

SPRING CONFERENCE –

APRIL 11, 1959

GROUP SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

1. Charles Asp - La Crosse, Wisconsin
2. Earl Weber - Appleton, Wisconsin
3. Ed Kerstin - Appleton, Wisconsin
4. Reid Engsby - Appleton, Wisconsin
5. Levi Jolson - Rice Lake, Wis.
6. Emery E. Raymond - Chippewa Falls
7. Norris Iverson - Menomonie, Wisconsin
8. V. H. Hardell, Almond, Wisconsin
9. Chris Folkedahl - Ettrick, Wisconsin
10. Oliver O. Peterson - Whitehall, Wisconsin
11. Ralph Hawkins - Shawano, Wisconsin
12. Ken "Bill" Durham - Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
13. Bob Zeugner - Green Bay, Wisconsin
14. William C. Cornell, Green Bay, Wis.
15. Bert Chapman - Medford, Wisconsin
16. Robert Wusterbarth - Oconto, Wisconsin
17. Wilbur Shultz - Wausau, Wis.
18. P. J. Bruggeman - Marathon County Group
19. Harry Schultz - Marathon County Group
20. William Collins, Ishpeming, Michigan
21. F. Michael - Antigo, Wis.
22. Chester Burke - Hudson, Wisconsin
23. Virg Evans - Green Bay, Wis.
24. F. M. Tracy, Green Bay, Wis.
25. Peter Zasoba - Withee, Wis.
26. Fritz Vetter - Stevens Point, Wis.
27. E. W. Schulz - Schofield Group
28. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vallinek - Minneapolis, Minn.
29. Mark and Myrtle Peterson
30. Barney Cournill - Minneapolis, Minn.
31. Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shurson

Virge suggested that each group donate \$10.00 toward our treasury to cover expenses incurred by the area board of governorship. This money will be used to aid in expenses of sending our delegate to New York, etc. Virge also suggested that a new treasurer be elected at this conference but no one was too eager to volunteer. There was some discussion as to whether or not there should be two separate funds - one for the Green Bay Conference and one for our delegate's trip to New York. There was also some confusion as to the money in Green Bay's treasury and the area treasury which was eventually straightened out by a discussion.

Twenty-two (22) groups are represented here by actual count. A rather heated discussion ensued regarding the payment of fees for expenses of the area and to just how much should be levied against each group. Several members aired their views in no uncertain terms and it was finally decided to have each group (if possible) donate the sum of \$10.00 for a new start on the area treasurer's fund. A total of \$225.00 collected - \$5.00 due from the Shawano Group. \$215.00

It was decided to hold the fall conference at Green Bay and that Virgil Evans be maintained as Treasurer until the Fall Conference.

The motion to hold the Fall Conference at Green Bay was carried and approved. After a short discussion the meeting adjourned until banquet time at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary

SPRING CONFERENCE –

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

April 11, 1959

Business meeting held at 2:45 p.m. Homer B. presiding.

The meeting was called to order by Homer and he expressed his regrets that Carl S. of Stevens Point was unable to be present due to illness.

First order of business was relative to committee men and number of districts. Arnie N. stated that in his opinion there are at the present time eight (8) districts comprising the Northern Wisconsin & Northern Michigan territory or area Homer checked all the committee men from the eight districts and there were seven (7) committee men present and four (4) absent. A general discussion was held in regard to rezoning the districts of Northern Wisconsin and it was decided that the issue be postponed until the Fall Conference.

A motion was made and seconded that the chairman appoint a committee to study the situation of district division and the motion was carried by majority vote.

The subject of the number of alcoholics and non-alcoholics serving on the Board of Trustees was brought up and Virge E. stated that he was willing to leave it up to the delegate to vote on the issue as he saw fit. Arnie N. agreed with Virgil on this particular issue.

Homer reviewed the last conference at Green Bay at which time Carl S. was elected delegate to the New York Conference and Homer Borum alternate. Due to the fact that Carl S. is unable to attend it was the unanimous opinion that Homer be our representative at the New York Conference.

Virge E. of Green Bay spoke at length about the financial status of the area and he gave a detailed report of the condition of our finances. After his report it all boiled down to the fact that at the present time our finances are sadly depleted due to the indiscretion of our former treasurer (deceased). The balance in our treasurer at the present time is \$62.13.

Homer B. was nominated and elected as the new chairman for committeemen by unanimous vote.

Treasurer nominations (at this point it was suggested by Fred V. that the treasurer be bonded due to a prior unfortunate experience. Virg E. declined nomination as treasurer. Motion carried to bond treasurer up to the sum of \$500.00) - Bob Z. (Green Bay) was elected treasurer unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary: Emery R. (Chippewa Falls), unanimously approved.

The next order of business was to elect a delegate to the New York Conference. Homer asked those committeemen who could not accept to state at this time whether or not it would be possible for them to accept. A discussion was held as to the procedure of balloting for the office of delegate to the New York Conference.

By a vote of 16 to 14 it was decided not to hold a nomination vote on the first ballot.

Eligibles: Homer B., Emery R. and Bill C.

After the first ballot the vote stood for:

Delegate Homer B. - 15

" Emery R. - 0

" Bill C. - 16

Second ballot:

Homer - 15 Bish- 16

Consequently a drawing was held from the hat as there was no two-third majority and the results of the drawing were:

Delegate - Homer B.

Alternate - Bill C.

Bill C. spoke of the issue of "Now and Then" and he stated that there will be more copies sent to the various groups after extensive repairs to the mimeograph machine. It was voted to grant Mr. Collins the necessary funds to continue publication of the "Now and Then".

After a discussion meeting was closed and a banquet was served at the church hall.

Secretary

FALL CONFERENCE –

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

September 12, 1959

The meeting was called to order by Homer B. and the minutes of the Eau Claire Spring Conference was held.

Virg E. gave his financial report to the conference representatives and after expenses were deducted, the balance on hand at the present time amounted to \$110.75. Virg stated that his financial report was not complete pending the outcome of the area banquet. It was moved and seconded that Virg's financial statement be accepted as read by him.

The district representative from Appleton stated that there was some confusion as to the division of the various districts. Homer asked for clarification from the representatives regarding the district areas and Homer read the district report as compiled from the Spring Conference at Eau Claire After comparison with the representative from Ishpeming, it was decided to start with the districts represented at the present conference. After a discussion Homer read the various districts numbered from one to eight and the groups represented in each district and it was decided to accept the district as read by Homer, with a few transfer groups added, namely Escanaba and Gladstone, Michigan.

After a fifteen minute recess the group representatives were instructed to sit in a group in order to facilitate the voting more accurately.

(Committeemen)

▪ District No.	1	Homer B.	Eau Claire, Wis.
▪ District No.	2	Emery R.	Chippewa Falls, Wis.
▪ District No.	3	A.E. M.	Antigo, Wis.
▪ District No.	4	Wilbur S.	Rothchild, Wis.
▪ District No.	5	Bob Z.	Green Bay, Wis.
▪ District No.	6	Robert W.	Oconto, Wis.
▪ District No.	7	Emmet C.	Escanaba, Mich.
▪ District No.	8	Bill C.	Ishpeming

A discussion was held as to the rezoning of the area and Homer stated that he would send out area maps in the near future and each committeeman would accept these maps as final.

The Spring Conference city was designated as Shawano and accepted

Bill C. asked that all groups contact him for mailing list to the periodical "Now and Then".

The motion was made and seconded that area committeemen chairman and New York representative be separate. Motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn and carried. Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Secretary

SPRING CONFERENCE –

APRIL 2, 1960

SPONSORED BY THE WAUSAU RIB MOUNTAIN GROUP

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. - Homer B. presiding.

Bob C gave the financial report as \$228.83 as of this day. He also gave a financial report of the Fall Conference at Green Bay, showing a substantial profit.

Homer read a letter from Lyle S. of the New York Office, regarding the mailing of literature mailed to the various group secretaries. The question was brought up as to whether our literature is actually being used or is it discarded before it could be utilized. Several group representatives were called upon for their opinions regarding the mailing systems and it was suggested that the groups who send out mail should affix sufficient postage to cover the cost of mailing (this statement brought out considerable laughter). It was finally decided to leave it up to the individual groups.

Homer also read a "memo" regarding our amateur standing and what steps should be taken to keep it that way. Homer read a number of questions relative to this matter and several group representatives were called on for their opinions. Again it was decided to leave it to the groups.

A discussion was held regarding the acceptance of funds from outside sources for maintenance of AA clubrooms, functions, etc. It was pointed out by Paul W. of Eau Claire that it is against the Twelve Traditions to accept funds from outside sources, but some members of Green Bay pointed out that Alano Clubs are not included in this category.

It was suggested and motion made that committeemen make contact with groups in their district from area treasurer and make personal contact with groups in their area to collect \$10.00 for expenses. Motion seconded and carried.

FALL CONFERENCE –

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

September 10, 1960

The meeting was called to order by Homer B. at 3:15 p.m. The minutes of the Spring Conference were read by Emery R. and the financial statement was read by the area treasurer, Bob. He stated that the balance on hand as of today is \$168.38. He also read the financial report of the Wausau Spring Conference and this report showed a deficit of \$18.43. The financial statement was accepted as read.

Homer spoke briefly on the \$10.00 yearly donation by each group toward expenses of sending our delegate to New York.

William C. of Ishpeming, MI, took the floor and explained the functions of the monthly periodical entitled "Now and Then" and how it is financed. He spoke of the old adage of the alcoholic who sobers up and tightens up, and he said that in his opinion that statement was grossly exaggerated.

It was pointed out by several group representatives that \$10.00 a year is not an exorbitant figure for any one group to absorb. Only 23 groups contributed at the Spring Conference at Wausau which is less than half of the groups in the area. It was finally decided that each committeeman would do his utmost to collect \$10.00 from each group in his district.

Several group representatives stated that they received no official notice of the Fall Conference and it was decided to rectify this in the future by referring to the AA directory in mailing conference notices. Bert C. of Medford stated that the bookkeeping system of the various groups and also at the New York conference are a little off color and that these reports cannot be accepted as official. A motion was made that the area treasurer send a request to the individual groups requesting a donation to carry out area business, etc. The motion was seconded but not carried. It was agreed that it is a highly controversial subject and after a rather heated discussion it was decided that each group had enough problems to cope with without sticking their neck out for additional problems (quoted by Arnie N. of Antigo). It was moved and seconded that Homer stick to the Twelve Traditions when in New York. Motion was carried by a majority vote.

A discussion was held regarding the holding of a Spring Conference and how it should be financed. It was suggested that the Spring Conference be put on the same basis as the Fall Conference at Green Bay wherein the profit or loss from the Spring Conference be taken up by the area commission. Motion was made and seconded that this be done and motion was defeated by a majority vote. Motion was made and seconded that if any profit be made it should be split 50-50, but if there is a deficit the area should stand all the loss. This motion was carried by a majority vote.

It was moved and seconded that the Fall Conference be held September 10th at Green Bay. Motion was carried by a majority vote.

Discussion was held pertaining to the area maps now in use. It was finally decided that the various groups align themselves with the area of their choice until the Fall Conference at Green

Bay. It was moved and seconded that each committeeman approach the groups in his area to donate \$10.00 toward area expenses. Motion was seconded and carried by a majority vote.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer.

Secretary

SPRING CONFERENCE -

SHAWANO, WISCONSIN

April 8, 1961

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 P.M. by area chairman Bill C. The minutes of the Fall Conference were read by the Secretary and the treasurer's report by Bill C. showed a balance on hand of \$308.26. Homer B. of Eau Claire gave a report as area delegate and expressed his thanks to the area groups for naming him as our New York delegate. He gave a very interesting talk concerning future Midwest and national A.A. Conventions. He also spoke of the growth of A.A. particularly among the younger people of the nation. He urged that we in A.A. do our utmost to support these new groups that are springing up throughout the area. Several group representatives questioned Homer as to the function of choosing the cities for conventions and Homer clarified the situation to the best of his ability. The area decided to be willing to aid in the expense to have the International Convention to be held at Chicago in the future. After a general discussion it was decided to hold over positive action on the issue until the Fall Conference to be held at Green Bay. A discussion was held on the retail price of the big book and it was decided to leave it stand as is.

A reasonable amount of \$100 or more was considered as a sufficient amount for sending a delegate to future Chicago Conventions.

A motion was made by Eau Claire Group 12 regarding registrations, seating, voting, etc. of delegates and after a general discussion a motion was made and seconded by Wendell that roll call of the representatives shall be made at all conferences in the future. The motion was carried unanimously.

Arnie N. read a letter relative to the proposed governor's commission on alcoholism and all representatives were urged to support the bill #4355, by contacting their state assemblymen and senators urging them to support this bill wholeheartedly when it does come up before the legislature. Arnie stated that in his opinion some method should be worked out to contact these legislators and it was decided to send cards printed by Homer, asking these legislators to support the bill. It was decided to shelve the issue temporarily until other business was transacted.

Homer's bill of \$200 for expenses as New York delegate was presented and approved by the conference. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Homer for this expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The Fall Conference to be held at Green Bay.

/s/ Emery R.

Area Secretary

FALL CONFERENCE -

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

September 9, 1961

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Chairman Bish C. and after reading the minutes of the Spring Conference, the Treasurer gave his report. The Treasurer's Report indicated that after all expenses were paid there was a total of \$354.23 in the area fund.

It was decided to split District 4 into two districts, Don E. being Committeeman in the new district, named District 4B. Carl S. suggested that all committeemen meet after the session to re-district the area to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Chairman Bish brought up the question of election of officers for the ensuing 2 years and after a short recess the seven committeemen were elected, from the various districts. Arnie N. explained the method of electing officers and it was suggested that Emery R. be Secretary, Fred V., Treasurer, and Bob Z., Chairman. After a general discussion by group representatives it was voted that the aforementioned members be elected as officers for the ensuing two years.

Carl S. moved that Emery R and Fred V. be secretary and treasurer. The motion was seconded and carried upon unanimous vote.

An election was held for the delegate to New York and after a written ballot, the vote stood:

Emery R. - 1 Bish C. - 27 (?Stay) - 0 Earl W. - 6

Motion was made by I. M. that the election procedure be modified and the motion carried. Our new delegate will be Bish C.

The Spring Conference will be held at Antigo, Wisconsin. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M. A banquet to be held at 6:30 P.M. at Trinity Church.

SPRING CONFERENCE –

ANTIGO, WISCONSIN April 14, 1962

Minutes of the Spring Conference held at Antigo, Wisconsin on April 14, 1962. 75 Delegates attended this meeting, the largest group to attend a Spring Conference which indicates that interest is growing.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner by Earl W. Registration of delegates was completed after which the minutes of the last Fall Conference were read by Ken S. (acting secretary in the absence of Emery R.). Minutes were approved as read.

Fritz V., Treasurer, reported on the group finances. The last balance being \$545.92; expenses, \$48.00; balance on hand, \$487.92.

Following the treasurer's report a discussion was held as to increasing the amount of expense allowance for the New York delegate. This amount has been \$200 and has not been sufficient to cover all expense. It was moved and seconded to increase the amount to \$300.00. A majority, or 28 of the 37 groups represented, approved. Also it was approved to reimburse the N. Y. delegate for other additional expense which he might incur in lieu of delegates duties

Bill C., the New York delegate, then discussed for the group the principles of World Service. During the past 5 years Bill Wilson has worked out 12 precepts for AA with the thought of assuring future leadership. These were read by Bill C. These precepts have been approved by the General service Board and in Bill C.'s opinion will very markedly help to assure the continuity of the World AA fellowship.

Also mentioned were the seven recommendations which Bill W. had presented to the Board. However, unlike the 12 precepts, these were not approved.

The Fall Conference will again be held at Green Bay on September 8th. A motion was made and seconded that the Fall Conference be subsidized in a similar manner to the Spring Conference. The majority vote approved this. If either the Spring or Fall Conference now should go in the hole financially because of bad weather or poor attendance, the loss can be made up out of area funds.

A rather heated discussion ensued regarding the Eleventh Tradition - Anonymity for press, radio and T.V. The case of Father Pfau [Fr. John Doe] was mentioned and dealt with Articles written a few years ago in Look Magazine. His name had been suggested as a principal speaker at the Fall Conference. Some objection was made by delegates due to the fact that they contended he has broken the 11th Tradition. No particular answer was arrived at because it seemed to be a controversial issue and some members present spoke out for the case of unity and the matter was dropped.

Motion was made and seconded to allow the sponsoring groups to select their own speakers for all conferences. This was approved by the majority.

The treasurer agreed to remain for payment of group dues of \$10 each to finance the expenses of the New York delegate. \$270.00 was collected at that time.

At 5:00 p.m. motion was made and seconded for adjournment and approved.

Ken S., Acting Secretary for Emery R.

FALL CONFERENCE –

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

September 8, 1962

The Fall Conference was called to order at 3:45 p.m. with Bill C. of Ishpeming presiding. After the reading of the minutes of the Spring Conference the treasurer's report was read which showed a balance of \$468.59.

The bids for the next Spring Conference were bid either at Antigo, Medford or Iron Mountain, Michigan. Medford was decided upon by official secret ballot and the date will be decided at a later date, to be decided by the Medford Group.

Bill C. advised the conference concerning the importance of our monthly publication, the Grapevine, and urged all groups to increase the subscriptions substantially in the future. Bill stated that he made all his reports as our New York representative and he thanked the groups for their choice in sending him to New York as our representative.

Arnie N. mentioned that there were several very good articles in the late issues of Grapevine and he considered it essential to sobriety to read and digest these articles. Several other group representatives voiced their opinion on the Grapevine and all concurred that it is a very worthy enterprise.

Earl read a resolution regarding membership on the board of trustees and after a brief discussion this issue was tabled pending further communication from New York.

A thought was suggested by Bill to have a 3-day conference (Spring and Fall) and it was not acted upon at this conference.

Earl thanked the Antigo group for the success of the Spring Conference and hoped that the Medford Conference would be as successful.

Don G. of Eau Claire suggested moving the Fall Conference from September to October and it was decided that due to weather conditions September would be more appropriate. The Green Bay Board of Directors also thought that September would be the best month.

A discussion was held regarding the procedure of election of officers and several members stated that the present system was highly irregular, and it was decided to have all the groups study the Third Legacy Manual and to follow the procedure suggested in order to clarify to the satisfaction of all concerned the method in which officers are installed every two years.

A motion was made that the time of the Fall Conference be moved up to 2:00 p.m. Instead of 4:00 p.m. (Temporarily suspended). At this point it was again suggested that the Fall Conference be moved to the 1st Saturday in October. Homer B. said this date conflicted with Sault Ste Marie. It was then decided to change the date to the last Saturday in September and a motion was made to that effect. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Then back to the starting hour of the Fall Conference, from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Motion was made and seconded to change the time to 2:00 p.m. and the motion was carried unanimously.

Our Rice Lake representative stated that we were lax in not answering mail from the prison groups and Earl said that it was probably up to the local groups. Arnie N. said that there was a

shortage of literature at these prison camps and that we should see that these prison camps are furnished with AA literature.

The Iron Mountain representative said that he was unaware that AA delegates called on prison groups and that it should be on the agenda.

Representative of the Winnebago Group stated that organized prison groups do get literature from New York and that it is very admirable on the part of group members to try to organize prison groups.

Discussion was held regarding the laxity of committeemen in carrying out their assignments and that all committeemen should call on their various groups at intervals throughout the year.

It was mentioned that a state committee on alcoholism will be instituted next year with \$60,000 being earmarked for that purpose and it is hoped that this program will become practical.

Ian M. stated that steps should be taken toward helping indigent alcoholics and that all committeemen should help in this work.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Emery R., Secretary

1977 Spring Conference

Northern Wisconsin & Upper Peninsula of Michigan Area Kaukauna, Wisconsin

March 26, 1977

The meeting was opened by Alternate Delegate, Gene L., with a moment of silence Gene H. read Chapter Five. The board of directors were then introduced. Delegate, Leonard D., Ishpeming, Mich.; Alternate Delegate, Gene L., Marshfield, Wis.; Treasurer, Jim R. was absent-Bob Z., Green Bay, Wis. took his place; Secretary, George C, Stevens Point, Wis.

The minutes of the last business meeting were submitted and read by Area Secretary, George C. The motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion carried.

Leonard D. then read the twelve traditions.

Gene L., Chairman of the business meeting then read a letter of resignation submitted by Jim R., Area treasurer. A motion was made and seconded that his resignation be accepted. The motion carried.

Bob Z. read the treasurers report. Homer B* made motion the financial report be accepted as read, the motion was seconded, the motion carried, A discussion followed and Bob Z., Green Bay was elected Treasurer. Paul S., Green Bay was elected assistant Treasurer,

Phil H. gave an explanation of The Now and Then printing operations. He then requested \$300 for expenses. Carl S. made motion the money be given to Phil, Leonard D. seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Leonard D. gave a talk on the importance of service. He then told of two upcoming Conferences. The 3rd East Central 5 State Regional Conference to be held July 15, 16, and 17 at Columbus, Ohio. On May 27, 28, and 29, the East Central A.A. Regional Forum will be held at The Sheraton O'Hara Motel at Rosemont, 111. This originally was open only to Delegates, past Delegates, Trustees, and past Trustees. It is now open to any AA member who would like to attend.

Homer B. gave a brief talk on the 2nd East Central 5 State Regional Conference held in Milwaukee last year. He explained that they had gone in the red financially. He suggested we grant Milwaukee \$65.00 as our share to help them make up their loss. Carl S. made a motion that this be done, Homer B. seconded the motion. The motion carried.-

Leonard D. then read a letter from Bud from Headquarters concerning the Grapevine, He encouraged all groups to read and use the Grapevine,

Frank K. made a motion that the Spring Conference location be decided on one year in advance. A discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Carl S. The motion carried. The Spring Conference in 1978 will be held in Ashland, Wis, A motion was then made and seconded that we close all discussion on the Spring Conference. The motion carried.

A motion was then made and seconded that if the group who was to host the next Conference needed money to secure accommodations, the money be by the Area, Homer B. amended the motion to read \$50. The motion and amendment was defeated by a show of hands.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on District workshops. The main issue was whether or not they should be continued. By a show of hands it was decided they should be discontinued.

A motion was made by Dean that the minutes of the business meetings be sent to The Now and Then for publication. A discussion followed. The motion was seconded, the motion carried.

George J. C. Area Secretary

Fall Conference

Thirty-sixth Anniversary and Fall Conference Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (U.P.)

Sept 17, 1977

The meeting was opened by Gene L. with a moment of silence. Chapter five of the Big Book was read by Jim.

Treasurers report by Bob Z. Motion was made and seconded to be accepted as read. A copy was turned over to the area secretary to be entered into the book.

John H. gave a report on the area publication, "Now and Then". Discussion followed concerning the printing of Al-Anon news and announcements in our newsletter. This was generally opposed as Al-Anon has their own publication. Requested trying to get notices to the "Now and Then" a month or two in advance, but pointed out the deadline is by the last week of every month. As requested, \$300 was allotted to the "Now and Then" for expenses. Motion by Carl S., seconded by Bob Z, and voted yes.

