



BC Yukon Area 79

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General Service Committee

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Hello DCMs, GSRs and Past Trusted Servants,
2023

Sept 3, 2023 ~~July 14,~~

My name is Monica, and I am an alcoholic. I have the incredible honour and privilege to be serving as the Chair of Panel 73 in Area 79 BC/Yukon.

Enclosed is the agenda for the September Voting Assembly along with related information. As was decided at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April of this year, the Assembly is being held in two parts:

Tuesday – Sept. 5, 2023 – Assembly Breakout Committee meetings – online only

~~**Friday to Sunday – Sept 8-10, 2023**~~ continuation of the Assembly in a hybrid format:

~~**In person** in District 54 at the Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge & Conference Center,
3251 Hwy. 16 East, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0~~

Online – using the same registration link as for Tuesday

Once again there will be an online **First-Timers' Orientation** – If this is your first Area event, or if you are simply interested, you are welcome to join members of the General Service Committee (GSC) from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, prior to the committee meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023. To join the orientation use the link you received when you registered. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.

Individual personal registration is required for the online portions of the Assembly and First-Timers' Orientation. Please share the link below with your district and group members.

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlKfuGvpjojGN0XWG2dZifDd1f46aENJFr>

After registering, you will receive a meeting link, which is your individual "ticket". Please do not share this with anyone else. If you do, the software will stop one of you from participating.

In addition to the important Area Committee work, highlights of this Assembly are:

- Sharing session on the Plain and Simple Language Translation of the Big Book
- Voting on the Area Budget for 2024
- Voting on the three Motions received by July 7 and any Floor Actions that may arise
- Election of our Area nominee for the position of Western Canada Regional Trustee

The deadline for motions to be considered at the Assembly has now passed and the three that were received are attached so you may discuss them with your groups.

If you wish to submit a Floor Action to be considered at the Assembly you may do so at any time up until 11:00 AM on Saturday, Sept .9, provided it has a cost of less than \$2,000. Floor actions

must be submitted to the Chair in writing on a Motion Form. A motion template, floor actions flow chart and guidelines are attached.

There will be a sharing session Friday evening for GSRs and guests on "Service Sponsorship". This will be facilitated by Eileen M., the Area Treatment and Accessibilities Chair.

Please note that there will be no verbal District Committee reports given at this event. A roll call of the DCMs will occur. District reports are to be sent by email to the Area Secretary at secretary@bcyukonaa.org by the deadline of Sept. 17, 2023. The reports will be included in Grassroots Forum, the BC/Yukon Area 79 Newsletter, which will be available on our website. The password is "aagrassroots".

Once again we will be using the Area 79 Literature and Information Resources Tool to provide access to documents referred to during the Assembly. If you do not have the Literature and Information Resources Tool on your phone or tablet, click this link <https://area79literature.glideapp.io/>. You may also find the information on the Area website, <https://bcyukonaa.org/>. In either case, you will find the information with the agenda under the Events tab.

For the online meetings, it is helpful if you have the most current version of the software on your device. You may ensure you do by going to this website, <https://zoom.us/download>

~~The venue in Smithers has very strict guidelines regarding food and drink in the meeting rooms. Only those they provide may be consumed in the meeting rooms, in other words no beverages, chips, chocolate bars, etc., may be brought in. If they are, the Area may incur a fine.~~

~~District 54 will be providing in-person early bird A.A. recovery meetings at 7:00 AM Saturday and Sunday morning at a location yet to be determined. For those arriving early, they are also providing an in-person meeting Thursday, Sept. 7, 8:00 p.m. at Pioneer Activity Centre, 4018 Mountainview Ave. (behind Coast Mountain GM).~~

See the revised agenda for information on the Early Bird A.A. Recovery meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like some assistance with preparing your Floor Action. I would love to hear from you. I can be reached by calling or texting 250-380-8171 or by email at chair@bcyukonaa.org.

Thank you for your service.

