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Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see September 2025 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 10-20

Website – Kristina P.

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Hello friends, my name is Kristina and I'm an alcoholic. I'm grateful to be serving as your Website Chair for BC/Yukon Area 79 Panel 75.

Website Chair updates:

Since the June Assembly, I received a total of 157 website requests including 72 meeting updates, 18 events, 51 Area Service Committee requests, 6 login requests, and 10 general inquiries. These are handled collaboratively by the web team volunteers.

You may be interested to note that during the International Convention, the Area 79 website had a spike in visitors; specifically 1,572 unique visitors.

Chair – Paul T.

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Hello friends. I'm an alcoholic, my name is Paul, and I'm honoured to be serving as your Panel 75, Area 79 Chair.

As we're enjoying the event in this beautiful space, I'm happy to report that I've signed contracts for two of the four 2026 venues, and work is nearing completion on the last two. To recap for you, in January we'll be in Chilliwack, April we'll be in Burnaby, July in Smithers, and in October we'll be in Port Alberni. All of those details are already in the Events listing on our Area website.

Speaking of venues, we're pleased to share that the Greater Vancouver Central Office has renovated the meeting room the ASC used to meet in for our monthly meetings a few years ago. It's now suitable for us to return, so we've decided to go back. This move will not only save us nearly \$1,000 a year but also place us closer to the Area resources we store at that location.

Alternate Delegate / Literature Chair – Monica M.

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Good morning everyone, my name is Monica and I am an alcoholic. I am incredibly honoured to be serving you as your Area Alternate Delegate and Literature Chair.

We have, or I should say had, some new pamphlets from AAWS at the literature table. I will leave it to Emily the reporter/recorder from the committee meeting on Tuesday

to tell you what they were and the other publications we still do have.

We recently received some information from publishing about the *Plain Language Big Book* (PLBB) through Gail P., our Western Canada Regional Trustee. As of July 25, 2025, AAWS has distributed 193,261 print copies and 6,458 eBook versions. On one commercial online platform the PLBB has a performance rating of 4.4 stars with 207 reviews. In addition to the foregoing, I was excited to read that 1,548 individuals in U.S. prisons have accessed the *Plain Language Big Book* which is available on the tablets utilized in some U.S. prisons.

Assembly Attendance: 355

(in person and online)

7th Tradition: \$2321.10

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see September 2025

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District 75

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

Hello all. My name is Maurice and I'm an Alcoholic, currently serving as DCM for District 75.

Many thanks and gratitude for all who joined us for the Voting Assembly in Castlegar. This was the first time our district has hosted an Area 79 Assembly and it was a resounding success. I was joined with six GSRs, two DCCs, and many volunteers who helped out over the weekend. It was inspiring watching this assembly come to life and seeing all the hard work our ASC puts in to make things happen. Many newcomers to A.A. in our district have found a newfound passion for service.

We hold our district meetings on the last Sunday of every month online at 4pm. Attendance averages around ten people.

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District Committee Member Reports Cont'd.

District 62

Adams Lake, Anglemont, Barriere, Chase, Clearwater, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Merritt, Niskonlith, Quilchena, Savona, Simpcw, Tk'emlups

My name is Shiloh, and I am an alcoholic, honoured to be serving as DCM for District 62, which spans from Adams Lake, Barrier, Chase, Clearwater, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Merritt, Niskonlith, Savonna, and Quilchena.

District 62 is doing amazing. We meet the last Sunday of every month at 11am. Our table is always full of enthusiasm and fire for service.

A few exciting things happening in our district, we have some big cake days coming up. A 36-year cake, a 44-year cake, a 52-year cake, and a 58-year cake.

Our District Website Chair is currently revamping our district website.

