

Area 79 BC/Yukon September 2025 Voting Assembly AGENDA COVER LETTER

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Hello, trusted servants. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Paul T., and I'm honored to serve as your Panel 75 Area 79 Chair.

Contents of this Agenda Package

The agenda package contains three important pieces of information:

- This cover letter
- A **detailed agenda** for the event
- A collection of **five motions** to be discussed and voted on at the Assembly

I've greatly reduced the size of the agenda package by adding a Links & Resources section at the end of this letter. Please review those links carefully. If you prefer the full 20+ page version of this package, you'll find it as the first item in that section.

This package has been sent to all registered District Committee Members (DCMs) and General Service Representatives (GSRs). **DCMs**, please forward it to your district's trusted servants—they may receive it twice, but better twice than not at all!

Registration

You must complete the registration if you plan on attending the Committee Breakouts on Tuesday, and/or if you are attending the weekend online. After registering, you'll receive a unique meeting link—please do not share it.



On Tuesday night, as usual, GSRs will be randomly assigned to a committee, DCMs will be assigned to their usual Area committee, District Committee Chairs (DCCs) can select their preference when they register, and all other guests are free to choose their own committee.

Location

The in-person portion of the Assembly will be at the **Castlegar and District Community Complex**, 2101 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 3B2.

Hotel blocks, billeting, camping, and transportation are all described in the **Accommodations** document.

Lunch and dinner on Saturday will each be 1.5 hours. That might feel a bit short on time so consider planning your meals in advance using the **Restaurants** document.

You asked us to tell you where the Area Service Committee (ASC) will be staying: Canada's Best Value Inn and Suites.

What to expect at this Voting Assembly

At our September Voting Assembly, our priority is to discuss and vote on the **five motions** that were submitted before the June 29 deadline; they are included in this agenda package after the detailed agenda.

We may also discuss potential floor actions if any are submitted to me, in writing, before 11:00am Saturday, September 13. Please use the **Motions Guide** & **Motions Form** in the Links & Resources section (below) for a floor action.

Let's not forget the importance of **our committee work**, too: we'll meet in our committees online Tuesday, and then we'll hear the report-backs on Sunday.

There's a lot more happening! We also have:

- A First Timer's Orientation on Tuesday, even great for experienced trusted servants
- While the DCMs and ASC have their **Area Committee Meeting**, all other guests will enjoy a **Sharing Session** on the topic of *Attracting New Members into Service*
- Our very own **Carolyn W.**, Class B General Service Trustee and Secretary of the General Service Board, will be joining us for the weekend and will be presenting, too.
- We'll review and vote on our Area 79 2026 Budget
- And of course, ASC reports, Askit Baskit questions, and the usual fare

Online Naming Convention

To save time, when you arrive on Tuesday or for the online portion of our weekend, please rename yourself in Zoom with the following naming convention: *Role, Name, District*

Some examples:

- GSR, John D., D99
- AltGSR, Jane D., D99
- DCC-PI, John D., D99
- Guest, John D., D99

If you don't know how to rename yourself, no trouble, we have tech's in the meeting that can help you and we'll have a slide we display to show you examples. Plus we have this new Zoom Basics guide, too.

Live Translation

We're pleased to share that live captioning will be available throughout our Assembly to help make our time together as accessible as possible. English captions will be displayed on a screen on the right-hand side of the meeting room. If there is a need for translated captions in Spanish or French, those will be shown on a separate screen on the left-hand side of the room.

If you or someone you know would benefit from translated captions, please let us know when you arrive so we can do our best to accommodate everyone's needs.

DCM Action Items

DCMs, please distribute this agenda package to all applicable trusted servants in your district. The package can also be found on the BC/Yukon Area website (Events > Quarterlies & Assemblies).

Due to the very full agenda (typical at Voting Assemblies), we will not be doing verbal reports, we will be doing a roll call. Your written reports should still be submitted to our secretary@bcyukonaa.org by September 21, 2025. The reports will be included in the September edition of Grassroots Forum, the BC/Yukon Area 79 Newsletter.

Literature & Resources Tool

Please be advised that the previous version of the Area 79 Literature and Resources Tool expired and our old links and QR codes no longer work. 😕



The information from that app is available at the link to the right, on a temporary basis, while we review the situation.



The app links to many of the documents used during the event.

