



BC Yukon Area 79

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General Service Committee

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Hello District Committee Members,

Saturday, June 6, 2020

My name is Rio and I'm an alcoholic. It is my honour and privilege to serve as your BC Yukon Area 79 Panel 69 Chair. I want to extend my appreciation for all the service being done in your groups, and districts during these very different and difficult times that the current gathering restrictions have presented us with. I also hope that you and your loved ones are all staying safe and healthy.

This is the agenda package for our **VIRTUAL** July Quarterly to be held July 17-19, 2020. **We are asking that you register for this meeting and you can easily do so by clicking on the link provided.** Here is the link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZEkc-ggpzssEtM-tWi2bEEg6BVUHokAVbxQ>

Once you have registered you will receive the meeting link directly to the email address you provided.

Also, enclosed you will find the agenda for the weekend, business procedures, DCM committee assignments, motion template and guidelines along with some online meeting information.

Please be sure to check out our BC/Yukon Area 79 Website by clicking on this link

https://www.bcyukonaa.org/events/disp_events.php?type=assemblies

to get more information and to watch some instructional videos that can help you get familiar with some of the meeting features that we will be using over the weekend.

As noted at the end of the page, the information in this package needs to be shared with the General Service Representatives in your District. Please be sure to distribute it

The Quarterly begins on Friday night with a Service Orientation presented by our Delegate, Gail, and Alt. Delegate Bob. Following that, there will be a sharing session for the Area Committee (that is DCMs and the General Service Committee), and at the same time, the GSRs, Alternate DCMs and guests will be in their own sharing session. The topic is "**Spirit of Rotation**" and the facilitator of this meeting will be Pauline D., our Area 79 Archives Chair.

On Saturday, we will be addressing the business of Area 79 and breaking into Committees. Of special interest for Sunday morning, our Delegate, Gail, will be giving us her report from the 70th General Service Conference. Area business will continue until we end the Quarterly on Sunday afternoon.

DCMs will be giving their reports verbally at this Quarterly and will be given two minutes for each report. Copies of all reports are required for the minutes, which will be printed in our Area 79 Newsletter, Grassroots Forum, available on our website with the password aagrassroots. It is easiest for your Area 79 Secretary, Drew W., if these reports can be emailed prior to the Quarterly to secretary@bcyukonaa.org

The deadline for submission of your reports will be Sunday, July 26, 2020.

Under new business, there is an opportunity to present Notices of Motions in preparation for our October Voting Assembly (the motions will not be voted on until the Voting Assembly in October). If you have a Notice of Motion, please send a copy to me by email or give me a call. Please note that the deadline for any motions for inclusion in the October Voting Assembly agenda package is July 31, although motions can be made in writing on a Motion form until 11am on the Saturday of the October Voting Assembly. These motions will be treated as Floor Actions. (Exception – motions regarding financial matters (other than budgets) in excess of \$2000, and be submitted no later than July 31, so they are included in the Voting Assembly agenda package). A motion template and guidelines are attached.

Just a couple of reminders to those districts interested in hosting an area event. Bids to host the Area 79 Quarterlies and Assemblies in 2021 will now be voted on at the October Voting and Elections Assembly, October 16-18, 2020. A copy of the new Bidding and Hosting Guidelines are on the area website. I would encourage every District to consider submitting a bid. It is a great way to stimulate interest in AA service. Area 79 takes care of the costs, you just need to be able and willing to be a host District.

The dates for the 2021 Quarterlies and Assemblies are:

January Quarterly - January 8-9, 2021
April Pre-conference - April 9-11, 2021
July Quarterly - July 9-11, 2021
October Voting Assembly – October 22-24, 2021

Also consider hosting a BC/Yukon Area Convention. The purpose of the event is to develop greater unity among members, Groups and Districts in Area 79. The Convention is the only event sponsored by Area 79 that does not deal with the business of the Area however it does maintain a service flavour. The updated bidding guidelines to host this event available on the password protected side of our website under the Chair tab. Bidding deadline is August 31st two years prior to the proposed Convention. All bids that meet the requirements will be brought to the fellowship for consideration at the October Voting and Election Assembly in 2020. For the event to be held in 2022.

