



AREA 78 PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

(Area Assembly Meetings are CLOSED MEETINGS to AA members only)

April 14, 15 & 16, 2023

Location: Edmonton Inn

Address: 11834 Kingsway NW, EDMONTON, AB

Phone: Reservations: (780) 454-5454

Group rate: \$109.00 + taxes Valid until April 10, 2023
(Applies to first 50 rooms or availability + taxes per night)

When booking, let them know you're with 'Area 78'

Questions: Contact the Area 78 Chair at: chair.72@area78.org or Text/Call 403-852-7659

Unable to attend? Please pass this information to your alternate DCM or GSR

MORE INFO ABOUT THE HOTEL:

- Check-in 3 pm Check-out 12:00 noon
- Group room rate is for standard, single or double occupancy room.
 - Extra cost for more people or upgraded room
- Restaurant on site: *1 Buffet Breakfast included (additional people @ \$10 pp)*
- Above ground complimentary parking available

ADDITIONAL HOTELS: Group rates DO NOT apply – not connected to Assembly

Hotel options-book yourself	Address	Approximate cost per night	Phone #
Chateau Nova Kingsway	159 Airport Rd NW	~ \$130.00	888-919-6682
Chateau Louis Hotel	11727 Kingsway NW	~ \$120.00	780-452-7770

STREAMING:

- One-sided, live streaming of the Assembly will be available, meaning the Assembly is not hybrid or interactive. Online members will be able to view/listen, just won't be able to speak. Voting members physically present may vote (if needed)
- Log into Zoom ID 708 555 5414 passcode: area78
- **For assistance contact Chantel, chantelg@outlook.com or (403) 970-5747**

ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION (Closed AA Members Only) Opens 5 pm Friday / 7:30 am Saturday

- Registration fee: **\$25** (cash only) GSRs, DCMs (or AGSR or ADCM), Committee Officers
- EVERY A.A. Member is invited and welcome – no registration fee (may contribute)
- If new, select your Committee for this 2-year term, or return to the one chosen in 2022 (See pg. 3)
- Bring along your Service Manual, this Agenda package & last Area 78 Minutes (if have)
- Conference Room – Courtyard Ballroom + Ridgewood Room

BANQUET: AA and non-AA welcome

- Saturday evening Banquet – 100 tickets available. Great way to grow in our fellowship
- **Cost: \$40** each to attend the banquet

SPEAKER MEETING: Open meeting (everyone welcome)

- Open Speaker Meeting 8:00 PM (7th Tradition will be honoured)
Speaker is **Carol B.**, Area 78 Past Delegate Panel 50

BIDS TO HOST: 2024 Area Committee Meetings (ACMs) January 19-20 and May 24-25

- Interested Districts will do their Bid presentations for the events Saturday afternoon
- Following Districts' ACM presentations - Assembly will vote
- Criteria for Hosting an Area Committee Meeting attached – **see page 8-9**

NOTICE OF MOTIONS:

- Written Motions are to be handed to the Area Chair and Area Secretary
- Motion forms – from the Registrar or Chair or [Link to Motions form](#)
- All Notices of Motion will be read; voting takes place @ Sep 2023 Assembly

SHARING SESSION QUESTIONS: attached (Pg. 7) or click here: [Sharing Questions](#)

- Please share with your members then bring responses to the Sharing Session on Saturday afternoon. Email responses to delegate.72@area78.org & to alternatedelegate.72@area78.org

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE:

- Travel Assistance Guidelines, deadlines and application form can be found at: [Travel Assistance Form](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 26 & 27, 2023	Area Committee Meeting	District 17, Lethbridge, AB Christian Tabernacle
Sept 15 - 17, 2023	Area 78 Election Assembly	Red Deer, AB RD Resort & Casino (Cambridge)
Jan 19 & 20, 2024	Area 78 ACM	Decided at the Bids....
May 10 - 12, 2024	Western Canada Regional Forum	Vernon, BC
June 3 – 6, 2025	2025 AA International Convention	Vancouver, BC

