



Unapproved Minutes
Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly
Sunday June 1, 2025

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9:02 AM: Call to order: Recite: Serenity Prayer & Statement of A.A. Unity (PPT on screen)
Tom H. with Area Assembly Members both in person and on Zoom.

This Area 21 Assembly is being hosted by District 11.

Readings

1. A.A. Preamble - Tim C. District 11
2. G.S.R.- Preamble - Dave
3. Tradition 5 (Long Form) and Concept 5 (Short Form) - Sean M. Alternate DCM
4. Review of voting eligibility and hybrid format procedures (PPT on screen) - Sean M.

The persons eligible to vote are current Area 21 Officers and Committee Chairs, Past Delegates, District Committee Member (DCM) and Group Service Representative (GSR) that are currently serving from Districts within Area 21. Elected alternates of any of the above can vote in place of an absent voting member.

Any vote will be identified by the Area 21 Chair as either a simple majority (51%) or as one of substantial unanimity ($\frac{2}{3}$) according to Area 21 Handbook. Votes that do not meet the standard set are not passed. However the minority opinion will be asked for and listened to respectfully. This could cause a reconsideration vote.

Zoom participants can raise their hand to be recognized by the Area Chair from the reactions category on Zoom screen or phone.

Recognition:

1. Area 21 Officers Present (PDF of Names, Emails, Phone #s on virtual flyer table)

Chair:	Tom H.
Alternate Chair:	Sean M,
Delegate:	Jodi B.
Alternate Delegate	Pam B.
Registrar	Thom J.
Recording Secretary	Karen D.
Treasurer	Leo S,

2. Area 21 Committee Chairs Present (PDF of Names, Emails, Phone #s on virtual flyer table)

Archivist - Carl M.
Corrections - Ed H. (Zoom)
CooperationWith the Professional Community - Michael R.
Public Information - Laura M. (Zoom)
Grapevine - Gordon N.
Literature - Robert S.
Structure and Policy - Dean S.
Treatment - Karin S.
Website and Technology - Rosemary T.
Workshop - Shari D.

3. . Past Delegates Present (PDF of Names, Emails, Phone #s on virtual flyer table)

Mike F. - Panel 53	Patrick W. - Panel 67 (Not present)
Carl M.- Panel 55	Bobby D. - Panel 69
Dean S.- Panel 59	Gordon N. - Panel 71
Fariba - Panel 61 (Not present)	Tom H. - Panel 73
Becky B. - Panel 63	
Paula - Panel 65 (Not present)	

9:15 AM: District Introductions and Reports

D.C.M. Reports (4 minutes each.) To be included in minutes, please use the form on the Area 21 website and email to kadzee54@gmail.com or secretarysia21@gmail.com. (Reports in attachment)

District 4 Inactive
 District 5 Absent - Stephen M.
 District 6 - Kevin H
 District 7 - Gordon R. (Zoom)
 District 8 - Inactive
 District 9 - Inactive
 District 10 - Mike H.
 District 11 - Tim C.
 District 12 - Linda Z.

District 13 - Warren S.
 District 14 - Megan G.
 District 15 - Absent - Bob K.
 District 16 - Carl H. (Zoom).
 District 17 - Dava S. (Absent)
 District 18 - John G.
 District 19 - Trevor P.
 District 20 - Nancy W.

G.S.R. Reports (2 minutes each). To be included in minutes, please use the form on the Area 21 website and email to kadzee54@gmail.com or secretarysia21@gmail.com. (Reports in attachment)

District 6
 Dan - Riverside Group
 Robin - Pekin Celestial
 Melinda S. - Share Clean Air

District 7
 None

District 8
 None

District 9
 None

District 10
 Deb B - Second Tradition Noon Group
 Maria G. (Acting GSR) - Saturday Morning Live Group
 Ellen F. - Oakland Avenue Noon Time Group

District 11
 Tim C. - (Treasurer) Unthirsty Thursday Group
 Amy S. - Monday Happy Hour Group
 Steve S. - Friday Group
 Dave D. - Wednesday Night Serenity Group
 Alex T. - Unity at Six Group
 Taylor J. - Shine Through Sobriety Group
 Bil D.I - Friday Night Forum
 Sherman S - (Alternate GSR) Back to Basics Group
 Maggie C. (Alternate GSR) Tuesday Night Beginner's Group

District 12

Tara - A Better Way Group
Eric - Primary Purpose Group
Eric noted that Farmer City Group will be having a speaker meeting and potluck
Linda Z. - Noon Bird Group

District 13

Warren - Mulberry Grove Fireside Group

District 14

Laura K - How It Works Group

District 15

None

District 16

Marsha - Fairfield Group

District 17

James - Incommon Group

District 18

Melanie - Alton Wednesday Night Group - Hybrid
Rose - Hillsboro Group
Ron - New Beginnings Group
S. Paul - Saturday Night Live Discussion Group

District 19

Jeff W. - Chatham Serenity Group

District 20

Joy - Bushmill Hometown Group

10:30 AM - Break and Gordon N. invited all new attendees to this Assembly to enter drawing to win a Grapevine subscription.

10:45 AM - Officer Reports

Recording Secretary - Karen D.

Provided an overview of the last assembly with written copies being provided. There were no questions and Sean M. made a motion to approve and Megan seconded. There were none opposed and the motion carried unanimously. Unapproved minutes will become Approved Minutes.

Registrar - Thom J.

He gave a report consisting of the number of groups indicated by the A A program called Fellowship Connect regarding current Area 21 information. He is working on data integrity and tracking down aging requests for Area 21 group changes. Additionally, he is adding contact information for 427 groups. He stated that he wants to keep the flow of information going back and forth between Groups -Districts - Area 21. He is invested with helping to do this in any way that he can. A written report is attached.

Treasurer - Leo S.

Leo gave a report regarding the Area 21 financial picture from March through May. As this is June 1st, there may be some transactions not tracked. The following information notes Area 21 Group Contributions:

March - \$1496.51

April - \$1200.01

May - \$618.85

His attached report lists all expenditures and intake of money. He noted that May contributions from groups are down as noted above.

Leo listed all of the facets of his report in detail and stated that once all expenses incurred from this Assembly are paid that Area 21 will be operating out of its Prudent Reserve Fund.

The current amount in the General Fund is

\$22,650.24

The current amount in the Prudent Reserve is

\$20,395.00

The separate Corrections Literature Fund is \$3,394.75 and does not enter into the discussion of the above monies.

There were several questions from members of the Assembly regarding various aspects of this report such as:

- a. Is each committee that share resources be equally responsible for costs incurred;
- b. If a gratitude donation given to Area 21 was given by an A A member?;
- c. A request for clarification regarding the current food costs;
- d. Ongoing concerns about Area 21 finances which were discussed in a letter sent out by the Area Chair.

Once these concerns and questions were addressed by Leo S; a motion to approve the submitted report was called by Tim C. and Thom J seconded. No one was opposed and the motion passed. (Full Report Attached).

Alternate Area 21 Chair - Sean M.

He reported that he attended the April Zoom DCM Meeting held by Tom H. and Jodi B.;

He also attended the GSR Workshop held in Springfield.

Area 21 Chair - Tom H.

He reported that he had participated in Zoom DCM Meeting which occurs monthly; Report Attached)

He wrote and had distributed a 3 page document entitled, "What is Area 21 Doing for You and Your Groups?"; (attached)

He has been involved with a committee for the upcoming Vancouver International A A Convention which is gathering photographs of A A Group Meeting rooms with historical significance and is doing a stationary poster;

He distributed to Area 21 persons a letter discussing the current budgetary concerns (attached)

Area 21 Alternate Delegate - Pam B.

