



Area 79 BC/Yukon April 2025 Pre-Conference Assembly AGENDA COVER LETTER

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Hello, trusted servants, I'm an alcoholic, my name is Paul, 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) will be notified of their committee assignment within 48 hours of registering. This will give you the opportunity to review the agenda items & background materials with your group (when available) and be prepared for your Pre-Conference Committee discussions.

Location

The in-person portion will be at: **Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Centre**, 3914 32nd Street, Vernon, BC.

⚠️ PLEASE NOTE ⚠️ A clerical error at the hotel resulted in no rooms being blocked for our event and the hotel is fully booked. Fortunately, there are 18 other hotels within 5 minutes driving distance.

Be sure to review the *Accommodations and Restaurants* document which also includes billeting and transportation information.

You asked us to tell you where the ASC will be staying: the Quality Inn & Suites.

Event Purpose

The purpose of our Pre-Conference is to prepare our Delegate, Drew W., for the General Service Conference (GSC) in New York. We do this by reviewing the GSC's agenda items & background materials together and reaching area conscience through discussions in our **Pre-Conference Committee Breakouts** which happen on **Tuesday, online only**.

The agenda items & background materials will be summarized and made available to you on our bcyukonaa.org website by **February 28, 2025**. Please use our [Pre-Conference Checklist](#) to review the timeline of how this work unfolds and how you can prepare.

The Committee assignments at the Pre-Conference will look a little different than our usual Area 79 committees. These changes are so we can mirror the General Service Conference Committees as closely as possible. Please refer to the [Pre-Conference DCM Committee assignments](#) for a list of those committees.

Event Summary

On **Tuesday**, just prior to the formal beginning of the event, we'll have an important **First Timer's Orientation** where we'll review the purpose of this event. Once the event begins, we'll have our **Pre-Conference Committee Breakouts** to discuss the Conference agenda items together and start to form our area conscience.

For the rest of the event, **Friday thru Sunday**, our focus will be hearing the **report-backs** from Tuesday's discussions, and informing our Delegate of our area conscience. And before you ask: those report-backs do NOT get published in Grassroots so bring a notepad.

We're going to make sure we hear our **First Timer's Sharing** this weekend; we were all very disappointed we didn't get to enjoy that in January. Those of you we missed in January will get a chance to share here, too.

We're also fortunate to be joined in-person by **James H. from the Nominating Desk at our General Service Office** in New York, and he'll share his experience, strength, and hope with us on Saturday night.

We'll have presentations for the **2025 International Convention** and the **2027 Western Regional A.A. Service Assembly** (WRAASA).

I hope we'll be hearing **bids for our 2026 Area 79 events**. To date I have not received any district's confirmation to bid on any of our Area 79, 2026 events. I am encouraging all districts to discuss the possibility of being a host district for one of our 2026 events. It is a great way to stimulate interest in A.A. service. Area 79 pays the costs; you need to be able and willing to host. Be sure to check out the *Hosting & Bidding Guidelines* and *Checklist*, both found in the Links & Resources section below.

The dates for those events are as follows:

- January Quarterly, January 9-10, 2026
- Pre-Conference Assembly, April 17-19, 2026
- Summer Assembly, July 10-12, 2026
- Voting & Election Assembly, October 23-25, 2026

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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 20; those reports will be included in the April edition of Grassroots Forum, the BC/Yukon Area 79 Newsletter.

Literature & Resources Tool

The **Area 79 Literature and Information Resources Tool** links to many of the documents used during the event. If you do not have the app on your computer/phone/tablet, click or scan the link at the right.



Motions for June

If you have a **motion for our June Assembly, it needs to be emailed to me by March 23** to be read as a notice of motion at the Pre-Conference and then included in the June Assembly package. Motions received after that deadline will be handled as floor actions in June.

