

Area 78 Committee Meetings are “CLOSED” Meetings



AREA 78 Fall Business ASSEMBLY
September 25-27, 2026 Edmonton, AB

MEETING LOCATION: Delta Hotel- Edmonton South Conference Centre
4404 Gateway Boulevard NW Edmonton, AB
T6H 5C2

ACCOMMODATIONS: Delta Hotel- Edmonton South Conference
Centre 4404 Gateway Blvd. NW Edmonton
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[Book your Area 78 Hotel Room here](#)

Call: the hotel directly at 1.780.434.6415 or toll free at 1.800.268.1133
or click on the link below to the reservation site.

Reservations can be booked under the code: Area 78 - \$179 Night + Taxes
Overnight parking \$10.00
Cutoff is August 28,2026

ALTERNATE ACCOMODATIONS:

- **Holiday Inn Conference Center 4485 Gateway Blvd Edmonton, AB 1.780.431.1100**
- **Holiday Inn Express 2440 Calgary Trail NW Edmonton, AB 1.780.440.5000**
Standard Rates Apply

Live Stream of the Fall Business Assembly
Zoom ID 708 555 5414, Passcode: area78

One-sided, live streaming of the Assembly will be available, members will be able to view/listen.
For assistance Area 78 Tech Team at techhost@area78.org

Questions or Concerns: Please contact Area 78 Chair- Lynn C
Email: chair@area78.org
Phone/Text: 587-986-1032

Registration (Closed A.A. Members Only):

- Registration begins Friday at 4:30 pm, and Saturday at 8:00 am
- **Cost \$30 per person (Cash Only).** Registration fee is for all GSR's, DCM's (or their alternates, if they are filling in.) and Area Committee Officers.
- Every A.A. Member is invited and welcome, visitors have free registration but are welcome to make a 7th Tradition contribution if they wish.

Preparation:

- Bring your Service Manual, read/bring the minutes of the March 2026 Pre-Conference Assembly and May 2026 ACM. Review Area 78 2026-August Financials. Bring a copy of this agenda. Please forward this information to your Alternate or successor, if you are unable to attend this Assembly. Encourage all members of our fellowship to attend this Area 78 Assembly.

Open Speaker Meeting:

- Meeting starts at 8:00 pm.
- Our Guest Speaker is Brad F, Past Delegate Area 78 Panel 70
- 7th Tradition will be honored.

Trustee at Large Canada Nominee Election Information:

- [Procedure for Electing a Trustee at Large](#)
- Voting is limited to, GSRs (or if not present, their alt. GSR). DCMs (or if not present, their alt. DCM). Area Committee Chairs and Table Officers are eligible to vote or to present motions.

One District = One Vote / One Group = One Vote.

ORANGE	name tag - DCM or in their absence, the Alternate DCM - one vote per District
GREEN	name tag - GSR or in their absence, the Alternate GSR - one vote per Group
YELLOW	name tag - Committee Chair - one vote
GREY	name tag - Table officer - one vote
BLUE	name tag - Visitors - cannot vote

Notice of Motions:

- Written Motions are to be handed to the Area Chair and Area Secretary.
- Motion forms are available on the Area 78 website, under Forms on the Download tab. <https://area78aa.org/area-downloads/>
- Notices of motions will be read out and voting will take place at September 2026 Assembly.

How Motions are dealt with at this Assembly:

- See Appendix W in your service Manual Pg 173.
- All motions must have a mover and a seconder.
- The person making the motion speaks to it first, with a two-minute limit.
- During discussion, no one is to speak a second time until everyone is heard.
- Person who made the motion can have the last word before a vote is called.

- Minority voice will be heard after each motion has been voted upon.
- Motion to table takes precedence over discussion. The motion to table must have a seconder and the motion is not open for discussion. Simple majority to pass. A motion to reconsider the action can only be made by a person who voted with the majority and now wants to reverse their vote. The motion to reconsider must have seconder. If the motion to reconsider is passed by a simple majority the original motion is re-opened to the floor for further discussion.
- Voting is limited to, GSRs (or if not present, their alt. GSR). DCMs (or if not present, their alt. DCM). Area Committee Chairs and Table Officers are eligible to vote or to present motions.
- See Page 8 on how a Motion can be submitted as a PAI to the General Service Conference

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Sharing Session Questions:

- Please share with your group members and please bring the responses to the sharing session at the Assembly. Email responses to: alternatedelegate@area78.org.