She reported that she had attended 2 out of 3 Alternate Delegate Zoom Meetings this quarter, which mainly focused on information regarding upcoming A A International Convention in Vancouver, Canada;

She will be serving at the upcoming Convention in the ECC Hospitality Suite;

She has increased her knowledge of the structure of the General Service Conference through her work with the set up of the Pre General Service Conference;

She is looking forward to learning more about the wider service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous through her work with Jodi and other members.

11:15 AM - Break

11:30 AM

Area 21 Delegate - Jodi B. (Full Report attached)

She stated that she is a Delegate on Panel 75 which gets its number with the first General Service Conference in 1950 which is number 1 to 2025 which is 75;

She stated that Alcoholics Anonymous is a Non-Profit Service Organization and that makes all members shareholders;

As remembrance of Area 21; members who she met at the GSC were given glass cleaners embossed with Area 21;

She presented photographs with pictures of America, Canada, and Puerto Rico which represent the breadth and depth of A A World Services;

She reiterated the Founder's view as to the need for the General Service Conference which is so that A A may remain unified in order to pass on the message to the next suffering alcoholic. She broke down the numbers as follows:

There are:

137 Voting Members of the General Service Conference

93 Delegates (areas selected via population centers)

22 Trustees

17 GSO Staff Members

5 Non-Trustee Directors

212 are in room with any extra needed service persons; example - language interpreter

She became prepared for the challenge of this Conference with tutorials from New York, Pre General Service activities and a lot of reading;

On the whole, the experience was awesome. She worked hard but was inspired by the process. (report attached)

12:00 Noon - Lunch

1:05 PM

Alternate Chair - Sean M.	Calendar of Upcoming A A Events
June 23, 2025	Area 21 Treatment/Accessibilities Meeting
June 28, 2025	Literature/Grapevine Workshop - Zoom and at Roxanna, IL
July 3-6 of 2025	A A International Convention in Vancouver Canada
August 22-24 of 2025	East Central Regional Forum in Indianapolis, IN
September 14, 2025	Area 21 Assembly - Springfield, IL
September 27, 2025	All Chicago Open - Harris Theatre
November 7-9 of 2025	National Corrections Conference in Nashville, TN
November 7-9 of 2025	National Technical Convention in Cincinnati, OH
November 14-16 of 2025	Illinois State Conference in Schaumburg, IL

1:10 PM

Area 21 Delegate - Jodi B.

In the next three months, she will be traveling to any District that asks to share about what happened at the General Service Conference in April and will cover:

How an Advisory Action is passed at the General Service Conference;

How Roberts Rules are used in this voting process;

Where Area 21 fits into the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous in the US and Canada;

She is considering whether Zoom sessions covering this material will be beneficial.

Jodi announced that Sherry S. was selected as a Regional Trustee.

1:45 PM - Committee Chair Reports

Archives - Carl M

Corrections - Jeff D.

Cooperation With the Professional Community - Michael R.

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2:00 PM - Break

2:15 PM - Sean M. - Read p.20 in the General Service Manual - The Nature of Service

Drawing for Grapevine Subscription and Nancy W. DCM from District 20 was the winner.

2:30 PM - Tom H.

Old Business

Assembly Bids:

Gordon R. from District 7 made a bid for the December 7, 2025 Assembly.

With very little discussion Steve S. made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Pam B. Carried Unanimously

In regard to the March 2026 Assembly, Mike from District 10 thinks they can host but he must gain agreement with members of that District.

Tom H. stated that he would like to lock down a host site for this Assembly. There was discussion back and forth about how to overcome the dilemma of a District being hesitant to commit and the need for there to be a commitment.

Finally, Sean M. from District 10 accepted the motion that the Area Assembly will be held there provided District 10 has a positive group conscience regarding the acceptance of this Assembly. Shari D. seconded the motion

The discussion that ensued discussed the following:

Pressure tactics were being applied to force a commitment while others disagreed with that assessment. Other members expressed concern that any outside pressure upon a group to conform is not allowable.

Finally a vote was called on motion to commit District 10 to hosting an Assembly contingent on a positive group conscience.

8 - For
23 - Against

Motion Fails

This Assembly will await group conscience and put hosting of the Assembly on the bid agenda.

New Business

Floor Motion by Tim C. - District 11 (In lieu of current financial concerns)
Motion to edit the Area Handbook 7.3 regarding the mileage paid for Area travel to be .37 per mile instead of the current .45 per mile as of the September 2025 Assembly;

After some discussion there was a Friendly Amendment to the above motion to begin as of the June 2, 2026 Area Assembly by Pam B. - District 11;

After some discussion there was another Friendly Amendment so that a person could accept an amount less than .37. This Amendment was made by Thom J.- District 10;

Floor Discussion included the following points;

- a. The prudent reserve is not inviolate. If it is needed for use it can be used.
- b. It is not fair to change the amount in the middle of the year
- c. What about people who will not be able to travel for a lesser amount

Vote was called:

14 in favor of change
21 against the change

Minority Opinion:

- a. Exception taken to picture of Area 21 members begging for gas money in order to come to the Assembly
- b. Gas prices could change making the need for higher gas stipend moot.

There was no vote to reconsider. Gas mileage for Area Business remains as .45 per mile as stated in current Area 21 Handbook.

Tom H. - Announced that he will be forming an AdHoc Committee to suggest ways to use money contributed to Area 21 as efficiently as possible.

Sobriety Countdown of members of Area 21 present. Thirteen members had sobriety anniversaries this quarter which equaled 223 years.

Tom H. Area 21 Chair

He stated that the deadline for any request for an item to be voted upon at the General Service Conference is September 30, 2025. He stated that if such an item were brought to this body for consideration it could be put on the agenda for a vote. He felt that having Area 21 in favor of an item could carry more weight with the Trustee Committee which puts items on the General Service Conference's Agenda.

The Area Committee will be meeting at a date to be determined via Zoom prior to the September 14, 2025 Area Assembly in Springfield, IL.

Tim C. stated that there were 54 members present at site and 14 on Zoom.
Lunch and Registration accounted for a credit of \$815.00. The debits were \$ 796.02.

Leo S. stated:

Credit of \$18.98 (Food and Registration)
Debits of (\$2,370.31) (Assembly Expenses)
The General Fund is currently \$22,298.91.

Robin made a motion to adjourn this Area Assembly at 3:00 PM and it was seconded by Ron. Adjourned

The Statement of A A Responsibility was recited in closing by all members present.

AREA 21
JUNE ASSEMBLY
2025
REPORTS FROM
REGISTRAR
TREASURER
AREA CHAIR
AREA DELEGATE
AREA OFFICER'S
AREA DCM'S
AREA GSR'S

Registrar Report June Area 21 Assembly

Fellowship Connection for Area 21

Districts: 20; 18 Active

Group Status:

1193 Groups.

Regular: 393 Active 649 Inactive

Virtual: 2 Active 2 Inactive

Pending Active: 1

Unknown: 62

Incomplete: 1

Area 21 Gmail

427 contacts

Group labels include:

A21 Archives, 3; A21 BTG, 4; A21 Committee Chairs, 15; A21 Corrections, 3; A21 CPC, 3; A21 DCM + Alt DCM, 25; A21 Delegates Past-Present, 16; A21 Events, 0; A21 GV, 2; A21 Literature, 2; A21 Officers, 7; A21 PI, 4; A21 Registrar-Meeting list-Secretary, 4; A21 Standards and Policy, 1; A21 Tech-Website Chairs, 6; A21 Treatment, 2; Area Committee, 56; CONT, 26; D 04, 4; D 05, 31; D 06, 27; D 07, 15; D 08, 1; D 09, 1; D 10, 34; D 11, 24; D 12, 56; D 13, 10; D 14, 41; D 15, 8; D 16, 16; D 17, 23; D 18, 56; D 19, 42; D 20, 12; District Committee Chairs, 36; GSR/Alt GSR, 269.

