

**AREA 64 ASSEMBLY 1st QUARTER 2022
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 29-30th, 2022 3:00pm CST
Holiday Inn Conference Center, 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester, TN 37355**

NOTE: The Business Meeting will begin at 3:00pm Saturday, January 29th, 2022 and will adjourn at 5:00pm. The meeting will reconvene at 8:30am on Sunday, January 30th and continue until business is complete.

All voting members must register on the website by 2:00pm on Saturday before the Business Meeting begins on the 29th. This will be the equivalent of “signing the roll call book”. You MUST be present to answer roll call at 3pm. Failure to answer roll call will result in the loss of voting privileges for the entire weekend.

1. CALL TO ORDER—Heather Loveland, Chairperson
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS—Please give all announcements to the Chairperson by 3:00pm on Saturday
3. ROLL CALL—Angie Quadrani, Secretary
4. ASSEMBLY MINUTES—Angie Quadrani, Secretary
5. TREASURER’S REPORT—Karin Schmidt, Treasurer
6. DELEGATE’S REPORT—Shannon Cordell
7. ALTERNATE DELEGATE’S REPORT—Jimmy Welch
8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Archives Committee — Mandy Shelton
 - b. Cooperation with the Professional Community — Trey Medlock
 - c. Correctional Facilities Committee — Raven Lancaster
 - d. Grapevine Committee — Tracy Harris
 - e. Literature Committee — Don Autry
 - f. Public Information Committee — Brianna Duncan
 - g. Technology Committee — Carol Hall
 - h. Treatment Committee — Tyler Duncan
 - i. Convention/Assemblies Committee — Char Brown
9. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. 1st Quarter 2022, Manchester
 - b. 2nd Quarter 2022, Murfreesboro
 - c. 3rd Quarter 2022, Knoxville
 - d. TCYPAA
 - e. Liaison Committee Report – Angie Quadrani
 - f. Budget and Finance Committee Report – Karin Schmidt
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Bids for future Assemblies/Conventions
 - b. Any and all other new business
 - c. Committee assignments (Budget & Finance, Liaison, Convention & Assembly’s)

AREA 64 ASSEMBLY
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, FOURTH QUARTER 2021
ZOOM VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY
October 23rd, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER—Jimmy Welch, Chairperson, called to order at 9:30am. The Serenity Prayer recited. Moment of silence for Kim Meloni.

Members present read the Area 64 Assembly Preamble and A.A. Traditions.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Read by Jimmy Welch, Chair

Announcements read. Overview of guidelines for conducting area business via zoom.

3. ROLL CALL—Heather Loveland, Secretary

126 voting members present with 29 districts represented.

4. ELECTIONS – Past Delegates, Don Autry and Tony Shelby

Third legacy voting procedure was explained to the body, qualifications for the positions and eligible participants were given the opportunity to stand. Nominations were accepted for the Secretary/Alt and Treasurer/Alt positions. Results below.

ELECTED DELEGATE - SHANNON CORDELL

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Shannon Cordell	72 / 61.02%	91 / 77.78%		
Jimmy Welch	27 / 22.88%	21 / 17.95%		
Heather Loveland	13 / 11.02%	4 / 3.42%		
Robert Starnes	0	0		
Angie Quadrani	1 / .85%	0		
Carol Hall	5 / 4.24%	1 / .85%		
TOTAL	118 / 100%	117 / 100%		

ELECTED ALTERNATE DELEGATE - JIMMY WELCH

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Jimmy Welch	83 / 69.75%			
Heather Loveland	30 / 25.21%			
Angie Quadrani	2 / 1.68%			
Carol Hall	4 / 3.36%			
TOTAL	119 / 100%			

ELECTED CHAIRPERSON - HEATHER LOVELAND

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Heather Loveland	96 / 82.05%			
Robert Benson	6 / 5.13%			
Joy Castle	6 / 5.13%			
Angie Quadrani	9 / 7.69%			
TOTAL	117 / 100%			

ELECTED SECRETARY - ANGIE QUADRANI

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Joe Morris	21 / 18.26%			
Angie Quadrani	47 / 40.87%	66 / 57.89%		
Taylor Garner	40 / 34.78%	48 / 42.11%		
Tracy Harris	7 / 6.09%			
TOTAL	115 / 100%	114 / 100%		

ELECTED TREASURER - KARIN SCHMIDT

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Joy Castle	16 / 14.16%			
Karin Schmidt	51 / 45.13%	67 / 57.76%		
Taylor Garner	46 / 40.71%	49 / 42.242%		
TOTAL	113 / 100%	116 / 100%		

ELECTED ALTERNATE SECRETARY – TAYLOR GARNER

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Lacy Wilson	17 / 15.60%	0		
Joe Morris	13 / 11.93%	0		
Char Brown	19 / 17.43%	34 / 30.63%		
Joy Castle	12 / 11.01%	0		
Taylor Garner	48 / 44.04%	77 / 69.37%		
TOTAL	109 / 100%	111 / 100%		

ELECTED ALTERNATE TREASURER – CHAR BROWN

CANDIDATE	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	3 RD ROUND	4 TH ROUND
Larry Cothron	28 / 25.93%	30 / 27.78%		
Joy Castle	21 / 19.44%	0		
Travis Blinco	17 / 15.74%	0		
Char Brown	42 / 38.89%	78 / 72.22%		
TOTAL	108 / 100%	108 / 100%		

5. ASSEMBLY MINUTES—Heather Loveland, Secretary

- Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes—Second—**PASSED**
- Motion to accept as written—Second—**PASSED**

6. TREASURER’S REPORT—Meredith Metier, Treasurer

The area received \$10,220 and \$30,203 in group contributions during the three and six months ended September 30, 2021, respectively. The net cash inflows over cash outflows for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, were \$11,280 resulting in a balance in the bank of \$29,647 at September 30, 2021.

A summary of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2021, follows:

AREA 64 FINANCIAL SUMMARY						
Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021						
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
	3 months	3 months	3 months	9 months	9 months	9 months
Group Contributions	\$ 10,268.17	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,268.17	\$ 29,246.57	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 2,246.57
Other	(48.56)	500.52	(549.08)	956.76	1,101.46	(144.70)
Total Income	10,219.61	9,500.52	719.09	30,203.33	28,101.46	2,101.87
Add: Prior Year Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)
Total Per Financial Report	10,219.61	9,500.52	719.09	30,203.33	38,101.46	(7,898.13)
Total Expenses	5,584.82	8,780.20	(3,195.38)	18,923.42	29,833.57	(10,910.15)
Net Income with out Beginning Cash	\$ 4,634.79	\$ 720.32	\$ 3,914.47	\$ 11,279.91	\$ 8,267.89	\$ 3,012.02
Balance in Bank, September 30, 2021			\$ 29,647.24			
Projected amount left to Collect in Contributions:			9,000.00			
Less : Projected amounts to be spent Oct - Dec						
Rent for Archives			(1,200.00)			
Utilities for Archives			(220.38)			
Virtual Assembly			(2,840.50)			
Other budget items			(3,667.00)			
Projected Cash Balance, December 31, 2021			30,719.36			

A 2022 balanced budget has been prepared and presented to the assembly body for review. The budget as presented will use cash of approximately \$11,806 out of the Projected beginning balance of \$30,719.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Metier, Area 64 Treasurer

Motion to accept Treasurer report—Seconded—NO DISCUSSION – PASSED

7. DELEGATE'S REPORT— Shane Shepard

My name is Shane Shepard and I am an alcoholic; grateful to be serving as your Area 64 Delegate.

I would like to start off by saying it has been a great honor and privilege serving you as your Area 64 Delegate. Furthermore, serving in the General Service Conference structure over the last 10 years here at Area 64 has given me an experience that is hard to describe with words. I have learned so much about service, you, and myself during this journey, and I will always cherish these years and keep them close in my heart. I posted in an A.A. group last week that I feel satisfied of the work that I have been involved in and eagerly await passing the torch. And I can honestly say that I have more confidence in Alcoholics Anonymous and all of you than I have ever had before, and I know that A.A. is in good hands. To be honest, I thought I would be sad or at least a little bittersweet at this point of the journey, but I am not. I feel excited, relieved, grateful, and satisfied.

I have received hard copies of the 71st GSC Final Report and those are available if you need one. I can either mail them to you or you can come to Chattanooga and pick them up (and I'll even buy you lunch). I will also bring them to the 1st Quarter Assembly 2022 and as a reminder, I did email out a digital copy last month. I have my

last PI Conference Committee meeting scheduled for October 26th to discuss proposed agenda items before the 4th Quarterly board meeting. I would also like to remind everyone that this year's SSAASA will be virtual, with no registration fee and those dates are November 19th -21st. Finally, I am excited to announce that our podcast has been officially launched with 3 full episodes available with new podcasts every Monday at 9:00 am ET.

Finally, I would like to announce that Mrs. Shepard and myself are expecting number 3, Noah Beau Shepard, on March 19, 2022. Tony Shelby, your past Delegate asked if I knew what was causing all these babies and I explained to him that I did. I also, however, explained to him that my wife is young and beautiful and that there was about as much chance of me staying on my side of the bed as there was Tennessee beating Alabama tonight. Go Vols and don't forget your mustard bottle!

I hope you all take care of yourselves as we count down the days to 1st Quarter Assembly 2022, where I will approach the mic, IN PERSON, and say, "Shane Shepard, Past Delegate Panel 70...Point of Order Chair!"

