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ASK-IT BASKET: HIGHLIGHTS

2 Are there any plans on replacing the word Eskimo (found on page 101 of the Big Book) with the more current and less racist terminology of today? Thank you.

Answered By: Joanne C., Registrar

Although this is an idea that has been expressed at various regional forums and other service events there is currently no current plan to replace the word "Eskimo" which is used on page 101 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. If there were a current plan in the works via our General Service Conference, we would find it as a current agenda item on the list of items being discussed this weekend in preparation for this year's Conference. For this to become an agenda item a request would have to make its way through the Conference coordinator at the General Service Office in New York.

Our service Concepts inform us that a good idea could come from any member of Alcoholics Anonymous. However, an idea for a General Service Conference Agenda Item such as a change in wording in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous would have more depth and weight if first discussed and considered at a district or area level. This could be discussed at an area level if presented as a motion at a Voting Assembly.

According to the Book of Motions for Area 79 this idea has not been presented as a motion in our Area in the last 10 years if ever.

#7 Who votes for the final draft of Big Book/ Pamphlet?

Answered By: Carol H., Alternate Chair

If approved it becomes a Conference advisory action which becomes binding when approved by the General Service Board. A.A. service Manual pg. 164.



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#20 What constitutes a motion in a business meeting? How do you decide what is a motion?

Answered By: Kristina P., Public Information Chair

A motion is anything that is not a housekeeping issue. Motions need to go to the voting body and in this case, the home group members. Why? Because it will be something (eg. money) that affects the group as a whole. Once a motion is made, a seconder is needed. If there is no seconder, the motion will not be discussed. If seconded, the motion will be discussed and voted on.

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

Treatment and Accessibilities - Eileen M.
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Since we last met in January, I have received a total of 15 Bridging the Gap requests as well as two Vancouver Detox requests that they forwarded directly to Vancouver Central Office. These requests have been for various areas of the province including the North, the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Island, the Okanagan and here in the Lower Mainland. Thank you sincerely to all those who have answered these requests and have reached out the hand of A.A. in service.

GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

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Alternate Chair / Grapevine Chair – Carol H.

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On January 27, I had the privilege to attend the 53rd Annual Nanaimo A.A. Rally. The theme for the weekend was “Resilience in Recovery”. I facilitated a presentation on “How are we keeping A.A. alive for our grandchildren?” There was great participation with many members saying that they will be taking it back to their home groups for further discussion. We all had an educational moment on the Friday evening. It was about the possibility of video recording and live streaming the event on YouTube and how this could be a serious breach of our Traditions. As a result of this discussion a decision was made to not move forward with the video recording and streaming. I am so very grateful for our Traditions. The principle of anonymity is vital to the survival of our Fellowship and our own individual recovery. The weekend was great!

Treasurer – Paul T.

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Hello friends, my name is Paul T., and I’m honoured to serve as your Area 79 Treasurer.

A few short months ago preparing for our January Quarterly I was feeling overwhelmed, unqualified and anxious. Frankly I thought you, collectively, might have made a mistake electing me as your treasurer.

However, as we always find in A.A., I was surrounded by supportive and loving friends, many of whom are at this table with me. They reassured me I didn’t have to struggle all on my own and I could lean on them for their experience, strength and hope. I swallowed my pride, practised the faith you’ve helped me acquire, and once again experienced the joyful freedom found on the other side of fear.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS: HIGHLIGHTS

District 4

**Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Denman Island,
Fanny Bay, Hornby Island, Merville**

Our district committee meets the third Wednesday of the month. Until August, we are doing an experiment: we are alternating between Zoom and in-person meetings. We are doing this to hopefully include Fanny Bay and Denman and Hornby Islands in our meetings. We opted not do Hybrid, due to the cost and lack of Wi-Fi where we meet. We have also lengthened our meetings to 1.5 hours – another experiment. We have an enthusiastic group of GSRs and DCCs who are willing to learn more about service in A.A. There is a workshop planned for May 27, on the service structure of A.A., to assist with this. Fingers crossed for a good turnout!

District 34

New Westminster, Queensborough, Sapperton

On Feb. 18 one D34 GSR and I attended a district inventory workshop at the Burnaby Fellowship. This was organized by D30 and D32. We were extremely grateful that they reached out and invited us to attend. It was my first time at a workshop as a new DCM and not only was it a great learning experience, I was also lucky enough to find a service sponsor at this event.

On March 26 three D34 GSRs and I attended a pre-Pre-Conference workshop that was held in D43 and organized jointly by D37, D42 and D43 and attended by other districts as well. This was very informative and helpful in preparing for the Pre-Conference. We would like to extend our gratitude to the organizing and hosting districts for this workshop and for the invite.

District 75

**Balfour, Castlegar, Crawford Bay, Crescent City,
Fruitvale, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver,
Rossland, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan City, Trail,
Winlaw**

Being a remote community, there is not a lot to do for fellowship outside of the meetings. We find a lot of newcomers come into the rooms but do not end up staying very long. This has pushed groups to focus on bringing the literature back into the meetings and to get creative with their meeting structure. We have a new meditation meeting that members cannot stop talking about, a beginner meeting where their group conscience is to connect newcomers with a sponsor, and monthly potluck/speaker meetings.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June Quarterly - June 23-25, 2023 - District 71 - Kelowna, BC (Hybrid)
September Voting Assembly - September 8-10, 2023 - District 54 - Smithers, BC (Hybrid)
January Quarterly - January 5-6, 2024 - District 40 - Coquitlam
April Pre-Conference - April 12-14, 2024 - Location TBA
Western Canada Regional Forum - May 10-12, 2024 - Vernon
June Quarterly - June 28-30, 2024 - District 42 - Surrey / North Delta
September Voting & Election Assembly - September 6-8, 2024 - 5 Districts, Victoria
2025 International Convention - Vancouver, BC - July 3-5, 2025
Check out the Events page on our website for upcoming District events!

Letter from the Editor

Hello, Area 79!

It continues to be a huge privilege to serve with such a dedicated and passionate Grassroots Team! Thank you! Thank you also, each of you, for the incredible, thoughtful and tireless effort you put into General Service, here in our beloved area. What an excellent Pre-Conference Assembly! We are rich in love and service indeed! The need to ask for help, consult widely, and sometimes to simply listen quietly, continues to grow me, and deepen my recovery. Lastly, I would like to thank Rio D. for the great picture, from her first day at the Conference, that is this issue's cover photo.

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Please contact me with any questions or concerns, I'm here to serve!

In peace and loving service,

Sha-nnon H.

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