

# Fall 2021 Assembly Information

**Note: The assembly does not have an online or Zoom option. It is held only in person at Lake Junaluska, NC.**

If you still need a room please go to <https://www.lakejunaluska.com/accommodations/>

**The schedule on pages 5-7 of this packet includes changes that were made through Sunday, November 7. This is expected to be more up to date than the schedule distributed at the assembly.**

Due to staffing shortages, there will not be a shuttle available between the hotels and other meeting areas.

Check-in will not be at the hotels. It will be at the Bethea Welcome Center (91 N Lakeshore Dr, 28745) after 3:00 PM. This is immediately on your left when you turn into Lake Junaluska from US-19.

If you bought a meal plan for the event, lunch on Saturday is served from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM. If you are staying both Friday and Saturday nights and purchased a meal plan, you will receive your meal tickets when you check-in. If you are only staying Saturday night and purchased a meal plan, Saturday lunch will begin before the hotel check-in time, and you can pick up your meal tickets up at the Terrace front desk (right below the dining hall).

Attendees do need to have a valid ID and credit card in order to check in to the hotel.

Mealtimes are:

(Part of 5-meal plan only)

Friday Dinner 5:30pm-7:00pm

Saturday Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am

(Part of 3- and 5-meal plan)

Saturday Lunch 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Saturday Dinner 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday Breakfast 7:30am - 8:30am

The dining staff is aware of any food allergies that were given to them when you made the reservation. Please let the food service staff know upon going to the dining room and they can assist ensuring they get the proper food.

Lake Junaluska recommends that all attendees wear masks but does not mandate them.

Due to COVID and being short staffed Lake Junaluska is not doing in room cleaning until guests check out. If new toiletries, towels or trash pickup is needed, please leave dirty items outside the door and housekeeping will pick up the old and drop off the new. You can also call the front desk at any time.

## **THE NINE (9) KNOWN AGENDA ITEMS**

**AGENDA ITEM #1: That the 2022 Area 51 Corrections Conference, “33<sup>rd</sup> Freedom from Bondage” be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, N.C. on March 11-13, 2022.**

**Background Information:** The Area Committee and Area Assembly must approve the proposed location and dates of the annual Area 51 Corrections Conference.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: To approve the proposed Area 51 2022 Budget.**

**Background Information:** The proposed 2022 budget comes moved and seconded from the Area 51 Budget and Finance Subcommittee. Copies of the proposed 2022 budget have been made available.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: That Area 51 adopt the GSR Unity Fund as a permanent budgeted item to allow GSRs with financial difficulty to participate in Area assemblies. The Unity Fund will continue to support 4 rooms at each Assembly covering an annual maximum of 8 room nights.**

**Background Information:** The GSR Unity Fund was established for a 2 year trial basis in November 2018 and was utilized to its maximum potential. This motion will make this a permanent budget item.

**Budgetary Impact:** Based on the 2022 assemblies the budgetary impact is up to \$1174 (4 room nights at the Charlotte University Place for the Spring and 4 room nights at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills for the Fall) with an additional one time prudent reserve increase of \$587.

**AGENDA ITEM #4: That Area 51 utilize the Zoom Account on a permanent basis. The Area Chair or designee will determine assignment and use of the Account.**

**Background Information:** The Zoom account was purchased in March of 2020 in response to the pandemic. The account has been used to conduct Area 51 business to include assemblies, preconference's, committee and subcommittee meetings, and workshops. It has proven to be a viable tool to facilitate more involvement, efficiency and productivity for the area.

**Budgetary Impact:** The financial impact would be an annual cost of \$1,140, based upon current rates. The impact to the prudent reserve will be \$570.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: That the Alternate Convention Chair become a member of the Committee with a voice, but no vote, unless the Convention Chair is absent. Travel expenses will come from the Area Budget to match the Convention Chair expenses.**

**Background Information:** There have been occasions in the past when an emergency has arisen for the Convention Chair that prevented the individual from serving. In such cases, the Alternate Convention Chair assumes all responsibilities of the Convention Chair. These responsibilities include in part planning, organizing and conducting the annual N.C. State Convention under the general guidance and as a member of the Area 51 General Service Committee. In this event, it would benefit the Area if the Alternate Chair has the experience of being on the Area Committee.

