

Below is a list of activities completed by the chair since the last assembly.

12/20/25 Visit to District 7  
1/8/26 Delegates Roundtable (Virtual)  
1/13 DCM Meeting (Virtual)  
1/18 Visit District 17  
1/26 2027 ISC Meeting (Virtual)  
1/26 Treatment Committee Meeting (virtual)  
1/27 Pre-GSC Workshop Planning Meeting (Virtual)  
1/29 2026 ISC Planning Meeting  
2/5 Delegates Roundtable (virtual)  
2/10 DCM Meeting (Virtual)  
2/13-15 Conference Delegates Past and Present  
2/19 Area Committee Meeting (Virtual) – See meeting minutes attached  
2/22 Area 21 Treatment Hybrid Workshop (Virtual)  
2/26 Pre-GSC Workshop Planning Meeting (virtual)  
3/5 Delegate's Round Table

It is always a pleasure to serve as your area chair. In this first quarter/2026, I have managed to keep quite busy, as one can see from the activity list above. I have honestly felt a little fatigued this period and sometimes feel as though I'm letting my area down, especially in the area of communication. I am still committed to improve with my and all of our communication as this year progresses. You can see that much of my attendance for meetings has been virtual, and while this feels less rewarding for me, it saves us much travel expense while allowing much more meeting time.

Our area virtual meetings for DCMs have continued and have moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday evening of the month. This year, there has been more emphasis for including Alternate DCMs, as a means for helping them prepare for moving into the DCM role (if they so choose). The group has also decided to invite other officers or committee chairs to the meeting for further information or work being done. So far this year, the delegate and treatment chairs have attended to discuss the GSC preparation and the development of service for treatment in our districts. The chair of PI has been invited for the next meeting. I also look forward to any other invitations for district meetings, as I always appreciate that experience.

I am happy to welcome Paula E. as our new GSR Workshop Chair. I look forward to hearing about her future and ongoing workshops. I had the pleasure of continuing to sit in and participate in the sessions given for treatment and I look forward to sitting in on the CPC session, scheduled for 2nd Wednesdays of the month. I continue to try to connect with other

committee chairs to learn of their work; but there is so much work going on, it's hard to keep up!

Supporting our delegate, Jodi, has become a larger priority for myself (and all of us) this period. This will continue into the next months as we all engage with the preparation for the 2026 GSC. The Conference of Delegates Past and Present was well attended by the PDs of our area, and I know I am not alone when I say how great Jodi did in chairing the mock committee and presenting in the mock conference. What great preparation for her role for chairing her committee at the GSC! We have also participated in big preparation for the upcoming Pre-GSC Workshop. This has become a most meaningful experience for our area, and a hands-on learning experience for how our GSC operates. It also is an opportunity to share views with our delegate (and each other) pertaining to conference agenda items.

I want to thank all of you who participate in this general service we do for our area. I realize that many in our districts don't know or understand how it is an important part of our service structure. I also realize that many of us are still involved in our own district, home group, sponsorship and other AA services, and this has made it especially difficult when trying to schedule times when we can all meet together. We find ourselves being called to be teachers, preachers, motivators and cheerleaders. I hope those who hear our message can see they are not alone, and we are here to help them help the suffering alcoholic.

In Love and Service,

Tom H

Area Chair