



MINUTES OF AREA “B” ASSEMBLY

Zoom Online
15th August 2020

MEETING OPENED: 8:50am

MEETING LOCKED: 9:05am

TRADITIONS: Read by Secretary: Melissa

ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR AREA ASSEMBLY (AREA B North Eastern Region)

NAME	GROUP	GROUP POSITION	AREA POSITION	ETV
Diane C	Coolum Groups	N/A	Chair	Y
Melissa C	Bundaberg	N/A	Secretary	Y
Therese P	Gympie Steps		Treasurer	Y
Cliff P	BB Gympie	Literature Officer	Delegate	Y
Gman	Nambour Saturday		Zoom Meeting IT	Y
Stephen R	Toowoomba	Regional Trustee		N
Norm B	Cosmos Group	GSR		Y
Cass B	Coolum Groups	GSR		Y
Ron J	Morven	GSR		Y
Jodi H	Nambour Saturday Night	DCM		Y
Josh L	Brisbane North District	DCM		Y
Monika R	Maryborough	GSR		Y
Lyn W	Kawana Friday	Treasurer – Alt GSR		Y

NAME	GROUP	GROUP POSITION	AREA POSITION	ETV
Theresa J	Bundaberg Friday ID	GSR		Y
David B		CSO Liaison		Y
Jeff M	Ashgrove West	GSR		Y
Melinda R	Kenmore	GSR		Y
Jarrah	Buderim Women's	GSR		Y

APOLOGIES: Linda - Morven, Richard - Prison Coordinator, Clare P - PI

VOTING BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOTING GSRS – n ETV (eligible to vote) - 17

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY: Minutes of Meeting held at

(May be read or taken as read) Taken as Read.

Moved: Diane C

Seconded: Melissa C

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: Remove Delegate & CSO Liaison as Service positions vacant.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Diane C

Area B Chairman's Report 15th August 2020

Not much has been happening around the Area B due to COVID-19 very pleased to see the number of meetings that started on Zoom and that groups also created FreeConferenceCall.com meetings so that members without internet could dial in at the cost of a local call. We are fortunate that some of the meetings are going back face to face; there are also some meetings that are continuing with online/telephone meetings and also a mixture of both. I have received some telephone calls in concerning meeting openings in the COVID-19 pandemic and I highly recommend that any groups who are conducting face to face meetings ensure they keep up to date with all the information from Federal, State, Rental agreements and the GSO regarding insurance etc. Reference <https://aa.org.au/notices-to-aa-groups-and-members-public-liability-insurance-exclusion/>

Please contact me if you cannot access the documents and I will post them out.

Recently I drove up to Cania Gorge for some R&R and was fortunate to hear on the community radio an advertisement for the Mundubbera meetings and contact details. Well done Mundubbera and any other groups who are undertaking PI and informing potential members where they can find help.

I would like to table the General Service Conference Annual Process Map (found on the AA Service Website) and request that groups discuss aligning the Area B Assemblies to match relevant timelines on the map (attached). Currently Area B Assemblies are held in Aug, Nov, Feb (Election Assembly usually scheduled prior to Feb 1) & May.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss any items especially relating to service positions.

YIS

Diane Creagh
0434 765 549

Attachment: General Service Conference Annual Process Map <http://www.aaservice.org.au/membersonly/general-service-conference-annual-process-map/>

NB: You will be required to create a login to view the document on the service website.

See Map at the end of the Minutes...

Moved: Diane C

Seconded: Melissa C

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

TREASURER'S REPORT: Therese P

Area B NER Treasurer's Report 25th May - 13th August 2020

Zoom August 2020

Thank you to all those who have made direct contributions into Area B account.

Our Account details are as below.. Please make sure you put a GROUP NAME in when doing a direct deposit - to this account so we can acknowledge your groups contribution.