In gratitude, love and service,

Monica McGarrigle (name not for publication)
Chair, Panel 73 – BC/Yukon Area 79

Enc. Agenda, First-Timers' information poster, Motions 1,2 and 3, DCM committee assignments, Business Procedures, Voting Procedures, Motion Form and Guidelines (NB a fillable Motion Form is on the Area website), Floor Actions Flow Chart, and ~~District 54 Accommodation and Restaurant information.~~



Revised Agenda Sept 3, 2023

BC/YUKON AREA 79 SEPTEMBER VOTING ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 and Friday, Sept. 8, to Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023

To participate in the online committees and/or First Timers' Orientation, registration is required at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkfuGvpjojGN0XWG2dZifDd1lf46aENJFr>

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 – ONLINE ONLY

- 5:45 PM** Virtual room opens for First Timers' Orientation
- 6:00 to 7:00 PM** **First Timers' Orientation** – What is the Voting Assembly about? What to expect. – an orientation and question and answer opportunity for all first time attendees and anyone else who is interested. Facilitated by Paul T., Sha-nnon H. and Drew W.
- 6:45 PM** Virtual main room opens
- 7:15 PM** **Assembly Begins**
- Opening Remarks and Housekeeping: Chair – Monica M.
 - Opening Remarks: Delegate – Rio D.
- 7:30 PM** **Committee Meetings**
- DCMs will be moved automatically to their assigned committee meeting by the Tech Team.
 - GSRs will be randomly assigned to committees and are requested to remain in their assigned committee for this event. There is no preparation required ahead of the event for GSRs.
 - All others may choose their committee by moving themselves to the appropriate breakout room.

8:55 Breakout rooms close. Please return to the main room. Please stay in your breakout until the rooms close.

9:00 PM **Concluding Remarks**

Close with the 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."*

Assembly continues Friday, Sept. 8, 2023 – Hybrid format Online only

Online using the same registration as Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023

and in person at the
Prestige Hudson Bay Lodge & Conference Center
3251 Hwy 16 East, Smithers BC V0J 2N0

5:30 PM In-person Registration begins

6:30 PM Virtual room opens

7:00 to 7:15 PM Comments and Housekeeping: Chair – Monica M.
Opening remarks: Delegate – Rio D.

7:15 to 7:45 PM Area 79 Service Orientation – Voting Procedures
Facilitated by: Caleb W., Area Secretary

7:45 to 8:00 PM Break

8:00 to 9:30 PM

- Area Committee (General Service Committee and District Committee Members)
Chair: Carol H., Alternate Chair
- Sharing Session: General Service Representatives, Alternate GSRs, Alternate DCMs and Guests | Topic: Service Sponsorship | Facilitator: Eileen M., Treatment and Accessibilities Chair.

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

7:00 AM For those who wish ~~in-person~~ Early Bird A.A. Recovery Meeting hosted by District 54
Evangelical Free Church, 1833 Main St. — 15th Ave. entrance.
John S., District 71
<https://room.us/j/92760334987?pwd=cnB1XzYwVuzmoVileGpRFdSU109>
Meeting ID: 927 6033 4987. Passcode: 093751

8:00 AM Rooms Open – virtual ~~and in person~~

8:30 AM Assembly Continues

- Moment of Silence followed by 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.”***

- Anonymity Statement
- Housekeeping Issues
- Reading of the 12 Traditions (Long Form) – ~~to be determined~~ Laird O. and Blair O.,
members of the Bulkley Valley AA Group

Saturday, Sept 9, 2023 (continued)

- Concept V Presentation – Lori W., **DCM** District 54, Assembly Planning Committee Chair
- Introduction of Guests and Past Delegates
- Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs and Alternates
- Reading of Business Procedures (attached) – Pieter V., GSR **Grassy Plains Southside Group**
- Approval of the minutes of the September 2022 Voting and Election Assembly held in Vernon, BC and online as printed in the September, 2022 issue of Grassroots Forum

