

Area 54 Assembly Minutes

Sept. 21, 2025

Opening:

DeVona S. opened the Assembly at 2:03 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Carolyn G. read the 12 Traditions. Leslie N. read the 12 Concepts. Bob M. gave a summary of Tradition 5. Bob D. gave his interpretation of Concept 5.

Announcements:

Our next Area Assembly is Oct. 19. The State Convention planning meeting is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1 in Columbus. Gratitude Sunday is Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. in Canton.

Recording Secretary:

Joan S. presented the minutes. No corrections or additions. Motion by Charles M. and seconded by Val D. to approve minutes. Motion approved.

Mailing Secretary:

Cory B. had to step down as mailing secretary because he got a job with the post office and doesn't have the time to do it well. At our last folding party, we stuffed about 1,000 envelopes and it went well. The next mailing party is 11 a.m. Dec. 6 at the Austintown Studio Apartments, 850 N Meridian Road, Youngstown, hosted by Steve K. We need someone to step in temporarily as Mailing Secretary. Let the panel know if you're interested.

Registrar:

Tina C. said that since July, she has done 20 more updates to the mailing list, removed people and updated a lot of group GSRs. We're still way under 1,000 mailings. The bill from the presort company has decreased significantly. If you have new GSRs, DCMs, group changes, etc., see Tina for a form.

Treasurer's Report:

Candy presented the third-quarter treasurer report. Total contributions for April through September are \$11,310. Total expenses that same period are \$19,048.61. By the end of December, she will give us a report that shows how that compares to what we have budgeted.

Candy stressed we are not in the negative because we already have a balance and money is continuing to come in. James T. said the starting balance and current balance should be included. Candy said that will be included on the report at the end of the year. Bob M. said he would also like to see a balance sheet.

7th Tradition – Mae R. passed the basket.

Anniversaries:

Those with anniversaries since the July assembly announced them.

Introduction of new GSRs and DCMs: New GSRs and DCMs introduced themselves.

Area Officer Reports:

Candy L., Treasurer, said Districts 15 & 16 will host Gratitude Sunday at a hall in Canton. See Candy if you'd like to help.

Travis D. reported on the OYPAA Convention in Columbus. Akron will host OPYAA 43 next year. IKYPAA will be held in either Detroit or Grand Rapids.

Joan S. presented the high points of the Ohio State Convention from a first-timer perspective. The Fifth Edition of the Big Book will be ready for the annual convention in the spring.

Committee Reports:

Karen S., chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community: The Public Sector HR Association has invited us to have a table at their event Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. She has a sign-up sheet if you'd like to volunteer.

Mindy M., chair, Public Information: The last of the literature packets are going out tomorrow, thanks to donations from the Cleveland Intergroup Office. The committee is following up with nursing homes and other places that have asked for information.

Mae R., chair, Finance Committee: With inflation, the \$1 bill we put in the basket doesn't nearly cover what it costs the General Service Office for each AA member. To cover our costs, we would each have to contribute \$11 because of inflation. When the basket is passed, give what you can afford, or dig a little deeper and give until it feels good.

Val D., chair, Accessibilities: She did not come to the mic. But her written report states that Nikki M. is stepping down as secretary and will be replaced by Rachel Q.

DCM Reports:

Jessie H., DCM, District 33: They are working on a district meeting for all their GSRs.

Jeff C., DCM, District 60, and chair of the Akron Multi-District, said the fall seminar will be from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, and will feature several people speaking on general service, with a Q&A for new GSRs. As a DCM, he has been visiting meetings almost every day since July 3, in Districts 3 and 60, to explain the importance of having a GSR.

Arnetta P., DCM, District 35: There are two new meetings at the Hitchcock Center for Women, three groups moving from District 35 to 33, and two groups that are closed. She's visiting groups that are still active.

Intergroup Liaison Reports:

Al K., Intergroup Liaison, Cleveland Central Office: They hired Tim H. who will replace Ralph T. Bruce H. is the new outreach coordinator, replacing Tracy T. New board members are Mike A. and Linda S. They have new, smaller meeting schedules that will save money.

John K., Akron Intergroup Liaison: They elected several new staff members and board members. The lease for the new building, starting Sept. 1, has been signed. New office manager is Christian. Renovations will cost \$76,000. Move-in will be by the end of November.

Arnetta P., Northcoast Multi-district Chair: October workshop will be on Oct. 18 with a presentation by James T. on African-American delegates. It will be held at the Cleveland District office.

Alternate Delegate's Report: Beverly F., Delegate, read the report from Wellington, who is ill: The East Central Regional Forum was excellent, he participated in workshops, the state linguistic intergroup is being formed now. She asked Harry Q., GSR of Nueva Vida, to provide an overview of Grupo Nueva Vida at Matt Talbot.

Delegate's Report:

Beverly F. listed highlights of the East Central Regional Forum. She moderated a panel on "Where Spirituality and Finance Mix." For us to be self-supporting, it would cost us about \$15 per

person. She called on Candy L., Treasurer; Tina C., Mailing Secretary; DeVona S., Chair; and Joan S., Recording Secretary to each speak two minutes about what they discussed when we joined Beverly on the panel.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

What's on Your Mind?

James T.: What else happened at the East Central Regional Forum other than finances and spirituality? Beverly said she has much more information that will be included in the next issue of the Area 54 newsletter.

Janice S., GSR for We Are Not Saints: The Intergroup's Treatment Committee needs a Medina coordinator for AA meetings within the various treatment facilities.

Wayne G., DCM, District 57: What happened to his motion back in April to donate money to the Akron Intergroup for their move? Beverly said we have been waiting for the intergroup to sign the contract for the new building. This will be addressed at the October Assembly.

Bob M., past delegate: He attended the International Convention in Vancouver. The 3,500 bookmarks with Dr. Bob's last talk, printed by Cleveland Central Office, were very well received. He is volunteering at the GSO archives.

Tina C., registrar: She needs all updated group information. She described the difficulty of the position of mailing secretary for the benefit of anyone who wants to stand to replace Cory.

Karen S., CPC chair: She has emailed Susan R., newsletter editor, but never got a response. Tina said emails sent from the website or to anyone with an "area54.org" email address do not work. If you need something, call us.

Val D., DCM, District 11: She volunteered to be mailing secretary and has recruited someone younger to help her with the physical work.

Joan S.: People on Zoom, please sign in with your name, not group name.

Motion by Ray S. to adjourn, second by Val. Motion passed.

We closed with the Responsibility Pledge and adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Next Assembly: Oct. 19, at 2 p.m.

Attendance: 48 people (41 in the room and 7 on Zoom)