

Grassroots Forum *Highlights*



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HIGHLIGHTS from APRIL 2025 GRASSROOTS FORUM

Area Service Committee Reports

For full reports, see April 2025 *Grassroots Forum*, pages 9-18

Treasurer – Spencer P.
treasurer@bcyukonaa.org

Hi everyone, I'm Spencer, and I'm an alcoholic, grateful to be serving as your Area 79 Treasurer for Panel 75.

Yesterday when I presented our area financials, I told you how we've clawed our way back to make up half of our 2024 year-end deficit. Thanks to all of you who have supported Area 79 so strongly. It's been truly heart-warming to accept contributions from over 170 different groups in BC/Yukon since the start of 2025.

I also mentioned that our Area is in the midst some significant cost events:

- starting with this Pre-Conference Assembly
- and then a short turnaround to another area assembly in June.

Secretary – Wendy S.
secretary@bcyukonaa.org

Hi, my name is Wendy, and I am an alcoholic, currently serving as your Panel 75 Secretary here in BC/Yukon Area 79.

Since we last met in January, I have received 22 phone calls and 44 emails directed to the general area mailboxes. I try to process all of them on the same day that I receive them, either by forwarding them to the appropriate Area Service Committee member or by answering more general inquiries myself.

Remote Communities & Accessibilities – Amy M.
remotecomunities@bcyukonaa.org

Good day to you all. I'm Amy, and I am an alcoholic.

In February, the South-Central Mini Assembly Chair and I had been in contact. All the questions for the inventory were handed in by the members. We then met online on February 16 for my first travel assignment. This was my first inventory, and what an enlightening event to be part of. My second travel

assignment will be to District 43 Langley, for Gratitude Day on May 3.

February 25 Remote Communities and Accessibilities District Committee Members (DCMs) and District Committee Chairs (DCCs) met online. We read RC & A literature. Accessibilities Checklist (SMF-208), *Making the AA Message Accessible* (F-107), and *Access to AA* (P-83). Near the end of April, there will be another RC & A literature online sharing session. All members are welcome to attend.

Pre-Conference Attendance: 397
(in person and online)

7th Tradition: \$2,187.65

District Committee Member Reports

For full DCM reports, see April 2025
Grassroots Forum, pages 30-42

District 1

**Alert Bay, Bella Bella, Fort Rupert, Kyuquot,
Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill,
Sointula, Zeballos**

My name is Della, I am an alcoholic. I am pleased to be the new DCM for District 1 for this term. For the Pre-Assembly Conference in Vernon, we had one GSR attend in person, and 3 or 4 attended online. One GSR is fairly new. We presently have 6 groups, 14 meetings a week, and approximately 70 members in total in our district. District is making an attempt to meet at least once a month. We are attempting to have an ASC member come do a workshop and a Delegate report in the near future. We would like to say a big thank you to District 70 for an awesome Conference in Vernon.

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District Committee Member Reports Cont'd.

District 14

**Beacon Hill, Cadboro Bay,
Oak Bay, Uplands, Victoria,
University of Victoria**

Hi friends. My name is Crystal and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as DCM for District 14. I attended the Pre-Conference Assembly in Vernon with 5 GSRs and 1 DCC and was joined online by 2 GSRs. Since January I've welcomed 3 new GSRs to District 14. District 14 meets the first Wednesday of every month and the last couple meetings were spent preparing the GSRs for the Pre-Conference Assembly. I have some very enthusiastic GSRs and it's a delight to be serving alongside them.

District 43

Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Fort Langley, Langley

My name is Joanna, and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the DCM for District 43, which serves the communities of Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Fort Langley and Langley. Thank you to District 70 Vernon for hosting the Pre-Conference Assembly.

At the assembly, in person and online, we had 24 members in attendance from District 43, including: 1 DCM, 1 Alternate DCM, 9 GSRs, 3 Alternate GSRs, 5 District Committee Chairs (DCC), 1 Alternate DCC, 1 Guest, 2 members of the Area Service Committee (ASC), and 1 Class B General Service Trustee.

Ask-it Basket

Read all the April 2025 Ask-it Basket questions & answers... *Grassroots Forum*, pages 43-47

4) Page 54 of *Plain Language Big Book*: "The only way to permanently control our drinking is..."

Answered by: Monica M., Alternate Delegate and Literature Chair

Thank you for pointing out this sentence you are wondering about in the *Plain Language Big Book*. There is a proposal at the upcoming General Service Conference (GSC) that any suggestions for amendments to the *Plain Language Big Book* be deferred to the 77th GSC, in other words two years from now. If you want to provide any feedback on anything in the publication, please send your thoughts to the Literature Chair (literature@bcyukonaa.org). We will collect your thoughts and bring them forward at the appropriate time.

14) Why is the cost of attending the International Convention in U.S. dollars: when it is being put on in Canada? Many people are disappointed, especially with the fluctuating dollar.

Answered by: Chad P., Corrections Chair

Although this year's Convention is being held in Vancouver, it is being put on by the General Service Board of A.A. through AAWS and the General Service Office – and we are a two-country structure (Canada and the United States). Two things about that: our GSO business is conducted mainly in U.S. dollars, and the U.S. has also had a much larger A.A. membership than we do.

18) Drew mentioned if a group would like him to come give a Delegate's report, to email him. My question is, who funds his travel? Is there a fund set aside for this?

Answered by: Spencer P., Treasurer

Thank you for this question. Our Area budget covers the cost of having our Delegate travel out to you, the members of BC/Yukon Area 79, to provide his Delegate's report from the General Service Conference. Where possible, having multiple groups and/or districts coordinate to hear the Delegate's report together helps in a few ways: it saves travel cost, and it also helps Drew maximize the number of folks he's able to visit with his report. It may not be possible to have our Delegate visit groups individually. There are over 800 groups in the BC/Yukon Area, so it is preferred that you coordinate these requests on a district level and even include multiple districts together when that is workable. If your home group wants a report: one option could be to discuss it at your district meeting to see if you can make a district-level request that will cover multiple groups in your district. Thank you.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE
to volunteer at the 2025
International Convention...

Just scan here! 



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 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. I hope that this can be of use to everyone who reads it. If you are interested in publishing a flyer for an event, please talk to me; this is very doable!

In love and service,
Caleb W.

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2025 June Assembly – June 3 (Online Only) & June 6-8 (Hybrid) – District 71, Kelowna

2025 International Convention – July 3-6, 2025 – Vancouver

2025 September Voting Assembly – Sept. 9 (Online Only) & Sept. 12-14 (Hybrid) – District 75, Castlegar

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

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