

Area 50

General Service Assembly

1.24.26



BUILDING OUR SERVICE COMMITTEES

KICKOFF

PANEL 76

Program for Online Members

Area 50 Committee Meeting Information

details on www.area50wny.org

Archives

Fourth Wed each month
6p (Hybrid)

Monthly Work Nights:
Third Wed (6p) &
First Sat (10a)
@ 111 Crocker St, Sloan NY

Heidi p76archives@area50wny.org

Accessibilities

Fourth Monday each month
7:15p with Lex L
p76accessibility@area50wny.org

TBA Meetings

CPC - chair needed

Finance with Ron B
p76finance@area50wny.org

Treatment with James Oliver
p76treatment@area50wny.org

Corrections

Second Thursday each month
8p with Jim P
p76corrections@area50wny.org

Communications

Second Wednesday each month
8p with Bob C
p76corrsecretary@area50wny.org

Grapevine

Third Wednesday each month
7:30p with Don W
p76grapvine@area50wny.org

Web/Tech

First Thursday each month
7p with Dan S
p76webchair@area50wny.org

Public Information

First Wednesday each month
7p with Tim H
p76pic@area50wny.org

GSR Orientation

Third Sunday each month
7p with Emma K
p76gsrorientation@area50wny.org

District Committee Meeting

Third Thursday each month
7p with Mary Jo
p76dcmc@area50wny.org

Area Committee Meeting

Changes Monthly
Next Meeting: 2/9 @ 7p

Brian B
p76areachair@area50wny.org
ALL are welcome to attend!

Join a Committee!

The following positions are available in Area 50,
your District and within your Home Group.

Be the hand of AA!

For each Service Committee, there are:

Resources on
www.aa.org

Workbooks

Guidelines

Service Manual

Quarterly Report from GSO

Resources on
www.area50wny.org

Events

Descriptions

Meeting Times

Area 50 Handbook

Accessibilities Workbook

M-48i - Accessibilities Workbook

Accessibilities
WORKBOOK

www.aa.org

For A.A.s seeking to carry the message to alcoholics who experience barriers to accessing A.A.'s program of recovery, this workbook offers shared experience on working with Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing and Blind individuals; with Elder alcoholics; and in underserved or remote communities. Physical barriers and access issues are also discussed.

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Accessibility Committee explores, develops and offers resources to make the AA message and participation in our program available to alcoholics with special needs that limit their access to the full AA experience.

ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE

Fourth Monday each month
7:15p with Lex L
p76accessibility@area5Owny.org

A.A. Guidelines

From: GSO, Box 48i, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

Accessibility for All Alcoholics

AA Systems are unique in that they are designed to change the way we live our lives. That can often present a challenge. Through the Years Alcoholics Anonymous have developed a set of guidelines to help members and supporters of AA to make the AA message accessible to all alcoholics, regardless of their physical, mental, or emotional challenges. These guidelines are designed to help members and supporters of AA to make the AA message accessible to all alcoholics, regardless of their physical, mental, or emotional challenges.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION
AA is a service organization. AA is not a medical organization. This publication is not a medical publication.

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MG-16 A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility for All Alcoholics

Guidelines for providing an accessible meeting space and how to effectively carry the A.A. message to those with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

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RESOURCES - OTHER
[Archives Preservation Guidelines](#)
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RESOURCES - GUIDELINES
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RESOURCES - KIT LIST/WORKBOOK
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... Archives Workbook M-44i - Archives Workbook For ... in service in A.A. archives, this workbook ...

RESOURCES - FLYERS
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ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Fourth Wed each month, 6p (Hybrid)

Monthly Work Nights:
Third Wed (6p) & First Sat (10a)
@ 111 Crocker St, Sloan NY
Heidi p76archives@area50ny.org

M-44i - Archives Workbook



For A.A.s interested in service in A.A. archives, this workbook offers shared experience on committee activities, setting up a repository, preservation work, copyright, collecting oral histories and more. Also provides information about accessing materials in the GSO Archives.