Travel Assistance:

- Area 78 has a Travel Assistance Program. The guidelines and application form are available on the <https://area78aa.org> website. The application form is available by clicking on the information tab, then downloads tab, and the forms tab. Area 78 guidelines are available by clicking on the resources tab and then the Area 78 guidelines tab.

Upcoming Events		
Date	Event	Location
Sept 25-27,2026	September Business Assembly	Delta Edmonton South. Edmonton, AB
January 15-16,2027	January Area Committee Meeting	District 79 Calgary
February 5-7,2027	WRAASA	Abbotsford, BC
March 19-21, 2027	Pre Conference Assembly	BWP Calgary
May 28-29, 2027	May Area Committee Meeting	District 24, Cranbrook
September 17-19,2027	September Election Assembly	IHotel Red Deer, AB

Committee Assignment and Selection:

- At registration, committee numbers and sharing session letters will be assigned.
- Committee assignment is a two-year rotation.
- Participate in your Committee Meetings
- Visitors will also be assigned a committee to participate in discussion.

Area 78 List of Committees and Room Assignment				
No.	Area 78 Committee	Chair	Email	Breakout Room
1	Archives	Sara M	archives@area78.org	Main
2	Co-operation with the Professional Community (CPC)	Sharon M.	cpc@area78.org	Banff
3	Corrections	Travis M	corrections@area78.org	Lake Louise
4	E-Services	Carla C	eservices@area78.org	Medicine Hat
5	Grapevine	Paul C	grapevine@area78.org	Main
6	Group Records	Jarrett H	grouprecords@area78.org	Main
7	Literature	Melissa B	literature@area78.org	Main
8	Public Information (PI)	Nigel F	pi@area78.org	Jasper
9	Remote Communities	Trish C	remote@area78.org	Red Deer
10	Treatment and Accessibilities	Deloyce H	treatment@area78.org	Canmore

AGENDA

Friday September 25, 2026

- 4:30 pm Main Room- Empire**
Registration - Group Records & Registration Chair, Jarrett H.
(New DCM's and GSR's - Provide the Registrar with Updated Contact Information.)
- 6:00 – 7:15 pm Main Room- Empire**
First Time Assembly Attendees (GSR and Alternate GSR) and Visitors.
Facilitated by Past Delegate Larry M Area 78 Panel 66
- 6:00 – 7:15 pm DCM (District Committee Member) Meeting (DCM's/Alternate DCMs) Sapphire Room**
 - Chair – Deborah F. DCM District 64
 - Selection of secretary.
 - The purpose of this meeting is to foster leadership and build unity with each other. Please follow format provided.
- 6:00 – 7:15 pm Area Committee Officer Meeting (Table Officers and Committee Chairs). Chair, Lynn C. Medicine Hat Room**
- 7:15 – 7:30 pm Break**
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm Main Room- Empire**
Fall Business Assembly: Call to Order – Chair, Lynn C
 - Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual).
 - Reading of the Twelve Concepts of World Service – Terry B DCM D83
 - Welcome – Alternate Delegate, Jeff B.
 - Housekeeping matters – Chair, Lynn C.
 - Introductions, New ACO's, Visitors.
 - Western Canada Regional Forum Committee Chairs Report (Suggested 3 minutes maximum)
 - DCM Oral Reports (Suggested 2-4 minutes maximum).
- 9:00 – 10:30 pm Committee Meeting – see breakout rooms on page 4**
 - Meet with your Committee Chair and discuss what is happening in your committee and how the GSC Agenda items from the March Pre Conference resulted from your recommendations.
- 9:00 – 10:30 pm Table Officer/ Finance Committee Meeting - Chair, Lynn C (Lethbridge)**