Bank Account Details Commonwealth Bank Alcoholics Anonymous Area B BSB 064 416 Account No. 1036 6548

Please note postal address for chqs. Area B Treasurer, 10A Lousia Lane Gympie QLD 4570

		Balance
Opening balance (bank) as at 25.05.2020		\$ 7,317.42
Contributions		
May-20	\$ 93.00	
Jun-20	\$ 30.00	
Jul-20	\$ 181.42	
Aug-20	\$479.00	
Balance	<u>\$ 783.42</u>	\$ 8,100.84

Less outgoing from 22/02/2020

No outgoings

Please note chq 345 \$250.00 for literature to Brisbane Service Office is still unrepresented due to Corona-19 shut down

Group Contributions for Area B July 1, 2019 - August 13th 2020															
GROUP	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	TOTAL
Agnes Waters	\$52.48	-	-	\$60.00	-	-	-	100.00	-	-	50.00	-	-	-	\$262.48
Albany Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$90.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$90.00
Alexander VC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Aspley Daily Reflections (app 73)	\$80.00	\$30.00	-	\$30.00	-	\$30.00	-	\$20.00	-	\$10.00	-	-	-	-	\$200.00
Aspley Monday	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00
Bray Park Big Book	-	\$29.00	-	-	-	-	\$20.00	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$69.00
Bribie Is Mon Recov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Bribie Isl Frid Night	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$20.00
Buddina Monday BB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$120.00	-	\$120.00
Buderim Women's Tues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Boonah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Bulcock Bch Early Birds	-	-	\$600.00	-	-	-	\$100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$700.00
Bundaberg Sun Daily Refls	-	\$40.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$40.00
Bundaberg Lunch Op Wed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Bundaberg Thurs id	\$28.00	\$28.00	-	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$86.00
Bundaberg Friday	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50.00
Caboolture Sun/Wed.	\$21.00	-	-	\$45.00	\$49.00	-	\$26.50	\$26.00	-	-	\$58.00	-	-	-	\$225.50
Caboolture BB Tues	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00
Caloundra ABSI Monday	\$200.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$32.70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$232.70
Caloundra ID Wed Night	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10.00
Caloundra Big Book Sat.	-	\$39.78	-	-	-	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	\$89.78
Caloundra Early Birds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Carseldine Higher Power	-	\$30.00	\$30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60.00
Central Service AA area B	\$1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$234.60	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,734.60
Charleville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Chermside West	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Chevallum Sat Night	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Chinchilla Group	-	\$5.00	-	-	\$5.00	-	-	\$5.00	-	-	\$5.00	-	-	-	\$20.00
Cooloola Cove	\$50.00	-	-	-	\$50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$100.00
Coolum Alliance	\$45.00	\$169.50	-	\$70.00	-	\$70.00	\$122.00	\$20.00	-	\$60.00	-	-	-	-	\$556.50
Cooroy Group	-	\$32.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10.00	\$42.00
Cosmos Group	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$23.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$23.10
CSO Brisbane	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$135.00	\$45.30	-	-	\$60.00	-	-	-	\$240.30
Cotton Tree Liv Sob	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Currimundi BBSG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Dalby Sunday/Wed.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Deception Bay Pen BBSG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Dicky Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
District Brisbane North	-	\$500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	\$500.00
District 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00
District 5	-	-	-	\$500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$500.00

