

Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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“We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

“We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

“We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

“Why Do We Need A Conference?”

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April 2022
Pre-Conf Assembly
Attendance

351

April 2022
Pre-Conf Assembly
7th Tradition

\$1,436.00

ASK-IT BASKET: HIGHLIGHTS

- #5. How many registered groups are in District 79?
- #6. What are the differences in purpose and relationship between districts and intergroups?
- #9. The Delegate seating contributions seems really low, why is that?
- #19. Will there be a report detailing the area conscience for the Delegate on all the items that were discussed this weekend?

The Delegate now has all 12 committee report-backs to take to the Conference. We will hear the outcomes of those agenda items in the Delegate's report when the Conference has concluded. Thank you for your question.

See full answers in the full issue
Grassroots Forum!

Statement of Purpose

The Grassroots Forum is a newsletter by and for the members of Alcoholics Anonymous in BC/ Yukon Area 79. It is compiled and edited by the Grassroots Chairperson with the assistance and input of the Grassroots Committee. This newsletter is a vehicle for communication within Area 79 with the aim of strengthening unity and participation. Grassroots is also the means of distribution of the minutes, financial statements and all reports from our Area Quarterlies and Assemblies. It is the aim of the Grassroots Forum to fulfill its purpose with the greatest possible consideration of fiscal prudence and to practise A.A. principles in all of its affairs.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

Remote Communities – Christina M.

We have changed our format of our monthly Remote Communities meeting. We've dubbed it "Rockin in the Remote Communities". We invite a member who has gotten sober, or stayed sober, in a remote community, to share their experience, strength and hope with us. Last month we had a member from Atlin, B.C. We then open the floor to ask questions, so we can be better informed as to how we might service those and Remote Communities. I have updated the poster and it will be on the BC/Yukon Area 79 website under the Remote Communities tab. I hope you consider joining us!

Alternate Delegate / Literature Chair – Rio D.

On the first of each month, I meet with the other Alternate Delegates in our US/Canada structure. These meetings have been incredibly helpful to learn how other areas prepare their Fellowship as they review the 72nd General Service Conference agenda items and also to share how we do it here in Area 79.

March 30, I met with the Policy and Admissions Conference Committee members and it was very helpful for me to not only meet the others on the committee but to be informed of what the committee has been doing together to become as informed as possible with the background material prior us meeting at the Conference. April 3, I met with and received a warm welcome from the other Western Canada Delegates and our Western Canada Regional Trustee. This was a very informative meeting that answered many of the questions I had about travelling to New York and about attending the Conference in person.

For full reports from all your General Service Committee members, see the full issue of *Grassroots Forum!*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

District 14

Our district meeting in January was well attended and we enjoyed good discussion during our Sharing Session on "The Importance of Home Groups". Some of the comments were, "it's loving and safe, it keeps me accountable, I found a sponsor and new circle of friends, lots of service opportunities and other members comment on my growth".

At our February meeting we finished our reading of "The A.A. Group" pamphlet, discussing the topics: trusted servants, adherence to the 12 Traditions, group funds and distribution, encouraging service work and the principle of rotation.

Our Treatment Chair, Shane M., has requested that groups sign up to chair one meeting a month at our Detox facility in Victoria. We're very excited to participate in this important service work after a two-year hiatus!

District 37

The district is growing, with a new meeting which discusses the stories in the back of the Big Book. We have 19 groups with over 40 meetings per week. Some of these continue to be virtual while most are now in person, with some continuing in a hybrid format. Along with our regular A.A. meetings there are also our Remote Communities meeting, Going To Any Lengths, which is a phone meeting held every Wednesday evening. This has been a long-hosted remote meeting supported by District 37 which has been, and continues to be, a lifeline for some who do not have access to our virtual platforms. There is also a women's centre in White Rock which has seven meetings a week for Alcoholics Anonymous members. We also continue to have a long-standing hospital meeting "And there are those too".

For full reports from these and other DCMs, see (you guessed it!) the full issue of *Grassroots Forum!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Western Canada Regional Forum - June 3-5, 2022 - Winnipeg, MB

June Quarterly - June 24-26, 2022 - District 8 - Duncan, BC (Hybrid)

September Voting & Election Assembly - September 9-11, 2022 - District 71 -Vernon, BC (Hybrid)

Check out the events page on our website for lots of upcoming virtual District events!

Letter from the Editor

Hello Panel 71!

It is not possible to summarize the wealth of information contained in *Grassroots Forum*. The April 2022 issue is 48 pages and contains the full minutes of the April 2022 Pre-Conference Assembly, GSC Travel Grid, GSC and DCM Reports, Financial Reports and Group Contributions, and Ask-it Basket answers!

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If you have any questions, comments or grievances, please contact me anytime.

In love and service,

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