

Dist. 36 August '26 Business Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Twelve Traditions - Michael

Introductions and AA birthdays

GSR sharing

Review of July Quarterly and present on pre-assembly

July Quarterly

Recap existing motions for the October Assembly

26.1 Sound Chair Appointed Process

Move to supplement Motion 22.3 that the Tech Steering Committee will select the Sound Chair for the next

rotation subject to approval by the elected during their appointed selection process and ratified by the Area

Committee at the first Area Quarterly Meeting of each rotation

26.2 Amend Area Motion 23.2

Moved that: In the spirit of unity, we affirm that District 25 is an online district with no geographic boundaries

within the General Service Conference area of the United States and Canada.

Outcomes for the July Quarterly discussion topics.

Proposed Agenda Item Deadline and the Area Assembly date

Motion approved to present at Assembly as 26.3

Move that, if the Area Committee approves a motion that qualifies as a Proposed Agenda Item for the Conference to be voted on at the Assembly, that the Area hold a one-day Special Assembly online in September on just the Proposed Agenda Item Motion(s) in time to submit to the General Service Board by the deadline date. The Motion and all background information are to be included in all pre-assembly materials and in the August edition of the Newsletter, with the Annual Assembly to continue to be held in October.

This brought up discussion on a second motion which was voted on and approved as 26.4

Move that, going forward, the Area Assembly be moved to the last full weekend in September that is before September 30, as soon as feasible, so that future Assemblies are before the Proposed Agenda Item Deadline Date

The PAI deadline has been discussed and reviewed in ad hoc committee for several years. Most of Area supports a need for some plan to get a PAI to the conference if one comes up. We will vote on both and neither are mutually exclusive (we could approve 26.3 as a stop gap to use until the full Assembly could be moved if 26.4 is approved).

Area Third Legacy Standing Committee

The committee discussed and approved an amended motion. This means the original motion presented by the districts was changed before discussion. The amended motion was what we voted on:

Move that Area 72 create an appointed Third Legacy Standing Committee Chair position to support the District Third Legacy Chairs. The Committee chair will be selected using the established process for appointed officers. The committee shall function like other standing committees at the Area level.

Most of the people going to the microphone supported moving this motion to the assembly process. I only counted three committee members who spoke against it. However, the vote to actually make this a motion was closed when the committee moved to turn it back into a discussion topic. Vote was 47 to 17 to make this a discussion topic at the assembly and no motion was proposed.

Area Alternate Registrar

The discussion was tabled due to time constraints. I believe this means it will be a discussion topic at the Assembly.

Does the area support creation of an Alternate Registrar position. Reported that we are one of the larger areas with 44 districts and 2800+ registered groups. I want to know how other areas handle this. I also think that having alternates available in some important positions is good for the Area. The question is whether losing a registrar is something the area can absorb without an alternate.

Next steps:

1. Attend the pre-assembly this month.
2. Get your group's feedback for the motions and discussion topics.
3. Attend the Assembly in October. Now is the time to register and get your 7th tradition support.

District Chair reports

- Corrections – **Natalie** – Got in touch with someone about holding an orientation to take a men's meeting into Monroe date and time TBD. She has applications but needs clarification on some questions. Hope to hold a Corrections workshop by EOY.
- ESIG Rep – **Patrick** – August is shaping up to be an incredibly busy month with a full calendar of fellowship and service opportunities. Please share these updates and events with your home groups:

Upcoming August Events & Service

- **Area 72 Pre-Assemblies:** Multiple dates scheduled throughout the month to prepare for the upcoming Assembly, including the Eastern District Pre-Assembly taking place on August 9th, at 2:30pm in Renton

- **Live at Pine Lake:** Our recurring monthly speaker meeting is happening Saturday, August 8th.
- **Alano Club Speaker Meeting & Ice Cream Social:** Join the fellowship on Friday, August 14th.
- **Celebration of Life for Gayle Marie Hobi:** Saturday, August 29th at Kelsey Creek Church.
- **Fellowship & Service:** Check out the various summer BBQs, Retreats, and Area 72 Service Position Quarterlies.

Mariners Recovery Day – September 27th

We are excited about the upcoming Mariners Recovery Game on Sunday, September 27th as the M's take on the Angels! This is always a fun, exciting event for our community.

- **Tickets:** Available right now through Eastside Intergroup (ESIG).
- **How to Buy:** Call or stop by the Intergroup office, or scan the QR code on the event flyer to pay via Venmo or PayPal.

- Events - **Jerry**
- Grapevine and Literature – **Erik**
- Gratitude Dinner – **Natalie** – John is creating a website to purchase tickets and sign up for service positions. Details to come!
- 3rd Legacy – **Paul** –

Eastside Service Fair & Barbecue

First Annual July 18, 2026

After Event Report – Draft 2

Preliminary Recommendations for 2027

- Involve the whole Eastside: ESIG and D34 through D39.
- Consider the current Area Delegate for Panel 2. Add hot GSC current topics that the groups should be providing group conscience on. Establish importance.1
- Consider the current Area Chair for Panel 2. Introduce hot Area current topics that the groups should be providing group conscience on. Establish importance.2
- Hold the event in Bellevue (best) or Issaquah (second) at venue for 60-70.

- Consider February 2027 – after the rotation, January Quarterly, and before Pre-Conference gets underway.

- Name: “Eastside Service Fair” still has a good ring. “Eastside Little Assembly” implies already having a service commitment and might be threatening to the Area.
- Plan event publicity better and put more into publicity.
- Lunch could be potluck or box lunches.
- Registration would defray cost and lock down the number of attendees and lunches. But it might discourage attendance.
- The handout could be 1-page with QR code for additional pages.
- The larger venue might require larger screen or projector and portable sound with mics.
- Split the effort between 1) Event Coordinators for venue, volunteers, and logistics, and

2) Third Legacy Chairs for panelists and program. It's too big an effort for the Third Legacy Chairs by themselves.