Red Hill ABSI Sunday	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Red Hill Promises Tuesday	\$67.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$67.00
Roma - Jim A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Rockhampton Gumbi Gumbi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Sanford Group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,350.00
Sandgate Monday ID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$20.00
Sandgate S Conc Sat p.m.	\$30.00	-	-	\$28.00	-	-	\$42.00	-	-	-	\$20.00	-	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	\$163.00
Sandgate Brighton St @ Trad	\$20.00	-	-	\$10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$78.00
Sobriety Sisters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Springshill Group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50.00
Sunshine Coast Trad8 Conc	-	-	\$150.00	-	-	-	-	-	\$96.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$246.41
Tewantin Monday Night ID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Tewantins Womans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Tin Can Bay 12x12	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$40.00
Yeppoon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Zillmere Wednesday ID	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
AA Living Sober	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
Month	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$0.00
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subtotal from below groups	\$123.00	\$216.25	\$30.00	\$620.00	\$42.00	\$116.41	\$40.00	-	-	\$73.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	-	\$412.00	\$1,687.66	-	-	-	
NEW TOTAL	\$2,480.20	\$2,142.03	\$798.00	\$1,335.00	\$707.00	\$751.09	\$2,024.90	\$376.30	\$78.60	\$115.00	\$30.00	181.42	-	\$479.00	\$13,148.84	-	-	-	
Valley Mens	-	\$45.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$45.00
Margate Beginners	\$20.00	-	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	-	-	-	-	\$20.00	\$140.00	-	-	-	\$0.00
Taringa Steps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gumbi Gumbi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$38.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gbu	\$50.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50.00	-	-	-	\$50.00
Daily Reflections	\$28.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$28.00	-	-	-	\$28.00
Bargara Group	\$15.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00	\$15.00	-	-	-	\$15.00
Childers AA	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30.00	-	-	-	\$30.00
Childers AA	\$123.00	\$55.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Area B northern region	-	-	-	\$600.00	\$203.89	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$803.89	-	-	-	\$803.89
Chapter 6 bike group	-	\$60.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$50.00	\$60.00	-	-	-	\$60.00
Noosa Civic	-	\$43.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43.00	-	-	-	\$43.00
District Meeting	-	\$3.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3.25	-	-	-	\$3.25
	-	\$216.25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Plaiba Living Sober	-	-	\$27.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$27.20	\$27.20	-	-	-	\$27.20
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	-	\$57.20	-	\$620.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Moved: Therese P

Seconded: Cass

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising:

AREA DELEGATE'S REPORT: Cliff P

Good Morning everyone my name is Cliff and I am an Alcoholic

It is amazing to see how the fellowship has come together when difficult times are upon us. As we can see we are not out the other side yet and there are still many hard decisions that need to be made.

With what I have been seeing and hearing is groups are getting better with their Zoom meetings and removed a lot of their issues. This has been a great experience for the members in remote areas and it would be wonderful to see it stay. This has become a very valuable and convenient way of attending meetings in tough times. We need to be mindful of our appearance when attending these meeting the same way we would attending a face to face meeting. We also need to be very mindful of our 7th Tradition when attending these meetings as we do in face to face meetings. I understand how easy it is to access so many meeting a day from all over the world, however, is a very vital part for the future of AA.

Face to face meetings are opening up and it is wonderful to hear how they have adapted to the changes we are going through right now. I understand that some of the new changes may feel intrusive, however we are no different to any other organisation out there and we must follow the health directives and the guidance of our landlord for the good of our fellowship and AA as a whole. We must remember that we are the face of AA to the public and the way we conduct ourselves in public is important for our future.

The structure of Conference has yet to be decided, as the option of face to face is out the Agenda Committee has found it difficult to make a decision on the best way to move forward. This decision has now been put out to all conference members to assist in making a full informed and collective decision on best method to conduct conference. The Agenda Committee will be meeting later this month to find the best solution on how to move forward.

Yours in Service

Cliff P

Moved: Cliff P

Seconded: Ron

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

REGIONAL TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Stephen R

Regional Trustee Report to Area B dated 15 August 2020.

The Quarterly Board Report is due out next week. This will go to your Area Delegate Cliff to be circulated to the fellowship.

Highlights are:

We will give a further update on the way forward with this year's General Service Conference;

Our online Literature Store has gone live - visit <https://literature.aa.org.au>;

Our Finances - our prudent reserve has improved however we have some major reprints coming up;

There has been a change with our master Public liability policy so far as it relates to any potential COVID-19 negligence action;

A World Services Newsletter will be attached to the Board newsletter;

The National Treatment and Corrections Online Forum will be held on 28-29 August;

2020 Toowoomba National Convention is 48 days away. Register now and claim a complimentary copy of the Special Edition Souvenir Book. www.aanatcon2020.com.au

Yours in service,

Stephen Roche

NER Trustee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Melissa C

Not a lot to report, so as usual my report will be short and sweet.