Len D, our delegate from Ishpeming, gave his final report, including a film strip on G.S.R. Len stressed the importance of Group Service. Some discussion followed as to why AA as a whole doesn't have a 24 hour a day book sanctioned by G,S,O.

New business followed. Paul S. of Green Bay was elected Grapevine Representative for our area. Homer B. chaired the elections for new delegate and alternate delegate. Results are as follows:

Delegate - Gene L., 612 E. 3rd St, Marshfield Wi 54449 Alt Delegate - Geo C., 2916 Lindbergh, St Point Wi 544&1 Secretary - John H., 209 E. North St, Ishpeming Mi 49\$49

The Spring Conference will be in Ashland, Wisconsin the 7th, 8th and 9 th of April, 1978'. Help and participation will be greatly appreciated. Contact the Ashland Group.

By agreement, because of growth, District 3 (Stevens Point, Wisc Rapids, Waupaca, etc) will be split and shown as 3a and 3b.

Respectfully submitted

At this point, I would like to thank everyone for their cooperation while I was secretary. I pray to God that I will be able to do your bidding as alternate delegate. May God bless and watch over you all.

Thirty-seventy Annual Spring Conference

Northern Wis. & Upper Peninsula of Michigan Area

Ashland, Wisconsin

April 7th, 8th and 9th 1978

Our regular business meeting was opened by Area Chairman George C. followed by the reading of "How It Works" from Chapter 5 of our Big Book by Len D.

Past delegates were recognized and commended for such a good showing at our business meeting.

Secretary's report by John H. and Treasurer's report by Bob Z were approved as read. Also, Bob Z. read our individual group contributions to the Area. Balances, expenses, etc. were turned over to the Area Secretary for recording.

Earl reported our Fall Conference will be held this year at the Downtowner in Green Bay, Sept 16th and 17th.

Gene L. gave his delegates report stressing the importance of our reading and using our AA Service Manual, Sponsorship and AA Service Work.

Phil H. reported on our area newsletter "Now and Then" with an accounting of what the actual expenses were. He explained how bulk mailing gets looked at last, accounting for most of your late arrivals. Phil stressed you groups using your Newsletter for all announcements but to be sure to get them in by the last week of the month. Discussion followed on the improvement of late mail arrivals but the general consensus was to leave "as is".

Our Area Grapevine Representative, Paul S., reported on the wonderful growth of Grapevine Reps, group WI, in both Wisconsin and Michigan. Paul read off our group GVR's by name and group and urged our district committeemen to encourage more AA's to make this list grow. An inquiry was answered from the floor assuring us that other material can be purchased from New York such as wall plaques, calendars and other mementos depicting our love for AA.

This led into discussion on non-conference approved literature such as we have had at past area conferences. After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have no more non-conference approved literature at these conferences. Carried.

We then heard a report from John P of Nekoosa pertaining to their Public Information Committee, consisting of one AA member from each group in their immediate area. Included were radio spots, newspaper announcements, the distribution of Grapevines in local doctor's offices, a newspaper interview, an open public information meeting, and a radio broadcast involving interviewing four AA members telling it like it is.

The 1979 Spring Conference was then open for bids. Ishpeming AA said they would like to host it, but would rescind if some other group who had never hosted a conference before, bid on it. A second bid was received from Chippewa Falls, moved - seconded and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to re-open discussion on the matter of non-conference approved literature on sale at our conferences, the assembly feeling both sides were not heard

from. Much discussion followed both pro and con with the final motion approved and seconded to display and sell only conference approved literature at our area conferences.

A motion was made and seconded to give \$300 to the "Now and Then" for further expenses. Carried.

Delegate expenses followed. The assembly learned that some past delegates have spent from \$1000 to \$2000 for traveling expenses after they return from New York to carry their message to their area groups. One motion to raise delegate expenses to \$1000 was defeated but a second motion of \$800 was voted upon and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Area Secretary

37th Anniversary and Fall Conference of Northern WI & Upper MI Area

Downtown Motel, Green Bay, Wis.

Sept 15, 16 and 17, 1978

Our regular business meeting was opened by Area Chairman George C. followed by the reading of "How It Works" from Chapter 5 of our Big Book by Frank K. of Stevens Point.

Past delegates recognized included Arne, Carl, Bish, Paul, Bob Z., Stan, E. Leonard and Homer. John G., our Southern Area delegate was also in attendance.

Secretary's report by John H. and Treasurer's report by Bob Z. were approved as read. Also, Bob Z. read our individual group contributions to the Area. Balances, expenses, etc. were turned over to the Area Secretary for recording. A motion was made and seconded for Bob Z. to remain our Area Treasurer. Carried,

Gene L. gave his delegates report. Some of Gene's items included "Member and the Group - Recovery Through Service", GSR's, DCM's, delegates and coffee cup washers all an important part of service to AA, Institutional Work (AA meetings behind bars), Workshops on Conference and Charter Committees, What We Can Do For the Alcoholic, Unity, Group Contributions (A Penny a Day for Sobriety) and the upcoming AA film that will be viewed by the general public if approved by AA as a whole.

Our Grapevine Representative, Paul S., reported on individual groups in our area with GVR's to date, pointed out the display table at the conference, with our calendar, slogans, Serenity Prayer, etc. which can be ordered from New York.

Our Spring Conference will be held in Chippewa Falls March 23rd, 24th and 25th at MacDonald's Catholic High School.

The Assembly met and approved Dave R. of Negaunee as new co-editor of our Area newsletter "Now and Then". Dave filled in as co-editor when Phil H. moved to a different job, thus finding it difficult to keep up his "Now and Then" duties. Dave requested \$300 for the newsletter expenses. Carried.

Motion was made and seconded to have sign-in sheets available for GSR's and DCM's to sign in when registering for the conference. Also group contributions can be made then. Carried.

Paul S. spoke on the compiling of area AA history. Encouraged GSR's to gather any information from our elder statesmen and get it to your District Committeeman.

A reminder for business at the next Spring Conference to be sure to include discussion on the upcoming AA movie.

George G. informed and welcomed us to their Southern Area Fall Conference at Allen-Bradley in Milwaukee, Saturday October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Area Secretary

38th Annual AA Spring Conf of Northern WI & Upper Penn of MI Area

McDonnell High School Chippewa Falls, Wisc

March 23, 24, 25, 1979

Theme: "Action"

Our regular business meeting was opened by acting Area Chairman John H. George C., like many others, was unable to attend because of the weather John R. read "How it Works" from Chapter Five of our Big Book.

Past delegates recognized included Paul S., Bob Z., Stan and E. Leonard, Virginia H., our regional trustee, was also in attendance.

Secretary's report by John H. and Treasurer's report by Bob Z. were approved as read. Also, Bob Z. read our individual group contributions to the Area. Balances, expenses, etc. were turned over to the Area Secretary for recording.

Gene L. gave his delegates report. Some of Gene's items included the responsibility of DCM's and GSR's to have workshops, the five-state regional conference July 6,7,8 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and the forum in Detroit in May, explained purpose of regional forums, talked about the AA film to be viewed by the general public, explained kit available from GSO for new GSR's.

Paul S. of Green Bay gave his Area Grapevine Chairman's report. Paul told us there are over 2000 Grapevine Reps throughout AA and our area now has 77 Grapevine Reps out of a possible 91. Would like to see every group in our area with a GVR.

Discussion followed on the compiling of AA history in our area. Encourage all groups to seek out their group history and get any information in to Paul Sl., 1132 13th Ave, Green Bay, 54304 by our Fall Conference in September. A motion was made to have this put into a sort of history book form, seconded and carried.

Service workshops discussion followed. A motion was made that we as an area set up some sort of service workshops for DCM's and GSR's, Not carried. Len D. made an amended motion to have permission to hold a workshop at our upcoming Fall Conference. This was seconded and carried. Tentative time set for 10:00 a.m. the Saturday morning of the conference

Discussion on Conference-approved literature at our area conferences. Motion was made to have the area spend \$350 to buy such literature, making sure we will always have this literature available at every conference and/or assembly. The money made will go right back into the area. Seconded and carried. Len D. elected Literature Chairman.

Dave R. gave his "Now and Then" report including expenses incurred since last reporting. Discussion, motion, seconded and carried to let the newsletter go with "option C", using bulk mailing for 8 months and using 1st class mailing for 4 months, hoping to alleviate some delayed mail.

Our 1980 Spring Conference will be Wisconsin Rapids, Wi. No other town or group put in a bid for this.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to give our delegate \$250 for expenses to attend our Regional Forum in Detroit. Motion also included this will not be a precedent.

Comments and discussion followed our viewing of the film strip about AA. One motion was rescinded to send our delegate to New York using his own discretion as to our area conscience. A motion was finally made to take a vote, resulting in 15 approvals of the film and 23 disapprovals. Some members cast no vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Area Secretary

35th Annual Fall Conference of Northern WI & Upper Penn of MI Area

Downtowner Motel Green Bay, Wisc

Sept 14, 15 & 16, 1979

Theme: "The legacies: Our Heritage & My Responsibility"

Our regular business meeting was opened with a moment of silence by Area Chairman and Alternate Delegate, George G. This was followed by John R. reading "How It Works" from Chapter Five of the Big Book,

Past delegates in attendance recognized included Ray L., Carl S., Paul S., Edward Len, Bob Z, Homer B. and Bish C. Also in attendance were John G. and Mike from our Southern Area and Virginia K., our regional trustee.

Secretary's report by area secretary John H, from the last conference were approved as read.

Treasurer's report by area treasurer, Bob Z., were approved as read. Bob Z, read our individual group contributions to the area. Balance, expenses, etc., were turned over to the area secretary for recording. A motion from the floor to have our treasurer read our individual group contributions to the area only once a year at our Spring Conference was moved and carried. Also voted upon and carried were a motion to help defray expenses incurred by Paul S. in compiling our Area A.A. history and another motion to pay expenses to our regional trustee to attend this Fall Conference.

Paul S. of Green Bay gave his Area Grapevine Chairman's report. Paul said we now have 88 Area Grapevine Chairmen out of 91 areas in US and Canada. We have at least 62 group Grapevine Reps in our area.

Gene L. gave his delegates report. Told us next year's conference theme is "Participation - Key to Recovery". Our International Convention theme is "Joy of Living". Gene spoke on such items as budgets in A.A. over the past two years, literature distributed, archives, cassette tapes available, workshops for better communication and service, trustee elections, Grapevine distribution increase, treatment centers and sponsor-' ship, and our International A.A. Convention in New Orleans in 1980.

Charlotte reported next on our upcoming Area Spring Conference, to be held in Wisconsin Rapids the 11th, 12th and 13th of April. Tentative location to be at Assumption High School. Listings of accommodations and schedules forthcoming.

Dave R. reported on our "Now & Then" newsletter. Gave a financial statement and requested \$420 to carry through to the next conference. Approved. Dave told us that if you have a change of address, your bulk mailed "Now & Then" will not be forwarded to you, only when the newsletter is mailed first class four times a year. Reported the editors would rather stay away from, mailing multiple copies to one address and prefer an individual address for each "Now & Then" mailed out.

Len E. reported on literature bought and on display, for sale at this area conference. This conference approved Paul C., of Ishpeming to take over as new literature chairman, because, as Len said, he did all the work anyway. Motion was approved and carried to reimburse the

literature chairman for literature not sold to maintain a \$350 balance to purchase literature for each and every conference.

Paul S. then, reported on information gathered on a charter flight to our convention in New Orleans in 1980. Approximate cost would be \$364 per person, round trip, or \$254 per person if 100 or more go. Paul then read us what has been compiled to date concerning our area A.A. history. Will keep all info sent to him for one year and will add any more area history as it is sent to 'him.

A motion from the floor to pay our trustees expenses out of our area treasury to attend our Spring and Fall Conference was moved, seconded and carried.

Virginia H., our regional trustee, told us our Northern WI-Upper Mich. Area has first choice as to whether we would like to host our five-state regional conference in 1982. A volunteer committee was approved to look into possibilities and facilities and to let Virginia know in two weeks. Consensus of this area assembly was in favor of hosting such a conference in Green Bay.

Election of officers was next with the following A.A.'s to serve for two years starting in 1980.

Delegate - Dich Hahn, 308 Taylor St., Little Chute, Wi 54140 Alt Delegate - John H., Rt 1 Box 490, Ishpeming Mi 49849 Secretary - Lucille R., Rt 1, Trego, Wi 54888 Treasurer - Bob Z., 1419 11th Ave., Green Bay, Wi 54304 Co-Treasurer - Paul S., 1132 13th Ave, Green Bay 54304 Grapevine C'man - Gene L., 612 E. 3rd St, Marshfield 54449 Literature C'man - Paul C., 301 Haael, Ishpeming Mi 49849

I wish to thank you people for enhancing my sobriety, by .letting me serve as your area secretary for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Area Secretary

Plans are being formulated to charter a flight to New Orleans next July for our International Convention. Approximate cost would be \$364 round trip from Green Bay per person, or \$254 if more than 100 sign up. Dead line with \$125 down payment is March 1st and full payment by April 1st, Contact the following: Harold S., 1104 School Ave., Oshkosh, Wi., 54901 Phone 235-1424; Cliff and Delores B., 531 Columbus, Brillion, WI, 54110 Phone 756-3168; Robt Z., 1419 11th Ave., Green Bay, Wisc., 54304 Phone 432-7516. We will keep you posted on any further information.

Any groups that so desire, may still mail their area contributions into our area treasurer, Bob Z., address listed above.

OPEN PARTICIPATION GROUP—FOUR SEASONS GROUP—BESSEMER, MICH—WED NITES 7:30 PM—CONTACT JAN ERICKSON, 300 E. LONGYEAR ST., BESSEMER MI 49911

1980 Spring Conference of Northern WI & UPPER PENINSULA MI

Wisconsin Rapids, WI

April 12th 1980

Minutes

Northern Wisconsin Upper Peninsula business meeting was opened on at 10:50 by John H, There was a moment of silence for Homer B.

Harold S. read Chapter 5 from the Big Book. Past delegates were recognized included- Paul S., Gene L., Bish, Leonard, John G., Milwaukee, Mike K., Southern Area. Voting members were seated apart from non-voting members.

Minutes accepted as read.

Bob Z., gave treasurers report-Motion made and seconded treasure's report accepted as read.

Dick H., gave delegate's report. There should be 308 G.S.Rs, Commented on absent G.S.Rs. and gave committee men very few were present,

Some of the questions to be answered at the G.S.O. conference:

1. Do A.A.'s in your area meet with representatives to cooperate?
2. Has misunderstandings come about with outside agencies in your area?
3. What are A.A.'s doing in your area to bridge the treatment gap.
4. What is being done to inform alcoholics and non-alcoholics about A.A.?
5. If meeting place cannot accept rent what do you do? Discussion followed.

Discussion over pros and cons on donating money or literature to outside facilities. Adjourned for lunch. Resumed at 1:00 p.m.

Suggested that questions could be answered at workshops or looking at available literature.

Other questions were:

1. How are expenses for service work being done in your area?
2. What are appropriate group expenses?
3. What is a prudent reserve?

The now and then report was given by Dave R. Balance was 55.90 with a bill of standing of 91.60 bill due to letter heads. They are asking for \$500.00 for the next six months.

It was suggest that they sell the old printer-moved and seconded give \$500.00 for next six months carried-voted to trade printer for electric stapler.

Bish suggested forming a committee to bring a decision on the Now and Then mailing. The committee was formed: Joe, Bish, Dave, John.

Gene L. gave Grape Vine report, 65 or 66 G.V.Rs. in the area. Every group should have a G.V.R. Each group elect a G.V.R. and send back to Gene L, and he will get your material back. His address was given. Paul read the current G.V.R. Paul reported good sale of literature.

Paul S, shared area history with us. Motion made and seconded. Paul S. present history to New Orleans-motion made and seconded.

Contribution for book for Japan of \$75 was given to Virginia H.

Host for the Spring Conference—John R. Marquette County U.P, Holiday Inn in Marquette reserved 3rd 4th and 5th of April. One hundred and Fifty rooms banquet for 400, Full breakfast. Every meeting room available, ample parking and Mall nearby.

Milo G. of District 7 said that they have in Wausau Newman High School. Date undecided 700 people capacity. Voted on Marquette.

Alkathon New Orleans needs speakers. Paul S., John G, Dick H., Mike K, drew names for chairman. Virginia H, put names in a hat. Dick H, name was drawn.

Dr. Bob's biography at International Conference will be available. First copy sold at Akron.

Motion made and seconded raise Delegate expense money to \$1000.00 and it was passed.

Motion made and seconded to give Dick H. \$200.00 for New Orleans trip and this was passed,

Motion made to adjourn. Passed.

Minutes by

Lucille R.

Friday, July 4th at the Marriott Hotel. Wisconsin Alkathon,

1980 Northern WI Upper Peninsula MI A.A. Fall Conference

Green Bay

Meeting was opened by John H. How it works was read by John R. Past delegates recognized, Bob Z., Paul S., Ed D, Bish C, Carl S., Gene L.

The minutes were read and question raised about the money for the book. Paul S. explained the discrepancy in the amount. Questions were also raised, "What is a G.V.R.?" Gene L. explained. Minutes were accepted with above questions answered.

Bob Z. gave the treasurers report, (The report is attached.) The balance was \$2851.47 as of September 1st. The group contributions were high because the Spring Conference hosted at Wisconsin Rapids donated \$1074.37. Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

All G.V.Rs, and D.C.Ms. who have not signed up were asked to sign up at this time.

The delegate report was given by Dick H. He said that the conference report books are not ready yet, they can be gotten from New York. A film will be shorn after the meeting on archives.

The next conference in New York will be held April 26th to May 2nd. They need ideas for the next conference for workshops. They said these should be in by the first of the year. The theme will be AA takes its own inventory and G.S.O. structure.

Questions that were discussed at the last conference were, "Should clubs make money on clubs literature?" It was decided no AA talk on video tape, this should be done in person! That there should be a renewed effort made by workers in the field to respect tradition. These things can be worked out at group level.

Another question was, "Has AA devoted time to do things outside of fellowship instead of in?" More emphasis to be put on correctional institutions, work on a personal basis, and would like to achieve 100% grapevine representative. We now have 362 groups in our Northern Wisconsin area, As Bill sees it, it was discussed for change. The decision was to leave it as is.

The film AA the Inside View can be released to the public.

Minor word changes were made in pamphlets.

Complete report should be ready next week.

They also need contributions to the Ask it Basket. Many questions could be answered in own group level. If you have a serious question put it in and give to your committee man to turn over to Dick H.

Gene L. gave the Grapevine Report. Gave a list of available materials from the Grapevine, There are 77 G.V.Rs. out of 360 groups.

Now and Then report was given by Dave as of 1981 if an individual wants to receive the Now and Then they must pay a 3.00 subscription fee, put name and address on an envelope and drop it In a box. Only about 90 groups have mailing address. The groups

that have the mailing address, they will continue to receive it if not they must furnish it to continue to receive the Now and Then, All mailing will be 1st class from now on, and this should improve the service. There asking the area for \$500.00 for next 6 months. Balance on hand after bills were payed was 108.38.

Discussion of report followed motion made and 2nd to give the Now and Then \$500 and this was carried.

Several announcement were made for upcoming events, Paul S, gave report on archives, Nell W. suggested originals to be put in safety deposit box. Motion was made and seconded and carried to do this.

Expenses incurred by Paul were 12.24. Motion made and seconded to and carried to reimburse him for his expenses. Tapes can be ordered from New York or can be run off locally with a local area history,

Dick H, added to his report. There was a notice from New York of the death of a Canadian trustee and that bids for the 1985 international conference had several cities bidding. Among them are Washington D.C., Detroit, Toronto, Hawaii, and. Chicago, 22,300 attended the conference in New Orleans.

Corrections to the directory should be sent to Dick H, before the Spring Conference, The next Spring Conference will take place in April 3rd, 4th, and 5th. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Marquette. Information will be in the Now and Then,

Nominations of candidates asked for trustee for central region, Virginia H. had already given qualifications for trustee. Gene L, and Leonard D. were nominated and then moved and seconded that nominations be closed. The vote was Gene 57 and Leonard 24. Gene was nominated and gave acceptance speech.

Trustee at large nominations were made, Paul S, and Leonard D, were nominated and then motion made and seconded that nominations be closed. Three ballots were cast. First ballot, Paul 39 and Leonard 41. Second ballot Paul 40 and Leonard 40. Third ballot Paul 42 add Leonard 35* The vote went to the hat. Paul S. was chosen. Paul gave a short speech of thanks.

Jack C, gave convention report. He talked about the difficulty in getting space for the conference. It appears that you need two years in advance to hold the Conference room. Eau Claire put in a bid for next year's conference. At this point it was discussed and the motion was made that Green Bay continue to look into hosting the convention next year but possible changing the date to August or October, This motion was seconded and carried.

New business: The question was brought up about registration. A discussion followed motion was made seconded and carried that the Spring Conference use its own discretion in registration fee.

Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Lucille R, Secretary

1981 Spring Conference

Marquette, MI

April 4, 1981

The meeting was called to order by John H. It was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. "How It Works" read by Joe from Palmer. Past delegates recognized were Andy P. Bish C. Paul S. Gene L. Bob Z. Len D. Minutes accepted as read.

Bob Z. gave treasurers report. He read the group contributions for the year. They averaged out at \$19.95 per group per year.(91 groups) Balance on hand \$2355.44 as of March 1. The report was approved as read.

The delegate's report was given by Dick H. There are 320 groups registered as contributing groups. He reminded groups he's willing to come to events if he's invited. Virginia H. called. She was unable to come as she is not feeling well. She also had conflicting commitments. Dick will be going to New York next week. (John hoped Dick would learn something!)

Gene L, gave his Grapevine report, 85 G.V.R.'s are registered with him. Since Christmas we have lost nearly 500 on the national level. Grapevine sends out Christmas cards 1st class. Many were returned as undeliverable. In February pocket planners were mailed out. They too were returned. He reminded us that communication lines are important. His goal is to have a G.V.R. in every group. G.S.R.'s should report back to their groups about what and how to be a G.V.R.

Public Information Chairman was asked for a report. Paul C. said \$225.00 worth of pamphlets have been given away in 2 years. Bill from Wisconsin Rapids said they are giving information about A.A. to Doctors, police and schools. Wausau has public service announcements on T.V. and are working with the medical people.

Now And Then report was given by Dave R. Mailing lists dropped from 550 to 400, from 90 groups up to 270. The rest are individuals. If your group doesn't have a group address try to get one because G.S.R.s change so frequently. \$339.00 came in from individuals. Expenses totaled \$528.77 with a balance of \$418.61. They have plenty of paper and mailing stickers. They are asking the area for \$200.00. A box for mailing addresses will be out at the fall conference. This is because of the change in G.S.R.s The Now and Then is assembled before the mailing date of the 25th. Please get your announcements in before that date. (By the 20th if possible.) Motion was made and seconded that the area give \$200.00 to the Now and Then. Carried.

Paul S. asked to address the group on the archives. Copies of the archives cost about \$3.00 plus stamps. He has about 33 years of copies of the Grapevine. Len D. suggested we compile a complete set for the area. It will be discussed at the fall conference. If you have old copies please let the conference know.