Registrar's list to do.

1. Track down aging requests:
 - Meeting change requests,
 - GSR and DCM listings on Fellowship connection
 - Group status
2. Add to email groups:
 - Add District Service Committee chairs and members to Area email list
 - Confirm changes when service terms end, typically after 2 years.
3. Pursue Data Integrity.
 - Share lists with DCMs to ensure Area lists match the status of District lists.
4. Continue to maintain the flow of information between Area Delegate and committees, and Groups in Districts.

Submitted in Service, June 1, 2025

Thom J.

Area 21 Registrar

area21registrar@gmail.com

309-862-1674

1 Mar - 31 May, 2024

General Fund Balance brought forward from MAR Report:

22,058.16

Source	Month	Amount
Group Contributions	MAR	1,496.51
Group Contributions	APR	1,257.01
Group Contributions	MAY	618.85
TTL Group Contributions:		3,372.37
OTHER INCOME		
Ill/Mo Men's Breakfast Club	Apr	Donation to SIA21 1,000.00
District 17	Apr	Proceeds from Mar assembly 13.90
Robert O'Donnell	May	Personal Donation 500.00
SIA 21 District 20	May	Donation to SIA21 1,575.84
TTL Other Income:		3,089.74
TOTAL INCOME:		6,462.11

	Month	Amount
Expenses	MAR	(4,773.54)
Expenses	APR	(1,096.49)
Expenses	MAY	-
TOTAL EXPENSES:		(5,870.03)

General Fund Balance	22,650.24
Prudent Reserve	20,395.00
Working Balance	2,255.24

Correction Literature Fund	3,394.75
Expenses -	-
Balance	3,394.75

Account Balance

26,044.99

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1 Mar - 31 May

Ledger - Group Contributions

			TTL:	1,875.43	1,496.51	1,257.01	618.85	5,247.80
GROUP	LOCATION	DISTRICT	1st QTR	Mar	Apr	May	YTD	
Any Lengths Group	Quincy	05	-	-	20.00	-	20.00	
Hilltop Group	Peoria	06	-	30.15	-	19.49	49.64	
Pekin Celestial Group	Pekin	06	-	45.00	-	-	45.00	
Pioneer Group	Peoria	06	80.00	-	-	-	80.00	
Riverside Group	Rome	06	110.00	110.00	-	110.00	330.00	
Sunnyland Phoenix Action Gp	East Peoria	06	40.00	20.00	-	-	60.00	
Circle Of Friends Group	Centralia	07	-	65.00	-	-	65.00	
Friday Nite Mixers Group	Mt. Vernon	07	-	30.00	-	-	30.00	
Primary Purpose Group - Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	07	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	
Rule 62 Group	Breese	07	-	25.00	-	-	25.00	
Tuesday Night Agape Group	Mt. Vernon	07	-	-	25.00	-	25.00	
Tuesday Noon Group	Mt. Vernon	07	-	150.00	-	-	150.00	
2nd Traditions Noontime Group	Bloomington	10	70.00	-	-	-	70.00	
Bloomington Tuesday Nite Group	Bloomington	10	-	-	-	50.00	50.00	
Crazy 8's Group	Bloomington	10	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	
Le Roy Serenity Circle Group	Le Roy	10	-	-	250.00	-	250.00	
Noon Time Oakland Ave Group	Bloomington	10	-	-	-	70.00	70.00	
Saturday Morning Live Group	Bloomington	10	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	
Sunday Eye Opener Group	Normal	10	-	38.80	-	-	38.80	
Sunday Morning Primary Purpose Group	Bloomington	10	-	-	-	103.00	103.00	
Third Step Group	Bloomington	10	170.55	-	78.66	-	249.21	
Unthirsty Thursday Group	Taylorville	11	-	75.00	-	-	75.00	
515 Whistle Bell Group	Champaign	12	-	300.00	-	-	300.00	
Big Book Study Group	Tilton	12	-	-	75.00	-	75.00	
Cellar Dwellers Group	Urbana	12	-	118.00	-	-	118.00	
Champaign Women's Study Group	Champaign	12	-	-	50.00	50.00	100.00	
Charleston Friday Night Group	Charleston	12	-	-	50.00	-	50.00	
Common Solution Group	Charleston	12	26.00	-	12.00	13.55	51.55	
Happy Hour Group - Rantoul	Rantoul	12	125.00	-	-	-	125.00	
Manhattan Group	Champaign	12	-	24.56	-	-	24.56	
Mulberry Grove A.A. Firehouse Group	Mulberry Grove	13	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	
The Way Out Group	Effingham	13	28.16	-	130.64	-	158.80	
How It Works Group	Belleville	14	-	165.00	-	-	165.00	
Reflections Group	Belleville	14	-	-	169.50	-	169.50	
Carmi Group	Carmi	16	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	
Eldorado Group	Eldorado	16	25.00	-	-	25.00	50.00	
Here's How Group	Carbondale	17	57.05	-	-	-	57.05	
Incommon Fellowship Group	Marion	17	111.60	-	-	-	111.60	
Keep It Simple Sisters Group	Carbondale	17	25.00	-	-	-	25.00	
Little Egypt Group	Herrin	17	245.00	-	-	-	245.00	
Early Bird Group	Edwardsville	18	-	-	-	25.00	25.00	
Gaunt Prospectors Sunday Night Step Group	South Roxana	18	-	100.00	-	-	100.00	
New Beginning Group	Troy	18	150.00	-	-	-	150.00	
Saturday Night Library Group	Edwardsville	18	-	50.00	-	50.00	100.00	
Sunday Night Growth Group	Edwardsville	18	89.60	-	-	-	89.60	
The GH Group	Anna	18	-	-	75.00	-	75.00	
Thursday Night Open Group	Glen Carbon	18	-	-	-	75.00	75.00	
Eye Opener Group	Springfield	19	100.00	-	100.00	-	200.00	
Noon Group	Springfield	19	6.38	-	20.40	7.81	34.59	

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1 Mar - 31 May

Ledger - Group Contributions

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GROUP	LOCATION	DISTRICT	1st QTR	Mar	Apr	May	YTD	
ush Hour Group	Springfield	19	66.09	-	70.81	-	136.90	
he Man Cave Group	Chatham	19	-	-	100.00	-	100.00	
he Unity Group	Springfield	19	-	50.00	-	-	50.00	
irden/Girard Area Group	Girard	19	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	
Unknown	---	99	50.00	-	-	-	50.00	

