



Area 79 BC/Yukon April 2026 Pre-Conference 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 combines two important documents:

- This **cover letter**
- A **detailed agenda** for the event

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

Everyone must register for this hybrid event. **Please register ASAP** if you haven't done so already. After registering, you'll receive a unique meeting link—**please do not share it.**

 [Click here to register](#) 

GSRs, Alt GSRs, Alt DCMs, and District Committee Chairs (DCCs): Please register as soon as possible. Within 48 hours of registering, you'll be assigned to a specific Conference Committee. Receiving your assignment early provides the necessary time to review agenda items and background materials with your group. This ensures you are fully prepared for our **online committee breakout sessions on Tuesday, April 14.**

We have a new Registration Q&A document that we hope will be helpful, too – [check it out.](#)

Location

The in-person portion will be at: [Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre](#), 6688 Southoaks Cres, Burnaby, BC, V5E 4M7

Our [Accommodations and Restaurants document](#) lists nearby hotels, several with discounted room blocks. That document also has restaurants and transportation contacts.

You asked us to tell you where the ASC will be staying: the Best Western Burnaby Plus.

For those attending in person

If you've got a poster for an upcoming event, instead of printing copies and distributing to all of the tables in the room, save your money and leave a poster on a new **Event Table** that we'll set up. You can leave a single copy at the table for people to take a picture of. And be sure to submit a copy to our BC/Yukon website using [these instructions](#).

And while you're here in person, a request from our feedback forms asks that you please refrain from wearing strong perfume or cologne.

Our host committee is providing a **BBQ lunch**. \$12 for a Beef Burger with toppings, Drink & Dessert. Vegetarian and Gluten Free by request and reserved for those with dietary restrictions. Look for the lunch poster at the Event Table.

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 techs 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.

Event Purpose

Our service structure is built on trust, communication, and shared responsibility; it only functions effectively when the connection between the groups and the Conference is alive and active.

Our Pre-Conference process is designed to help shape the Delegate’s thinking for each of the General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items, rather than instructing the Delegate on how to vote at the conference. As an Area, we do this by bringing forward each group's voice via the General Service Representative.

GSRs, your role is to help your group understand what’s being discussed and to gather their feedback to bring to this event. In the **committee breakout sessions that we hold online on Tuesday, April 14**, members will discuss agenda items to get a feel for what our Area thinks about these topics and what is best for A.A. as a whole.

The Delegate then takes these ideas and adds them to the conversations from other Areas to find the group conscience of all of A.A. In essence, our Delegate carries an understanding of the important discussion points from our Area to the GSC to vote on policy affecting all of A.A..

Event Highlights

Why should you attend this event? Why NOT, more like it!

- ❖ **Pre-Conference 101** (formerly known as *First Timer’s Orientation*) – Tuesday online, before the Assembly formerly begins. Great for new and seasoned trusted servants alike. We’ll review some service basics and discuss the important purpose of this event and what to expect. ALL ARE WELCOME!
- ❖ **Committee Breakouts** - Tuesday evening each committee discusses their Conference agenda items. THIS IS A KEY COMPONENT OF THE WEEKEND
- ❖ **Friday Night GSR Sharing Session** – Topic: “Service Sponsorship. Being a service sponsee and service sponsor”
- ❖ **Committee Report-backs** – a vital part of this entire event, we get to hear what each committee discussed in their breakouts.
- ❖ **DCM Rollcall**
- ❖ **Bidding for 2027 Area Events** – Districts will have an opportunity to bid on the following [2027 Area events](#):
 - January Quarterly January 12, 15-16
 - April Pre-Conference March 30, April 2-4
 - July Assembly July 6, 9-11
 - October Voting & Election Assembly October 12, 15-17

Be sure to review the *Bidding Guidelines* and *Checklist* in the Resources section below

- ❖ **Area Service Committee reports** – hear what exciting work our ASC members and their committees have been involved in.

- ❖ **WRAASA 2027 Update** – we’ll hear from the WRAASA (Western Regional A.A. Service Assembly) Chair, Arnie G.
- ❖ **GSO Guest** – General Service Office Staff Coordinator, Racy J. will be joining us Tuesday and for the weekend.
- ❖ **Updates from ad hoc committees** – Two Area 79 ad hoc committees will report on their ongoing research and discovery efforts related to the following topics:
 - Land Acknowledgements
 - ASC Code of Conduct document
 - Area 79 Voting Procedure changes (presented at the Friday night Area Committee Meeting)

DCMs, please note that there will be no *verbal* DCM reports at this event; it will be a **DCM roll call only**. You are asked to submit your written report to secretary@bcyukonaa.org no later than April 26; those reports will be included in the April edition of Grassroots Forum, the BC/Yukon Area 79 Newsletter.

See you soon!

This is one of the most important events of our year, and as you can see, we pack a LOT into our Pre-Conference Assembly. I look forward to seeing you in-person or online in April.