District committeemen gave their reports:

Dee from District 2 .Intergroup meetings are held on Sunday afternoons in different locations. They have formed a P.I. committee.

Del. P. from Marshfield gave a report on the work being done at the hospital. They invited A.A* and Alanon to come in. The group is not called an institutions group. They also distribute literature in the hospital.

Milo from District 7 Wausau area. They have monthly intergroup meeting. They are contacting Drs. in the area and have spot announcements on radio and T.V. A service workshop is planned for July, 17 out of 22 G.S.R.s attended the one in January.

Erwin B. District 11C 10 of 30 groups are actively participating in intergroup meetings. They rotate their meeting places. Every 3rd month they have open meetings, 10 new groups have formed and elected G.S.R.s.

Ed. B. District 11 A. They had a G.S.R. meeting with a pot luck supper and a speaker Gene L. who spoke on service work,, Ed suggested we sponsor someone in service. His District chartered a bus to come to the conference. They are thinking of doing the same for the 5 state conference.

Frank from Algoma gave his views on A.A. and institutional work, reminded us to keep it simple.

Under new business the question was raised about the profit from a conference. Paul asked about the policy of the money being divided and half going to the club in Green Bay. Gene L. talked about setting ground rules for disposing of the profit if any from the conference. He felt that since the area treasury picks up the deficit if any they should get the profit, if any. Many views were expressed by many people at this point. Len. D. talked about airing our views today and delaying a vote on this until the fall conference. He suggested the groups should have more voice in how we are spending the area money. Bob Z. said that in the past the host group had half the money and the area treasury got half. The host group had the option of doing what they chose with it. He reminded the area of monies that had already been voted on in the past. (Delegate 1000.00, trustee's expenses when attending, and G.S.O. 300.00 a year.) A steering committee was suggested. Len. D. said check your concepts (Concept I) pertaining to discussion on profits. He felt the groups should have the decision. Motion made and carried that this be tabled until the fall conference, the question to be taken back to the groups. The current policy will be published in the Now and Then. At this point Bish C, shared some of his years of wisdom!

Rice Lake made a bid for the next spring conference as did Wausau. The vote was overwhelmingly for Rice Lake. Shorty C. of Rice Lake gave some of the early data on the location and accommodations available. .

Len D. asked for consideration that the fall conference at Green Bay be changed to the spring and rotate the fall conference. Paul S. said arrangements have been made for this fall and are usually tentatively made 2 years in advance. It was decided to have Green Bay discuss whether or not they would favor the change. Gene L. brought up the point that the conferences are getting too expensive and schools might be utilized more.

Elections will be held at the fall conference for delegate and area officers. Groups should elect their D.C.M.s and G.S.R.s at this time so the outgoing and incoming people will have a chance to share experience.

Dick H. asked for the feelings on the location for the next International conference. The show of hands was Chicago 2 Montreal 12 New York 1, San Diego 2, Minneapolis 60. He also asked for volunteers for panels at the 5 state regional conference. He needs the names and addresses of the D.C.M.s in Districts 10 11B and 12. If you have this information please get it to him. Hurley asked to be included in 12.

Dick H. also talked about the film strip "Markings on a journey' There were feelings about showing it to the public. It was decided not to show it except at group level. This was a trustee decision.

Milo made a suggestion we have an area D.C.M. conference once a year. No action taken. Question was raised "What is the feeling of the conference on clubs being given a discount on literature?? Feeling was they should not.

Question: Should we keep the literature as is or should we develop new pamphlets? Conference voted to keep it open to new literature.

Frank suggested Dick ask about the possibility of getting large portraits of the founders for meeting rooms. It was suggested G.S.O. allow more room on weekends on the pocket planners.

Len. D, asked for help in constructing an argument for more equal sharing of expenses when regional business is held. The expense is higher when it is further from N.Y. If anyone has expertise in composing such an argument he would be grateful for help. Del from Marshfield requested consideration be given to the nonsmokers in our midst. Many have health problems and the smoke aggravates the problems.

Francis H. added his comments on the issue as did several others. It was suggested a section be set aside for nonsmokers.

Motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. ACCEPTED. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, Lucille R. (Area Secretary)

40th Annual Fall Conference

Green Bay, WI

September 19, 1981

The meeting was called to order by John H. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. How It Works was read by John H. from Ishpeming, Michigan.

Past delegates Gene L., Bob Z., Bish, E. Leonard D., Arnie N. and Southern Wisconsin Delegate John G. were present.

Minutes were accepted as read. Bob Z. gave the treasurer's report - September 1 balance - \$3,487.78, His report was accepted as read. Bob Z. asked to retire this fall and for us to elect a new treasurer at this meeting,

Delegate Dick H. reported that Montreal would have the next world conference in 1985. The trip to New York did not produce too many big changes. The last world conference had a large loss and it was felt the next one would need better planning. The Grape Vine is also operating in the red.

Our districts will be renumbered for computer purposes. Dick H. read the new district numbers as follows: District 1 to 01; 2-02; 3-03; 3B to 04; 4-05; 5-06; 6-07; 7-08; 8-09; 9-10; 10-11; 11-12; 11B-13; 11C-14; 12-15; 13-16; 14-17; 15-18; 16-19; and 17 to 20. New maps will be put in the Now and Then. Members should vote in their own area but need not restrict their attendance to the designated area. Groups are asked to report changes in their new meeting places, times and so forth through their GSRs, Motion was made and seconded regarding the district renumbering to be accepted and was carried.

Groups are asked to donate to GSO quarterly if possible and to give more if they can. \$120,000.00 was the cost of the conference in New York this year. Talk is to perhaps move it to a convention center to reduce expenses. All new names and contacts should be in by January 15 for the new 1982 directory. They need GSRs phone numbers and addresses and at least one additional phone number for the directory.

Dave R. gave a Now and Then report. In January a new mailing list will be coming out and a wooden box is on the literature table for addresses. All groups, members of committees and some institutions will be on the mailing list. Personal subscriptions are \$3.00 and you are asked to put your name and address on the envelope. The new DCMs are entitled to the Now and Then so please leave your name, address and district number with Dave R. If they have a group address, they will stay the same. They now have 450 on the mailing list and 300 of these are groups. Balance on September 19 was \$72.61. They are asking the area for \$600 for the next 6-months operation. Motion was made and seconded to give Now and Then \$600. Carried. A comment from the floor was to commend editors for a job well done.

Lists of DCMs and GSRs should be available for elections this afternoon. The Grapevine editor, Gene L., gave a report. 1982 Calendars and pocket planners are ready and may be ordered now. We need GVRs as there are well under 100 registered with Gene, He would like district GVRs for the area as he cannot get around the whole area to contact each district personally. The only District GVR is Arnie from District 2 at present.

Conference materials are available at discount. The first of the year Grapevine subscription changes from \$6 to \$8. A new subscription may be renewed at current rate by October 31. All monies received at new rates will be pro-rated* Dick H, will be new GVR as outgoing delegate. Gene L, thanked the area for the opportunity to serve.

Paul C. gave the literature report. The books are for sale and the pamphlets are free. Braille copies of the Big Book and the 12x12 are now available.

District 5 is getting organized and having workshops.

Dee from District 2 said workshops on service have been held in Kaukauna – Harold S. is the new DCM.

Milo G. of District 7 said Al T. is their DCM.

John R. said Paul C. is the new District 18 DCM.

Alice from Eau Claire asked if DCMs are chosen by the Service Manual.

Gil asked how to elect District GVRs and reply was that anyone can be elected at GSR meetings.

Joe of District 1 said they have GSR meetings monthly and they are doing good. They have a new drop-in center on main street open from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. with three daily meetings, Ed S. is the new DCM.

Jerry E. of District 14 said Don B. is their new DCM.

Elections will be held at 1 p.m. promptly. Motion was made to break for lunch and resume at 1 p.m.

Meeting was resumed at 1 p.m. with election of new officers. Non-voters were asked to sit on different side of room. DCMs, GVRs, past delegates, committeemen, and alternates can vote. Dick H., Terry G., Bob S., and Cal M. acted as tellers. The names on the board were John H., Milo and Dee B. for new delegates. John H. received 63; votes, Milo-10, and Dee-15 on the first ballot. John H. is our new delegate.

Alternate delegate names were Joe K., Milo D., Lucille R., and Dee B. First ballot was 17 for Joe K., 16 for Milo, 22 for Dee, and 34 for Lucille R. - no majority. The second ballot was Joe K. - 11, Milo-10, Dee B.-24, and Lucille R.-45. The low two names were struck from the third ballot when Dee received 33 and Lucille - 59. Dee conceded after that and Lucille R. is new alternate delegate.

Secretary - Lee F., Oscar R. and Dee B. were nominated. The voting was Lee-14, Oscar - 14 and Dee B. - 62. Dee was elected on the first ballot.

Treasurer - Dave R., Paul S., and Milo were nominated. The voting was Dave R.-33; Paul S. - 39, and Milo - 19. Second ballot gave Dave R.-32; Paul S.-49; and Milo-8. Third ballot between Dave R, and Paul S, Dave R.-30 and Paul S. - 61. Treasurer was to choose co-treasurer and Paul chose Bob Z.

Secretary to send report of the assembly to the conference secretary at GSO in New York by December 1.

Old business: Question - How does your group feel regarding conference profits?
Discussion followed. Gene L. made a motion that all profits, if any, go directly to the area treasury. Seconded. Vote 28 aye, 29 no. Motion was made for written ballots and seconded. No action taken.

Delegate suggested reports should be made to Now and Then giving information on financial profits and loss. Motion tabled until end of the business meeting. Seconded and passed.

Question - Rotating Spring Conference to Green Bay and Fall Conference to other parts of the area. Since Green Bay is presumed on record to have no objection to the move that it be rotated to spring as soon as possible. Motion made and seconded that the Fall Conference and the following Spring Conference be at Green Bay. The following schedule would be Rice Lake next spring, Fall Conference at Green Bay and next spring conference at Green Bay then going to Fall Conference in rotation. Motion carried.

New business - Question was asked to have it considered that less expensive facilities be looked into. No action taken.

Dick H, gave more information on Hew York. They need more contributions to keep literature prices down. Grapevine subscriptions are down. Five state regional conference had 800, he said poor representation and asked where the dedication and gratitude is. The next 5-State Conference is in Madison and we are asked to take this information back to the groups. Service work is important. A proposal in Now and Then for changes in area assembly. Suggested that more business could be accomplished with the change. He reminded us conferences are for business to be taken care of. He was not asked to areas for his report. The proposal in area conferences will be published again and brought up at the Spring Conference.

Joe, alternate chairman of the east half of Missouri, said they have four assemblies a year. They meet and a topic is chosen from the previous meeting. They have a discussion and business meeting for the remaining time. They go from 10-5 and meet in churches or schools. Officers, delegates, and DCMs meet before the assembly to discuss agenda.

Trustees elected in New York are David A., Trustee at large; and Buck Brunner from Indiana replacing Virginia H.

The Spring Conference dates are April 2, 3 and 4 at Rice Lake, Wisconsin. It will be held at the Barron Co. Campus of the U. of Wisconsin. Tickets are expected to be between \$10-\$13. Information will be in the Now and Then.

Reminded people of Shorty K. having open heart surgery. Sr. Blandine who is active helping the fellowship is ill and prayers for her are needed. She is 86 years old.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille R., Secretary

Area 74 1982 Spring Conference

April 3, 1982

Rice Lake, WI

The meeting started late due to a power failure due to the sleet and snow storm. Lucille opened the meeting, Mary read "How it Works".

Lucille introduced the past delegates present, Len D., Gene L., Dick. H., Paul S., Bob Z., Bish C. and Carl S.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last Conference, the minutes were accepted as read. Paul S. read the Treasurer's report. Paul S. asked what the group felt should be done with the histories and all past business reports. It was suggested that a Safety Deposit box be obtained.

Jim H. made a motion to secure a Safety Deposit box, the motion was seconded and approved.

Paul S. also made a financial report on the Fall Conference. After all expenses were paid, the remaining profit of \$601.00 was split with one half going to G.S.O. and one half going to the groups involved in the Conference.

John O. of Neenah wants all reports to be given to all G.S. R. representatives. A motion was made and seconded that all reports are to be made available to the "Now and Then" and they will print them. This motion carried.

John H. was asked to make a delegate's report, he said he didn't do much as yet. Talked on issues to be brought up at New York, also mentioned that the 5 -State Conference will be held in Madison, Wisconsin.

Dave R. from the "Now and Then" asked for \$600.00 to keep the paper going. A motion was made and seconded that this amount be allowed and this motion carried. Dave said if anyone wants a flier put into the "Now and Then", they should send in at least 500 copies of the flier. All functions in the area should be in at least two weeks before going to press. Area redistricting maps will appear in the "Now and Then" when furnished.

Dick H. gave the Grapevine report. He said the changes at the Grapevine office should now be done and everything should be back to normal real soon. Make sure you have sent in the right mailing addresses. We do need more Grapevine District Representatives. District No. 2 is the only district that has one now. Len D. of Michigan said anyone can send in articles and make suggestions to make the Grapevine better.

Paul C, the literature Chairman said sales were good.

DCM Lucille asked for D.C.M. reports. Out of 30 districts there were 22 present. All districts were doing something as far as monthly meetings also some P.I. Committees were being started, etc.

District 2 put in a bid for the Spring Conference. No other district made a bid for the Conference. A motion was made by Dick H. and seconded and carried that District 2 will hold the Spring Conference.

Jim H. made a suggestion that we send in \$500.00 from the area to G.S.O., this was tabled until the fall, so that we could talk to our groups about suggestions and ideas.

AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:40 P.M.

District 2 Institutions Committee showed a map of all prisons in Wisconsin. It was explained that A.A. was in some of these places but there is a need for contacts and sponsorships on the outside when the prisoners are released. Dick H. was nominated to head this Committee. There is a need for at least one person from each district, also need some women to help in this area.

New Business, much discussion on having 4 area assemblies. A motion was made, seconded and carried that we have no assemblies but hold just the 2 Conferences. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

Sincerely

"D", Secretary

1982 Area 74 Fall Conference

Green Bay, WI

September 10, 11, 12, 1982

Lucille opened the Conference with a Moment of Silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions were read.

DM the area secretary read the minutes of the Spring Conference. These minutes were amended and accepted as read.

Paul S. read the Financial Report, this report was also amended and accepted as read.

Dick H. gave the Grapevine Report and suggested getting subscriptions for the new person.

Dave R. reported on the "Now and Then". He asked for \$1000.00 for the next 6 months, they want to go to a printer, Len D. made a motion and it was seconded and passed to give them the money.

Paul S, the historian talked on the importance of keeping up the history of A.A. in the area. We are not going to be around forever and some of our important matters would be lost forever if not recorded and maintained on a regular basis. He also talked on items such as letters, pictures, etc. could be secured from New York regarding the Old Timers in A.A.

Dick H, the Institution Committee Chairman talked on the progress being made and the help needed to keep this program going, especially sponsors. He will try to get some workshops started, like they have done in the Southern Area.

John H. gave the highlights of his trip to New York. Len D. then suggested that all groups get this report, not just the D.C.Ms.

Paul G., the Literature Chairman gave his report. Sales are good. The Big Book in braille is now available. There was a question as to why does it take so long to get the literature, John H, stated that with some changes being made in New York could be causing some delay.

D.C.M. Reports

All Districts present are having District Meetings, Workshops, C.P.C. and P.I. Committees.

District meetings with another District have been tried and they were successful. It does work!!!

Harold S, reported that everything is all set for the Spring Conference to be held at the Appleton West High School in Appleton, Wisconsin on April 8th, 9th and 10th, hopefully, they will try to keep the cost around \$10.00. They may get a speaker from G.S.O.

John H, reported on the Forum to be held in our Region, there was much discussion on this matter.

Lee made a motion to raise the donation to the Delegate to \$1300.00 and this to be effective immediately.

Len D. brought out the fact that no one else gets any financial help, there was much discussion on this matter.

It was suggested that the D.C.M. be helped by their District and that the G.S.R. be helped by their Group. These suggestions to be taken back to the Groups for discussion.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn, motion carried.

Respectfully,

“D”

1983 Area 74 Spring Conference

Appleton East High School Appleton, Wisconsin

April 8, 9 and 10 of 1983

Our Alternate Delegate, Lucille opened the meeting with a moment of "Silence" followed by the reading of the Steps, Traditions and the Guidelines for G.S.Rs and D.C.Ms.

There was an introduction of all past delegates for Wisconsin, Upper Michigan and Southern Wisconsin areas.

"D" read the minutes from the Fall Conference and they were accepted as read.

Paul S. read the Financial Report for the Area and this was also accepted as read.

Our Delegate, John H., gave his report and informed us that our Region is eligible to host the 5-State Conference and the Forum. There was much discussion on this. Green Bay may host the Forum.

Harold read the report from the "Workshop" held in Clintonville, the Secretary forgot to bring her report.

Bob P. from New York, our guest speaker, gave us a few highlights about the General Service Office. He also stated that there was a tremendous growth in A.A.

Dave R. gave the financial report for the "Now and Then" and asked for a \$1,100.00 donation for the "Now and Then", A motion was made and seconded and carried to grant this requested donation.

Dick H., our G.V.R, gave his report. He feels that the "Grapevine" distribution is going very well. He also talked on sponsorship for the inmates in correction institutions. If an inmate does not get to a meeting very soon after his release, then he will go by the wayside and more than likely will end up in jail again.

Paul G, reported on Literature and stated that sales were good.

There were reports from all D.C.Ms present and all seemed to be very active and doing many things in their own areas,

Paul H. thanked everyone for the help and cooperation that he had received from them.

Lucille made the announcements.

Len D, brought up that a Non-Smoking area should have been set up, this was not done at the Spring Conference, this was an oversight.

Next Spring Conference, Al from Wausau put in a bid for the next Spring Conference. This was the only bid made for this Conference. A motion was made and seconded that the next Spring Conference be held in Wausau, Wisconsin. Motion carried. This Spring Conference is to be held two weeks before the New York Conference.

Lee clarified the issue of \$500.00, there will be just \$500.00 sent to New York as was written into the minutes of the Fall Conference.

Paul S. had a stamp made for stamping the checks for Area contributions. A motion was made and seconded that Paul be reimbursed for the stamp. Motion carried.

Gene L. hoped that we do not forget to ask people from all over the area to be on panels, etc.

As for the "Grapevine" being self supporting, there was much discussion both pro and con on this matter. If people are not satisfied with the articles being written, let them know that we all can send in articles and suggest to them, items that we would like to read. It was suggested that John H. ask for a "Delegate only" meeting and maybe take an inventory of the Grapevine,

John O, read the financial report from the Grapevine, feeling that they may make it O.K., it should be noted that the report was only estimated.

John H, thanked the group for the items for him to take back to New York,

Lee made a motion to increase our donation from \$300.00 to \$500.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

Gene L. suggested that we still have dances after the Conferences. This motion was seconded and carried.

Milo suggested that another Area Workshop be held, there was no action on this suggestion.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully, "D", Secy.

1983 Area 74 Fall Conference

Sept. 3, 1983

Green Bay, Wisconsin

Lucille, Alternate Delegate, opened the meeting for business with the "Serenity Prayer". Jeff read the Twelve Steps, Mary read the Twelve Traditions and Al read the Guidelines for D.C.Ms, and G.S.Rs.

"D" the Area Secretary read the minutes from the Spring Conference. These minutes were accepted as read.

Paul S. read the Treasurer's report and this report was accepted as read. Paul also announced that he will not run for office again. He also reminded the Groups that they should not send cash in the mail to the treasurer.

John H. reported on his trip to New York. Some items to be brought up again at the Spring Conference are: the Pamphlet on the "Gay Alcoholic" and the Small Edition of the Big Book. Area maps are now available. Mail from New York is being returned. Groups are to make sure that their mailing addresses are correct and if groups are still in existence. A Membership survey will be taken, nine Groups to be picked at random.

Milo reported on the plans for the 1984 Spring Conference, he even promised us a snow storm. It will be held on April 6, 7 and 8th at the Holiday Inn in Wausau, Wisconsin. They are planning an Alkathon for Friday night and they need some people to fill some time slots.

Lucille asked if elections should be held before lunch. a motion was made and seconded and carried to hold election immediately,

John H. was appointed Election Chairman. All eligible voters were moved to one side of the room.

Names placed on the ballot for delegate were: Lucille, "D", Chris, Harold, Bill, Paul, Al and Lee.

After five ballots, Chris H. is our new Delegate. After three ballots, Harold S. is our new alternate Delegate.

There were nominations from the floor for a new Area Secretary, names placed on the board were: Dave h., Bill, Paul, Al and Lee. After two ballots were cast, Dave R. was elected the new Area Secretary.

Nominations from the floor were made for the new Area Treasurer; names placed on the board were: Lee, Jeff, Bill, Paul and Al. After four ballots had been cast, Lee had 37 votes and Jeff had 36 votes, a motion was made, seconded and carried to place these two names in a hat for drawing for this position. Lee's name was drawn and he is now our new Area Treasurer and he is to pick his own co-signer.

Dick H. reported on Grapevine and institutions. Grapevine is doing well, on institutions, sponsors are still needed, Committees are growing but slow. A few people from the institutions were allowed to attend the Fall Conference.

Dave R. reported on the "Now and Then" which will be 25 years old this year. Dave blew a paper favor and then threw some confetti into the air for the celebration. Returning back to his report, he asked for \$1200,00 for operations for the "Now and Then", stating that they will adjust this figure in April of 1984. They will stay at First Class mail. A motion was made, seconded and carried to provide the "Now and Then" with the amount of \$1200.00

Paul S. our Historian stated that he has not received an up to date report from any Group in the last two years.

Paul C. our Literature Chairman reported that sales were not too good.

Lucille made the announcement that Chris H. is the first woman delegate from this Area.

Lee our new Area Treasurer informed the Conference that Gene would be his co-signer.

All D.C.Ms, present gave reports on what is going on within their districts. All have G.S.R. meetings pretty much on a regular basis.

Chris H. the D.C.M. for District 01 put in a bid for the Fall Conference. There was no opposition. A motion was made, seconded and carried that District 01 should host the Fall Conference.

John H. reported on some business items that he felt would come up at Spring Conference and asked for the group's feelings on the pamphlet "Homosexual Alcoholic". After discussion, most of those present felt that it was not necessary and that we should vote "No" on this matter.

Regarding the Smaller Edition of the Big Book, what part of the Big Book will they put into this new edition? Will it contain all of the Big Book or just the first 164 pages? John will find out about this. This Conference opposes any changes being made.

Chris reminded us that the area is responsible for the Forum, which will be held in May of 1985 in Green Bay, Wisconsin,

Dave suggested that we have the business meeting first and the election last.

Lee suggested that we have a workshop on Conference procedure before the next Conference.

Paul H. suggested that the G.S.Rs. let their D.C.Ms, know what is going on in their groups. This will be brought up again at the Spring Conference for discussion and decision.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that we adjourn at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully "D"

P.S. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart, these past two years have been a wonderful experience.

