

aaHG Group Conscience

minutes

Date: **March 21, 2026**

Time: **03:15pm EST.**

Co Chair: **Eddie V.**

SC Members Present

Eddie V. (Co-Chair), Joe W. (IT Co-Chair), Dave M. (MAL), Celina (Training Co-Chair), Lizzy (GSR), Nicole (MAL), Bob C. (MAL), Harold (Comm/Lit Chair), Kristy (Safety Co-Chair), Albert (Treasurer), Angela (Scheduling Chair), Katy F. (Training Co-Chair), Manny (OIAA) Monica (Alt OIAA) Andy H. (Alt GSR) Ryan M. (MAL).

We averaged at around 35 total members for the duration of the meeting.

Opening Prayer

The session was inaugurated with a moment of silence for the alcoholic still suffering, followed by the Serenity Prayer led by Eddie V.

Tradition Of The Month Reading

Celina read both the short and long form of Tradition Three, "The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking." - Short form Pg 139, 12 & 12.

“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.” - Long Form Pg 189, 12 & 12.

New Business

Before the reports were given, Eddie reminded the group as a general guideline hands should be raised for anything missed or left off the reports or questions about what was heard.

Secretary Report

Jo Unicorn presented the report.

Secretary Report

Date: 03-21-2026

Motions

- One (1) new motion has been received.
- One (1) Group Conscience minutes to approve:
 - ↘ The 20th February 2026

General Report

The secretary sub committee and Birthday group have been combined into one committee and are meeting on Saturday 28th March, 10:30am EST.

The birthday committee is up to date on posters. We are trying to be inclusive of all holidays and events internationally, so if there is a holiday that you celebrate in your country then please reach out and let us know so we can add it to our suggestions.

Please check the website for the Election Notice, we will be holding an election for the Safety Co-Chair (Male/Non-Binary) at April's Group Conscience.

Please continue to send birthdays to soberbirthdays@aahomegroup.org.

Please continue to send any motions to secretary@aahomegroup.org

Jo Unicorn



Jo shared that there had been one new motion received to be heard at Steering Committee before presented to Group Conscience, encouraged motions and birthdays to be sent to the respective email addresses and confirmed that the Sub-Committee will be meeting Saturday 28th March at 10:30am. Jo asked members to let us know of any special celebrations in their countries that the birthday committee can add to their suggestions.

Jo also apologised for giving a miscalculation at the last Group Conscience regarding the Big Book Program, confirming the amended total of \$813.51 and she also apologised for the delay in posting the Group Conscience Minutes for February. Due to this she did not ask for the minutes to be approved, giving all members time to read them before voting at the next Group Conscience.

Joe motioned to accept the Secretary Report, 2nd by And S.i, but it got rescinded as this was not normal procedure, but rather an idea liked by the Co-chair.

IT report

Joe W gave the report.

He shared that the website has been updated and all dates on there are correct. He will be posting the approved minutes on the website and added that the Zoom renewal fees are due on the 28th.

There were questions from the floor about the motion record and what was happening with that. Eddie shared that Ash was planning on doing this and Jo shared that Liz passed this on to her as Secretary to complete.

Scheduling Report

Angela shared the report.

Scheduling Update - 3/21/26 GC

- **Open service positions at a glance:**
Available By Day

Day	Total Available Service Positions	Total Permanent Service Positions
Monday	56	32
Tuesday	54	34
Wednesday	53	35
Thursday	52	36
Friday	50	38
Saturday	61	27
Sunday	53	35
Total #	379	237
Total %	61.5%	38.5%

Available By Service Position Weekly

	#	%
Host	76	49%
Chair	10	6%
Safety #1	139	90%
Safety #2	154	100%

- The order of days we need our trusted servants help: **Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Sunday, Thursday, Friday**
- Only **10 of our 154 Chair service positions** are now available for sub each week! We have new and returning Chairs requesting to be in service. If you have 4-5 permanent Chair commitments each week, a gentle reminder to remember the spirit of rotation. Thanks for all that you do!

Angela shared that 62% of our service positions are sub-ins. Saturdays specifically are when we have the most open spots, although there are no concerns about filling those, sharing her gratitude for the amazing service members who show up and keep the meetings running.

Angela then spoke on the spirit of rotation regarding Chair spots. There are a lot of Chairs that would like to, but cannot get on the schedule, including newly trained members. Angela asked if any Chairs with 3-4 spots would be willing to drop a spot to open them up.