At this Quarterly, there will be a presentation and discussion on the Panel 69 GSC Adhoc Committee that has made some recommendations to update the ***Area 79 Motion Guide and Voting Procedures***. These recommendations are not included in this package but will be shared at this virtual meeting as the presentation is being made.

Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions, via email at chair@bcyukonaa.org or call me directly at 250-640-0371. See you in July!!!

With much appreciation and gratitude,
Rio D.,
BC/Yukon Area 79, Panel 69, Chair

PLEASE COPY AND SHARE THIS PACKAGE WITH YOUR DISTRICT'S GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES. IT HAS NOT BEEN SENT TO THE GSRS. THANKS!



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B.C. YUKON AREA 79 QUARTERLY

July 17, 18 & 19, 2020

VIA ZOOM

FRIDAY, July 17, 2020

7:00 PM

QUARTERLY OPENS

July Quarterly Opening Comments & Housekeeping - Rio D.
Area 79 Service Orientation – Gail P. & Bob K.

7:30 to 9:00 PM

Area Committee (General Service Committee and District Committee Members)
Chair: Brenda M.

7:30 to 9:00 PM

General Service Representatives, Alternate GSRs, Alternate DCMs and Guests
Chair: Pauline D. – Spirit of Rotation

9:00 to 9:15 PM

Closing with the Serenity Prayer

SATURDAY, July 18, 2020

9:00 AM

QUARTERLY OPENS

- Anonymity Statement
- Moment of Silence followed by 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.”***

- Housekeeping
- Reading of the 12 Traditions (Short Form) ALT DCM District 54 Tanya B.
- Concept II Presentation - DCM District 54 Christina W.
- Introduction of new GSRs, DCMs, and Alternates
- Reading of Business Procedures – (Attached)
- Approval of minutes of April 2020 Assembly held via Zoom, as printed in the April 2020 issue of Grassroots
- Chairperson’s Report
- Treasurer’s Report & Financial Statements
- Delegate’s Report
- District and General Service Committee Reports

11:00 AM to 11:30 PM BREAK

11:30 PM to 1:00 PM COMMITTEE MEETINGS (District Committee Members: You are assigned to a committee as per the “Committee Assignment” page, which follows. Alternate DCMs, General Service Representatives, Alternate GSRs and Visitors/Guests: Those who registered for this Quarterly will be assigned to a committee by our Alt. Chair. Those that did not register will be randomly assigned to a committee at the time the committee meets.

1:00 PM to 1:15 PM Closing with the Serenity Prayer

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020

9:00 AM

QUARTERLY OPENS

- Delegate’s Conference Report (Gail P.)
- District and General Service Committee Reports (continued)
- Committee Meeting Report-Backs
- Old Business: None at the time of agenda distribution
- New Business: (NOTICES OF MOTION) Motions will be voted on at the October Assembly

Presentation & Discussion:

TOPIC – Area 79 MOTIONS GUIDE & VOTING PROCEDURES

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM BREAK

- Ask it Basket
- First-Timer Sharing
- Closing Remarks by Guests & Past Delegates
- Motion to Adjourn
- Close with the Responsibility Declaration

“I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,

I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.

And for that: I am responsible.”

Followed by the **Serenity Prayer**



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**Panel 69 District Committee Member
Committee Assignments for 2019-2020**

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>		<u>DCMs Assigned</u>				
Archives	Pauline D.	Districts	1	36	39	41	64
Corrections	Steve C.	Districts	3	15	37	45	
CPC	Craig E.	Districts	4	30	38	52	59
Finance	Rodney S.	Districts	5	10	47	54	75
Grapevine	Brenda M.	Districts	6	24	40	60	66
Literature	Bob K.	Districts	7	26	42	61	73
Public Information	Dana H.	Districts	8	28	43	51	62
Remote Communities/Grassroots	Monica M.	Districts	19	46	50	56	
Treatment & Accessibilities	Carol H.	Districts	9	18	32	68	70
Website	Kathleen M.	Districts	12	14	34	44	71



