

# DISTRICT 40 NEWSLETTER



**UNITY**

**RECOVERY**

**SERVICE**

## THANK YOU!!!

First, let me express my heartfelt gratitude to District 40 for the past six years. During this time, I've had the privilege of holding several positions, each of which taught me valuable lessons. Service has pushed me out of my comfort zone, encouraging me to try new things—a key factor in personal growth.

I've often heard it said in the rooms that this is a program of action, and I've witnessed how that action intertwines with spiritual growth. If things came too easily, I might slip back into relying solely on myself to navigate life, instead of leaning on God. Before I got sober, life felt like an endless struggle, as I was constantly trying to manage everything on my own. Today, I can relax, focus on God's plan for me, and embrace the lessons each day brings.

I'm excited for Mike and everyone else who has stepped up to ensure this wonderful district remains active and continues to grow. While I know I'll see many of you in the upcoming term through your new positions, I'm sure I'll also cross paths with others at conferences, assemblies, conventions, workshops, or meetings.

Thank you all for the effort and dedication you've poured into supporting this district, our area, and, most importantly, this life-saving program.

**Doug D. – DCM District 40**



## STEP 12

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs”

## TRADITION 12

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

## CONCEPT 12

“The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.”

## DISTRICT 40 AT A GLANCE



**District 40** of the Southeast Texas Area is a territory bounded on the **North** by US Hwy 290, on the **South** by Westheimer Rd., on the **East** by Loop 610, and on the **West** by SH 36.

District 40 is one of the largest districts in the Southeast Texas area, with a high population density and heavy traffic. Driving from one end of the district to the other often takes over two hours, making it challenging for the DCM to visit all the groups within the district.

As part of the upcoming rotation, we are considering the idea of splitting the district to better serve our members. We value your input and would like to hear your thoughts on this proposal. Please share your feedback through your group's GSR.

## WHICH IS THE HARDEST OF THE TWELVE STEPS?

This question has been on my mind for years, and it often comes up in meetings. Listening to shares from fellow members, I've noticed that everyone seems to have their own take on which step is the most challenging. For me, I've always believed that **Step 4**—making a searching and fearless moral inventory—takes the crown. Looking at ourselves honestly, with all the flaws, fears, and regrets laid bare, is terrifying. It's no wonder so many people procrastinate when they get to Step 4.

But is Step 4 the hardest for everyone? I decided to dig deeper and find out. Recently, I conducted a survey of 100 members in the Houston area, most from District 40. My goal was to get a broader perspective. The results were eye-opening.

### The Results

Out of 100 members, 22 chose not to answer. Of the remaining 78 responses, the hardest step wasn't Step 4 after all.

- **Step 1** came in first, with 17 members identifying it as the hardest.
- **Step 9** followed closely, with 9 votes.
- **Step 4** and **Step 5** were tied for third place, with 5 votes each.

I was surprised to see Step 1 at the top of the list. For some, admitting powerlessness over alcohol feels like the ultimate defeat. It's an act of surrender that requires a level of humility many of us aren't used to.

As one member shared, *“I thought admitting I was powerless meant I was weak, but it was the most courageous thing I ever did.”*

Step 9, making amends, was another top contender. Members described the emotional weight of this step, especially when facing those they had hurt the most. One respondent explained, *“Step 9 scared me because I didn’t know how people would react. But in the end, I learned that making amends wasn’t about their response; it was about my willingness to set things right.”*

Step 4 and Step 5 also stood out. While only a few members chose them, their reasons resonated deeply with me. Writing down and then sharing a moral inventory takes a level of vulnerability that doesn’t come naturally to many of us. One member put it simply: *“I didn’t want to admit my faults out loud, even to myself.”*

### Why the Hardest Step is Different for Everyone

As I reflected on the results, one thing became clear: the hardest step is different for each of us because our struggles are different. Our illness manifests uniquely, so the solution looks a little different too.

For some, the hardest step is the first one because it requires surrendering old ideas. For others, it’s Step 9 because it demands accountability for past actions. Still, others struggle with the steps that ask us to look inward—Steps 4 and 5—or upward, like Step 11.

### What This Means for Us

The beauty of AA is that while the steps remain the same, our experiences with them are deeply personal. There is no “one-size-fits-all” answer to the question of which step is the hardest. Instead, the hardest step is often the one we’re working on right now.

For me, Step 4 will probably always feel like the toughest. But thanks to this survey and the wisdom of my fellow members, I’ve come to appreciate how each step challenges us in different ways—and ultimately transforms us.

So, I leave you with this question: Which step is the hardest for you? The answer might surprise you. And wherever you are in the journey, remember, you’re not alone.

**Beymar R. - Newsletter Editor – District 40**

## About Speaker Meetings



# DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

## OCTOBER 2024

### DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**

COTHA Church, 1225 W. Grand Parkway, Katy, Tx. Rm. 115

Google Meet

**Mailing Address:**

District 40  
PO Box 79119  
Houston, Tx.  
77279-9119

<https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-uo>

[doug.d@aa-seta.org](mailto:doug.d@aa-seta.org) DCM

[mike.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:mike.b@aa-seta.org) Alt. DCM

[theresa.s@aa-seta.org](mailto:theresa.s@aa-seta.org) Secretary

[ronnie.h@aa-seta.org](mailto:ronnie.h@aa-seta.org) Treasurer

**Date:** October 8 , 2024

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 PM

**Attendees:** 21 online, 4 in person

**Call to Order** – 7:04 pm, Doug D.

**Serenity prayer-** Doug

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Theresa S., (Alt. Tracey C.) accepted as amended

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Ronnie H, (Alt. Amanda L.)

