

Area 78 Committee Meetings are "CLOSED" Meetings



AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Jan 19 & 20, 2024 Stettler, Alberta

MEETING LOCATION: Stettler United Church
4820-51 Steet, Stettler, Alberta
T0C 2L2

ACCOMMODATIONS: Canalta Hotel
6020 50 Ave, Stettler Alberta
T0C-2L0
Ph: 403-742-3371

Reservations can be booked under the code: Area 78 - \$130 Night + Taxes

ALTERNATE ACCOMODATIONS:

Super 8
5720 44 Ave, Stettler Alberta
Ph: 1-866-569-0740
Rooms available: \$112/Night + Taxes

Plains Motor Inn (Economy)
4812 61 St, Stettler, Alberta
PH: 403-742-3491
Rooms available \$99/Night + Taxes

STREAMING THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Zoom ID 708 555 5414, Passcode: area78

One-sided, live streaming of the Assembly will be available. Is not hybrid or interactive. Online members will be able to view/listen.

For assistance contact Chany G. (403) 970-5747 or
Stuart B. Eservices@area78.org

Questions or Concerns: Please contact the Area 78 Chair Jeff B.

Email: Chair@Area78.Org

Phone: 587-873-1982

Meals:

- Friday evening Tim Hortons, Tasty Wok, Subway, A&W, Dairy Queen, Cosmic Pizza Various Local Restaurants.
- Hotel has breakfast to go. Pre-order Friday evening and pick-up at front desk Saturday morning. (Options include Breakfast Sandwich fruit and juice or granola and fruit. (No dining room available.) Other breakfast options – McDonald's, Tim Hortons or A&W.
- Muffins, snacks and refreshments District 19 members - Canteen style, at cost.
- Coffee for Saturday morning – 7th Tradition.
- Soup and sandwich lunch with deserts by District 19 members – Tickets will be sold.
- Pizza spread supper with deserts by District 19 members – Tickets will be sold.
- Lunch Tickets \$10.00, Dinner Tickets \$12.00, Lunch & Dinner Ticket Combo. \$20.00.

Registration:

Registration begins Friday at 5:00 pm, and Saturday at 7:30 am

Cost \$25 per person (Cash Only). Registration fee is for all Area Committee Officers, District Committee Members (DCMs) either/or their alternates if they are filling in.

Visitors (AA members including GSR's) have free registration but are welcome to make a 7th Tradition contribution if they wish.

Preparation

Bring your Service Manual, read the minutes of September 2023 Assembly, bring the motion section from the September 2023 minutes and this agenda. Please forward this information to your Alternate or successor, if you are unable to attend this Area Committee Meeting. Encourage all members of our fellowship to attend this Area Committee Meeting.

Travel Assistance

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

The meeting is open to AA members only. Visitors may participate in discussions but are not eligible to vote.

Upcoming Events		
Date	Event	Location
March, 15 - 17, 2024	Area 78 Pre-Conference Assembly	Calgary, AB
April, 14 - 20, 2024	General Service Conference	Brooklyn, NY
May, 10 - 12, 2024	Western Canada Regional Forum	Vernon, BC
May, 24 - 25, 2024	Area 78 Area Committee Meeting	Yellowknife, NT
Sept, 13 - 15, 2024	September Assembly	Edmonton, AB
July, 3 - 6 , 2025	2025 AA International Convention	Vancouver, BC

AGENDA

Friday January 19, 2024

5:00 – 9:30 pm Registration: Raymond C. – Group Records & Registration Chair
Stettler United Church 4820-51 Steet, Stettler, Alberta.
(New DCM's - Provide the Registrar With Updated Contact Information.)

6:30 – 7:45 pm District Committee Members (DCMs) Orientation Presentation.
Facilitated by Past Delegate – Tami L.

6:30 – 7:45 pm Area Committee Officer Meeting (Table Officers and Committee Chairs)

7:45 – 8:00 pm Break - Coffee

8:00 – 9:30 pm Area Committee Meeting: Call to Order; Jeff B. Chair.

- Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual).
- Reading of the Twelve Concepts of World Service
Alt. Delegate. Dave S.
- Housekeeping matters – Jeff B. Chair.
- Welcome and introductions, New ACO's.

DCM Oral Reports (Suggested 2-4 minutes Maximum).