Angela spoke on the safety lanes, sharing that the growth of the platform is seeing around 80-120+ members each meeting, so it is becoming more of a necessity to have at least two safety lanes filled.

Angela reminded members to try to help find subs when required and try to give as much notice as possible and then welcomed Danielle to the Scheduling team and thanked Chris for his time on the team.

aaHG Telegram chats

From page 6 of the Procedures Manual:

aaHG Announcements:	Announcements for the TS.
aaHG Scheduling Chat:	Scheduling and future coordination.
aaHG Creds:	Requesting Host or Co-Host from the Current Host.
aaHG Safety and Security Chat:	The Current Meeting discussion is only for Current Meeting Hosts and Co-Hosts.
aaHG Communications:	Announcements for the general membership.
aaHG Fellowship:	Open to the general membership for fellowship.

Use of the Scheduling Chat

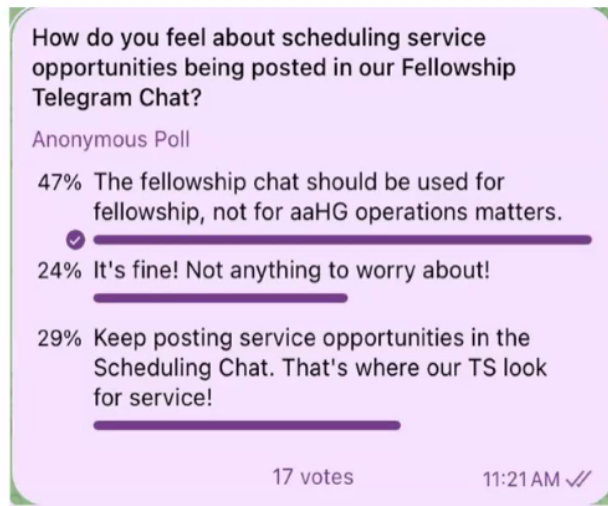
- There is a majority voice supporting that **scheduling-related communications are best kept in the Scheduling chat**, so everything stays in one place and is easier for the team to monitor and respond to.
- For that reason, **we kindly ask that all scheduling-related communications be posted in the Scheduling chat only.**
- **Our aaHG Fellowship chat includes AA members from around the world, many of whom are not currently in service.** We want that space to remain welcoming to newcomers and focused on fellowship rather than operational matters.
- We have also received some feedback regarding GIFs in the Scheduling chat. Because we coordinate 88 service roles each day (616 weekly), GIFs can make it more difficult to quickly review scheduling updates. As a result, we have turned off GIFs and stickers in this chat so that we remain focused on our primary purpose.

Angela continued her report by sharing the purpose of each of the chats, and reminded members that the aaHG fellowship chat has anyone from all over the world including non-alcoholics. Fellowship chat should not be used for operational matters.

Angela took the time to collect feedback and below is the results from the Steering Committee poll agreeing that the scheduling needs should be posted in the Scheduling chat only and concluded her report by sharing that the GIFs will be turned off in the Scheduling chat so we can better manage our scheduling needs and reminds Trusted Servants to add the schedulers to their Telegram contacts so that they can reach out.

Use of the Scheduling Chat Poll Results

- **76% of Steering Committee respondents** indicated that **Scheduling should not be posted in the Fellowship Chat** and **should be posted only in the Scheduling chat.**



Manny added as part of the scheduling team that the duties are dispersed between all committee members and in the chats Trusted Servants can tag one or all of the members as they are all there to serve.

Safety Report

Kristy gave the Safety report.

She started by apologising that she did not have anything prepared, as she was having some technical difficulties and was not able to attend the last Safety Committee meeting, but to her knowledge there has not been any change since the last report (see Steering Committee Minutes for March 12, 2026).

Kristy strongly encourages members to screenshot and document behaviours in the safety chat so there is a living document of things going on so that both she and the soon to be elected Co-chair and committee can follow up promptly and thoroughly, and then finish the report by giving thanks to all members for their hard work.

Treasurer Report

Albert gave the report.

Albert shared that the balance from the end of last month was \$8,285. This month \$825 has been collected from Venmo and \$171.27 from Paypal and Zelle \$61.86 + 6cents interest. We have paid out \$408.49 for monthly fees and licensing/Zoom fees. There will be some bigger fees in June but for right now the only pay out due is for February, which he has reached out to Liz about and is just waiting on her response adding that the lights are not going to go out on us.