#### **DCM Report**

Welcome to the District 40 Oct monthly meeting. My name is Doug D and I am your DCM until the end of the year. It has been a lot of fun and growth, thanks for the opportunity to serve. We have had our 2 area assembly meetings these past few weeks. A quick recap, 2 weeks ago we did it virtually and I hope your GSRs had the chance to attend the GSR workshop. They usually have one at each assembly, so if you missed it remember to wake up early on Jan4th because it will be at the convention. This was the last area assembly for this rotation so some of us did take the time to thank the area for the opportunity to serve, learn, and grow. At the end of a rotation, we usually review the job descriptions and see if anything should be changed to be more efficient. It took some time because discussions go that way sometimes. But last weekend we got into elections. And this is how it worked out:

Delegate = Christina

Alt Delegate = Bella

Chair = Patty

Alt Chair = Rieno

Secretary = Fernando

Alt Secretary = Hannah

Treasurer = Alicia

Registrar = Elizabeth

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Archives =Joel

Correctional Facilities (CF) =Harold  
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) = Don  
Finance = Kevin  
LaVina = Elias  
Grapevine (GvR) = Terry  
Literature = Jim  
Multi Lingual = Louis  
Intergroup Liaison = Darell  
Newsletter = Allise  
Public Information (PI) = Michelle  
Treatment Facilities (TF) = OPEN  
SETA Convention 2027 = OPEN  
SCAP = Charlie  
Information Technology (IT) = Brad  
Trustee at Large = Troy

Plus, we voted to carry an insurance policy on all events held by SETA. It will be less than 200 dollars a day to cover our assemblies, conventions, and SWRAASA.

So, take back to your home groups and talk about the new rotation and how your members can be part of AA as a whole. Read Beymar's article in the newsletter and see if inspires you. Remind your members that we are all part of AA and remember the story out of the 12&12 about the courageous people in the rowboat, we all have to take turns at the rows of this program. So let them know of the open positions at district, area and for the conventions coming this next rotation. Seta is in January, State is in Aug, Seta is again in 2026, and ending with SWRAASA in Oct 2026.

Doug

### **ALT. DCM Report**

District 40, as always, please let me know how I can help you and your groups carry out our primary purpose.

SWRAASA! Coming up this weekend! I hope to see a lot of you there! It should be an amazing event. The District Inventory Ad Hoc Implementation & Planning Committee has not been put together or scheduled. This committee will be involved in helping to plan and implement all the considerations from the D40 Inventory. Please come see me or Doug if you would like to be involved in this. This is your District, and these were your considerations, let us know if you want to help get them implemented. D40 Workshops: Part of what came out of those considerations was for District 40 to do workshops. These will be held quarterly, and we were supposed to have one July 17th. I was not able to secure a speaker for this, so I pushed this to October 20th . This was originally going to be October 13th , but that is the weekend of SWRAASA. Our online group, The 4 Horseman, was going to host, but are not able to.

My home group will probably end up hosting it. More to come!

Open positions: Please consider standing for something. If you're already a GSR or Alt-GSR for your home group, consider that as a priority, and bring someone from your homegroup that might be interested in serving on a committee and representing their homegroup and District at the Area level. Even better, let them know of the District positions that are available that serve the District directly, ie Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, etc. We're hoping to fill positions tonight, but there is a chance that some will be available. So, take note and bring those back to your home group. We would love to have your participation.

Through love and service, Mike



**District 40 Budget:**

- Discuss the budget – feedback from current and future budget holders
  - Vote if we want to take it back to the groups for more discussion or vote on it.
- Doug made a motion to accept the 2025 Budget. Tammy R. seconded. The vote passed.

District 40 2025 Proposed Final Budget

Expense Item	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual Expense 09/13/24	2025 Proposed Budget
DCM	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ 343	\$ 925
Alt. DCM	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 110	\$ 900
Secretary / Copying	\$ 50	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 50
Treasurer	\$ 350	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 14	\$ 50
Newsletter	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -
PO Box	\$ 95	\$ 160	\$ 175	\$ 170	\$ 175
Literature Committee	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 175	\$ 104	\$ 200
PI	\$ 1,839	\$ 560	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Grapevine	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
CFC	\$ 300	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
TFC	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ 75	\$ -	\$ 75
Archives Committee	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
IT Committee	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	\$ 50
Storage Unit Rent	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 432	\$ 432	\$ 500
Monthly Meeting Rent	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ 360	\$ 240	\$ 360
Intergroup Donation/Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SETA Donation/Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GSO Donation/Contribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Traditions Dinner	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,540	\$ 3,000
Service Workshop	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 400	\$ -	\$ 400
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ 1,900	\$ -	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ -
The Forum (Odd Years)	\$ -	\$ 1,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,900
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SETA 2026 Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ 578	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,987</b>	<b>\$ 7,420</b>	<b>\$ 10,617</b>	<b>\$ 4,952</b>	<b>\$ 9,085</b>