Yours in Service, Shane Shepard, Area 64 Delegate

8. ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT—Shannon Cordell

My name is Shannon Cordell, alcoholic, and grateful to be serving you as your Area 64 Alternate Delegate and giving this report one last time. Though it has been a precarious couple of years for all of us, I do hope this rotation has proved beneficial for you all. We have certainly opened the door to the A.A. of tomorrow with our trust in technology and patience working through the obstacles together as an Area and a Fellowship as a whole. I certainly feel to be a small part of a great whole in Alcoholics Anonymous and grateful to be a bystander.

This quarter, though short, has certainly not left me twiddling my thumbs. I have had to opportunity to speak with many of you through text message, email, or phone calls about group or district concerns and hope to have been helpful in the process. For those of you who really know me, I LOVE Concepts and Traditions. I was honored to speak about Concepts 1 &2 on September 30th at The 3 Legacies Group in Nashville and hopefully made a topic that seems intimidating instead very approachable.

On October 17th I was humbly invited to District 40's Business Meeting. It was so exciting to be on the road visiting a district that I have surprisingly never been to. I was able to listen in on District business, homegroup updates, and all the wonderful Fellowship that District meetings have to offer. It should also be pointed out that this district has a completely virtual group, and their GSR showed up virtually making the meeting hybrid and certainly on the cutting edge of AA history. Honestly, they also fed me which is probably a good reason to go as well.

As reported last quarter, the Southern States of Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SSAASA) is taking place in November 19-21st but this has been changed to a virtual event. Hopefully with a virtual format there will be higher participation for those who were previously unable to make the trip. This is truly a wonderful service event in which I have learned a great deal about AA service and more about the inner workings of the Conference, General Service Office, and discussions on hot topics in AA right now. Please see the flyer for more information but I hope to see you all there with all your new incoming GSRs!

My homelife also never slows down with my sweet husband of 10 years, ok, 10 years on 10/29 but it's basically close enough. Side note, he proposed to me at a fourth quarter assembly in Jackson, TN 11 years ago – who said assemblies were boring?!? Both of my kiddos are doing great in school – Eason in first grade and Rilo in Pre-K. Eason has had his first visit from the tooth fairy and inevitably thinks he can make some serious money off this naïve tooth fairy. Rilo is extremely jealous about this of course but has somehow found a way to cope. We are also preparing for a very missed Halloween filled with Trick-or-Treating this year!

Lastly, I want to thank all of you – the GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, and Officers for your time in service these past two incredibly "unprecedented" and magical couple of years. You have all put in so much hard

work and effort and it has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for allowing me to watch, to serve, and to take part in it. Please let me know if there is any way that I can better serve you. I can be reached at 615-397-5607, by email at altdelegate@area64assembly.org, or the social medias. Thank you so very much for allowing me to be of service to you.

Respectfully Submitted, Shannon Cordell, Alternate Delegate Area 64 Panel 70

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ARCHIVES COMMITTEE – MANDY SHELTON

The Archives Committee Met on Oct. 22, 2021, at 6:47 p.m. Full minutes are attached to this report and will be submitted along with it to the Area Secretary for inclusion in the Assembly minutes.

We had between 9-12 people in attendance over the course of the meeting, with 6 districts represented. After opening the meeting, and the reading of the 12 Traditions by Archivist Ernie N., Archives Chair Mandy S. presented her report, as follows:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Area 64 Archives Chair with the pandemic it seems like it has been a long time since we have been together and that I have not been able to do much for the committee.

Sunday, Sept. 19 There were six of us that drove to the archives Building and Ernie was kind enough to open the building, show all of us around and answer our questions. Chris H. was able to get printed history on his group and when it started, Hunter from D35 seemed to enjoy all the items and the diversity of items kept in the Archives building. Alan, one of his sponsees Wally P. and a friend James soaked it all in. I noticed the tri fold display right off that Ernie made for our 40th Anniversary party that we had planned for April 2020, that had to be cancelled due to covid. It is now on Area 64 website as a powerpoint showing the history of OUR area Archives, all the chairpersons, when they were elected, ending with my name being a part of that history. Thank you for that privilege.

Ernie shared the history of the bunny ears that are next to the table, that Anita from Memphis donated them and if someone gets to damn serious, they must put on the bunny ears. (Rule 69)

For me the highlight was to be able to hear the digital voice from a wire recording of Jack Knox, our first delegate to Area 64, and a journalist and cartoonist from Nashville tell his sobriety date of Sep. 10, 1946 "after a few false starts".

Sep. 29th, I got to give my sponsor Mary S. her 28-year chip at her home group, the Page 112 group. I had two of my sponsees there to share the joy.

Sunday, Oct. 3, Hunter from D-35 asked me to share on zoom at the 86ers group, and it was nice to see some familiar faces who knew our dear friend Mike Siegal who used to say D-35 was, "on the sunny side of Nashville," and to share some gems for some newcomers. "When I got busy, I got better." Service is the key. Looking forward to participating in this historical adventure to elect our new officers for Area 64 via Zoom, first time ever in our history. Congratulations to the incoming officers and a BIG THANKS to the outgoing officers and alternates for all of your service to Area 64 & AA.

I can be reached at archives@area64assembly.org or by cell phone at 615-389-1389.

Respectfully submitted, Mandy S., Chair, Area 64 Archives Committee

Vice-Chair Robert did not have a report.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as they had been presented to the full body during the Archives Committee Report, and there were no corrections or amendments presented.

Next up was the treasurer's report, which was presented by Archivist Ernie N. As per usual, the Archives treasury sits at \$432.06.

Archivist Ernie N. presented his report, as follows: *Area 64 Q4 Assembly, October 22, 2021 Archivist Report*
It is an honor and pleasure to be serving as your AREA 64 Archivist,

The greatest way to preserve AA history in AREA 64 is by group histories, this has been discussed on a regular basis at almost every assembly for the past 40 years.

The October 2021 Grapevine "if walls could talk" had a photo of the meeting place of Out of Towners Fellowship In Munford Tn. Continue passing on the Archive Repository and Archivist duties to Sam L. with the vision of him becoming the next Archivist in 2022.

COMING SOON: *Keep checking the area64assembly.org site under the Archives Committee location for the slide show of the 40 plus years of the area archives history,. It starts with Chuck E. (Delegate) telling Burford L. (Alt-Delegate) to start collecting items to begin the Area Archives. This happened during the 2nd Qtr. assembly in 1980. Thanks for the group of visitors (Mandy, Allan, Hunter, James, Wally, and Chris) who made a road trip to visit the Repository. Thanks for allowing me to be of service. Ernie Nather, Area 64 Archivist, 615 440 7770*

Old Business:

None carried over from Q3.

New Business:

Treasurer Tony L. needed to resign as his new work schedule is precluding him from attending this assembly and he'll be tied up the remainder of his term. Ernie reported that this position, for this committee, has no real duties since the Archivist handles all expenditures and the checking/debit card is housed at the Archives. (Expenses are then reimbursed by the Area Treasurer.)

No vote was taken, but the consensus is that we would leave the financial dealings in Ernie's hands until the Q1 2022 Assembly, when the Archives Committee holds elections, and determine if we need to keep this position going.

Mandy reminded everyone that the Archives Committee 2022 budget had been submitted, and then recapped the specifics: \$100 for supplies, \$250 for misc. expenses and \$750 for the National Archives Workshop expenses. The budget is now with the body for approval.

The floor was then open for general sharing. Ernie reminded everyone that even in a pandemic, and maybe especially in a pandemic, group histories are important. Does your group have a history at the archives? Find out and, if not, he or anyone on this committee can help you make that happen.

Ernie mentioned that he and Sam are working on some updates to the Archives Committee handbook, more to come in 2022.

Travis R. reported that the Memphis Archives team still continues to attend events and collect materials. Their website is www.memphisareaarchives.org.

After some more discussion around the history, we all continue to live through, including this first-ever remote voting assembly, there was a motion to adjourn, made and seconded, 7:30, so all out. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

B. COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – TREY MEDLOCK

Meeting opened at 8:30pm central time with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. We had 9 members in attendance. Statement of purpose and the 12th step were read.

Chair's Report

Since Q3, Trey has met with UT staff via Zoom. In that capacity he is available to answer questions related to AA's program of recovery for the treatment of alcoholism.

Treasurer's Report

Robert S. reported that there have been no changes to the A64 inventory or available budget. We still have \$46 cash in hand, 6 CPC kits, 12 CPC workbooks, 1 Big Book, and 1 Twelve & Twelve.

Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Kelsey neglected to send out the Q3 minutes to all present during our committee meeting on August 20th. She will send out via email to all the individuals present at the Q4 meeting. She made sure to collect emails this time! No report to approve.

Alternate Chair's Report

Taylor G. gave an update on the Ad Hoc committee that was formed after the Q3 assembly committee meeting. Given the September 15th deadline to submit new agenda items for the upcoming General Service Conference, the Ad Hoc committee felt it best to go ahead and submit a proposed agenda item. Taylor took us through the summary of the agenda item. He gave praise to Betty G. for all her efforts with drafting this agenda item. Thank you for your service, Betty! Great feedback was received from the group.

New Business

Trey advised it was time to vote on a proposed budget for 2022.

Motion was made by Taylor G. to submit a budget proposal for \$400. Motion seconded.

Trey mentioned that it might be a good idea to add funds in order to update our tri-fold board that we take to quarter assemblies.

