

NORTH CAROLINA

General Service Committee

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DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

October 14, 2025

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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 November 14-16, 2025**

Theme: “CARRYING THE MESSAGE TOGETHER”

Special Guest: Eileen A., General Service Office Staff

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: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Group Code: AR51

Group Name: Area 51 General Service Fall Assembly 2025

Room Rates: **\$179.00 Single/Double, \$10.00 per additional guest**

Phone: 919-872-2323 or 800-445-8667 [1-800-HILTONS]

Internet: **Link for direct reservations:** <https://tinyurl.com/bdfr2hsj>

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 **“AR51”** and the group name **“Area 51 General Service Fall Assembly 2025.”**
- 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.
- Please note there is a \$75 nightly hold on your card.
- If you have ANY trouble with Room Rate, Availability, or the Night Hold please contact Lindsey H., the Area Chairperson, at chair@aanorthcarolina.org.

Thank you for your service and support of Area 51.

SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!

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:

DAY	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
Wednesday November 12, 2025	8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Virtual Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee Only – DCMs, Alt-DCMs, LCMs, Coordinators, Officers
Friday November 14, 2025	4:30 p.m.	Officers’ Meeting	Officers Only
	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Early Assembly Registration	GSRs, Alternate GSRs
	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	I’m Here, What Now?	Open – All are welcome
	8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Early Bird A.A. Meeting	Open – All are welcome
Saturday November 15, 2025	8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION	GSRs, Alternate GSRs
	6:30 a.m.	◆ Early Morning Meditation Meeting	Open – All are welcome
	Archives Open 9:00 – 11:15 a.m.		
	WORKSHOPS		Assembly–All are welcome
	9:00 a.m.	◆ The Twelve Concepts	
	10:15 –11:15 a.m.	◆ How the Assembly Operates	
Afternoon	1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION Reports, Agenda Items, Leadership in AA Panel	Assembly–All are welcome
Evening	7:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening Coordinator Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Corrections ◆ Archives ◆ Treatment Facilities ◆ Accessibilities ◆ Grapevine ◆ Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)/ Public Information (PI) 	Assembly–All are welcome
	8:45 p.m.	Saturday Evening English Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ How to be an Effective GSR ◆ Introduction to the Concepts ◆ Questions & Answers on Sponsorship 	
	7:30 p.m.	Saturday Evening Spanish Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Introducción a los conceptos 	
	8:45 p.m.	◆ Cómo practicar la tradición 2 en el servicio	

DAY	TIME	EVENT	ATTENDEES
Sunday November 16, 2025	6:30 a.m.	Early Morning Meditation Meeting	Open – All are welcome
	8:30 – 9:30 a.m. 9:40 – 12:00 p.m.	OPEN SPEAKER MEETING Eileen O., GSO Staff/Assembly Guest ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION Reports, Remaining Business, New Business and a Sharing Session	Open – All are welcome 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:

How to be an Effective GSR		Introduction to the Concepts		Questions & Answers on Sponsorship	
Chair	Co-chair	Chair	Co-Chair	Chair	Co-Chair
Alana E. (CPC Coordinator)	Tammy Z. (ADCM-70)	Lindsay B. (DCM-41)	Sam S. (ADCM-01)	Jodi D. (DCM-31)	Liz W. (ADCM-50)
Barbara H (ADCM-31)	Amyn A. (ADCM-51)	Lizzy T. (Convention Chair)	Kimberly M. (Alt. Convention Chair)	Wendy A. (DCM-21)	Scott H. (ADCM-41)

Introducción a los conceptos	Cómo practicar la tradición 2 en el servicio
TBD	TBD

BELOW ARE THE MAIN MOTIONS FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE 2025 FALL ASSEMBLY PRESENTED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

AGENDA ITEM #1

To change the Site Investigations subcommittee schedule to allow recommendations for all annual Area 51 Events (Assemblies, Committee meetings, and State Conventions) to be submitted no later than two years prior to the event.

BACKGROUND: The Site Investigation Subcommittee is tasked with soliciting and evaluating bids from hotels interested in hosting Area 51 events, including Spring and Fall Assemblies, Winter and Summer Committee Meetings, and the annual State Convention. Under the current schedule, the Subcommittee sends requests for proposals (RFPs) during even-numbered years for all ten events scheduled over a two-year period, typically three to four years in advance. The Subcommittee then reviews and narrows the list of prospective venues, considering factors such as total cost to the Area, cost to members including DCMs and GSRs, venue suitability including meeting and breakout space and AV needs, and rotation of locations across the state.