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1 Jun - 31 Aug, 2024

Ledger - Expenses

TTL:					4,773.54	1,096.49	-
Check # DEGIT	Date	Amount	Payee	Budget Line	MAR	APR	MAY
C104	3/9/25	1,250.00	Jodi Blades	Delegate Allowance	1,250.00	-	-
C105	3/9/25	320.10	Pam Burkhurt	Alt. Delegate	320.10	-	-
C106	3/9/25	631.44	Tom Hensold	Chair	631.44	-	-
C107	3/9/25	150.30	Sean Marling	Alt. Chair	150.30	-	-
C108	3/9/25	68.40	Karen Downey	Secretary	68.40	-	-
C109	3/9/25	105.35	Carl Mizell	Archives	105.35	-	-
C110	3/9/25	840.00	Edws. GC Storage	Storage	840.00	-	-
C111	3/9/25	113.30	Gordon Neel	Grapevine	113.30	-	-
C112	3/9/25	252.50	Shari Dinkins	GSR Workshop	252.50	-	-
C113	3/9/25	183.28	Robert Snyder	Literature	183.28	-	-
C114	3/9/25	101.90	Dean Strassner	Structure & Policy	101.90	-	-
C115	3/9/25	116.48	Karein Sandavol	Treatment	116.48	-	-
C116	3/9/25	176.50	Rosemary Tripp	Website & Technology	176.50	-	-
C117	3/9/25	179.60	Michael Reeves	CPC	179.60	-	-
C118	3/9/25	68.40	Leo Stork	Treasurer	68.40	-	-
C119	3/9/25	200.00	Gordon Neel	Misc.	200.00	-	-
D003	3/9/25	15.99	Zoom Comms Inc	Website & Technology	15.99	-	-
C1020	4/12/25	45.10	Jeff Dale	Corrections	-	45.10	-
C1021	4/12/25	10.00	Carl Mizell	Archives	-	10.00	-
C1022	4/12/25	99.90	Pam Burkhurt	Alt. Delegate	-	99.90	-
C1023	4/12/25	151.20	Shari Dinkins	GSR Workshop	-	151.20	-
C1024	4/12/25	158.40	Rosemary Tripp	Website & Technology	-	158.40	-
C1025	4/12/25	91.00	Tom Hensold	Chair	-	91.00	-
C1026	4/12/25	96.40	Leo Stork	Treasurer	-	96.40	-
C1028	4/12/25	351.10	District 14	Pre GSC Workshop	-	351.10	-
C1027	4/12/25	77.40	Shari Dinkins	GSR Workshop	-	77.40	-
D004	4/30/25	15.99	Zoom Comms Inc	Website & Technology	-	15.99	-

SIA21 ASSEMBLY

Report - Budget

	2025 Budget	TTL Jan - Feb	TTL Mar - May	TTL Jun - Aug	TTL Sep - Dec	YTD TTL	% Used to Date	Balance
Chair	1,500.00	-	(722.44)	-	-	(722.44)	-48%	777.56
Chair	1,000.00	-	(150.30)	-	-	(150.30)	-15%	849.70
Delegate Allowance	5,500.00	-	(1,250.00)	-	-	(1,250.00)	-23%	4,250.00
Delegate Fee	2,200.00	(2,200.00)	-	-	-	(2,200.00)	100%	0.00
Delegate	2,600.00	-	(420.00)	-	-	(420.00)	-16%	2,180.00
Registrar	850.00	-	-	-	-	-	0%	850.00
Secretary	800.00	-	(68.40)	-	-	(68.40)	-9%	731.60
Measurer	1,200.00	(443.55)	(164.80)	-	-	(608.35)	-51%	591.65
Assembly Cost	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	0%	2,000.00
Disc.	1,000.00	-	(200.00)	-	-	(200.00)	-20%	800.00
SGSC Workshop	1,000.00	-	(351.10)	-	-	(351.10)	-35%	648.90
Storage	840.00	-	(840.00)	-	-	(840.00)	100%	0.00
Archives	500.00	-	(115.35)	-	-	(115.35)	-23%	384.65
Corrections	7,500.00	-	(45.10)	-	-	(45.10)	-1%	7,454.90
PC	3,000.00	-	(179.60)	-	-	(179.60)	-6%	2,820.40
Grapevine	700.00	-	(113.30)	-	-	(113.30)	-16%	586.70
SR Workshop	1,000.00	-	(481.10)	-	-	(481.10)	-48%	518.90
Literature	750.00	-	(183.28)	-	-	(183.28)	-24%	566.72
	4,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	0%	4,500.00
Structure & Policy	300.00	-	(101.90)	-	-	(101.90)	-34%	198.10
Treatment	500.00	-	(116.48)	-	-	(116.48)	-23%	383.52
Website & Technology	1,550.00	(15.99)	(366.88)	-	-	(382.87)	-25%	1,167.13
Total	40,790.00	(2,659.54)	(5,870.03)	-	-	(8,529.57)	-21%	32,260.43
Student reserve	20,395.00							
Correction Literature Fund	3,394.75	-	-	-	-	-	0%	3,394.75

It has been a pleasure to serve as your area chair. In this second quarter, we again had a flurry of activities as was experienced in the 1st quarter. This included the Pre-GSC Workshop, of which Jodi and I co-chaired; but also included the Virtual sessions before with several officers and committee chairs assisting in the sessions. The workshop was attended by over 40 in-person and several more on-line. I believe it was a success and hope that it helped to prepare Jodi for the 75th GSC. We had one virtual DCM Meeting that also included Sean and Jodi on April 22nd, where DCM's shared the experience, strength and hope in the districts; and prepped for receiving reports from Jodi of the 75th GSC. We had one virtual Area Committee Meeting on May 13th; in which the Assembly Agenda was approved, and the discussion of current finance issues lead to the suggestion for the writing of a summary of what our area does for our groups, and the costs for that. (See attached "What Is Area 21 Doing for You and Your Groups?")

Part of my responsibility is to serve on the committee for the next Illinois State Conference. I am waiting to hear more about the progress with that planning.

I have also been involved with committee service for our upcoming International Convention in Van Couver. I hope you have seen the requests for input for items for the ECR Hospitality Room and that pertains to our area.

In Love and Service,

Tom H, Area Chair

What is Area 21 Doing for You and Your Groups?

And How Does the Area help make that possible?

(The following writing was suggested by the Area Committee when addressing our current financial challenges. We have recently been using reserve funds to meet service commitments. The intention of the document is to motivate for increased participation and support.)

- Our **Delegate** provides a direct link to our General Service Conference, including participating in GSC meetings, regional meetings, state meetings, receiving and providing communication from the GSC, giving reports to the area by the Assemblies, visits to districts, participating and organizing workshops and much more. Maintains an awareness of the group conscious of the area and its groups/districts.

How does the area help? Provides the Assemblies, provides a budget to meet travel and meeting expenses. Provides a communication system through the registrar. And tech services. Encourage invitations for district visits. Showing up to participate in reports.

- Our **Area Chair** coordinates the area activities that allow for the Delegate to do what is described above. In addition, appoints the chairs of specific committees who serve as a link to corresponding Trustee Committees of the GSC. The committees include **Archives, Corrections, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Grapevine, GSR Workshop, Literature, Public Information, Structure and Policy, Treatment, and Web-Tech**. The committee chairs receive reports from the delegate/conference committees/GSO, giving reports back to the districts or groups, helping to advise and coordinate services for districts, manage a web-site, offer educational workshops, report to the area of services available.

How does the area help? Provide the Area Assembly for giving and receiving reports and information. Provide a budget to help meet travel and meeting expenses. Provide web-tech services for communication and meetings. Invitations for district visits or workshops, then encouraging participation in the events provided.

- Our **Registrar** works with the GSO and our members to keep data of our registered groups, keep data of our area servants and contact information, give reports to the area of current active and inactive groups, give assistance for groups wanting to register or to change contacts, give assistance to DCM's for monitoring groups in their district. In addition, the registrar serves as an on-line mail person for communication from the delegate, officers or committee chairs to all other contacts of the area.

How does the area help? Provide the Assembly for giving and receiving reports. Provide a budget for traveling and meeting expenses. Districts and groups provide information for the data and group/contact identification. Encourage participation in any workshop or assistance offered.

- Our **Recording Secretary** provides written minutes of the area assembly reports and other meetings, as requested by the chair.

How does the area help? Provide a budget for assembly travel and meeting expenses. Provide the assembly where the minutes can be developed, provide tech services for recording the meeting and to assist in understanding the meeting content. Where planned, give written or digital reports for reports given. Be aware of minutes submitted for approval and participate in the approval at area assemblies.

- Our **Alternate Chair** and **Alternate Delegate** attend and participate in workshops, meetings, assemblies, state and regional conferences as requested. Observe and study the responsibilities of the counterparts and be prepared to assume those responsibilities as needed.

How does the area help? Provide a budget that covers transportation and meeting expenses. Make requests for assistance for workshops and meetings.