9:40 to 10:00 AM Break

10:00 to 12:00 PM

- Chairperson's Report
- Delegate's Report
- **Treasurer's Report and** Financial Statements
- Budget for 2024
- **GSC Reports and** Committee Report backs

12:00 to 1:30 PM Lunch Break

1:30 to 2:40 PM

- **GSC Reports and** Committee Report backs (continued)
- Ask it Basket

2:20 to 2:30 PM Regional Forum – Drew W. and Dave F. Video on Regional Forums from aa.org

2:40 to 3:00 PM Break

3:00 to 5:00 PM

Sharing Session – **Plain Language Translation of the Big Book**

– Virtual presentation by **John W. Clint M.** – NonTrustee Director, AAWS

Facilitated by Rio D., Delegate

5:00 to 7:00 PM Dinner Break

7:00 to 9:30 PM

- **GSC Reports and** Committee Report backs (continued)
- Ask it Basket
- Old Business: None at the time of agenda distribution
- District roll call

Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

7:00 AM For those who wish ~~in-person~~ Early Bird A.A. Recovery Meeting hosted by District 54 Evangelical Free Church, 1833 Main St. — 15th Ave. entrance, France N., District 71
<https://zoom.us/j/92760334987?pwd=QjB1XzYyVU2maVZleGpRfz5UT09>
Meeting ID: 927 6033 4987. Passcode: 093751

8:00 AM Rooms Open – virtual ~~and in-person~~

8:30 AM **Assembly Continues (earlier if necessary)**

New Business:

Reading of Voting Procedures (attached) by Lana W., District 54 Secretary

- **Motions** – All notices of motions submitted by July 7, 2023
 1. District 41 – GSC Seventh Tradition – Motion #1
 2. District 41 – GSC Seventh Tradition – Motion #2
 3. GSC to attend the Western Canada Regional Forum in Vernon May 10-12, 2024
- **Floor Actions** (if any) Floor actions submitted from the floor will be accepted by the Chair until 11:00 am Saturday, Sept 9, 2023. Floor actions must be on a “Motions Form” and a WRITTEN copy must be provided to the Secretary, for inclusion in the minutes.
- **Election of Area 79 Nominee for Western Canada Regional Trustee** – facilitated by Rio D.

9:45 to 10:00 AM **Break**

10:00 to 12:00 PM

- Ask it Basket
- First-Timer Sharing
- Closing Remarks by Guests
- Motion to Adjourn
- Close with the Responsibility Statement, followed by the Serenity Prayer

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When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.”*