Taylor made a friendly amendment to his original motion so that the proposed budget would be \$500 total (\$300 workshops, \$100 literature, and \$100 misc. to be used to update and freshen up the board).

We then had a general sharing session in which various people talked about how to foster engagement in their local CPC/PI committees. Betty G. shared her recent experience with the courthouse clerk in Memphis. The clerk requested AA literature and Big Books so that she could pass them along to the judges and also to all the individuals that pass through the court for drinking-related offenses. Cilla shared about her local library in Shelbyville and how they stock an AA literature rack with various AA pamphlets.

Motion to adjourn was made at 9:15pm CST. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Yours in service, Trey Medlock, CPC Chair, (865)850-9634, cpc@area64assembly.org

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

C. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE – RAVEN LANCASTER

Hello, I'm Raven I'm an alcoholic and honored to serve as your Corrections Committee Chair. We opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Lary L. read the Statement of Purpose for Corrections Committees. We

reminded all Assembly voting members to register and to be present to answer roll call Saturday morning. We requested that all present sign our corrections roll call by an email to corrections@area64assembly.org. A total of 11 members were present.

Chair Report

We are continuing to work on a committee of districts for the Middle Tennessee Central region. We completed a service manual for this committee, which will ensure coordination of volunteers and service areas to cover all corrections needs and to avoid overlap in service efforts. Stephen T., MTCO Corrections Coordinator, has taken the lead on this. Upon motion by your Area 64 Chair, this committee voted to share this Middle Tennessee Districts Corrections Service Manual as a sample with all the Area Corrections Committee members. In addition to Area 64 Corrections Committee, this will be provided to Area 64 members upon request to corrections@area64assembly.org. This group of Districts currently meets monthly on Zoom. In the monthly meetings we share status reports for each district and for each corrections facility.

We encouraged non-voting Area 64 members to attend the zoom Corrections workshop Sat., Oct 23, 2021, 2pm-4pm by the Memphis area corrections. We encouraged members to attend the zoom SSAASA Southern States Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly November 19th-21st, 2021. SSAASA requires pre-registration and has no charge. Flyers for these virtual events had previously been provided via email to our committee members.

The Transformers hybrid in-person and zoom meetings are going well. This meeting was formed especially for persons returning from corrections and treatment facilities as well as half-way houses. It is now both men and women and women although the original flyer states "men." The speaker shares on all three legacies, recovery, unity, service, for 15 minutes on each topic. The flyer for Transformers will be provided again to committee members and to the Chair for Assembly to announce.

Reminder: activities particularly important while we cannot carry in meetings:

Pre-Release Contact F-162, F-163 - to bridge the gap between inmate release & AA. Sign up for Area 64 PRC, Corrections@area64assembly.org, or organize at district level. See district9.online.

-Corrections correspondence F-26 sign up to share sobriety with an inmate. An especially important need! Several AAs have reported that they signed up with GSO and haven't heard back with an assigned inmate. Some have received GSO correspondence after a delay.

Bars and Cells - Minutes of Previous Quarter - Secretary Meg J. Reviewed by screen share and provided to members prior to the meeting. Upon motion, accepted as written.

Treasurer Report – Presented by screen share as prepared by Chair. The total budget for 2021 of \$1,150 was almost entirely spent to purchase literature. This is to provide for facilities in Districts which are not able to financially support the need for literature in corrections facilities. Upon motion, accepted as written.

SHARING SESSION

We enjoyed hearing from various districts and sharing ideas for service.

Cheri H, shared that in District 83, a new chaplain had arrived and had requested literature. The literature was provided and the District advised that AA is here to help as appropriate.

Lary L. shared that District 9 has several facilities opening again to in-person meetings, including Putnam Co in Nov. and a total of 5 facilities by year end.

Herb C. shared that District 34 is getting started in setting up in-person meetings.

Pat S. shared that the Memphis area has provided 6 cases of literature. Two meetings per week are currently being held in-person. Pat provided information regarding a Corrections event Oct 23, 2021, 2-4 pm hosted by Memphis Area Corrections Facilities Committee (MACFC), 2865 Walnut Grove, Memphis, and by zoom
Speaker: Terry R - A New Freedom.

Robert B shared that both women's and men's in person meetings were currently occurring in Dickson Co.

Pat S led the "We" version of the serenity prayer to close the meeting.

I may be reached at 615 533 6868 (please text first) or corrections@area64assembly.org.

Respectfully submitted and loving service, Raven Lancaster, Area 64 Corrections Chair 2020-21

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

D. GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE –TRACY HARRIS

We opened our meeting at 8:34pm with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. 11 people were in attendance. The 12 Traditions & Grapevine statement of purpose were read. Chairperson (Tracy H) and Secretary (Leah F) present. Alternate Chair (Larry C) absent with notice. Pool Reps for West (Cheryl S) & East (Mike J) present, but Middle TN (Damon R) was absent. Alan J made a motion to dispense with reading the minutes, and Mike J. Motion passed.

Chairperson gave report with announcements & some highlights are

“The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour” a new podcast that launched Oct 4. Don and Sam interview members in a casual “meeting after the meeting” way. A new one is released every Monday at 9 am EST. Episode 1: Who Are We? Featuring Michael M. whose story, We Showed Them, is in our current October issue. So far, there’s 3 podcasts and you can find them at <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcast>
Nov issue is about Prayer and Meditation with a special section for stories from the new Grapevine book Prayer & Meditation. This new book features powerful stories about various ways AA members pray and meditate. Some chapters include: daily routines, traditional religious practices, activities & exercise, personal techniques, the Serenity Prayer, and connecting with nature and the universe. All stories were previously published in GV. Price is \$11.50 ea/5+ \$10.50 ea in English & Spanish.

If you haven’t seen the Daily Quotes Book, check out what was made for the 2020 International Convention! The bright new cover is available in English, French, and Spanish! Currently \$11.50 ea/5+ \$10.99 ea.

YouTube features the "carry the message" playlist at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL32cyZpp2liD4te4ctFKcG2Ddmq9xUuUb>

Quarterly Report from G.S.O. in August

Grapevine Results

unaudited year end results for period ending May 31, 2020. Average paid circulation of magazine was 68,645 (compared with budget of \$67,547) (2020 actual \$68,834).

Total income for first 5 months of the year was \$934,40. That’s \$324,984 more than budgeted \$242,999 (and is more than the \$691,409 in 2020).

Total costs and expenses of magazine for first five months were \$665,428 and that’s \$43,722 lower than budgeted (also \$98,413 less than the \$763,840 in 2020).

After adding interest earned, there was a net income for the period ending May 31, 2021, of \$268,981 compared to a budgeted net loss of \$99,725.

La Viña Results

May 31, 2021 unaudited results for average paid subscriptions were 5,913 compared to 5,687 budgeted. Much lower than in May of 2020 when subscriptions were at 8,338.

Income from magazines was \$5,032 compared with a budget of \$11,400. After costs & expenses of \$173,000 there was a \$167,968 shortfall.

The budgeted shortfall was \$146,075. In 2020 the budgeted shortfall was \$132,130 in 2020. The shortfall for La Viña is funded by a transfer from GSB’s General Fund.

Fun in Sobriety book in production for Spring 2022.

You can sign up for the following newsletters on your inbox:

Grapevine & Your Group

Grapevine Daily Quote

Grapevine Monthly News

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001oGSL6wu1SRbyFpIJFVXhsJmfiAwT9-c8UsT0fdV_rGwO0nkmyqyZNeqCr7gepkDIDRIYDIbri6ttjM9WOM4EDDB8yJI8CthuzoJnKQ3qUlp0CvlgGgRGoOKITxJOzyVP1RIKrqxlgSXuW3sVMidP0w0o3wKFt4t9

In case you're wondering what exactly a *Grapevine Rep* is, they're the one who brings the homegroup inspiration, personal stories, history & humor, and diverse opinions-what we know as the AA Grapevine. The representative makes sure copies are available and displayed at meetings and lets everyone know what's in the latest issue. Reps play an important role in the service structure, by helping carry the message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers.

If you're interested in becoming a Grapevine Rep for your group you can become one by volunteering or getting elected by your home group.

Reps can contact the Grapevine Representative Coordinator at 475 Riverside Drive New York, NY 10115 or at (212) 870-3018 E-mail address is gvr@aagrapevine.org

When you register, you get a starter kit with introductory material and a confirmation letter. You'll also receive a password to access the GrapeNet Forum.

It's important for new reps to contact district and area chairs for helpful information.

For complimentary display material, email gvr@aagrapevine.org. For these resources and many others, including PDFs and printable material go to <https://www.aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources>

Pool Reps shared next. Per Cheryl S, local committee in Memphis is trying hard to get back involved in activities. Once a month they try to go to treatment centers to eat breakfast and then go pass out Grapevines. This has been virtual, but this month they have one treatment center allowing them to come back in person. They put together a new GV display board to take with GV information. Per Mike J, he received his package of GVs and has handed them out to 2 groups. Set up a display at a meeting. District 3 now has an active Grapevine chair.

New Business

We discussed the 2021 budgeted amount of \$517.05. Received email with YTD budget \$266.05 and \$517.05 annual budget. So far, no money requested from budget and finance, so Chairperson asked committee for insight and suggestions.

Mike J reminded Tracy she needs to request reimbursement for shipping costs for the two packages shipped in 2021.