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Archives Committee acquires and preserves AA and Area 50 history.



Contents of CPC Kit List

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COMMITTEES

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

... Community (CPC) Members of CPC committees inform ...



RESOURCES - FLYERS

CPC/Public Information Service Cards

... CPC/Public Information ... GSO has created one CPC and five PI Service ...



RESOURCES - KIT LIST/WORKBOOK

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Workbook

... Community (CPC) Workbook m-41i - ... Community (CPC) Workbook For A.A.s ...



RESOURCES - FLYERS

C.P.C. Presentation - Let's Be Friendly with Our Friends

... C.P.C. Presentation - ... Our Friends F-175 C.P.C. Presentation - ...



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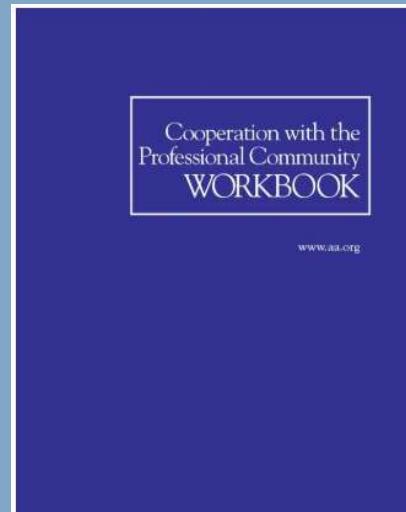
CPC Service Card: Meeting Guide App.

... CPC Service Card: ... GSO has created one CPC and five PI Service ...

Cooperation with Professional Community
meets with any group of individuals –
professionals, churches, students,
healthcare professionals, senior citizens,
etc – that need information about what
AA is and what it is not.

CPC COMMITTEE

****SERVICE OPPORTUNITY****
p76cpc@area5Owny.org



m-41i - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Workbook

For A.A.s serving on Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) committees, this workbook offers shared experience on working with nonalcoholic professionals (including those in the healthcare, psychiatric, corrections, pastoral and legal fields) to carry the message to the sick alcoholic. Sample letters to various professionals provide additional guidance.

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Corrections WORKBOOK

www.aa.org

M-45i - Corrections Workbook

For A.A.s undertaking service in corrections settings, this workbook offers shared experience on forming effective committees and on carrying the message "behind the walls," including starting meetings in various kinds of facilities; funding A.A. literature; and becoming a Prerelease Contact. Individual A.A.s can learn about the Corrections Correspondence Service as well.

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Correctional Facilities Committee assists individuals, groups, and districts in carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers, especially those confined in, or recently released from jails, prisons, and other correctional facilities.

A.A. Guidelines

Corrections Committees
New 050, Box 650, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

AA Guidelines are designed for the shared experience of A.A. members in various prison areas. They also reflect guidelines for the use of the New York Tradition in Corrections. General Service Office, A.A. and General Service Committee, A.A. are the only ones in authority to make alterations of other groups of A.A. as a whole; most decisions are made in the group conditions of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an informed group conclusion.

HOW A.A. CARRY THE MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

The purpose of a corrections committee is to coordinate the work of affiliated A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers in various prison areas. It is not the purpose of a corrections committee to recruit new members or to act as an agency of advertising. It is the purpose of a corrections committee to assist A.A. members in carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers in various prison areas. Additional information is available in the Corrections section of AAIS website at www.aa.org or you can contact GSO Corrections office at 212-537-3500.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Perhaps the first step would be to contact your local area committee and, if there is an existing corrections committee, they will connect you with the appropriate person. If there is no existing corrections committee, you may have the opportunity to participate in corrections "Health" that work by working a corrections group representative. It has power to make recommendations to the area committee. If you are a corrections committee chairperson, you may have the opportunity to make recommendations to the area committee. If a corrections committee chairperson is involved in your district, that person is the key to success. Thus, a chairperson is needed and, after the chairperson is in place, the committee can begin to work with the A.A. office. This committee chairperson often participates with the GSO Corrections office in the preparation of the Corrections section of AAIS website. This committee chairperson often participates with the Corrections Committee at the Corrections Conference, held annually at the General Service Conference, and during Conference. If you are a corrections committee chairperson, you may have the opportunity to make recommendations to the area committee. If you are a new committee, please let your corrections committee write the General Service Office in New York by contacting 2507-a or the Corrections Committee at 212-537-3500. Your corrections chairperson will be put on a mailing list and receive a Corrections Workbook and other service information.