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](#)
- [April Pre-conference Registration Poster](#)
- [Pre-Conference Checklist & Timeline](#)
- [Pre-Conference DCM Committee assignments](#)
- [Area 79 Business Procedures](#)
- [Motions Guide & Motions Form](#)
- [Bidding Guidelines and Bidding Checklist](#)
- [Literature and Information Resources Tool](#)
- [2025/2026 Area 79 Calendar of Events](#)
- [Accommodations & Restaurants](#) near the venue, plus billeting and transportation
- [Glossary of acronyms](#)

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In love and service,

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Area 79 BC/Yukon April 2025 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 the **Prestige Vernon Lodge & Conference Centre**, 3914 32nd Street, Vernon, BC.

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – Online Only

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| 5:30pm (Pacific) | Virtual room opens <ul style="list-style-type: none">Not the start of the event, just “doors open”Launch sequence-lite 🚀Optional virtual training/assistance |
| 6:00 | First Timer's Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none">What is the April Pre-Conference about? What to expect – for all first-time attendees and anyone else.Facilitated by (Website Chair – Kristina P. & Corrections Chair – Chad P.) |
| 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 | Closing Remarks Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer |

Friday, April 11 – Hybrid

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| 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 registrationLaunch sequence 🚀 |
| 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 Staff, Nominating Desk – James H.) |

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| 7:00 | Committee Report Backs |
| 8:15 | Break |
| 8:30 | Area Committee Meeting (Alt Chair – Sha-nnon H.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCMs & ASC move to Okanagan Room/virtual breakout room Main Room Sharing Session (CPC Chair – Michelle B.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSRs, Alt GSRs, Alt DCMs, Guests: in person/virtual stay in large room Topic: <i>Taking notes at area events and reporting back to your groups</i> |
| 10:00 | Closing Remarks Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer |

Saturday, April 12 – Hybrid

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| 8:00am (Pacific) | Doors open (virtual and in-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not the start of the event, just “doors open” Launch sequence 🚀 |
| 8:30 | Pre-Conference Assembly Continues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housekeeping Reading of the 12 Traditions (Short Form) (District 70 GSR – Chris D.) Concept 11 Presentation (District 70 DCM – Roxie S.) Introduction of Guests and Past Delegates Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs and Alternates Reading of Business Procedures (Chair Host Committee – Lin M.) Approval of the minutes from the September 2024 Assembly Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson’s Report Treasurer – Financial Statements Delegate’s Report |
| 10:15 | Break |
| 10:30 | Committee Report Backs (continued) |
| 12:00pm | Lunch |
| 2:00 | Committee Report Backs (continued) |
| 3:30 | Break |
| 3:40 | District Committee Member Roll Call (no verbal reports given at this event, please have your written report to secretary@bcyukonaa.org by April 20, 2025) |
| 5:00 | IC2025 Presentation (IC2025 Volunteer Co-Chair – Trish L.) WRAASA 2027 February 5-7, 2027 (Alt Delegate – Monica M.) |
| 5:30 | Dinner |
| 7:15 | GSO Guest: James H, Nominating Desk |
| 8:30 | Ask-it Basket Questions |
| 9:00 | Responsibility Statement & Serenity Prayer |

Sunday, April 13 – Hybrid

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| 8:00am | Doors open (virtual and in-person) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not the start of the event, just “doors open”• Launch sequence 🚀 |
| 8:30 | Pre-Conference Assembly Continues Bidding for 2026 Area 79 Quarterly and Assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voting & Election Assembly, October 23-25, 2026• Pre-Conference Assembly, April 17-19, 2026• Summer Assembly, July 10-12, 2026• January Quarterly, January 9-10, 2026 |
| 9:45 | Break |
| 10:00 | Notices of Motion for June 2025 Assembly |
| 10:15 | Area Service Committee (ASC) Reports |
| 11:15 | Break |
| 11:25 | First-Timer Sharing 🎉 |
| | Closing Remarks by Guests |
| 1:30p 👉 | 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.