Our end balance was \$8,850.55 less the \$5000 that is Albert's for the minimum balance of the account, leaving aaHomeGroup with a balance of \$3,850.55, less the prudent reserve for a final current total of \$1,850.55.

Albert added that with regards to the Big Book Programme, Carla has informed him that, as of February 27th, \$236.16 has been used for 16 books and there is still \$917 remaining in the Big Book Fund. Albert also shared that \$110 has been received and earmarked for the Big Book Programme, but it will not be sent on until she needs it. Albert finalized his report by sharing that there are more funds coming in and that our finances are looking good for next month.

2026 AAHG Records

Report for Period From: 1/1/2026
To: 12/31/2026

Income

Jan 2026

Feb 2026

Mar 2026

Account No. Category Sub-Category
A10.00 Contributions

A10.05	Venmo	\$654.86	\$824.00	\$825.00
A10.90	Paypal	\$210.00	\$336.40	\$171.27
	Zelle	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$61.86
Total Contributions		\$864.94	\$1,160.48	\$1,058.13

Total Income

\$0.06
\$1,058.19

S10.00 Technical Services

S10.05	Domain Names	-53.74		-53.64
S10.10	Zoom Monthly			-342.99
S10.15	Zoom License			-11.86
S10.20	Email Services			
S10.90	Other Technical	-53.74	\$0.00	-408.49
Total Technical Services				

S30.00 Administration

S30.05	Coin Program			
S30.10	Big Book Program		-1,296.91	
	The Trudge			
	Reimbursements			
	7th Tradition to GSO		-1,000.00	
Total Administration		\$0.00	-2,296.91	

End of Month Bank Balance (per bank)	\$9,337.28	\$8,200.85	\$8,850.55
Minus Minimum Account Balance (\$5,000)	\$4,337.28	\$3,200.85	\$3,850.55
Minus Prudent Reserve (\$2,000)	\$2,337.28	\$1,200.85	\$1,850.55

Celina asked if we have been giving to the district, and Albert is in communications with Jeff about this, adding that he thinks this will be best achieved once the GSR is registered with the chosen district.

Joe W. shared about the QR codes not working, sharing that, if you are using your phone to make a payment, you need to have the app on the phone and you have to be logged in for it to scan to the contribution page. If not it will just take you to their Homepage to create an account or to log in.

Communications & Literature Report

Harold gave the report.

Communications & Literature Report

Harold S - Chair – Boston, MA

Current:

- Literature approval committee active recruiting
- Literature approval forum and guidelines created
- Communications email purged
- Sober Birthday post created (2x monthly)
- Dial In phone numbers active
- All hyperlinks working and active
 - Approved literature list
 - The Trudge Archives
 - Speaker Library
 - Additional Resources

Upcoming/Pending:

- Trudge #10 to be posted by Liz
- Trudge #11
 - Theme selected “Hope in AA”
 - Intake Mode
- Improved Tradition 7 exposure
 - Language
 - Website placement
 - Turf to Ad Hoc
- Meeting verification improvement
 - Better resource for inquires
 - How other groups provide this resource
 - Turf to Ad Hoc
- Literature approval committee meeting
 - Reconcile current approved list
 - Use precedence for literature approval
 - Last meeting date 3/13/26 Upcoming meeting TBD
 - Motions to be brought forward

aaHG Approved Literature List

- **AA Conference Approved**

Books

Pamphlets

- **NON-AA Conference Approved**

THE GRAPEVINE COMPILATIONS

"Since each issue of (the) Grapevine cannot go through the Conference approval process, the Conference recognizes (the) Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous." This acknowledgment underscores the Conference's support for Grapevine as a valuable recovery tool.

Other Books Published by The Grapevine

- **Hazelden Publishing**

Resources cover substance use disorders, mental health, family issues, spirituality, and Twelve Step programs.