Please email me your report should you wish them to be included in the minutes.

Just a reminder that in February 2021 the current Area B committee will be rotating off, therefore please talk to your members and encourage those that are meeting the requirements of service to please consider nominating themselves for the position they would like.

Moved: Melissa C

Seconded: Monika R

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

PI REPORTS: Clare P – Read by Secretary

Sorry to give my apologies and say that I may not be able to attend the meeting. Tony and I are travelling in far western Queensland so may not be able to dial in.
Not much to report on the PI front. Covid seems to have affected many areas.

An area PI zoom meeting was suggested, and an interest email was sent out by Melissa. Unfortunately, only three people showed interest, one of whom was Andy Poad who is the chair of the CSB PI and CPC committee. He is at present based in Adelaide and is acting Central Region Trustee. It was great to see that we were supported by members of the board so will maybe schedule a meeting for later in the year.

I have moved up to the Gympie region and there is lots of scope here for PI work. Our forebears did a great job, but it must continue so a PI group has been formed.

We invited Brian up from Caloundra who gave us some ideas and tips to start with.

We have added our area to the AA phone roster and will see how that goes before maybe purchasing one of our own.

We were able to submit an article to the Gympie times for founder's day. Gary did a great job in reporting that on the 10 June, AA which had been started in Akron had been going for 85 years.

On the same date AA in Australia celebrated 75 years, and little old Gympie, in Aug celebrates 65 years of AA. What a PI positive, thanks Gary, and what a date to celebrate.

Gympie is looking at other suggestions which may help the alcoholic such as AA representation at courts, the mental health facilities, PI luncheon etc.

Peter from Cooloola has a PI luncheon every couple of years and because it is a small place invites, the local police officer, doctor, chemist etc, about 5 professionals from the area and they share lunch and find out a bit more of AA.

Thanks, Peter, for your PI positive, it does not matter how big the group is, the message is still being carried.

Let us help each other And the still suffering alcoholic by continuing to do PI work where possible. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be of service.

Clare

Moved: Clare P

Seconded: Josh L

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

T&CF Reports: N/A

Woodford Prison Co-ordinator – Due to Covid -19 there has been no AA activity in the prisons.

9:49 am Break Ten minutes: Resume 10 am

Sunshine Coast District 9: Jodi H

Verbal report given. Face to face with Zoom incorporated in early days. More to report next Assembly.

Moved: Jodi H

Seconded: Ron

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

North Brisbane District: Josh L

Verbal report given. Not many attending District due to Covid. More to report next Assembly.

Moved: Josh L

Seconded: Jodi

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising:

Far Western District: Ron

***Morven Group
of
Alcoholics Anonymous
Contact (07)4654 8217***

***GSR Report
15/08/2020***

***G'day all,
The Morven group is travelling along well at present with only 2 members. Visitors have dried up as can be expected under the circumstances, however we are hoping things will improve in the near future.***

We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel to Cunnamulla a few weeks ago with another member and we were able to pass on information to the Police through there liaison officer who was very receptive of us.

We also had the opportunity to get information to Dogger Dare at the Thargomindah Caravan Park who was having a problem with a relative, so we got some pamphlets to him and had a discussion with him, fingers crossed eh!