FUNCTIONS OF CORRECTIONS COMMITTEES

The basic functions of corrections committees are described in the Corrections section of AAIS website and in the Corrections Conference. Corrections committees, when allowed to do so at their A.A. meeting, are better suited to carry out these functions. They encourage "outside" groups to work with them, and they encourage "inside" groups to work with them. Corrections committees are not affiliated with any one group, but are a group corrections representative. The committee provides a forum for liaison between the institutional authorities, area and district committees, and the General Service Conference. Corrections committees in some areas, Corrections Committees work with GSO and other staff offices about increasing A.A. services to those who are incarcerated.

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Second Thursday each month
8p with Jim P
p76corrections@area5Owny.org

MG-06 A.A. Guidelines on Corrections Committees

Shared experience on how A.A. committees can make Alcoholics Anonymous a resource for correctional facilities.

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GRAPEVINE News

What's New For February 2026

Pass
it on!



We're happy to share some great news: the AA Grapevine and La Viña apps are now available across the European Union on both iOS and Android.

This expansion means even more members around the world can access shared experience, strength, and hope, right from their smartphones, wherever they are.

Our digital reach continues to grow. Thank you for being part of the global Grapevine and La Viña community.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE ASSISTS GROUPS IN AREA 50 WITH THE DISTRIBUTION AND INTRODUCTION OF THE GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE.

GRAPEVINE & LITERATURE COMMITTEE

Third Wednesday each month
7:30p with Don W
p76grapvine@area50wny.org

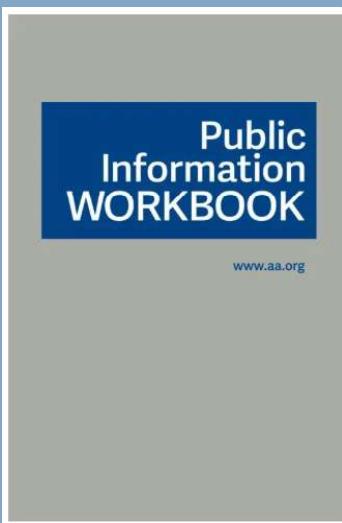
M-52i - Literature Workbook

This workbook is service material, reflecting A.A. experience shared at the General Service Office. A.A. workbooks are compiled from the practical experience of A.A. members in the various service areas. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada).

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M-27i - Public Information Workbook

For A.A.s serving on Public Information (P.I.) committees, this workbook offers shared experience on carrying the message through various media, including print, radio, TV and the Internet, as well as on organizing workshops and creating presentations. Sample letters to various professionals provide additional guidance.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

First Wednesday each month
7p with Tim H
p76pic@area5Owny.org

MG-07 A.A. Guidelines on Public Information

Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media.

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U.S. and Canada ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS GROUP INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

