembly if public health authorities restrict public gatherings.* We will let everyone know as soon as possible if this happens.
- There are several guideline changes proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee still to be voted on. These changes are listed as an appendix to this document. **Please bring a copy of the current Guidelines with you for reference, including “Attachment A”.** Current guidelines can be found at . Open the “Area 39” tab under “Menu” at the top left of the home page.

NOTE: Items on the agenda can be voted on at this assembly if a motion is made and seconded during discussion, as long as they are not Guideline changes.



2022 Assembly Dates

January 15-16
March 26-27
June 25-26
September 17-18

Institutions Forum
April 30, 2022



Host district:
District 1

2021 Assembly Dates
June 26-27
September 18-19

Best Western
State Fair Hotel
3120 S Limit Ave, Sedalia
660-826-6100

AREA 39
WESTERN AREA OF MISSOURI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Agenda for Panel 71 Assembly – June 26-27, 2021
Assemblies are Closed Meetings for Alcoholics Only
Host District: 7

Assembly Agenda – Saturday

For committee meetings, we will be running 2 tracks so all members, whether in person or online, can participate. Zoom links for each track and 'howto' videos can be found at <https://wamo-aa.org/zoom/>.

- 8:45 – 8:55 **General Opening, Announcements and Introductions** - Derrick B., Area Chair – Upstairs
- 9:00 AM **GSRs, DCMs meet jointly – communications workshop** Upstairs (& Zoom)
 Committee chairs Downstairs (& Zoom)
- 10:00 AM **GSR/DCM Workshop continues** Upstairs
 Institutions Forum Downstairs
- 11:00 AM **Bridge the Gap** Upstairs
 Archives Downstairs
- 12:00 PM **Lunch on your own**
 Lunch meetings:
 WAMPAA – Upstairs
 Finance Committee – Downstairs
- 1:00 PM **Corrections** Upstairs
 Website Downstairs
- 2:00 PM **Treatment*** Upstairs
 Literature Downstairs
- 3:00 PM **Cooperation w/ Professional Community*** Upstairs
 Grapevine Downstairs
- 4:00 PM **Public Information** Upstairs
 MO State Convention Downstairs
- 5:00 PM **Accessibilities** Upstairs
 WAMO Convention Downstairs
- 6:00 **Dinner** (on your own)
- 7:30 PM **Report from the 2021 General Service Conference** – Pam K., Panel 71 Delegate
- 9:00 PM **Late night AA meeting.** Upstairs. Volunteer needed to lead, see Derrick B.

**Treatment and CPC committees are combining their meetings to do a 2-hour workshop.*

Assembly Agenda – Sunday

- 8:30 AM Zoom opens for early log-on & tech troubleshooting
- 9:00 AM **Officer Reports**
- 9:30 AM **Committee Reports**
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Business Meeting** – Derrick B. – Area Chair

Statement of Purpose – Greg G. – Alt. Area Chair
Reading of the minutes – Brian H. – Area Secretary
Attendance – Alex B. - Alt Area Secretary
Fourth Quarter & Year-End Summary Financial Report – Leslie H. – Area Treasurer

Old Business:

1. Pending proposals for guidelines changes. Proposed changes are attached at the end of this document.
 - a. Section 2.1 A.3, "Chairperson" (2 items)
 - b. Section 2.1.A.4, "Alternate Chairperson" (1 item)
 - c. Section 2.1.A.5, "Secretary" (6 items)
 - d. Section 2.1.A.6, "Alternate Secretary (1 item)
2. Tabled from January 2021: To contribute \$10,000 excess funds to GSO. Submitted by Holly I., GSR, Tri-Lakes Group.

New Business:

1. Beginning in September 2021, we resume in-person only attendance at Area 39 service assemblies. – Rondell M.

Other Applicable business - ***If needed*** - Recognition/approval of new standing committee chairs; Any committee or officer requesting funds expenditures either over budget or for items not previously approved will be presented to the assembly at this time.

Recommended Changes to Area 39 Guidelines

Unless otherwise noted, the suggested changes in this document reflect the current practices being used in the duties of the Trusted Servant positions referenced.

Section 2.1 A 3. “Chairperson”

Addition: Suggested we add the following to the list of Chairperson responsibilities.