Daily / Devotionals

Books

Pamphlets

- **Audio & Video**

Silkworth.net, Meditation, Don L, Father Martin, AA Grapevine

Joe and Charlie, Joe McQ, Three Legacies Series

- **Music**

*See list

- **Other Printed Literature**

AA History

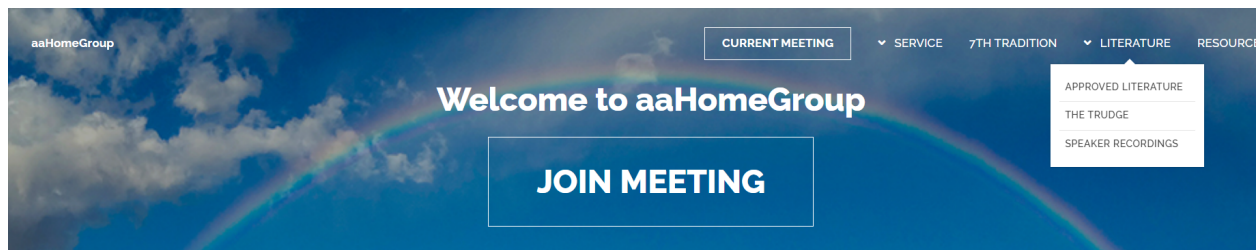
Harold started by sharing that the Literature Committee is actively recruiting, asking that they would like members who are interested in the literature to send an email to communications@aahomegroup.org.

The communications email has been purged and all emails are replied to within 24 hours. The Sober Birthday Flyer goes out twice monthly, The dial in phone numbers were checked and working, including hyperlinks. The Trudge, Issue 10 is with Liz, so as soon as she is available that should be posted. Shortly after, Issue 11 is also being compiled with the topic "Hope in AA".

Tradition 7 exposure and website placement will be discussed with the Adhoc Committee as well as the meeting verification initiative. The committee met on the 13th of March to go through the approved list.

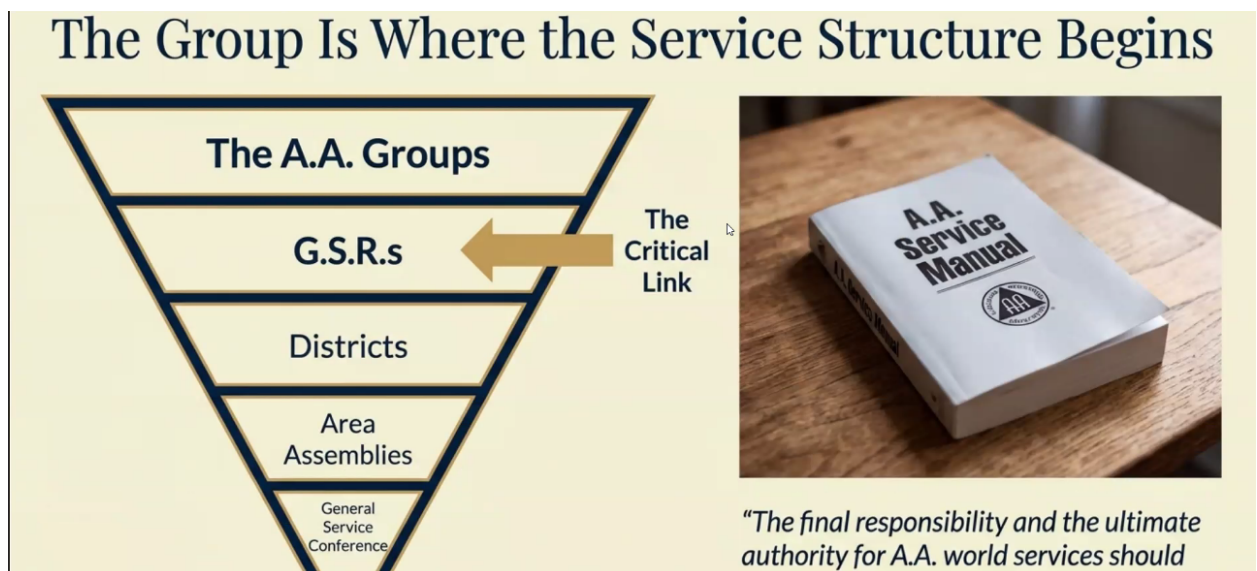
It was questioned about the speaker recordings and Harold shared that his part is to make sure any uploads to the website are working, but there is a committee that is going through the editing and uploading side of things.

It was questioned where to find the speaker tape on our website and Harold shared that it is in the dropdown menu.



GSR Report

Lizzy gave the report.



Lizzy shared a detailed report. Lizzy and the Adhoc Committee are researching different districts for aaHomeGroup to consider, making sure that all our members can participate fully with a voice and a vote regardless of geographical location.

