

## Saturday October 12, 2024

\* Please check with your DCM, [area41.org](http://area41.org), or email [chairperson@area41.org](mailto:chairperson@area41.org) for updated information, as agenda information could be subject to change.

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	First Timer Orientation	<b><i>Important for 1st-time attendees</i></b>
<b>9:00 AM- 12:00PM</b>	<b><u>Committee Meetings</u></b>	
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>DCM's</b>
Agenda/Workshop	Cara G../Summer M..	26/23/28
Archives/Archivist Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information	Char S../Colleen P. Jeff W.	5/4/11 2/31/32
Corrections	Marsha S.	1/12/20
Finance	Brian R.	25/9/30
Grapevine	Chuck S. .	16/22/8
Literature	Mark S.	24/7/6
Report & Charter/Newsletter/Taper/Registrar	Erin O./Brock H./Dan W./Zach I.	19/3/18
Treatment/Accessibilities/Remote Communities	Dean G.	29/10/15
Technology & Communication	Sarah R.	13/14/21
12:00 PM- 2:00 PM	Lunch on your Own	Good Luck!!
2:00 PM -2:15 PM	Area 41 Inventory Instruction	ALL MEMBERS
2:15 PM-3:15 PM	Area 41 Inventory Breakout Sessions	
3:30PM-4:45PM	Area 41 Inventory Discussion Session	ALL MEMBERS
5:00PM-5:30PM	Ad-Hoc FUNction Committee Follow Up	ALL MEMBERS
5:30PM-8:00PM	Dinner on your Own	Good Luck!!
8:00 PM- 8:45PM	GSR Workshop-	GSRs Invited
8:00 PM-8:45PM	Area Coffee	DCM/Area Officers Welcome

9:00 PM-10:00PM	DCM Reports	ALL MEMBERS
<b>SUNDAY October 13, 2024</b>		
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	- Open AA Meeting	ALL MEMBERS 😊
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Officer/Committee Reports Clarify Agenda Items after each report	ALL MEMBERS
10:45 AM- 1ish	Area Business Meeting - Old Business - New Business - Items Moved to Vote/New Items	ALL MEMBERS

**\*\*SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR OCTOBER ASSEMBLY\*\***

*Please discuss with your districts and groups, bring any and all feedback to the assembly*

**2024 AREA 41 INVENTORY QUESTIONS:**

1. What does this area do to help the still suffering alcoholic? What is our primary purpose- elect a delegate? Do we fulfill it with the current number of assemblies?
2. Do our financial guidelines and budgets match what our area’s purpose is? Can our financial resources be put to better use in other ways?
3. How does the area serve our 3 legacies?
4. What are your groups/districts top 3 priorities for the area to fulfill?
5. How should the area help foster an environment of service sponsorship? Do we encourage rotation at every level of the triangle?
6. How would your group like to be involved in the inventory process throughout the year? What suggestions do you have that would make it more inclusive outside of assemblies?

**FUTURE ITEM - FEEDBACK REQUEST**

This topic is deemed imminent to the Area as a whole. Please see discussion questions below, so that trusted servants are fully informed by their groups and districts in advance of another workshop in October 2024.

The Area 41 FUNction Ad Hoc Committee has met since April 2023, and has actively polled the Area with surveys, questions, emails, etc. We have learned that Area 41 assemblies might be improved by:

- Reducing barriers to participation.
- Improving structural items (e.g., agenda and/or meeting frequency) to be efficient with the Area’s time and resources.
- Increased opportunities for engaging workshops on service positions or principles, which have been well received, to date.

**The committee intends to submit Agenda Items with recommended changes to the Area voting body (business meeting) for consideration. Please discuss the following, to help inform the committee’s recommendations:**

1. Some people have said it’s too expensive to send a GSR four times per year (current Area 41 frequency). What if two of those Area assemblies stopped having business meetings (i.e., voting), only met one day, and/or you were able to attend virtually?
2. What if all committees were available virtually?
3. Or, what if there were only three Area assemblies (with business meetings) per year?
4. If more groups could afford to send people (e.g., by only paying to send a GSR twice per year), would we have a greater representation of our Area fellowship at assemblies with business meetings?
5. What if one or two of our yearly Area assemblies were able to rotate around the Area, in smaller towns by using a school, church, community center, etc.?

Other Areas are doing these things: less business, more workshops, sometimes rotating locations. There is much to discuss. We welcome feedback at our October workshop or by email any time: [area41nebraska@gmail.com](mailto:area41nebraska@gmail.com) .

Stay tuned !

## **OLD BUSINESS: VOTING ITEMS**

(VOTE)

### **\*EMERGENCY ITEM\***

#### **Agenda Item 2024-10-12 013: Elect an Alternate Delegate.**

##### **Background:**

**\*\*\* ATTENTION: Please share this in your meetings. Due to a resignation, we will have an election at the October Assembly Business Meeting. \*\*\***

##### **ALTERNATE DELEGATE**

- Be prepared to serve as delegate at the General Service Conference in the case the delegate is unable
- Stay informed on all communication from the General Service Board with the delegate to fill in where the delegate is unable.
- Serve as Facilities Coordinator for Area 41 Assemblies and Reunions.
- Negotiate new contracts for Area 41 Assembly locations.
- The Area 41 Business Meetings are typically scheduled in January, April, July, and October with Reunion meeting date in June.
- Serve as the Liaison to the Nebraska Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (NCYPAA), which could include attending the annual NCYPAA conference.