Chair mentioned funds for shipping were approved by the assembly body in earlier assembly this year.

Tracy has some 1 box of Grapevine and half box of La Vina but will make a request to budget and finance for 2021 budgeted amount of \$517.05 to order more.

Alan J made a motion to order 8 boxes of GVs and 2 LV with the recommendation that each pool rep receive at least one box. Mike J seconded. Motion passed.

Tracy suggested keeping the 2022 budget for Grapevine the same as it has been in the past, \$475. Committed agreed. Requesting line item for Grapevine be changed to \$475 on the 2022 proposed budget.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 9:28pm.

If you need to reach me you can text or call 931-993-7252 or grapevine@area64assembly.org. Thank you for letting me serve! Respectfully submitted, Tracy Harris

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

E. LITERATURE COMMITTEE – DON AUTRY

I opened the Literature Meeting at 6:45 pm via zoom with the Serenity Prayer

Approximately 10 in attendance. Read the statement of purpose of the committee and introductions:

Don A. – Chair, Gerry P. – Alt. Chair, Jacque H.- Secretary

Old Business:

The 3rd Quarter Literature Minutes – Accepted

We will put the display board together when we meet in person at 1st Quarter Assembly

New Business:

I assisted District 24 in drafting a proposal to be submitted as an agenda item. It was unable to bring to the Literature Committee due to deadline for submission.

We had discussion about the Regional Directories that were published – if still ongoing. We had discussion about Box 459 newsletter going out to member via mail. As Per AA.org you can request the newsletter via email instead of mail. We had discussion on how to submit a proposed agenda item. There was a standardized proposed agenda item form shared by Charly C. We had discussion on the approved literature changes regarding the preamble, BB 5th edition, plain English BB and 12X12. We had discussion possible BB and 12X12 dictionaries.

I shared that the Committee will be electing new committee chair, alt. chair and secretary at 1st Quarter Assembly in Manchester. I explained how literature changes are approved and made.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Don Autry, Area 64 Literature Chairperson

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

F. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE – BRIANNA DUNCAN

Hello Area 64!

My name is Brianna and I'm an alcoholic. Gratefully serving as your PI Standing Committee Chair for Area 64. We had a great committee meeting last night with 24 members in attendance. We spent the beginning of the meeting going over a brief introduction of Public Information, how it relates to the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC), our purpose, and reminders about keeping our meeting information updated so those that are still suffering can find Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. There continues to be on-going reports of individuals showing up to meetings that don't exist. Let's all be part of the solution and please contact the Central Office if you find a meeting is not accurate or no longer meeting. You don't need to be a GSR to report this.

Following our 3Q group-conscious we continued and concluded our decision about the handouts made by District 30 about Inclusion in AA. These handouts are still available on the Area 64 website. District 30 CPC/PI Committee will be hosting a round-table discussion event on November 7th if anyone is interested brainstorming possible actions steps around these handouts. No further actions were taken by the PI Committee regarding these handouts.

When transitioning to open discussion, the PI Committee discussed other PI topics that continue to correspond with accessibility issues. For example, how to help a clergyman start a Spanish-Speaking AA meeting when there are only English-speaking home group members available. Due to their being an on-going pattern of PI Committee discussions including accessibility related topics, I will be reaching out to the PI Treatment Chair. Our goal is to gather their experience about if/how accessibility topics have been discussed in their committee.

Open discussion also included reviewing strategies on how to start some momentum within CPC/PI District Committees that are lacking participation. Some ideas were directly inviting individuals to attend the

committee meeting, giving specific small tasks to members, and keeping a lighthearted spirit that is attractive and gets people interested. Small assignments can increase accountability and start the momentum of action. Small tasks can be something as little as asking someone to post a single tear off sheet somewhere in town or dropping a 12&12 off at a specific library, etc. Our secretary, Laura, also shared her District's experience of using their surplus treasury funds to pursue a simple but more costly advertisement opportunity. For example, her district will be getting AA aid posted behind bathroom doors at bars and restaurants in their area.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Brianna Duncan, Area 64 Public Information Chair, 615-480-7111

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

G. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE –CAROL HALL

Happy Saturday everyone, I'm an Alcoholic, my name is Carol Hall. Humbled to be serving as the Technology Committee Chairperson for Area 64. We opened the meeting at 8:30 Central Time Zone with the Serenity Prayer. I was the only Committee Officer present. Nathan read the Technology Committee Statement of Purpose and then we went around the (virtual) room and the 10 people present introduced themselves and spoke a little about why they were interested in the committee.

I shared that committee elections would take place at the next assembly and encouraged everyone to attend.

A report on the Website activity was given as follows:

- Website Analytics (Jan 7 – Aug 19 / Sep 22 – Oct 21 2021)
 - 54408 page views, in past 30 days = 61% were New Users/81% were on mobile devices with the average time spent on any page being 1 min 42 sec
 - Top 3 pages: Home page, Meetings, Login
 - The Meeting Guide App Feeds were refreshed on October 22, 2021
 - East TN Intergroup – 461 (down from 465) meetings
 - Middle TN Intergroup – 1058 (up from 1028) meetings
 - Chattanooga Intergroup – 261 (up from 260) meetings
 - Memphis Intergroup – 491 (down from 493) meetings
- Monthly Website Backups were completed
- Site Maintenance and Updates were performed as needed
- Documents were updated and events were posted as submitted
- Assistance with user logins/registrations was given

In Business

- There was a request to add the presentations for tutorials for the G-Suite to the website. I will work with the Webservant regarding the feasibility of that request.
- The Liaison Committee provided a document regarding the Q&A they conducted about Hybrid Meetings and, after a few edits, agreed to post on the committee page of the website. This document contains Experience Strength and Hope from groups in and out of Area 64 regarding the successes, challenges, and opportunities of hybrid meetings. We are appreciative to the Liaison Committee for compiling these answers and feel it is a wonderful start to a document that could be very helpful to the fellowship. We encourage your review the document and ask that you provide regular feedback to the committee to allow the document to maintain relevancy, ultimately helping the fellowship meet the community's needs.

- I would like to remind you to make sure your meeting information is correct at your local Central Office. The “Meetings” page on our website is always highly visited, and this page pulls its information from your Central Office, so let’s all make sure it is correct.
- We closed with Lord’s Prayer at 10PM

The Technology Committee wants to make sure we thank Tech 12 for their continued support in making these assemblies easy. As always, they are accommodating, cordial, and helpful as we learn and grow with the use of technology to conduct our business.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Hall, TechnologyChair@area64assembly.org, 615-290-3321

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

H. **TREATMENT COMMITTEE – TYLER DUNCAN**

Hey guys Tyler Duncan Area 64 Treatment Chair,

I hope you're well! Treatment committee met Friday night 6:45-8:15 with 16 people in attendance. Friday night we spent the meeting discussing accessibilities and how the area would like to proceed. Extensive discussion was had about accessibilities needs at the area. We discussed the addition of an adhoc committee, sub-committee, entirely separate committee...etc. We concluded that it is best to let the body experience accessibilities in action before we determine its viability as a potential sub-committee of treatment.

Much follow up discussion was had regarding the purchase of a wireless microphone. Reminder this has been an outstanding issue that had not been revisited post committee findings pre-covid(right before) Q1 2020. For those that never experienced in-person assemblies sometimes the ability to get to the microphone was not so easy even for someone mobile. We discussed liaison report on feasibility. It was determined to be feasible. After much discussion we came to a motion and vote.

Out of committee came 1 recommendation. Motion made and passed for area to purchase a wireless microphone/lavalier combination package not to exceed \$600 to be kept with all area audio equipment.

The committee voted to hold an Accessibilities workshop 12/4/21 and Darrin M will serve as chair. More information for the zoom workshop will be provided to DCM's shortly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Yours in service, Tyler Duncan

You can reach me at treatment@area64assembly.org or by phone number 615-840-1656

Recommendation out of committee:

THE AREA TO PURCHASE A WIRELESS MICROPHONE/LAVALIER COMBINATION PACKAGE NOT TO EXCEED \$600 TO BE KEPT WITH ALL AREA AUDIO EQUIPMENT.

Discussion:

Patty O, DCM D9 – Who would be purchasing the equipment?

Tyler D, Treatment Chair – Liaison committee will procure.

PASSED by substantial unanimity, no voice of minority

I. CONVENTION/ASSEMBLIES COMMITTEE – CHAR BROWN

I'm Char Brown, and I am an alcoholic, and very grateful to be serving as your Conventions and Assemblies Chair. Our committee met Friday at 645 pm, we opened with the Serenity Prayer. Five members of the committee were present, they included: Tony S., Angie Q., David C., Tom K. and myself. Sara I. was unable to join us. We were joined by 15 other alcoholics.

Following Introductions of our committee and the reading of Conventions and Assemblies "Statement of Purpose" the following updates were given for 2022:

First Quarter 2022-Robert Starnes, DCM 11 gave the update for Manchester. The host committee is prepared for an in-person assembly in January 2022. If the Area committee deems it necessary to go to a virtual platform the hotel has confirmed they are willing to move the dates of the contract without loss of funds. But if the contract is cancelled, a \$400 deposit will be forfeited.

Second Quarter 2022- Robert Benson from district 12 gave the update for Murfreesboro. The host committee worked with the hotel and the verbiage in the contract was resolved and is ready for a Firm bid at the mic in New Business.

