

Area 54 Assembly Minutes

July 20, 2025

Opening:

DeVona S. opened the Assembly at 2 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Mary O. read the 12 Traditions. Jeff C. read the 12 Concepts. Curtis R. gave a summary of Tradition 4. Jamie B. gave her interpretation of Concept 4.

DeVona asked us to keep Steve K. in our prayers.

Announcements:

The Ohio State Convention is Aug. 8-10 at the Delta Hotel in Toledo. GSR School is Aug. 17, a hybrid meeting. East Central Regional Forum is Aug 22-24 in Indianapolis. OPYPAA Conference is Sept. 12-14. Next Area 54 assembly is Sept. 21.

Recording Secretary:

Joan S. presented the minutes. Dick W. had one correction: July 19 was the date of the Akron Multi-District picnic, not a meeting as stated in the minutes. Motion by Matthew P. to approve the amended minutes, second by Wellington R. Motion passed.

Treasurer:

We put this report on hold because Candy is traveling and on her way.

Mailing Secretary:

Cory B. said the next mailing party is Saturday, Aug. 30, at 10 a.m. at the United Church of Christ, 23 Public Square, Brecksville, sponsored by Love & Tolerance. Deadline for items due to the printer for the next newsletter is Aug. 15. DeVona has the calendar for all the mailings and deadlines.

Registrar:

Tina C. has reduced the mailing to 975 pieces. She removed about 600 contacts and moved them to email, updated 16 GSRs, added two new groups, removed two groups, did two group updates, checked information regarding a group, and added two DCMs to GSO's database. She has another batch of changes to work on before the next mailing.

7th Tradition – Mae R. passed the basket.

Anniversaries:

Those with anniversaries since the April assembly announced them.

Introduction of new GSRs and DCMs:

New GSRs and DCMs introduced themselves.

Area Committee Reports:

Jeff C., DCM and chair of the Akron Multi-District, said 75 people attended the annual picnic, a great turnout. He visited three meetings to explain the importance of electing a GSR.

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Christine F., Treatment: The committee is asking for help with a nursing home in Rittman that wants meetings. Also, Bridging the Gap needs support.

Darcy F., DCM for District 43: There has been discussion about merging with District 22 and creating a multidistrict. She welcomes comments and suggestions about how to do this.

Matthew P., Grapevine: Founders Day has asked that we no longer set up a literature table at Founders Day, a request he will support.

Travis Z., OYPAA: He explained how to register for the OYPAA conference.

Quinsetta M., Group Services: James T. created the content for the GSR school in August and she will present it.

Jim S., Archives: The contract for the new Intergroup Office is still being ironed out and improvements are being made to the building. In the meantime, the archives are safe.

John K., Akron Intergroup Liaison: The lease for the new Intergroup office at 2208-2212 Romig Road will be signed Sept. 1. Founders Day had 8,238 registrations. The new after-hours answering service is working fine.

Mae R., Finance Chair: She explained how to contribute and how the money is used. She suggested a \$3 contribution to the basket to cover AA's costs.

Alternate Delegate's Report:

Wellington R.: He discussed the Ohio State Convention and the East Central Regional Forum. Al-Anon and OYPAA will be represented at the convention. Hispanics want to become more a part of AA, including becoming GSRs. They don't want to be a separate group but, rather, be included in AA as a whole.

Delegate's Report:

Beverly F. listed highlights of the International Convention in Vancouver. Attendance was 34,000 people from 191 countries. Bev moderated a panel on "AA in the Workplace." She attended the old-timers' meeting. Members had at least 50 years of sobriety.

Old Business:

DeVona said Candy is trying to lock down the location of Gratitude Sunday.

New Business:

Dustin: Introduced a motion that we suspend mailing the Northeast Ohio Recorder because of the expense, unless the print version is requested. Tina C., Area Registrar, said she is against it for many reasons. In the mailing, we include event flyers that members can take to their home groups. Some members don't have email or access to the flyers we mail. Susan R., the newsletter editor, suggested we keep a paper version for those who want it.

Dick W. introduced a motion to commit. The motion is now committed to Cory who is the mailing secretary. He will form a committee to research how much money we could save and what the process might be. Wellington seconded. There is no discussion on a motion to commit. The motion passed.

Matthew P. said he supports the motion that was tabled at the April assembly to donate \$1,500 to the Akron Intergroup because of damage to their office. He wants to bring it to the floor. Bev said we agreed to wait until the contract for the new building is signed before we approve the donation. We are expecting to vote on this in September.

What's on Your Mind?

Nelson M., DCM, District 61: He reported on the Area 54 picnic and events within his district.

Jamie B.: Jamie corrected information about two events. It was the 90th Founders Day and the 16th International Convention.

Travis Z.: Is there a way someone can help new GSRs understand what information they should take back to their home groups? DeVona said any new GSRs or DCMs should talk to the alternate delegate after the meeting.

Cory B.: He's looking for people to join his mailing committee to discuss the newsletter. His Primary Purpose Group is sponsoring a Poker Run, which is an event for motorcyclists and others, on Aug. 10.

Bob D.: He cautioned the panel from taking the newsletter and flyers away from the newcomer. James T. clarified that the motion to commit means the committee will bring a recommendation back to the assembly for a vote.

Christine F.: Her committee needs volunteers, especially for those who live near the facilities where new members' meetings and literature are needed.

Wellington R.: He reminded us about the Six Warranties of the General Service Conference which help us to become synchronized.

Dustin S.: We shouldn't be paying for literature that the Intergroup lost in a flood. As for Founders Day, he agrees that we should not have our literature there.

Tim H.: The Recorder and flyers should go to your home group to let members know about our events. When we host events, we have quotas we must meet for hotel rooms and meals.

Katie O.: She urged newcomers to the assembly to ask questions and come back.

Cory B.: Take newsletters and flyers to your clubs and other places where you attend meetings. Extras are on the back table.

Jamie B.: Today we have witnessed Concept 4, the right of participation.

Motion by Jeff C. and second by Tina C. to adjourn. Motion passed.

We adjourned at 3:47 with the Responsibility Pledge.

Attendance: 44 people in the room and 4 on Zoom.