9:40 – 10:30 pm DCM and Area Committee Chair Meeting

- DCM's meeting chaired by Melissa B. District 19 DCM.
- Selection of Secretary.
- Presentation by E-Services Chair Setting Up DCM and Area Chair
Email and Website Tutorial
- Review of Year End Financials and Budget
- Review of Motions from September Assembly

9:40 – 10:30 pm Table Officer Finance Committee Meeting.

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

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Saturday January 20, 2024

- 7:30 - 3:00 pm** Registration: Raymond C. (Continued)
- 8:00 – 9:00 am** Area Committee Meeting: Call to Order; Jeff B. Chair.
- Declaration of Unity (Inside first page of AA Service Manual).
 - Housekeeping matters/Intros – Jeff B. Chair.
- DCM Oral Reports (Suggested 2-4 minutes Maximum).
Continued from Friday Evening.
- 9:00 – 10:15 am** Table Officer Reports
- Chair Report – Jeff B.
 - Secretary Report – Riane P.
 - Alternate Delegate – Dave S.
 - Past Delegate – Tami L.
 - Delegate – Karen O.
- 10:15 – 10:30 am** Break – Coffee
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** Treasurer’s Report – Lynn C.
- 11:15 – 12:15 pm** Committee Chair Presentations the Purpose and Function of the Committees, Looking Forward the Next Two Years.
- 12:15 - 1:00 pm** Lunch – At the Church – District 19 Members, Tickets Available.
- 1:00 pm** Meeting called to order: Reading of the AA Preamble by District 55 DCM Carla C.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** District Committee Members (DCMs) meeting chaired by Melissa B., DCM District 19. The purpose of this meeting is to share information with each other and form recommendations to present in your report. Please follow format provided and select secretary to scribe notes.
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** Area Committee Officers Meeting
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm** Break – Coffee

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Saturday January 20, 2024

- 2:15 – 3:15 pm** Sharing Session on the trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)
Suggested Questions.
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm** Break – Coffee
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm**
 - New business. Notice of Motions to be Read (But Not Dealt with Until the September Assembly.)
 - DCM Meeting Report - DCM Meeting Chair – Melissa B.
 - Area Committee Officer Meeting – Jeff B. Chair.
 - Table Officers Finance Committee, (Presentation of Proposed Budget).
 - Area Committee Meeting – Open Mic Discussion
 - Ask It Basket Questions.
- 5:30 pm** Adjournment Followed by the Responsibility Pledge.
- 6:30 pm** Pizza Spread Dinner – At the Church – District 19 Members,
Tickets Available.
- 8:00 pm** Guest Speaker – Nikki M. Past Delegate Area 27 Panel 49

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74th General Service Conference and its 2024 theme
“Connecting with Love, Unity and Service.”

Sharing Session Questions (for all groups to discuss and bring to the ACM
or email to the Alternate Delegate – Alternatedelegate@Area78.Org)

1. Is a Home Group Important?
2. Do you know the 36-principles of the program, and what have they done for you?
3. How can we embrace new technology for everyone in AA?
4. DCM Rap Sessions (monthly DCM meetings), have you attended, what are your thoughts?

Please direct all
communications to:

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

November 13, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants:

A.A.'s Co-Founder, Bill W., in his 1953 address to the General Service Conference, stated that he did not consider himself the author of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book (*Our Great Responsibility*, p. 92). He also alluded to the fact that in the various A.A. literature published prior to his passing, he borrowed heavily from other sources, and that other A.A. members made significant contributions.

On the other hand, addressing the historical context of some of the writings of our Founders, many members in our Fellowship have expressed strong sentiment against any changes in the first 164 pages of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book, as well as the Preface, the Forewords, The Doctor's Opinion, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices. In fact, as early as 1995 and most recently in 2022, Advisory Actions designed to protect the above-referenced contents have been passed by the General Service Conference.

In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that trustees' Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship (*including but not limited to Area delegate feedback*) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s Founders, the trustees' Literature committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.

We would like to hear from you – the top of the triangle! While we hope that the suggested questions will help to spark thoughtful sharing and discussion, please feel free to add questions that we may not have thought of that you feel may best inform the discussion. Most of all, we are grateful for and thank you for your participation.

In fellowship,

The trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)

Attachment: Suggested Questions

HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions.

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