

DCM Report June 2024

Oregon Area 58 District 26
Alcoholics Anonymous





District News and Events

August 3rd, 2024

“Create the Fellowship We Desire” Workshop and Potluck!

GSR training, Delegate Post Conference Report, and District Unity Workshops dedicated to helping AA in North and Northeast Portland.



Open Service Positions

Elections will be held until all positions are filled.

- Alternate-DCM
- Treasurer/Alt-Treasurer
- Literature & Grapevine Rep
- Activities Coordinator
- Web-servant (Information)
- Public Information
- Hospitals and Institutions
- Correctional Facilities
- Treatment Facilities
- Cooperation with Professional Community
- Safety & Inclusion
- Accessibility



District Priority List

List of Action Items that are current pressing matters.

1. Establish Fiscal Responsibility:
 - a. Elect a new treasurer
 - b. Obtain the keys to the PO Box
 - c. Establish new signers on the district banking accounts
 - d. Publish reports and financial statements
2. Revise the District Guidelines
 - a. The state of the district guidelines is unintelligible, making it difficult or useless to use.
3. Establish a Working Steering Committee
 - a. Fill all vacancies on the current committee
4. Encourage safe and inclusive 12-step work through the district.
5. Have Fun in Sobriety!



Establishing Fiscal Responsibility:

Sandy S and I (Kevan C) were able to arrange a time to go to our financial institution to add me as a signer to the checking and savings accounts. The banker explained that our meeting minutes does not express that the “board of directors” intent to establish that Kevan is to be added and that Sandy was to be removed from the accounts.

So part of the old business is establishing myself as DCM and that the DCM is one of the signers on the account.



Revise the District Guidelines:

The district guidelines in its current version are unintelligible—impossible to understand—making them effectively useless and creating discord in the district business meeting.

For example: It states that the DCM uses Robert's Rules of Order (RROO) to conduct the business meeting, which means that the DCM creates an agenda, then has that agenda approved by the voting body or allows for the voting body to edit the agenda for their own purposes. Then in the back of the guidelines it states that it needs to be a formatted meeting which renders the DCM from using RROO.

One of the other noticeable illy-alignment concepts is that the district is here to serve the Area and its actually reversed the Area is here to serve the District. So all the “committee chair people are actually liaisons-when a person becomes a committee chairperson they are given a limited-authority to create a committee of other individuals to complete a task. A position inside that committee might be committee liaison to the area meeting. And that committee is allowed to write guidelines with district approval on how that committee operates for the groups. The district’s MAIN RESPONSIBILITY is to be of SERVICE TO THE GROUPS.



Establish a “Working” Steering Committee:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a DEMOCRACY, *Not a Bureaucracy!*

It is not the job of the DCM or any one person to “fix” the district. It is done by the groups. It is done by voting on the issues that affect all the groups that compose of the district. The groups are in charge of the district.

Just as the individual members, 2 or more-having no other affiliation, are allowed to call themselves an aa group, 2 groups or more may establish themselves as a district... every group has a responsibility to elect a general service representative to keep the hand of AA to always be there—open, available, and accessible!



Create Safe and Inclusive 12-Step Work

Tradition 12 states that “anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our traditions-ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Tradition 12 reminds us all that we will experience people that we will find unagreeable. Tradition 12 reminds us that we work with the message of alcoholics anonymous, that anyone can find recovery from alcoholism. You are allowed to do service work without having to divulge your identity to others. You are allowed to use your discretion-by simply putting that I am not the best person to help you.

Remember that people serving in alcoholics anonymous are non-professional, unpaid volunteers-giving out of the kindness of their hearts-and that we give them some respect.



Have Fun!

You are allowed to enjoy your experiences and at the district we want to know how we can help to ease the suffering of a suffering alcoholic, by creating fun activities and events for people to attend.

AA's are thought to be fun-loving people. And what could be more fun than the district scoring concert tickets to be bought at cost, or creating a low-cost skydiving excursion, or a weekend campout at Crater Lake.

Creating the fellowship we desire is the current theme this year, we want to be able to have fun, while staying sober. The sky's the limit!



DCM CORNER

Diversity: Your experiences will help another alcoholic to stay sober.

In truth, I wanted to become a GSR because I wanted to help create a AA round-up. In California, where I first got sober as a young person in AA, the district held an annual conference, full of speakers, marathon meetings, panel discussions, workshops, sobriety countdowns. I wanted to bring that spirit to the City of Portland.

I thought by being of service to the district that I would be able to create my vision of a convention full of amazing stories and being able to create an amazing story for myself. My higher power sometimes has an even better story for me to have than I ever would have realized.