Area 79 BC/Yukon
January 2027 Quarterly
PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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Hello, trusted servants ~

My name is Michelle, I am an alcoholic, and I am honoured to serve as your Panel 77 Area 79 Chair.

Welcome to Panel 77! Whether you're returning to Area service or joining us for the first time, I'm delighted to begin these next two years with you.

A new panel brings new faces, new responsibilities and opportunities to learn from one another. Many of us are stepping into new service positions; others are finding their way around Area service for the very first time. Area 79 is home to many wonderful people with a great deal of experience to share, and I encourage everyone to ask questions, exchange ideas and reach out to one another. No one is expected to know everything coming in, and we are here to support one another along the way. Just as in recovery, we don't do this alone.

Our January Quarterly will be an important opportunity to begin the work ahead and to remember why we do it. The work of our committees and our Area supports the 12th Step work that makes it possible for A.A. to reach the alcoholic who still suffers. Our primary purpose is at the heart of everything we do.

I'm sending this preliminary agenda to help with your planning and travel arrangements. A more detailed agenda package will follow closer to the January event. In the meantime, here's what you need to know.

JANUARY 2027 QUARTERLY

Our Quarterly begins January 12, online, followed by January 15 and 16 in a hybrid format, hosted by District 70. The hybrid format lets trusted servants participate in person or online.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12 – Online Orientation and Committee Breakouts

- 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: First-Timer Orientation. This session is recommended for everyone, not just those new to Area service.
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Committee Breakouts.

GSRs will be randomly assigned to a committee. DCMs will also be assigned to a committee and will remain with that committee for the duration of Panel 77.

District Committee Chairs (DCCs) may indicate their committee preference when registering. Guests are welcome to choose their own committee.

You must complete Zoom registration if you plan to attend the Tuesday, January 12 Committee Breakouts, or any part of the weekend online. Registration information will be circulated separately, closer to the event, as part of the full, detailed agenda.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 & 16 – In person and online (hybrid)

Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre

3914 32nd Street

Vernon, BC V1T 5P1

This is where the Area Service Committee (ASC) will be staying.

Our District 70 host committee has put together information about accommodations, restaurants, the venue and transportation. You can find those details here: https://www.bcyukonaa.org/accom

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTED POSITIONS

An important item of business at our first Quarterly will be ratifying the newly appointed Area Service Committee positions.

Ratification will take place at the in-person Quarterly in Vernon. Those whose appointments require ratification should prepare a brief, two-minute service résumé, introducing themselves and sharing their service experience.

DCM REPORTS AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

A note for our District Committee Members (DCMs): You will be asked to provide a two-minute oral report at the January Quarterly.

If you have additional information, please include it in your written report and email it to our Secretary at secretary@bcyukonaa.org. Written reports, along with the ASC reports, will be included in the January edition of the **Grassroots Forum**, the BC/Yukon Area 79 newsletter.

DCMs should also watch for an email with their committee assignments. These are the committees you will work with throughout the two-year panel.

APRIL PRE-CONFERENCE 2028

At our April Pre-Conference Assembly, we will be hearing bids for the Area 79 Quarterly and Assemblies in 2028.

The 2028 dates are available on the Area 79 website: https://bcyukonaa.org/events/. Why not meet with your district and consider putting together a bid to host one of our 2028 events!

A FEW FINAL THOUGHTS

I'm grateful for the willingness each of you has shown in taking on a service commitment. Every position contributes to the work of our Area, and every contribution matters.

As we begin this new panel, I hope we can approach the work with open minds, willing hearts and a spirit of cooperation. We won't always have the same ideas or see things exactly the same way, but we share a common purpose. If we keep our primary purpose at the core of what we do, and remember that we are here to serve rather than to be served, I believe we can accomplish a great deal together.

I'm looking forward to Panel 77 – but most of all, I'm grateful we have this opportunity to be of service to A.A. and to the alcoholic who hasn't found us yet.

Thank you for your part in the fellowship. I look forward to sharing this journey with you and seeing everyone in January!

Grateful in love and service,

Michelle B.

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