Love you All,

"D" Area Secretary

1984 Area 74 Spring Conference

April 7th, 1984

Wausau Wisconsin

Our 43rd Spring Conference; theme, "We Came To Believe"

Harold opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 9:10A.M. Janice from Port Edwards read How It Works, Mike from Green Bay read the 12 Traditions in long form, & Al of Wausau read Guidelines for GSRs.

Roll call. All Area Officers were present, all Area committee chairpersons were present. The DCMs that were present included Districts 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 12, 13, 14, and 18.(Also 07.) Eight past Delegates from our Area were present: Carl S. panel 8, Bish C. panel 12, Bob Z. panel 14, Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene L. panel 28, Dick H. panel 30, and John H. panel 32. Also present was Buck B. our East Central Regional Trustee. Visiting Delegates Bob B. panel 33 from Southern Wisconsin, and Al S. panel 28 from Western Michigan.

Dave R. gave the Secretary's Report of the fall conference held in September 1983. Motion made, seconded, to have minutes approved. Motion carried.

Lee F. gave the Treasurer's report. As of Jan 1, 1984 our Area has \$4,209.39. A detailed report will be published in the "Now & Then"; Motion made, seconded, to approve the treasurer's report. Some discussion was forthcoming. A question was raised as to whether the total included \$421.22 in profit from the Fall Conference? It did. No more discussion, motion carried. Lee also read the complete list of group contributions to our Area from 1983.

Paul C. gave the Area Literature report. He stated that literature sells better if set up in open area rather than in one of the meeting rooms. Paul wouldn't know until after conference was over how much money is needed to refill the Area's literature display. (Note: Paul needed and received \$125.00 later.)

Dick H. gave Area Institutions report. Dick would like someone from each district to be on Area Institutions Committee. Suggestion from floor that alternate DCM be that member. Dick is planning an Area Institutions workshop sometime in the future.

Paul S. gave the Area Archives report. Area history booklet sells for \$3.00. Our Area history is an on-going thing, and Paul stated he hasn't received anything new for several years. If we don't save our history, it may be last forever.

John H. gave Area Grapevine report. He stated 1983 was a good year for the Grapevine, Inc., they were in the black and will transfer excess dollars to G.S.O. reserve fund. Write to New York if you want left over copies of old Grapevines. John suggested the Area elect Grapevine Rep from floor next time. No action taken

Area newsletter, the "Now & Then" report was given by Dave R. The Now & Then financial report was given, which will be printed in detail. Dave asked for \$1200.00. Motion made, seconded, to give the "Now & Then" \$1200.00. Motion carried.

Suggestion from floor to print a list of acronyms which are used around A.A. It will be done sometime in the future.

All present DCM's were asked to give a report on their districts. We heard from DCMs John C. 01, Paul H. 02, Freddie P. 04, Bruce E. 05 Gene S. 06, Roger B. 07, Jim S. 08, Darrell P. 09, Harold H. 12, Al T. 13, Dave C. 14, and Bill A. 18.

Bish C. past delegate from Ishpeming, suggested our Area look more closely at A.A. in industrial programs. It is seldom talked about, and much could be done along these lines. He will share experience.

Chris H. began her delegates report with several announcements. Our Fall Conference will be Aug 31, Sept 1, 2 at the Midway Motor Lodge in Green Bay Theme: Gratitude, The Language of the Heart. Our 5-State Regional Conference is in Chicago Aug 10, 11, 12th. Chris gave all DCMs three press releases from the G.S.O. to be published in local newspapers.

Chris invited Bob B. the Southern Wisconsin delegate to say a few words. Chris asked Dave R. to read the minutes of the Area Workshop held at Merrill Wisconsin on March 3rd.

11:31 A.M. Morning session over. Lunch Break

1:06 P.M. Afternoon session of Area business meeting begins. Chris H. our Area delegate continues. She discussed the agenda for the GSC and some of the topics discussed in Merrill. She asked John H. to give his presentation "How is A.A. Responding to a Changing World?" John summed up his presentation by saying "We must keep our A.A. good and strong so those wacky people out there will have something decent to come to."

1:20 P.M. Harold, the Chairman, opened the meeting up to the first of several hot topics, the homosexual pamphlet draft. The discussion was lively. The general feeling of the body was that a gay pamphlet was taking on a special interest and that it wasn't necessary. There may be a need somewhere but not in Area #74. John H. felt the language in the personal stories from the draft of the pamphlet was very objectionable and didn't sound like A.A., but rather sounded like a trashy magazine. We stick to alcohol. Motion made, seconded, that the draft of the homosexual pamphlet be voted down by our Area delegate, motion carried by wide margin. *Another motion was snuck in at this time, with a resounding Aye vote, that the whole idea of the gay pamphlet be thrown out. This motion was improperly voted on and only resulted in confusion and more emotional discussion.

A proper motion was made, seconded, that the discussion on the gay pamphlet be tabled so we can move on to further business, motion carried. After all this, here's where our Area stands. The draft was voted down, but the idea may still be alive concerning a gay pamphlet. We will wait and see what Chris reports back to us. It is possible the issue may die in N.Y. but not likely.

2:03 P.M. A brief but good discussion of Group Conscience began. It was pointed out that Chris has the right to change her mind at the General Service Conference. We have to let our Delegate work for us.

2:15 P.M. The gray pages of the Grapevine were discussed. This subject will be on the agenda in New York. A motion was made, seconded, that we leave the gray pages as they are, motion carried. There were four votes against the gray pages. Len D. gave this minority opinion. "Newcomers, when they read the gray pages, may get the idea that A.A. endorses or condones what is happening in the world in general."

Suggestion from the floor, that the Area Secretary review past minutes and report on how we voted on issues so they don't repeat themselves. The Area Secretary has taken suggestion into advisement.

2:23 P.M. New business. Workshops vs Assemblies. Motion made, seconded, that our Area have four assemblies a year, two of them as always at our Fall and Spring Conferences, and two of them to be left up to the Area officers. (An assembly as defined by our A.A. Service Manual.) Discussions If we streamlined the issues we wouldn't need four assemblies. Many say we are having four assemblies now, in the form of workshops, so the only change this brings about is that we could vote at workshops. Another long discussion was brewing, but Sally A. called the question. Motion passed.

2:36 A motion was made, seconded, that the Area fund these new assemblies. This brought about much discussion and confusion. Many felt this is an unnecessary motion. Some felt it opened the Area funds to new unforeseen dangers. The motion was withdrawn and restated, and seconded, that the Area would back the assemblies like they do the Conferences, if it was necessary. Motion carried.

2:56 P.M. Motion was made, and seconded, that whatever district or group who hosts and plans an assembly be able to project an approximate idea of the cost per person. Motion carried.

3:00 Bids for the 1985 Spring Conference were accepted.

Bid#I from Gene S. district 06 Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Bid#II came from Paul C. district 18 from Ishpeming, MI. After the details from both bidders were discussed a hand vote was called. It was close, so a standing count was taken. Results. . .District 06 (42votes), District 18 (52votes). Spring Conference 1985 will be held at Holiday Inn in Marquette, MI on April 12-13-14.

3:10P.M. Several small items: Len D. plugged the Regional Forum. "It is the finest service meeting that A.A. members can attend." John H. mentioned that the U.P. is part of Area #74. Sally questioned the Labor Day weekend as being a good time to hold a Fall Conference. It is too late to change this year?

3:15 Paul H. wanted help with restructuring the Area map. He had a large map available for people to look at after the business meeting. Paul will report on the future on this item.

3:21P.M. Chris H. our Area delegate had a few closing comments. Our Area grew by 46 new groups in 1983, "And once again our business meeting ran like a well oiled machine."

3:25 A motion was made, seconded, that the business meeting be adjourned, no discussion forthcoming, motion carried. Minority opinion...none. Harold closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Roberts, Area Secretary

Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Assembly

June 30, 1984

Holy Cross Hospital Grounds, Merrill Wisconsin. Attendance 82

Minutes:

9:11 A.M. Harold S. opened w/silence & Serenity Prayer. Chris S. of Marshfield read "How It Works". Bill A. of Ishpeming read the long traditions, in short order.

9:22 A.M. Roll Call. Officers present were Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Secretary, Area literature chairman, & Archives Chairman. DCMs present were from districts 01, 02, 03,04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, & 18. Past delegates present were Paul S., Len D., and Gene L.

9:28 A.M. Secretary's Report by Dave R. of Spring Conference held in Wausau, WI. Motion to accept report was made, seconded. Carried.

9:38 A.M. Treasurers Report by Lee F. As of June 29, 1984 the Area has \$4,579.36 On hand. Motion to accept report, seconded & carried.

9:42 Paul S. gave Archives report and made request for history items.

9:45 Paul C. gave literature report. He will keep list of those wanting Area History Book, when 25 copies sell—out in Green Bay.

9:50 Coffee Break

10:00 The main event, the Delegate's report by. Chris.

Highlights of Report (You should've been there if you want more)

Grapevine will produce one tape per year. Grey Pages stay.

Only 20% of A.A. Groups have Grapevine Rep. Need more.

Next year East Central Region will elect new Trustee.

Some special bulletins will be discontinued and included in the Box 459, i.e., Corrections bulletin, PI-CPC, & Physicians'.

Area will have to pay \$400.00 to support General Service Conference. G.S.O. requests that no A.A. Conferences be planned May 10 thru August 3rd of 1985 because of International in Montreal.

Bill Wilson biography Pass It On okayed.

Gay pamphlet was nixed, dropped, and forgotten

12 Concepts Illustrated is in the works. (This we gotta see.)

New filmstrip available called "Your G.S.O. Today" Watch for new U.S. Postage Stamp commemorating A.A.'s 50 years. (One lick is too many and a thousand not enough.)

A discussion of A.A. survey took place. The most pressing question was "What survey?"

A.A. Directory will drop meeting times and places from listings, but will keep printing the directory.

Chris closed with some personal remarks. She shared her experience of visiting "Stepping Stones," how she got her nickname "Shakey", how her luggage went to Florida, and how when she first got there "I didn't want to be there, and after I was there I didn't want to leave." she said. We Thank you Chris for a fine Report and sharing with us.

1:32 Lunch

1:07 P.M. We got 3 minute early start on afternoon session.

First Item, Trustee's Expenses to attend our Area Conferences. The Fall Conference of 1979 voted to pay our Trustee's expenses to the Spring and Fall conferences out of our Area treasury. There was much discussion. A question was raised as to whether it was necessary to have our Trustee present at both conferences. A motion was made "to allow the hosts of the conference to decide whether or not we should invite the trustee, and that the expenses be split between the host and the Area." After much debate the motion was amended to only "the conference host be given the option to invite the trustee, with expenses left the way they are. Motion seconded, discussed and then defeated.

Another motion was made and seconded, "to make the Area officers responsible, starting 1985, for inviting our Regional Trustee to either the Spring or Fall Conference and continue to pay expenses from Area funds. Motion carried.

Second Item: Area Conference Site Rotation. This is an old topic that keeps surfacing. Many feel the Fall Conference conflicts with the Packer schedule, and some didn't like holding a conference on a Labor Day weekend. Some remember that action was taken on this issue several years ago by voting to change, but it was never really followed through. The debate was brisk and lively, no one had to go bathroom. The assembly decided to table this topic until the Fall Conference to give the secretary time to review past minutes, and to see precisely or vaguely, whatever the case may be, where we stand.

Third Item: A.A. & N.A. Should A.A. cooperate with N.A.? It seems N.A. is having a hard time of it and wants to use A.A. more. There was much debate and sharing, and some of the speeches were quite moving. Several people headed for the coffee pot or the bathroom. Len D. gave us a valuable history lesson which wasn't recorded in the minutes because the secretary went to the bathroom also. A general consensus of the assembly would be, "as individuals we can help but as a fellowship we cannot." No action taken.

Fourth Item: Bob K. made a touching presentation and presented the Area Assembly with a plaque, that had a medallion and a button mounted on it, which were found on the floor of our Spring Conference. A motion was made and seconded to have this plaque travel from conference to conference along with Area picture. Motion carried.

At this time Don from Merrill, the host of our first assembly, was asked how we stood financially with rent and coffee. "OKay" Don reported. The report was accepted as read.

Fifth Item: An agenda topic was suggested to be brought before the business meeting of the Fall Conference. "Should the chairman of our Area committees, (Literature, Archives, Institutions) be allowed to vote at assemblies and business meetings?"

3:20 P.M. Chris brought an additional item to the assembly. District 15, the NW portion of Upper Michigan, generally known as the Copper Country, is geographically large and hard to cover for one DCM. A letter was sent to Chris by Scott O/, Jerry M., and Ken P., from District 16, requesting that the part of 16 from Lanse/Baraga, Houghton/Hancock, and on up through the Keweenaw Peninsula be allowed to form a new District. Motion was made and seconded that they be allowed to form District 21. Motion carried.

3:26 P.M. Jerry K., Chairman of the Fall Conference in Green Bay, gave us an update.

3:32 P.M. Last Item. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Our first Assembly was adjourned. The assembly hopes that it will save much time at the conference business meetings.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Roberts

Area 74 Secretary.

43rd Annual Fall Conference:

Midway Motor Lodge—Green Bay

August 31, September 1,2, 1984

Theme: Gratitude—The Language of the Heart

Minutes of the business meeting.

9:10 AM Harold Schettl, Area Chairman opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Dale B. read How It Works. Fred K. read the 12 Traditions (long ones)

9:22 AM Role call of the Area. The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer, Area Grapevine Rep, Archives Chairperson, Institutions Chairperson, and Literature Chairperson were all present.

District Committee Members and/or Alternate DCMs that were present were from the following districts: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, and 21.

Past Delegates present were Paul S., John H., Dick H., Bish, Bob Z, Len D., and Gene L.

Guests, past and present delegates from other Areas included: Al S. from Southern Michigan; John G., Bob B., and John B. all from Southern Wisconsin.

9:28 AM Secretary's Report of Area Assembly held June 30, 1984 in Merrill Wisconsin. Motion made, seconded, that the Secretary's report be accepted as read...motion carried.

9:37 AM Lee F. gave the Treasurer's report. As of August 31, 1984 our Area has \$4,903.31 in its treasury. Motion made, seconded, that Lee's report be accepted as read...motion carried.

9:40 AM Chris H. gave the Delegate's Report.

- a) New Area map is on wall. (It already needs some changes)
- b) District 20 of our Area will now become District 16 with lower Michigan.
- c) 52% of our Area groups gave the General Service Office a group contribution.
- d) There's a new letterhead on G.S.O. Stationery for 1985. The letterhead shows the Canadian Maple leaf with a 50 in the middle. This of course commemorates AA's 50th anniversary.

9:47 AM John H. gave the Area Grapevine Rep's report.

- a) 1983 was a turn-around year for the Grapevine. After a four year deficit, the Grapevine was 19,000 dollars in the black.
- b) The second tape "The Best of the Grapevine" is now available.
- c) The Grapevine will accept cash donations and use the money to send the Grapevine to institutions.
- d) John has a bunch of flyers and old Grapevines and he needs help in getting rid of them.

9:53 AM Area Archives report was given by Paul S.

- a) Two groups sent in their histories.
- b) \$3.00 for a copy of our Area History. Copies at literature table.

- c) Paul asked the Area to pay for large Safe Deposit Box. Motion made, seconded, to pay for safe deposit box...carried.

9:59 AM Report from Dick H. on Area Institutions. Dick said he forgot what he was gonna say but unfortunately remembered.

- a) Dick brought 4 fellas with him to the Conference from the Oneida Camp.
- b) Then Dick announced the first Area Workshop on Institutions will be held on October 13th at 711 McClelland, Wausau, WI 1-4 PM.
- c) We thank Dick for his untiring work with AA in institutions; and we hope and pray they won't keep him.

10:04 AM Literature Committee Chair report from Paul C.

"If you want something, get there early, we give away an average of \$125.00 worth of literature at every conference and it's going fast." says Paul.

10:06 AM "Now & Then" report from Co-editor Dave Roberts

- a) The "N&T" averaged 6 pages since last conference, at \$17.50 per printed page, but going up to \$19.25.
- b) We averaged around 530 copies per month.
- c) The "N&T" asked for \$1,400.00 for the next 7 months

A motion was made, seconded that the "N&T" receive \$1,400.00..carried

10:11AM DCM Reports: The following DCMs or the Alternate gave a report from the following districts:

01 John C.	07 Roger B.	14 Dave C.
02 Paul H.	08 Jim S.	17 John A.
03 Chris C.	09 Dale B.	18 Bill A.
04 Freddie P?(\$)	10 Bill P.	19 Richard H.
05 Bruce E.	12 Harold H.	21 Ken P.
06 Gene S.		

10:52AM

Harold asked for a motion to amend the agenda so we could go right into the election of Regional Trustee Nominee, and Trustee-at-Large Nominee. Motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Jerry F. of Kaukauna, & Cindi D. of Crivitz were appointed to be ballot counters.

Lucille R.& Mort S. passed out and collected the ballots. Al S. recorded the results on the blackboard. The first election was for Regional Trustee Candidate. All past delegates' names were written on the board and those that wished had their name removed. We were left with 4 candidates, each was allowed to give a 2 minute speech. impossible task.)

Ballot	1	2	3	4
Len DeWitt	28	27	38	26
Dick Hahn	28	33	49	61
John Heidemann	23	22	Withdraw	
Gene Loomis	9	4	Withdraw	
87 Total votes,58 needed	87	86	87	87

11:45 AM Lunchbreak!

1:36 PM. Reconvened. We continued with the election of our Area Trustee-at-Large Nominee. The voting procedure was exactly the same as the morning session, and 85 voters returned after lunch. This deserved a round of applause!

Only two candidates ran for Trustee-at-Large nominee.

Review of Past Minutes by Area 74 Secretary on the Subject: Area Conference Rotation.

It should be noted before we begin that the Area Minutes are always approved at the following business meeting. If anyone remembers something different than what is written in the minutes, the responsibility lies with the voting-members of our Area Conferences, because only they have the authority to add or change the minutes.

The Fall Conferences grew so large in the 70*s that Green Bay was forced to move it from the 218 Club and into a major hotel. This created competition with convention schedules from other organizations and also with the Green Bay Packers. In 1978 & 1979 our Fall Conference was held at the Downtowner Motel, and in 1980 we moved to the Midway Motor Lodge where it has been ever since. Some dissatisfaction has been present ever since within our Area.

From Fall Conference 1980, at Green Bay.

"Jack C. gave a convention report. He talked about the difficulty in getting space for the conference. It appears that you need 2 years in advance to hold the conference site. Eau Claire put in a bid for next years Fall conference. At this point it was discussed and a motion was made that Green Bay continue to look into hosting the convention next year, but possibly changing the dates to August or October. This motion was seconded and carried."

From the Spring Conference Minutes 1981, at Marquette Michigan

"Len D. asked for consideration that the Fall Conference in Green Bay be changed to the spring and rotate the Fall Conference. Paul S. said arrangements have been made for this fall and are usually tentatively made 2 years in advance. It was decided to have Green Bay discuss whether or not they would favor the change." From Fall Conference Minutes 1981, at Green Bay

"Question-Rotating Spring Conference to Green Bay and the Fall Conference to other parts of our Area. Since Green Bay is presumed to have no objections to the move, that it be rotated to the spring as soon as possible. Motion made and seconded; that the next Fall Conference (1982) and the following Spring Conference (1983) be at Green Bay. The following schedule would go into effect: Rice Lake next spring (1982), Fall Conference at Green Bay (1982), Spring Conference at Green Bay (1983), and then the Fall Conference 1983 going into Area rotation. Motion seconded and carried." From Spring Conference Minutes 1982, at Rice Lake

•* District 2 put in a bid for the next Spring Conference. No other district made a bid for the Conference. A motion made by Dick H. and seconded and carried

that District 2 will host the Spring Conference." (It is not in the minutes, but Green Bay decided not to host Spring 1983 so it went to Appleton) From Fall Conference 1982, at Green Bay

(There is nothing on the minutes about Conference bids.) From Spring Conference Minutes 1983, at Appleton

"Next Spring Conference, Al from Wausau put in a bid for the next Spring Conference. This was the only bid. A motion was made and seconded that Wausau host 1983 Spring Conference." From Fall Conference 1983, at Green Bay

"Chris H. put in a bid for the next Fall Conference for District 01. There was no opposition. A motion was made and seconded and carried that district 01 host the 1984 Fall Conference. Motion carried ." WHERE DO WE STAND? SINCE 1981 VOTE TO CHANGE, ANYONE CAN BID FOR FALL OR SPRING CONFERENCE IF THEY WISH. NOBODY HAS—THAT'S ALL!

John H.	51	61
Gene L.	32	22
abstain	2	2
Total votes, 57 needed	85	85

1:55PM Area conference rotation was discussed. Harold read a report by Area Secretary from old minutes. which can be summed up shortly: 1981 our Area voted to change conference rotation but it hasn't happened yet. A motion was made to keep the Fall Conference in Green Bay, and seconded. Our business meeting began to warm up a bit during the ensuing discussion. Question called and motion defeated.

2:09 PM District 01 & District 02 each put in a bid to host the 1985 Fall Conference. A motion was made that bids be closed, seconded and carried.

A vote was then taken by raising hands and district 01 will host the 1985 Fall Conference.

2:16 PM A motion was made, seconded, that no future Fall Conference be held on Labor Day weekend. Motion Carried.

2:20 PM Report on 1985 Spring Conference to be held in Marquette April 12-13-14, at the Holiday Inn. Rooms will be \$35-40 and the Conference can make their own coffee. District 18 had more info when they made the bid last year, but they'll get it out in "N&T"

3:23 PM Should chairpersons of our Area committees be given the right to vote. It was moved to give them the right to vote, seconded and then defeated. A minority opinion was expressed.

John C. quoted from Concept x. "Every service responsibility should be matched by equal service authority—...."

2:27 PM Stamp issue. The postal service may issue a 50 year commemorative honoring AA. There was much discussion, here are the highlights, hopefully the kernel.

- a) We should review the 10th tradition.
- b) The G.S.O. at our next G.S.C. must be able to come up with a group conscience on this matter. They're our Traditions guardians.
- c) Can we let one Area decide to push this stamp for the world to see.
- d) It was moved that Area 74 go on record as being opposed to the 50 year commemorative stamp. Seconded... Motion carried.
- e) It was moved that the Area Secretary draft a letter stating our Area's opposition. No second. Motion died.

2:43 PM Paul H. DCM of District 02 drew a new Area map. Shortly after it was done, district 20 left for lower Michigan, and District 21 was formed by splitting from 16. Paul hopes the map will serve as a guideline, it can never be a fixed hard deal. It was moved to repay Paul \$41.79 for map reduction and printing. Seconded. Paul did a good job on this. Motion carried.

2:50 PM New Business. Harold read a letter which objected to the obscene language being used somewhere in our Area, A motion was made, seconded, that this letter be taken to the groups via the "N&T". Motion carried. A minority opinion by Bish C. was expressed, "Let's not get too high and mighty, many of us were pretty sick when we came to AA. We can't make rules."

