



Welcome to Highlights Information from the October 2019 Voting Assembly

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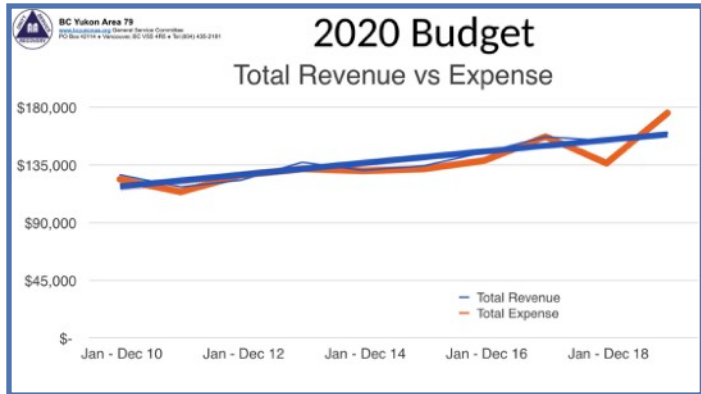
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Welcome to the first edition of Grassroots Forum Highlights

At the Voting Assembly in 100 Mile House, the motion to create a Highlights version of Grassroots Forum passed. Here is the first edition with selected highlights from the 56 pages of the October 2019 edition. Grassroots Forum is available in print by subscription or online at <https://www.bcyukonaa.org/news/grassrootsforum.php>.

From the minutes...

- ♦ We were joined for the Assembly by Clement C. – General Service Office Staff Communication Desk (New York)...
- ♦ **Motion** to Ratify CPC Chair Craig E... **CARRIED**...
- ♦ On the second ballot, Maureen M., Panel 53 Delegate, was elected as the Area 79 Nominee for Western Canada Regional Trustee...
- ♦ **MOTION 3**:... That a flyer of up to 4 pages summarizing the highlights of each edition of the Grassroots Forum Area 79 Newsletter be produced, starting with the October 2019 edition... **CARRIED**...
- ♦ **MOTION 5**:... The Area 79 Finance Committee purchase the Square product to be used to receive Seventh Tradition contributions and literature purchases online at bcyukonaa.org as well as at our Area quarterlies and assemblies... **CARRIED**...
- ♦ **MOTION 6**:... That the Conference Corrections Committee review Corrections related literature intended for use by members in correctional facilities and take action to removing the words "inmate" and "offender" from AAWS literature and replace these words with more inclusive terms... **CARRIED**...
- ♦ **MOTION 10**:... That BC/Yukon Area 79 financially support our Panel 69 Delegate to attend the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, July 2-5, 2020... **CARRIED**...



Budget discussion from the minutes...

- ♦ **Q: Would you say that the expenses for the Assemblies and Quarterlies are trending upwards or would you say that we have just had some unexpected expenses this year?**
- ♦ **A:** I would say both are true. As a matter of fact, it's too expensive to have an Assembly or Quarterly in the Lower Mainland that is reasonable... At the same time, travel costs are going up, for example gas prices are higher than ever, air travel and even food costs...
- ♦ **Q: If group contributions continue to stay down, what kind of deficit are we approximately looking at?**
- ♦ **A:** That's a good question. Currently we receive approximately \$2,000 in contributions a week. We also have 27 more travel assignments to complete this year (plus any others that come in after this Assembly). My best guesstimate is that we will maintain that \$15,000 loss if nothing changes...
- ♦ **Q: Can you explain the breakdown of the amounts you mentioned that we needed to make our contribution budget for 2020? There were two amounts, \$23.00 and \$45.00 per group.**
- ♦ **A:** \$23.00 would be if every group in the Area contributed \$23.00 more than they do now. As all groups do not contribute to area, this is not likely to even out our deficit. The \$45.00 represents the additional amount we need from the groups who already contribute to Area. If those groups added \$45.00 on top of what they have been contributing, then we would flatten out our deficit for this year and meet our budget numbers for contributions in 2020...
- ♦ **MOTION to accept the proposed 2020 budget as presented by Rodney S.... CARRIED**

Editor's note – There were many more budget and financial questions posed and answered, all of which are in Grassroots Forum.

**JANUARY QUARTERLY
SEE YOU IN PARKSVILLE
JAN. 10 AND 11, 2020**

From the GSC Reports...