The Role:

The GSR is the link between the group and "A.A. as a whole." When the GSR votes, the group's voice is heard.

The Friction Point:

In a geographic district, a GSR living outside the county lines may be barred from voting. This renders the group silent.

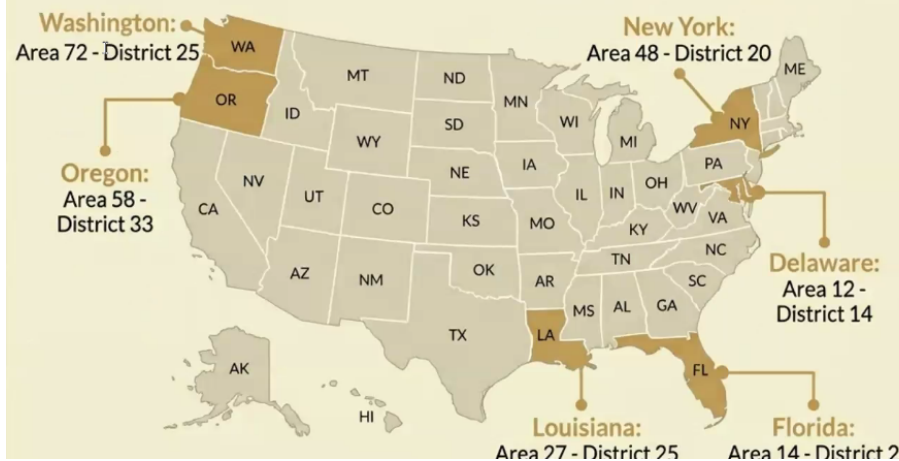
The Requirement:

We must select a district that recognizes Group Identity over Physical Address.



Concept IV: *The Right of Participation.*

The Solution Landscape: Districts Without Borders



The No Borders Philosophy

These districts explicitly welcome non-geographic groups. They allow full participation and voting rights regardless of where the GSR or members reside.

Lizzy shared that some districts are currently in discussion on whether the geographical location is a concern. Area 72, District 25 was the first district recognising online groups, Lizzy has observed some improvement regarding their communications between area and district

- Area 58, District 33 has a lot of great information about those who have accessibility issues and a newly elected DCM.
- Area 48, District 20, which is a smaller and more disorganised district.
- Area 12, District 14 - Lizzy shared that this one looks promising and they are excited about this particular district.
- Area 27, District 25 was very open to more international participation.

Lizzy witnessed a group representing Columbia very active there and had a good conversation with the DCM.

Lizzy added that in most of these districts the DCMs have been asked if they will come and make a presentation which they are open to for our Group Conscience to ask any questions.

Ad Hoc Search Progress (March 18 Updates)		
 Delaware (District 14, Area 12)	 Oregon (District 33, Area 58)	 Western Washington (District 25, Area 72)
Profile: Newer district (5-6 groups). Currently drafting bylaws. 1% digital fee for 7th tradition distributions. ~\$3,500 working balance. Status: Open to discussing international representation. Next observation meeting is April 7.	Profile: Highly active district with over 29 meetings. Status: Committee member Jeff is scheduled to meet with the newly elected DCM in late March to vet our absolute dealbreakers.	Profile: Highly engaged, actively holding mock conferences. Status: We are closely monitoring localized hesitation regarding online geofencing and digital security concerns.

Items for the April conference: Lizzy shared that, due to the current process of district registration, we are not eligible to have a vote at this time, but they will be discussing 5th Edition Big Book, 12 Step Study Guide, Conference Location and Safety Tools.

Lizzy finalized by sharing that there is a folder compiled with recordings and more information if any member would like this to reach out to GSR@aahomegroup.org and that information can be passed along.

Theme: Ensuring the future while honoring the past.

 5th Edition Big Book Reviewing manuscript updates to personal stories for today's newcomer. The first 164 pages remain completely unchanged.	 Conference Location Debating the financial and spiritual implications of moving the Conference away from NYC (currently slated for NYC through 2029).
 12-Step Study Guide Considering an Area 58 request, originally made by incarcerated women, for a new 12-Step workbook.	 Safety Tools Discussing adapting District 22's safety videos into a "kit of spiritual tools" for groups facing disruptions.