***Yours in Service
Ron J (GSR)***

Moved: Ron & Linda

Seconded: Cass, Linda

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

Area Liaison Report – CSO Reps Meeting 9th August 2020

Hello, my name is David and I am an alcoholic. At the Steering Committee held on the 8th June 2020, I self-nominated for the vacant position of Area Liaison. I nominated for this position having spent several years providing service at District and Area levels in several roles including Group PI & CPC Representative, District PI & CPC Representative, GSR, and District Committee Member. I firmly believe that service in any form has been an essential part of my recovery and ongoing sobriety. I am also a firm believer in our First Tradition, "Our common welfare should come first; personal

recovery depends upon A.A. unity.” To that end I look forward to providing a positive link between the essential work being done by Districts and Areas and the equally essential work being done by the Brisbane CSO.

I am aware that due to geographical and other considerations there will be groups within Area B that are not actively engaged with the Brisbane CSO. I am also aware that groups actively engaged with the Brisbane CSO would endeavour to have a CSO representative. For these reasons I do not intend to re-hash proceedings of the most recent CSO Reps Meetings; although I am happy to answer any questions in this regard. Rather, I hope I can ensure from the CSO’s perspective, that the obligation to Tradition 4, *each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole* is met.

Yours in Service,
David B

Moved: David B

Seconded: Josh L

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **PO Box for QLD Area B**

Should anyone need to mail into the Area B Committee, Diane has offered her PO Box.

This will can be an option if a sitting committee member does not wish to use a personal address.

- **How we communicate as an Area and is it effective**

We encourage members to send in suggestions on how to get more members, groups, districts to participate in the Area decision making.

Area B covers a vast area and we only have 18 attendees; therefore the whole of Area B is not being represented.

Email suggestions to the Chair: qldareab.chair@gmail.com

- **Area B Committee Positions VACANT:**

Please encourage members to get involved in service work.

See below for list of positions and The General Service Checklist for more information on the role you are nominating for.

- **Future Assemblies to be held Face to Face or Zoom**

During the Covid-19 Pandemic it has been suggested that we continue using Zoom for our Area B Assemblies until such times that we feel it is safe to go back to Face to Face.

The advantages of Zoom are those in remote areas and have the internet can attend the assemblies and be a part of the decision making in our Area.

On Zoom we get through the agenda in 4 hrs, and it is more cost effective as there is no travel involved.
Face to face we have the advantage of work shops that may be beneficial to your District.

- **Credit, Debit, Travel Card, Prepaid Cash Card or Direct Debit for Zoom account**

Our Area B Treasurer Therese P investigated the use of the card via the bank and has learnt that the process would involve setting up another account attached to our current one and only one signatory would be required. It is the consensus that this would be complicating the matter, therefore further investigation is warranted.

The Treasurer has been asked to Investigation into the Post Office Prepaid Card and if it would be acceptable to use for the Zoom Account and to report back at next assembly in November.

- **Distribution of held Area B Funds distribution**

Motion Moved: That the sum of \$3,000.00 to be donated to the GSO and that the remaining \$14,000.00 be held for future PI

Moved: Jodi H

Seconded: Josh

Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising: N/A

Meeting closed 11:24 am with Serenity Prayer

Next Assembly

Date and Group/District	Place
Saturday, November 28th, 2020	Zoom Online

Note: Positions Vacant and Area B Committee Members rotation due February 2021

Service Manual can be found on – www.aa.org.au

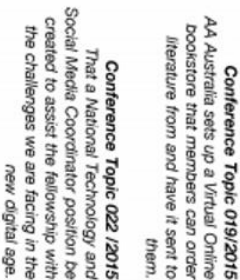
Chairperson: Diane C

Secretary: Melissa C

Treasurer: Therese P

PI: Clare P

Registrar: Vacant



Examples

Advisory Action #019/2015
Conference resolved that the General Service Board should investigate the viability of setting up an online bookstore, in consultation with Central Service Offices.

Advisory Action #022 /2015
Conference resolved that a National Conference resolved that a National Technology and Social Media Advisor position be created to assist the Fellowship with the challenges we are facing in the new digital age.



