



Area 51 • District 60 • North Carolina

Business Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 26, 2026 • 2:00PM – 4:30PM

Craven County Group 306 Avenue D, New Bern NC 28569

• Call to Order with Serenity Prayer	Brian G., DCM	
• <i>Welcome / Opening Remarks (DCM) and reading of the AA Preamble (Alt DCM), followed by reading of the Twelve Traditions (Frank K)</i>		
• <i>Round Table Introductions/ Roll Call</i>	Lynne B., Secretary	
• <i>Agenda Overview & Adopt Rules of Order and Debate</i>	DCM	
• <i>Quorum Announcement</i>	12 voting members = quorum of 8	Secretary
Brian G provided overview and purpose for today's meeting: primarily to prep GSR's for communication with their groups prior to the Assembly		
• Approve Minutes of 2026 March Meeting	DCM; unanimous approval to approve minutes as provided	
• <i>Treasurer's Report</i>	Brian H., Treasurer Handouts were provided. Summary of 1 st quarter activity and current balance is \$6089.64 Prudent Reserve is \$3740 (half of our yearly budget) Unanimous approval to approve Treasurer report as provided.	
• <i>GSR Reports</i>		
• <i>Beaufort County group</i>	Walter B Jones Beaufort County Detention Center Craven correctional facility We are hosting Coastal plains May 3 rd . First Christian Church on #rd Street. Fellowship at 1; speaker at 2; meal afterwards	
• <i>Craven County group</i>	Hello family, I attended the pre-conference in Morehead and will be discussing the agenda items with my homegroup at the next business meeting and will carry the group's voice at the assembly in May. Coastal plains New Bern was a success. There is also a women's group that meets at the Ave D site on Thursday's at 10am. It is well-attended. There is interest from women	

	of various groups to participate in carrying a women's meeting into the Pamlico County facility on the alternate Thursday's opposite of the Thursday's that the Oriental group goes.
• <i>Lenoir County Big Book</i>	New women's group has begun and a new Literature Study group has begun.
• <i>Living Sober Study group</i>	Continue to support WBJ by carrying a meeting there on the last Wednesday of the month.
• <i>Oriental AA group</i> <i>Submitted by Will G. 4/22</i>	We are putting up a table at Pamlico Family Fun Day. This is a yearly event that we attend. We usually do kids face painting, marble games, free beverages. While the kids are busy, we hand out literature and talk to the parents. INFO: The Pamlico Partnership for Children, Inc. is hosting a free Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the Pamlico County High School football field. The event features bounce houses, games, clowns, a magic show, and free snacks like hot dogs, popcorn, and snow cones for the community. Key Details for Family Fun Day 2026: Date: Saturday, May 2, 2026 Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Location: Pamlico County High School Football Field Cost: Completely FREE Activities: Bounce houses, games, clowns, magic show, door prizes, and free food. These events are designed to help families connect with local agencies, resources, and services while providing a fun environment for children.
• <i>Pitt County group</i>	1. Discussed building and safety issues 2. Building and area cleanup commenced after 9 am Gratitude meeting Saturday 4/25/26 with a cookout after the 1:00 pm meeting 3. WBJ 1st Wednesday of every month 4. Bring AA meetings into PCDC weekly 5. We noticing an increase in attendance
• <i>Sisters in Sobriety</i>	GSR is now keeper of the spare key to our meeting location. Establishing new service position to organize taking a meeting into women's jail locally.
• <i>Step Doers group</i>	Unsure of date of next business meeting.
• <i>District Committee Member Report</i>	Brian G – DCM See attached document.
• <i>Spring Assembly Overview</i>	DCM. Agenda and supportive information has been sent to each GSR. Brian G and Elizabeth reviewed agenda items to promote GSR preparation for active participation at Assembly in May.
• <i>Spring Assembly Theme:</i>	DCM