Third Quarter 2022- Jeff J. from Knoxville gave the update and answered questions. Robin G. joined later. The committee received the contract with new dates in July 2022 and it is ready for a firm bid at the mic in New Business.

Just as a reminder for potential Host Committee's or anyone with questions about planning an assembly, the "Guidelines for Area 64 Assemblies and District Host Committees" can be found on the Area 64 website at www.area64assembly.org. The main purpose of Conventions and Assemblies Standing Committee is to help limit the financial liability and exposure of the Area 64 Assembly Body. Please use us as a resource to ensure your details are covered and questions are answered.

Before I close, Conventions and Assemblies would like to offer their condolences to the Memphis host committee and the friends and family on the passing of Kim M.

Respectfully Submitted, Char Brown, Conventions and Assemblies Chair, Area 64, (423) 619-6376

ca@area64assembly.org

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. 1ST QUARTER 2022 – MANCHESTER – Robert Starnes, Host Committee

Corrected phone number 931.728.9383. January 28-30, 2022 @ Conference Center 111 Hospitality Blvd, Manchester. Room rate \$105 per night, discount code Area64, call for room block (can't do online). Holiday Inn Express with overflow at the Clarion. Cut off Dec 28, 2021.

B. 2ND QUARTER 2022 – MURFREESBORO – Robert Benson, Host Committee

Motion for Firm Bid. April 8-10, 2022. Location Clarion Inn, Murfreesboro. 2227 Old Fort Pkwy, Murfreesboro, TN. 615.896.2420. Room rates \$109.48 plus tax. Cut off date April 1, 2022. Room Block code.

MOTION PASSED by substantial unanimity, no voice of minority

C. 3RD QUARTER 2021 – KNOXVILLE – Jeff Jackson, Host Committee

Motion for Firm Bid. July 22-24, 2022. Location Holiday Inn West at Cedar Bluff in Knoxville. 9134 Executive Drive Knoxville, TN 37923. Hotel is \$111 plus tax, per eve - includes breakfast. Cut-off date 7-1-2022. No room code yet for room block/discount. 865-693-1011

MOTION PASSED by substantial unanimity, no voice of minority

D. TCYPAA 2021, CHATTANOOGA- Devin Velez, Host Committee

TCYPAA 2022 will be held in Memphis and they are currently working on supportive events and outreach. No dates or location yet, contracts being reviewed.

E. LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT – HEATHER LOVELAND

Open with Serenity Prayer, did introductions and discussed minutes from our last meeting.

We reviewed old business:

- Project for rotation – How to Host a Hybrid Meeting Document
 - Emailed Tech Committee at end of Q3 with hybrid document
 - Insurance – policy is good until July 2022
 - Will not investigate at this point.

We then discussed new business

- Conduct inventory of physical assets

Shannon will reach out to Carol for list from last rotation and go from there. Discussed property that we do own including: Secretary laptop, Treasurer laptop, Secretary printer, A/V Equipment, Translation, equipment. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer

Recommendation out of committee: NONE

F. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – MAREDITH METIER

The Budget and Finance Committee met on October 22, 2021, at 8:30PM. The meeting was called to order with the serenity prayer followed by a general introduction/sharing session.

There were 5 committee members present and 5 guests.

The committee reviewed the financial reports for the 3-and 9-month periods ended September 30, 2021. The committee discussed the project cash balance on hand at December 31, 2021, and discussed that it may be a good time to replace the 2 laptops owned by the area. It is thought that the current devices are around 5 years old. The laptop used by the treasurer has "froze" on several occasions, although regular backups of QuickBooks are made, the treasurer is worried that complete failure of the device is imminent. The following recommendation was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the committee.

The two laptops currently owned by the area be replaced with new ones at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 each. In addition, the committee reviewed and discussed the proposed 2022 budget and discussed the ramifications of the group number change and ways to efficiently implement that change within QuickBooks. There was also discussion about the inefficiencies due to group number missing on group contributions.

The meeting ended at 10:00PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Metier, Area 64 Treasurer

Recommendation out of committee: ORIGINAL MOTION - TWO LAPTOPS CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE AREA BE REPLACED WITH NEW ONES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 EACH.

AMENDED MOTION – TO COMMIT TO LIAISON TO RESEARCH AND REPORT BACK 1Q 2022

Discussion on original motion:

Heather L, Secretary – Are the two laptops we are looking to replace the secretary and treasurer laptops? What happens to the old ones, what do we do with used laptops?

Maredith, Treasurer – Yes, secretary and treasurer.

Carol Hall, Tech Chair – Last time we gave an old laptop to the archives committee and the other died or maybe ended up in a pool.

Tracy Harris, GV Chair – Where would these two computers go?

Jimmy Welch, Chair – Absent of any specific use, the old laptops would remain with the Liaison committee.

Joy Castle, DCM D24 – I have concern the \$1000 won't be enough for a good enough computer with the updates and programs that would be required.

Tony Shelby, PD – Back when I was secretary and those last two laptops (6 years ago), we deassessed the old laptops – one ended up in the pool.

Nathan Webb, D40 – I feel certain we can find laptops for \$1000 each. We purchased one for our district for \$600.

Heather L, Secretary – Just for a point of reference, the secretary doesn't need a new computer. I understand the Treasurer has more needs and uses more complex programs that require updates she can't do right now. Secretary uses Word and the email program. This computer suits those needs.

Shane S, Delegate – I have no idea what \$1000 buys, but Taylor Garner works in this field, could he speak to this as a reference.

Barb Sapp – I would suggest we talk more about what we need and then discuss further at Q1 2022.

Darin Morrisey, GSR Page 112 group - I think the \$1000 will be sufficient based on what I just googled.

Jane W, GSR Wakeup – I hope we do not try to put this aside so our new trusted servants are not trying to learn old equipment and then the old equipment. I would trust the secretary if she states that is not needed, but if treasurer thinks \$1000 is good for her computer, we should do it.

Leah F, D30 – I would like to hear if the treasurer thinks that she needs a new laptop.

Maredith – the computer I have been using is showing signs of crapping out. I don't know that I would trust it much longer.

Tony Shelby, PD – I am curious why this did not come out of Liaison. They are charged with this research. I would like to see this go through Liaison.

Shannon C, Alt Delegate – Our service manual does indicate that Liaison is tasked with researching this

Bruce H – Amazon has lots of deals for \$1000.

Shannon C, Alt Delegate – I would suggest a friendly amendment to refer this to Liaison to research. I would like to make a motion to commit this to the Liaison for further discussion.

Chair – A motion to commit is one motion that will override the original motion.

Kim Castel, DCM D22 – second to commit

Discussion on amendment of committing to Liaison

Maredith – I would respectfully mention that we have purchased a number of assets, I don't think it should be up to liaison to discuss a need of another committee.

Bruce H – I understand we want to go through Liaison, if we allow them the budget and then allow them to complete the task of research

Kim Castle – As a member of budget in finance. We want the servants to have what they need. This was in the spirit of giving

Mandy Shelton, Archives Chair – Would this take the recommendation from budget and finance to Liaison to discuss further at 1Q?

Jimmy Welch, Chair – Yes.

MOTION TO COMMIT TO LIASION PASSED 73-27,**Voice of minority:**

Steven, GSR – I don't see a reason to delay this, I build computers and \$1000 is plenty to accomplish what the servants need

Geno GSR Backroom group – I want to change my vote

Maredith, Treasurer- I second reconsideration

Discussion on reconsidering original question

Shane Shepard, Delegate – We should go back into discussion and revote. We have not adequately explained to the body our process to purchase equipment.

VOTE TO FURTHER DISCUSS SENDING TO LIASION: FAILED 53-47, amended motion stands

G. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – Safety and In-person Assembly's, Mike Taylor

Report, discussion on committee recommendations and the final report submitted by committee is as printed below:

AREA 64 COVID SAFETY AD HOC REPORT (final)**10/23/21**

I'm Mike Taylor, currently serving as DCM for District 4 and Chair of what we called the COVID Safety Ad Hoc. I know I can speak for the committee in saying we are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to Area 64 in this fashion. Your committee worked hard, and I appreciate their efforts. I'll ask the committee to identify themselves by raising their hands: Taylor Butler, Lacy-Jane Wilson, Jane Wilson-Moses. We were joined by Rhonda Epperson, a GSR from District 3, who reached out immediately after the 3Q Assembly. We've met weekly for 90-minute sessions since the 3rd quarter assembly.

We were charged with making recommendations on how Area 64 can meet **safely** in person. We had some spirited dialogue on whether we thought that was even possible. The fact is that a few other areas have met in person successfully, so we believe it can be done. However, neither Area 64 nor this Ad Hoc is in any position to guarantee individual safety. We've chosen to make recommendations that we believe will allow Area 64 to come together **as safely as possible**.

The COVID situation is fluid. Since our committee has been working, vaccination rates have continued to climb, booster shots have rolled out with more on tap, and just recently we heard news of the Merck treatment in pill form. The Delta variant surge has peaked. These positive developments offer hope that COVID may recede as a threat in calendar 2022. It is also possible a new and more dangerous variant will emerge.

Risk mitigation strategies are appropriate and necessary for Area 64. As our chairman correctly pointed out in May of 2020, Area 64 is a legal entity subject to liability. This differs from most A.A. Groups. A64 is a registered 501(c)(3) corporation. A64 holds what we label "business meetings" during assemblies. The Tennessee COVID-19 Recovery Act, signed into law August of 2020, protects corporations and associations from legal liability for COVID-19 unless the damages are caused "by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct." Your committee believes any in-person assemblies held while ignoring public health guidelines could constitute such negligence, leading to potential liability.