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CHECKLIST FOR GENERAL SERVICE POSITIONS

"All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness." Tradition 9 (Long Form)

Minimum Desirable Sobriety	AA Service Role	General Duties	Further Information	Suggested Rotation
1 day	Meeting Greeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcomes everyone• Takes names for the Chair• Identifies newcomers and visitors <p><i>'Friendly hands had stretched out in welcome.'</i> Alcoholics Anonymous page 53</p> <p>Further Information:</p>	6 months	
6 months	Literature Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procures AA literature for the Group• Displays AA literature at meetings• Accounts to Group Treasurer <p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (page 27)</p> <p>AA Literature Price List at www.aa.org.au/members/literature-price-list</p> <p>List of Central Service Offices at www.aa.org.au/contact-central-service-offices</p> <p><i>AA Guideline GL-02: Conference-Approved Literature</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p> <p><i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 11: AA Literature</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	6 months	
6 months	Meeting Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairs the meeting according to the wishes of the Group Conscience <p>Further Information:</p> <p>Twelve Traditions (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au</p> <p><i>AA Preamble</i></p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (page 12)</p>	Each meeting or Group decision	
1 year	Group Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for contributions• Pays expenses• Accounts for all funds to Group Conscience, noting any amount beyond a prudent reserve• As decided by Group Conscience, forwards any surplus funds to CSO; GSO; Area; or District <p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (page 24)</p> <p><i>Memo to an AA Group Treasurer</i> (Brochure)</p> <p><i>Group Donation Plans</i> (Brochure)</p> <p><i>Self Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix</i> (Brochure)</p> <p><i>Group Treasurer's Account Book</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	6 months	

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1 year	Group Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opens the venue and sets up the meeting and any refreshments• Selects meeting Chair and opens the AA meeting• Keeps order to the extent that the AA message can be carried at the meeting• Makes AA announcements and closes the meeting• Cleans up and locks the venue after the meeting• Coordinates any Group business matters between meetings• Arranges Group Conscience meetings and records substantial consensus• Ensures GSO and local CSO have current contact details for the Group• Registers the Group with GSO for public liability insurance cover• OPTIONAL: Maintains list of Group member AA birthdays and contact details (if they agree)	<p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (page 23) <i>The AA Group Secretary</i> (Brochure) <i>The AA Group Conscience</i> (Brochure) <i>Traditions Checklist</i> (Brochure)</p> <p><i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 2: The AA Group</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Appendix: Group Registration Form</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) gso@aa.org.au or 02 9599 8866 List of Central Service Offices at www.aa.org.au/contact-central-service-offices <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au</p>	6 months
2 years	General Service Representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Represents Group at District or Area meetings by transmitting ideas and opinions as well as facts (but is entrusted under Concept III to vote as their conscience dictates at the time)• Maintains two-way communications between the Group and District or Area and GSO• Participates in District and Area service activities• Arranges for a Group Conscience to consider Topics for Conference	<p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (page 27) <i>AA Guideline GL-03: The General Service Representative</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>AA Guideline GL-05: Australian General Service Structure Simplified</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 3: The GSR</i> (available at www.aa.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years

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2 years	District Committee Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elected by GSRs to arrange and chair District Committee meetings• Maintains two-way communications between the GSRs and Area• Serves as member of Area Committee	<p>Further Information: <i>Your DCM</i> (Brochure) <i>AA Guideline GL-05: Australian General Service Structure Simplified</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 4: The District</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 12: Third Legacy Procedure</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years
2 years	District Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepares agenda for District Committee meetings in consultation with GSRs and DCM• Arranges and coordinates District meetings• Records and circulates District consensus to Groups and Area Assembly• Ensures GSO and CSO have current contact details for the District	<p>Further Information: <i>The District</i> (Brochure) <i>AA Guideline GL-05: Australian General Service Structure Simplified</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 4: The District</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years
2 years	District Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for contributions• Pays expenses• Accounts for all funds to District Committee• As decided by District Committee, forwards any surplus funds to Area• Requests funds from Area for special projects	<p>Further Information: <i>The District</i> (Brochure) <i>AA Guideline GL-05: Australian General Service Structure Simplified</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 4: The District</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years

