

**General Service Committee**

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**DATE:** MARCH 26, 2021  
**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:** **Virtual Area 51 Spring Committee & Assembly Meeting**

**May 22, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

**Theme: “A New Day”**

**Special Guest: Deborah A., AAWS Director**

The Spring Assembly will NOT be meeting at the Raleigh Hilton North Hills due to the limitations of group gathering size and continued risk of exposure to Covid-19.

- If you have made a reservation at the Hilton, you can cancel it with no penalty. Please cancel as early as you can to release the rooms.
- The Zoom meeting information is provided below and can also be found on [www.aanorthcarolina.org](http://www.aanorthcarolina.org) along with the Assembly handouts. Be sure to check a few days before the Assembly in case any adjustments need to be made to the tentative schedule given below.
- Zoom Meeting Information for all events:
  - Meeting ID: 656 316 7536
  - Password: 924686
- Note: Additional Zoom Information for workshops will be provided closer to the event if breakout space is needed. Otherwise, workshops will be held in breakout rooms of the above meeting space.
- If you have any questions feel free to contact Denise M., the Area Chair ([chair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:chair@aanorthcarolina.org)) or Clayborne T., the Area Alternate Chair ([altchair@aanorthcarolina.org](mailto:altchair@aanorthcarolina.org)).

Note: When you log in to the meeting, please name yourself with your first name and last initial followed by your service position.  
Ex. Denise M. – Area Chair; Denise M. – GSR, Valley, D31; Denise M. – DCM-D31

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

<i>DAY</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ATTENDEES</i>	
<b>Friday</b> May 21, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Officers' Meeting	Officers Only	
	8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Area Committee Meeting	Area Committee - DCMs, Alt-DCMs, LCMs, Coordinators, Officers	
<b>Saturday</b> May 22, 2021	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>			
	Morning	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ How the Assembly Operates</li> <li>◆ Webmaster</li> <li>◆ Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and Public Information (PI)</li> <li>◆ Accessibilities</li> <li>◆ Treatment Facilities</li> </ul>	Assembly–All are welcome
		10:15 –11:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The Concepts</li> <li>◆ Corrections</li> <li>◆ Grapevine</li> <li>◆ Literature</li> <li>◆ How to be an Effective GSR Workshop (English session held via Zoom, Spanish session held at the Raleigh District Office)</li> </ul>	Assembly–All are welcome
Afternoon	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>ASSEMBLY BUSINESS SESSION</b> Delegate's Report, Agenda Items, Coordinator Reports, Q&A Sharing Session	Assembly–All are welcome	
Evening	6:00 p.m.	<b>OPEN SPEAKER MEETING</b> Debra A. - AAWS Director	Open – All are welcome	
Evening	8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<b>ENGLISH WORKSHOPS</b> How to be an Effective G.S.R. Helping the Newcomer in 2021 Where Spirituality and Technology Meet	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”.

**The following DCMs, Alt. DCMs and coordinators will be conducting the workshops:**

<b>Hot to be an Effective GSR / Ser un RSG Efectivo</b>			<b>Where Spirituality and Technology Meet</b>		<b>Helping the Newcomer in 2021</b>	
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Co-chairs</b>	<b>Co-Chairs</b>		<b>Co-Chairs</b>	
<b>10:15 AM Spanish Session</b>	<b>10:15 AM English Session</b>	<b>8:00 PM Session</b>	<b>8:00 PM Session</b>		<b>8:00 PM Session</b>	
Maribel G (D-30)	Stanley H (Treatment)	George S – DCM D35	Scott H – DCM D50	Steve R – DCM D70	Jon T – CPC Coordinator	Lindsey S – DCM D43
Lupi (Alt D-30)	Catherine W – DCM D18	Wanda C - Alt DCM D31			Chuck C – DCM D91	Debbie A - DCM D04

**BELOW ARE THE MAIN MOTIONS FROM THE AREA COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021 SPRING ASSEMBLY PRESENTED WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Item #1**

**Retain the Site Investigation Subcommittee as presently composed and configured, but change the subcommittee schedule to allow site recommendations for Winter and Summer Committee meetings to be made no later than two years prior to the year of the event.**

Background Information: Site Investigation is responsible for soliciting and evaluating bid proposals from hotels interested in hosting Area 51 events.

Process for Site Selection and Contract Signing: During even numbered years, the Site Investigation standing subcommittee sends requests for proposals (RFPs) to appropriate sites able to host any of the 10 events for the two-year time period that is roughly three years out. For example, in 2018 the site subcommittee sent out RFPs to venues capable of hosting any of the four assemblies, eight committee meetings (four in conjunction with assemblies), and two state conventions in the time span from August 2021-July 2023. In 2020, the subcommittee sent out RFPs for events from August 2023-July 2025.

The site investigation subcommittee then spends the end of the even-numbered year (as in 2020) and part of the odd-numbered year (as in 2021) narrowing down the search, 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 10 events, then they bring forth a motion at the Summer Committee 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 Chair reviews the contracts and negotiates final terms. Typically, the site subcommittee has already worked to get costs down and has narrowed the date ranges to match the appropriate windows for the events. The Area Chair makes sure the details are correct and signs the contracts for the 2-year period.

The Site Investigation Subcommittee has difficulty booking the Summer and Winter Committee events as hotels do not want to bid on smaller events (100 rooms or less) 3-4 years out. This change would allow the Site Investigation Subcommittee flexibility to procure additional bids 2-3 years out, leading to potential savings and expanding our geographical selection.

*In Love and Service,*

*Denise M., Area 51 Chair*

*Beth R., Area 51 Secretary*

**All the 2021 and 2022 Officers and Coordinators and 2021 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

<i>Locations are listed for upcoming events. It may be necessary to hold the event virtually, postpone or cancel the event, depending on local restrictions when the event is held.</i>		
<b>2021</b>		
Spring Committee Meeting	<i>Virtual</i>	May 21, 2021
Spring Assembly		May 22, 2021
74 <sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Convention	<i>Virtual</i>	July 15-18, 2021
Summer Committee Meeting	<i>Charlotte Airport Hotel Charlotte, NC</i>	August 20-22, 2021
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Lake Junaluska Retreat Center</i>	November 12, 2021
Fall Assembly	<i>Lake Junaluska, NC</i>	November 13-14, 2021
<b>2022</b>		
Winter Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Durham Near Duke University Durham, NC</i>	March 5-6, 2022
Spring Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Charlotte University Place Charlotte, NC</i>	June 17, 2022
Spring Assembly		June 18-19, 2022
75 <sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Convention	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills Raleigh, NC</i>	July 7-10, 2022
Summer Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Durham Near Duke University Durham, NC</i>	August 20-21, 2022
Fall Committee Meeting	<i>Hilton Raleigh North Hills Raleigh, NC</i>	November 18, 2022
Fall Election Assembly		November 19-20, 2022

### OTHER GENERAL SERVICE EVENTS

<b>2021</b>		
SSAASA 6	<i>Tampa Airport Marriott 4200 George J. Bean Parkway Tampa, Florida 33607</i>	November 19-21, 2021