

**D23 District Meeting – \*IN PERSON ONLY\***

April 14, 2022

6:30 PM

Saint Andrews Episcopal Church  
2105 W Market St, Greensboro, NC 27403

District 23 Donation Information for Groups and Members

**\*Please include your Group name or GSN when submitting your payment.**

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# How the District 23 Committee Meeting Operates

(Adapted from HOW THE CONFERENCE OPERATES)

*Generally speaking, we loosely follow Robert's Rules of Order and, with any luck, the whole meeting proceeds on as informal a basis as possible.*

## **General Rules of Debate:**

- People who wish to speak raise their hand to be recognized by the stack keeper\*.
- Voting is by a show of hands for or against a motion.

## **Examples of the Process:**

- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion passes >> Minority opinion requested
- Motion made >> Motion seconded >> Discussion >> Vote >> Motion fails >> Minority opinion requested >> Request to reconsider motion made >> Request to reconsider seconded >> Vote >> Reconsider gets greater than 50% >> Discussion resumes >> Vote >> Motion passes or fails (no further reconsideration)

## **Substantial Unanimity:**

- All matters of policy require substantial unanimity - or a two-thirds vote.

## **Minority Opinion:**

- After the establishment of rejection of any matter of policy by a two-thirds vote, the non-prevailing side will always be given the opportunity to speak to its opposition. There is no rebuttal.

## **Request to Reconsider:**

- Must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the prevailing side and now, after further consideration, wishes to change their vote.
- Requires a second from any voting member.
- Requires only a simple majority to cause reconsideration. If passed, full debate, pro and con, is resumed on the action.
- No action may be reconsidered twice.

## **“Why Do We Need a Conference?”** from p. S20 *The A.A. Service Manual*

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life. "We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. "We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

# District 23 Meeting Agenda

## April 14, 2022

Why Do We Need a Conference?

Roll Call + Welcome: New GSRs/Alt GSRs: Please e-mail the Web Committee ([webcommittee@nc23.org](mailto:webcommittee@nc23.org)) so we can get you signed up for e-mails and text notifications. For District notices text sign up: text 474747 and then type eznc23

You can update your group's listing with GSO at this link: <https://aanorthcarolina.org/contacts/area-officers/registrar/gcf>

Approval of Minutes (available on [nc23.org](http://nc23.org))

Are there any groups with any special needs?

**Reports** (Full reports are written and are available at the end of the agenda. Each position is given 1-2 minutes maximum for a quick summary and to advise the meeting of any special needs. Questions from the floor are welcome.)

Cooperation with the Professional Community & Public Information (CPC/PI)

Accessibilities

Grapevine

Special Events

Correctional Facilities (CFC)

Treatment Facilities (TFC)