**Budgetary Impact:** The financial impact would be an annual cost of \$2,165. The impact to the prudent reserve will be \$1083.

**AGENDA ITEM #6:**

**That the 2023 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center.**  
**That the 2023 Fall Committee / Assembly be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills.**  
**That the 2024 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Hilton Charlotte Airport.**  
**That the 2024 Spring Committee / Assembly Meeting be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills.**  
**That the 2024 State Convention be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills.**  
**That the 2024 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center.**  
**That the 2024 Fall Committee / Election Assembly be held at Lake Junaluska.**  
**That the 2025 Spring Committee / Assembly be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills.**  
**That the 2025 State Convention be held at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills.**

Per 2021 Spring Advisory Action, Winter Committee Meeting 2025 will be selected at a later date.

**Background Information:** The Site Investigation Subcommittee is charged with finding, evaluating and recommending sites to hold all Area 51 events for the two-year period of August 2023 to July 2025. These events are four Area Committee Meetings, four Area Assembly and Committee Meetings, and 2024 and 2025 North Carolina State Conventions.

To select a site, the subcommittee evaluated the most competitive bids submitted from around the State factoring in reasonable room rates, the cost and size of meeting rooms, coffee costs, and other costs such as cost of parking. Also considered were hotel amenities, smoking policies and nearby affordable restaurants.

In keeping with the challenge from the membership, our goal was to balance the accessibility of a site with choosing locations from all parts of the state.

The Site Investigation Subcommittee started the selection process in mid-2019 by identifying and sending Requests For Proposals to 64 locations across North Carolina. Phone calls and emails followed to insure replies. The sites included non-traditional venues, such as resorts and retreat centers, following the direction of the membership. Of the 64 sites, 5 returned bids.

The Subcommittee examined all bids with a detailed cost analysis and further negotiation with each hotel. We placed the information into the same comparative analysis format as was developed by the previous site investigation subcommittees. This listed any specific dates that a site provided where possible, in order to provide the most detailed report to the membership. We decided there were no viable options for the Winter Committee Meeting 2025. That site will be selected at a later date.

**AGENDA ITEM #7: That the Area 51 Website Policies ‘Public Content and Features’ be augmented to allow notices of Area 51 intergroup, district and YPAA-sponsored events to be posted on the Area 51 Website.**

**Background Information:**

Add the following wording as an additional bullet to the VII Public Content and Features:

“Notices of Area 51 intergroup, district or YPAA-sponsored events, with topics that would be of interest to AA members across a variety of districts within our Area. If in person, the date and address will be shown. If a virtual or hybrid gathering, provide the date and time, with a link to a source for that district with the online link information. –

The area events will be highlighted so they are clearly distinguishable from other events – this is to promote the events as much as possible, and to guide the reader to the source of the information]

**AGENDA ITEM #8: That the Area 51 Website Policies ‘Public Content and Features’ be modified such that the Area Assembly meeting notices (without background details), Area Assembly meeting agendas (without background details), and Area Assembly schedule be accessible in the ‘Public Content and Features’ section.**

**Background Information:** Many of the requests for information, and need to gain knowledge of a district’s login credentials, are from GSRs and other AA members wanting information about Area Assemblies, specifically those listed above. There is no specific reason why these need to be behind authentication challenges. The Assembly information will be available in both the private (secured by ID/Password credentials) and public sections with the background details existing only in the private section.

**AGENDA ITEM #9:**

**That the Area 51 Website Policies Composition be amended as follows:**

- **Add subcommittee voting privileges to the webmaster**
- **Add the role of subcommittee Technical Advisor, of which there can be multiple, with subcommittee voting privileges to serve a one-year term which can be renewed multiple times. The advisors are first approved by the website subcommittee and recommended for approval at the winter committee meeting, for the year long-term starting at the conclusion of that winter committee meeting.**
- Clarify the third bullet under 'Scope' to mirror wording elsewhere in the P3
- **Move the Website Composition, Scope and Procedure content to the P3 under the description of Website Subcommittee, and reference that in the Website Policies document available from the Area 51 website, among other locations**

**Background Information:**

- First paragraph under composition is changed from:

The voting membership of the website committee is composed of District Committee Members and in their absence, their alternates, from each region in the Area. Districts within each region will be represented on a rotating basis. to the following:

The membership of the website subcommittee is composed of

- DCMs and their alternates, from the regions in the Area1
- The webmaster2
- Technical advisors ○ These are AA members who have expressed interest in the role, and who have been recommended for that role officially by the subcommittee.