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Saturday September 26,2026

- 8:00 - 3:00 pm** **Main Room- Empire**
Registration - Group Records & Registration Chair, Jarrett H
- 8:00 – 9:45 am** **Main Room- Empire**
Fall Business Assembly: Call to Order – Chair, Lynn C
- Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual).
 - Housekeeping matters/Intros – Chair, Lynn C
 - Bridging the Gap Presentation – Treatment and Accessibilities Chair, Deloyce H.
 - Meeting and greet new GSR's
 - DCM Oral Reports (Suggested 2-4 minutes Maximum). Continued from Friday evening.
 - Committee Chair Reports (Suggested 3-4 minutes Maximum)
- 9:45 –10:15 am** **Table Officer Reports**
- Chair, Lynn C
 - Secretary, Colette H.
 - Alternate Delegate, Jeff B
 - Past Delegate, Karen OC.
 - Delegate, Dave S.
- 10:15 – 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:30 –11:30 am** **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Hugh M.
- Review of August 2026 financials.
- 11:30– 12:45 pm** **Lunch**
- 12:45 pm**
- Meeting called to order
 - Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual)
- 12:45 – 2:15 pm** **Delegate Report from 76th General Service Conference**
- 2:15 -2:30 pm** **Break**
- 2:30– 3:15 pm** **Area 78 Election for Trustee at Large Canada Nominee- Voting Members – Dave S, Area 78 Delegate to Facilitate**
- [Procedure for Electing a Trustee at Large](#)-resumes that were sent in when Agenda was finalized are included in this package.
 - Committee Chair Reports – continued from Saturday morning (in between counting of ballots) Suggested 3-4 minutes Maximum
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm** **Ad Hoc Committee report on Alternate Venue Findings**
3:45 – 4:00 pm **Break**

- 4:00 -6:00 pm** **Motions- Voting Members-** see motion package
- 6:00 pm** **Close with the Responsibility Pledge**
- 8:00 pm** **Open Speaker Meeting – Brad F Past Delegate Area 78 Panel 70**
7th Tradition Honoured.

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Sunday September 27,2026

- 8:00 – 8:15 am** • Fall Business Assembly: Call to Order – Chair, Lynn C
• Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual).
• Housekeeping Matters- Chair, Lynn C
- 8:15 – 10:30 am** • Remaining Motions – Voting Members
- 10:30 – 10:45 am** **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 am** Sharing session questions.
• Split up into 10 Groups (Main Room).
• Select Secretary, email sharing session results to Alt. Delegate.
alternatedelegate@area78.org
- 10:45 – 11:30 am** **Table Officers Meeting- Boardroom**
- 11:45 – 12:30 pm**
am • Report DCM's Meeting – Deborah F, DCM District 64
• Report Table Officers and ACO Meeting – Chair, Lynn
• Attendance and Records Report – Group Records and Registration
Chair, Jarrett H
• New members to the assembly please come to the mic and share
their experience
• Ask it Basket not previously answered. (If all can not be answered
in person, they will all be included in the minutes).
• Closing remarks – Delegate, Dave S
• Close with the Responsibility Pledge.

DCMs and ACO's please email your full-length report to our
Area 78 Secretary, Colette H at secretary@area78.org. If
emailing is not possible, please provide Colette H. with a
typed copy before leaving this weekend.

Warm Greetings from the Conference Assignment at the GSO!

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Thank you for taking the time to consider proposing a policy level idea that might be useful for the good of A.A. within our US/Canada service structure. For suggestions that do not concern overall policy, there are procedures to ensure they are routed to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

This is an exciting opportunity for your group's voice to be heard.

While the General Service Conference operates all year round, the annual meeting, usually held in April, is the culmination of the year's activities, the time when the collective group conscience of U.S./ Canada A.A. comes together to take actions that will guide the groups in the years that follow.

All parts of our Fellowship — group meetings, committees, offices, Conferences, and group jobs — share one common purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

In accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate. The General Service Conference serves as the group conscience for A.A. in the U.S. and Canada.