Web & Technology

Intergroup Representative

Treasurer

Alt DCM

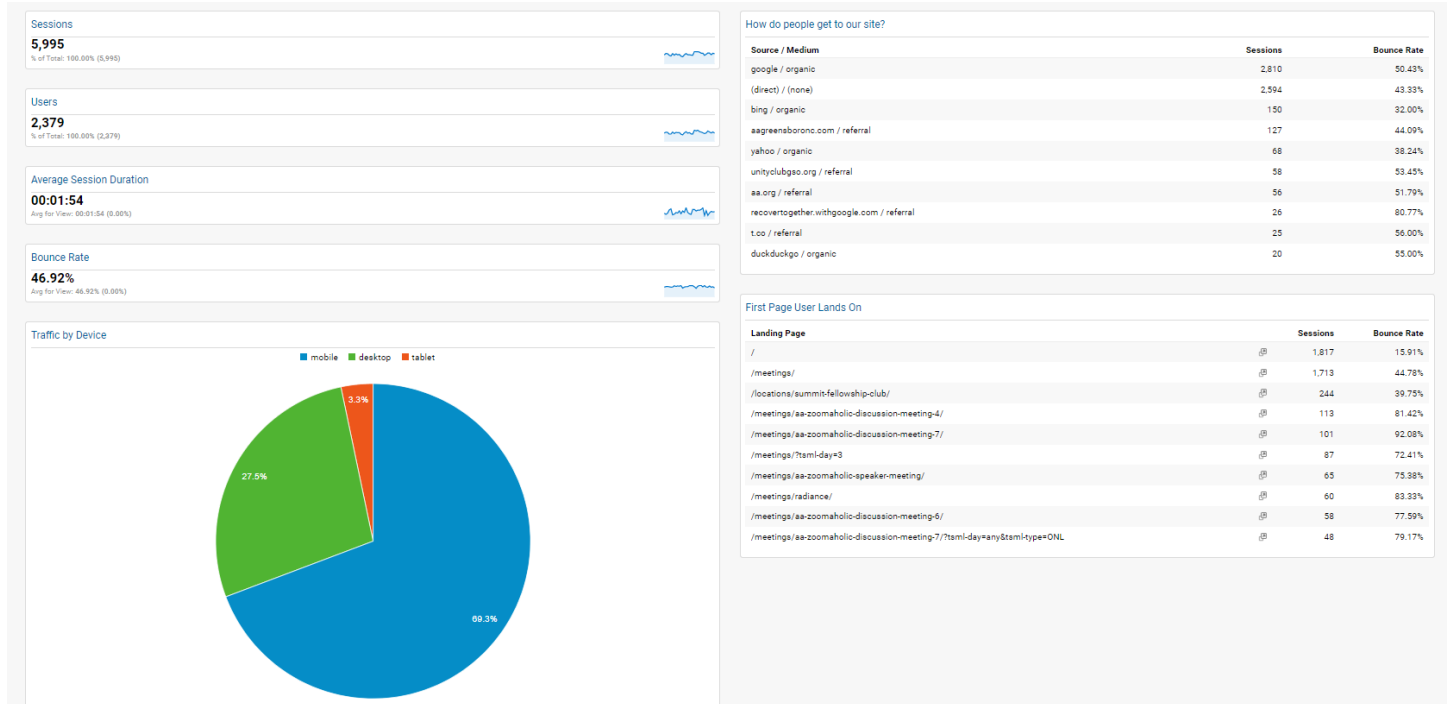
LCM

DCM

- "Service Nerds," Greensboro's service manual study meets at 6:15p every Wednesday night on Zoom. Details are on [nc23.org](http://nc23.org)
- Spring Assembly: **Hotel room cut-off is May 13.** Unity Fund available for GSRs who's groups cannot afford a hotel room – please let Kimberly know if you would like to use this fund. **Deadline May 9.**
- Story Submission for 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Big Book: **Deadline October 31, 2022.** *The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 6 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of the submission. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not. Stories will be accepted in English, French or Spanish. If you have any questions, please write to [5BBStory@aa.org](mailto:5BBStory@aa.org). Instructions for submitting your manuscript:*

Online: [aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5<sup>th</sup>](http://aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th)

## Web & Technology



### Old Business

Open Positions: LCM, CPC/PI, Accessibilities, Grapevine

### New Business

Area Surplus - \$11,725

### Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

## Committee Reports

**CPC/PI:** Vacant

**Special Events:** No report submitted

**Accessibilities:** Vacant

**CFC:** No report submitted

**TFC:** No report submitted

**GV:** Vacant

**Web & Tech:** No report submitted

## Open Positions

**Local Committee Member (LCM):** LCMs currently attend meetings for groups that are not represented at District Meetings to announce District events and try to encourage participation at the District and Area level. LCMs attend and give reports at all District Committee Meetings. LCMs also attend and participate in all Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies (4 Weekends per Year) as well as Area Workshops as appropriate.

**Accessibilities Coordinator:** Accessibilities goes beyond just physical limitations and disabilities, and the Accessibility Coordinator helps to ensure that District 23's meetings are as accessible as possible to all alcoholics regardless of their situation. In addition to responding to requests and inquiries that are received, the

Accessibilities Coordinator works with the Area 51 Accessibilities Coordinator and helps to locate resources for those who may need accommodation. Also, the Coordinator helps to maintain the accessibilities inventory of the District to make certain the District is aware of what meetings are and are not accessible for a variety of needs.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information Chairperson (CPC/PI):**

CPC/PI responds to requests from professional groups and other organizations for information about AA. CPC/PI includes things such as setting up a booth at a health fair, speaking to a group of medical professionals, or the far more mundane making sure that ABC stores and doctor offices have pamphlets and meeting schedules. Ideally CPC/PI coordinates with the Area 51 CPC and PI coordinators and is supported by a committee.

**Grapevine Coordinator:** The Grapevine coordinator helps to increase awareness of the AA Grapevine in the district. In addition to working with meetings' grapevine representatives, the Grapevine coordinator participates in district events providing announcements and often door prizes.