- Our **Treasurer** submits a proposal for the annual budget for all the area services and expenses described above. Oversees the area bank account, including depositing contributions and keeping an ongoing balance of it's funds. Writes checks to area servants for approved services and expenses. Submits an area treasury report for each assembly.

How does the area help? Provides a budget to help cover travel and meeting costs. Encourage its members and groups to send in contributions to help the area be self-supporting. Utilize forms from the treasurer that helps to identify groups. Be aware of the reports and participate in it's review and approval at each assembly.

- Our **DCM's** serve as the communication link between the delegate/area and the groups of their districts. Keeps the delegate and area informed of the group conscious of the district. Attends and participates in area assemblies, while encouraging GSR's to do the same. Participate in other meetings as invited, including the Area Committee Meeting. Make requests for assistance and workshops on general service.

How does the area help? Ensure that DCM's and districts receive communication from the delegate and area. Be available and respond to requests for workshops, assistance with general service. There is no budget provided for DCM's to attend assemblies, with the understanding that the districts will support that.

In Love and Service,

Tom H, Area Chair

See the attached summary of the 2025 Area Budget showing costs for each of the above described service.

2025 Budget for Area 21

Position or item	Annual Expense
Chair	1,500.00
Alt. Chair	1,000.00
Delegate Allowance	5,500.00
Delegate GSC Fee	2,200.00
Alt. Delegate	2,600.00
Registrar	850.00
Secretary	800.00
Treasurer	1,200.00
Assembly Cost	2,000.00
Misc.	1,000.00
Pre GSC Workshop	1,000.00
Storage	840.00
Archives	500.00
Corrections	7,500.00
CPC	3,000.00
Grapevine	700.00
GSR Workshop	1,000.00
Literature	750.00
PI	4,500.00
Structure & Policy	300.00
Treatment	500.00
Website & Tech	1,550.00
Total	40,790.00
Prudent reserve	20,395.00
*Corrections Lit Fund	3,394.75

* Not included in budget

Dear Trusted Servants of Area 21,

As the chair of our area, I feel compelled to reach out to you about the situation our area finds itself with our treasury. Please consider what I'm saying, as I realize that most of us would much rather avoid issues such as money.

If you have not followed this situation for the recent years, our area funds have gradually changed from having an abundance of funds over our prudent reserve, to being at borderline meeting our expenses without using reserves; to where we are now, having to dig deeper into our reserve funds to meet our expenses for service commitments. At this point in time, we are over \$3,000 into our reserve funds, while fulfilling our commitments of services to our area. We have been over \$1,600 into our reserves since the beginning of our budget this year.

There are likely a number of reasons why this trend has occurred. (1) Our area is no different than other AA bodies of service where the impact of the covid pandemic has resulted in decreased groups in our area, thus a decreased source of group contributions. (2) It appears that some groups have managed to survive and carry on, but they have become disconnected to their districts and the area and ultimately have ceased participation in those levels of service. This is likely out of necessity as groups had to use their contributions to stay alive and serve their own members. (3) There has been the impression that the area has been flush in funds, based on past years balances of well over our reserve. Thus, when weighing how groups contribute through general service, the area might be discounted from needing contributions. (4) There might be a gap in information of how the area is an important part of the AA general service structure and our link to the General Service Conference.

I would like to address item 4 first; that is the importance of our area to our service structure. I believe it could partly be related to the other items, and these are just my impressions. As the groups did what they needed to stay alive and serve their members, they decreased the emphasis for staying connected and participating in the area. As this has continued over the years, members of groups had little or no experience with the area or even with their districts. Ultimately the understanding of how we are all connected to each other and the GSC becomes completely lost. Perhaps the attitude has changed as a result of other connections, such as social media. True, one can gain information through internet sources, but this is not as part of our service structure and the group conscience of our area. I believe many of us realize how our unity becomes broken down if we lose sight how our connection to each other is lost from our groups through our districts through our area and through our General Service Conference.

Another issue might involve not knowing what the area does and how it serves all of our fellowship. I can assure you our area has a full body of very capable trusted servants who have been serving and looking forward to giving service to our fellowship in the many areas of the

conference. Our delegate and officers have all worked diligently to inform us, seek advice and input of our needs and give us the needed reports for making informed decisions. Besides attending our Area Assemblies and supporting our delegate, we have chairs of committees that serve and willing to serve in many capacities to meet our fellowship needs. Our delegate and alternate delegate have responded to requests to visit districts to give conference reports. Our GSR Workshop Chair has traveled to districts for education about the importance of the GSRs. Our Corrections Chairs continue to serve and coordinate our many needs for prison outreach. Several other chairs of committees have offered to visit districts, including Literature, Grapevine, Treatment, and others. The Chair for Treatment and Accessibilities has established monthly meetings for coordination and info exchanges. The Chair for P.I. has expressed plans for coordination area wide for our public information. Several of us just experienced our Pre-GSC Workshop, where we helped prepare our delegate for her representation of us in the 75th General Service Conference. Our Web-Tech chair and team have continued to maintain our website and provide services that allow maximum participation for all with our hybrid accessibility for Assemblies. Any district or groups who have received these services from our area servants can testify how helpful it has been for their members and how it has helped them feel in unity and connected to the full fellowship of our conference.

As for the idea that groups have lost touch with our area or have lost the practice of participation in our area since the covid pandemic. We know our group numbers have decreased over those years, at least our "registered groups." Our area has in fact seen how our treasury funds and balance with our prudent reserve has changed since the pandemic. I have personally witnessed groups that have needed to change their financial and contribution practices while enduring the lower turnouts of those years and ultimately the decreased contributions to their own baskets. However, as they have recovered in attendance and increased contributions, they have yet to return to past commitments to our area. This was partly due to the belief that the area was OK and not really needing the contributions. But I also believe it was attributed to what I mentioned above; not remembering why we give to the area. If I happen to be in a business meeting and inform the group about our current financial difficulties, I find they now have increased capability to contribute and more willing to return to the past levels of contributions. It was just a matter of understanding so they could make an informed group conscience.

We are hopefully gradually returning to our past levels of participation within the structure of our AA general service, including the districts, area and General Service Board. But it is going to take each of us to recognize what we personally can do to help our members see why it is important, how our participation can help all of us be united and stronger, and how our contributions help those who offer their service to do their work. I know our servants, and I believe they would continue to serve with or without our support, even at their own expense

and hardship. But I believe if we honestly looked at how this would impact us all if we allowed that, it would greatly impact us negatively over time. Please – DCM's, GSR's, everyone who has participated in our general service; help us get the word out about this situation of financial difficulty we are currently enduring.

I'm aware that some are additionally looking at what our area can do in a more immediate response to the financial short falls, including how we can cut expenses, re-negotiate our prudent reserve or give reconsideration to our 2025 Budget.

In conclusion, I appeal to you to consider how this great program of AA has saved your life. Then to consider how our founder's vision of the General Service Conference has helped us remain united, grow and to continue to do our 12th step work throughout the fellowship. With or without your financial support, we look forward to your fellowship and participation in this great experiment.

Thank you for all you do and for your service.

In Love and Service,

Tom H

Area 21 Chair

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Area 21 Delegate Report: 75th General Service Conference

Presented by: Jodi Blades, A21/P75

Location: New York Hilton Midtown

Date: April 26 – May 2, 2025

Theme: “Working Together: Increasing Trust”

Introduction

This report summarizes my experience and the work of the 75th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. As a delegate representing Area 21, I aim to present a comprehensive summary of the proceedings, outcomes, and spiritual insights, placing emphasis on the collective efforts of the Conference rather than personal opinions. While the week contained emotional highs and lows, the primary purpose remains our unified service to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

General Conference Overview

The 75th General Service Conference took place at the New York Hilton in Midtown. Compared to previous years in Brooklyn, this location brought distinct energy to the week’s proceedings. I arrived with optimism, excitement and gratitude for the week to come.