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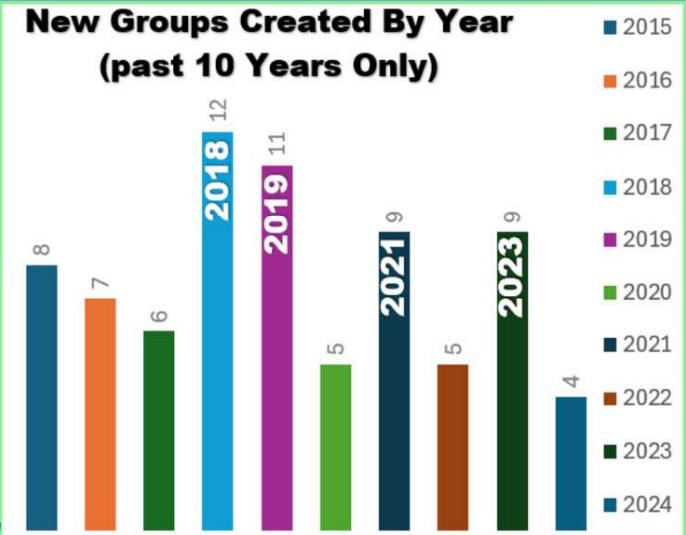
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Name: _____ Street: _____ City/Town: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____			
<p>If the Group is to be listed in the Directory, please provide a telephone number and mailing address for the G.S.R., Alternate G.S.R., or Group contact. Listing in the Directory is for Twelfth Step referral and/or for meeting information. The G.S.R.'s (or other contact) name and telephone number will be included in the Directory with the group's name and service number.</p> <p>OK TO LIST IN THE DIRECTORY? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>SIGNATURE: _____</p>			
<p>"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. Membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group they have no other affiliation." — Tradition Three (the long form)</p> <p>"Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose — that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers." — Tradition Five (the long form)</p> <p>"Unless there is approximate conformity to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, the group... can deteriorate and die." — Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 174.</p>			
<p>THREE WAYS TO RETURN THIS FORM:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Postal Mail to: A.A. World Services, Inc. General Central Station P.O. Box 4593 New York, NY 10163</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> By Fax: 212-870-3003 (Attn: Records)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: records@aa.org</p>			
<p>F-28 - Revised 7-09</p>			

REGISTRAR

Nancy P
p76registrar@area5Owny.org

Working together,
members will help the
Registrar to keep a
Current Active list of all
Active and Inactive
Groups in the eight
counties of Area 5O.
Please email Nancy P to
receive help to complete
the Group Information
Change Form.





M-40I - Treatment Committee Workbook

For A.A.s serving on treatment committees, this workbook offers shared experience on honoring the Traditions while working within the guidelines of various facilities. Explains temporary contact/Bridging the Gap programs and provides sample letters for additional guidance.

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THE TREATMENT COMMITTEE OFFERS
FORUM TO DISTRICTS FOR SHARING
THEIR EXPERIENCE IN CARRYING THE
AA MESSAGE INTO TREATMENT
FACILITIES AND COORDINATES
BRIDGING THE GAP ACTIVITIES.



TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Monthly Meeting TBA
James O
p76treatment@area50wny.org

MG-14 A.A. Guidelines on Treatment Committees

The purpose and basic functions of Treatment Committees, as well as guidelines on how to start and operate a Treatment Committee to carry the message of A.A.

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Technology in Alcoholics Anonymous

TIAA-Forum: Empowering the Recovery Community

AA Members Sharing Tech to Carry the Message of Recovery

We provide two ways of learning and sharing on this site:

Option 1 is **Hot Topics** Option 2 is **The Forum**

Hot Topics

This section of the site provides a growing collection of very popular topics that have been discussed at length in the TIAA

- **Phone Service for 24/7 Hotline For Alcoholics**

The original poster of this topic to the TIAA Forum requested recommendations for a 24-hour hotline phone service with an app for call forwarding. As you may be aware, a hotline answering service is one of the most important services provided by AA entities like Intergroups since they are often the first point of contact for alcoholics reaching out for help. Capitalize (Enter)

WEB-TECH COMMITTEE

First Thursday each month
7p with Dan S
p76webchair@area5Owny.org

The WebTech Committee is to coordinate development efforts, administer and maintain the Website of the Western New York Area Assembly (Area 5O) of Alcoholics Anonymous, on the World Wide Web, and facilitate the anonymous use of email.