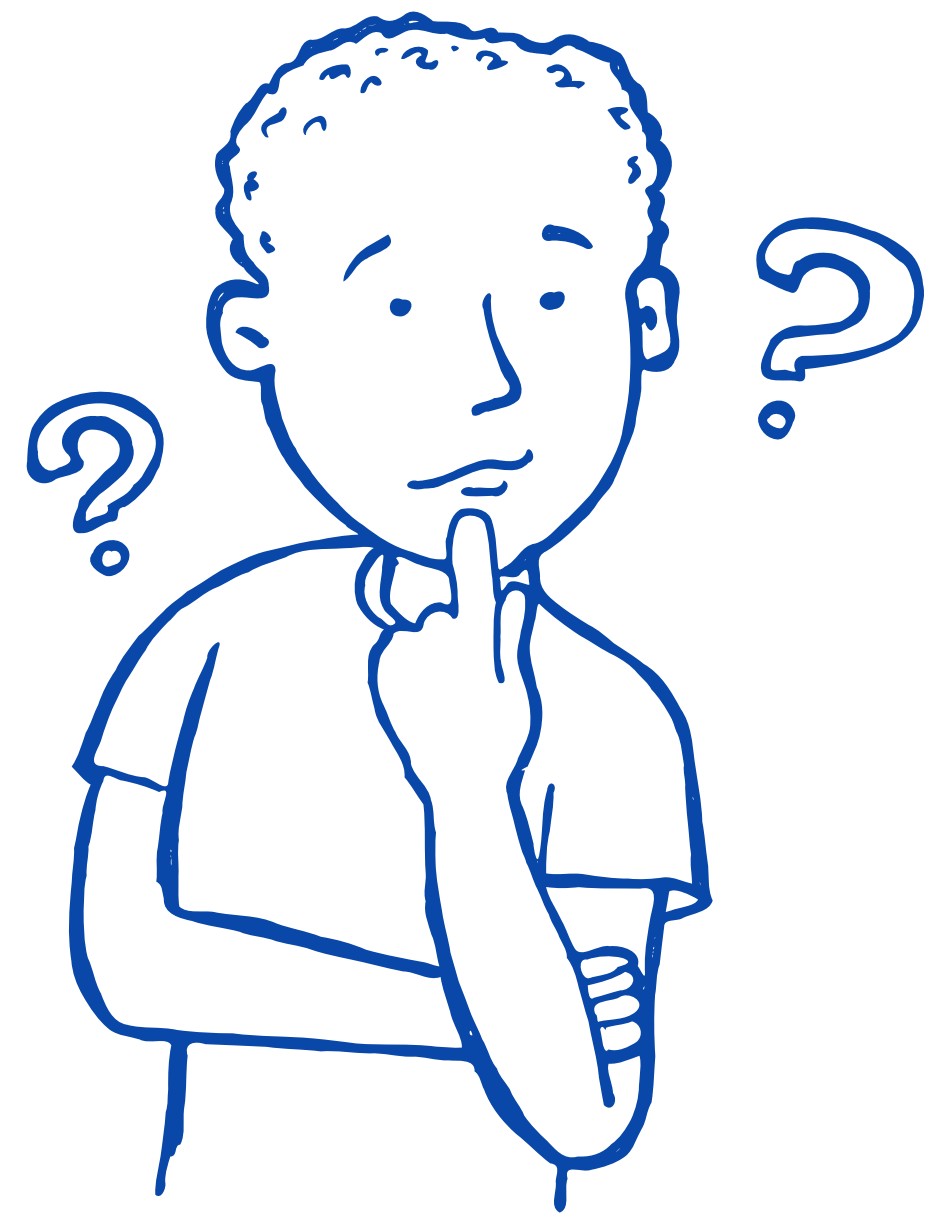


What is an Assembly?

JOIN US ONLINE!

First Timers' Orientation

*TUESDAY, SEPT 5TH, 2023
6-7PM*



Register Here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkfuGvpjojGN0XWG2dZifDd1If46aENJFr#/registration>

All Members Welcome



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
ASSEMBLY ONLINE OR IN
SMITHERS, BC
SEPT 5 AND 8, 9 AND 10,
2023**



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BUSINESS PROCEDURES & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Floor discussion and presentation on any motion will be limited to two minutes. A two-minute light system will be used to register the time left. Yellow light: warns 30 seconds left. Red light: two minutes up, the speaker will immediately take their seat.
2. No one will speak for a second time until everyone who wishes to speak has been heard.
3. The Minority voice will always have the opportunity to be heard after the vote has been counted.
4. A show of hands will be sufficient for declaring the outcome of motions, unless it is deemed too close, then a count will be made. Substantial unanimity is sought on all non-housekeeping issues.
5. FOR QUARTERLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
6. FOR ASSEMBLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, GSRs or Alternates acting for the GSRs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
7. All motions or presentations will require a copy (written or electronic) for the Area Secretary to include in records of the meeting.
8. “A Housekeeping Issue” will be defined as any issue not affecting groups in Area 79 or AA as a whole. When there is a disagreement as to whether an issue is a “housekeeping” issue, the matter will be decided by a vote of the Area Committee members present. This vote will be by a show of hands and require a simple majority. This definition of a “housekeeping” issue and the above procedure for handling the designation of “housekeeping” issues shall be read at each Quarterly and Assembly after the Business Procedures are read.