As Bill W. says in the 12&12, "...defiance is the outstanding characteristics of many an alcoholic." We don't like being told what to do. However, Bill also urged us throughout his writings and lifetime to be good citizens, to cooperate with outside authorities, and to see where experts were right. Knowing that some A.A.s find conflict within our Tradition with any sort of requirements, the committee searched our history, Traditions, and Concepts for guidance. We view this as a safety issue – no more; no less.

In reviewing published pieces on safety, we note that the Yellow Card recommends that groups "...ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety." We found what we believe to be the definitive answer in the published report of a workshop held during the 62nd General Service Conference. This workshop resulted in a G.S.B. Ad Hoc on Safety in A.A.; a result of that Ad Hoc was the Yellow Card. In discussing disruptive and dangerous behavior, and what actions can or should be taken, the report states "It is a Tradition One issue, not a Tradition Three issue." That is, our common welfare must come first. The committee agrees unanimously with this sentiment. We also note a Tradition 4 consideration in that any super-spreading event at an A64 assembly would likely result in harm to A.A. as a whole.

We are aware that COVID-19 and associated mitigation measures have become politicized in our society. As part of our efforts, we conducted a survey of all other areas in North America. I personally have heard several heart-breaking

stories of conflict, disunity, and even outright sabotage. One area chair told me that this issue has fractured their area to the point they despair of the area functioning again until all current trusted servants have rotated. On the other hand, I've also heard tales of A.A.'s coming together, setting aside their outside issues, and working together for the good of their areas and Alcoholics Anonymous. We hope A64 can be an example of the latter. Again in the words of Bill W., we ought not "allow our special convictions or prejudices to overcome our good sense and goodwill." (That quote comes from a 1958 GV article available as P-34). We are making our recommendations not in the spirit of suggesting directives from A64, but in the spirit of requesting cooperation for the common good.

We surveyed the 92 other areas to find what is working. Delegates and Alternate Delegates were surveyed by our own Delegate and Alternate. Committee members reached out to 44 additional contacts, prioritizing Areas reportedly holding some component of recent and upcoming assemblies in person. We received 14 Delegate and 23 non-Delegate responses, with two duplications, for a total of 35 other areas represented. Several recent assemblies that had been planned for in-person attendance were changed to virtual during our survey period.

In the interest of time, I will share some highlights of our survey results. We will post a file with full results in the chat later.

In total, of the 84 other Areas whose Assembly format we know, 55 (or 65%) are meeting entirely online, 15 (or 18%) are meeting entirely in person, and 14 (or 17%) are meeting in a hybrid format.

Detailed information about precautions is available only from the 35 Areas that responded to the survey. Of those, 20 are meeting entirely virtually.

Of the 15 responding Areas with an option to meet in person, all (100%) report mandating, suggesting, or providing masks. Most (73%) report mandating, suggesting, or arranging the environment to promote distancing. Other measures taken include sanitizing, no shared food or beverages, and visual cues to indicate individual comfort levels with proximity. No Area is requiring proof of vaccination or negative test results, although one Area did suggest vaccination. The Canadian Areas surveyed are complying with strict governmental guidelines, which seems to have eliminated controversy.

Of the Areas with an option to meet in person who are taking health precautions, about half report their precautions were chosen by health authorities or their venue. The other half chose precautions as an Area in some way (by committee, by specific officers whose delegated responsibility includes meeting decisions, or by Area body vote).

We were specifically charged with looking at CDC guidelines to inform our recommendations. We did this thoroughly, particularly the CDC guidelines for large gatherings. The CDC guidelines are straightforward and readily available for all to review. Taylor Butler, coincidentally a medical professional, prepared the table below to summarize recommendations based on CDC Guidance. We will post this table in the chat later.

Suggestions for limiting risk of pandemic outbreak:

Optimal Safety/Lowest Risk	If first column unsuitable, maximize safety with following recommendations	Safety Minimized/Risk Increased
Fully outdoor event	Do not attend the event with recent symptoms and/or exposure	Attending event despite symptoms and recent exposure
Full vaccination status	Provide masks and encourage compliance in indoor setting (especially for unvaccinated)	No masks indoor
	Provide bottles of water, no self-serving food or coffee	Self-serving food (including coffee)

	Well-ventilated indoor space with adequate space to socially distance (minimum 6 feet apart)	Poorly ventilated space with little room
	Develop layout that limits congregating (i.e. no communal space, layout allows for entrance and exit with limited interactions)	Encouraging socialization thru indoor congregation
	Frequent hand-washing and hand sanitizers readily available throughout venue	Provide no supplies to help encourage compliance
	Encourage compliance with recommendations	
	Contact tracing – report symptoms to Area 64 if positive test post-attendance, other members who’ve been in close contact will be informed	

Note that pre-event testing is not included in CDC guidelines for events. The committee learned that inexpensive antigen testing is inaccurate, particularly with asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic COVID infections. While the other available type of test, PCR, or molecular, testing is more accurate, it is also more costly and has a longer turn-around for results. The committee felt that requesting PCR testing has the potential to create two tiers of trusted servants.

The committee discussed and took no action on requesting testing prior to any in-person assembly.

The committee discussed and took no action on requesting vaccination for attendees.

While I hopefully still have your attention, I’d like to say a few words about these committee members. I said earlier the committee worked hard. I’d estimate we have more than 200 man-hours in this endeavor. I’m gratified by that effort, and proud of the work product. The members worked through personal tragedy, professional pandemic overload, and the COVID illness of a family member. A64 would do well to hang on to these young, dedicated trusted servants. I want to particularly acknowledge Jane Wilson-Moses. Her passion and skill were invaluable to the committee. Thank you, Jane. And thank you, Lacy, Taylor, and Rhonda. Thank you to Shane and Shannon for their help with the survey.

In light of our findings and research, the committee makes the following recommendations. All recommendations by the committee are made unanimously. Given the nature of this topic, we would prefer decisions by the Area Body on these recommendations be made with substantial unanimity.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. Respectfully submitted on behalf of your committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OUT OF COMMITTEE:

1. That Area 64 adopt the following statement and publish it on any and all communications, registration forms, agendas, and websites related to any in-person assembly for the duration of the pandemic:

We are grateful to be able to come together again in person to conduct the business of Area 64 and enjoy our fellowship. We ask you to carefully consider your health and the health of other attendees. If you are sick, please stay home. If you have been recently exposed to COVID-19, please stay home. Regardless of vaccination status, we ask that you wear a mask at all times. If you are immunocompromised or otherwise at high risk for a poor COVID outcome, please consider staying home.

Discussion:

Carol H, Technology Chair – How do we identify the duration of the pandemic. When do we know when to take this down?

Mike Taylor – This is adapted from CDC guidance

Taylor Butler – Some is CDC guidelines some is at state level. Right now there is not enough information and it will be to be determined.

Shannon Cordell, Alt Delegate – The CDC or WHO determines when levels change from pandemic to epidemic.

Lacy W – We discussed in the committee we were asked how to determine how the body could meet safely. It was not up to us to determine when it ends.

Mickey T, D40 Happy Hour – I am interested in knowing if immunocompromised people are being asked to stay home.

Mike T – The intent was to make a bold statement for individuals to take responsibility for their own health while taking consideration of the others health.

Darin M GSR Pg112 – I applaud the adhoc committee, I have learned to trust and help fellow citizens to be healthy, kind and loving. I think these recommendations preserve the integrity of this body and members.

Gene B GSR Backroom Group – Are these rules or recommendations regarding masks?

Jane W – This first recommendation is about the area adopting a statement that makes a request.

Lacy W – The wording is clear – it's simply stating we "ask", not mandate, stipulate or force.

Leah F D30 – Thank you to the committee. I really like this statement, the sentence about regardless of vaccination status allows us to error on the side of caution by putting out common welfare first.

PASSED: 92-8**Voice of Minority:**

Mikey T D40 – I would propose we make a slight change about stating the mask be suggested as opposed asking a mask be worn at all times. This sound mandatory the way it is worded.

- 2. That Area 64, the Area 64 Conventions & Assemblies Committee, and any Assembly Host Committee strongly consider an alternate agenda and format for assemblies for the duration of the pandemic. A one-day event held in an outdoor venue is preferred. A one-day event at a large indoor facility is preferred over a traditional two- or three-day event. Standing committees can meet virtually prior to the assembly.**

Discussion:

Tony Shelby, PD – We have contractual obligations with motels that the cost of changing our format will create financial ramifications.

Steve W GSR Millington – It appears this would require a change in the structure if accepted.

Mike T – This recommendation does not conflict with our structure. The standing committee reporting is mentioned in the structure, not when they meet.

Carol Hall, Tech Chair – My issue is that this is something that would have to go into effect immediately and would affect the three new contracts we signed for upcoming assembly's. I am unsure of legal and financial ramifications.

Don Autry, Lit Chair – A one day event indoor would not be any safer than three day. Standing committees meeting virtually can not present displays. I am not in favor of one day assemblies, we won't get enough time to make good informed decisions.

Kim Castle, DCM 22- I applaud the adhoc committee, one sentence states strongly consider an alternate agenda. Who would make that decision for the alternate agenda....host committee or the body?

Mike Taylor – This recommendation was placed with the understanding our task was to come up with suggestions. We leave this final decisions to the body.

