
General Service Committee

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DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS
September 20, 2023

DATE: AUGUST 23, 2023

TO: GSRs, Alternate GSRs, DCMs, Alternate DCMs, LCMs (Local Committee Members), Convention Chair and Alternate, Coordinators, Officers, Past Delegates, and any other interested members!

SUBJECT: **Area 51 Fall Committee & Assembly Meeting October 20-22, 2023**

Theme: "RECOVER, UNITE, and SERVE"

Special Guest: TBD

Assembly Business Sessions, Workshops, Early Bird, and Speaker Meetings
Literature, Grapevine, Corrections, Treatment, Accessibilities, Archives, CPC, and PI Displays
will be held at the

Hilton Raleigh North Hills, 3415 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh, NC 27609

Hotel Reservations

Deadline for Reservations: Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Group Code: NCGS
Group Name: North Carolina General Service
Room Rates: \$169.00 Single/Double, \$179.00 Triple, \$189.00 Quad
Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]
Internet: Link for direct reservations: <https://tinyurl.com/bdnew3x9>
Internet: Link for hotel information: www.northraleigh.hilton.com

For Best Results

- **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!**
- Call as soon as possible and **before** the deadline. It's easier to cancel a reservation than to get one at the last minute.
- Once the rooms in our block sell out, it's unlikely other rooms will remain in the hotel.
- Specify the group code "**NCGS**" and the group name "**North Carolina General Service.**"
- If possible, call the Hilton Raleigh North Hills directly at 919-872-2323 during business hours Monday through Friday. This gives you the best chance to speak with a reservations clerk at the hotel. At other times - when the hotel clerks are busy -- calls to this number may be transferred to a regional reservations center.
- Always be sure to get a confirmation number.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate or Availability please contact Greg K., the Area Chairperson, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

Thank you for your service and support of Area 51.
SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

NOTE: GSRs and Alt. GSRs:

- ◆ Early Assembly registration will be on Friday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- ◆ “Early Bird” A.A. Meeting on Friday at 8:00 p.m.

Our tentative schedule is as follows:

<i>DAY</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ATTENDEES</i>	
Friday October 20, 2023	3:30 p.m.	Officers’ Meeting	Officers Only	
	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Early Assembly Registration	GSRs, Alternate GSRs	
	8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Early Bird A.A. Meeting	Open – All are welcome	
	8:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee - DCMs, Alt-DCMs, LCMs, Coordinators, Officers	
Saturday October 21, 2023	8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION	GSRs, Alternate GSRs	
	SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS			
	6:30 a.m.	◆ Early Morning Meditation Meeting	Open – All are welcome	
	9:00 a.m.	◆ Budget and Finance ◆ Site Investigation ◆ Website ◆ Growth & Maintenance ◆ Ad Hoc Hybrid Investigation	◆ Subcommittee Only ◆ Subcommittee Only ◆ Subcommittee Only ◆ Subcommittee Only ◆ Subcommittee Only	
	Archives Open 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.			
	WORKSHOPS			
	9:00 a.m.	◆ The Twelve Concepts	Assembly–All are welcome	
	10:15 –11:15 a.m.	◆ How the Assembly Operates ◆ Corrections ◆ Literature ◆ Treatment Facilities ◆ Accessibilities ◆ Grapevine ◆ Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) ◆ Public Information (PI)	Assembly–All are welcome	
Afternoon	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION Reports, Agenda Items, Concepts Presentations	Assembly–All are welcome	
Evening	7:30 & 8:45 p.m. English and Spanish English and Spanish English only	Saturday Evening Workshops ◆ The Role of the GSR ◆ How to Energize Service in your Group and District ◆ AA Service in the Digital Age	Assembly–All are welcome	

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Sunday October 22, 2023	6:30 a.m.	Early Morning Meditation Meeting	Open – All are welcome
	8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	OPEN SPEAKER MEETING TBD	Open – All are welcome
	9:40 – 12:00 p.m.	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION Reports, Remaining Business, New Business and a Sharing Session	Assembly-All are welcome

Please Note: Events marked “Assembly” are open to all A.A. members. Non-A.A. members may attend meetings marked “Open” and Area Displays.

The following Committee Members will be conducting the Saturday Evening workshops:

The Role of the GSR		How to Energize Service in your Group and District		AA Service in the Digital Age	
Chair	Co-chair	Chair	Co-Chair	Chair	Co-Chair
Alana E. (Convention Chairperson)	Joanna K. (DCM-18)	Margaret G. (DCM-01)	Barbara B. (ADCM-33)	Justin O. (ADCM-43)	Lindsay B. (ADCM-41)
Rick P. (LCM-70))	Byron P. (DCM-12)	Bob K. (ADCM-80)	John S. (ADCM-13)	Sue H. (DCM-70)	Lizzy T. (Convention Alt.)
La función del GSR			Cómo energizar el servicio en su grupo y distrito		
Felix H. (DCM-05)			Juan R-S. (DCM-30)		

BELOW ARE THE MAIN MOTIONS FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023 FALL ASSEMBLY PRESENTED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

AGENDA ITEM #1

To approve the Chairperson’s appointment of Julia C. of Chapel Hill to complete the 2023-2024 term as Area 51 Spanish Language Translator.

Background Information: Julia has been active in her home group and has served in multiple positions. She currently serves as Chair of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Group Steering Committee. She is fluent in both written and oral Spanish.