This year’s Conference consisted of 137 voting members:

- 93 Area Delegates
- 27 Trustees and Directors (AAWS and Grapevine)
- 17 GSO and Grapevine Staff Members

Conference Inventory Process

- Discussion groups of 9 Conference members each reviewed and discussed the answers to 4 of the questions. Report back sessions done Sunday through Wednesday.
- An implementation committee was established to act on the findings of the 2025 Conference Inventory. This group will report progress at the 2026 Conference.

General Service Board Report

- Big year for AA: 90th Anniversary International Convention Vancouver, B.C. July 3-6, 2025
- Publication of PLBB 16,000 sold in first hour; 72,000 for the year.
- Grapevine 80th Anniversary
- GBS adopted code of conduct, whistleblower policy and started a compliance committee (CC).
- Morgan B. resigned as GV NTD in April due to disagreement with procedures of the board. Her resignation letter was distributed outside of the GSB. The CC is investigating her complaints and how her letter was leaked.
- Class A Trustees Kevin Prior and Andie Moss rotated early after the Conference (U.K. Chair also decided to rotate early – its not just us)

- Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE, Trustee Emeriti is temporary treasurer for one year.
- Actions taken per last year's GSB inventory:
 - Formed a Strategic Planning and Leadership Ad Hoc committee.
 - Board Retreat: conduct leadership training and strategic planning
 - Workload Subgroup examining workload of Staff and Boards
 - The November communication workshop created initial topic for the Cross Functional Communications Group, which began meeting monthly in March

Financial Health and Prudent Reserve

- The external audit firm gave GSO finances the highest rating for integrity. Prudent Reserve is currently at 6 months; industry comparison indicates this is strong for a nonprofit organization.
- AA is in good financial shape. Managing inflation well since the pandemic because we are making cuts and getting more efficient. Decreased the staff numbers some.
- Contributions and Literature sales were up last year, but so were expenses.
- Meeting Guide App is doing well – meeting 80% of goal.
- Big expense this year will be the retrofit of the GSO moving 8th floor to 11th floor – will be paid for from operating cash and PR funds if needed. Will pay for itself over the next 10 years (2 million). Rent was \$118,000/year and increasing.
- Going forward the solution is not more sales; it is more contributions!!!! Only 1/3 of groups contribute to GSO. How many of you think your group is contributing and it is not??

Trustee Rotation

- Sherry Snyder from Area 55 (NW Ohio) was selected as the new East Central Regional Trustee.
- Jennifer Brontsema Area 6 (Pacific Region) was selected as the new Trustee-At-Large-US.

Corrections Highlights

- Responded to 200 letters a month from people in custody for literature, help with meetings, seeking Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS) or prerelease contact
- Passed along 230 requests to area corrections committees in 2024
- CCS matched 224 incarcerated members with outside members
- Tablet Literature: 39,280 unique total starts with A.A. e-books from February 2022 to November 2024 with 19,494 titles completed.
- 1064 correctional facilities throughout the US have accessed A.A.W.S. digital literature with tablets.
- 8th Annual National Corrections Conference Nov 7-9, 2025, is in Nashville TN

AA Around the World

- An estimated 208,696 members outside the U.S. & Canada, 22,432 groups
- 28th World Service Meeting (“WSM”) October 27-31, 2024, was in New York
- 74 delegates from 49 other General Service Structures
- 29th is in Lisbon Portugal October 2026

- International Literature Fund allows A.A. to translate and publish in foreign languages
- Iran has had two service structures for 15 years but came together for a Kurdish language Big Book

Report on Literature

- 4th Edition *Alcohólicos Anónimos*:
 - Story submissions reflect a broad and diverse cross-section of the A.A. fellowship,
 - New chapter translations being reviewed monthly
- 5th Edition *Alcoholics Anonymous*:
 - Identified likely 4th Edition “keepers”
 - 35 stories chosen and 19 still being reviewed from 2,393 submitted
 - Consulted with current and past Class A trustees on Appendices III and V (religious and medical views)
 - Reached out to Publishing regarding the new Foreword and updated Preface
- BOTH draft manuscripts are expected to be ready to submit to the 76th G.S.C.
- Projects completed since 74th G.S.C.
 - PLBB published in November – Over 100,00 sold to date
 - Black in A.A.: Experience Strength and Hope published in mid-September
 - Literature Committee Workbook and 2024-2026 A.A. Service Manual published
- Ongoing
 - “Big Book” in Hattian Creole and Kinyarwanda
 - “How it Works” as well as the pamphlet “This is A.A.” in Karen, Bambara and Somali.
 - Pamphlets for Asian Americans and Transgender members

Report on Grapevine

- Grapevine celebrated 80 years last year, it’s now a multimedia publisher (magazine, books, digital, U-tube, podcasts, App.) and **Greeting Cards!!**
- Reduced the Grapevine staff from 15 to 12 in the past year to help with costs
- Substantial Growth in Subscriptions:
 - Grapevine subscriptions went up 8.5% from 2023 to 2024.
 - La Viña subscriptions went up 17% from 2023 to 2024.
- 14,337 had full access to the Grapevine App with 61,900 downloads.
- In February, App # 68 on Apple’s Top 200 newspaper and magazine app charts

Advisory Actions of Interest

- The GSB was asked to classify all AAWS and AA Grapevine literature written prior to 1971 as Recovery, Service, or Archival/Historical; then propose policies for updating each classification, and that a progress report be provided to the 2026 GSC.
- The committee recommended that the word “woman” be removed from the Concept IV essay.
- Living Sober Book: Approved to update the language and content, with draft due at the 2026 Conference.
- Plain Language Big Book: Conference deferred all revision proposals to the 77th GSC. A formal process for evaluating future changes was approved.
- Pamphlets: “Twelve Steps Illustrated” and “AA for Indigenous Peoples” were both approved.

- Tools: Approval of short, animated videos including the Twelve Concepts Video and two new Public Service Announcements (PSAs).
- The phrase "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all." be removed from p. 10 of The A.A. Service Manual.
- The limit on individual bequests was increased from \$10,000 to \$12,500.
- Consider request to revise the pamphlet "Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print."
- The revised pamphlets "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" and "A.A. for the Native North American" (Retitled "Indigenous People in A.A.") were approved.
- Change was made to the 1986 Advisory Action on how simple majority items are described in the Final Conference Report.

Floor Action: Motion to Censure the General Service Board

A floor motion was introduced to censure the GSB for concerns from the past two years about poor communication, leadership conduct, and deviation from an advisory action. After a lengthy and emotional discussion, the motion failed by a large amount. The discussion highlighted the importance of good communication, accountability and the need for substantiated claims.

Closing Reflections

This Conference was both challenging and hopeful. It revealed the complex intersection between structure and spirit in A.A. service. For me it was an extremely positive experience and reassured me that AA is in a solid place, despite its problems. There remains much work to do in rebuilding trust and ensuring full participation from all voices in the Fellowship. There will be growing pains in the next few years of how to change the program to make it accessible to the widest amount of people who need it, while still retaining its strength and proven benefits. These struggles have always existed, and AA is getting stronger despite them.

I am in awe of the amount of work and dedication displayed by the members of the GSB and the staff of the GSO. These are people working from their hearts for an organization they all love as much as we do. The importance of their work to reach the still suffering alcoholic seems to be ever present in their intentions and actions.