	5 New Trustees	Class B (alcoholic) trustees Teddy B.-W., Jennifer B., Sherry S., Susan V., and John W. join the General Service Board.
	11th Floor Retrofit	Full consolidation of GSO and Grapevine staff operations at 475 Riverside Drive in NYC.
	93,000+ Items Accessed	A massive digital expansion of A.A. literature accessed via tablets across 1,492 correctional facilities, reported by Kacie N.
	Lisbon, Oct 2026	The 29th World Service Meeting will convene in Portugal under the theme "Guided by All 36 Principles".

It was asked if the GSR Adhoc Committee would be refining the list of 6 or if the Group Conscience would be picking. Lizzy confirmed that it is the job of the adhoc to refine the list and then bring their recommendation to the Group Conscience.

Andy added that the Adhoc has been visiting all the groups and when they bring the recommendations to the group, they will be informing the group on the pros and cons of each for the group to then ultimately enable an informed decision.

OIAA Report

Manny presented the report.

aaHG Report for OIAA

OIAA Update 2.0 – March - 2026

The Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (OIAA) continues to support online AA meetings worldwide.

Ongoing Activities ->

OIAA General Assembly – Right NOW!

Zoom ID: 839 1683 1125
Passcode: OIAA

Manny shared that he had attended the meeting that day and was part of the quorum for the meeting, but he voted to abstain due to not bringing any of the items to the group, except on the minutes from the last OIAA meeting, which he reviewed. Manny did share that he would have voted yes for all items.

Manny shared there was some disruption over Item 4, and also Item 5, sharing that some of these groups were not part of OIAA or the AA structure; TIAA, which is a forum of tech volunteers in recovery, but not all alcoholic and some going to code for recovery which is another outside entity.

Agenda ->

1. Opening
2. Approval of December 2025 Minutes
3. Unity Committee Convention Line Item
4. Unbudgeted Funds Request – Unity Committee Interpretation
5. Disbursement of Excess Funds
6. Closing

Next Meetings and Assembly dates for March->

TechSteppers Coffee Talk - Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 EST

Zoom Meeting ID: 831 1330 3832 Passcode: web

Weekly open discussion of tech and safety in AA.

Manny also shared some statistics from the January meeting, which can be seen on the image below.

OIAA Statistics – January 2026

OIAA Group and Member Statistics January 31, 2026

Numbers as of:	January 31, 2026
Total Members	1,127
Officers and Committee Chairs	25
Groups	867
Nonvoting	235
Groups	3,326
Meetings	10,824

Manny was thanked for his transparency of the voting. Lizzy mentioned that she is a member of the TIAA group, she observes and reads a lot of information from that and shares that it is like a message board giving different ways of improving our digital access for those in recovery and believes it is very much focussed on AA now, especially the history, adding that there are a lot of archived information.

Manny shared that 16% of excess funds were going to TIAA and only 3% was to go to code to recovery.

It was then asked why as OIAA did Manny vote to abstain if he felt he wanted to approve the motions, as he is our elected Trusted Member for that position, wondering why we are not trusting the process.

Manny shared that he did not have time to bring any of the line items to the group to discuss first and although he is the elected member, he serves the group, not himself. He also stated that he felt like he showed up at the last minute, as these items were ongoing for a year already so he was not well informed to vote.

Katy shared that if you have ever gone to your Local Intergroup Website and viewed their directory and then seen that another groups website looks similar, that would be because they are all using the 12 Step Plug in that is managed by code for recovery.

If you have used the Meeting Guide App, that too is code for recovery. The integration for all the online groups, and online directory is code for recovery as well. They are the technical backbone for the tools we have within AA. It was developed independently outside the GSO, but the GSO has partnered and adapted their technologies. Katy then added that the TIAA is a perpetual message board and came from the national AA Technology Workshop.

Another member, expressed some frustrations that aaHomegroup is not recognised in the UK, and added that they keep being misidentified as an ROS member and why we are holding finances. However, this was not OIAA related and suggestions were given in the meeting chat and prayers were sent as well as the concerns@aaahomegroup.org, should they wish to pursue any matters.

Training Report

Katy F. gave the report, firstly sharing some wonderful personal news.

The training sessions are held twice a month and there have been people in attendance. Members are then added to mock training and assigned a trainer. Members continue to be enthusiastic to get into service. Katy shares that, due to the Chair being able to be done on the phone, it opens up more service members to do this. Safety requires a computer as it is faster to respond to safety matters and there are more buttons, so therefore the pool of people to do safety becomes smaller. Katy asked members who Chair and have access to a computer to consider doing some safety training.