From the service manual

AREA PROCEDURES: Uniform practices throughout the Fellowship are in no way obligatory, or even practical in many cases. It is important for the area to agree upon a set of procedures, and each individual assembly is the best judge of whom it will seat. Several areas have developed written procedures for all aspects of area operations. (Pg. S-37 Chapter 4, The A.A. Service Manual)

Article 6 of the Conference Charter: Area Assemblies, Purpose of: Area assemblies convene every two years for the election of area committee members, from which are elected delegates to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Such area assemblies are concerned only with the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. Footnote: Area assemblies still meet every two years in order to elect a delegate to the General Service Conference, but they typically meet far more frequently in order to conduct on-going area business. (Pg. S-120, The A.A. Service Manual *2021-2023 Edition*)



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MOTION

Motion:

That the Area 79 General Service Committee cease collecting a 7th tradition at the monthly General Service Committee meetings, effective Jan. 1, 2024.

History or Current Practices:

7th tradition is currently collected at each monthly GSC meeting and listed as a separate income line in the Area 79 financial report. Being included as a line of income requires a budgeted amount to be assigned for balancing purposes. This spotlights how much money GSC members are paying out of their own pocket. Having a budget attached to this income can create a perceived expectation that the GSC pays a minimum amount to meet the GSC Seventh Tradition line on the financial statement, when no AA member should be expected to be out of pocket, any certain amount, to be of service. Other levels, such as; AAWS, General Service Board, Grapevine, some Districts and Roundups do not collect a 7th tradition at their regular meetings.

If passed:

Area 79 will be aligned with the practices of many other levels of services. Current and future GSC members will not have to consider meeting a specific '7th tradition' budget. This budgeted amount can be eliminated or added to the general contributions budget, or addressed whichever way the Area committee sees fit. +

If not passed:

Individual contribution to the 7th tradition is part of our personal recovery. AA members serving on the Area 79 GSC would continue to have attention drawn to what they choose to contribute for their personal recovery.

Area 79 practices will continue to not align with other levels of the general service. +

For further consideration:

The GSC is not a large or varying group like a regular recovery meeting or Area event. Therefore, separating their 7th tradition from monthly meetings could be viewed as encroaching on their personal autonomy.

The amount contributed year over year is not significant (ranging \$973-\$1,570 since 2019) and would not have a major impact on Area 79's overall financial stability.

Motion submitted by: Dawnn F, District 41

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MOTION

Motion:

That Area 79 discontinues listing the 7th tradition collected at monthly General Service Committee meetings as a separate line on the financial report, effective Jan. 1, 2024.

History or Current Practices:

7th tradition is currently collected at each monthly GSC meeting and listed as a separate income line in the Area 79 financial report. Being included as a line of income requires a budgeted amount to be assigned for balancing purposes. This spotlights how much money GSC members are paying out of their own pocket. Having a budget attached to this income can create a perceived expectation that the GSC pays a minimum amount to meet the GSC Seventh Tradition line on the financial statement, when no AA member should be expected to be out of pocket, any certain amount, to be of service.

If passed:

Current and future GSC members will not have to consider meeting a specific '7th tradition' budget. This budgeted amount can be rolled into to the individual or special events contributions budget, or addressed whichever way the Area committee sees fit.

If not passed:

Individual contribution to the 7th tradition is part of our personal recovery. AA members serving on the Area 79 GSC would continue to have attention drawn to what they choose to contribute for their personal recovery.



For further consideration:

The GSC is not a large or varying group like a regular recovery meeting or Area event. Therefore, separating their 7th tradition from monthly meetings could be viewed as encroaching on their personal autonomy.

Motion submitted by: Dawnn F, District 41

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Motion

Motion

That Area 79 reimburse any Panel 73 General Service Committee (GSC) members for their expenses in traveling if they can attend the 2024 Western Canada Regional Forum in Vernon May 10-12, 2024.