YOUR COMMITTEE: for the Assembly and Pre-Conference Agenda discussion

- At the Assembly in 2022, you chose a Committee for this 2-year term.
- If you are new, please chose a committee at Registration - see below for options.
- This is a trial run of choosing a committee (vs. being assigned) your feedback welcomed
- Note option 12: “Let God Decide”, be placed on a Committee needing your support.
- Committees will max at ~12 members so an alternate choice is helpful.
- Will participate in your Committee’s Agenda Items.
- Visitors invited to choose a Committee and sit in on all discussion

COMMITTEE SESSIONS for the 73rd CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

Friday, April 14 @ 9:00 pm & Saturday, April 15 @ 10:15 am

- Each Area 78 Committee will examine specific items from the 73rd General Service Conference 2023 Agenda and discuss “*What your group wants the Delegate to know*”
- Agenda Topics are on [Agenda Summaries](#) for the Pre-Conference Agenda Items (contact Cliff at eservices.72@area78.org for password to open documents)
- GSRs, DCMs and Visitors will attend their *selected* committee.
- Note: Committees require at least 1 DCM to serve as “Recorder” for Report-backs

		List of Area Committees with Conference Agenda Items			
#	Area 78 Committee	Chair	Conference Agenda Items	Email	Breakout Room
1	Archives	Derric F (MM)	Archives +PI (1 item) Policy/Admissions	Archives.72@area78.org	Main Room
2	(CPC) Cooperation with Professional Community	Ron S (MM)	CPC + Public Information (5 items)	Cpc.72@area78.org	Edmonton Room
3	Corrections	John J. (JB)	Corrections + Literature (2 items)	Corrections.72@area78.org	Alberta Room
4	E-Services	Cliff H. (TA)	Report & Charter + Trustees	Eservices.72@area78.org	Red Deer Room
5	Grapevine	Ed S. (SN)	Grapevine + Literature (2 Items)	Grapevine.72@area78.org	Main Room
6	Group Records	Lynn C. (JB)	Agenda + Finance	Grouprecords.72@area78.org	Main Room
7	Literature	Jamie I. (BF)	Literature	Literature.72@area78.org	Main Room
8	Public Information (PI)	Riane P. (SN)	Public Information	Pi.72@area78.org	Nova Scotia Room
9	Remote Communities	Dayna J. (BF)	Int’l Conv /Region Forums + Literature (2 items) + Treatment (1 item)	Remote.72@area78.org	Regina Room
10	Treatment & Accessibilities	Susan G. (DS)	Treatment	Treatment.72@area78.org	Quebec Room
12		Let God decide – to serve on a Committee needing your service...			



AGENDA - Area 78 Pre-Conference Assembly

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

Welcome!

- 5:00 PM** **Registration - Courtyard Ballroom** Registrar, Lynn C. grouprecords.72@area78.org
- 6:00 PM** **GSR Orientation (GSR, AGSR) and Visitors** (Ridgewood Room)
- with Carol B. & Dave B., Past Delegates (Panels 50 & 58)
- District Committee Members' Meeting for DCMs/ADCMs** (Vernon Room)
- Chair: Stew B., District 16 DCM
 - All DCMs attend
 - Purpose: for DCMs to share; discuss group /district /area issues; and decide on 2-3 questions for the May ACM Sharing Session Questions
- Area Committee Officers' Meeting (ACO)** (Lethbridge Room)
- Chair: Dave S., Area 78 Chair
- 7:30 PM** **Break**
- 7:45 PM** **Pre-Conference Assembly**
- Assembly called to order – Dave S., Area 78 Chair
 - Declaration of Unity: "This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come." ~ A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023
 - Reading 12 Concepts of World Service - Short Form
 - Housekeeping Matters
 - Introductions
 - Welcome by Mike M., Alternate Delegate, Panel 72
 - Bridging the Gap Presentation: Susan G., Chair, Treatment/Accessibilities
- District Committee Members (DCMs) Oral Report 2 - 4 minutes max**
- Email report to Area Secretary, Samson N. secretary.72@area78.org
- 8:45 PM** **Delegate's share on GSB – pre-conference**
- 9:00 PM** **Committee Sessions #1 - GSC Agenda Items (Instructions) (Rooms - see Pg 3)**
- 10 Committees: Review Discuss or Consider Conference Agenda Items
 - Attend chosen committee; see page 3 of this agenda package for details
- Table Officer's Meeting – Dave S., Chair & Table Officers** (Saskatoon Room)
- 10:30 PM** **Session closes for the day**