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BUSINESS PROCEDURES & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Floor discussion and presentation on any motion will be limited to two minutes. A two-minute light system will be used to register the time left. Yellow light: warns 30 seconds left. Red light: two minutes up, the speaker will immediately take their seat.
2. No one will speak for a second time until everyone who wishes to speak has been heard.
3. The Minority voice will always have the opportunity to be heard after the vote has been counted.
4. A show of hands will be sufficient for declaring the outcome of motions, unless it is deemed too close, then a count will be made. Substantial unanimity is sought on all non-housekeeping issues.
5. FOR QUARTERLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
6. FOR ASSEMBLIES: DCMs or Alternates acting for the DCMs, GSRs or Alternates acting for the GSRs, and the General Service Committee Members are eligible to vote or present a motion.
7. All motions or presentations will require a copy (written or electronic) for the Area Secretary to include in records of the meeting.
8. “A Housekeeping Issue” will be defined as any issue not affecting groups in Area 79 or AA as a whole. When there is a disagreement as to whether an issue is a “housekeeping” issue, the matter will be decided by a vote of the Area Committee members present. This vote will be by a show of hands and require a simple majority. This definition of a “housekeeping” issue and the above procedure for handling the designation of “housekeeping” issues shall be read at each Quarterly and Assembly after the Business Procedures are read.

From the service manual

AREA PROCEDURES: Uniform practices throughout the Fellowship are in no way obligatory, or even practical in many cases. It is important for the area to agree upon a set of procedures, and each individual assembly is the best judge of whom it will seat. Several areas have developed written procedures for all aspects of area operations. (Pg. S-37 Chapter 4, The A.A. Service Manual)

Article 6 of the Conference Charter: Area Assemblies, Purpose of: Area assemblies convene every two years for the election of area committee members, from which are elected delegates to the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. Such area assemblies are concerned only with the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. Footnote: Area assemblies still meet every two years in order to elect a delegate to the General Service Conference, but they typically meet far more frequently in order to conduct on-going area business. (Pg. S-106, The A.A. Service Manual *2018-2020 Edition*)

Approved at the 2011 Voting Assembly

MOTIONS GUIDE – BC/YUKON AREA 79

This Guide is intended to provide assistance to the Fellowship in drafting motions, it is not intended to be definitive. In keeping with our Traditions and Concepts, there may be motions that are unacceptable for presentation to the Fellowship (for example, a motion that is personally punitive would be contrary to Concept 12, Warranty 5). The General Service Committee will work with anyone requesting assistance in the preparation of a motion.

MOTION:

- Should be clearly stated and be able to be answered as a “yes” or “no”. Needs to be able to be understood without reference to any other material, including the background material.
- Be aware that two part motions may fail by resistance to one part or the other, or a lack of clarity in one part.
- Consider reviewing the BC/Yukon Area Book of Motions for examples.
- Ensure it does not conflict with our Traditions or Concepts.
- Use plain language.
- You will have an opportunity to speak to the motion, but the motion must still stand on its own.

HISTORY OR CURRENT PRACTICES:

- This is intended to help understand the context of the motion.
- What are we doing now?
- Has this kind of motion been considered before (see the Motions Book)?
- Try not to refer to what someone in AA says or does.
- Are we correcting something inconsistent with past AA practice?

IF PASSED:

- What will change?
- How will AA be impacted?
- Is there any negative effect?
- Why should we do this? Why is this motion needed?