Each of the DCMs, the webmaster, and the technical advisors are voting members. If a DCM is absent, the alternate DCM can vote in their place. We welcome all who wish to participate in the subcommittee, especially those who have a passion for technology or its application to help the sick and suffering alcoholic.

- Third bullet under Scope changed from

Recommend to the Area Chair an individual to serve as Webmaster that will do the design, build and day-to-day maintenance of the website.

to the following:

Follow the Third Legacy procedure to elect a Webmaster and recommend that individual to the incoming Area Chair for approval by the Area Election Assembly.

*Please note: The order of consideration of these nine (9) main motions on the Fall Assembly Agenda may be different.*

## Friday Afternoon / Evening, November 12, 2021

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Officers' Meeting (Area Officers only)	Stuart Rehearsal Room
4:00 – 10:00 PM	 Coffee Available	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)
4:00-5:30 PM	Budget & Finance Subcommittee (Subcommittee members only)	Harrell 105
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Early Assembly Registration	Harrell 202
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Open "Early Bird" A.A. Meeting	Harrell 105
8:00 – 10:30 PM	Area Committee Meeting: Committee members only	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)

## Saturday Morning, November 13, 2021

Convention registration will be open during breaks, and at other times throughout the weekend. Our Convention Chair, Archivist, Literature, Grapevine, CPC, PI, CF, Accessibilities, Spanish-Lang. and TF Coordinators are voting members of this Assembly. Please respect their responsibility to participate fully in Assembly activities. The Area Archives will be open periodically throughout the weekend. First-time Assembly attendees are encouraged to attend the workshop: “How the Assembly Operates” & “Twelve Concepts of World Service”.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6:30-7:30 AM	Early Bird Morning Meditation Meeting	Harrell 105
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Assembly Registration	Harrell 202
8:30 AM – 1:30 PM	North Carolina State Convention Registration, Area 51 Archives Display Treatment Facilities, Corrections, Accessibilities, CPC, and PI Displays	Harrell 201 (Susan Todd)
8:00 AM – 1:30 PM	Coffee Available Grapevine & AAWS Literature Tables	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Budget & Finance Subcommittee (Subcommittee members only) Site Investigation Subcommittee (Subcommittee members only)	Terrace 213 Terrace 319
10:15-11:15 AM	Website Subcommittee (Subcommittee members only) Growth & Maintenance Subcommittee (Subcommittee members only)	<del>Terrace</del> -213 Terrace 319
9:00 – 10:00 AM	How the Assembly Operates	Harrell Center Aud. (A/B/C)
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Twelve Concepts of World Service Literature Grapevine Public Information (PI)/Cooperation w/ Professional Communities (CPC) Treatment Facilities Accessibilities	Harrell 105 Harrell Auditorium A Harrell Auditorium B Harrell Auditorium C Terrace 211 Harrell 102 (Service)

## Saturday Afternoon / Evening, November 13, 2021

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>1:30 – 6:00 PM</b>	<b>AREA ASSEMBLY IN SESSION</b>	<b>Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)</b>
6:00 – 7:30 PM	<i>Dinner Break</i>	
7:00 – 10:00 PM	 Coffee Available	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)
7:30 – 9:45 PM	English and Spanish Workshops	<i>see below</i>
ALSO 7:30 – 9:45 PM	Area 51 Archives Display	Harrell 201 (Susan Todd)

## Sunday Morning, November 14, 2021

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
6:30-7:30 AM	Morning Meditation Meeting	Harrell Auditorium (A/B/C)
7:30 – 11:30 AM	 Coffee Available	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Open Speaker Meeting David N., Past General Service Trustee	Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)
<b>9:40 – 11:45 AM</b>	<b>AREA ASSEMBLY IN SESSION</b>	<b>Harrell Center Auditorium (A/B/C)</b>