Acknowledgements

Thank you so much to all our panelists (11):

- Intro: Paul and Cheyanne
- Panel 1: Mark, Vearlene and Desi

1 The Delegate won't have prepared their Pre-Conference packet and issues, but also we shouldn't focus

just on their committee assignment and PAIs. We should look at the most important PAIs to us. 2 For example, what prevents the Area Trusted Servants from "governing" through the Discussion Topic process by withholding motions from the groups?

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- Panel 2: Dave T, Mike and John
- Panel 3: Ray, Ali, Dave S, and Paul

Thank you so much to our volunteers (9):

- Grille master: Joey
- Food setup: Sara C
- Parking: Willy
- Coffee Maker: Darin
- Shopper: Michele
- Food wrap-up: Joe C
- Setup: Richard and ?
- General: Dan H and ?

Attendance

- Approximately 32 (we didn't do a count, but I'm guessing 18 empty chairs out of 50).
- Signees: Guessing 5 out of 13 that were not panelists, volunteers, or known to be in service.
- Others: Guessing 4-5 non-signees that were not panelists, volunteers, or known to be in service.
- Conclusion: Total 9-10 of our target audience (members with little to no service). Approx 20 involved in the event and 3 others already involved in service.

Challenges / thoughts for next year:

- Create interest: How do we reach more than 9-10 of our target audience?
- Timing: This event conflicted with the D36 Campout also on July 18. Having also attended the campout, the overlap cost no more than 2-3 new to service that might have attended.
- Any way to survey: who knew about it or didn't (publicity), any AA conflicts (event timing), personal conflicts (event timing), lack of interest, etc.?

Event Publicity

Primarily flyers through District 36, ESIG, and Area websites. Also hardcopy flyers to GSRs

at D36 June meeting. Also hardcopy flyers to Eastside DCMs at June Quarterly and announcement at June Quarterly. Provided flyers and announcement at Sober Rebels. Any other?

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Ideas for next year:

- Group outreach: Have volunteers divide up the groups within each district, attend with flyers, and announce. (I meant to do personal group outreach during the prior 2 weeks but found it challenging to do so while preparing for the event.)
- Sponsors / sponsees: Particularly ask sponsors to strongly suggest their sponsees attend the event to learn about AA as a whole.
- GSC & Area issues: Create importance with current issues – maybe even work on a group conscience around those issues as an exercise.
- Gratitude dinners: Have the date and venue set by the Gratitude dinners. Announce it. Draw relevance to the issues.

Logistics

Barbecue / Lunch:

- One major effort was locating a grill plus transporting it to/from event.
- ESIG's grill took a truck (we think) and was logistically too difficult to arrange over a weekend.
- We rented a 48" x 16" grill from Alexander's Party Rentals in Kent. On its side, it fit within a SUV. They supplied propane. It was approx. \$200 for the weekend.
- We had to buy food for 50 in case that many showed up. With 32 we had quite a bit extra that was driven up to use at the D36 Campout in Teanaway.

Visuals:

- Area and district maps, plus AA structure, and other information was best conveyed graphically. Just described with no visual would not have conveyed sufficient info.
- Websites: We used a hotspot to access and display websites also.
- PowerPoint proved a good way of collaborating between presenters and supporting them with visuals.

Media:

- We had a 90-inch screen that proved large enough for the front 2/3 of the room. Whatever venue should have screens / projection for visuals to the back of the room.
- We were small enough to not need sound reinforcement. In a larger venue, a portable system with two wireless mics (like the Areas has for the Delegate) might be needed.

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Handouts:

- We had a 5-page handout with agenda, Ali's open positions and position descriptions, and a resource sheet with links to applicable
- We could do this as a 1-page with QR code for additional pages.

- Web and Digital – **Tami** – HOW Online meeting (Wednesday) is no longer being held.

District Officer reports

- Secretary – **Greta** – June Meeting Minutes: Motion, Second, Pass
- Registrar – **Tami** – See report above
- Treasurer – **Dwayne** See Treasurers Report Post
- DCM – **Mike** – See July Quarterly Recap above.

Old business

- Open positions, volunteers for service

Alternate DCM

Accessibility

Archives

Bridge the Gap/Treatment

Cooperation with Professional Community/Public Information

Young People

New business

- Proposal for annual February service workshop for Eastside Districts.
- Motion, Second, Pass to reimburse Natalie 100% for her expenses to the Corrections Quarterly.

- Five takeaways for this month's business meeting

1. GSR attend the pre-assembly this weekend in Renton. You will get important information about the October Area Assembly: <https://snovalleyaa.org/area-72-pre-assembly-for-eastside-districts-aug-9-2026/>
2. Monroe correctional facility has meetings that we can support: <mailto:corrections@snovalleyaa.org>
3. District 36 picnic will be August 29 at Gail and Eddie's house in Preston: <https://snovalleyaa.org/district-36-picnic-august-29-2026/>
4. Our Third Legacy Chair, Paul A. proposed that the district support an annual service workshop in February. We want to gather district support from all eastside districts and Eastside Intergroup to spread the word and educate our fellowship on general service
5. The monthly speaker meeting at Hope Hall, Saturday Night Live, will host a BBQ and potluck on September 5.
6. John B presented Sobriety Works a tech endeavor to create online apps to support A.A. events. We will be his first customer and use Sobriety Works to sign up for the Gratitude Dinner (volunteers) and sell online tickets.

Close the meeting