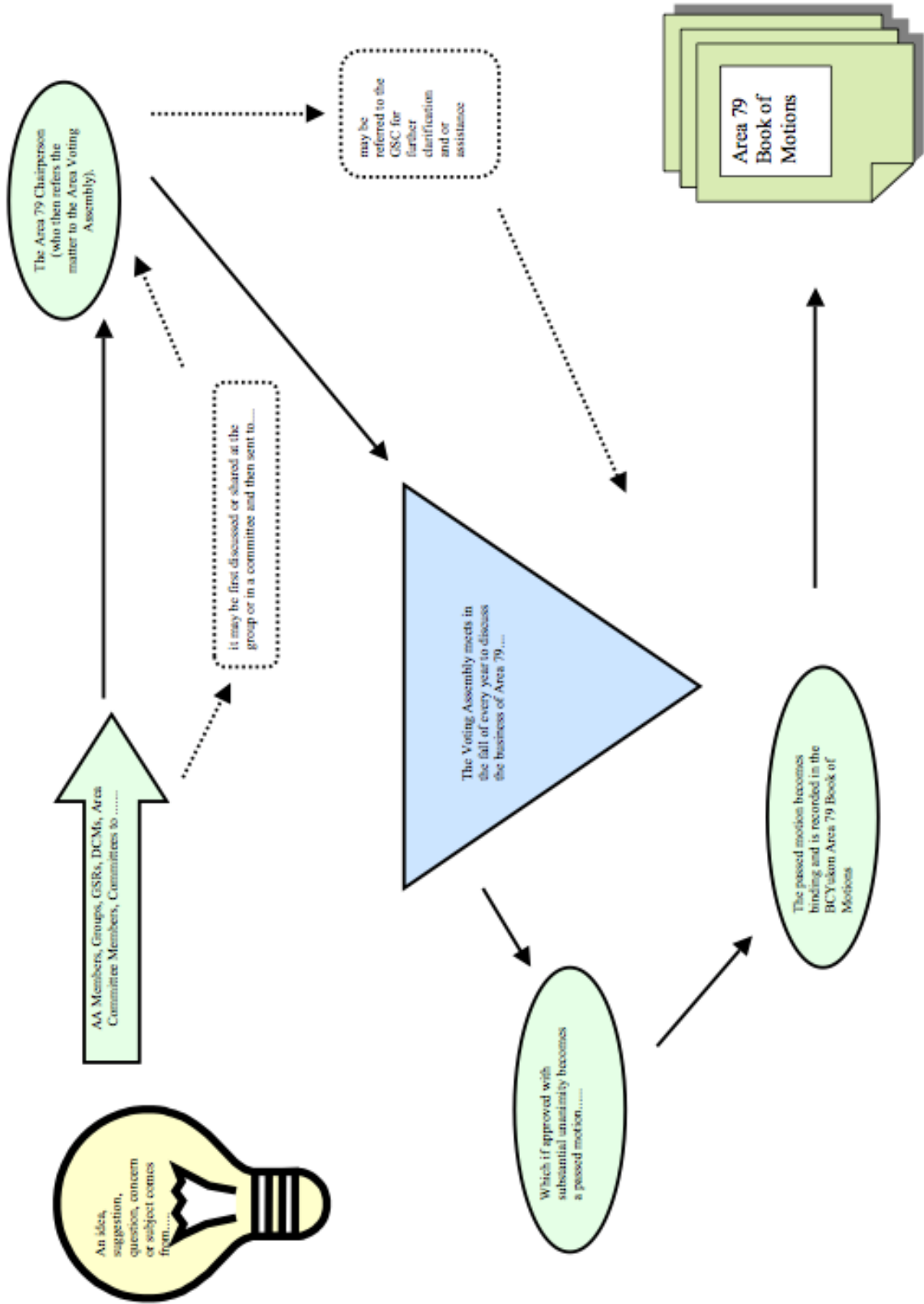
IF NOT PASSED:

- How will AA be impacted?

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

- Any other useful information. Again, not referring to what any individual says or does.

BC/Yukon Area 79 Motions Flow Chart





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MOTION

Motion:

History or Current Practices:

If passed:

If not passed:

For further consideration:

Motion submitted by: _____

Please ensure that the motion submitted to the Chair no later than 11:00am on Saturday. Thanks.⁹