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2 years	District or Area Coordinators (e.g. for Public Information; Cooperation with the Professional Community; Treatment Facilities; Correctional Facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps abreast of Group and other service efforts within the Area • Promotes service projects to Groups • Initiates and fosters service projects to carry the AA message • Keeps Groups informed through Area Assembly • Motivates and supports members and Groups to carry the message • Chairs any service team meetings • Liaises with the local CSO to avoid duplication of effort and seek support for initiatives • Deals with external enquiries about relevant AA service in the Area • Liaises with the National Coordinators through the Australian General Service Office • Attends National Forums if requested and funded by Area Assembly <p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>The AA Group Handbook</i> (pages 28-31)</p> <p>Relevant AA brochures such as <i>Speaking at Non-AA Meetings</i></p> <p>Relevant AA Guidelines (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p> <p><i>Australian AA Service Manual</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p> <p><i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au</p> <p><i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years
2 years	Area Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepares agenda for Area Assembly in consultation with GSRs, DCMs and Assembly Chair • Arranges and coordinates Area Assembly, including inviting any special attendees • Records and circulates Assembly consensus to the Area Committee then the DCMs and Groups • Ensures GSO and CSO have current contact details for the Area <p>Further Information:</p> <p><i>AA Guideline GL-05: Australian General Service Structure Simplified</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p> <p><i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 5: The Area</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p> <p><i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au</p> <p><i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	2 years

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2 years	Area Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for contributions • Pays expenses, including Conference levy installments • Accounts for all funds to Area Assembly (and through Assembly to the Groups) • Guards Area funds against foolish or extravagant outlays • Organises any fund raising, if necessary • As decided by Area Assembly, forwards any surplus funds to GSO • Hands on all records and arranges new bank account signatories before rotating off <p>Further Information: <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Treasurer Qualifications</i> (page 42) (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>		2 years
2 years	Area Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes personal contact with as many Groups in the Area as possible • Encourages Group participation in General Service • Maintains a record of Group contacts for Area and GSO use • Keeps track of AA growth in the Area over time <p>Further Information: <i>Australian AA Service Manual: The Role of the Area Registrar</i> (page 54) (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>The AA Group Handbook</i> <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>		2 years
5 years	Chair of Area Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans an agenda to progress service matters • Maintains order and objectivity in Area Committee and at Assembly with tact and tolerance • Leads members to substantial unanimity to take appropriate action • Instills a high interest in General Service • Monitors that all Area responsibilities are being fulfilled <p>Further Information: <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 5: The Area</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 12: Third Legacy Procedure</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>		2 years

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5 years	Area Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts in the best interests of AA as a whole at the Australian General Service Conference• Gathers Group advice about Topics to Conference and other matters of interest in the Area• Communicates to Groups on General Service matters and encourages their participation• With the assistance of the GSO, advises on the practical application of what the AA literature says about issues that may arise and shares experience from similar situations elsewhere• Attends Area activities where possible• Liaises with Delegates from adjoining Areas and GSO on matters that extend beyond the Area• Engages the Alternate Delegate to help wherever possible and keeps them informed, especially when rotating off	<p>Further Information: <i>The AA Group Handbook</i> <i>AA Guidelines</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 5: The Area</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 6: The Area Delegate</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 7: The Conference</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 10: The General Service Office</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Australian AA Service Manual, Section 12: The Conference Charter</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au) <i>Twelve Traditions</i> (Long Form) at www.aa.org.au <i>Twelve Concepts for World Service</i> (available at www.aaservice.org.au)</p>	Up to 3 years
5 years	Alternate Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learns about General Service in preparation for rotating on as Delegate• Assists the Delegate and may stand in at Conference, if necessary• Serves on Area sub-committees or special projects	<p>Further Information: Same as Area Delegate</p>	Up to 3 years