Participation in the GSC Process is a year-round cooperative effort.

The Conference meets for six days a year, yet the 136 or so Conference members are active in Conference affairs throughout the year. Every A.A. group shares its experience with other groups through its area delegate to the Conference.

Does my PAI rise to the policy level?

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. Proposals are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous such as policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature, and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. To understand about proposed agenda item submissions in general, please visit the section, "Sources of Agenda Items" in the [A.A. Service Manual](#) on page 42.

Who participates in PAI submissions?

AA Groups, Districts and Areas: To contact your local GSR, District, or Area Committee or Delegate, please visit the link to “[List of General Service Conference Area Websites](#).” These local A.A. trusted servants strive help you develop PAIs and discuss Conference Background materials and helps the delegate prepare for the GSC.

Individual AA members: Individual A.A. members can participate in the Conference Process by submitting a PAI. While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

Sharing on Participation? Thanks to contributions from A.A. members across the U.S. and Canada here is sampling of resources from GSO that include sharing about participating in the Conference Process:

Read: “[A.A. Service Manual](#),” “[Circles of Love and Service](#),” and “[AA Group](#).”

Watch: [Your General Service Office \(G.S.O.\), the Grapevine and the General Service Structure](#).

Listen: “[Twelve Traditions Long Form](#)”

When is the PAI Deadline for the 77th GSC? All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2026, 11:59 pm. Submissions that are received after this deadline will be considered for the 78th General Service Conference.

What happens after a PAI is submitted?

Your submission will be forwarded to the trustees’ Committee or Board for discussion. Following the Fourth Quarterly General Service Board meeting, the committee secretary will contact you to let you know the outcome of the committee’s deliberations.

[Link to PAI submission form](#)



Sharing Session Questions- 2026 Fall Business Assembly

Sharing Session Questions -for all groups to discuss and bring to the September Business Assembly or email to the Alternate Delegate – Alternatedelegate@Area78.org

1: How can we better promote the Traditions?

2: How do groups handle 13th stepping? What is your experience? How does your group handle such a thing.

3: Where is the line between sharing our recovery openly on-line and protecting the spiritual principle of anonymity?

Area 78 Service Resume – Trustee-at-Large Canada nominee

Name: Bob W **Sobriety Date:** January 31,1973 **Date:** August 8,2026

Address: [REDACTED]

Primary telephone: [REDACTED]

Primary email rjwatt51@gmail.com

AA Service Experience

Always active in AA at the group level and beyond. Active on Round-up and Convention committees

Served as General Service Representative and District Committee Member at various times in Area 78, Area 80, and Area 91

Served as Alternate Delegate, Panel 44, Area 78

Served as Delegate, Panel 46, Area 78

Served as Chair of the 47th General Service Conference Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Committee

Served as Co-Chair of the first General Service Conference supported Remote Communities Committee

Over the years also served as intergroup rep and chair of Intergroup in the various cities where we lived and worked (Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Langley)

Current AA Activities

A home group member of the Step by Step Group in St. Albert. Active in sponsorship.

Attend Regional Forums and Service Assemblies within the Canada/US service structure

Current and Past Activities outside AA

Board member of the Canterbury Foundation that owns and operates a large senior's living facility.

Director on the Condo Board where we live

In the past have served as member of many community, school, and faith related councils and boards.

Occupational Background

Retired for 5 years from a career of working in financial services and owning a private vocational college. Currently operating a consulting practice serving seniors and small business owners.