Links & Resources on next page →

Links & Resources

- [This agenda package plus resources in one big file](#)
- [2026 Agenda Items and Summary Package](#)
- [The General Service Conference page](#) on our website
One-stop-shopping for agenda items, summaries, and background materials
- [Pre-Conference DCM Committee Assignments](#)
- [April Pre-Conference Registration Poster](#)
- [Pre-Conference Checklist & Timeline](#)
- [Area 79 Business Procedures](#)
- [Motions Guide & Motions Form](#)
- [Bidding Guidelines](#) and [Bidding Checklist](#)
- [Area event attendance records](#)
- [2025/2026 Area 79 Calendar of Events](#)
- [2027 Area 79 Calendar](#)
- [Minutes from our last event](#)
- [Accommodations & Restaurants](#) near the venue, plus billeting and transportation

Looking forward to seeing you at the event, either in person or online! 🙏

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In love and service,

Paul Tansey (name not for publication)

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Area 79 BC/Yukon April 2026 Pre-Conference Assembly **DETAILED AGENDA**

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Hybrid Event - Registration/Location

Please register for the event using [this link](#). 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 : [Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre](#), 6688 Southoaks Cres, Burnaby, BC, V5E 4M7.

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – Online Only

5:30pm (Pacific)	Virtual room opens <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not the start of the event, just “doors open”Optional virtual training/assistance
6:00	Pre-Conference 101 (formerly known as <i>First Timer's Orientation</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">What is the purpose of the April Pre-Conference? New and seasoned trusted servants are encouraged to attend.Facilitated by Treasurer – Spencer & Treatment Chair - Caleb
6:50	Pre-Conference Assembly Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and housekeeping (Chair – Paul T.)Opening remarks (Delegate – Drew W.)
7:00	Pre-Conference Committee Breakouts
9:30	There will be no closing remarks tonight. Attendees are free to log off when their committee has finished ASC, please return by 9:30 for a debrief

Friday, April 17 – Hybrid

5:00pm (Pacific)	Doors open (virtual and in-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not the start of the event, just “doors open”In-person registration
6:30	Pre-Conference Assembly Continues <ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome and housekeeping (Chair – Paul T.)Opening remarks (Delegate – Drew W.)Opening remarks (GSO Guest: Staff Coordinator, Racy J.)Ratification of Sandi P. as Area 79 Secretary

7:00	Committee Report Backs
8:15	Break
8:30	<p>Area Committee Meeting (Alt Chair – Joanne C.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCMs & ASC move to the Intergenerational Room <p>Main Room Sharing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitated by Archives Chair – Pauline D. & Corrections Chair – Eileen M. • GSRs, Alt GSRs, Alt DCMs, Guests: in person/virtual stay in large room • Topic: <i>Service Sponsorship. Being a service sponsee and service sponsor</i>
10:00	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer</p>

Saturday, April 18 – Hybrid

8:00am (Pacific)	<p>Doors open (virtual and in-person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not the start of the event, just “doors open”
8:30	<p>Pre-Conference Assembly Continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Reading of the 12 Traditions (Short Form) (District 40 GSR – Hunter S.) • Concept 3 Presentation (District 40 DCM – Tannis R.) • Introduction of Guests and Past Delegates • Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs and Alternates • Reading of Business Procedures (Host Committee Chair – Joanna S.) • Approval of the minutes from the January 2026 Quarterly Reports • Chairperson’s Report • Treasurer – Financial Statements • Delegate’s Report
10:15	Break
10:30	Committee Report Backs (continued)
11:45	Lunch
1:00pm	<p>Ad hoc Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acknowledgements (Alt Chair – Joanne C.) • ASC Code of Conduct (Chair – Paul T.) <p>Western Canada Regional Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Western Canada Regional Trustee – Gail P.
1:30	Committee Report Backs (continued)
2:45	Break
3:00	Committee Report Backs (continued)
3:50	Break
4:00	<p>District Committee Member Roll Call (no verbal reports given at this event, please have your written report to secretary@bcyukonaa.org by April 25, 2026)</p>

5:30	Dinner
7:00	WRAASA 2027 Update (WRAASA Chair – Arnie G.)
7:15	GSO Guest: Staff Coordinator, Racy J.
8:45	Ask-it Basket Questions
	Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer

Sunday, April 19 - Hybrid

8:00am	Doors open (virtual and in-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not the start of the event, just “doors open”
8:30	Pre-Conference Assembly Continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping
	Bidding for 2027 Area 79 Quarterly and Assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October Voting & Election Assembly October 12, 15-17 • April Pre-Conference Assembly March 30, April 2-4 • July Assembly July 6, 9-11 • January Quarterly January 12, 15-16
10:00	Break
10:10	Notice of Motion: ASC Travel to WRAASA 2027 (Chair – Paul T.)
10:20	First-Timer Sharing 🎉
	Closing Remarks by Guests
12:00pm	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.”

Last updated: April 4, 2026 (Friday ratification and Saturday Regional with Gail)