2:55 PM A motion was made that Area Committee reports be given only at Spring & Fall Conferences, and the DCM reports be given only at our two assemblies. Seconded. After a short discussion, carried.

3:04 PM Chris H. our Delegate wanted a sense of how we feel on two issues. The first concerned our Twelve Traditions Illustrated. The plan is to make 8 ½ by 11 posters out of the illustrations and have them for sale in Montreal at our 50th AA Anniversary Conference. The meeting sense was favorable.

The second question, "should all trustees be able to serve 4 years regardless of when elected." The meeting sense was yes.

3:17 PM A motion was made, seconded, that we close the business meeting with the Lord's Prayer. Motion carried ... Amen.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Roberts, Area Secretary

Because of space limitation the letter on obscene language will appear in November's "Now & Then"

Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Assembly

Saturday, March 2, 1985

Merrill, Wisconsin

Minutes

1:13 A.M. Harold opened with silence & Serenity Prayer Don D. read "How it Works." Freddie S. read Long Traditions

9:23 A.M. Role call of officers: Present were Chris" H. our Area Delegate, Alt Delegate Harold S., Secretary Dave R. Treasurer Lee F., Co-Treasurer Gene L., Area Grapevine Rep. John H., Archives Chair Paul S., Institutions Chair Dick H., and Literature Chair Paul C.

Role call of DCMs The districts present were 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 12, 14, & 18.

Past Delegates present were Paul S., Len D., Gene L., Dick H., & John H.

9:28 The Secretary's report was read. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Secretary's report be accepted-

Lee F, read the Treasurer's report. As of 3/2/85 our Area has \$3,628.64 on hand. Motion was made, 2nded, and carried to accept the treasurer's report.

The DCMs from Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 14, & 18 gave a brief report on happenings in their districts.

10:03 A.M. Bill A. reported on the coming Spring Conference in Marquette.

Paul S. the Regional Forum Coordinator gave a report.

10:17 5-minute coffee break, we reconvened at 10:27. Area Delegate, Chris H.'s report: (Only the Highlights.)

(Several of the subjects in Chris' report were discussed in great length during the afternoon session, which will be reflected in the minutes later, and therefore are deleted from the highlights.)

◆Chris introduced John H. our Trustee-at-Large nominee, and Dick H. our Regional Trustee nominee. Chris will present them both at the General Service Conference.

◆ Our 5-State conferences are no longer called as such, but rather East Central Regional Conferences because part of Kentucky is in our Region.

◆ 62 new A.A. groups formed in Area 74 last year. (490 total)

◆ Treatment facilities workbook is still under revision.

◆ Correctional Facilities Workbook is ready. Cost \$7.60.

◆ Pg 23-Service Manual. The definition of a quorum may be changed from 2/3's registered to 2/3's present at meeting.

◆ Chris has been extended a loving invitation to give a presentation at the Forum on "Rotation—Why is it important?"

◆ There was one item in Chris' morning report that resulted in an Area Assembly advisory action. It concerned the language on page 50 of our Service manual, under 7.a) about who is eligible to run for delegate. At present the manual reads: "Those eligible may be past or present committee members" It seems our Area has not been following this language, and many felt some very qualified people may be passed by. A lengthy discussion was forthcoming. A motion was made and supported that the language be left as is in the service manual, and that we in Area 74 follow it. Motion overwhelmingly carried.

11:30 A.M. Lunchbreak

1:07P.M. Assembly re-convened with Chris Continuing:

It was suggested by Chris that someone turn on the fans to get rid of the smoke. An unknown from the crowd suggested "Keep talking Chris until it clears up."

We next had a long discussion on the length of terms Selection cycles of Regional trustees. The problem A.A. has is this; if a trustee dies before finishing their term of 4 years and it happens regularly, the trustee elected to replace the deceased can only finish the unexpired term and is not eligible to run again. It is generally felt that it takes two years before a trustee can be knowledgeable and effective. As a result, vacancies with less than a year to serve are unfilled and a Region will not have a trustee. But by electing the new trustee to a four-year term no matter when the term begins, creates problems with the election-cycle during the General Service Conference. There are no spare minutes in the agenda of the G.S.C. to elect extra trustees. It was moved and 2nded, and removed and 2nded, and clarified and 2nded that

(a) The ejection cycle of trustees be left as is.

(b) Should a trustee be elected to fill an unexpired term of 2 1/2 years or more, that this be considered a full term,

(c) Should a trustee be elected to fill an unexpired term of 2 years or less, they be eligible to run for another full term.

Motion carried.

1:42 P.M. Harold again with new business.

A question was raised about our Area Grapevine display. Paul our literature Chair said the last conference was the first one that the Grapevine display wasn't displayed, only because it was forgot at home. It will be displayed in the future.

1:49 P.M. A question was brought to the floor that perhaps we should conduct "ALL" Area business at the assemblies. A lively discussion followed with many comments both pro and con, but mostly con. The general feeling was to let the situation ride for a time, as our assemblies are new, and many problems will work themselves out. No action or motion was forthcoming.

2:10 A suggestion was made that Area election of officers be held at the assemblies rather than the Fall Conference. There was no comment from anybody on this. The previous discussion throttled it.

2:12 P.M. Paul H. proposed that our Area start a Public Information Committee and that the outgoing Area Delegate automatically rotate into chairing it, thereby leaving the Area Grapevine Rep open to general election. Much discussion ensued. It is generally agreed and even

suggested in our Service Manual that outgoing Delegates be given a job in Area service, and not put out to the junkyard. Many good ideas were proposed. Although no action was taken by the assembly, it is very clear that some kind of restructuring of our Area Committee is looming heavy in the horizon.

2:37 P.M. The subject of financial support for our Area Officers came up. Our Treasurer Lee advised us to be careful because our Area funds are slowly shrinking. As usual the discussion became wide open and hot and heavy. A motion suddenly bubbled up and was 2nded that we pass the hat and give the proceeds to the Institutions Committee. The motion failed. A motion was made and 2nded that our Area thoroughly address finances, and set some priorities at our next Area Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

3:13 A motion was made to give our Delegate \$250.00 to defray her costs for the Montreal world Conference. No one left their seat. A motion to table the motion until the Spring Conference was made and 2nded. It was defeated. We then voted on the original motion to give Chris \$250.00 and the motion carried.

3:38 P.M. Should groups sell Non-Conference approved Literature at their meetings? Our Area voted not to, many Conferences ago, at the Area level. There are some who feel strongly that other literature is ok to sell. Perhaps some will always feel this way. A consensus vote was taken, and overwhelmingly our Area would like to discourage sale of Non-Conference approved literature in the groups.

4:02 Chris wants the questionnaires returned by mail or at Spring Conference. It was noted that 71 registered at a cost of approximately \$1.25 each.

4:05 P.M. Harold adjourned the meeting and led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Roberts, Sec.

1985 Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area 44th Spring Conference

Saturday, April 13, 1985

Holiday Inn, Marquette, MI.

Conference theme: "Golden Moments of Reflection."

Business Meeting Minutes

9:11 A.M. Harold opened with moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer. John K. read "How It Works" & Doris K. read long Traditions.

9:23 A.M. Roll call of Area officers and Committee Chairman. Those present were Delegate Chris, Alt. Del. Harold, Secretary Dave, Treasurer Lee, Co-Treasurer Gene, Grapevine Rep John, Archives Chair Paul, Institutions Chair Dick, and Literature Chair Paul.

Districts represented by DCM or Alt DCMs were 01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 09, 12, 14, 17, 18, and 19.

Past Delegates Present were Bish panel 12, Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene L. panel 28, Dick H, panel 30, & John H panel 32.

9:29 A.M. Secretary's Report was read by Dave. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report with the following corrections Chris has received a loving invitation to speak at the General Service Conference on "Beyond the 7th Tradition" and will speak on rotation at the Forum in May. Motion carried.

Lee F. then read the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$3516.68 on hand. Lee also read a list of group contributions to the Area. A motion was made to accept the report, 2nded and carried.

9:52 AM Delegate's Report from Chris:

- a) She gave District 18 a letter from Lyla Bonney from G.S.O. staff congratulating them on the P.I. article.
- b) Chris noted the last Forum had 570 in attendance, 80% of them for the first time.
- c) 32,000 are registered for Montreal
- d) Thank you to the people who returned the workshop questions
- e) Please invite us to your events.

10:03 A.M. Committee Chairman reports:

John H. the Area Grapevine Rep gave his report:

- a) It was a good year for the Grapevine, subscriptions are up and so is sales of Grapevine's other items.
- b) There was a lawsuit against a computer company but it is now not necessary, because it has been worked out.
- c) There's talk of a Grapevine Newsletter
- d) Order "Best of the Grapevine" in June

- e) The two tapes have gone well and there's a new tape forthcoming called "Not For Newcomers Only".
- f) Need updated list of group GVRs

Paul_S. gave an Archives report and also a Regional Forum Update.

First on the Archives, Paul stated once again that our Area History cost \$3 per copy. If anyone wants a copy let Paul C. the literature Chair know, or Paul S. himself. Then he will know how many to bring to the Fall Conference.

Second on the Regional Forum:

- a) It's May 3,4,5 at the Downtowner in Green Bay, WI
- b) There's room for 500
- c) Besides, several people from the G.S.O. staff our new Regional Trustee will be there.
- d) Forums are open to anyone interested in A.A., they are not closed meetings.
- e) Pie run until 11:00 PM, room #255 will be hospitality, and Sunday Brunch will be open at 7:00 AM.

Institutions Committee report was given by Dick H.

- a) Dick reported that our first Institution Workshop held last October 13th was a great success.
- b) P44 of Institutions Workbook has a form letter which Dick made copies of. If anyone wants to sponsor a released inmate fill out the letter and send to Dick.
- c) Groups can and have been donating Grapevine Subscriptions.
- d) Dick suggested the U.P. of MI have their own Institutions Committee.
- e) At this point Don W. of Marquette was appointed U.P. Chair.

Paul C. gave the Literature Committee report.

- a) Pass It On is selling well.
- b) Tapes of the Big Book can be ordered through Paul and cost \$25.00 a set. Chris has a copy of Braille Big Book for Area use.
- c) Later Paul asked for and received \$100.00 for literature.

The "Now and Then" report was given by Dave R.

- a) At the next Area Workshop when finances are discussed the "Now & Then" must be a major part of the discussion, seeing the newsletter requires around half of the Area's budget
- b) The "Now & Then" asked for \$1000.00 for the next 5 months. A motion was made, 2nded to give the "N&T" \$1000.00. Carried.

10:42 A.M. Old Business

A motion was made to start an Area Public Information Committee. This motion was seconded and thoroughly discussed. A countdown showed we had 61 voting members present. 48 Ayes, motion passed.

Another motion was made that we continue the practice of making the outgoing delegate our Area Grapevine Rep, and 2nded. Many felt the delegate should have a choice, but many felt this

would create future problems should the delegate not want the P.I. or the GVR job, but something else. The vote proved nothing. 34 Ayes, 27 Nays. No action taken.

A motion was made and 2nded that the Area Committee study the matter and propose a solution. Motion carried nearly unanimously.

11:22 New Business

Harold read a letter from Don L. describing the mess we left after our March assembly in Merrill at the Holy Cross Center. A motion was made and 2nded that our Area pay damages of \$35.00 and that a letter of apology be sent by the Secretary to the Holy Cross Center. Motion carried. (Due to space limitations, Don L.'s letter and the Area apology letter will appear in next month's Now & Then)

Commented [A7A1]:

11:26A.M. Lunch break

1:08 P.M. Business Meeting Re-opened with silence & Serenity Prayer.

The afternoon session started with a shocking announcement that our delegate Chris and her husband Paul were on their way to the airport when the Holiday Inn Van was involved in a serious accident. Chris and Paul were taken by ambulance to Marquette General Hospital. This seemed to put a damper on the business meeting.

1:14 P.M. New Business continued...

Bids were opened on the floor for the 1986 Spring Conference, Harold the DCM from district 12 put in a bid for Rice Lake, WI. The conference would be held at the local college April 4-5-6. No other bids were forthcoming. Motion made & 2nded that Rice Lake be the site of our 1986 Spring Conference. Carried unanimously.

1:20 A motion was made and 2nded that our Area pay for the coffee served in the hospitality room at the Regional Forum. Motion defeated.

Paul S. questioned the wisdom of voting at assemblies on Area financial matters.

1:37 P.M. Bish C. expressed his concern that we are getting wrapped in complicated things that have simple solutions; that we mustn't forget the still suffering alcoholic, and too many meetings makes service confusing. Then the microphone quit.

1:45 P.M. Meeting adjourned. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Roberts, Secretary

Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Assembly

June 1, 1985

Sacred Heart Hospital

Tomahawk, Wisconsin.

Minutes:

9:22 AM—Harold S, opened w/silence followed by Serenity Prayer. Doreen read How It Works. Marylin read the 12 Traditions (short).

9:28AM—Rollcall of Area Officers. Present were Chris H., delegate; Harold S., Alt-Delegate; Dave R. Secretary; Lee F. Treasurer; Gene L. Co-treasurer, Dick H. Institutions Chr., Paul C. Literature Chr.

Absent were Area Grapevine Rep John H.; Archives Chr. Paul S.

Rollcall of D.C.M.'s. Present were 01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 12, 18, &21

Past Delegates Present were Len D., Gene L., and Dick H.

9:34_AM Secretary's report. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the Spring Conference Business meeting held in Marquette MI on April 13, 1985 be accepted as read. Motion Carried.

Lee F. gave the Treasurer's report. As of June 1, 1985 our Area has \$3256.68 in its account. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as read. Carried.

****9:45 AM The main event, Delegate's report by Chris H. *****

You should have been there! Chris' report went into great detail and was well organized, much too well done to be only highlighted in the minutes. Chris also handed out complete outlines of her report at the assembly, and if anyone is interested in seeing or hearing the report, write to Chris H., 504 North Margaret St., Kaukauna, WI 54130. A couple of general comments of Chris' are in order however. First of all Chris deeply thanks the Area for all their support after her accident. When Chris first arrived in New York, a member of the G.S.O. Staff got an appointment for Chris with a \$150 per visit specialist who made Chris take a 17 hour nap. But Chris didn't miss anything. And finally Chris stated she left the General Service Conference with a deep feeling of gratitude. There's no way to express her feelings of that last day, a real tear jerker. Chris is very grateful to our Area for the opportunity to serve as Delegate, and "all things considered our Area is in good shape" says Chris. We thank you Chris, a job well done!

10:56 AM DCM reports: Reports were given by Jerry K. from 01, Paul H, of 02, Chris C. of 03, Don S* of 04, Roger B. of 07, Harold H. of 12, Bill A. of 18, and Jerry M. of 21.

11:25 AM Lunch

1:07 PM A general sharing session was led by Bill B. while the Area Committee held a special meeting in a separate room to discuss rotation of our outgoing delegate and other area service jobs. This meeting was directed by action at our Spring Conference, and is only recommending a solution to be placed on our Fall Conference agenda. (Totally proper under Tradition #9) 13 members of the Area Committee attended this meeting and everyone there shared in the discussion.

2:03 PM The special meeting was adjourned after doing what our Area directed it to do, and Harold read to the assembly its proposals, to be discussed and acted on at the Fall Conference:

- 1) That the service job of Alternate Delegate and Area Chairman be separated into two jobs, and the outgoing Delegate be automatically rotated into Area Chairman.
- 2) That the Chairman of our Area's 5 standing committees, namely:
 - a) Archives, Institutions, Literature, Grapevine, & Public Information; be nominated from the Conference floor, and follow normal rotation.

2:10 PM We began our Area Financial discussion. Lee F. our Area Treasurer feels we need around a \$4500.00 reserve for yearly operating expenses. We now have just over \$3250.00 on hand. Our contributions to the Area from the groups has been dwindling, but our projected 1986 expenses are around \$4700.00. At this rate we will be broke in 3 years. Dave R suggested the "Now & Then" could shave expenses by printing shorter issues, maybe less issues, and getting rid of the two-color letterhead. The assembly rejected the idea of nit-picking the "Now & Then" to save money. A motion was made and seconded that the "Now & Then" go to strictly paid subscriptions. Defeated. Before any drastic action was taken it was felt we should turn to our Area and ask for more contributions. Motion was made and seconded that we have regular announcements in the "Now & Then" asking to support the Area. Carried. Financial discussion was over for now.

3:31 PM Motion that all future Area Assemblies be scheduled for 3rd weekend of month. Seconded and carried. Several items were asked to be placed on Fall agenda:

1. Put Spring Conference in May, Fall Conference in October, and hold one assembly early spring before General Service Conference.
2. Joint Conference be considered with Southern Wisconsin Area.

3:40 Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Dave Roberts, Secretary.

44TH Annual Fall Conference of the Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area

September 13, 14, & 15th.

Embassy Suites Hotel, Green Bay, WI

Business Meeting Minutes

9:10 A.M. Harold S. called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Joe H. read "How It Works" and Maynard read 12 traditions long form.

Roll call of Area officers: Those present were Chris H. delegate, Harold S. alternate delegate, Dave R. secretary, Lee F. treasurer, Gene L. co-treasurer, John H. Grapevine Rep., Paul S. archives chair, Dick H. institutions chair, and Paul C. literature chair. Absent: None.

Roll call of D.C.M.s: Those districts represented were 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21. Absent: 05, 13, 16, 5, 20.

Past Area Delegates present were: Carl S. panel 8, Bish C. panel 12, Bob Z. panel 14, Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene L. panel 28, Dick H. panel 30, & John H. panel 32.

Also present was Jack W. our East Central Regional Trustee, Hilly B. delegate from the So WI. Area, Jim P. So WI Area Chairman, and two past delegates from So WI. Area, Bob B. and John G.

9:25 A.M. Area Officer and Committee Reports

Dave R. gave the secretary's report of the Area Assembly held 6/1/85 in Tomahawk, WI. A motion was made, seconded, and nearly unanimously carried that the report be accepted.

Lee F. gave the treasurer's report. Our area incurred no expenses since the last conference in Marquette, but received some contributions bringing our balance as 9/1/85 to \$3831.68. A motion was made, seconded, and carried nearly unanimously to accept the treasurer's report.

Chris H. gave her delegates report. Chris wants the computer printouts to be returned as soon as possible with the updated group and district information. Chris is trying to compile a new DCM list for the incoming area officers. Chris also asked that the new area officers give her all personal data after the business meeting so she can forward it to the General Service Office.

John H. gave the Grapevine report. The Grapevine is financially strapped again and needs 30,000 new subscriptions by year's end or the price will go up. Grapevine is reprinting the annual calendar because the paper that was used produced a carbonization effect. That means if you wrote a note to remember in February on the calendar, you would also remember it in March, April, May, June, etc. There several new items available, a book called The Best of the Grapevine, another tape entitled, "Not For Newcomers Only", and a tape list for all the talks and panels which took place at Montreal•

Paul S. gave the Archives report. Paul outlined briefly how our Area History booklet came about. The booklets are for sale for \$3. Paul also stressed how our history is an ongoing event and urged groups who haven't participated to send in their group's history, so these can be placed in our Archives vault and included in future editions.

Dick H. gave the Institutions report. Letters are coming from inmates looking for sponsors so the work of the institutions committee is helping. They need more voluntary sponsors. The Workshop last year had over 50 people and there will be another institutions workshop on Oct 12 in Wausau. The flyer will be in the Now and Then.

Paul C. gave the Literature report. The new A.A. Service Manuals are on sale, other WI business seems slow. Paul asked for \$75.00 to replace the free literature that was handed out.

Dave R. gave the "Now & Then" report. When a new GSR wants to be on the Now & Then mailing list, we also need the address of the old GSR so we can keep our list updated. November and December issues will have subscription reminders. The "Now & Then" asked the area for \$1100.00 to finance operations for the next 7 months. A motion was made, seconded, and almost unanimously carried to give the "Now & Then" the \$1100.00.

10:30 A.M. Old Business, A voter count was taken and 104 votes present. Motion and support that the job of Alternate Delegate and Area Chairman be separated into two jobs, and that outgoing Delegate rotate into Area Chairman. Ayes 60—Nays 23. A question was raised as to whether the motion needed 70 votes to pass, (2/3rds of 104)?

◆ Motion and support that we go by simple majority for business meeting purposes and 2/3rds for elections. Ayes 82—Nays 12. Motion carried. We re-voted on the first motion again. Ayes 65—Nays 23. Motion carried.

◆ Motion and support that we nominate our 5 committee chairs, namely Archives, Institutions, Literature, Grapevine, & Public Information, from the floor, that they follow rotation, and be given the right to vote. After considerable discussion...Ayes 21—Nays 22. Motion defeated.

◆ Motion and support that the 5 committee chairs be appointed by the Area Committee. Ayes 7— Nays 84. Motion defeated.

◆ Motion that the 5 area committee chairs be nominated from the floor and do not necessarily have to rotate. Ayes 90 — Nays 2. Carried.

◆ Motion and support that the elected chairs of the 5 standing committees be given the right to vote. Ayes 90+..Nays 4. Motion carried.

◆ Motion and support that our Area starting in 1987 will hold the Spring Conference in May, the Fall Conference in October, and one Assembly in early spring before the April General Service Conference. After considerable discussion. Ayes 90 - Nays 4. Motion carried.

◆ Motion and support that District 08 (Wausau) hold an Area Assembly on March 15th, 1986. Unanimously carried.

A discussion as to whether or not our Area should join with the Southern WI Area and hold a Statewide Conference and thereby eliminate one of our regular conferences.

◆ After considerable debate a motion and support was made to leave things like they are and bring it back to our Groups. Ayes 80 - Nays 9. Motion carried.

◆ Motion and support that our two Area Committees discuss and study this joint Conference idea further. Ayes 80 - Nays 9. Motion carried.

District 12's Mr. Ed B. gave an update on the next Spring Conference in Rice Lake Wisconsin. Ed was concerned that the Area wouldn't like the \$10 registration/\$10 banquet fees because the local college raised its prices. Motion and support was given that we are going to Rice Lake next spring even if Ed is worried. Ayes 95 - Nays 0. Unanimous!

11:33 A.M. New Business, Bids for next year's Fall Conference, 1986.

- a) Bid by District 02, Appleton, WI. Sept 19,20,21. Paper Valley Hotel
- b) Bid by District 04, Stephens Pt., Sept 12,13,14. Holiday inn
- c) Bid by District 01, Green Bay, Sept 19,20,21, Embassy Suites Hotel

* District 02, Appleton received the most votes & 1986 Fall Conference!!

11*45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. Lunchbreak

Election of Area officers took all afternoon. Charts sum up results.

Area Delegate

Name & ballot	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	5th
Harold S.	22	23	35	22	
Dave R.	24	34	72	86	
Lee F.	19	18	X		
Jerry K.	1	1	X		
Paul H.	10	11	x		
Freddie" S.	4	W			
Jim S.	13	10	x		
Bill P.	0	w			
Richard H.		w			
Bill B.	9	5	X		
Paul C.	11	3	x		
Bill A.	0	w			

Notes:

115 votes on 1st ballot. 77 needed to be elected.

W=withdrew

X=less than 1/5 on 3rd ballot are dropped.

Alternate Delegate

Name & ballot	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Lee F.	25	30	38	32	23
Paul H.	26	35	53	60	61
"Freddie" S.	5	4	x		

Our new Area Treasurer, Jim S., picked as co-signer or co-Treasurer, Mr. Jim E. The Area has no objections.

The Chairpersons of the 5 standing Area committees were next nominated and elected from the floor. Rather than a 2/3rds vote, the Area agreed to go by a simple majority.

A motion was made not to elect someone as Area Grapevine Rep until next Spring Conference, and Len D. volunteered to be temporary Rep. until the matter was resolved. The crowd grew restless. After some hard discussion the motion resulted in a tie vote, 28 to 28. The nomination and elections continued.

Area Archives Chair - Paul S.

Area Institutions Chair - Richard H.

Area Literature Chair - Paul C.

Public Information Chair - Milo G.

5:00 P.M. There being no further business to come before the Area at this time, a motion and support to adjourn with the Lord's Prayer was given. There were few left to discuss it. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Dave R., Secretary.

Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Assembly

Saturday, March 15, 1986

Alano Club Wausau, Wisconsin

Minutes

9:08 A.M. Area Chairperson Chris H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Len D. read "How It Works" and Bill B. read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were: Dave R. Delegate, Paul H. Alternate Delegate, Chris H. Chairperson, Harold S. Secretary, Jim S. Treasurer, Jim E. Co-signer, Lee P. Grapevine Rep., Paul S. Archives Chairperson, Paul C. Literature Chairperson, Milo G. Public Information Chairperson. Excused: Dick H. Institutions Chairperson-, (attending corrections workshop)

Roll call of DCMs, those present were: 01,02,03,04,07,08,14,18,21. Absent: 05,06,09,10,11,12,13,15,16,19,

Past Area Delegates present were: Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene L. panel 28, John H. panel 32, Chris H. panel 34.

Area Officer and Committee reports: Harold S. gave the Secretary's report of our Fall Conf. held in Green Bay 9/14/85. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurers report. Our balance as of 3/14/86 being \$704.80. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Lee P. gave the Grapevine report. The GV is putting out a pamphlet telling how to 12th step with the Grapevine. A new tape is coming out in May. The "Circle & Triangle (conference approved literature) started appearing on the March issue of GV. Subscriptions are down from what they were in 1980. Lee will be visiting groups throughout the Area.

Chris H. spoke for Dick H., our Institutions Chairperson, who was attending a Corrections Workshop. He has lost 41 pounds and can no longer be in two places at one time. Many groups and districts are donating Grapevine subscriptions to corrections facilities and they are gladly accepted. Dick will give a full report at Rice Lake.

Paul S. gave the Archives report. It is important to keep up our Area history. Find out about your group. Who started it, when and where? Put it down on paper and get it to Paul. Get permission to use full names, there are too many Mary's and John's with the same last initials. Copies of the Area history can be purchased from Paul for \$3.

Paul C. gave the Literature report. He still needs 2 people to help, so he can leave occasionally. The literature tables should be set up in the lobby or hallway but not in the room with the business meeting.

Milo G. gave the Public Information report. PI stresses the need of reaching young people. Young people coming to AA have tripled in the last few years. Milo is trying to set up a link of communications between PI committees in the Area.

DCM reports were given by: Sam S. 01, Mort S. 02, Bob 03, Fred H. 04, Gary F. 07, Jim E. 08, Bob W. 09, Donna 14, Gil 18, Jerry 21.

Dave R. gave the Delegates report. Dave explained that the only reason he was dressed nice was because our new Trustee Jack W. asked Delegates to wear suits and ties. Dave will be unable to attend the Regional Conf. in Indianapolis, so Paul H. will represent our Area at that conference. The Southern Wis. Area is still interested in a joint Area or State meeting. Dave thought such a move might lose the identity of Upper Michigan and would make the event so large only metropolitan cities could host them. Dave read the Area Highlights that he will give at the General Service Conf. in New York. They were very good, but they take 1 min. and 55 seconds so he can't stop for laughter. Dave will be leaving for New York on April 19. He will be on the Agenda Committee, he has sent in a number of suggestions for the theme and discussion topics for the 1987 GSG..

On his return Dave plans to give his report at three multi-district workshops. Each will cover a 100 mile radius of our Area. The first will be May 3 in New London, Wis., the second May 17 at Shell Lake, WI and the third June 14 at L'Anse Baraga, Mi. Dave mentioned his concern over the lack of service activity in some parts of our Area. He would like to see some activity in the Eau Claire and Rhinelander areas. They have good AA but how can we get them to participate in Area functions? For the benefit of those thinking of hosting the 1987 Spring Conf., the General Service Conf. will be April 26 thru May 2, 1987. Dave left Frank's faucet in Racine.

John H gave the "Now & Then" report. With the 2 month arrangement people have to remember to get their announcements in earlier. Since confirming subscriptions at the first of the year, subscriptions are around 400 down from 500. They have a balance of \$438 which should last till fall. They have received #362 in personal contributions since the first of the year. Personal subscriptions cost \$5.

Other business:

Gene L. moved that if the Area is expected to cover the losses at conferences, they should also get all the profits if there any. It was mentioned that it was hoped there would be no voting business done at this Assembly. After much discussion and the lack of a second, we adjourned for lunch at 12:01 P.M.

1:32 P.M. Chris H. started the sharing session to be held on 6 topics picked by the group from a list of 25 provided by the Delegate. A system of lights was used, limiting each speaker to 2 minutes. The topics and some of the comments follow:

1. How can GSO be self-supporting by group contributions only?
 - Why shouldn't literature help pay the way, it's part of A.A..
 - Personal contributions, a penny a day for sobriety, a dollar a year for anniversaries. Your group would get the credit.
 - We pass a small jar along with the regular basket and that money goes to GSO every 3 months.
 - Members at group level don't understand the needs of GSO.
 - We need to inform the groups.
 - GSO needs money now with the cuts on the Hazelton literature orders, legal expense on the Big Book copyright and more legal costs for the shipping dept. going union.
 - * We should be talking about the Traditions as well as the Steps at our meetings.

2. Joint Area Conferences with Southern Wis. Area?
 - I would like a joint conference, but not at the price of losing one of ours.
 - We should stay close to the southern area, but I don't know how.
 - Other parts of our Region have State Conferences.
 - We had one a number of years ago and it was a complete failure.
 - We have nothing to lose, why not investigate, then after we have the facts we can make an informed decision.
3. The 1987 G.S.C. theme, workshop and pres./dis. topics.
 - "A.A. There's No Other Way."
4. The home group's financial responsibility to all of A.A..
 - If you get money from me I want to know what you're doing with it.
 - We in service need to get the information out to the groups.
 - We keep talking about getting the groups informed, we need a plan and then need to go ahead and do it.
 - We have a very active group and we are really growing and as we keep getting new people we keep having those that don't understand.
5. Why have a home group?
 - * *A place to get answers, a place to get a sponsor.
 - It's a MUST to have a home group.
 - WHY?
 - I found understanding and a lot of love.
 - Don't be a member at large. Go to a lot of meetings but, only hold office or be part of the group conscience of your home group.
6. New ways of carrying the A.A. message.
 - Give tokens to newcomers.
 - Remember attraction rather than promotion.
 - Offer friendship and talk to newcomers.
 - Use the 12x12 and the Big Book.
 - Greet all newcomers at the door.
7. Added subject/What do you do when a DCM fades away?
 - I stepped in and took over.
 - Don't railroad people.
 - Use your group conscience.

New Business:

John H. complimented the light system and how well it worked for almost everyone. He then questioned what was going to be done in regard to the Joint conference. After a lengthy discussion it appears no action will be taken at this time.

Frank W. presented Dave with a new faucet.

At this time a motion was made and seconded that: "Whereas the Area covers any losses of an Area Conference, they should also receive any profits thereof. After a lengthy discussion as to whether business should be conducted and on the motion itself, it was brought to a vote and defeated.

4:21 P.M. There being no further business, the motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Harold S., Secretary.

1986 Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Spring Conference

Saturday, April 5, 1986

University of Wisconsin, Rice Lake, WI

Business Meeting Minutes

9:10 Area Chairperson Chris H, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roger P. read "How It Works" and Dale B. read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were: Dave R. Delegate, Paul H. Alt. Delegate, Chris H. Chairperson, Harold S. Secretary, Jim S. Treasurer, Lee P. Grapevine Rep., Paul S. Archives Chairperson, Paul C. Literature Chairperson, Milo O, Public Information Chairperson. Absent: Jim E. Co-signer.

Roll call of DCMs, those present were: 01,02,03,06,07,08,09,12, 14,17,18,19,21. Absent were: 04,05,10,11,13,15,16.

Past Area Delegates present were: Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene I. panel 28, Dick H. panel 30, John H. panel 32, Chris H. panel 34. Guests present were: Past Delegates, Bob B. panel 33 S. Wis. and Bob P. panel 34 N. Minnesota.

Area Officer and Committee reports: Harold S. gave the Secretary's report of our Area Assembly held in Wausau 3/15/86. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the minutes be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurer's report. Our balance as of 3/31/86 being \$885.30. That figure does not include the approximately \$1000 contributed at the conference. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Dick H. gave the Institutions report. We are still in need of temporary sponsors for those coming out of Institutions. We need to get them to a meeting shortly after release. Don't get too personally involved. If we go into jails we must follow their rules. Grapevine subscriptions are welcome, they cost #10 and Dick can give you the address of any Institution in the state.

Lee P. gave the Grapevine report. He said these subscriptions to-Institutions would help GV financially. The GV display holders are out and GVRs should have them soon.

Paul S. gave the Archives report. It's important for Alcoholics both new and old to reminisce from time to time, keep those group histories coming in. Paul was recently presented with the first copy of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous to come into the Green Bay area. The man who wrote for the book was a non-alcoholic. In fact he never drank in his life. His name was Frank Neu. He was an insurance agent in Green Bay and he had a salesman working for him who drank to excess. Thus came the book and start of AA in N. Wis. and the U.P. of Mich. Mr. Neu's son-in-law recently presented the book to Paul. "Our sincerest thanks to Paul and to the Neu family.

Milo G. gave the Public Information report. He is trying to get the Districts in contact with each other. He would like the names of the PI Chairpersons or other contacts from each District. John H. gave the "Now & Then" report. Personal contributions have been good and with the bi-

monthly arrangement they may be able to make it until fall without more money. John asked for an OK for more money just in case they run short. A motion was made, seconded and carried, that "we give them what they need to finish the year".

Paul C. gave the Literature report. At the literature table, the hard covered material is for sale and the pamphlets are on a donation basis. In 1985 the Area gave away \$175 of literature. Paul also requested that whoever has our large "AA" picture, sees that it gets to our Fall conf. in Appleton.

Mort S. DCM Dist. 01, reported on the Fall Conf. to be held in Appleton on Sept.19,20,21,1986. It will be at the Paper Valley Hotel. Rooms are \$52 for single, \$59 for double. Banquet & Registration are #14, Registration only is \$5. The Sunday morning Buffet is \$5. Flyers are out and will also be in the Now & Then.

Dave R. gave the Delegate's report. The Multi-district Workshops will start at noon. They will be financed by passing the basket. Locations will be published in the N&T. "AA Gomes of Age" is now available on cassette at the cost of \$25. Dave next covered the various Conference Committees. Dave will serve on the Agenda Cora, which will meet 3 times during the Conf. He feels that they will be able to come up with a good theme as well as discussion topics. The Cooperation with the Professional Com. will review their workbook, the pamphlet "If you are a Professional" and the Professional exhibit. The Correctional Facilities Com. will discuss ways to coordinate efforts to sponsor inmates on release, the Finance Com. will receive Dave's special attention. He would like to see a financial report that we can understand. The Grapevine Com. is also reviewing a workbook. The Literature Com. will discuss possible derivatives of the Big Book, consider an explainer as to the use of "male only" pronouns in the Big Book, include a "Gay" story and consider publishing a daily reflections book. The Policy and Admissions Com. will review the Conf. questionnaire, consider Conf. dates for 1988 and consider forming an Archives Com. The Public Information Com. will review 3 new PI announcements, review the 1986 membership survey and review a new 28 minute film targeting young people. The International Convention Site Com. has ruled out Las Vegas, Minneapolis/St. Paul, New York and Tampa as sites for the 1990 International Convention as they do not meet the basic criteria. At present we are not sure about Navarino. That concluded Dave's report and he said that while he doesn't really enjoy flying and that his wife Pat has to close her eyes to cross the Mackinac bridge, they were both looking forward to the trip. He hopes that he will be able to transmit the love and understanding of the Fellowship back to us in the Area.

Discussion followed. Bob P. stressed the 2/3 majority issue at last years' Gen. Ser. Conf. While they voted not to change the Charter, they did vote not to follow it. He suggested this years' conf. decides to follow it.

Dave was asked if he would be doing traveling other than the Multi-district Workshops. He said he would be traveling, but not to the extent some Delegates have in the past. He said he would probably be spending something like 12 weekends a year traveling.

Bob B. reported on "Soberfest". It will be held in Milwaukee on Labor Day weekend. A \$5 registration will get you to all the events. Saturday at the MECCA, Sunday at the ARENA' and Monday at COUNTY STADIUM. The only other costs are the various banquets at \$25 each. This event is not just a bunch of panels, but a "Fun Weekend".

At this time the floor was opened for bids to host the 1987 Spring Conf. There were none. After some discussion Districts 01 and 18 consider taking the matter back to their Districts and report back in fall. It was noted that a full year's preparation was needed. At this time Darrel P. put in a bid for District 06 and Chippewa Falls. Districts 01 and 18 withdrew and Dist. 06 was unanimously awarded the Conf. (Tentative dates being May 15,16,17, 1987)

Gene L. asked for discussion on the possibility of the "Now & Then" going to subscriptions only and the matter of Conference profits going to the Area. After lengthy discussion, some rather far off course, it was agreed that the consensus of the group was that the Now & Then remain as it is. There was no direct response to the Conference profits.

At this time it was asked if there was any business remaining that would require returning after lunch. Being none a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 P.M. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Harold S., Secretary.

1986 Fall Conference of the Northern Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area

September 20, 1986

Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

Business Meeting Minutes

8:13 A.M. Area Chairperson Chris H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". Sam S. read "How It Works" and Gene L. read the "Twelve Traditions".

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were: Dave R. Delegate, Paul H. Alt. Delegate, Harold S. Secretary, Jim S. Treasurer, Chris H. Chairperson, Lee F. Grapevine Rep., Dick H. Corrections Chair, Paul S. Archives Chair, Paul C. Literature Chair, Milo G. Public Information Chair. Absent: Jim E. Co-signer.

Roll call of DCMs, those present were: 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. Absent were: 05, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16.

Past relegates present were: Bish C. panel 12, Bob Z. panel 14, Paul S. panel 24, Len D. panel 26, Gene L. panel 28, Dick H. panel 30, Chris H. panel 34.

Guests present were: Betty L. Gen. Ser. Off., Jack W. East Central Regional Trustee. From Area 75 (S. Wis.) Milly B. Delegate, Jim P. Chairperson, John G., John B. and Bob B. Past Delegates.

Area Officer and Committee reports: Harold S. gave the Secretary's report of our Area Spring Conf. held 4/5/86 at Rice Lake. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurer's report. Our balance as of 9/17/86 being \$3,632.12. That figure does not include the approximate \$800 collected at the conference. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Dick H. gave the Corrections report. Corrections in our Area are doing well. The sponsorship program is working. There will be a Corrections Workshop held at the Alano Club in Wausau on Oct. 11, 1986.

Paul S. gave the Archives report. Our Area history was restarted in 1978. Interest in this subject comes in spurts. Paul has only received 3 additions in the last 3 years. Histories are available for \$3.

Paul C. gave the Literature report. The new soft cover Big Books will be available in late November. Bulk orders of 20 or more may be received before Christmas but single copies probably will not be.

Milo G. gave the Public Information report. Milo is still trying to get group contacts. They had a meeting at the Spring Conf. and shared ideas and frustrations. He welcomes districts and groups to send him minutes or newsletters of their PI work.

Dave R. gave the "Now & Then" report. With the \$518 remaining last spring and \$283 in donations the "Now & Then" has been able to operate on a bimonthly basis and at present has a

balance of \$90. They make no recommendations and leave it to action of this Conference to decide the future of our Area newsletter.

DCM reports were given by: Sam S. 01, Mort S. 02, Vern C. 03, Fred H. 04, Don F. 06, Gary F. 07, Martin W. 08, Dale B. 09, Pappy B. 12, Donna L. 14, Ken W. 17, Ken S. 18, Dan C. 19, Bill H. 20, Gerry M. 21

Lee F. gave the Grapevine report. The Grapevine Workbook is out. New GV holders are out. A second edition of the "Best of Grapevine" as well as some new tapes are coming. All great tools for sobriety.

Jack W. gave the Trustee's report. The recommended site for our 1990 International Convention is Seattle, Washington. He recommended that like him, we start to save our quarters. As a result of losing the copyright on our Big Book, a soft cover edition is coming out. He stressed that the topics discussed at the GSC come from the groups. We should ask our groups and forward the items to Dave. The PI committee has a new 28 minute film directed at young people. The Corrections Com. has a new video based on the pamphlet, "It sure beats sitting in a cell". The Grapevine Workbook is out. GV stories are written by anyone. We can tell our stories in print. Out West they hold "Grape-a-thons". In closing he reminded us that our opinions are important and always welcome.

Dave R. gave the Delegates report. Dave spoke on Assemblies vs Conferences and how we might be able to run a smoother business meeting. Hopefully we would use our Assemblies to hash out various subjects matter and wait till our Conferences to take action. Dave said he had trouble accepting the fact that the decision to have a soft cover Big Book came from a survey. Our Area was in favor of this matter by 60%. He said that a very good presentation, given by one of the delegates, on the "Home Group" will appear in the "Grapevine". The August Grapevine has a summary of the Conference actions. He suggested that if you or your group has any question in regard to GSO, that you write and ask. He doesn't feel that GSO is trying to hide anything. While Dave feels we are the best Area in AA, our average of 45% of the groups contributing an average of \$2.31 per member, it is below the average of the whole which is 52% of the groups contributing an average of \$2.80 per member. There stickers available for AA collectables. A daily reflections survey will be in the Nov/Dec. "Now & Then". Dave has a collection of filmstrips that belong to the Area. They are available for use by any group or district for the asking.

Betty L. spoke of the research being done on a recommended pamphlet directed at the native American. She earned the title of "Our lady of reservations". She told of one reservation that had never heard of alcohol until 1940 when an English trader introduced them to whiskey. Within 15 to 20 years they had 100% alcoholism. Then a Christian brother brought them "Alcoholics Anonymous" and today they have 90% sobriety. The kids even play "AA meeting". They do have some Anonymity problems, however. Betty said that the major thrust in the General Service Office today is self support. An increasing amount of support is coming from literature sales. Increasing amounts of literature sale are going to treatment centers. Treatment centers are beginning to be the major support of AA. If we advocate our right to support AA, we advocate our right to tell them what to do.

Dick H. voiced a vote of appreciation for 3 of our Areas' Past Delegates; Arnold N. panel 4, Carl S. panel 8, Wilbert L. panel 22. While they are physically unable to be with us today, they are with us in spirit. Our thanks and best wishes to them all. Cards were passed for signatures.

At this time the floor was open for bids to host our 1987 Spring Assembly. Bids were received from Wausau and Marshfield. Marshfield was the unanimous winner. The Assembly will be held at the end of March.

The floor was opened for bids to host the 1987 Fall Conf. Bids were received from Green Bay and Wausau. Wausau was the winner by a majority of the vote. The 1987 Fall Conf. will be Oct.30, 31, Nov. 1, at the Holiday Inn. Tentative room rates are Sngl \$48, Dbl. \$53.

Bids were now opened to host the East Central Regional Conf. on July 1, 2, 3, 1988. Bids were received from Green Bay and Appleton. The first vote was a tie with both getting 31 votes. The second vote was Green Bay 34 and Appleton 30. Green Bay will host the Conf. at the Embassy Suites. Rooms are Sngl. \$71, Dbl. \$81, extra persons \$10 each.

11:34 A.M. to 1:17 P.M. Lunch Break

Dave R. reported that the "Now & Then" would require \$800 on a bimonthly basis or \$1300 on a monthly basis, until spring. After some discussion a motion was made, seconded and carried that, "the "Now & Then" be on a monthly basis, to be funded by subscription". More discussion followed as to when this would start and how much money would be needed in the meantime. Another motion was made, seconded and carried that, "the Area give the "Now & Then the money needed to operate until Spring at which time the GSRs will bring the names and money of those wishing to subscribe".

A motion was made, seconded and carried that, "the Area pay the rent of the clubhouse for the upcoming Corrections Workshop".

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 P.M. The meeting was closed with the "Lords' Prayer".

Respectfully submitted, Harold S., Secretary

N. Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Assembly

Saturday March 28, 1987 Alano Club Marshfield, Wis.

Minutes

9:10 A.M. Area Chairperson Chris H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". Paul C. read "How It Works" and Gary F. read the "Twelve Traditions".

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were; Dave R. Delegate, Paul H. Alt. Delegate, Harold S. Secretary, Jim S. Treasurer, Chris H. Chairperson, Lee F. Grapevine Rep., Dick H. Corrections Chair., Paul S. Archives Chair., Paul C. Literature Chair., Milo G. Public Information Chair., John H. Now & Then Rep., Jim E. Co-signer.

Roll call of DCMs, those present were; 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 12, 14, 18, 20, 21.
Absent were; 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19.

Area Committee and Officer Reports:

Lee F. gave the Grapevine report. He said subscriptions are down and we could help by giving those we sponsor a subscription to the Grapevine.

Dick H. gave the Corrections report. All is going well. The S. Area Corrections are also doing well. He said, "if you have a Correctional facility near, stick your' nose in".

Paul S. gave the Archives report. The price of the Area History booklets has risen to \$3.50. They will be available at the Spring Conf.. If you have been unable to get the help of the old timers to get your groups history together, write up the facts you can collect and get them in to Paul. We have to start somewhere.

Paul C. gave the Literature report. At last Fall's Conf. he sold mostly pamphlets and less hard cover material. This will affect the amount of money he will request at the Spring Conf.. The Twelve Traditions Illustrated pamphlet and the soft covered Big Book are both out now and will be available, on a first come basis, at the Spring Conf..

Milo G. gave the Public Information report. There was not much to report. PI had a good meeting at the Fall Conf. and hope to have another at the Spring Conf.. He has also started to receive a number of newsletters.

John H. gave the Now & Then report. They at present have a mailing list of about 480 and expect it to drop to about 200 if we go to full subscriptions. To cut expenses they have dropped the red printing and have gone to all blue ink. A noticeable change. John and Dave have decided to rotate off the Now & Then. If anyone is interested in taking over, contact them. They could bring the Now & Then materials to the Spring Conf. If there are no volunteers they will definitely turn the materials over at our Fall Conf..

DCM reports were given by; Sam S. 01, Mort S. 02, John S. 03, Fred H. 04, Charley S. 05, Darrell P. 06, Gary F. 07, Jim E. 08, Dale B. 09, Joe B. 12, Donna L. 14, Wayne T. 18, Bill H. 20, Gerry M. 21

Some of the comments were:

- Burn-out
- Answering services

- Increasing membership
- Bids to host Conference
- Group problems were usually the result of not following the Traditions and were usually corrected by following the Traditions
- Troubles coming from surrounding treatment centers
- Wish the old timers would come back
- Outside issues.

Harold S. gave the Secretary's report of our Area Fall Conf. held 9/20/86 at Appleton, Wis. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurers report. Our balance as of 3/28/87 being \$2,491.69. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Dave R. gave the Delegates' report. Dave shared some of his first trip to New York hi-lights. He said that if, as our Delegate, he could relate just one thing to us, it would be that it's not "US & THEM" but it is truly just "WE". Some of the items the 1987 GSC will cover include; Why Retha Gresham was asked to resign. A look at finances. View the 15 minute video "It sure beats sitting in a cell". Consider a book of Bill Ws' writings for the Grapevine. Consider a book continuing the history of A.A. from 1955 to 1985- Consider a daily reflections book. Many other items.

Dave reminded us that our Area will host the 5 State Regional Conference, to be held July 22, 23, 24, 1988 in Green Bay. It will require a lot of work by a lot of people.

For our upcoming Spring Conference those putting in bids for future Conferences should have more definite information. We will have to decide if the "Now & Then" is going to subscriptions or not. While in our Area the outgoing Delegate rotates to Area Chairperson, Dave stated that he does not wish to.

11:30 A.M. to 1:12 P.M. Lunch Break

Following are the chosen discussion topics and some of the response.

1. Can GSO be self-supporting through group contributions only?
 - We need individual contributions
 - Why do we spend so much time talking about money when the books still balance?
 - Groups want to know where the money is going
 - Why such a large Prudent Reserve?
 - GSO does only what you tell it to do
 - It's our responsibility to convince the groups that GSO needs the money.
2. What direction should A.A. take?
 - Groups can take care of their own problems
 - Newcomers need to learn
 - We worry more about money or where we're going than we do about carrying the message
 - GSRs & DCMs need to inform the groups
 - Get the focus back on A.A.
 - This might -be as good as it gets.
3. Consider publishing a daily reflections book.

- Why don't we have one now?
 - '-In favor
 - Not in favor
 - I'm afraid of a bunch of alcoholics coming up with a spiritual reflections book
 - It's all in the Big Book
 - If you want a daily reflection to work on, look in the mirror and work on that for today
 - Who's going to write it?
 - Do we need it?
 - Daily reflections books are a #1 seller and I would like an "Approved" choice
 - Got by 50 years, keep it simple, no
 - If the GSC is anything like this group, how could they ever agree on 365 pages and what about Leap year?
4. Our primary purpose - is it changing?
- Drug addicts are separating themselves
 - When I took care of my alcohol problem my other problems went away
 - We need to keep drug addicts separate
 - I don't think it's right to turn them away
 - Reading the requirements takes too long
 - Alcohol is a liquid drug, so how can I tell a drug addict he can't go to my drug meeting.
5. The resignation of Retha Gresham.
- I can't believe that she would do anything that wasn't for the betterment of A.A. as a whole
 - The 1962 & 63 GSCs took Bill to task for his statements on drug addicts
 - We must trust our servants.
6. Unity:
- are there strong feelings about the way members identify themselves at A.A. meetings?
 - If there is a definite need for a special purpose group, it's OK
 - Where is the dividing line?
 - Women reaching women
 - Each group is autonomous.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M. The meeting was closed with the "Lords' Prayer"

Respectfully submitted, Harold S., Secretary

Addition to the minutes of the Area Assembly held in Marshfield on Saturday March 28, 1987
 Past Area Delegates present were: Paul S. panel 24, Leonard D. Panel 26, Gene L. panel 28,
 Richard H. panel 30, John H. panel 32, Chris H. panel 34.

N. Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Spring Conference

Saturday May 9, 1987 McDonell High School Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Minutes

9:10 A.M. Area Chairperson Chris H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". Milo G. read "How It Works" and Don J. read the "Twelve Traditions."

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were; Dave R. Delegate, Chris H. Chairperson, Harold S. Secretary, Jim S. Treasurer, Lee F. Grapevine Rep., Dick H. Corrections Chair, Paul C. Literature Chair, Milo G. Public Information Chair and Jim E. Co-signer. Absent were; Paul H. Alternate Delegate and Paul S. Archives Chair.

Roll call of DCMs, those present were; 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21. Absent were; 04, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19.

Past Area Delegates present were; Leonard D. Panel 26, Gene L. Panel 28, Richard H. Panel 30, John H. Panel 32 and Chris H. Panel 34

It was brought to our attention that two of our Areas1 Past Delegates; Arnold N. Panel 4 and Carl S. Panel 8 have passed away in April and May of this year. We will remember them in a moment of silent prayer at our evening banquet.

Harold S. gave the Secretarys report of our Area Assembly held 3/28/1987 at Marshfield, WI. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurers' report. Our balance as of 5/9/1987 being \$2,771.69. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

Dave R. gave the Delegates' report. He said he had just gotten back Sunday and was still preparing his report. He said the upcoming issue of Box 459 will include a summary of the GSC actions. He said that as Chairperson of the Agenda Committee his first duty was to introduce the MC and to time the speakers at the opening banquet. Lois Wilson who is 96 years old, attended the opening banquet and said a few words for which she received a standing ovation.

For the 1988 GSC the theme will be "Our Singleness of Purpose-Key to Unity". One of the discussion topics for next year, "Lets focus on the positive-What are we doing right?" came from our Area Assembly in Marshfield.

After several inquiries Dave felt assured that Retha Gresham's resignation was not sought by the General Service Board and that the action was acceptable. The "Call to Action" on finances will be in effect for the next five years. It is hoped the Fellowship will be self-supporting in five years or less. "Money is not the problem, but rather where it's coming from. Are we self-supporting?"

The short edition of the Big Book died. A daily reflections book based on individual AA sharing is to be studied and presented to the 1988 GSC. A pamphlet on the Native American will also be prepared. A 16 minute film, "Sitting in a Cell", will be available in July. It is a powerful, well done film. Another 28 minute film will be targeted at young people. Site selection for our 1995 International Convention will start in 1988. That much lead time is necessary due to the size our conventions have grown. Dick H. has been named Regional Archivist. Jack W. our Regional

Trustee has been chosen for the Grapevine board of directors and will be its chairperson. Dave's report was followed by a question and answer period.

Next on the Agenda were bids for our Area's 1988 Spring Conf. Those bidding were: Dist. 03 with Wis. Rapids as a site and a tentative date of sometime in May. Also bidding was Dist. 09 with Marinette as a site and dates of May 20, 21, 22, 1988. After a countdown indicated that there were 7 voting members present, the majority chose Dist. 09 and Marinette to host the 1988 Spring Conf. At this time we would urge future bidders to be sure of the dates required and to have more definite information.

There will be a meeting at the Embassy Suites in Green Bay on May 30, 1987 at 9:00 A.M. It will be in preparation for the 5 State Regional Conference to be held there in July of 1988. Dave urges those interested in helping to be there.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that our Area donate \$100.00 for coffee in the Wisconsin Hospitality room at the 5 State Regional Conf. to be held in Grand Rapids, Mi. July 3, 4, 5, 1987.

John H. gave the "Now and Then" report. They have a balance of \$758.00. There were 481 on the mailing list. 239 people have paid their \$5.00 subscriptions. It costs about \$200.00 each month to put out the N&T. He asked for people to take over the publishing of the N&T. Much discussion followed on both taking over the N&T and whether it should be funded by subscriptions or by the Area as it used to be.

A motion was made and seconded that those interested in publishing the N&T submit a resume of qualifications and a sample writing to the editors for their selection. Motion was defeated.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that those interested in publishing the N&T meet after this meeting with John and Dave who will make the selection.

12:10 P.M. to 1:40 P.M. Lunch Break

A motion was made and seconded that the N&T be sent to every group in our Area. That motion was amended to read; That the N&T subscriptions remain as they were. That is, free to all groups who request it, the Area Committee, Past Delegates and certain individuals at the discretion of the editors. This motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the N&T \$500.00 to continue until the Fall Conference.

Committee Reports:

Paul C. Literature Chair reported that literature sales were slow,

Lee P. Grapevine Rep. said that Vol. 2 of the "Best of Grapevine" was now available.

Milo G. Public Information Chair reported that Dist. 02 is holding a PI Workshop in Seymour, WI. on June 27, 1987 Also there will be a PI sharing session after this meeting.

Dick H. Corrections Chair reported that all is going well in most places. The new Oshkosh prison group that was supposed to start Jan.6 then Jan.13 finally started May 6. Dick especially thanked the Navarino, Wi. group for their third annual contribution to the Correctional Committee.

Dave R. had expressed at our Area Assembly in Marshfield that he did not wish to rotate to Area Chairperson at the end of his term. After some discussion on the matter a motion was made,

seconded and carried that the outgoing Delegate rotate to Grapevine Rep. and that the Alternate Delegate assume the dual duties of Area Chairperson, as it used to be.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 P.M. The meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted, Harold S., Secretary

47th N. Wisconsin/U.P. of Michigan Area Fall Conference

Saturday October 31, 1987 Holiday Inn Wausau, Wi.

Minutes

8:37 A.M. Area Chairperson Chris H. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". Gerald M. read "How It Works" and Fred H. read the "Twelve Traditions".

Roll call of Area Officers, those present were; Dave R. - Delegate, Paul H. - Alternate Delegate, Chris H. - Chairperson, Harold S. - Secretary, Jim S. - Treasurer, Jim E. - Co-signer, Lee F. - Grapevine Rep., Dick H. - Corrections Chair, Paul S. - Archives Chair, Paul C. - Literature Chair, Milo G. - Public Information Chair, John H. & Dave R. Now & Then Editors

Roll call of DCMs, those present were; 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07,08,09, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21. Absent were; 10, 11,15,16,19.

Past Area 74 Delegates present were; Bish C. Panel 12, Robert Z. Panel 14, Paul S. Panel 24, Leonard D. Panel 26, Gene L. Panel 28, Richard H. Panel 30 John H. Panel 32 and Chris H. Panel 34.

Guests present were; Marge K. present Panel 37 Delegate Newark, Ohio — Larry M. present Panel 37 Delegate S. Wis. — Robert B. Panel 33 Delegate S. Wis. — Stan C. Panel 26 Delegate & past Trustee at Large 1979-1982 Saskatchewan, Canada, — John G. Panel 27 Delegate S. Wis. — Mike S. Panel 33 Delegate Cicero, 111.

Harold S. gave the secretaries' report of our Area Spring Conference 5/9/87 at Chippewa Falls, Wis.. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted as read.

Jim S. gave the Treasurers' report. Our balance as of 10/30/87 being \$5,265.22. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the report be accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Lee F. Grapevine Rep. reported that he attended a Grapevine workshop while at the Regional Forum and that subscriptions are up and the Grapevine is alive and well.

Dick H. Corrections Chair reported that the committee is doing well.

They held a workshop in October of 1987 and have another scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in October, 1988. He asked for us to "Get Involved". A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the committee \$25 to pay the rent for the 1987 workshop. Another motion was made seconded and carried to give the committee \$25 for rent and \$25 for coffee for the 1988 workshop.

Milo G. Public Information Chair reported things as being quite. He is receiving newsletters from Districts 2 and 7. He has attended a couple of workshops in our Area and will be holding a "Sharing" session at the close of this business meeting.

Paul S. Archives Chair stressed the importance of keeping up our Area history. Send him the history of your group. Also some people have been sending him newspaper clippings highlighting A.A. history in our Area. Booklets of our Area history are avail-able from Paul at \$3.50 per copy.

Paul C. Literature Chair mentioned some of the new items available and others being worked on. The Area gave away \$35 in literature at our Spring Conference. Price adjustments that have taken place have caused a reduction in the Literature fund of \$15

John H. Now & Then Co-editor said goodbye for himself and Dave as they are rotating out of their jobs as editors. They had a closing balance of \$310.66 which they turned over to the new editors. The new Co-editors are; Chris H., Tom C. and Jeff C. The new address for the "Now & then" is P.O. Box 22, Kaukauna, Wis. 54130.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to give them \$1,000 to carry them till May 1988.

Dale B. gave a report on our Spring Conference, to be held in Marinette, Wis. - May 20, 21, 22, 1988. Registration will be \$3, Registration and banquet will be \$11. Flyers with all the information, including hotels and a map are available.

Bids were opened to host our Fall Conference in 1988. A motion was made and seconded to move our Fall Conference back into the month of September. After considerable discussion the motion was carried 53 - 49. It is noted that at our 43rd Fall Conf. Sept. 1, 1984, "A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED THAT NO FUTURE FALL CONFERENCES BE HELD ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND".) When no other bids were apparent, District 02, placed a bid to host the 1988 Fall Conference. It would be held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, Wis. on Oct. 14, 15, 16, 1988. There were no other bids. A motion was made and seconded to give the bid to District 02 with the date to be changed to September if possible. The motion was carried unanimously. A motion was made, seconded and carried that our Area Delegate communicate at the earliest possible date with the Southern Wis. Delegate as to the dates of future Conferences.

Dave R. gave the Delegates report. Our Area Spring Assembly date and location will be decided by our Area Officers. Our Regional Trustee, Jack W. is unable to attend this Conference due to its being Trustee weekend in New York. There was discussion on a display to be used at public affairs. It was decided that the Area did not need such a display at this time. Dave said that the two new or revised films, "It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell" and "Young People In AA", are high tech quality. They are available on VHS cassette for \$15, making them readily available to Areas, Districts and even groups. A "Daily Reflections" book is in the development stages and will be reviewed by the next Gen. Serv. Conf.. Dave has given out 10 opportunities for Area 74 people to submit a reflection on Step one. He said the biggest bargain in A.A. today is BOX 459. Groups can get 10 copies of each issue for \$3.50 a year. Individual copies are \$1.50 per year. Back issues of the Grapevine are available at the cost of \$6 for 50 back issues. You do not have a choice of what issue. The new Service Manual has a Chapter on the Grapevine Rep.

10:25 A.M. Election procedure started. Dave R. conducted the election. He explained who could vote and the "Third Legacy Procedure". It was agreed upon/ by the "REVERSE NEGATIVE VOTE", that the offices of Delegate, Alt. Delegate & Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer would be decided by using the "Third Legacy Procedure" and all other offices by a simple majority. As tellers, Dave appointed, Stan C., Larry M. and Mike S. Bob B. was appointed as backup, (potty, breaks) Bob W. was appointed Slate Person.

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS SUM UP THE RESULTS OF THOSE ELECTIONS:

Delegate

- 106 votes cast on 1st ballot

- Winner requires 2/3 of vote
- 2/3 = 72
- 1/5 = 22
- X- those with less than 1/5 of the vote on the 2nd ballot dropped on the 3rd ballot.

Name & Ballot	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	HAT
Paul H.	18	20	38	29		
Harold S.	7	3	X			
Jim S.	31	44	65	76		
Lee F.	2	0	X			
Paul C.	12	9	X			
Richard (Sam) S.	6	2	X			
Mort S.	9	10	X			
Darrell P.	2	2	X			
Gary F.	7	4	X			
Donna L.	11	11	X			
John C.	1	2	X			

[Archivist's note: Missing page 3 of these minutes.]

Area 74 Assembly Meeting

Rhineland, WI March 19, 1988

Minutes

Meeting opened at 9:07 AM by chairperson Mort S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Announcement: Be careful / courteous of facility - especially those who smoke. Trish N. read "How it Works," Bill B. read short form of the Twelve Traditions.

Roll call of Officers:

1. Delegate Jim S.
2. Alternate Mort S.
3. Treasurer Paul H.
4. Co-Treasurer Tom C.
5. Secretary Donna L.
6. P.I. Chairperson Doris K.
7. Excused Institutions Dick H.
8. Excused Archives Paul S.

Minutes from Fall Conference in Wausau read and approved.

District Chairperson Present.

Treasurers Report Read and approved as follows:

Receipts as of 3/18/88

Received to open account \$ 3000.00

Received balance of money \$ 3028.00

Total \$ 6028.00

Group contributions to 3/18/88 \$ 893.00

Total \$ 6921.00

Expenses as of 3/18/88

Delegate - \$ 1300.00

Literature GSO \$ 75.00

'88 Conference cost \$ 400.00

Check charge to open new acct. \$ 8.00

Total \$ 1783.00

BALANCE ON HAND: \$ 5137.00

« Seed money to District 09 (\$100.00) plus a credit from AAWS (\$1.87) not included in total.

District Chair Members present: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20, 21. District Chair Members absent: 09, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19. Substitutes: 04 (alt) and 10 (contact person) Total 14 present 7 absent

Those who have written reports - ask for them. Committee Chairperson Report:

Dave R.....Grapevine Report:

Group representatives needed. Goal of this Grapevine is to improve the members of "Grapevines" being distributed. Contributions of grapevine articles need to be increased by some sort of incentive program.

Problems that have been noted needing attention:

Circulation, managerial. Many solutions presented, example - Spread out the work of the representatives, (service manual, Grapevine rep). Increase inventory of items available to Grapevine. Special issues ie: Printed collections by Grapevine of Bill's writing.

Cost problem = no change in budget = possible solution combination of box 459 with Grapevine publications. Group contributions to publications.

Circulation = Possible placement of subscription form in other publications, ie: Big Book sells 700,000 copies, people would learn about Grapevine.

Improve Quality = Possibly pay writers for articles printed to increase number of articles available.

Literature - Paul C.

Literature order form shows price reduction. This was attributed to the increase of group contributions (those showing the "self supporting" of AA to AA)

Public Information - Doris K.

Breaks in providing information. Five districts are sending reports to Doris. If you have a report please send to: Doris at 626 East Fremont, Appleton, WI 54915

Institutional Report - Dick H.

Correction video & Institutional literature available upon request.

District reports by DCM's

1. Jeff - Increase of active list. Service workshop. Having some difficulty with clubs. Is getting more involved.
2. GSR meetings increasing. Planning five state conference. Workshop helped developed more active Service groups.
3. Bonnie - Rebuilding increasing GSR support. GSR meetings starting.
4. Vivian - In transition - need DCM
5. Dale - rebuilding. 12 to 15 active GSR's Jail group growing. Newsletter sent to 5 people.
6. Woley - The GSR is meeting some difficulty keeping the meetings going.

7. Trish - Alano difficulty. Loss of meeting places. Lack of knowledge of Traditions by members of AA
8. Marty - 23 active groups. Monthly GSR meetings. Phone service doing well which means people need help. Active PI group. Radio spot - newsletter. Utilizing Alt DCM to max.
10. Problems. Stopped practicing the traditions. Need to return to "Basic AA." No phone service. No literature committee. Positives increase o-f GSR and General Service support. Increase o-f district activity.
12. Ed - Literature distribution. Marleny to professionals. Public Information active. Need to develop contact list. Grapevine going to jails & Flambeau County correctional facility. Influx of Court ordered people.
13. Gil - Gsr meetings active CPC committee. Professional committee. AA Hot Line. Jail Meetings. District newsletter.
14. Wayne K - PI work increasing literature in all schools. Big Book in all schools. Developing a workshop for June 11th. District meeting & newsletter the same. Lost jail.
20. Bill - increase of group. Alternate towns that meetings are held. Have contact list. Tradition 7 improving. Are self-supporting.
21. Brenda - Answer service two months ago. PI & CPC committee. Professional committee. Answering machine. Local radio service. Jail meeting. Workshop. Newsletter.

SPRING CONFERENCE REMINDER

Note addition of Sunday Breakfast. Business meeting to be done or moved by 3:00 PM.

Dave R. - Five State Conference report

Planning being done, is done. Fliers are available. July Conference, Need workers. Contact: Chris H. Milo G or Paul H. No business at 5 state just fun & growth.

Larry- Fall Conference Report <John C> Alt) Doreen M. Program Chairperson will be at the Paper Valley on October 28 -29-30

Len D. reminded all that debates on the dates of the coming conference had been made at previous meetings and was not a matter for discussion today.

Jim S. Delegate for Area 74 made request for any and all DCM reports. Jim is on the committee for Treatment Facilities. He feels this is a real need in our area. They will be working on literature and video for treatment facilities.

Jim noted the -following points of interest for the conference and for our knowledge. Election of the East Central Trusty will take place this fall, important considerations concerning nominations should be made now. In February Jim attended conference in Indianapolis for new delegates from the present delegates he learned a new language. He received a warm welcome.

Notes of interest that will be discussed at the conference.

1. Possibility of the need to move the General Service Office in the year 1990
2. Box 459 concentrating on Sponsorship in service. Bring someone along to carry on.
3. Dr Bob's keep it simple.

4. Self-Support
5. Cooperation with the Professional community.
6. AA update on the involvement with court programs
7. Update of AA History book, Draft of book to the literature committee
8. Native American Indian pamphlet to the Literature committee
9. Treatment Facilities Film, Institutional Newsletter.
10. Need for participation by AA groups to continue personal growth as well as financial growth.

11:30 General discussion of the rental for the church and the expenses for the Rhinelander Group. Len D. made a motion to pay the amount of \$75.00 . John C. seconded. Thanks was given to the Rhinelander Group.

11:40 Dismissed for Lunch with Reassembly a 1:00.

1:15 Mort S. opened the discussion period with the following topics that were chosen by the group from the list that was presented by Jim S. as topics that will be discussed at the conference.

1. Anonymity at AA Meetings and in service work. Is it harmful when people can find someone in AA because of being so anonymous. We should check Dr. Bob's statement in the Big Book.
2. Develop a Section in AA Service Manual on AA Group Structure.
 - Pamphlets and packets are already available, will it help to put the information into a book that no one reads.
3. Court Programs
 - Do not need more literature. Need to observe the problem that occurred in Maryland and how they handled the problem when it occurred in their state,
4. Treatment Facilities Co-Operation drawing the line where it needs to be drawn.
 - People are being sent to AA that do not belong. We need to stress that we are only a program for people with the desire to stop drinking. Treatment is discovery. AA is recovery.
5. Should we be looking putting all AA Films on video. Films and videos are a positive tool we should use whatever is cheaper - videos or film. But it is probable not necessary at this time to make new films.

Other topics that Jim wanted the groups feedback on.

1. Primary purpose; is the message clear.
 - Are we as effective, Are we doing our jobs. Are we sharing our strength and hope. Sponsorship walking hand in hand.
2. Group vs. Meeting
 - Group fellowship Communications and traditions are what we are seeking in either/or.
3. Need for the Home Group; same as above.
4. Are we being too friendly with our friends, we must be of a single purpose. We must stay separate. We can hardly run ourselves. Keep AA -AA.
5. Self-Support, 7th Tradition, Spirit of Rotation, Use of elder statesman.

Meeting dismissed at 4:00pm with everyone exhausted but filled with lots of information to take home to their home groups. (Jim was to spend the evening being the judge for the Alateen Gong Show).