Area 78 Alberta/NWT Service Resume - Canada Trustee at Large

Area78.org

Karen OC

Calgary AB T3B 0Y6

Cklinservice@icloud.com

pastdelegate@area78.org

AA SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Sober date - May 22, 1990

Intergroup Rep, Secretary, Alternate Chair, Chair

GSR, DCM for District 77

Area Registrar and Secretary

CPC Chair Calgary 3 years

Sponsor Women across Area

Chair 2015 Forum Calgary

Panel 74 Area 78 Delegate

Panel 75 Conference Delegate Chair

Calgary COMC Chair (four years)

Active always in Home Group

District 77 round Up Chair

Fellowship of Spirit Chair

Participate in WRAASA's

CURRENT AA ACTIVITIES

Past Area 78 Delegate Panel 74

ABC Group Secretary

Recovery Sponsor and Service Sponsor

Host Big Book and Traditions Studies

Facilitate Workshops

Facilitate Group Inventories

Share my recovery Story when asked

Practice our Principles everywhere

BACKGROUND

I understand and live AA's primary purpose to stay sober and help others. To that end I uphold our traditions and live the principles to the best of my ability. I love our Steps, Traditions and Concepts, often attended Carolyn's Service Manual Study for past three years.

I am a Unity Builder; with the experience of the Conference, I appreciate our Concepts and Service Structure as much as I do our Big Book! Both seem me to be divinely inspired.

CURRENT AND PAST ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE AA

I own my own business and still work part time, mentoring staff to be able to manage with their own integrity.

I am a wife, mother of four amazing men who let me be the loving Nan to 8 grandkids! I love camping, hiking, gardening, hanging with family.

I am a writer. I am creative and hosted an Artists Way workshop this past fall.

I have facilitated several healing retreats at Mount St Francis and listen to 5th Steps.

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AA Service Resume

Name: Tami L (surname only w/ AA) Date: August 2026
Address (mailing): _____ Currently reside in Calgary
Phone (optional): _____

Sobriety Date: October 17, 2005
Home Group: TGIF in Okotoks, since 2008
Sponsorship: Have a very special sponsor, and an amazing Service Sponsor

A.A. SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

Currently:

co-run a Step/Tradition/Concept spiral study; recovery & service sponsor; support my group; run workshops and speak when asked.

Service Positions	Panel	Years	What I learned
GSR - Okotoks Ladies Group	56	2006 - 2008	AA is bigger & more organized than I thought
District CPC Chair / member	56	2006 - 2014	Help those who help others looking for sobriety works to bring those people into the rooms
GSR TGIF in Okotoks	58	2008 - 2010	How to love everyone in my group
District PI Chair (combined)	58	2008 - 2014	Sharing AA at schools is critical, saves lives, and we need to support AlAteen with AlAnon
District Grapevine Rep	60	2010 - 2012	How the meeting in a magazine saves lives because it saved my life when traveling for work
District Remote Communities Chair	62	2012 - 2014	Alcoholics who are remote - living or working - are dying and need to know our solution
District Committee Member	66	2016 - 2018	It's hard & rewarding work to serve a district
A78 Remote Comm Chair	68	2018 - 2020	How to fall in love with AA all over again
Area 78 Alternate Delegate	70	2020 - 2022	Our democratic legacy in action is cool
Area 78 Delegate to GSC	72	2022 - 2024	So much! Fundamentally I learned to trust the process & know/accept as people we are fallible
Area 78 Past Delegate	74	2024 - 2026	Vitally important is to put our principles 1st

Professionally:

My life has had constant exposure to diverse cultures, languages and friends from many communities and countries. My first language is ASL (American Sign Language) and remains my beloved. I've been an entrepreneur or contractor for decades. Being a partner in an

international recruitment agency for 25 years taught me a lot about business, managing people, finances, world affairs, being organized, organizational development, and technology. After I left the company, I contracted as a Facilitator across Canada until Covid closed their company. Since then, as an HR consultant and trainer, it's been fun and a privilege to work with First Nations in western Canada, and work to deconstruct systemic ideologies. Almost all of my work uses the AA program, structure and principles without saying it's AA. ☺

Personally:

It is a joy to be in a loving, healthy relationship with a person who loves and nerds out on AA like me. I have 3 grown children and 5+ grandbabies who are soon going to be taller than me! A.A. gave me a life I didn't know existed. It has been life-giving and lifesaving during times when I was not sure I could keep going. I share with everyone around me something magical and loving in the A.A. structure, with my group and sponsees, and will continue because as God works in mysterious and wondrous ways, I get to experience and witness the gifts happen.

Thank you!

With love and service,

Tami L.