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Links & Resources

PLEASE NOTE: if you get a "page not found" error visiting one of the links below, it's because you need to be logged into the website first.

- This agenda package plus resources in one big file
- The five motions we'll be discussing
- Accommodations (hotels, billeting, camping, and transportation)
- Restaurants near the venue
- Area 79 Voting Procedures
- 1-2-3 Sheet for motions
- Area 79 Business Procedures
- Motions Guide & Motions Form
- Floor Actions Flow Chart
- 2025/2026 Area 79 Calendar of Events
- Glossary of acronyms
- Zoom Basics

Looking forward to seeing you at the event, either in person or on line! ••

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In love and service,

Paul Tansey (name not for publication)

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Hybrid Event - Registration/Location

Please register for the event using <u>this link</u>. After registering, you'll receive your own personal link to the meeting. Please do not share the link you receive. If you wish to attend Friday/Saturday/Sunday online, use the same link.

The in-person portion of our hybrid event will be held at the <u>Castlegar and District</u> <u>Community Complex</u>, 2101 6th Avenue, Castlegar, BC V1N 3B2.

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – Online Only

5:30pm	Virtual room opens
(Pacific)	 Not the start of the event, just "doors open"
	Optional virtual training/assistance
6:00	First Timer's Orientation
	What is the September Voting Assembly about?
	What to expect – for all first-time attendees and anyone else.
	Facilitated by Sha-nnon H. – Alt Chair and Wendy S. – Secretary
7:00	Assembly Begins
	Welcome and housekeeping (Chair – Paul T.)
	Opening remarks (Delegate – Drew W.)
7:30	Committee Breakouts
	Committee assignments described in Agenda Cover Letter
9:00	Closing Remarks
	Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer

Friday, September 12 – Hybrid

5:00pm	In-person doors open
(Pacific)	 Not the start of the event, just "doors open"
	In-person registration
5:30	Virtual doors open
	Fellowship breakout rooms
6:30	Assembly Continues
	Welcome and housekeeping (Chair – Paul T.)
	Opening remarks (Delegate – Drew W.)

7:00	A.A. World Services Guest – Carolyn W.
	Class B General Service Trustee and Secretary of the General Service Board
7:45	Break
8:00	Area Committee Meeting
	 Facilitated by: Alt Chair – Sha-nnon H.
	DCMs & ASC move to Castlegar Kootenay Room / virtual breakout room
	Main Room Sharing Session
	Topic: Attracting Newer Members to Service
	 Facilitated by: Remote Communities – Amy/Website – Kristina P.
	GSRs, Alt GSRs, Alt DCMs, Guests: in person/virtual stay in main room
9:30	Closing Remarks
	Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer

Saturday, September 13 – Hybrid

8:00am	Doors open (virtual and in-person)
(Pacific)	 Not the start of the event, just "doors open"
	Fellowship breakout rooms
8:30	Assembly Continues
	Housekeeping
	 Reading of the 12 Traditions (Short Form) (GSR, District 75, Mark W.)
	 Concept 1 Presentation (District 75 DCM – Maurice M.)
	Introduction of Guests and Past Delegates
	 Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs and Alternates
	Reading of Business Procedures (Host Committee Chair – Michelle N.)
	Approval of the minutes from the June Assembly
9:30	Break
9:30 9:45	Break Reports
	Reports
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1:30	Motions and Floor Actions
	There are <u>five motions</u> included in the Agenda Package
	 Floor actions must be received, in writing, by 11:00am Saturday
	Breaks when appropriate
6:00	Dinner
7:30	A.A. World Services Guest – Carolyn W.
	Class B General Service Trustee and Secretary of the General Service Board
8:30	District Committee Member Roll Call
	(No verbal reports given at this event, please have your written report to
	secretary@bcyukonaa.org by September 21, 2025)
	Askit Baskit Questions
9:30	Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer

Sunday, September 14 – Hybrid

8:00am	Doors open (virtual and in-person)
(Pacific)	 Not the start of the event, just "doors open"
8:30	Pre-Conference Assembly Continues
8:45	ASC Reports & Committee Report Backs
10:00	Break
10:15	ASC Reports & Committee Report Backs (cont'd)
	Askit Baskit Questions
	First-Timer Sharing 👺
	Closing Remarks by Guests
12:00	Motion to Adjourn
	Close with the Responsibility Statement, followed by the Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

"This we owe to A.A.'s Future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

Responsibility Statement

"I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."