Celina adds that the Training Team is doing a wonderful job and to keep up the good work. She also said if members want to be a trainer, to please reach out and that they would love to have them.

It was shared that being a trainer is super rewarding and one member shared it is their favourite part of service and that they are looking forward to seeing a written report next month to see the new people coming into service. It was then asked by another member if they have a difference between volunteer forms and members showing up for training.

Celina shared that there are a ton of emails sent, but then very few in comparison turn up, so they are revising the way in which they operate. Katy then added that what they are going to be doing is inviting people to attend and just show up to the training and the form will be removed from the website only to be completed if they wish to continue after seeing what it entails, also mentioning about the personal details shared on forms that we do not need to be holding onto, as well as easier manageability of who is actively involved.

A previous trainer shared their experience of only about 10% of members who submitted a training form actually showed up for training. It was asked if the Procedures Manual had changed regarding service members turning up last minute to serve, which is not the case. Trusted Servants are reminded that serving for example 1pm - 2pm is actually a commitment of 12.45pm - 2pm.

It was asked if 1 on 1 training was provided or do members only have to go to the training for service and it was confirmed that one on one training is welcomed, and to send an email to service@aahomegroup.org if this is something that would be of interest to members.

It was questioned if there was a way to find out who is newly trained, sharing concern that they do not necessarily know who they are or if they are trained. CREDS was the answer. It was reiterated that Creds are not to be given out during the meeting and only through the Telegram Chat.

It was further added that the members are coming into service without putting themselves on the schedule and protocol should be followed, which led to a difference of opinion on how members jump in to help.

Members should go to the schedule and add their name, or they can go into Scheduling chat and ask for their name to be put on for that hour. If no one is scheduled and a Trusted Servant comes into the Scheduling chat wanting to serve and then goes to the schedule, this is okay too, either they or the host can add them.

Motions

Jo motioned to approve the next 6 months of dates for the Steering Committee and the Group Conscience meetings, which was seconded by Pamela.

Steering Committee & Group Conscience Calendar

2026

<u>APRIL</u>		
Steering Committee	Thursday, April 9th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET
Group Conscience	Saturday, April 18th	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM ET
Steering Committee	Wednesday, April 30th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET
<u>MAY</u>		
Steering Committee	Tuesday, May 5th	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM ET
Group Conscience	Friday, May 16th	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM ET
Steering Committee	Thursday, May 28th	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM ET
<u>JUNE</u>		
Steering Committee	Thursday, June 4th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET
Group Conscience	Saturday, June 20th	3:15 PM - 5:15 PM ET
Steering Committee	Wednesday, June 24th	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM ET
<u>JULY</u>		
Steering Committee	Tuesday, July 7th	6:15 PM - 8:15 PM ET
Group Conscience	Friday, July 24th	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM ET
Steering Committee	Thursday, July 30th	6:15 PM - 8:15 PM
<u>AUGUST</u>		
Steering Committee	Wednesday, August 12th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET
Group Conscience	Saturday, August 22nd	3:15 PM - 5:30 PM ET
Steering Committee	Thursday, August 27th	7:30 PM - 9:30 PM ET
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
Steering Committee	Wednesday, September 9th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET
Group Conscience	Saturday, September 19th	3:15 PM - 5:15 PM ET
Steering Committee	Wednesday, September 30th	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ET

Voted: Yes, 18. No, 2. Abstain, 0.

The minority report was heard and it was a concern that the times and dates for these meetings were late for our international members, and noted that both our current secretaries are international which is 5-6 hours ahead of EST time.

Andy H, the group's GSR Alternate shared that he had already lost a couple of days where the GC's and SC's were running to 4am and it affected his work, which he was not going to repeat, so if the meetings are late, he will not be in attendance.

Eddie questioned after hearing the minority opinion if we pass the motion to simply revisit the times with more consideration and Jo shared that she believes that because the motion is already voted and on the floor, someone needs to be willing to change their vote which she was willing to do, thanking the group for their consideration which would then call a revote.

Diane called to re-vote and Eddie questioned if his motion to reconsider the times would come after that. Nicole confirmed that they are just re-voting as some yes votes were swayed and then Andy mentioned rescinding the motion.