History or Current Practices:

It has been the practice in recent years to pay the expenses of the Area 79 General Service Committee members that attend service functions when hosted in BC/Yukon Area 79.

If passed:

The costs of attending would form part of the overall 2024 GSC travel budget.

All members of Panel 73 GSC would potentially be able to attend, support and resource the Fellowship at this service function regardless of the personal financial circumstances of the GSC members.

To minimize costs, the GSC will hold its May meeting in conjunction with the Regional Forum.

If not passed:

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

For further consideration:

Regional Forums, put on by the General Service Board, provide unique opportunities for A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada to connect with people throughout the A.A. service structure. At forums, members can exchange information with representatives of the General Service Board, A.A.W.S., A.A. Grapevine and GSO.

Regional Forums are held in BC/Yukon once every eight years.

Motion submitted by: Area 79 Panel 73 General Service Committee

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MOTIONS GUIDE – BC/YUKON AREA 79

This guide is intended to provide assistance to the Fellowship in drafting motions, it is not intended to be definitive. In keeping with our Traditions and Concepts, there may be motions that are unacceptable for presentation to the Fellowship (for example, a motion that is personally punitive would be contrary to Concept 12, Warranty 5).

The General Service Committee will work with anyone requesting assistance in the preparation of a motion. All motions must be submitted in a written or electronic form. This form can be found on the login side of the website under services, then service materials.

Only a voting member may present a motion. The presenter will have an opportunity to speak to it, once the motion has been seconded. That being said, the motion must stand on its own.

BEST PRACTICES FOR DRAFTING A MOTION:

- Needs to be clearly stated and answered with a “yes” or “no.”
- Needs to be understood without reference to any other material, including the background material.
- Present one motion at a time. Two-part motions may fail, if the fellowship supports one part and not the other.
- Consider reviewing the most current BC/Yukon Area Book of Motions for examples.
- Ensure the motion does not conflict with our Traditions or Concepts.
Plain language is the most effective.

HISTORY OR CURRENT PRACTICES:

- This is intended to help understand the context of the motion.
- What are we doing now?
- Has this kind of motion been considered before? (See current BC/Yukon Area 79 Book of Motions)
- It is preferable not to refer to what someone in A.A. says or does.
- Are we correcting something inconsistent with past A.A. practice?
- Consult with your group, district and/or area.

IF CARRIED:

- What will change?
- How will A.A. be impacted?
- Is there any negative effect?
- Why should we do this? Why is this motion needed?

IF DEFEATED:

- How will A.A. be impacted?

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

- Any other useful information. Again, not referring to what any individual says or does.

Please note:

Motions must be submitted to the Area Chair by July 7th in order that they may be included in the agenda package for the Voting Assembly, giving groups the opportunity to consider the motion. All motions regarding financial matters (other than budgets) in excess of \$2,000.00, must also be submitted no later than July 7th.

Motions received after this date will be presented to the Voting Assembly as floor actions. The deadline for submitting a floor action is 11 am on the Saturday morning of the September Voting Assembly. All financial matters (other than budgets) in excess of \$2,000.00 cannot be brought forward as a floor action.



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MOTION

Motion:

History or Current Practices:

If passed:

If not passed:

For further consideration:

Motion submitted by: _____

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VOTING PROCEDURES

- 1) **MOTION** (“Main Motion”) Chairperson invites the voting member to present the motion. The motion is read and placed before the membership for consideration.
- 2) **Second**: The Chairperson inquires if there is a seconder to the motion. A member does not have to be in favour of a motion to second it – it simply means “I agree that we should discuss this.” If a motion is not seconded it will not be discussed.
- 3) **Discussion**: Anyone present who wishes to speak to the motion lines up at the microphone and is called on in order. Each person may speak for a maximum of two minutes. No speaker may speak for a second time to the motion, unless all who wish to have spoken for the first time. Those in line are encouraged to listen to the points, questions, and answers that arise during discussion and take their seat if their point has already been made or their question has already been asked.
- 4) **VOTE**: “All in favour” and “All opposed”. All motions require “substantial unanimity” (a two-thirds majority) to carry, except housekeeping matters and those specified below.
- 5) **MINORITY OPINION**: *Chairperson invites those voters who are against the outcome of the vote to speak.* The function of the minority voice is to help keep the majority on its toes, to be alert and responsive. Very often a Higher Power is found in the still, small voice of the minority. Once the minority voice has been heard, the question will be asked: “Does anyone from the majority wish to change their vote?” If this question is responded to in the affirmative, by a show of hands, by one or more members, the vote is taken again.