GSR ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

Third Sunday each month
7p with Emma K
p76gsrorientation@area50wny.org

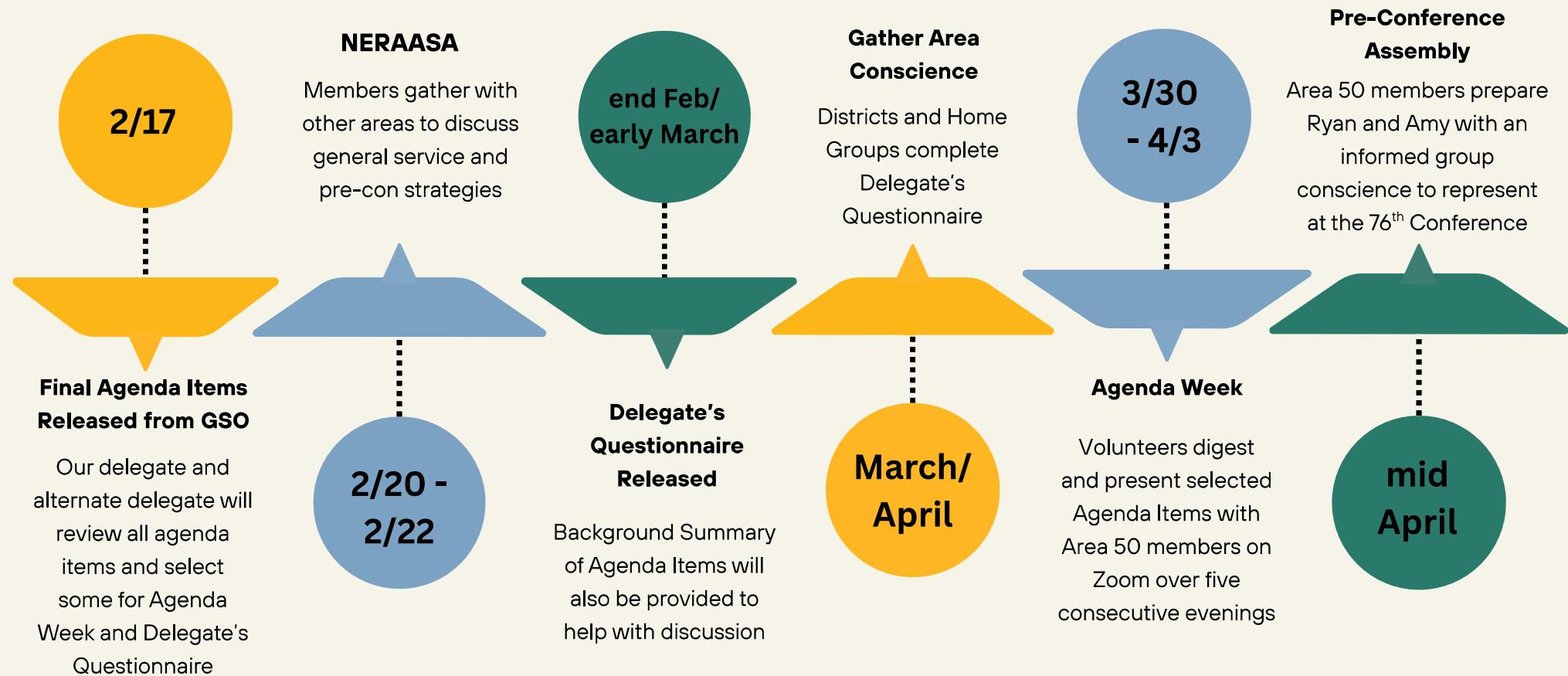
Support Needed:

- Educate GSRs and other members about general service and GSR duties
- Monthly GSR Virtual Coffee Hour
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Pre-Conference Timeline

Pre-Conference Timeline

presented by:

Delegate Ryan L p76delegate@area50wny.org & **Alternate Delegate Amy H** p76altdelegate@area50wny.org



These slides are available on
www.area50wny.org
under the 'Committees' page.

If you hold a service chair position within the District, you are a member of that correlating Committee at the Area level.

If you are a service chair position within your Home Group, you are a member of that correlating Committee at the District level.

GSRs can share these slides with their home group members at business meetings. Please encourage Group Service Reps attend committee meetings at District and Area levels to keep home group informed of service opportunities and news.