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

- 7:30 AM** **Registration – Courtyard Ballroom** Registrar - Lynn C grouprecords.72@area78.org
- 8:00 AM** **Pre-Conference Assembly**
- Call to Order – Dave S., Area 78 Chair
 - Responsibility Pledge: “I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.”
 - Reading of the Twelve Traditions - Short Form
 - Housekeeping Matters – Dave S., Area 78 Chair
- 8:15 AM** **Meet & Greet new GSRs** **Absolutely, the best part of the day!!**
- 8:45 AM** **District Committee Members (DCMs) Oral Reports (con’t)** 2-4 mins max
- Email report to Area Secretary, Samson N. at secretary.72@area78.org.
- 9:45 AM** **Table Officers Reports** (3 – 5 mins max)
- **Chair**, Dave S.
 - **Secretary**, Samson N.
 - **Alternate Delegate**, Mike M.
 - **Past Delegate**, Brad F.
 - **Delegate**, Tami L.
- 10:15 AM** **Committee Sessions #2 for GSC Agenda Items**
- 10 Committees: Review, Discuss or Consider Conference Agenda Items
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch** *mmmmm*
- 1:00 PM** **Treasurer’s Report & Budget Presentation** – Jeff B., Treasurer
- 1:30 PM** **Old and New Business**
- District presentations for hosting 2023 ACMs (Area Committee Meetings)
 - Vote
 - Notice of Motions – read only; vote in September
- 2:00 PM** **Concept 12 Workshop** - Ray M. Past GSO Trustee/Director, Grapevine, Panel 44
- 2:45 PM** **Break**
- 3:00 PM** **Ask It Basket** - Email questions to secretary.72@area78.org or at the microphone
- 3:15 PM** **Area Committee Agenda Report and Recommendations**
- Email report to Tami L., Delegate, delegate.72@area78.org
- 4:30 PM** **Sharing Questions Session** – 1 hour
- Email asap: delegate.72@area78.org & alternatedelegate.72@area78.org
- 6:30 PM** **Banquet (tickets \$40)**
- 8:00 PM** **Open Speaker Meeting** – Carol B., Past Delegate Panel 50 (7th Tradition honored)
Experience, Strength & Hope



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

- 8:30 AM Pre-Conference Assembly**
- Call to Order – Dave S., Area 78 Chair
 - Declaration of Unity: “This we owe to A.A’s future; to place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depends our lives and the lives of those to come.”
- 8:35 AM Remaining Area Committee Agenda Report & Recommendations**
- Email report to Tami L., Delegate, delegate.72@area78.org
- 9:15 AM Presentation - 7th Tradition and GSB – Where Money & Spirituality mix**
- Brad F., Past Delegate P70 & Mike M., Alternate Delegate P72
- 10:00 AM BREAK (Feedback forms to Mike M. alternatedelegate.72@area78.org)**
- 10:15 AM Report – DCMs Meeting, Stew B., District 16**
- Report – Table Officer’s Meeting, Dave S., Chair**
- 11:00 AM What’s on Your Mind & Members new to the Assembly share experience**
- Ask-It-Basket questions**
- 12:00 PM Delegate’s Closing Remarks - Tami L.**
- 12:05 PM Chair Closing Remarks - Dave S. Chair**
- 12:10 PM Close with the Serenity Prayer**

*So grateful for your
Love and Service.
Safe travels,
Be well...*



Sharing Session Questions April 14-16, 2023 (for all groups to discuss and bring to the Assembly or email to Alternate Delegate – email below)

73rd Annual General Service Conference Theme: A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution

Please ask someone to record the responses. Please submit your group's responses ASAP to Tami L. delegate.72@area78.org and to the Alternate Delegate, Mike M. alternatedelegate.72@area78.org

1. Coming back together post-pandemic, how are things with recovery, unity and serving others?
 - a. How are we?

 - b. How are our groups?

 - c. How are our Districts?

2. How is AA doing in this time and space?

3. What can we do to keep us connected to our Three Legacies of *Recovery, Unity and Service*?

**Thank you for
your thoughtful
sharing!**



**PRESENTATIONS FOR HOSTING A 2023 ACM
JANUARY 19 & 20, 2024 AND MAY 24 & 25, 2024**

*You'll be glad you
did...promise!*

Please Have Your Presentations Ready for Saturday Afternoon

Criteria to host a January or May ACM (Area Committee Meeting) follows.

