



Area 79 BC/Yukon July 2026 Assembly PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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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.

I'm providing you this *Preliminary Agenda* to assist with planning your travel, give you more time to review motions with your groups, and to give you an idea of what to expect at our upcoming Area 79 July Assembly. A more detailed, complete agenda package will be sent in the coming weeks.

Important Event Information

Dates:

- Tue, July 7 Online only for committee breakouts
- Fri/Sat/Sun, July 10-12 Hybrid

In-person venue: [Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge & Conference Centre](#), 3251 BC-16, Smithers, BC. The Area Service Committee (ASC) will be staying here.

Our [Accommodations and Restaurants document](#) lists nearby hotels, some with discounted rates, Air BnBs, camping, lists the **Transportation Chair**, and also restaurants near the venue.

The **registration** link for our online portions will be sent out within a month of the event to save us charges on our virtual meeting software.

Event Highlights

While the full agenda is still being finalized, the following key items are confirmed:

- ❖ **Committee Breakouts** - Tuesday evening each committee discusses their Conference agenda items.
- ❖ **76th General Service Conference Delegate's report** – Drew will share updates on the discussions, decisions, and impactful outcomes of the Conference, followed by time for questions and sharing.

- ❖ **Friday Night GSR Sharing Session** – Topic: “How do I leave my service position better than I found it?”
- ❖ **July Assembly 101** – a helpful overview of what to expect at the July Assembly. Great for new and seasoned trusted servants alike. We’ll review some service basics and what to expect at this event. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ **Committee Report-backs** – a vital part of this entire event, we get to hear what each committee discussed in their breakouts.
- ❖ **Voting Procedures Presentation** – our ad hoc will present its recommendations and THERE WILL BE A SKIT! 🎭
- ❖ **Bidding for January 2027 Quarterly** – we’ll have a chance to hear some bids to host for our January 2027 Quarterly. Get yours ready!
- ❖ **Area Service Committee reports** – hear what service our ASC members and their committees have been involved in.
- ❖ **Updates from ad hoc committees** – Two other Area 79 ad hoc committees will report on their research, discovery efforts, and any recommendations on the topics of *Land Acknowledgements* and *Care & Conduct*.

Motions and Floor Actions

Historically, our summer events have been held as Quarterlies, where only DCMs and the Area Service Committee (ASC) had voting rights. However, in September 2024, we voted to transition our summer events into Assemblies, giving GSRs the opportunity to vote as well.

Two motions have been submitted for this assembly and are attached to this agenda. Please review with your groups in preparation for full discussion and a possible vote in July.

The submission deadline of May 1 has passed; motions received after this date will be treated as floor actions following the vote on pre-submitted motions. Floor actions must be submitted in writing to the Area Chair by 11:00 a.m. on the Saturday of the event.

Let’s go!

We hope you’ll join us in service, unity, and fellowship. Please reach out with any questions and watch for our detailed agenda package coming in the next few weeks.

In love and service,

Paul T. (name not for publication)

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Motion #1

That Area 79 reimburse the travel expenses for all members of the Panel 77 Area Service Committee (ASC) who can attend the 2027 Western Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (WRAASA) in Abbotsford, February 5–7, 2027.

History or Current Practices

It has been the practice in recent years for Area 79 to pay the expenses of the Area 79 ASC members that attend regional service functions occurring within the Area. Similar motions have been passed with respect to the B.C. Yukon Convention in 2007, 2010, and 2013; WRAASA 2007 Victoria, 2011 in Langley, and 2019 in Kelowna; as well as the 2008 Western Canadian Regional Forum in Abbotsford and in Vernon in 2024.

If Passed

The costs of attending would form part of the overall 2027 travel budget. All members of Panel 77 ASC would be able to attend and be available to the Fellowship at this service function regardless of the personal financial circumstances of the ASC members.

To minimize costs, the ASC would typically consider holding its February meeting in conjunction with WRAASA.

If not passed

Some ASC members may be unable to attend and would be unavailable to participate in this service function.

For further consideration

The WRAASA includes the four Western Provinces of B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. This event builds unity amongst the four Western Canadian Provinces.

Motion submitted by: Area 79 Panel 75 Area Service Committee



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MOTION #2

That Area 79 will make the Grassroots Forum available exclusively online — through the Area 79 website — and discontinue all printed subscriptions.

History or Current Practices:

Area 79 currently publishes Grassroots digitally via email and print via physical mail.

The following is a summary of print subscription levels in Panel 75 after six events:

- In total, print subscriptions have decreased from 78 to 50.
- Personal subscriptions (a subset of all print subscriptions) have decreased from 51 to 27.
- Corrections subscriptions have remained the same at 13.
- GSRs who have a print subscription did go up when the Registrar reviewed the list but is now going down again. It is currently at 19.
- Past Trusted Servants subscriptions have been consistent at 4

See the attached graph of current subscription levels.

Costs of Printing: In January 2026 they were \$146.00. This would decrease greatly if the magazine was digital only.

Cost of mailing: Minimum Cost is \$130. The mailing costs would disappear if we were online only.

Publishing online only would enable the magazine to be ready one-week earlier.

Some physical copies could still be created for Archives, to give out at Quarterlies/Assemblies, and other special cases but these would be printed on paper (not bound in a booklet) and this will not be the main method of distribution.



The top line (light blue) is all print subscriptions.

The next line is personal subscriptions (a subset of all print subscriptions) (dark blue)

The red line is corrections subscriptions

The bottom line is Past Trusted Servants

If passed:

Grassroots will be distributed online only. The Grassroots Chair will assist any current print subscribers who wish to receive reimbursement for the remaining issues on their subscription.

If not passed:

Grassroots will continue to be distributed online and in print via mail service.

For further consideration:

The Grassroots Char investigated how other AA entities do their minutes and learned the following details:

- Area 78 (Alberta/NWT): Publishes online only, hard copies for archives
- Area 91 (Saskatchewan): Publishes online only
- Area 80 (Manitoba): Publishes online only
- General Service Office Box 459: Publishes online only

The Grassroots chair consulted with the Grassroots team, and they were in agreement of this motion.

Motion submitted by: Caleb W., Grassroots Chair Panel 75 on behalf of the Grassroots team.