I love this Fellowship. I love this Area that has given me so much. It has truly been a privilege to serve this year as your delegate to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. I look forward to visiting your districts, your groups, or even sitting down one-on-one if you'd like to explore any of the 500+ pages of Conference reports. It would be my honor.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Jodi Blades, Area 21 Delegate

Area 21 Committee Report

Using a PDF reader, please fill out the form and save it (Save As) in the following filename format: Committee Report
CommitteeName AssemblyMonth AssemblyYear [Committee Report Corrections Committee March 2021]. Then email
it to the Area 21 Recording Secretary: secretarysia21@gmail.com

Committee Name: Archives Chair Name(s): Carl Mizell

Date: _____ Zoom ID: _____ Password: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

At the meeting:

*I presented a brief history of A.A. at the ICYPAA
campout.*

Upcoming Events/Workshops or Conferences to announce:

Our next meeting will be: _____

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Committee Name: Corrections Chair Name(s): Jeff D

Date: _____ Zoom ID: _____ Password: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

At the meeting:

Upcoming Events/Workshops or Conferences to announce:

SWICC in Washington Park, IL is a minimum security Illinois State facility. Ed H, Bob L and Jeff D are the volunteers who attend the weekly AA meeting, Tuesday 6:30-800. Normally 35-40 persons in custody attending out of 450-500 men incarcerated at that facility.

Greenville FCI is a Federal Medium Security facility in Greenville, IL with AA meetings held on Monday 12:30-1:30. Volunteers are Bob L, Jeff T, Rodger P & Jeff D. Well attended usually between 35-40 men attending. We are attempting to get some AA Women volunteers to start a meeting at the Women's facility at Greenville. Waiting on the FCI Volunteer Coordinator to set up a training session.

Stan S is a Volunteer who goes into Graham Correctional in Hillsboro, IL on Monday evenings at 6:30 for an AA meeting there. Jeff D & Stan S have recently got their badges to facilitate a meeting at Vandalia State Correctional Facility in Vandalia, IL. There has been an AA meeting on Monday 6:00 pm for a number of years but the AA Volunteer is stepping down. Stan & Jeff D will alternate Thursday evenings at 6:00pm for June. Bob L from St Louis has stepped up and is going in on Mondays at 6:00pm. Jeff D will alternate (1st. 3rd monday)with Bob (2nd & 4th) for June until we can get some participation from District 13 to supply some volunteers. Jeff D attended the most recent D-13 Business meeting to see if anyone could help us with those days at Vandalia.

Danville Correction Chair requested Big Books from the Area 21. Ed H is to bring a case to the Assembly in Decatur. ~~I am out of literature to supply to the prisons at this time and I am told there is no more money \$\$\$\$\$\$ for that need.~~

Ed H & Bob also attend an AA meeting at Menard -Chester, IL. ED H also goes into Centralia, not sure of the time.

Our next meeting will be: _____

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CommitteeName AssemblyMonth AssemblyYear [Committee Report Corrections Committee March 2021]. Then email
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Committee Name: Literature Chair Name(s): Robert Snyder

Date: 06/01/2025 Zoom ID: _____ Password: _____ Number of Attendees: _____

At the meeting:

During the last quarter I did not attend any conferences or District meetings. I reached out to most of District DCMs to determine their specific needs concerning literature and offer any assistance I can to their literature chairs.

I am available to help your district in any way I can, either at your routine meetings or at a special work and even if I have already visited in the past. Just let me know how to help. I can set up shop and give a 5-minute presentation on some of the literature that is available and how it can help both individuals and groups. Please contact me to do so.

Upcoming Events/Workshops or Conferences to announce:

The A21 GV chair Gordon N., the D18 Workshop chair Rob C and I have organized a combined GV/LV/Literature Workshop Extravaganza to be held on June 28th from 1 to 3 PM at the CSO in South Roxana. We hope to have a lively and open discussion on what these publications can do to support personal recovery, your groups, and your participation in the overall Service structure. Refreshments available, and the workshop is also hybrid. There are flyers at the assembly and the information is on our website.

I plan to visit D7 at their Mt Vernon meeting on June 9th.

I hope to hook up with D10 and support their new Literature Chair, but nothing is in place yet. Thus, my schedule is wide open. So please put me to work!

Our next meeting will be: _____

Area 21 Committee Report

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CommitteeName AssemblyMonth AssemblyYear [Committee Report Corrections Committee March 2021]. Then email
it to the Area 21 Recording Secretary: secretarysia21@gmail.com

Committee Name: Treatment Chair Name(s): Karin S.

Date: 03/24/2025 Zoom ID: _____ Password: _____ Number of Attendees: 4

At the meeting:

Had a meeting 3/24/25 and 4/28/25. Introduced myself and wanted to see if there was any way I could help. Informed attendees about the Area 21 treatment website, treatment committee book, and other items they may find helpful. We shared on how we carry the message into treatment facilities and were able to gain insight into how we each do things.

Upcoming Events/Workshops or Conferences to announce:

Next meeting will be on zoom on 6/23/25. The Area 21 Treatment website is up and running. Treatment facility list is complete, but still need help from districts in validating the list. The form is live on the website for those that are interested in signing up for helping bring those coming out of treatment centers to meetings in their district. Looking to have some cards made to bring to the next area assembly to promote these items.

Our next meeting will be: 6/23



SIA21 Secretary <secretarysia21@gmail.com>

Structure and Policy Comte Report

2 messages

Dean Strassner <delp59sia21@gmail.com>
To: secretarysia21@gmail.com

Fri, May 30, 2025 at 7:54 PM

I have nothing new to report for the Structure and Policy Committee.

In Service,

Dean Strassner

Sent from my iPhone

SIA21 Secretary <secretarysia21@gmail.com>
To: Dean Strassner <delp59sia21@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 1, 2025 at 6:37 AM

Thanks for the update.

[Quoted text hidden]

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Your trusted servant,
SIA21 Recording Secretary

(also emailed to secretary via 21@gmail.com)

GSR Workshop Committee gave 3 trainings: 2/25 (online), 3/1 (online), 3/22 in person in Springfield with 27 people participating. My thanks to District 19, ^{Trevor} Murielle, Karen D., Mike F., Sean M., and Pam B.

Our committee is working with Dava to host an in-person or Hybrid GSR training in August this year in District 17.

Shari Dinkins
GSR Workshop Com. Chair

DCM Report

District: 12 Name: Linda Z.

Date: 5/28/2025

Since our last DCM report:

The following important things occurred:

- Our Area 21 Delegate, Jodi B., did her General Service Conference presentation at our Sun. 5-18-25 District business meeting. We had a great question and answer session during and after her talk!
- U of I McKinley Health Center's 30th Annual Health Fair at the Illini Union held on 4-10-25. We had an AA info table for the 3rd year in a row, and I spoke to approximately 75 people. There were 85 health related organizations in attendance.
- Did a presentation on 4-23-25 to a meeting of the U of I Health Needs group of the Volunteer Illini Projects program for which student volunteers work with local agencies to promote healthy living in all aspects of everyday life.
- Worked with a U of I professor to help Spanish-speaking folks get Spanish language AA literature. Did the same for the pastor of a local Spanish speaking church.
- We are having well attended monthly hybrid District business meetings.

We faced these challenges:

- Need to work to be sure District assists as much as possible in providing education to our AA fellowship about the many aspects of AA.

We carried the message by:

- 85 meetings per week consisting of 83 in-person, 1 hybrid and 2 on Zoom.
- Our Webmaster diligently keeping all information up to date on our website.
- Our HOTLINE/Answering Service Committee Chair keeping our HOTLINE going and staffed with volunteers that are available 24/7.
- Treatment Facilities Committee doing weekly Bridge the Gap meetings at treatment centers Rosecrance and The Pavilion in the Champaign-Urbana area and Hour House in Charleston.
- Corrections - AA meetings are being brought into Champaign County jail men on Wednesdays, to the women on Mondays, and Mike G. brings meetings into the Danville Correctional Facility on Saturday mornings. Also actively working on getting AA meetings started at the Coles County jail. In addition, we regularly bring Grapevines to the Champaign County jail. Each Grapevine contains an information piece featuring our District website, QR code to scan to make it easy to our website and our HOTLINE phone number.
- Meeting List Committee Chair doing monthly meeting list updates and distributing printed copies to our AA clubhouse Henson Place, and other meeting locations.
- Grapevine – Chair keeps our paper copy library display updated at our AA clubhouse from which folks can “take a copy/donate a copy” and get information regarding the electronic Grapevine options, and how to purchase subscriptions for the various Grapevine products.