VOTING PROCEDURES THAT TAKE PRIORITY OVER THE DISCUSSION:

- **POINT OF ORDER**: **A point of order takes priority over all other discussion.** If the procedures are not being followed or a step has been missed, it is the responsibility of those in the assembly to bring up a point of order. The Chair responds by either clarifying the procedure or identifying how it will be corrected if required*
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- **PROCEDURAL INQUIRY**: This can be used if a member wants to know how to do something i.e.: change their vote, amend a motion, postpone the discussion, resubmit an item, change their vote, etc. The Chair responds by informing the member: a) if what the member wants to do is possible and b) how to do so if applicable. This takes priority over all items except a Point of Order*

*Needs recognition from the Chair. The member is permitted to go to the front of the line at the microphone.

OTHER VOTING PROCEDURES THAT MAY ARISE DURING DISCUSSION:

- **AMENDMENT**: During the discussion, a voting member may propose an amendment to the main motion. An amendment requires a seconder and is debatable. If the amendment carries, (i.e., receives a majority vote), the amended motion replaces the original motion. After the vote is taken on the amendment discussion continues; a) on the original motion if the amendment does not carry or b) on the amended motion if the amendment does carry. A motion may be amended more than once. The amendment must pertain to the subject of the original motion, e.g., adding text, deleting text or replacing text.
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- **CALL THE QUESTION:** This allows the assembly an opportunity to decide how much time is spent discussing a motion. When the Question is Called; a seconder is required, and it is not debatable. If two-thirds are achieved, discussion ends, and the voting members proceed immediately to vote on the business on the floor. If a two-thirds majority is not achieved, debate will continue. The possibility of limiting debate preserves the rights of the majority. Otherwise, a small minority could frustrate the assembly by prolonging debate indefinitely. Consideration should be given that there has been sufficient discussion prior to calling the question.
- **REQUEST TO RECONSIDER:** A request to reconsider a main motion can be made by someone who had voted with the majority side of the action, and now wishes to change their vote. This request can only be made if there was no minority voice and if the question “does anyone wish to change their vote: was not asked. *No action can be reconsidered twice.* A motion to reconsider requires a seconder and is debatable. A simple majority (50% + 1) is required for this motion to carry. A request to reconsider is only applicable to the outcome of the vote on a main motion.
- **WITHDRAWING A MOTION:** Once a motion has been seconded and is being discussed, the individual who made the motion, may request the motion be withdrawn. The Chair will ask if anyone objects? If not, the motion is withdrawn. If a voting member objects, a vote on withdrawing the motion will be held. A majority vote is sufficient to withdraw the motion.
- **TABLING A MOTION:** Once a motion has been seconded and is being discussed a motion to delay the discussion may be made. Tabling postpones discussion to a later time in the event – it is made without comment, requires a second, is carried by a simple majority, and no minority voice is heard.

A NOTE ABOUT FLOOR ACTIONS:

Floor actions are acted upon separately as they have not been circulated to the groups in BC/Yukon Area 79 as they were submitted after the deadline.