Once potential venues have been selected, the Subcommittee presents site recommendations at the Summer Committee meeting during odd-numbered years. Upon Committee approval, a motion is brought before the Fall Assembly. Following Assembly approval, the Area Chair finalizes contract terms and secures the signed agreements for all events in the upcoming two-year period.

In Spring 2021, an Advisory Action granted the Site Investigation Subcommittee the flexibility to submit recommendations for Winter and Summer Committee Meetings no later than two years prior to the event. This change

was made because hotels are often hesitant to contract for smaller events, especially those needing 100 rooms or fewer, several years in advance. The adjustment allowed for better negotiation leverage, often leading to cost savings and increased venue options in a wider geographic range.

The Site Investigation Subcommittee is now requesting the same flexibility for the Spring and Fall Assemblies and the State Convention. Booking these venues three to four years in advance locks the Area into prices that may not reflect the future financial realities, especially given the current Area 51 deficit. Reducing the booking window to two years still provides sufficient time to secure quality venues while allowing for more accurate budgeting and improved cost control.

Budgetary Impact: There is no budgetary impact associated with this agenda item.

AGENDA ITEM #2

That the 2027 Summer Committee Meeting be held at the Blowing Rock Conference Center.

That the 2027 Fall Committee / Assembly be held at the Hawthorne Inn in Winston Salem.

That the 2028 Winter Committee Meeting be held at the Village Inn in Clemmons.

That the 2028 Spring Committee / Assembly Meeting be held at the Millennium Hotel in Durham.

That the 2028 State Convention be held at Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center.

That the 2028 Summer Committee Meeting be held at Blowing Rock Conference Center.

BACKGROUND: The Site Investigation Subcommittee is charged with finding, evaluating, and recommending sites to hold all yearly Area 51 events including 2 winter and summer committee meetings, 2 spring and fall assemblies, and state convention (usually held in July).

The Site Investigation Subcommittee started the selection process by identifying and sending Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to locations across North Carolina. Phone calls, emails, and in person visits followed to ensure replies, and develop relationships. Following the direction of the membership, some of the sites contacted included non-traditional venues, such as resorts, retreat centers, and summer camps.

To choose a recommended site, the subcommittee evaluated the most competitive bids received. We considered factors such as room rates, the cost and size of meeting rooms, coffee cost per gallon, parking, comp ratios, AV costs, and many other costs. We also considered hotel amenities, accessibility, 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 around the state. The Subcommittee examined all bids with a detailed cost analysis and further negotiation with each location. We placed the information into a comparative analysis spreadsheet, and discussed it thoroughly. The recommendations above represent 2 years of this committee's ongoing work.

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 #3

To approve the proposed Area 51 2026 Budget.

Background Information: The proposed 2026 budget will come moved and seconded from the Budget and Finance Subcommittee. Copies of the proposed 2026 budget will be distributed at the Area Committee Meeting.

In Love and Service,

Lindsey H., Area 51 Chairperson

Debbi A., Area 51 Alternate Chairperson

All the 2025 and 2026 Officers and Coordinators and 2025 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

2025		
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Virtual</i>	November 12, 2025
Fall Assembly	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC</i>	November 15-16, 2025
SSAASA 8	<i>Herndon, VA</i>	December 5-7, 2025
2026		
Winter Committee Meeting	<i>Millenium Hotel Durham, NC</i>	March 7-8, 2026
37th Freedom from Bondage	<i>Hampton Inn & Suites, Aberdeen, NC</i>	March 20-22, 2026
Central Pre-Conference		March 14, 2026
Western Pre-Conference		March 28, 2026
Eastern Pre-Conference		April 11, 2026
Spanish Pre-Conference		April 19, 2026
Spring Committee Meeting	<i>Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	May 15, 2026
Spring Assembly		May 16-17, 2026
79 th State Convention	<i>Lake Junaluska Conference Center, Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	July 16-19, 2026
Summer Committee Meeting	<i>Blowing Rock Conf. Center, Blowing Rock, NC</i>	August 22-23, 2026
Southeast Regional Forum	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC</i>	September 18-20, 2026
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills, Raleigh, NC</i>	November 6, 2026
Fall Election Assembly		November 7-8, 2026