- **Chair...** your Panel 69 GSC held its own inventory on August 21. We were very fortunate to have Scott H., Trustee-at-large Canada 2015-2019, as our facilitator and Vicki W., Panel 55 Secretary, our recording secretary...
- **Chair** It is with a heavy heart I inform this fellowship that Cathi N., who had been serving as our Area 79 Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair, had to step down due to health reasons...
- **Delegate** Two new Class A trustees have been appointed, Sister Judith Ann Karam and Dr. Al J. Mooney. More information on both of these “friends of A.A.” is available on the aa.org website under the “What’s New” tab...
- **Delegate** I received an email from our brand-new Trustee-at-large, Trish L., which included a link to a Time Magazine article on Moldova. This tiny European Country is considered to have the world’s worst drinking problem. It is an excellent read and shows how much work is yet to be done by Alcoholics Anonymous around the world... [https://time.com/5654052/moldova-drinking-problem/...](https://time.com/5654052/moldova-drinking-problem/)
- **Grapevine** There is an opportunity to submit your story for upcoming issues.... Annual Prison Issue (due Dec. 15, 2019) – A.A.’s 85th Anniversary – A.A. Around the World (due Jan. 15, 2020) – Sober and Out – LGBTQ A.A. stories (due Feb. 15, 2020) www.aagrapevine.org/contribute...
- **Registrar** At the time of this report, there are a total of **836 registered groups** here in BC/Yukon Area 79. The breakdown is as follows: 688 groups with a status of active, which means they have a mailing contact. 145 registered groups with a status of unknown, which means they are active but no mailing contact. Three new registered groups, which are waiting for their active status. Two groups that are pending inactive...
- **Archives** I’m thrilled to announce that we have ratified a new Archivist for Area 79, Arnie G...
- **Treatment & Accessibilities** Since we last met in July, there have been 16 Bridging the Gap requests...
- **Treatment & Accessibilities** I have received ... a memorandum... requesting stories to update “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic”. The committee is seeking stories from the broad cross section of older A.A. members to make the pamphlet more representative of the Fellowship... The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2019.
- **Website...** great news, Carrie M. and Nick E. have graciously accepted our volunteer positions on our web team. Carrie is working in Administration and Nik is working in Development...

Editor’s Note: In four pages it is not possible to summarize 56 pages. . Please see the full edition of Grassroots Forum for much, much more about the “happenings” in BC/Yukon and around AA!

2020 Dates to Remember

- January Quarterly (Jan. 10 - 11, 2020) D. 6, Parksville
- April Pre-Conference Assembly (April 3 - 5, 2020) D. 70, Vernon
- General Service Conference (April 25 - May 1, 2020) New York
- International Convention (July 2 - 5, 2020) Detroit, Michigan
- July Quarterly (July 17 - 19, 2020) D. 54, Smithers
- October Voting/Election Assembly (Oct. 16 - 18, 2020) D. 71 Kelowna

28 Ask-it Basket Questions

were submitted at the Assembly. All of them are answered in Grassroots. Here are a few examples:



10. Service Sponsor: where did this idea come from & when did it start being used? Is it in the literature?
 22. “Area 79 supports A.A. in Federal institutions. Is Area 79 considering supporting A.A. in Provincial Institutions?”
 24. Is there something in place for groups who can’t attend voting assemblies to submit an absentee ballot vote/votes much like proxies? If not, how to put forth a motion for that?
 25. How come they don’t tally up the years of sobriety in the two Quarterlies?
 26. Are there any other free cell phone applications besides AVA that can be used to translate meetings into text for the hard of hearing?
- A. Thank you for your question. After doing some research I located several applications for this purpose on the internet. Clear Captions, Tunity, Sound Alert, Aiva, Innocaption, CaptionCall, and Hamilton Cap Tel just to name a few. These all are IOS and Android compatible. So, as to your question, there does appear to be several options available to someone looking for this type of application.

I hope you find this information helpful and thank you for allowing me to be of service. Kathleen M.,
Website Chair

334
attended
the Voting
Assembly!

ARCHIVES CHECKLIST

New from
GSO

A quick guide for local A.A. archivists

The purpose of this checklist is to support the work of local A.A. archivists and archives committees responsible for collecting and maintaining archives. The checklist applies to collections of various sizes and of various formats (such as paper, electronic data or digital media) ranging from generating local interest to maintaining a large collection in trust for all A.A.s in the area. These guidelines are not meant to be exhaustive but rather to serve as a starting point for further exploration. For more information on building and maintaining local archives, refer to the Archives Workbook and Archives Guidelines, which go into much greater detail about the breadth of archives work.





Bids Requested for 2021

Are we coming to your district?

- January Quarterly, Jan. 8-9, 2021
- April Pre-Conference, April 9-11, 2021
- July Quarterly, July 9-11, 2021
- October Voting Assembly, Oct. 22-24, 2021

Decisions will be made at the April 2020 Pre-Conference Assembly.

Bidding information

<https://www.bcyukonaa.org/chair/chairpage.php>

Comments, Questions, Concerns re Highlights?

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2020 International Convention



We look forward to seeing you there

**July 2-5, 2020
 Detroit, Michigan**

**Early Bird Pricing
 \$115 US before April 14, 2020
 \$140 US after April 14, 2020**

Main meetings to take place Ford Field Stadium
 Additional meetings throughout town and in the Cobo Center, Downtown

**Come help us
 celebrate 85
 years!**

Register online at aa.org

Meeting Guide App

The Fall 2019 edition of Box 459 has a fascinating story about the history of the Meeting Guide App and how it came to AAWS. The app has been revised to version 3.0.

“New & Enhanced Features:

- Search — Find A.A. meetings by name or location, in addition to day and time
- Daily Reflections — a selection of reflections by and for A.A. members
- Enhanced location functionality
- Expanded user interface, with a new menu bar and “Contact” feature.
- “News” — Learn about events at the General Service Office (G.S.O.) and Grapevine, as well as information about updates within the app.”

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