- Motions received after the July 7th deadline will be treated as floor actions after all pre-submitted motions have been voted on.
- These floor actions will be accepted by the Area Chair, in writing, until 11:00 a.m. on the Saturday of the assembly.
- They will be posted on the wall and presented in the order in which they were received.
- When a floor action is to be heard, the voting member will be given two minutes to present it.
- The Chair will then ask if there is a motion to consider the floor action today.
- A motion to consider requires a seconder, is not debatable, and requires a two-thirds majority.
- If the motion to consider carries, the original floor action is discussed.
- The floor action becomes a motion and is discussed when:
 - a) There is a motion to consider,
 - b) A seconder to the motion to consider,
 - c) The motion to consider is carried.

All motions regarding financial matters (other than budgets) in excess of \$2,000.00, must be submitted no later than July 7th, so they are included in the Voting Assembly Agenda package. All financial matters (other than budgets) in excess of \$2,000.00 cannot be brought forward as a floor action.

BC/Yukon Area 79 – Voting Procedures for Motions

1

Main Motion

- Main Motion
- Second
- Discussion
 - If an amendment is proposed go to next column (2)
- Vote - substantial unanimity ($\frac{2}{3}$ required to carry)
- Minority Voice discussion
- Does anyone wish to change their vote? (1 voter = re-vote)
 - Yes - Re-vote
 - No - Vote stands
- Re-vote - substantial unanimity ($\frac{2}{3}$ required to carry)

For	
Against	
Total	0
$\frac{2}{3} =$	0

2

Motion to Amend

- Motion to amend
- Second
- Discussion
 - If an additional amendment is proposed go to next column (3)
- Vote on the amendment
majority vote required to carry
- Minority Voice discussion
- Does anyone wish to change their vote? (1 voter = re-vote)
 - Yes - Re-vote
 - No - Vote stands
- Re-vote - majority vote required to carry –

Return to Main Motion
Discussion (1)

For	
Against	
Total	0
$50\% + 1 =$	1

3

Motion to Amend the Amendment

- Motion to amend the amendment
- Second
- Discussion (no further amendments may be made until this amendment is voted on)
- Vote on the amendment to the amended motion - majority vote required to carry
- Minority Voice discussion
- Does anyone wish to change their vote? (1 voter = re-vote)
 - Yes - Re-vote
 - No - Vote stands
- Re-vote - majority vote required to carry

Return to Motion to Amend
Discussion (2)

For	
Against	
Total	0
$50\% + 1 =$	1

Floor Actions Flow Chart BC/Yukon Area 79

If the Floor Action is not considered it may be submitted by the following July 7 to become a motion the following year at the Voting Assembly

Floor Actions are acted upon separately, they have not been circulated to the groups in BC/Yukon Area 79 as they were submitted after the deadline of July 7th.

They will be heard at the Voting Assembly after all pre submitted motions have been voted on

Floor Actions are accepted by the Chair in writing before 11am on the Saturday at the Assembly

They will be posted on the wall and presented in the order in which they were received

When a floor action is to be heard, the voting member will be given 2 minutes to present it

The chair will then ask if there is a motion to consider the Floor Action today

A motion to consider requires a seconder is not debateable and requires substantial unanimity (2/3 majority)

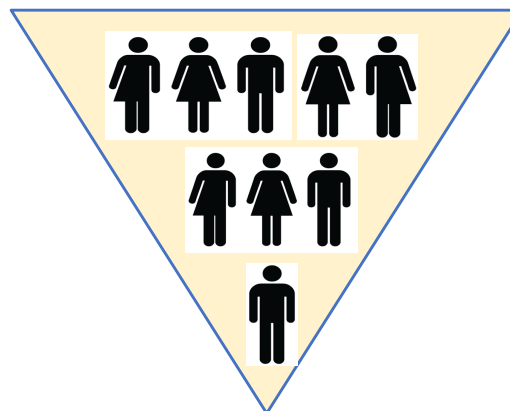
If the motion to consider carries, the original Floor Action is discussed

A "yes" vote means that the Assembly will hear the Floor Action

A "no" vote means that the Assembly will not hear the Floor Action

Floor Actions become motions when:

- * There is a motion to consider
- * a seconder to the motion to consider
- * the motion to consider is carried



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