- **e. The Chairperson will facilitate the Western Area Business Meeting.**
- **f. The Chairperson will be responsible for approving all items to be added to the Assembly Agenda.**

Section 2.1 A 4. “Alternate Chairperson”

Removal: Suggested we remove bullet point “e” in Section 2.1 A 4.

- **e. The Alternate Chairperson will be responsible for keeping the maps of the Western Area of Missouri, seeing that they are properly updated when amended by the Assembly.**
- Justification: It is now the Webmaster’s responsibility to maintain digital copies of the maps.

Section 2.1 A 5. “Secretary”

Adjustment: Suggested we add to collect delegate remarks to bullet “e”.

- Current State: e. The Secretary will be responsible for receiving all Area Officer, Area Standing Committee, DCM, and GSR reports.
- Suggested Adjustment: **e. The Secretary will be responsible for receiving all Area Officer, Area Standing Committee, DCM, GSR, and Past Delegate reports.**
- Justification: This is already done but would help add clarity to job responsibilities.

Adjustment: Suggested we remove the word “Service” from the titling of the Western Area of Missouri Guidelines in bullet “h”

- Current State: h. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping copies of the Western Area of Missouri Service Guidelines and seeing that they are properly updated and distributed when amended by the Assembly. The Secretary will also be responsible for seeing that all new members of the Assembly receive a copy of the Western Area Guidelines.
- Suggested Adjustment: **h. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping copies of the Western Area of Missouri ~~Service~~ (removal suggestion) Guidelines and seeing that they are properly updated and distributed when amended by the Assembly. The Secretary will also be responsible for seeing that all new members of the Assembly receive a copy of the Western Area Guidelines.**
- Justification: The guidelines are not published/titled as Western Area of Missouri Service Guidelines.

Adjustment: Suggested adjustment of working in bullet “i”

- Current State: i. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping all mailing lists up to date, including the name, address, telephone number and e-mail of every Area Officer, Area Committee Chairperson, former Delegates, DCMs, GSRs and their alternates.
- **Suggested Adjustment: i. The Secretary will be responsible for keeping all mailing lists the Confidential Contact List up to date, including the name, address, telephone number and e-mail of every Area Officer, Area Committee Chairperson, former Delegates, DCMs, GSRs and their alternates.**
- Justification: by adjusting “all mailing lists” to the Confidential Contact List, it provides clarity on current state.

Removal: Suggestion to remove bullet “j”

- Remove the entire bullet point, which currently reads as follows: **j. The Secretary will have a petty cash fund not to exceed the quarterly allotment.**
- Justification: The secretary no longer uses a petty cash fund.
- If approved, all other bullet points should be adjusted accordingly.

Adjustment: Suggested adjustment for bullet currently titled “m”

- Current state: m. The Secretary will notify all DCMs, no later than 2 weeks after the Assembly, of any groups that did not have a GSR or Alternate GSR present at the Assembly.
- **Suggested Adjustment: m. The Secretary will notify all DCMs, no later than 2 weeks after the Assembly, of their district’s groups that were not represented at the Area Assembly.**
- Justification: This will provide clarity that it is the Secretary’s intention to provide information and to avoid giving the impression of advising the DCMs on what to do with the provided information.

Addition: Suggested we add a bullet point for the Secretary to coordinate with the Host District for Area Assemblies.

- Suggested bullet point: **The Secretary will coordinate with the Host District of the Assembly.**
- If approved, this would be bullet point “m” or “n” depending upon action taken on bullet “j” listed above.

Section 2.6. “Alternate Secretary.”

Adjustment: Suggestions for bullet “f”

- Current state: f. The Alternate Secretary will maintain an area actions and agenda items record to be distributed to voting members of Assembly.
- **Adjustment suggestions: f. The Alternate Secretary will maintain an area actions and agenda items (motion log) [Suggested addition] record ~~to be distributed to voting members of Assembly.~~ (Suggested removal)**

- Justification: adding “motion log” in parentheses will add clarity to what is meant by the record-keeping system currently used. The suggested removal is because we do not currently distribute the motion log but it is available for any voting member to review at any time. The motion log goes back to the 1970’s so it would be financially imprudent for us to make multiple copies of the motion log for voting members.