Ruth – Wonder if hybrid meetings have been looked into?

Mike Taylor – Our area evaluated hybrid options and they were not determined right now to be financially stable.

Shane Shepard, Delegate – I am opposed to this item. We have to make decisions with science based on today, not yesterday. The conference is meeting in NYC next year live, in person. People are coming together and the environment today looks different than when we put together the adhoc committee. I think we have to figure out a way to move forward.

Tony H GSR Sobriety First – I love the committee’s work, I think we have to follow the hotel guidelines where we met. I also can’t see holding a one day event, we would not have enough time to handle all the business of the committees. I am not in favor of this.

Liza GSR Serenity Group – I am opposed to an outdoor event. A one day event does not give us the opportunity to get to know people. Standing committees meeting virtually does not allow the ease of walking from room to room.

Leah F DCM D30 – I am in favor of this motion. This is just asking host committees consider alternate ways to meet. I would love to hear from the existing upcoming host committees what the possibility of this.

Don Autry Lit Chair – I see no action in this recommendation. Host committees and AC can already do this – there is nothing in action the area can do with this – it’s just a bunch of suggestions.

Alexis GSR Brainard group – I am wondering the cost of the groups to send GSR’s for one day. The other concern is that there isn’t really an action step in this recommendation.

FAILED: 60-34

Voice of minority:

Travis B GSR D21 – I see the action, it’s as a body we are communicated to host committees and the area that we ask they consider these things and we have peace of mind it was considered.

Jane W GSR Wakeup – The action is for us to say what we believe what is the wisest and safest course of action. This also speaks to the interest of unity.

Tim Lee – I think we need to be more willing to do things differently, but this item was recommending how we could possibly get back together more safely.

3. That Area 64 adopt the online registration and roll-call book for all Assemblies, regardless of format, for the duration of the pandemic.

Discussion:

Heather Loveland, Secretary – I love this idea. Now that we have established a process for online registration, we should continue to utilize it. It’s safer and more efficient. There is no time listed in the service manual, this would not require a structure change or update.

Betsy Day D28 – Can we do roll call on line? Will roll call be in person?

Jimmy Welch, Chair – Roll call will still be done the same way.

Tony Shelby, PD – we would have to update the service manual for time cut off for registration.

Johnny L GSR PGP – We might need to have the paper roll call book for the stragglers

MOTION PASSED, No voice of minority

4. **That the Area 64 Conventions & Assemblies Committee require that all Assembly Host Committees include a designated safety officer or sub-committee who is to ensure compliance with Area 64 guidelines on COVID safety protocols, compliance with relevant public health authorities, and serve as point-of-contact for after-event contact tracing.**

Revised version submitted by Ad Hoc during discussion:

That the Area 64 Conventions & Assemblies Committee request that all Assembly Host Committees include a designated safety officer or sub-committee who is to ensure Assembly plans comply with Area 64 guidelines on COVID safety protocols, follow relevant public health authorities, and serve as point-of-contact for after-event contact tracing

Discussion

Tony Shelby PD – I don't think the C&A committee can mandate anything for another committee

Mandy Shelton, Arch Chair – I am in favor of this recommendation. I would like to have a point of contact, and the host committee can include in their committees for someone to do contract tracing.

Don Autry, Lit Chair – I agree with Tony, we should request not require host committee include a designated safety officer.

Briana Duncan PI Chair – I think that this sounds a bit like policing and think we should be mindful of the wording.

Darin M GSR P112 – What passes today would dissolve when the pandemic is determined to no longer be active?

Jimmy Welch, Chair – Darin I would say yes unless the area determines otherwise.

Barb – I am in favor of this if it helps us get back face to face.

Robert Starnes DCM D11 – Three months from now we have the assembly - so now we would have to get a sub committee or a safety officer. I am against the contract tracing and safety officer.

Mike T – We can entertain a friend amendment to update the language. But, per CDC guidelines the only way to safely meet does indicate contact tracing. We are only saying that we have to have a point of contact, not necessarily someone that does the contract tracing.

Robert B DCM D12 – On this contact tracing I believe is a good thing, per the CDC we do need to have such a person, can be our secretary or the A&C. But what bothers me is right now this does not say for the duration of the pandemic.

Raven L Corrections Chair – I would suggest changing the wording from required to request. I think it would be great to have someone be a contact person.

Tony Shelby PD – I am 100% ok with contact tracing. We have a secretary, we are asked to sign our name, it's simple to secretary to send an email. What I have a problem with is designating a safety officer to police our A64 body.

Margie H Pulaski Group GSR – I agree with Tony, to add to it, CDC has changed some guidelines. If we have a point person to share any reported info, it is then up to the individuals to get tested or not.

Mark D GSR Goodlettsville Group – What I keep hearing about contact tracing can be done by our point person and I am wondering if done by outside entities how me guarantee anonymity.

Lacy W – If the health dept gets involved, last names are not released.

Don Autry Lit chair – I just went to CDC website and will read a bit of what is listed under large gatherings.

Lila D D12 – I like the idea of changing the wording, maybe a safety servant.

Johnny L – I like to make a motion the recommendation change the wording from "ensure" to "encourage".

Lila D D12 – Second

Discussion on changing word to encourage

Tony G GSR Sobriety First – Can someone break this down. An adhoc member fully break it down so it would be a lot easier on us

Bruce H– It makes the whole paragraph easier to digest and reduces legal liability. I would also suggest that someone from the legal side take a look at it.

April – I understood when the committee explained the document, the word ensure means that host committee will make sure the supplies are available not police and enforce.

Mike Taylor – We are talking amongst the committee and we are chatting about updating the language.

Tony Shelby PD – Concept 12 says, and I am jumping around, we shall never perform any acts of government and the conference will remain democratic in action. I want to table this whole thing and recommit it back to the committee to review the language and reword this recommendation 4 and bring back to first quarter.

Johnny Loveday – I will withdraw my motion to change the wording from ensure to encourage.

Tony Shelby – My motion is to recommit the

Discussion on recommit to adhoc committee for wording on item 4:

Carrie – If we are recommitting it, it will not be in place when we meet at the first quarter assembly?

Jimmy W – We would have the first 3, just not this piece in item 4.

Tim L – The concern I have is the timing. If we recommit it the body would be better off if the wording is revised and then we implement that agreed upon wording on how we keep up with contract tracing.

Lacy W – My concern would also be timing, if we wait we will not be discussing this til the end of next assembly. We can easily make an amendment tonight.

Leah F – I am not sure why we would recommit it to a committee that has already spent 200 hours on it. If we can edit some wording tonight and be done.

Gene B – I am in favor of this I also think it's interesting this item came before the 5th section, since we are unsure what we are going to be in compliance with until we discuss those items in #5.

Steven – I would like the opportunity to vote on it as is.

Nathan W – I would like to ask Tony if he would be comfortable to add changing the wording from ensure from encourage.

Tony – I would be interested to change several words. That's why I want to send it back to committee.

Robert B GSR D15 – Seems to me the 1st and 5th recommendation covers this. We should vote on it and see if it passes.

Mike Taylor- We have been working as a committee and have updated the recommendation based on Tonys request. We are ready to present the revised version.

Jimmy W – Tony Shelby would you be willing to withdraw your motion so the can submit the changes requested?

Tony S – I will withdraw.

Mike Taylor – Revised wording submitted for recommendation #4:

Revised version submitted by Ad Hoc during discussion:

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Discussion on revised version of recommendation #4

Tony Shelby – I would recommend we change A64 guidelines to CDC guidelines.

Mike T – I would say no, we are discussing our guidelines that are mentioned in item 5 and are not synonymous with CDC guidelines.

Don Autry Lit Chair – I believe the words ensure and comply are violations of concept 12.

Gretchen DCM D2 – With the concept of a safety officer I wonder how we are violating tradition 2. Are we qualified to do this, is our safety officer a medical professional? We are becoming responsible for doing for others. Shouldn't we as a group say people are responsible for their own selves. I think some of this wording sends red flags for me.

Nathan W – I would like to make a motion to table this to the end of the assembly and proceed with the rest of the business.

Seconded

MOTION PASSED TO TABLE TO END OF BUSINESS: 48-27

UNTABLED. Discussion:

Johnny Loveday GSR PPG – We are only indicating that A64 has a plan.

Jane W GSR Wakeup – You all know our intent and that the Area is on top of this. We are ready to go to a vote and either way we good with it.

ITEM 4 AS AMMENDED. PASSED: 66-18, No voice of minority

5. That Area 64 adopt the following guidelines for any in-person, indoor events for the duration of the pandemic:
- a. Masks are requested at all times
 - b. Masks and sanitizing supplies to be made available by **the Area 64 Liaison Committee**
 - c. Provisions for social distancing be made including seating 6' apart, excepting those travelling together or otherwise already exposed to each other, and maintaining distance during prayer(s)
 - d. Traffic patterns be established avoiding communal space, reducing bottlenecks and congregating
 - e. Attendance be limited, if necessary, to voting members to accommodate social distancing
 - f. No self-serve food or drink; individually wrapped single-serve items only, bottled water, coffee service
 - g. No shared writing implements or other objects
 - h. Attendees understand and acknowledge that contact tracing is required in the event of confirmed COVID exposure during the assembly

Discussion:

Robert Starnes – Wondering about line item B. Who will supplies be made available by? What about no serve food or drink. Does this mean no coffee service?