Current goals of this district are:

- Maintain and work to improve anything District can do to assist our meeting groups to help the suffering alcoholic, and get information out to our AA fellowship about what our District does and how they can be involved.

Other things we want to share:

- Nothing at this time.

DCM Report

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District: 19 Name: Trevor Planck Date: 6/1/2025

Since our last DCM report:

The following important things occurred:

A GSR workshop was held on 3/22/25 at Hope Presbyterian Church where 27 people were in attendance. There was a great turnout and received several suggestions for other workshops. The topic of budgeting for workshops and what line item it should fall under has been under discussion. The current AA hot-line for District 19 is overseen by George Alarm at a cost of \$148 monthly. There has been ongoing discussion about switching to Google voice or Google Business Voice to help reduce the expense of the hotline. All the while people are receiving calls, there has been some difficulty in getting consistent reports from the companies. District 19 Prime Rib dinner took place with a great turnout and Jody B as the speaker sharing her experience, strength and hope. I also made note to all who attended about the financials for AA as a whole and the challenges we face.

We faced these challenges:

It seems the current challenges are what most are experiencing with the lack of contributions throughout the District with mostly the same groups contributing on a consistent basis. Announcements have been made at District events and at several groups throughout the district about how contributions should go to most just the group if possible. One location had several people who were not aware and had further questions at the meeting to discuss further about District and AA as a whole and being self supporting. And lastly the lack of involvement within the District and the struggle to get more people involved. It seems to be the same as contributions where it is generally the same people or groups who are involved in the service structure.

We carried the message by:

Having a GSR workshop to further educate those who are looking to get involved in service and increase their knowledge. Sending out flyers to the all groups in the District and inviting any interested to the monthly meetings. Trying to consistently have the most updated schedule of meetings to take to the hospitals and recovery facilities throughout the district to make sure the hand of AA is always out for the next sufferer. Conducting 12 step calls at the hospitals and having different people go to share their experience, strength and hope. And continuously trying to improve the district and striving to make sure we are available for everyone.

Current goals of this district are:

To have a concrete plan and execution of a phone system that make since financially for the district and provides the most efficient way to carry the message. To continue to add workshops throughout the district to spark interest to the newcomer and revitalize current groups and individuals. Continuously strive to carry the message about contributions to the groups and providing information on how it affects AA as a whole.

Other things we want to share:

We would like to thank Jody for her service as our Delegate and for sharing her story at our District event.

GSR Report

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Group Name: Riverside Group District: 6

Name: Dan Banister Date: 05/21/2025

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

Our Big Book Study on Wednesday's at 6:00pm are having very good attendance.
We are also having our annual picnic on June 14th at noon, (I have some flyers on the table)
Everyone is welcome.

We faced these challenges:

We Have a few meetings with low attendance, not much other than that.

We carried the message by:

We continue to be part of the rotation for the afterhours phone service, for the Peoria Area Intergroup. We are holding 17 closed meetings a week, except for the first Monday 8:00pm meeting, which is an open speaker, and anniversary celebration for the previous month.

Current goals of this group are:

To be there for the suffering alcoholic that reaches out for help.

Other things we want to share:

GSR Report

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Group Name: Saturday Morning Live District: 10

Name: Maria G. (filling in for GSR Brett) Date:

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

Elections. New Chair, GSR, and Secretary.

~260 Ave monthly attendance.

We faced these challenges:

Elections took a couple of business meetings to complete. All steering committee positions filled.

We carried the message by:

Connecting newcomers with sponsors via male/female sponsor brokers.

1st step meeting splits as needed.

Big Book/Literature study split (except for speaker meetings).

Breakfast & Speaker on last Saturday of even months.

Current goals of this group are:

Increase attendance at Home Group Meetings. Home Group Inventory. Host Labor Day Picnic.

Other things we want to share:

Next Breakfast/Speaker mtg: June 28th.

GSR Report

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Group Name: The Friday Group District: 11
Name: Steve Shinneman Date: 6/1/25

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

We welcomed ~~12~~ some New Comers
that have come into the rooms in Taylorville

We faced these challenges:

We carried the message by:

Having & Providing New Comers Literature & Dist #
Meeting List

Current goals of this group are:

To continue to share the messages of
Recovery Unity & Service.

Other things we want to share:

We would ~~to~~ Invite, Travelers & Visitors
to come to the Friday Group

GSR Report

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Group Name: Primary Purpose Group (Sundays) District: 12

Name: Eric Enger Date: 06/01/2025

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

Established new service positions including Literature Committee and PI/CPC. Purchased additional literature to sell and give away.

We faced these challenges:

PICPC chair returned to drinking so we established sobriety requirement for next one

We carried the message by:

Increasing availability of literature

Current goals of this group are:

Spread the word about our group, as there are not many other Big Book studies around town

Other things we want to share:

GSR Report

Group Name: Noon Bird

District: 12

Name: Linda Z.

Date: 05/28/2025

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

- Consistently good attendance of 10-15 people, which includes a good mix of folks with long term and shorter term sobriety. Our meeting is held on Saturdays at Noon at Henson Place in Champaign.
- We had our home group meeting on Saturday, 5/10/25 – all is well.
- Our local treatment center brings patients to our meeting.

We faced these challenges:

- There was an increase in the rent we pay for our meeting room. So far, our finances are able to accommodate this.

We carried the message by:

- Doing the following AA readings at the start of each meeting: *Daily Reflections, As Bill Sees It, the AA Promises, How It Works and the 12 Traditions.*
- Always making it a priority to encourage an atmosphere in our meetings of acceptance, and communicate the message of how we all live the AA program which makes it possible to stay sober and have a fulfilling and happy life.

Current goals of this group are:

- To continue what we're doing, while also making sure that we are responsive to any new things that we could incorporate in our meetings to continue to help the suffering alcoholic.

Other things we want to share:

- I always like to mention that our faithful home group members make sure we are consistently able to provide meetings to help the suffering alcoholic.

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Group Name: Rush Hour Group District: 19

Name: Amanda Bergae Date: 5/30/25

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

Tried to have a group discussion to discuss agenda items prior to the PRE-GSC workshop in O' Fallon. Nobody showed any interest from our group.

We faced these challenges:

Getting more people to want to be involved in learning about AA service.

We carried the message by:

We have members of our group who regularly take meetings inside the jails and prisons in our area. We have members taking meetings inside of recovery facilities. Welcoming newcomers to our meetings.

Current goals of this group are:

Continue reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic. Continue to try to get more of our members active in the service structure if even at just the group level, participating in hearing GSR reports (agenda items, etc)

Other things we want to share:

We continue to have our monthly potluck and open speaker meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Potluck starts at 6:30 and speaker starts at 7pm.

GSR Report

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Group Name: Bushnell Home Group District: 20

Name: Jay H. Date: 6/1/25

Bushnell Christian Church
285 S. Jackson St.

Tues/Saturdays 7pm

Since our last GSR report:

The following important things occurred:

a valued member Charlie passed away in April at 45 years.
Joe B. celebrated 6 years. - group chair (started the meeting)

We faced these challenges:

Differences of opinion at an open meeting - with time the members have worked it out.

We carried the message by:

open discussion, reading AA literature, occasional speakers.
24 Hour, Daily Reflection, Keep It Simple, Night Light

Current goals of this group are:

monthly potlucks, continued sobriety

Other things we want to share:

steady group - average of 10 up to 20.