District 45

Agassiz, Boston Bar, Chilliwack, Cultus Lake, Deroche, Hope, Harrison Mills, Rosedale, Sardis, Yarrow

District 45 has been actively busy towards unity in our service structure. We serve from Chilliwack, Yarrow, Cultus Lake, Agassiz, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, and Boston Bar. With 22 registered active groups, 15 active registered GSRs attend our monthly district meeting. Within our district, we serve three correctional facilities, and on average three inside members attend our district meeting and other recovery meetings throughout the week. The Corrections Committee and PI/CPC Committee have been working intensely to carry the A.A. message. We also have four Recovery Treatment Centres within District 45, where we see new members attending our meetings and A.A. members going to facilities to speak on panels. There was also a meeting moved inside one of the treatment facilities on Saturdays.

Askit Basket

Read all the September 2025 Askit Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 57-59

1) At home group business meetings, are GSRs who are chairing the business meetings allowed to make motions and vote on motions?

Answered by Amy M., Remote Communities and Accessibilities Chair

Thank you for the question.

Short answer yes and no. Each group has a group conscience; all members make informed decisions on their business meetings.

Each group is as unique as a thumbprint and approaches to carrying the message of sobriety vary not just from group to group but from region to region. Acting autonomously, each group charts its own course.

3) Has the Indigenous welcome motion ever gone to the GSC?

Answered by Joanne C., Public Information Chair

The short answer is no. The reason is that the General Service Conference is not the appropriate service body to discuss what is applicable in any one area. That is the role of the Area Assembly, and in Area 79, that's you. The General Service Conference looks to discuss matters of policy that affect A.A. as a whole. The General Service Conference would never include in its agenda a discussion on what is

best for any one area; it would only seek to discuss matters that impact all of our areas.

5) A group in our district has passed a motion at their business meeting that "no money be sent to the district until GSRs only can vote". At the same meeting the group passed a motion to send money directly to our district P.I. committee. Both these motions were made by a person who is on the P.I. committee. We understand that groups have autonomy, however, we feel these decisions fall outside our Traditions and practices. How do we deal with the division, and the failure to build unity and trust in the district's group conscience?

Answered by Michelle B., CPC Chair

Thank you for submitting such a great question!

You are absolutely correct in saying each group should be autonomous, but the short form of our Fourth Tradition also goes on to say — "except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole".

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Letter from the Editor

Hi, my name is Caleb, and I am an alcoholic. It is an honour to be the Grassroots Chair and Grassroots Editor for Panel 75 in Area 79. This position has introduced me to a whole world of publishing that I did not know anything about beforehand. I want to thank the team that has worked with me so hard producing this issue.

I want to thank everyone who subscribes both electronically and to the print edition. Please consider donating print subscriptions to groups and Intergroup office in Area 79. Many such entities have their own subscription and find it a useful tool for members to learn about service in Area 79.

There is a chance that the mailing of the print copies of this issue could be delayed due to labor issues at Canada Post. The online availability will not be impacted. If there is a stoppage all subscriptions will be mailed as soon as possible. Each issue is available online at <https://bcyukonaa.org/category/grassroots-forum/>. If there are any questions or problems accessing the issue, please reach out to me directly.

I hope that everyone will remember that *Grassroots* is produced for the members of Area 79. If you have questions or comments about the magazine's operations or content feel free to email or call me. If you are interested in publishing a flyer for an event, please talk to me; this is very doable!

I hope that this can be of use to everyone who reads it.

In love and service,
Caleb W.

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.



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2026 January Quarterly – Jan. 6 (Online Only) & Jan. 9-10 (Hybrid) – District 45, Chilliwack

2026 April Pre-Conference Assembly – Apr. 14 (Online Only) & Apr. 17-19 (Hybrid) – Districts 30, 32 & 40, Burnaby

2026 July Assembly – July 7 (Online Only) & July 10-12 (Hybrid) – District 54, Smithers

2026 October Voting Assembly – Oct. 20 (Online Only) & Oct. 23-25 (Hybrid) – District 6, Port Alberni

2027 WRAASA – February 5, 2027 - February 7, 2027 – District 43, Langley

Check out the Events page on our website for upcoming district events!

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