<i>Linguist (Wordly is the name of the system)</i>	
a. That Area 51 provide audio and text translation for all Spanish-Linguistic Districts at Area 51 Business Meetings. b. That beginning with Panel 77, the Area 51 Spanish Interpreter position be discontinued, contingent on the approval of the audio and text translation. c. That the current Spanish Translator position be expanded and renamed to the Spanish Language Coordinator, effective with Panel 77 beginning January 2027. d. That Spanish Linguistic District 30 be redistricted into two districts, District 30 and District 36. District 30 will include Chatham, Wake, Harnett and Lee counties. District 36 will include Durham, Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Randolph and Montgomery counties.	
Theme Notes: Option B will come up only if Option A is adopted. The Spanish community is in support of this system. Brian G and Elizabeth V witnessed the system in action at the SSASA and found it very useful. Option D reflects the growing number of active members of the Spanish-speaking community. Question about cost was answered with information from the Background info in the Assembly agenda documents. Interesting information came up during discussion about Spanish speaking meetings in our Area. For example, a large part of the Spanish community reside in District 5. Our D60 website has a translation option.	
<i>Spring Assembly Theme: Regional Forum</i>	DCM
a. That Area 51 provide American Sign Language (ASL) interpreting for the 2026 Southeast Regional Forum on September 18-20 for an amount not to exceed \$3,000. b. That Area 51 provides coffee, a hospitality suite and a social event for the 2026 Southeast Regional Forum on September 18-20 at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills not to exceed \$4,500.	
Theme notes: Question about Wordly providing closed-caption services? Brian G will find out. If yes, then do we need ASL services? FYI: there was an actual Regional Forum for ASL members held online in January 2026. Question about how many members need to have ASL services in order to support the decision to provide ASL? Brian will investigate this. Discussion is being held now to best prepare for the Regional Forum. If there is not an identified need for ASL, then Area 51 will not arrange for it to happen.	
<i>Break at 3pm</i>	
<i>Trivia question: What event is happening in AA next week?</i> <i>Answer: The Conference! Yay, Mike L from Step Doers group!!</i>	
<i>Spring Assembly Theme: Send to GSO</i>	Alt-DCM
a. That Area 51 request the General Service Conference consider creating an additional Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) Side-By-Side Study Guide reproducing the Big Book (BB) on the left page and the PLBB on the right page. b. A.A. Special Forum for Online Groups: To create an online Special Forum designed primarily for A.A. members of online groups which are not a part of one of the eight Regions of the U.S./Canada service structure.	
Theme Notes: We voted in January to send (b) to the Area for consideration. It became an Agenda item for presentation and discussion at the May Assembly. If it is supported there, it may become an Agenda item	

for the 2027 Conference discussion.

Item (a) discussion provided thoughts on the matter of a single publication that would have a side-by-side, 2-columns format. Lots of discussion and questions being discussed across the Area: cost-prohibitive because of the size, also why do this when there's not a plain language big book in Spanish?

<i>Spring Assembly Theme: Nomination/Appointments</i>	Alt-DCM
a. To approve the Chair's appointment of Kimberly M. of Greensboro as Area 51 Convention Chair for the period 2027 – 2028. b. To approve the Chair's appointment of Kenneth C. of Wilmington as Area 51 Convention Alternate Chair for the period 2027 – 2028. c. Proposal to officially establish and recognize two (2) Local Committee Member (LCM) positions in District 70, Area 51. These LCMs will be able to participate in all Area 51 functions with a voice but no vote.	
Theme Notes: What is LCM? Districts that are quite large and/or densely populated make it very unlikely that one DCM could attend all the meetings in that District. A LCM could be identified as contact people for specific groups within an District to help with communication and sharing information. The LCM provides a voice, but not a vote. The LCMs under discussion at this Assembly are already acting in this capacity. There has not been a formal vote in support of their function until now.	
Alt-DCM report	Elizabeth V., Alt-DCM See attached report. Tips for attending the Assembly: Take your Service Manual Take your Assembly agenda. Register upon arrival. There will be some printed Agendas but you can follow along on the electronic page. Choose the workshop you would like to attend. Consider registering for a meal plan because access to fast-available food is scarce. Wear walking shoes because there's a walkway around the lake that is beautiful. Brian and Elizabeth will be onsite Friday evening at Committee meeting, so you might not see them if you go to the 8pm meeting on Friday.
<i>Webmaster Report</i>	Zach W., Webmaster Past 30 days, 610 visitors to the website. Zack is working on streamlining processes that will allow D60 minutes to flow into the site with minimal effort. Discussion about things that have come in via the website and how best to respond. District 80 has reached out to inquire about the translation button, which Zack is investigating. He will be working with Donald P on the Corrections page development.
<i>CPC/ PI</i>	Laurie C., CPC/ PI - Set up PI/CPC table at Coastal plains in New Bern - Continuing to distribute AA business cards - Preparing to participate in EAHEC podcast regarding addiction 6/4/26.
<i>Corrections</i>	Donald P., Corrections I am hoping to have a compiled list of upcoming PREA trainings soon. Communication has not been easy