Income	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2024 Actual Total	2025 Proposed Budget
Group Contributions	\$ 6,825	\$ 6,820	\$ 7,750	\$ 5,576	\$ 8,100
Traditions Dinner - Group Contributions	\$ 500	\$ 900	\$ 600	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,000
SETA Hospitality Suite - Group Contributions	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Convention. Hospitality Suite - Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,925</b>	<b>\$ 7,720</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,811</b>	<b>\$ 9,100</b>

**GSR Section** – It depends on the time left after the budget.

**New GSR** – introductions, tell us about your home group.

Juan Cr. Announced that his home group, which is a Spanish speaking group, is now meeting at Peace Community Church. They are very happy with this location.

Tammy R. announced that her home group, The Katy 12&12, now has a Traditions Meeting every Wednesday at 5pm.

Caitlain B. announced that her home group, Sister in Sobriety, Tx. (online only), just started a 13-week Traditions study. They also will be having an Alcolthon Event starting the evening before Thanksgiving. More details to follow.

Staci M. announced that her home group will be having a Halloween party including costumes and a potluck on November 1 at 10am at the Church of the Holy Apostle. Childcare is available.

My name is Hannah S. I am currently the GSR for the Tuesday Night Step Study in the Memorial Area. We meet on Tuesday nights at 7:30pm at Second Baptist Church. We are a step study. I am also the Service Chair

for the Houston Bid for the Texas State Conference for Young People in AA (TXSCYPAA). TXSCYPAA is this month the 25-27th.

The Houston bid will be presenting our pitch to the Advisory Board this month to be considered host for next year. I've collected letters of support from various districts and delegates, including our very own Doug D, both our SETA delegates, and the Texas State Conference. Thank you to everyone who has helped out!

#### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Archives Rep: Open**

**CFC Rep: Open**

**CPC Rep: Open**

**Grapevine Rep: Open**

**IT Rep: Open**

**Houston Intergroup Liaison: Fernando B – no report**

**Literature Rep: Carol F.-**

The Plain Language Big Book, a tool for understanding the basic text of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is scheduled to be available for purchase Nov. 1. A flyer is attached.

The Area 67 Literature Committee will present a workshop 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, hosted by the RoseRich Group, 925 TX-10 Spur between Hwy 36 and Hwy 90 in east Rosenberg. Topic for the workshop is “The Conference Connection,” on how members and groups are connected to the larger AA service structure and the process for proposing an idea to be considered by the General Service Conference.

The workshop will include informative and entertaining activities and discussions and LUNCH! The flyer is attached. All are welcome.

The Area 67 Literature Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month on Google meets. All are welcome. For information, contact District 40 Literature Rep Carol F., at [carol.f@aa-seta.org](mailto:carol.f@aa-seta.org) or 214-601-0088.

**Newsletter Editor:** Beymar R. send in your articles before the end of the month.

**PI Public Information): OPEN**

**TFC Rep: Robert – no report yet (newly elected)**

#### **New Business**

##### **• SWRAASA – Reimbursement procedure**

Doug has hard copies of the Final Conference Report for everyone to pick-up from him.

#### **Old Business**

##### **▪ Open positions**

Hannah was voted in as Intergroup Liaison.

**Responsibility STATEMENT:** All Together

**ADJOURN:** 8:54pm





SETA DISTRICT 40 --- EXPENSE BY MONTH & TOTAL FOR 2024														
	Budget	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total YTD
DCM	\$ 925	\$ 342.70												\$ 342.70
Alt. DCM	\$ 900			\$ 110.44										\$ 110.44
Secretary / Copying	\$ 150													\$ -
Treasurer	\$ 75					\$ 13.60								\$ 13.60
Newsletter	\$ 100													\$ -
PO Box	\$ 175					\$ 170.00								\$ 170.00
Literature Committee	\$ 175								\$ 103.95					\$ 103.95
PI	\$ 50													\$ -
Grapevine	\$ 50													\$ -
CFC	\$ 50													\$ -
TFC	\$ 75													\$ -
Archives Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
IT Committee	\$ 50													\$ -
Storage Unit Rent	\$ 432	\$ 66.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 79.90	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 431.90
Monthly Meeting Rent	\$ 360	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00			\$ 270.00
Intergroup 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
SETA 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
GSO 2023 Contribution	\$ -													\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ -													\$ -
Fellowship Fest	\$ -													\$ -
Traditions Dinner	\$ 3,500				\$ 300.00			\$ 882.50	\$ 2,357.21					\$ 3,539.71
Service Workshop	\$ 400													\$ -
SWRAASA (Even Years)	\$ 2,800										\$ 2,362.91			\$ 2,362.91
The Forum (Odd Years)	\$ -													\$ -
Delegate Report Meeting	\$ -													\$ -
State Convention Hospitality Suite	\$ -													\$ -
SETA 2025 Hospitality Suite - District 40	\$ 300										\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,617</b>	<b>\$ 438.70</b>	<b>\$ 46.00</b>	<b>\$ 170.44</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>	<b>\$ 243.60</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 962.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,521.16</b>	<b>\$ 60.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,722.91</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,645.21</b>

SETA DISTRICT 40 -- GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2024													
District 40 Groups	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR
Another Chance Group			\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00							\$ 150.00
Bear Creek Fellowship	\$ 80.00						\$ 251.68						\$ 331.68
Beginners Group													\$ -
Broad Highway Group	\$ 5.60			\$ 4.50									\$ 10.10
Bunkerhill Tuesday A.A. Group													\$ -
Central Tuesday Night Step Study Group						\$ 47.00	\$ 39.00						\$ -
Chapelwood Tues 8pm													\$ -
Colors of Change Group													\$ -
Copperfield Willingness Group													\$ -
Daily Reflections Group													\$ -
Deep Dive Big Book Study	\$ 143.00							\$ 90.00					\$ 233.00
Drifter's Group		\$ 68.00											\$ 68.00
Everything is "Alright Already"													\$ -
First Light Group			\$ 80.75		\$ 157.00			\$ 148.00					\$ 385.75
Four Horsemen Group										\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
Fourth Promise Group													\$ -
Friends of Bill W. (Post Oak)	\$ 50.00				\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 150.00	\$ 50.00				\$ 550.00
Friends of Bill W. (West Houston CC)													\$ -
Fry Road Group					\$ 120.00				\$ 115.00				\$ 235.00
Fulshear Group				\$ 78.00									\$ 78.00
God Meeting Group													\$ -
Good Moming Open Book Study Group													\$ -
Hay Una Solucion						\$ 50.00							\$ 50.00
High Hopes										\$ 18.75			\$ 18.75
Hockley Group													\$ -
Houston Young People													\$ -
Journey Group													\$ -
Just For Today			\$ 20.67			\$ 11.58		\$ 12.48					\$ 44.73
Just The Black Print Group													\$ -
Katy 12 & 12	\$ 59.28	\$ 63.09	\$ 83.11	\$ 83.92	\$ 82.83	\$ 78.50	\$ 78.50	\$ 145.95					\$ 675.18
Katy 164 Group	\$ 50.00						\$ 34.00			\$ 34.00			\$ 118.00
Katy Big Book													\$ -
Katy Crossroads Group				\$ 40.00				\$ 30.00	\$ 80.00				\$ 150.00
Katy Keystone Group													\$ -
Katy Primary Purpose Group													\$ -
Kingsland Group													\$ -
Living Now Group													\$ -
Memorial Going Home Group	\$ 104.85			\$ 88.00			\$ 138.30			\$ 87.30			\$ 418.45
Memorial West Group													\$ -
Monaville Group													\$ -
Monday Night Men's Supper/Step Study													\$ -
New Beginnings Group													\$ -
New Oxford Group													\$ -
Outpost Group (Men's)			\$ 250.00							\$ 250.00			\$ 500.00
Peek Road Group													\$ -
Primary Purpose Group - SGS													\$ -
Rooted in Love Group													\$ -
Rosewood Thursday Night Group	\$ 69.00			\$ 73.00			\$ 98.00			\$ 66.00			\$ 306.00
Rule 62 Group	\$ 49.44			\$ 46.45			\$ 55.00						\$ 150.89
Sage-Piney Point													\$ -
Sage-Piney Point Noon Tuesday	\$ 23.39				\$ 24.50		\$ 15.27						\$ 63.16
Saturday Solutions Group							\$ 121.92						\$ 121.92
Simply AA													\$ -
Sisters in Serenity	\$ 6.51			\$ 16.00									\$ 22.51
Sisters in Sobriety Texas		\$ 88.44	\$ 92.87	\$ 230.43	\$ 76.80		\$ 225.65		\$ 224.22	\$ 74.57			\$ 1,012.98
Sober in Brookshire													\$ -
So Far So Good Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Spring Shadows Group													\$ -
Stepping Stones in Recovery Katy													\$ -
Steps in Sobriety								\$ 25.00					\$ 25.00
Taking Care of Business													\$ -
There is a Solution Group													\$ -
36 Principles Group													\$ -
Wednesday Reflections							\$ 20.00						\$ 20.00
Westchase Nooners	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00				\$ 360.00
West Memorial													\$ -
Wild West Group	\$ 115.00			\$ 119.00			\$ 96.00			\$ 135.00			\$ 465.00
Working With Others		\$ 160.00											\$ 160.00
White Oak													\$ -
Unknown	\$ 17.00												\$ 17.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 833.07</b>	<b>\$ 439.53</b>	<b>\$ 602.40</b>	<b>\$ 839.30</b>	<b>\$ 661.13</b>	<b>\$ 422.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,173.32</b>	<b>\$ 268.00</b>	<b>\$ 812.65</b>	<b>\$ 825.62</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 6,791.10</b>

# AREA 67 EVENTS



## SOBER CELEBRATIONS GROUP HOLIDAY AA ALCOTHON

THANKSGIVING. NOV 28

CHRISTMAS  DEC 25

NEW YEARS EVE DEC 31



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SOBER CELEBRATIONS GROUP  
SERENE BEANS  
5609 3RD ST.  
KATY, TX 77493



If you're looking for Serenity after the Holiday celebrations with family and friends, come join the AA fellowship for any of the 6-hr Alcothon meetings beginning at 6pm on each holiday listed and continuing till midnight. Please feel free to bring food to share if able. Looking forward to sharing fellowship and serenity during the holidays

# AREA 67 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COMMITTEE	MEETING DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
Archives	2nd Monday of the month - 7:00 pm	Google Meet meet.google.com/uus-pbqk-xip Online Only
CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community	1st Monday of the month - 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 632-634-860 Passcode: 153379
CFC - Correctional Facilities Committee	3rd Wednesday of the month - 7:30 pm <b>HYBRID</b>	Zoom: ID: 477-254-9035 Passcode: heartbeat Houston Intergroup 5151 Mitcheldale St. Houston, TX 77092 Conference Room
Grapevine	3rd Thursday of the month - 7:30 pm	Google Meet <a href="https://meet.google.com/irm-etev-jrx">meet.google.com/irm-etev-jrx</a>
Intergroup {Delegate's Meeting}	3rd Thursday every other month - 8:00 pm	Zoom Call (786) 686-6300 for more information
IT - Information Technology Committee	4th Saturday of the month - 10:00 am	Google Meet ID: nqm-vypy-yao
Multi-Lingual	1st Thursday of the month 7:30 pm	District 66 - 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Literature	3rd Tuesday of the month 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 257-198-925 Passcode: 443980
PI - Public Information	4th Tuesday of the month - 7:30 pm	Zoom ID: 330-417-285 Passcode: 153379
TFC - Treatment Facility Committee	15th day of every month - 7:00 pm  At times the 15th of the month can fall on a weekend or holiday. When that occurs, the TFC meeting will automatically be held <b>on the following business day.</b>	Zoom ID: 552-569-791 Passcode: 169753

**Next District Meeting  
Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>,  
2024**

**7 – 9 p.m.**

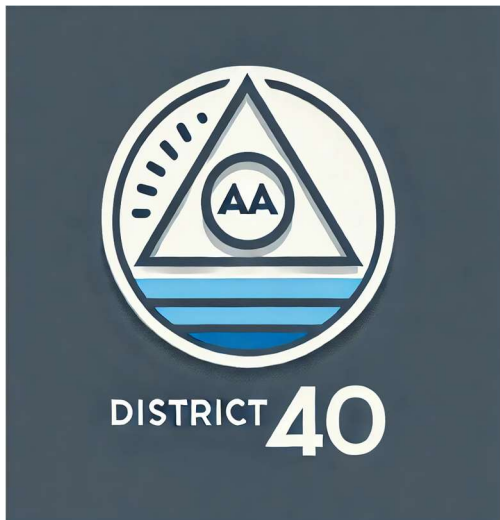
**Virtual Here**

**In Person:  
Church of the Holy Apostles  
Room 115**

**1225 W Grand Pkwy S  
Katy, TX 77494**



**"Every sober day is a victory over the person  
you used to be."**







Language of the Heart  
Lenguaje del corazón  
Le langage du cœur

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

August 9, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

This is an exciting time in the planning of our 2025 International Convention. The **Registration and Housing Processes** will open on September 10, 2024, at Noon, Eastern Time. This memo includes information on the two ways to register and obtain housing, if needed.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION AND HOUSING PROCESS

Attendees planning to register and book housing online through our vendor, Showcare, **should use the Online Registration and Housing Process**. In the online portal, attendees can register, as well as add on our exciting product offerings. Once the online registration is complete, attendees seeking housing will be guided to book an option.

Attendees can access the Online Registration and Housing Process via a link on our website at <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. Additionally, the attached Registration Brochure is filled with information about the 2025 International Convention you want to review.

### PRINT FORM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Due to security and privacy guidelines, we no longer allow attendees to provide their credit or debit card information on our Print Registration Form. The **Print Form Registration Process** will allow attendees to pay for the registration fee and our additional product offerings by **check or money order only**. If your print registration form arrives by mail to Showcare before registration opens, it will not be processed until September 10, 2024.

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous  
P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, NY 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)



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## HOW TO REQUEST HOUSING USING THE PRINT REGISTRATION FORM

In the *housing section* of the print registration form, attendees can indicate they want to “reserve housing.” Individual members will be able to indicate a preferred housing dollar range and book up to two (2) rooms. We require attendees to provide a **valid email address** to complete the booking of a housing reservation. **You must have a credit card to reserve a hotel room.**

*NOTE: YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD INCLUDE THE TOTAL OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AND ALL SELECTED PRODUCT OFFERINGS. PLEASE DO NOT ADD IN A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.*

We will do our best to match you to your requested housing range, but if not available, we will search for a housing option at the closest available rate. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your **credit card information** to complete the reservation. Please read the entire *Print Registration Form* for all details regarding the process.

## UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERSON? WE HAVE NEW OPTIONS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

You can use the Online Registration or Print Registration Form to:

- Register for a *Virtual Session Program Track*. This is a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. Cost is \$35 (USD).
- Purchase the *2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product*. It will be an anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing after the Convention is over. Cost is \$60 (USD)

Registration and housing questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com).

Warm regards,

Patrick C.  
2025 International Convention Coordinator  
[2025ic@aa.org](mailto:2025ic@aa.org)

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Language of the Heart  
Lenguaje del corazón  
Le langage du cœur

## 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia

### DISCOVER VANCOUVER

Vancouver is located on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱məθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples, who have lived on this land for thousands of years. In 2014, Vancouver was designated a City of Reconciliation, embarking on a sustained relationship of mutual respect with local First Nations.

A cosmopolitan city right on the edge of nature, Vancouver makes it easy to combine an urban getaway with outdoor adventure. From family-friendly fun to thrill-seeking exploits; from marine exploring to mountaintop luxury, you'll find plenty of things to do in Vancouver. Vancouverites know their city's culinary scene. They know where to find the best tower of fresh seafood, the finest house-made charcuterie, and the most delicious taco truck!

Now, close your eyes and breathe in deep. As the earthy, cedar-scented air fills your lungs, listen to the birds twittering, wind rustling through leaves, and evergreen needles crunching underfoot as you wander the forest's carpeted path. As you round the corner, Stanley Park's Lost Lagoon comes into view. Just a few minutes past are the towers and skyscrapers of downtown Vancouver. This is what inspires Vancouverites every day.

### MEETINGS, MEETINGS AND MORE MEETINGS

Beginning Thursday at midnight through early Sunday, marathon A.A. meetings will be held in English, French and Spanish. A.A. topic meetings, workshops, panels, special interest meetings, and regional meetings will be held Friday and Saturday at the Vancouver Convention Centre. Sharing with members from around the world will energize you to carry the message back home!

#### NEW FOR 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

### WE ARE OFFERING A VIRTUAL SESSION

**PROGRAM TRACK:** Attendees who are unable to attend the 2025 International Convention in person can register for a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and not available for purchase after the Convention.

### A.A. EVENTS IN VANCOUVER!

Vancouver Convention Centre is located at the downtown waterfront and where on Thursday evening we will hold a Block Party at venues around the Convention Campus. Friday night we all come together in the BC Place Stadium for the Flag Ceremony and Opening A.A. Meeting; Saturday night for an Oldtimers A.A. Meeting; and Sunday morning for the Closing A.A. Meeting. There will be more fellowship opportunities outside the BC Place Stadium after the Friday and Saturday night A.A. Meetings.

### AL-ANON AND ALATEEN ACTIVITIES

A variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops for Al-Anon and Alateen, are scheduled at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. There will be meetings offered in French and Spanish, along with the English program. And, of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join the festivities at the Thursday night Block Party near the waterfront and at venues around the Convention Campus, the Big Meetings and more.

### 2025 INTERNATIONAL A.A. CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The 2025 International Convention Souvenir book, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" is a lavishly illustrated celebration of our Fellowship, its vibrant history, and A.A. around the world today. In these full-color pages, you'll read the inspiring stories of Bill W., Dr. Bob, and the early A.A.s who spread the word of Alcoholics Anonymous, one alcoholic to another, in ever-widening circles. A treasure trove of archival and new material, this autograph book-size volume brings to vivid life the message of Recovery, Service and Unity that lies at the very heart of our program. Including blank pages for notes and autographs, "A BOOK OF FELLOWSHIP: 90 Years of Love & Service" will make a one-of-a-kind keepsake of the 2025 Vancouver Convention.

If you preorder the International Convention souvenir book when you register prior to May 9, 2025, you will receive the book in the mail. If registering after May 9, 2025, the book will be available for pick-up at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

### GRAPEVINE'S "LANGUAGE OF THE HEART" SOUVENIR JOURNAL

To help celebrate the 2025 International Convention, collect your memories, thoughts, ideas, prayers, jokes, stories, and the signatures of friends and people you meet in this beautiful journal from AA Grapevine. Keep track of a wonderful weekend of sober celebration in Vancouver with fellows from around the world, and then use it for years to come. The journal features wonderful quotes from our cofounder Bill W.'s collected writings from Grapevine's most popular book, *The Language of the Heart*, the theme of the 2025 Convention.

If you preorder the Grapevine's "Language of the Heart" souvenir journal when you register prior to May 9, 2025, you will receive the journal in the mail. If registering after May 9, 2025, the journal will be available for pick-up at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

### CONVENTION APP

A 2025 International Convention app will be available for download for mobile devices. This will give attendees instant access to the convention program, schedule changes, maps of the Convention Center and Vancouver area, updates and alerts, and more. Print programs will still be available for attendees.

Convention Dates: July 3-6, 2025 | Advanced Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025 | Registration Opens: September 10, 2024





## 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

### INDIVIDUALS WITH ACCESSIBILITY BARRIERS

Many efforts have been made to assure your participation, as well as compliance with the Canadians With Disabilities Act. Transportation will be available to you in Vancouver, if required. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to be contacted regarding your needs for transportation and/or housing. Wheelchairs will be available to rent. You will need to make your own arrangements through our vendor.

### WEATHER

Daily high temperatures in July in Vancouver are around 70°F, rarely falling below 55°F or exceeding 85°F. The highest daily average high temperature for July is 75°F. As warm as the summer temperatures can be outdoors, be prepared for cool temperatures indoors — the air conditioning will be on!

### TRAVELING TO CANADA

The U.S. and Canada each have restrictions and regulations that apply to citizens and visitors who travel from one country to the other. U.S. citizens need a valid U.S. passport to travel to Canada. Citizens from other countries need to view Canadian Visa Requirements. Border crossing into Canada has significantly changed, particularly in the last two years. For more information: access links to Canada Border Services Agency website:

<https://ircc.canada.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

It is suggested that those who believe they have some past legal incident, such as a DUI or felony that could inhibit their ability to cross the border to attend the 2025 International Convention, seek assistance/information by accessing the Canada Border Services Agency link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/immigrate-canada/inadmissibility/overcome-criminal-convictions.html>

### OTHER LANGUAGES, INCLUDING ASL

As a truly international gathering, meetings in multiple languages—including American Sign Language (ASL), French, Spanish and more — will be available Friday and Saturday. Additionally, the Big Meetings in the BC Place Stadium will be simultaneously interpreted into several languages based on need and cost. ASL interpretation will be provided at the Big Meetings; look for the seating section to be set aside for this purpose.

## TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

### AIR TRAVEL\*

You may wish to take advantage of airline flight discounts available through one of our partners. SkyTeam comprises 19 international airlines: Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeroméxico, Air Europa, Air France, China Airlines, China Eastern, Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Garuda Indonesia, ITA Airways, Kenya Airways, KLM, Korean Air, Middle East Airlines, Saudia, TAROM, Vietnam Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, and Xiamen Air. To book your travel now, visit [skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings](http://skyteam.com/GlobalMeetings), click on Attend Your Event in the left bar and enter Event ID **4860S**.

AirCanada is also providing our group with discounted travel. To book visit [aircanada.com](http://aircanada.com) and enter the Promotion Code **RF4VA681**.

### CAR RENTAL\*

As with airlines and hotels, car rentals are available at standard discount rates.

**Budget:** Contact either [www.budget.com](http://www.budget.com) or 1 (800) 842-5628 reference BCD #**Z727996**

**Avis:** Contact either [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) or 1 (800) 331-1600 reference AWD number **X227399**.

### CONVENTION TRANSPORTATION

We have hotel rooms throughout the Vancouver area! No door-to-door shuttle bus service will be available. During registration you will be able to purchase a three-day TransLink Compass Card. This card will be sent to you with your badge for those who register prior to May 9, 2025 will allow you to use public transit throughout Metro Vancouver for three days. This includes SkyTrain, Bus Service, and SeaBus. If you are staying in the area longer, these cards will be reloadable for you to add additional days.

### SAFETY TIPS

The staff and volunteers of the 2025IC are committed to the safety and security of our guests throughout the entire event. Here are some recommendations to ensure that the 2025IC experience is a pleasant and safe one.

- Know Your Surroundings
- Carry Important Documents
- Use The Buddy System
- Be Discreet
- Use the 2025IC Resources, such as our Mobile App.
- Be Medically Prepared
- See Something, Say Something

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN AIRPORT AND HOTEL

#### TAXI OPTIONS

Fares range from \$35-\$45 CAD based on traffic conditions from the airport (both terminals) to downtown Vancouver.

All taxis are first come first serve basis from one of our two taxi stands at YVR. Taxi stands are located on International Arrivals Level 2 and Domestic Arrivals Level 2 and are served by licensed taxi operators. For South Terminal passengers, the taxi stand is located right outside the terminal — only Richmond Taxi, Garden City Cabs, and Kimber Cabs operate there.

#### RIDE APP SERVICES

Ride App services have arrived at YVR and are committed to providing their passengers with reliable and diverse transportation options. Lyft, Uber and KABU are authorized providers of Ride App services at YVR.

#### Getting Picked Up at YVR

For the safety, security and efficiency of the operations, Ride App services at YVR are highly regulated. To ensure they deliver on their commitment to provide an exceptional airport experience for their customers, there are three pick up areas:

- International Arrivals, Level 2
- Domestic Arrivals, Level 2
- South Terminal



REGISTRATION OPENS  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**  
 ADVANCED DEADLINE IS:  
**APRIL 15, 2025**

**A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

- No badge required for children 12 years and younger - Both sides of this form may be duplicated - See reverse side for cancellation policy.

**MAIN ATTENDEE** (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
CITY		ST/PROV		COUNTRY	
EMAIL (*REQUIRED FIELD)			TELEPHONE		
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)		1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN	4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH	2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE	4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION		1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP		1. <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 1 YR.	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10	4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20
AGE GROUP		5. <input type="checkbox"/> 20-35	6. <input type="checkbox"/> 35-50	7. <input type="checkbox"/> 50-55	8. <input type="checkbox"/> 55-60
		9. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 60	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39
		4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55	5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65	6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65	
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**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE** (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		NAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS					
CITY		ST/PROV		ZIP/POSTAL CODE	
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**B. PAYMENT (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

**Advanced Registration Fee is:**  
 \$160 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$185 USD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$216 CAD (when using Canadian checks)  
 PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 CAD AFTER APRIL 15 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Virtual Session Program Track**  
 A live two-day 8 session virtual track for people who are unable to attend the 2025 International Convention in person.  
 \$35 USD  \$47 CAD TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3-Day TransLink Pass (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$31 USD  \$42 CAD  1 PASS  2 PASSES TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Souvenir Book (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$15 USD PER PRE-ORDER BOOK (includes shipping)  \$20 CAD PER PRE-ORDER BOOK  
 QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product (OPTIONAL)** An anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing.  
 \$60 USD  \$81 CAD TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**AA Grapevine Souvenir Journal - Trilingual (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$15 USD (includes shipping)  \$20 CAD  
 QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year print subscription - English only (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$36 USD  \$49 CAD (check)  
 \$49 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year digital subscription - Online and app (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$29.99 USD (ALL except Canadian check)  \$40 CAD (check) TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grapevine one-year Complete subscription - Print, online and app (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$56 USD  \$76 CAD (check)  
 \$69 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year print subscription - Spanish only (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$14.45 USD  \$20 CAD (check)  
 \$21 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year digital subscription - Online and app (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$14.99 USD (ALL except Canadian check)  \$20 CAD (check) TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**La Viña one-year Complete subscription - Print, online and app (OPTIONAL)**  
 \$24.48 USD  \$33 CAD (check)  
 \$24.48 USD International QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIBERS MUST INCLUDE ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE AND INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.

**CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)**

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD. Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention." International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank.

**WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.**

Send completed form with payment of Section B items only to: 2025 International Convention • PO Box 7032, Lancaster, PA 17604





## REGISTRATION BY WEB OR MAIL

Before you provide us with your personal information, check how we use it, with whom we share it, and how we protect it. Go to [www.aa.org/privacy](http://www.aa.org/privacy) or [www.aagrapevine.org/website-policy](http://www.aagrapevine.org/website-policy).

Registration opens September 10, 2024.

**Advanced Registration Fees** (prior to April 15, 2025): \$160 USD or \$216 CAD (Canadian residents only if paying by CAD check or money order).

**Payable by:** Check, Money Order, or Credit Card

International checks and money orders (except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. NOTE: We cannot accept travel agency checks for multiple registrations.

You may register online through [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Look for the logo with International Convention information, including the link to registration.

Or fill out and mail the registration form with full payment to:

**Mail:** 2025 International Convention  
(check or money order)  
PO Box 7032  
Lancaster, PA 17604

Once registered, your confirmation will be emailed to you. A valid email address is required for registration. Your registration form will not be processed if it does not contain a valid email.

The registration fees after April 15, 2025 will be \$185 USD or \$250 CAD. All attendees who register either via mail or online by May 9, 2025, will receive their badge and purchases in the mail prior to the International Convention.

Registration forms sent via mail and received after May 9, 2025, may not be processed. Please plan to check in at the Onsite Registration Counters at the Vancouver Convention Centre. We encourage you to register by May 9 to avoid long lines.

After May 9, 2025, online registration will remain open, and we urge attendees to pre-register before arriving in Vancouver. Badges and purchases for these attendees only must be picked up at Vancouver Convention Centre when you arrive at the 2025 International Convention.

If you have questions regarding the status of your mailed-in registration, please contact (514) 380-9375.

The Registration Hall opens Wednesday morning.

## CANCELLATIONS

All cancellations must be made in writing to [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com). Refunds will be made only upon receipt of your written request and if received by May 9, 2025. No exceptions. There is a \$15 USD administrative processing fee for cancellations, which will be deducted from the refund. All ancillary items/products are non-refundable.

Cancellations requested prior to May 9 will be processed on a rolling basis.

## HOUSING/HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be part of the registration process. Housing for the 2025 International Convention will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are planning to book housing, we highly recommend registering online rather than via mail. Any housing cancelled after October 31, 2024 will be charged for one-night stay.

**If you register by mail and select that you want to obtain housing, you will be placed based on your selected dollar range preference if space is available. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your credit card information. If you are not able to provide your credit card number within 48 hours this housing will be cancelled.**

**DO NOT SEND A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.**

Individual members will be able to book up to two (2) rooms.

While we are trying to meet everyone's needs, we attempt to ensure fairness for the entire Fellowship so that single attendees and attendees traveling in a group have equal access to hotel arrangements for the Convention.

## REGISTRATION POLICIES

1. Registration payment must accompany all mailed registration forms.
2. Mailed preregistration forms must be postmarked by April 15, 2025. After that date, the rate of \$185 USD or \$250 CAD (if paying with Canadian check) must be included.
3. Any changes to registration information already processed must be made in writing before April 15, 2025, or onsite. All changes must be made by the current registrant on file. No charges will be assessed for corrections to badge information excluding substitutions (see below).
4. Substitutions made on or before April 15, 2025, will be subject to a \$5 USD / \$7 CAD processing fee.
5. Substitutions after April 15, 2025, must be made onsite and will be subject to a \$15 USD / \$20 CAD processing fee.  
Note: You must have the original attendee's badge to make onsite substitutions.
6. Your badge will be mailed to you. Remember to bring it with you to Vancouver. Replacement of lost or forgotten badges will be subject to a \$15 USD / \$20 CAD reprint fee.
7. Registration questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: [2025IC@showcare.com](mailto:2025IC@showcare.com).
8. Convention-related questions? Call G.S.O. at (212) 870-2025.

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