AGENDA ITEM #2

That the 2024 Area 51 Corrections Conference, “35th Freedom from Bondage,” be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Aberdeen, N.C. on March 8-10, 2024.

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

Agenda Item #3:

That the North Carolina General Service Committee (Area 51) will register as a tax-exempt nonprofit.

Background Information:

The NC General Service Committee (Area 51) is classified as an unincorporated association. We do not file any tax forms. This has served us adequately in the past. In the last few years, digital payment platforms have become a common and convenient method for the transfer of money. In 2021, the IRS began requiring these payment platforms to send a form 1099k to the IRS for any payment of \$600 or more. The recipients of such payments are also required to include a 1099k in their tax filing. The IRS delayed enforcement of this new requirement through the end of 2023. As of now, enforcement is scheduled to begin in 2024. As an unincorporated association, we do not file taxes. However, a 1099k will be sent to the IRS with the NC General Service Committee listed as the recipient. This could generate inquiries by the IRS. As an incorporated tax-exempt non-profit, the area would file a 990ez with a schedule O listing our 1099k forms. As a tax-exempt non-profit, the area would not owe any taxes. The benefit to the area would be that the IRS will be able to match our digital donations with our tax filings.

Estimated Budget: The budget impact is estimated as follows:

Year 1:

- Legal Fees for Incorporation - \$975.00 (One time cost).
- Tax Preparation - \$350.00

Follow On Years:

- Tax Preparation - \$350.00

This agenda item will increase the prudent reserve by an additional \$175.

Agenda Item #4:

For the Panel 73 Delegate term, the Site Investigation Subcommittee will present an agenda item with all proposed locations through the 2027 NC State Convention at the 2024 Winter Committee Meeting.

Background Information: The current Site Investigation Subcommittee is composed and configured, per past advisory actions, to recommend sites for all Area 51 events for the two-year period of August 2025 to July 2027 by the Summer Committee Meeting in odd-numbered years. These events are four Area Committee Meetings, four Area Assembly and Committee Meetings, and 2026 and 2027 North Carolina State Conventions. Per 2021 Spring Advisory Action, the Winter and Summer Committee Meeting locations need to be determined no later than two years prior to the event.

The Site Investigation Subcommittee spends the end of the even-numbered year and part of the odd-numbered year (as in 2023) narrowing down the search from Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that were sent out, keeping in mind several variables such as cost to the Area, cost to the membership (DCMs and GSRs who attend), location rotation, and site suitability for meeting space (breakout rooms, AV needs, etc.). Once they have determined the sites for the events, they bring forth a motion at the Summer Committee meeting in the odd-numbered years (typically in August) and following Area Committee approval, the motion is brought forth for Assembly Approval in the Fall of odd-numbered years. Once the Assembly approves, the Area Chairperson reviews the contracts and negotiates final terms. Typically, this subcommittee has already worked to get costs down and has narrowed the date ranges to match the appropriate windows for the events. The Area Chairperson makes sure the details are correct and signs the contracts for the 2-year period. Per 2021 Spring Advisory Action, the Winter and Summer Committee Meeting locations need to be determined no later than two years prior to the event.

The Site Investigation Subcommittee sent RFPs to 48 locations across North Carolina. Phone calls and emails followed to ensure replies. The sites included non-traditional venues, such as resorts and retreat centers, following the direction of the membership. Of the 48 sites, 9 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.

After reviewing the bids, the Subcommittee determined that more bids and negotiations are needed to select viable sites. The Subcommittee has taken the charge of geographic diversity along with fiscal responsibility to Area 51 seriously.

The Subcommittee needs more time to bring the Panel 73 site selections that are the most cost effective for Area 51. This motion will allow the Site Investigation Subcommittee flexibility to procure additional bids, leading to potential savings and expanding our geographical selection.

AGENDA ITEM #5

To approve the proposed Area 51 2024 Budget.

Background Information: The proposed 2024 budget comes moved and seconded from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. Copies of the proposed 2024 budget have been made available.

Greg K., Area 51 Chairperson

In Love and Service,

Debbi A., Area 51 Secretary

All the 2023 and 2024 Officers and Coordinators and 2023 Standing Work Group and Subcommittee Chairs are grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

Please contact us if we can be of assistance to you.

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SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING AREA 51 EVENTS

2023		
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC</i>	October 20, 2023
Fall Assembly		October 21-22, 2023
SSAASA 7	<i>Sheraton Orlando North, Orlando, FL</i>	November 17-19, 2023
2024		
Winter Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Charlotte Airport, Charlotte, NC</i>	March 2-3, 2024
35th Freedom from Bondage	<i>Hampton Inn & Suites, Aberdeen, NC</i>	March 8-10, 2024 (pending Assembly approval)
Central Pre-Conference		March 16, 2024
Western Pre-Conference		March 23, 2024
Eastern Pre-Conference		April 6, 2024
Spanish Pre-Conference		April 7, 2024
Spring Committee Meeting	<i>Lake Junaluska Conf./Retreat Center, Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	May 17, 2024
Spring Assembly		May 18-19, 2024
77 th State Convention	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills</i>	July 11-14, 2024
Summer Committee Meeting	<i>Blowing Rock Conf. Center, Blowing Rock, NC</i>	August 17-18, 2024 *NEW DATES*
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC</i>	October 18, 2024
Fall Election Assembly		October 19-20, 2024