Jane W – Many of the areas we surveyed did have coffee but had members serving it so there was not a common area where people were serving themselves.

Lacey W -We did not determine who should provide supplies. We offered the option of how to meet safely, it is up to the body to determine who supplies the masks and sanitizer.

Tony Shelby PD – I would like to ask for amendment to say that item B indicate Area 64 provides the supplies as the entity responsible.

Jay Decker - Seconded

Tony G, GSR Sobriety First – The way it is worded now if it says A64 or host committee. Wondering if it should just be worded for the host committee to handle and then if can't afford discuss with the Area.

Tony Shelby PD – Can I amend my amendment to indicate the Liaison committee?

Jay – Agree with second

Mary Ann E PD – masks or sanitizing by A 64 and/or host committee. We put a lot on Liaison.

Joy C – The host committee gets seed money and most of the supplies used to be passed on and don't think the cost would be that much. I agree with MaryAnn to take it off the Liaison Committee

Amend "or host committee" and add Liaison Committee to item b

MOTION TO AMEND WORDING ITEM B. PASSED

ALL ITEMS IN ITEM 5 AS AMMENDED. PASSED

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. BIDS FOR FUTURE ASSEMBLIES AND CONVENTIONS

- None

B. ANY OR OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1-MOTION TO ACCEPT 2022 BUDGET

Johnny Loveday - Motion to accept 2022 Budget as proposed.

Nathan Webb – Seconded

Discussion:

Heather Loveland, Secretary – I have a questions about SSAASA, I see it's in the 2022 budget and 2021. Should that be there for 2022.

Carol Hall – That should be on the Forum.

Jimmy Welch – Looks like it need to be corrected as SE Forum in Delegate and Alt Delegate.

Carol Hall – Motion to transfer the money to the appropriate line item

Tony Shelby – Second

**AMENDMENT TO SSAASA/FORUM LINE ITEM : PASSED 96-1, No voice of minority
PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

2-MOTION TO UNTABLE RECOMMENDATION #4 FROM ADHOC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Jane W – Motion to un-table item 4 from Adhoc committee recommendations

Johnny Loveladay – Second

No Discussion**PASSED 67-1, No voice of minority**

NOTE: See continued discussion on adhoc report page 25-26

3-MOTION FOR VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY 1Q 2022

Nathan Webb D40 – Motion to have 1Q 2022 assembly virtual

Steven Gilbert – Second

Discussion:

Tony Shelby PD – The chairperson can call an emergency meeting if necessary. We decided to allowed the assembly to take it's course and that we'd ask our current chairperson would look at this right before he rotates.

Johnny Loveladay GSR PPG – Is there a financial liability for Manchester if we go virtual?

Robert Starnes DCM D11 – As it states, we can move the date and not lose the \$400 deposit. If we cancel we lose the deposit.

Margie – I would ask if we consider it be done timely

FAILED: 48-32**Voice of Minority:**

Jane W – I still don't feel safe meeting in person

Nathan W D40 – I agree with Jane

Margie D40 – I agree with Hane and Nathan, my group would have issues with going in person. Virtual everyone is safe.

Johnny Loveland – same

Jay Decker PD – I agree, I am ever reminded about the guidelines and think we should allow precious caution and not create a situation we would regret.

Marsha Alt DCM D31 – I agree with what has been said and feel like we just spent a large part of the evening on how to say safe. But the only way to make sure everyone is 100% safe is virtual.

Jamie S – We have seven groups in our district and only one can afford to attend in person.

John D – I agree with all of this so far, and I just feel like the only safe way to do it is virtually.

Steven D30 – Historically COVID virus gets worse in cold weather, I don't think we've seen the end of COVID. I think it would be wise to continue to meet meeting virtually til we have more info.

Jamie S GSR Lewisburg – Safety is paramount and right now we just don't know. There are too many factors we don't know

Leah F D30 – Would like to reconsider my vote.

Seconded

RECONSIDERATION PASSED: 47-39**Discussion on virtual 1Q Assembly:**

Jay Decker PD – CA also has to deal with room block. Those in opposition to meet virtual could prevent committee from meeting room block.

Nathan Webb D40 – If everyone can attend if virtual, that is what is important.

Johnny Loveland – I will definitely be there if the next assembly is virtual, if it is in person I will have to think about it.

Trey Metlock, PI Chair – The financial burden for GSR's has always been a burden.. My main concern is that constant push back on dates and rearranging dates and blocks is creating a huge hardship.

Don Autry Lit Chair – I think we are getting ahead of ourselves. Trends now are in the right direction. In two months from now we can look it and make a decision then.

Larry Latzman GSR Brown Bag – The safety issue is about others. Most of us won't even be there. We should error on the side of caution and not be selfish about dealing with someone else's safety.

Shane Shepard Delegate – I appreciate everyone's passion and feedback but I feel like we're making a decision on data from 90 days ago.

Bruce H – I love what we have been able to do with zoom meetings and if it was in person I probably have not been able to make it. However; I voted to have an in person meeting because we have enough contingencies it makes sense we can meet.

Tony G – We had the adhoc committee, discussed their recommendations and wonder how much of this decision is based on fear. We put together this committee so we can meet in person. We are forgetting why we just spent all this time on getting together about 1Q.

Angeline S DCM 21 – In my district we have been virtual and have seen a huge decline in participation. Contributions have increased. We are suffering by not meeting in person. If we continue to meet virtually we won't be able to get people to participate.

Lila D D9 – I thought we talked about how we could do our own zoom set up, save money and maybe do hybrid. We should learn how to do this.

Raven L Corrections Chair – This is tradition 1 for me, and the group pamphlet says if there are different viewpoints the group moves slowly so that it has good information when we are making decisions. It is about our common welfare.

Travis Blinco GSR Downtown Thurs – We talk about getting ahead of ourselves and have been trying to get back in person too soon. Losing people to this hurts. If we go virtual is not going against the adhoc recommendations. I think we'll see a rebound.

Tim L – I have mixed feelings, but today I voted to leave as in person. We can probably pull off a safe in person assembly. We can make changes and protect ourselves.

Jane W – As a member of the adhoc committee, I hope no one is considering their vote based on what we think. I hope we keep the work we did and implement later.

Carrie B D9 – I am not doing face to face meetings and we are bringing in money virtually. I fear this virus. COVID will be there.

Ashley G GSR REBOS D34 – I'm reflecting on my role, I represent and then report to my group. I feel I represent my group, it's not a personal vote for me. If the decisions are something that I don't agree with, then I would have consulted my HP and decide if I am the right person to fulfill the role.

VOTE TO MEET VIRTUALLY 1Q 2022. FAILED

4-MOTION FOR HYBRID ASSEMBLY 1Q 2022

Steven Gilbert - Motion to have 1Q 2022 assembly hybrid
Second

Discussion:

Betsy Day – I think we decided that hybrid is too expensive.

Carol Hall Tech Chair – We currently do not have the equipment in order to hold hybrid. Requires video, microphones, rooms, etc. I would be opposed.

Lila D D9 – I think we should look at this for next time. We can't please everyone. If we are going to have \$30000 by December, maybe we should make it happen.

Don Autry Lit Chair -I would like to ask Tech12 the cost of a hybrid so we have a realistic cost to look at.

Tech 12- Many factors are at play and ballpark is well over \$15000+.

Margie H D40 – Would this be the initial cost or an every time cost?

VOTE TO HAVE 1Q 2022 HYBRID ASSEMBLY. FAILED.

Voice of Minority:

Nathan Webb D40 – I think we are still excluding people

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mandy S—SECONDED by Jane W—PASSED UNANIMOUSLY - Closed with prayer.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS MADE THAT REQUIRED VOTE:

1. Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes—Seconded—**PASSED**
2. Motion to accept minutes as written—Seconded—**PASSED**
3. Motion to accept Treasurers report—Seconded—**PASSED**
4. Recommendation out of Treatment Committee – **PASSED**
"The Area purchase a wireless microphone/lavalier combination package not to exceed \$600 to be kept with all Area audio equipment"
5. Motion to accept firm bid for Murfreesboro, 2Q Assembly 2022 – Seconded - **PASSED**
6. Motion to accept firm bid for Knoxville 3Q Assembly 2022 - Seconded – **PASSED**
7. Recommendation out of Budget & Finance Committee:
"The two laptops currently owned by the area be replaced with new ones at a cost not to exceed \$1000 each" – **RECOMMENDED TO LIASION COMMITTEE – PASSED**
8. Recommendation out of Ad Hoc Committee (COVID Safety) Item 1– **PASSED**
9. Recommendation out of Ad Hoc Committee (COVID Safety) Item 2– **FAILED**
10. Recommendation out of Ad Hoc Committee (COVID Safety) Item 3– **PASSED**
11. Recommendation out of Ad Hoc Committee (COVID Safety) Item 4 (revised)– **TABLED THEN PASSED**
12. Recommendation out of Ad Hoc Committee (COVID Safety) Item 5 (revised)– **PASSED**
13. Motion to update budget line item for SSAASA/SE FORUM – **PASSED**
14. Motion to accept amended 2022 Budget – **PASSED**
15. Motion to hold 1Q Assembly virtually – **FAILED**
 Vote Reconsidered – **PASSED**, Re-Vote to hold virtually – **FAILED**
16. Motion to have Hybrid assembly 1Q 2022 – **FAILED**
17. **MOTION TO ADJOURN - PASSED**