Jo suggested that, as she motioned on Ash's behalf due to her not being in attendance, could she just retract the motion, which would be the easiest way to do this, which Eddie confirmed.

Both Jo and Pamela who seconded the motion, retracted the motion.

The two hour meeting limit was reached and Eddie informed the group that if we close the two motions would be delayed until the next Group Conscience and questioned how motions are normally heard. Nicole shared that there had not been a consistent process, however these motions are on the agenda so we would need to motion to continue and if the members who created the motions are present they can present to the group.

Pamela motioned that we continue the meeting as we would not have a schedule of meetings if they closed the meeting, and Jo informed the group the new dates and meetings would not be decided on tonight, as Ash is enjoying her vacation and would not be revising anything until the next day at the earliest.

Ashley motioned to continue the meeting, seconded by Nicole

Nicole also shared that Ashley's motion did not need to be presented prior, as it was not a proposed bylaws change.

Voted: Yes, 17. No, 3. Abstain, 0. The meeting therefore continued.

Ryan questions the motion procedure and why it is such a time consuming process from going to the Members At Large, going to the Steering Committee and then going to the group.

Andi spoke about her motion requiring a bylaws change and shared that it is posted in the communication chat, which she is happy to table until the next meeting to give members time to review and she shared that she is happy to change her vote to close the meeting.

Eddie referred back to Jo about the other motion and she shared that Ashley's motion was about the VOA process, she was there to present and felt it was important that the group could get that heard then.

Eddie gave Ashley the floor to present her motion.

Ashley shared that she made a motion that aaHG start offering emailed Verification of Attendance. She expressed that she came into AA on a court card and did not know anything about it before she was told she had to go and it had totally changed her life. She felt that it is in our responsibility declaration that, whenever anyone reaches out, the hand of AA should be there and by not offering the VOA's we are dropping the ball on that. Ashley said it is a simple thing that keeps the door open, so for personal and tradition-based reasons she presented this motion.

Jo then read out the first part of Ashley's motion at her request, as should it pass. The operational side shall be decided through an Adhoc Committee as agreed when presented to the Steering Committee who voted 13, Yes. 0, No. 2, Abstain to bring this to the Group.

"I move that our group begin offering Verification of Attendance (VOA) slips when requested by members who need them for court, probation, or treatment purposes."

Why I believe we should offer Verification of Attendance:

1. Responsibility Declaration

Our responsibility pledge says: "I am responsible... when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible."

People coming in with slips are often new, unsure, and sometimes only here because they have to be, and often because they have hit a bottom. Refusing to sign can feel like turning them away.

2. Carrying the Message (Tradition 5)

Our primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

VOA's don't "endorse" or "enforce" sobriety they simply acknowledge someone was here and heard our message. That might be the first step toward willingness.

3. Anonymity and Simplicity

Signing a VOA is not breaking anonymity. It doesn't certify sobriety; it only verifies presence at a meeting.

Many groups use a simple stamp or signature without involving names or extra records.

4. Welcoming Newcomers

People who come in needing verification may feel nervous or unwelcome. Not providing VOAs risks making them feel judged or rejected. Sending VOAs can be an easy way of showing acceptance and encouragement.

5. Unity with Other Groups

Many AA groups already sign VOA's. While each group is autonomous, participating helps keep consistency across AA and prevents confusion for newcomers.

Ashley motioned for aaHG to start offering VOA's with an Adhoc to finalize operations, Seconded by Jo, floor was opened for discussion.

It was noted about screenshotting the icon at the top of the screen with the participant ID and it was confirmed that this information is not sufficient for a court card and that they do not accept it in most cases.

It was asked if it was going to be a private email address or a group one, which would be decided by Adhoc. All areas tend to have their own email addresses.

Other members shared that it is simple and can be done in a simple way and we are a big enough group and we should be offering this, as we are turning people away not being able to offer VOA's. Some members shared that they have signed these before for people and it was reminded that this is a programme of honesty. What the courts do or do not accept is not our business. Now we have feedback that the Participant ID number is not sufficient, we can move forward with an email address.

Sue calls to vote, seconded by Jo and Kayla.

Yes, 25. No, 0. Abstain, 1. Motion passes.

Jo motions to adjourn, seconded by Lizzy.

Yes, 18. No, 0. Abstain, 0.

Closing Prayer

Harold - Serenity Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned.