



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online

McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

---

**SATURDAY Assembly opening Call to Order 8:32a:** Christoph, Welcome All & new GSR's,

**Technology:** Andy-Please send Motions & Bids to technology email or via text to technology committee. This is a change from previous years from sending Motions & Bids via zoom chat.

**Delegates Pre Conference remarks 8:40a:** Kerri K- Panel 74 Area46 Delegate welcome everyone and new GSR's. Preparing for GSC NY April 14-20<sup>th</sup>, hosted "Town Hall" events online to provide A.A. members in Area 46 the opportunity to express their feedback on certain General Service Conference Agenda Items. **Kerri Delegate has been assigned to Conference Committees: Policy & Admissions Conference Committee International Conventions & Regional Forums Conference Committee.** Ways to submit feedback "Share your thoughts" for agenda items also available on Area 46 web nm-aa.org **1)** Submit feedback online nm-aa.org. **2)** Committee chairs assigned agenda items and will discuss in committee meetings during assembly. **3)** District meetings, DCM's assigned agenda items discussed in district meetings. **4)** GSR feedback during Sunday morning assembly sharing session. **5)** Saturday night GSC agenda sharing session topic "Do you think the founders would object to embrace revisions to their writings?" Please know that every member of AA has the right for their voice to be heard on the affairs of our fellowship.

**Committee Meetings 8:50a, 9:50a & 10:50a:** Breakouts

**Business Meeting:**

**Corrections/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** 2025 Southwest Regional Forum date November 14-16, 2025. Changes in agenda: Non Profit AdHoc removed from agenda.

**Call to Order 1:48p:** Christoph Opened with moment of Silence & Serenity prayer. Recognize all attending 1<sup>st</sup> Area46 Assembly. New 16<sup>th</sup> edition AIP available on nm-aa.org prints in work. Readings, **AA Preamble:** Cherokee D18, **Traditions:** Patty T D18, **Daily reflections Aril 6<sup>th</sup>:** Dominique D11, Spanish Cesar D17

**Introductions of All:** Past Delegates, followed by Trusted Servants, Districts & Visitors.

**Secretary's Report:** Myron T- Area 46 Secretary: read Summary minutes of December 2023 Assembly.

**Motion to accept minutes made by Randy DCM D10 Second: Kevin D18. Minutes approved unanimously.** Note: The 2024-2025 16<sup>th</sup> edition Area Information Pamphlets (AIP) is updated and available on nm-aa.org. Printing quote is pending; copies of the 16<sup>th</sup> edition AIP will be available soon.

**Treasures Report:** Mike K- Prior report is available in El F. Review of area 46 budget 2024; \$6,000 in contributions from groups, copies of YTD group contributions for area 46 is available. Interest \$199 year-to-date, Pd. District 14 December assembly \$1,200, \$1,500 for travel & planning committee, \$700 for Delegate and Alt Delegate to attend SWRDA, \$319 returned and donated to GSO, \$389 for laptop, \$3,400 YTD spend, \$356 more spent then brought in. Send contributions to new address **NM Area 46 AA PO box 13583 Las Cruces NM 88013.**

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Ally T D12, seconded by Kurt D2. Report approved unanimously.** 7th Tradition basket was passed during the report.



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online

McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

---

**Registrars Report:** Berna C- Thank you everyone for registering. Registration is available. Prior to voting 217 in attendance and online, 138 are in person 78 online. Area 46 directory currently available online at [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org) and in hard copy.

**Delegates Report:** Kerri K- Conference Committees: Policy & Admissions Conference Committee & International Conventions & Regional Forums Conference Committee. **Pre-Conference Preparation;** **SWRDA** in March current delegates and alternate delegates in the Southwest Region meet for the SW Region Delegates assembly. Past delegates from our region travel to OK City to prepare the current delegate an alternate delegate for conference. **"Town-Hall" Meetings:** during the month of March four Town Hall meetings, which were designed to gather feedback on specific agenda items from as many AA members in Area 46 as possible. Your voice will be heard on any agenda item you wish by emailing me or completing the short agenda item survey form. You can email your thoughts and feelings on specific agenda items to [delegate@nm-aa.org](mailto:delegate@nm-aa.org). Please attend **Saturday Night Sharing Session 7 PM. Post-Conference Report Backs:** part of my role as your delegate is to provide a report on the General Service Conference in your district. Several districts have already scheduled dates for their delegate report. If your district has not yet scheduled a report, you can view my calendar on my Delegate's page on the service site.

**The first delegate report will be in Farmington at the state convention May 31-June 2.** In addition to live district reports I will conduct two conference reports online. The first online report will be Saturday August 31 and the second will be Saturday, November 9.

**SWRAASA:** The Southwest Region Service Assembly will be held in October in Richardson, TX. This is a great opportunity to take a deep dive in learning about different service opportunities in Alcoholics Anonymous. I encourage all of you to attend. **SWRF:** This weekend you will hear about the Southwest Regional Forum. This is where GSO and GV staff, trustees come to the Southwest Region. All AA members are welcome. There are multiple sharing sessions where ANY AA member can ask any question they wish about our fellowship. It is a unique opportunity to be able to talk to people who you would not normally meet.

**Informed Group Conscience** *The "group conscience" is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully "informed" requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind. On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a "yes" or "no" count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.* **Source:** <https://www.aa.org/faq/what-does-informed-group-conscience-aa-mean>



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online

McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

**Alternate Delegates Report:** Ally T- Has been sharing and communicating with the delegate and feels ready to step in anytime. **SWRASSA** dates are October 11th – 13th 2024. Topics and Trusted Servants from area 46 selected by Ally to share during SWRAASA. Kerri K Concepts, Area Chair Christoph on Home Group, Archives Renee L on preserving history, and Secretary Myron T on Concepts 8 and 9. **SWRF 2025** coming to New Mexico, this happens every 22 years. Reminder to DCM's and Districts, Alt Delegate is available for workshops.

**GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS 3:20p:** **D17** Spanish convention July 5th 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 info nm-aa.org. **D11** Jemez picnic August 10th 2025. **NM Red Road** convention fundraiser May 14th Alvarado Park, Red Road convention May 3-5 2025. **D3** tradition study on Zoom hosted by Cosmopolitan group info nm-aa.org. **D9** 11th sobriety Gathering October 2025 flier coming soon.

### OLD BUSINESS

**1) Area 46 Assembly report August 3-4 2024 D18:** Amy- we have chair and co-chair positions set, D-18 will present motion to change date for August assembly from Aug. 2-4 to Aug.-9-11 in new business.

**2) Area 46 Assembly report December 7-8, 2024 D14:** Becky- D14 has committee chair and co-chair positions filled, April 15th is the first assembly planning meeting. Taos charter school is the selected venue we will be meeting next Thursday with facility.

**3) Area 46 Convention report May 31-June 6 2024 D8:** Linda DCM- Marriott room rates available @ \$109. Finalizing dinner menu fajita/Mex with dessert. Banquet will close out so please register while there is availability. Raffle items still accepted, speakers are locked in. We plan to present native culture and music to open convention.

**4) Finance Committee Non-profit research report:** removed from agenda. See top Corrections/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

### NEW BUSINESS

**1) Presentation of Accessibilities & Remote Communities (ARC) chair for disapproval:** Jason, accepted and approved, unanimously.

**2) Bids for Area 46 Assembly - March 29-30, 2025:** No bids. Request made that DCM's go back to your Districts to see if there is any willingness to hold the assembly in your District. Next Bid will be August 2025.

**3) Bids for Area46 State Convention, June 6-8, 2025:** No bids. Request made that DCM's go back to your Districts to see if there is any willingness to hold the assembly in your District. Next Bid will be August 2025.

**4) Bids for Area46 AA Service Forum, July 2025:** D10 DCM Randy Alt DCM Rosa- District 10 would like to place a bid for the Service Forum in July of 2025 we have a couple venues in mind but have not yet decided on the best one yet. We would love to have the opportunity to host this forum for Area 46. We were thinking the middle of July so the 19th so it would not interfere with the international convention on July3-6.



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online

McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

---

**5) South West Regional Forum report Nov. 14-17 2025:** Bill L- SWRF location Marriot Uptown Hotel, read "what are regional & Local Forums? What happens at Forums? Why get involved?" Contact: [2025swregionalforum@nm-aa.org](mailto:2025swregionalforum@nm-aa.org)

**6) Motion 1:** AREA 46 District 18

August 2024 Assembly Planning Committee

District 18 would like to present a motion to change the dates of the August 2024 Area 46 Assembly from August 2-4, 2024 to August 9-11, 2024.

Motion by Amy District 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cherokee District 18

**7) Motion 2:** to pass the basket for a special collection to help fund the SW regional forum in November 2025.

If passed, a special collection will happen once per assembly on Sunday. The first collection would occur at the April 2024 assembly and every assembly through August 2025.

Motion by Ally T area 46 Alt Delegate

No changes to AIP are needed.

Motion: Ally T area 46 Alt delegate, 2nd Robert D District 12

**Saturday Evening GSC Agenda Item Sharing Session 7pm:** Kerri K, Delegate, Panel 74 Area 46 New Mexico - Topics that are on the Conference Agenda; Gathering your thoughts about whether the writings of the:

**1) Gathering your thoughts about whether the writings of the AA Founders should be open for revision or whether they should not be touched.** Do you think that AA Founders would object to or Embrace revisions to their writings if yes why if not why? Discussion how should we treat AA Founders writings

**2) We will also be talking about the plain language Big Book Project**

General Service Conference April 14th-20th 2024. The Area 46 website has posted the GSO Agenda items. Read background from 73rd general service conference and read background from 2023 general service conference final report discussion and acceptance of Trustees committee report. Both references available on [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org). **Feedback can be emailed to the delegate at [nm-aa.org](mailto:nm-aa.org)**



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly

April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online

McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

---

### **SUNDAY**

**Attendance: 219 total. 92 Voting members, 127 non-voting members**

**Call to Order 8:02 by Laura S, Area 46 Alt Chair:** Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, Readings  
**Daily Reflections** Celeste D11, Guadalupe D17

**Committee Reports: Committee Chairs reported on Committee Meetings held Saturday. Please see reports in the May 2024 issue of the El Farolito.**

**Seventh Tradition basket and SWRF Special Collection basket was passed.**

**Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions: *Voting procedures explained.***

#### **1) Motion AREA 46 District 18**

August 2024 Assembly Planning Committee

Motion: District 18 would like to present a motion to change the dates of the August 2024 Area 46 Assembly from August 2-4, 2024 to August 9-11, 2024.

Motion by Amy District 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cherokee District 18

**Motion Pass 2/3 Substantial unanimity**, 11 opposed, minority opinions: D11 Bruce conflict with D11 Jemez picnic, we have been working around the assemble and have set date same weekend. D10 Randy SWAACYPA convention conflict same date, Linda D9 motion to reconsider Samantha D4 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to reconsider fail, original vote pass.

**2) Motion:** to pass the basket for a special collection to help fund the SW regional forum in November 2025.

If passed, A special collection will happen once per assembly on Sunday. The first collection would occur at the April 2024 assembly and every assembly through August 2025.

Motion by Ally T area 46 Alt chair

No changes to AIP are needed.

Motion: Ally T area 46 Alt delegate

2nd. Robert D District 12

**Motion Pass 2/3 Substantial unanimity**, 2 opposed no minority opinion.

**3) Service Bid** District 10 would like to place a bid for the Service Forum in July of 2025 we have a couple venues in mind but have not yet decided on the best one yet. We would love to have the opportunity to host this forum for Area 46.

We were thinking the middle of July so the 19th so it would not interfere with the international convention on July 3-6. Bid Rosa Alt DCM District 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy DCM District 10

**Motion Pass Unanimously**



## Secretary's Report

Area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly  
April 5-7, 2024 Districts 9 & 8- Farmington & Online  
McGee Park Convention Center 41 Rd 5568, Farmington NM

---

**Ask-It-Basket** – Questions were distributed and addressed (see separate attachment).

**Sobriety Countdown:** AA Big Book given to the youngest in sobriety in attendance, **Karen D-18 with 110 days**, by the longest in sobriety in attendance, **Diana D11 with 47 years**.