<https://area78aa.org/downloads/helpguidelines/Area78Guidelines.pdf> (Sep. 2019 Area Guidelines)

Districts interested in the joy of hosting next year's January or May Area Committee Meeting (ACM) **do a presentation to 'win the vote' at the March Pre-Conference Assembly.** The successful districts must meet with the Area 78 Chair following the Bid Activity at the Assembly, to exchange contact information and discuss.

Please come prepared. You might wish to make a verbal presentation, or perform a skit, song, or anything else you think will persuade us to vote for your district as a host. Please keep the presentation to a **10-minute maximum** and include the listed criteria below.

The rotation of the Area Committee meetings is considered a way to promote Area 78 unity, participation and understanding of Area 78 business practice. ***We ask the successful bid committee to communicate to their members that they are welcome to attend the ACM session, without registration cost.***

The voting members of the Area Committee are all Area 78 District Committee Members (DCMs), Area Committee Chairs & Area Table Officers. The host district will be required to chair the DCM's Friday night Meeting. ***The criteria to host the January or May Area Committee Meeting are as follows:***

1. **Contact:** Your Area 78 Chairperson at chair.72@area78.org for all scheduling and any questions - we expect there to be questions from the hosting District. It's further recommended that the hosting Districts work with the Chair before making any firm commitments with a meeting facility or hotel or caterer.
2. **Duration:** The ACM typically starts at 5:00 PM on the third Friday in January and May (excluding long weekends) and ends Saturday (the following day) at about 5:30 PM.
3. **Meeting Facility Requirement: a main meeting place with capacity for 60-100 members with tables & chairs – and wheelchair accessibility** - to accommodate the same numbers. If possible, community centres and church halls are preferred because the rates tend to be more reasonable but hotel/motel facilities can be used (please note wheelchair accessibility).
 - o The main meeting space requires a head table to seat 5 Table Officers. Area Committees require 9 tables and chairs to display their committee information, and one registration table with two chairs, just inside the meeting room entrance. These tables, room permitting, should be in the main meeting space but can be located in the hallway or front entrance of the main hall. For Friday night and Saturday an additional meeting room is requested to seat 20 people, boardroom-style - if possible
 - o The District is ***also responsible to supply a podium and 2 microphones*** – a mic at the podium and a floor microphone.

4. **Budget:** Area 78 budgets approximately **\$700 for each** Area Committee Meeting (January & May), to cover appropriate expenses for hall rental, equipment, coffee etc. There is no expectation for a district to incur expenses for hosting an ACM; we ask the bid committee ***not to exceed the budgeted amount***
5. **Hotel:** The District would need to **verify that at least 50 hotel/motel rooms would be available** for Area Committee Officers and District Committee Members. This involves phoning a hotel in the vicinity of the meeting hall, to ask if 50 rooms “would be available for future booking” during the ACM dates. **NOTE: The hosting District should not book rooms for the Area Committee Officers. This is the responsibility of the Area Chair.**

Please have the financial information and amenities (i.e. continental breakfast) of the participating hotel/motel available with your presentation

6. **Volunteers** are needed for set up and take down of tables and chairs plus final cleanup after event. Registration table & refreshment area also need 2 volunteers each
7. **Coffee:** Host District would supply coffee/tea etc. for both days.
8. **Meals:** Host Districts are not required to supply lunch or dinner.
 - o It’s the Host District’s choice whether to supply lunch, supper or snacks for an Area Committee Meeting.
 - o If the hosting District chooses to supply lunch, supper or both, the District may decide to collect a 7th Tradition, to offset costs incurred for the food, etc.
 - o Any monies collected from a 7th Tradition can be used for the District to offset meal costs, or donated to area 78. The decision is made by the hosting District
 - o If no food is supplied during or after the Area Committee Meeting, please have a list of food outlets that will be available near the meeting hall.
9. **Speaker Meeting:** If the District plans such a meeting after the Area Committee Meeting (keeping in mind this is a service event), it is suggested that the host District ask an Area Table Officer, Area Committee Chair or a Past Area Delegate to be the speaker