

September 2017 Area 53 General Assembly
Area Inventory/Sharing Session
“How Well Does Area 53 Accomplish Its Primary Purpose”

The A.A. Service Manual (SM) describes the purpose of the General Service Conference Structure. Article II of the Area 53 Guidelines (AG) lists four purposes for Area. The following Inventory topics have been selected based upon these sources. Suggested sub-topics are included where appropriate. Please share your assessment of our effectiveness and your suggestions for improvement.

A. How effectively does Area 53 function as an “upside-down organization” [SM, p S16]? How can we improve? Does “ultimate authority” reside with the groups? Is the authority effectively delegated to the Area Assembly? Is the structure understood?

B. How effectively does Area 53 “support the General Service Conference and its members”? [AG, Purpose 1] How can we improve? Financial support? Respect and appreciation? Regional Forum participation?

C. How effectively does Area 53 support its delegate? [AG, Purpose 2] How can we improve? Financially? Open flow of information? Feedback?

D. Do we have effective communications between groups, districts, the standing committees, the past delegates, the Area Committee, and the Area Assembly? [AG, Purpose 3] How can we improve? Is our technology appropriate? Do we listen as well as speak? Is any segment of A.A. being left out the communication loop?

E. How effectively unified is the conference structure in Area 53? How can we improve? [AG, Purpose 3] Do we act as one assembly or as several sub-groups? How well do we do on the principles-personality scale?

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F. How effectively does the Area Assembly function as an “informed group conscience”? [AG, Purpose 4] **How can we improve?** Is appropriate information available? Is it shared effectively? Is there enough time provided to understand the information? Is information shared or sold? Do we use all the tools available for sharing information?

G. How effective is our application of the Seventh Tradition? How can we improve? Group donations adequate? Are we funding the right items? In the right amounts? Prudent reserve? Reporting and communications?

H. How effectively do we employ the Right of Decision, the Right of Participation, and the Right of Appeal? How can we improve? Are we focused on the needs of the Area or on the needs of our own sub-group? Are all members of the Assembly viewed as equals, or are there implied differences based on job and/or experience? Is the “minority opinion” effectively used?

I. How effective is the Agenda for the Assembly? How can we improve? Are the right items on the agenda? Is the time scheduled for the items effective? Is the order of the items effective? How effective are the reporting segments of the agenda? The business segments? The information and sharing segments?

J. Other concerns and suggestions?