(VOTE)

### **\*EMERGENCY ITEM\***

#### **Agenda Item 2024-10-12 014: Nominate a Candidate for Trustee at Large**

##### **Background:**

Reason for Trustees-at-Large: These trustees are selected for their service experience and familiarity with A.A. principles. They bring to the board's discussions a broad perspective informed by their ongoing contact with the international A.A. community.

*See Service Manual for More Information*

(VOTE)

### **\*EMERGENCY ITEM\***

#### **Agenda Item 2024-10-12 016: Finance Approve the 2025 Area 41 Budget**

##### **Background:**

See Appendix for Budget Detail (page#)

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## **NEW BUSINESS: ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE**

#### **Agenda Item 2024-10-12 015 Agenda: Move DCM Reports to DCM Coffee to focus DCM issues with districts.**

##### **Background:**

There are plenty of reports from the various committees and officers that can take nearly the entire time slated for both Officer/Committee reports and DCM reports even with time limits. If there are emergency items or heavy discussion items, the Sunday business meeting can go on well past a time that creates a late-night arrival for members further away. By moving it to the DCM coffee slot, this will allow the DCMs to provide their reports and get feedback from other DCMs during that time for guidance. This will foster a more focused discussion with other DCMs and allow them to focus on the issues they may be having.

##### **Items Still in Committee:**

#### **Agenda Item 2022 -10-09 014 Technology & Communication: To create an email subscription service**

Agenda Item 2023-04-15 008b Technology and Communications: Create guidelines and answer Traditions questions for future Area 41 purchases of electronic equipment. Determine who Area 41 should purchase electronic equipment for, how the items should be handled, used, protected, stored or passed along. Address questions of ongoing costs (subscriptions, maintenance, etc.) have not been addressed.

Agenda 2024-04-06 002 Technology & Communications (with consultation of Report & Charter: Dissolve the taper position and create a “tech gopher” position.

Agenda Item 2021-07-10 017 Technology and Communications: Conduct hybrid meetings as an option for virtual, as well as physical, attendance at Area 41 assemblies and business meetings.

Agenda Item 2024-01-06 004 Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information: Create a High School Liaison service position as a voting position of the assembly on the Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Committee (CPCPI). This position will work with districts and intergroups Public Information (PI) committees throughout Area 41 to help them set up talks in high schools, universities, and young offenders’ institutions.

Agenda Item 2022-04-02 #003 Report and Charter: Consider how to incorporate virtual groups that choose to participate in Area 41 into the Area 41 service structure.

Agenda Item 2024-01-06 #001 Report and Charter: Clarify the scope of standing committees to resolve agenda items in committee.

Agenda Item 2024-01-06 003 Finance: The Area 41 Reunion Chair will be responsible for securing volunteers to fill the Area 41 Reunion Committee, rather than the committee being filled by a Reunion Host Committee led by volunteer district(s) selected from bids.

The Area 41 Area Reunion committee will host an annual Area 41 Reunion in a manner keeping with our traditional event as outlined in Section IX.A of the Area 41 Handbook. The committee will include two elected positions: the Reunion Chair and the Reunion Alt-Chair. The Reunion Chair will be responsible for securing volunteers to fill the committee so that it may host the annual Area 41 Reunion.

The Reunion Chair will serve a one-year term to begin during the first area 41 business meeting following the area 41 reunion. They will be funded to attend area 41 business meetings for their term, one night and mileage at the Area 41 rate, and to attend the Area 41 Reunion, two nights and mileage at the area 41 rate. When the Reunion Chair position is vacant, if a Reunion Alt-Chair is available and willing, they will become the Reunion Chair. If the Reunion Alt-Chair position is vacant, then the Area 41 Chair will select a panel of candidates from which area 41 will elect the Reunion Chair, via third legacy procedures.

The Reunion Alt-Chair will be funded to attend two Area 41 business meetings, one night and mileage at the Area 41 rate, and to attend one Area 41 Reunion, two nights and mileage at the Area 41 rate. During an Area 41 Business Meeting sufficiently in advance of the Reunion to allow the Alt-Chair to attend two Area 41 business meetings, the Area 41 Chair will select a panel of candidates from which area 41 will elect the Reunion Alt-Chair, via third legacy procedures.

Funding for the Reunion (seed money) will be dispersed at the current amount and schedule. Facility costs will be added into the annual budget (not paid for from the seed money). The annual budget for the following positions to be adjusted to cover their attendance at the Reunion: Archives Chair, Literature Chair and Grapevine Chair for two nights and mileage at the Area 41 rate. The Delegates attendance will continue to be funded through the Delegates budget. Any funds gathered at the Reunion (donations or registration fees) will be turned over to the Area 41 Treasurer.

EXPERIMENTAL: This is for a four-year trial period. It will sunset and the Reunion structure revert to the district-based organization if not adopted following the fourth experimental event, or earlier.