	and part of that is the time of that is that I'm very busy with work this time of the year. I met with our DCM to begin constructing a web page for corrections. Donald has access to some literature that may be useful for carrying a meeting into the prisons/jails; just let him know. Donald attended the Corrections Conference in March in Aberdeen, NC. Suggestion made to add to the D60 website to ask for member participation in Corrections activities. If you know of any upcoming PREA training in our area, please let Donald know. PREA = Prison Rape Elimination Act. It's usually done once or twice a year. Each prison has its own PREA training program, but there's an effort to coordinate a standardized PREA training system so that one PREA training can meet the training requirements of other prisons in the Area.
• <i>Treatment</i>	Nancy A., Treatment PORT Detox in Washington has been closed for remodeling. They were supposed to re-open 4/20 but new date is set for 5/1. PORT Greenville has gone well. Generally an average of eight patients. We've had more people volunteering time to carry the message. WBJ generally has a small number in the detox portion 4-6 but the long term has been daily full. Most are willing to engage in conversation. I will be more mindful about reaching out to the Homegroup's for their week at WBJ.
• <i>Archives</i>	Kayla E., Archives Brian G read the email sent in by Kalya. Timeline for the years that the groups in D60 got started was submitted. See attachment to the minutes. A trifold document is also being developed.
• <i>Grapevine</i>	Heather H., Grapevine Since last meeting, I've been announcing the grapevine at each in person and online meeting I attend. Educating and encouraging people to download the grapevine app and consider a subscription. I set up a grapevine table and engaged people in conversation about our grapevine at the New Bern Coastal Plains. Spreading the word.
• <i>Literature</i>	Manny R., Literature 1. District 60 A.A. Literature of the Quarter: Spring Edition flyer has Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers Book and Circle of Love and Service pamphlet with links to purchase. Since June is Founder's month, I see that it is only right to highlight Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers book and the Circle of Love and Service pamphlet. 2. In the April 2026 Edition of the Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon has a column Literature Item D: Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. The draft of the 5th edition of the Big Book has been forwarded to the Conference Literature Committee. If it is approved by the committee, it will be forwarded to the full Conference for discussion and a vote. It talks

	about what is staying and what is NOT changing and what is changing in the book. Note if the 5th edition is approved, it will be available for purchase in late 2026 or early 2027. 3. In the May 2026 Edition of the Area 51 Delegate's Beaming Beacon there is a Literature Price Increase Link. We are reaching out to provide an update on upcoming changes to the list prices for AAWS digital downloads, including e-books and audio-books. At its March 6th meeting, the AAWS Board approved the new pricing. The e-book price for A.A. in Prison will remain unchanged at \$2.99. These updates will take effect on May 4, 2026. The last price increase occurred in 2023, with a prior adjustment in 2022. This change is part of our ongoing effort to implement "normalized list prices," aligning pricing as closely as possible across our various literature formats, including print. Please note that the list prices for AAWS print materials and other physical media items (CDs and DVDs) were previously adjusted, effective February 1, 2026. A detailed price list is attached for your reference.
• <i>Accessibility</i>	Accessibility – Vacant
• <i>Coastal Plains secretary</i>	Manny – has passed the torch to Frank K for May 2026 thru May 2028
<i>Adjourn @ 4:15pm with Thank You and the Responsibility Declaration</i>	

Adjournment

Responsibility Declaration	A Declaration of Unity
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. International Convention, Toronto, Canada, July, 1965	This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come. International Convention, Miami Beach, July, 1970



Schedule for Upcoming Events
All District Meetings are 2PM-4:30PM
D60 Zoom Meeting information
Meeting ID: 834 611 6468 Passcode: UTX7E2

2026		
37th Freedom from Bondage	<i>Hampton Inn & Suites, Aberdeen, NC</i>	March 20-22, 2026 (map link) (flyer link)
Virtual Preconference	Meeting ID: 831 9396 1415 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83193961415	April 9, 2026 7PM-9PM
Eastern Pre-Conference Morehead City	<i>Glad Tidings Church 4621 Country Club Rd, Morehead City, NC</i>	April 11, 2026 11AM-3PM (map link) (flyer link)
Coastal Plains New Bern	<i>First Presbyterian Church Smith Center Gym 508 Middle St. New Bern, NC</i>	April 12, 2026 1PM – 5PM (map link) (flyer link)
Virtual Preconference	Meeting ID: 831 9396 1415 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83193961415	April 18, 2026 9AM-11AM
Spanish Pre-Conference		April 19, 2026
April District Meeting	<i>Ave D. Green Bldg. 306 Avenue D, New Bern NC</i>	April 26, 2026 (map link)
Coastal Plains	<i>Washington, NC</i>	May TBD
A51 Spring Committee Meeting	<i>Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	May 15, 2026 (map link)
A51 Spring Assembly		May 16-17, 2026
June District Meeting	Zoom Link	June 14 th
Coastal Plains	<i>Wilmington, NC</i>	July TBD
79 th State Convention	<i>Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	July 16-19, 2026 (map link) (A51 Info)
July District Meeting	<i>Green Acres 1005 N. William St. Goldsboro, NC</i>	July 26, 2026 (map link)