**Contributions:** Seventh Tradition (**Saturday**): \$ 444.00, Seventh Tradition (**Sunday**): \$291.00, AIP **Contributions/Sales: \$35.00, SWRF basket collected \$445.00**. Gratitude extended to District 8 & 9 for working together hosting the assembly.

**Assembly adjourned** at 11:01am with the Responsibility Statement, followed by the 3rd Step Prayer.

**Area State Convention:** May 31<sup>st</sup> June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024, hosted by District 8 Farmington

**Assembly Planning meeting:** Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Albuquerque.

**Next Assembly:** August 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 2024, hosted by District 18, Rio Rancho.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron T, Area 46 Secretary

#### **Ask it Basket April 5-7 2024 Assembly**

- 1) **Does signing papers, court/medical/probation officer. Violate any Traditions?**

**Specifically, 3- desire to stop; and 12- Anonymity.**

**Can a group refuse to sign papers? Thank you for your service, Love you.**

**Response:** Laurie- yes & no, there is no violation of Tradition, this is an outside issue. Anonymity protects the person signing any papers. The group has a Group Conscience to help make these decisions.

- 2) **At Assembly time can El Farolito include a page for the Responsibility and Unity Statements, the 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 Concepts?**

**Response:** Candy, El Farolito Editor- This is a good idea. In looking at past issues of El Farolito the one Tradition listing has been included in several issues. Printing one page for all of these in a single edition would drive up the cost. Printing the Responsibility and Unity statement in every issue would be reasonable. Adding the one Step, Tradition, and Concepts could be done each month and would be more cost effective. If, on occasion, there is a spare page (like just 19 pages) this would be feasible for the Assembly issues and will be looked at. The pages have to add up to increments of 4 for the proper size and folding.

- 3) **What can we do with old Bilingual interpretation equipment without breaking AA tradition?**

**Response:** Nevin D-9- Either we keep them, sell them or throw them in the trash. If we are donating or selling, we caution on breaking traditions. You try to follow the traditions, how it feels to each individual matters, we caution that we don't affiliate we support and refer to traditions to make the best decision and if wrong, the Area group conscience can bring an informed decision and if I'm wrong I'm not a tradition expert.

#### **Ask it Basket Asamblea del 5 al 7 de abril de 2024**

- 1) ¿La firma de papeles, tribunal / médico / oficial de libertad condicional. ¿Viola alguna Tradición?**

**Específicamente, 3- deseo de parar; y 12- Anonimato.**

**¿Puede un grupo negarse a firmar papeles? Gracias por tu servicio, te quiero.**

**Respuesta:** Laurie- sí y no, no hay violación de la Tradición, este es un asunto externo. El anonimato protege a la persona que firma cualquier documento. El grupo tiene una Conciencia de Grupo para ayudar a tomar estas decisiones.

- 2) En el momento de la Asamblea, ¿puede El Farolito incluir una página para las Declaraciones de Responsabilidad y Unidad, los 12 pasos, las 12 tradiciones y los 12 Conceptos?**

**Respuesta:** Candy, Editora de El Farolito- Esta es una buena idea. Mirando ediciones pasadas de El Farolito el listado de una Tradición ha sido incluido en varias ediciones. Imprimir una página para todas ellas en una sola edición elevaría el costo. Imprimir la declaración de Responsabilidad y Unidad en cada número sería razonable. Añadir el Paso, la Tradición y los Conceptos podría hacerse cada mes y sería más rentable. Si, en ocasiones, sobra alguna página (por ejemplo, sólo 19 páginas), esto sería factible para los números de la Asamblea y se estudiará. Las páginas tienen que sumar incrementos de 4 para que el tamaño y el plegado sean adecuados.

- 3) ¿Qué podemos hacer con los antiguos equipos de interpretación bilingüe sin romper la tradición de AA?**

**Respuesta:** Nevin D-9- O los guardamos, los vendemos o los tiramos a la basura. Si los donamos o vendemos, advertimos sobre romper las tradiciones. Tratas de seguir las tradiciones, como se sienta cada individuo importa, advertimos que no afiliamos apoyamos y nos referimos a las tradiciones para tomar la mejor decisión y si se equivoca, la conciencia del grupo de Área puede traer una decisión informada y si me equivoco no soy un experto en tradiciones