Respectfully, Donna L.

Spring Conference - Area 74

May 21, 1988 Marinette, WI

Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Mort Spears with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Announcements: Business meeting must be dismissed by 2:15 p.m. Terry M. read "How It Works" and the Anonymity Statement. Chuck S. read the short version of "The Traditions"

Roll Call of Officers. Those present were: Delegate, Jim S.; Alternate Delegate/Chairperson, Mort S.; Treasurer, Paul H.; Co-Treasurer, Tom C.; Grapevine, Dave R.; Archives, Paul S.; Institutions, Richard H.; Literature, Paul C.; PI, Doris K..

Past Delegates Present were: Bish C., Panel 12; Paul S., Panel 24; Gene L., Panel 28; Richard H., Panel 30; John H., Panel 32; Chris H., Panel 34; and Dave R., Panel 36. Also present was our Regional Trustee Jack W., and Past Delegate Bob B., Panel 33, from Area 75, Southern Wisconsin.

District DCM's or Alternates present: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. Absent: 03, 16.

9:30 a.m. - Secretary's report read & approved with corrections from Dist. 13. "Dist. 13 was present at Area Assembly in Rhinelander".

Financial Report given and approved as of 5-17-88. Balance on hand: \$5,872.27. Treasurer read names of contributing groups. Treasurer's address for mailing contributions is: Paul H., 504 North Margaret Street, Kaukauna WI 54130.

Bids opened for Spring Conference - 1989. Chuck S. of Eau Claire, Dist. 05, submitted bid. May 19, 20, 21, 1989 at the Holiday Inn. No other bids were presented. Motion made by Gene L, seconded by Paul S. that bid be accepted.

9:45 a.m. - Delegate's Report - Jim S., Panel 38. Jim thanks everyone for send-off of well wishes he had received. He stated, "The opening welcome by Helen T. made me realize what AA is all about. She stressed that AA is founded in home group and they are of primary importance. AA develops upward from there. He had feeling of being at home, that everyone benefitted from being in service work".

Conference started with Sunday meeting. It brought Dr. Bob out of shadows. Heard Lois W. speak again, very emotional time.

Jim was appointed as Chairperson for Treatment Facilities Committee. Monday meeting started at 9:00 a.m. sharp. "Singleness of Purpose, Key to Unity". Chairperson presented discussion topics of overall picture of what is happening in A.A. A guest, Ron A. from Australia present.

Opinion of conference that AA members be encouraged not to buy Nan Robinson's book, Inside AA, because of its break in anonymity. The book is in conflict with Steps and Traditions.

Thursday Committees presented reports. Rotation agenda used so that all 12 committees have equal time.

Quick Review of Committees: Finance Committee - possible elevation of Delegate fee's because of increased cost.

Grapevine - Decided that it should not contain a daily message.

Literature" - Discussion on pamphlets for Armed Services & Native American.

The committee felt wording difficult to understand. Will review again. Have AA service work chapter in Service Manual, or a pamphlet on service work. Will be discussed at 1989 Conference. Continued to be mixed feelings on desire for Daily Devotional book. "Note: Writings from Area 74 was in first Draft". Will be requesting more writings in future. Pamphlet for Gays & Lesbians again presented.

Public Information - Radio spots. Anonymity after death - would be left to family discretion.

Treatment Facilities - A 3 minute sample of video to be produced. Discussion of 12 Step and Service Work. "Program of All for Alcoholics Continued". Agreed to use \$17,000 to develop this video. Quarterly newsletter on treatment facilities.

Corrections Committee - Pamphlet replacement. Need one that is easier to read. Encouraged AA contacts. Court related problems - 1989 agenda. Problem of influx of meeting attendance without consideration of meeting. Discussion of 39th Panel Agenda Theme: Anonymity Relic or Reality Traditions Importance Roberts Rules of Order Minority Voice

Anonymity Leaving our Tradition Anonymity - Present and Future.

Chairperson - John Braggs report. The relocation of General Service Office does not look feasible at this time - would take ten years to pay back cost of move. Stressed self-support at all levels, not just financial, but at supporting new membership. People being involved in AA service work. Also - new computer progressing.

General overview of conference by Delegate Jim S. - Hard work, the intricate workings unbelievable. Long hours, lots of meetings and reading. Discussion smooth, 132 voting members representing many areas, but Principles remained Primary. It was physically straining. Jack W., our Trustee, was helpmate, supporting in every way. Helped as Delegate to realize that AA offers choice between two worlds. This renewed enthusiasm for maintaining AA and remaining in service.

Jim reinforced that he would be willing to go to any GSR meeting. Please request his attendance.

Jack W. - Trustee Report. Congratulated Jim S. on report and committee position. Reinforced importance of home group, GSR, DCM - that home group is foundation. Congratulated area on their participation in service work.

Jack serves on these Boards: Professional Committee, Finance, Nominating Trustee Committee and Grapevine Board. Gave sales pitch for Grapevine and Bill W.'s Grapevine writings.

Applications for General Manager of the General Service Office (GSO) were being reviewed so that s/he could be trained in time for 1989 Conference. Treatment facility film is being viewed as a tool for overall P.I. use of what AA is and is not. Also stated that this film was good example of motivation of ideas through AA from groups upward to committee.

Reports that literature is getting closer and closer to being provided to people for free because of group contributions. Hopes that support will continue and that if every AA member sent \$1.40 a year to GSO, it would be closer.

Jack reported on John B. going to Russia to present AA to the Russians. The message continues to be by attraction.

Third General Service Conference being held in Poland. Jack closed with statement of enjoying work as Trustee and Dr. Bob's statement, "The bottom line is love and service". "Service is love with its work clothes on".

Area 74 Committee Reports:

11:00 - Now & Then Report – Tom C. General discussion of need to raise subscription fees. Motion made and seconded by Gene L. and John H. that subscriptions be raised to \$6.00 as they come due. Financial need for the Now & Then of \$750 approved. Motion by Dave R, seconded by Doreen M.

Grapevine Report - Dave R. June issue and questionable colors. Issue articles on Native Americans. The horizon of Grapevine broadening. Continue to have need for people getting more involved in Grapevine work. An informal workshop for Grapevine Committee will be held at pool during Fall Conference. More information to come.

Literature Report - Paul C. \$75.00 of literature has been given away. New covers on pamphlets GSO & Clergy Asks. "Sure Beats Sitting in Cell" now available in Spanish.

Public Information - Doris K. District 02 letters to high schools concerning literature getting good response.

Corrections - Richard H. Looking at what will be possible to develop in Upper Michigan Correctional areas under Michigan laws. Need AA contacts for people getting out of jail. 5% of people recovering after out of institutions makes committee worth it. Need for literature for committee. Video "Sure Beats Sitting in Cell" very useful.

Archives - Paul S. Historical Booklet available at conferences for \$3.50, or through mail at \$4.50. Please continue to send any history of groups in. Please use last names if at all possible. Possibility of taping material.

Announcements - East Central (5 State) Conference, July 22, 23 & 24 at Embassy Suite. Committee meeting after business meeting.

Dick H. needs volunteers for his committee on registration for East Central Conference.

Falls Conference report. Paper Valley Hotel, October 28, 29 & 30. See Flyer in Now & Then.

Dismissed for Lunch - 11:45 a.m.

Resumed meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Reported that Cheryl Burke Hughes resigned from GSO.

District 10 has elevated service involvement. Larry V, DCM; Ron L., Alternate. GSR's attending meetings.

Discussion of Fall Conference.

Take agenda ideas to DCM's.

Jim S. will have 1988 Conference Reports available for all GSR's, so make sure all names and addresses are current. Keep your DCM up-to-date, and also notify GSO of any changes.

Open discussion held on several topics.

Anonymity: Jim S. has copy of statement.

Adjourned to Old Timers Panel Meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Donna

Area 74 Assembly

August 20, 1988

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 9:20 AM by chairperson Mort S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Paul H, read "How it Works," Duane K read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll call of Officers Present:

Delegate Jim S
Alternate Mort S.
Treasurer Paul H.
Co-Treasurer Tom C.
Secretary Donna L.
P.I.Chair Doris K.

Absent:

Institutions Dick K.
Archives Paul S.
Grapevine Dave R.

DCM-'s Present: Districts 1,2,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,18,21. DCM-'s Absent : Districts 3,4,11,14,15,16,17,19,20.

Also Present: Past representatives of Now& Then Chairs H & Tom C

Paul H. - requested that profanity be left out of the meeting.

Update from GSO, reminder to read two recent letters from GSO.

Jim S. - ask for informal introduction of everyone present.

Jim S. -explained to everyone present that he needs to obtain the business agenda for the Fall Conference. He needs the questionnaire to find out how the whole area felt about several questions that had been asked of him several times, wondering if it was just part of district or whole district. He also said he needed a more structured guideline to do his job as delegate. He wanted to help the area committee to set the agenda for the Fall Conference & future business meetings to obtain the feeling of the area.

Discussion opened for the need to publish minutes from this meeting.

It was felt that it was very important to publish the minutes of this meeting.

General opinion reaffirmed that DCM's need to be more involved with the decisions of the area, also that they needed more informal time together to learn more of the area structure. It was also felt that the Now & Then should be used. By more so that Area could be more aware of the area's goings on. There is need for more knowledge of how service work happens.

10:00 Paul H. - Made motion that \$50.00 be used to pay rent for use of the Alano building. Seconded by Paul C. Motion Carried.

Jim S. stated that he felt area business was not being given appropriate attention. He felt that maybe this could be part of the lack of interest. He felt we needed to get back to area business meaning the questions being asked by the GSR's & DCM's.

General discussion of what needs to be discussed at fall conference, so that area gets appropriate attention. It was felt that by the time General Service topics are discussed DCM reports are given; that little time is left to area.

Jim felt that he would like to have a Fall Assembly next fall before the conference to get more area business covered.

Open discussion of Fall Conference Agenda.

Paul C, - need to have only a yearly report for committee & DCM's. Would also request reports to have time limits. Also would like a time limit for other discussion be held to two minutes.

Gil M. - Stated that if it is for business only maybe we should eliminate other things.

Mort S. - Need to have rooms which would allow business to continue as needed, without needing to be done for banquet.

Larry - stated that he had been asked by his GSR's why the dance? Why & when it was started? and Why the extravagance of conference?

Wylie P. - Felt it very important that the time limit be observed. That discussion be held to differing opinions and held to two minutes.

Paul H. - Remembers when business meeting was shorter. Need for assembly is important especially in election years. Need for enforcement of light system, District reports to be given at assembly.

Paul C. - Need to set-up what is to be done and follow it at conferences and assemblies.

Gil M. - Reinforced need of light system enforcement. Need to set time limit for each topic to be discussed that would give everyone an opportunity to present differing opinions on topic.

Duane K. - Stated that northern Minnesota has 6 meetings a year for DCM's. Each person is encouraged to come and to bring someone. He noted that at all 6 meetings they had good attendance.

Chris H. - Michigan area meets monthly.

Jeff P, - Area business meetings have helped him learn but does see need to keep it business and hopefully as little emotional opinions as possible. Keep It Simple!

Donna L. - Stated that felt that having a meeting every two years to educate DCM's & GSR's as to structure of area, what they are expected to do & what they can expect in their two years of service. Having an idea of what goes on helps everyone on the job.

Jim S. - Stated that a written form of structural guidelines are needed. He as a new delegate felt very overwhelmed and inadequate after the Rhinelander assembly. He had no idea what the area wanted him to do as the delegate.

General overview of topics that must be covered at Fall Conference;

Trustee & Trustee at large election Bid for 1989 Fall Conference Bid for 1989 Spring Assembly

Committee Report

The following agenda was set:

- 9:00 - 9:30 - General Opening, Readings and Roll Call
- 9:30 - 10:30 - Area committee reports.
- Delegate Report & update from GSO
- 10:30 - 11:45 - Election of Class B Trustee "& Trustee
at large 11:45 - 1:00 - Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30 - Bids for Fall Conference (September SI Spring Assembly (March 89)
- 1:30 - 4:00 - Old & New Business

Topics of new Business:

1. FINANCES
 - a. Should others be -financially reimbursed besides the delegates?
 - b. Should there be a recommended amount or guidelines for groups to give to the area?
 - c. What is a prudent reserve -for the area?
2. AREA CONFERENCE
 - a. Would an area conference committee be helpful in setting up guidelines for planning conferences? An Ad hoc committee?
 - b. Why aren't more districts voting for conferences? What is purpose of our conference? Business, Social or Both? Do we need more assembly time?
 - c. Is 1 year enough time for bidding a conference?
3. AREA STRUCTURE
 - a. Should Area officer, DCM-'s, GSR's and past Delegates continue to have voting rights at business meetings'? If it should change how should it change?
 - b. Should area business be conducted at conferences or assemblies or both?

The agenda of new business for the Fall Conference was obtained after much discussion.

It was felt that the DCM-'s and GSR's be encouraged to look at bidding for- conferences; that conferences are for the whole area.

The only thing to remember about Fall 89 Conference is that it should be in September and not on Labor Day weekend.

Persons eligible to be nominated for Class B Trustee & Trustee at large will be notified as soon as possible so they can make a decision about whether they will take the nomination,

Donna L, requested the minutes of meetings be handed out before the business meeting to provide de everyone an opportunity to read and make corrections.

Chris H. Felt that this would help everyone. It should be attempted at the Fall Conference.

Jim S, Thanked everyone and requested that another meeting be held before Fall Conference in 1989.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 with the Lord's Prayer, Respectfully submitted by

Donna L.

Area 74 Secretary

Area 74 Fall Conference Business Meeting

October 29, 1988 Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton, WI

Meeting was opened at 9:05 AM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Area Committee present:

Jim S. - Delegate
Mort S. - Alt. Del & Chairperson
Paul H. - Treasurer
Tom C. - Co Treasurer
Donna L. - Secretary
Dave R. - Grapevine
Paul S - Archives
Dick H - Institutions
Paul C – Literature
Doris - PI

Past Delegates: Panel 24; - Paul S, Panel 28; - Gene L, Panel 30; - Richard H, Panel 32; - John H, Panel 34; - Chris H, Panel 36; - Dave R and - Leonard D .

Southern Area 75: Present past delegate Bob B, Present past delegate Larry M, John P. and John G. area 75.

Secretaries Written Report of spring conference business meeting and area 74 committee meeting minutes given to everyone.

Corrections: Change from Assembly to Area Committee meeting.

Harold S made objections to written minutes being given out instead of reading at meeting. He requested that the minutes be read from now on.

Treasurer's written report given. As of 10-14-88 balance on hand was \$7866.69 with some bills for area outstanding including today's request for Now & Then.

Treasurer, Paul H asked that contributions be sent directly to him at this address:

Area 74 Treasurer- / Paul H.
504 Margaret Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130

He also asked what way the area wanted the groups to best be noted for their contributions. Several opinions were expressed. Gene L. made a motion that just the name of the group be printed for contributing - without the amount of contribution

Seconded by Dale.

Public Information: Doris K states that she has only 8 Districts reporting their PI activities. She met with people after the business meeting.

Literature: Paul C. - new literature available. Please note that Paul would appreciate that people not take literature off of the table for reading at beginning of meetings. Indian literature now available.

Archives: Paul S. - New articles are very welcome! Need all the history we can. Letter from Stanley P District 14 Past Delegates on early Northwestern Wisconsin AA. Showed pictures from early AA members. Lois W passed away.

Written booklet available for \$5 thru mail:

Paul S.
1132 13th Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304

Please send any new info to same address

Institutions: Dick H. - Report for October workshop. Looking for sponsors and contacts that would volunteer to be used as contacts. PLEASE contact:

Richard H.
308 Taylor
Little Chute, WI 54140

or would like individual corrections contact for each district, or use DCM person as contact person.

Now & Then: Tom C - Raised individual subscription to \$6. Cost \$250 per month. Estimate cost for seven months. Ask for at least \$1250. This would provide 4 pages if necessary. Doreen motion, would provide \$1,300 as 7-month working capital. Seconded by Dale. Motion carried to provide \$1,300 for seven month's working capital.

Jim S. Area Delegate report from G S O. Obituary of Lois Wilson. Grapevine, Reinforcement that Dave R - Grapevine Rep has newest publication "History as it Happens" at Grapevine display.

39th C o n f e r e n c e: "Living our Traditions" Anonymity very update issue. Daily Reflections book brought up again. That articles or writings were needed. Treatment facilities Committee accepted bid for video tape preview. Literature committee; G S O report page 14 page 39; Ask that changes in wording of Indian pamphlet be edited before approval for

Area 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY

Wausau, WI

March 18, 1989

9:12 a.m. - Meeting opened.

Area Officers Present: Delegate - Jim S.; Alternate Delegate & Chairperson - Mort S.; Treasurer - Paul H.; Co-Treasurer, Tom C.; Secretary - Donna L. Grapevine - Dave R.; Corrections - Dick H.; Public Information - Doris K.; Archives - Paul S. Absent - Paul C.

Past Delegates: Leonard D. (26); Dick H. (30); John H. (32); Chris H. (34); Dave R. (36); Paul S.(24).

District DCM's present: 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 21. District DCM's absent: 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20.

Area Committee Reports: - Donna L., Secretary, read minutes of Fall Conference meeting. Corrections noted.

Treasurer's Report: Fall conference noted. \$7,866.69 as of October 1988. Bills were fully paid and present contributions balance as of March 3, 1989. Motion made by Bill B. to pay bills, seconded by Terry M. Opposed - Dick H.

Grapevine: The April issue of Grapevine is a commemorative issue for 50 years of Big Book. The packet of old Grapevines is done. Suggest that groups give subscriptions to institutions. Sold all issues of "Language of Heart" today. The total Grapevine subscriptions are up; however, Area 74 is down.

Public Information: Literature is getting into hospitals and schools. It has been learned that booths at fairs, etc., that the literature went better if the booth was not manned. Some P.I. people reporting a break in anonymity.

Corrections: Wanted to know if anyone knew where Navarino was. It was a town where the sign was folded in half so the whole sign was in town. Anyway, for the fifth year Navarino held a banquet and gave the proceeds to the Corrections Committee to be used for literature.

The Southern Area 75 Workshop is April 16th, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Alano Club, Northpost Drive, Madison. This is a joint workshop. The Area 74 Workshop will be the second Saturday in October. Jeff C. asked what status for corrections was in Upper Peninsula. Dave R. reported that there was no corrections person available at this time. It was reported that the reason for two corrections committee is the difference in states and: their restrictions.

Archives: Review of History of AA Development continues to request letters from groups. Please send to:

Paul S.
1132 13th Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54304.

Any information is welcomes. Please sign letters. Paul announced that he is no longer going to be the Archives person. He will retire after the Fall Conference in 1989. So, he would like to re-tape Archives and get everything together. Chris H. asked for clarification, would there be all

material gathered. Paul S. stated there would be because original tape was a bad recording, so that along with all information gathered would be together. No official vote was taken. The whole body gave an OK.

"Now & Then: Jeff C. reported Now & Then doing well. Subscriptions are up. Please send articles, they would be appreciated. May not promise they will be printed. Flyers for A.A. approved activities, etc., will be printed and placed in Now & Then for \$28.00.

Area 74 Spring & Fall Conferences are printed free for the hosting district(s). If providing your own flyers, please send 550 flyers. All GSR's receive a subscription free. Individual subscription is \$6. Questions answered for GSR of 218 Club, Green Bay, That Now & Then is mailed in bulk to Clubs. If they want it changed, DCM should inform Now & Then.

DCM REPORTS:

01: Jeff - Green Bay: Brown, Door, Kewaunee Counties have an increase in GSR activity. One-half of regular groups present at District Meeting. Support for the return of the Fall Conference to Green Bay has been expressed. GSR's are having some confusion about jobs. Working to help GSR's understand service. Group anonymity.

02: Paul H. - gave report for DCM. DCM has approximately 100 groups. Corrections very busy and doing well. Newsletter. Setting up health displays. 02 will co-host GSR Workshop with Dist. 01 put on by Len D.

04: Keith - contact person, not DCM: Increase in GSR & Area Service. Feb. and March seeing improvement. Reviewing Service Manual. June 3rd there will be a service workshop in Stevens Point. 40th Anniversary of AA in Stevens Point.

05: Rachael - DCM: 35 meetings. Newsletter, Jungle Drums present. 15 GSR's attending meetings. Working on Spring Conference. "Hoping everyone coming to conference".

06: Jo - GSR: District Meeting open to any AA interested in service work. P.I. is struggling to get involvement. Growth is happening. Workshop in September with Jim S.

08: Marty - DCM: 38 groups. Intergroup in afternoon. Workshop in August. 49th Fall Conference Host. P.I.'s and GSR Workshop.

10: Larry - DCM: New in service. Help to develop program. DCM committee doing well. Meetings attended well. Finding lots of enthusiasm.

12: Ed K. - DCM: Rice Lake, Grantsburg, Chetek and Cumberland large towns. Intergroup and District groups meet together. Approximately 70 groups in district. Difficulty getting participation because of size of district. Attempts to instruct GSR's on purpose of meeting at district level. Use meetings to find out how GSR meetings are going. What difficulties & problem they have. District 12 has a newsletter. Some opinions expressed at group level:

1. Lack of understanding of what goes on at group level.
2. Not necessary to have ad hoc committee.
3. Self-support, what directions is AA going.
4. Wonders if GSO as a whole is overspending.

District 12 is planning workshop before Intergroup meetings on GSR & Concepts.

13: Duane - DCM: Active for one and half years. Monthly meetings happening. Small, but happening. Quarterly newsletter. Have GSR's attending from 9 meetings.

14: Larry L - GSR: Amery, St. Croix Falls, Hudson, New Richmond. Approximately 33 groups. Monthly meetings of GSR's. Some of the concerns of the District are: Losing "Old Timers" from service as well as meetings and groups. There is a need for keeping these people active and involved. Treatment and AA gap, keeping people from falling through the cracks. Helping them find AA. Working with District 05 on Spring Conference-^ and happy to work on the Conference.

18: Gil - DCM: Doing well. Active CPC Committee. AA members trained on how to work in hospitals and detox. Active speaker panel. AA hotline. County jail meeting growing. Stock literature in hospital. Bi-monthly newsletter. Preparing bid for Spring Conference.

21: Randy - Alt. DCM: GSR's for almost every meeting night. Answering service doing well. Positive changes are occurring. Have active 12 step list. Will be changing DCM's because present DCM is moving. Have Intergroup April 2.

Leonard D.: Report on Workshops:

1. Need for basics - what is a GSR or DCM?
2. Leonard attempting to use less swear words.
3. Continuing to review material of what was needed in Area 74 workshops.
4. Manuals will be available at each workshop for a price.
5. Need to have questions from district before workshop.
6. Need money for workshop. Open to discussion in afternoon.
7. Open for any other place to go for workshop.

Chuck S: Gave report of 1989 Spring Conference in Eau Claire WI on May 19, 20 & 21 at the Holiday Inn, 225 rooms available. Please get room and conference reservations in ASAP.

Chris II reported that the ad hoc committee will meet April 15th at the 218 Club in Green Bay.

11:30 a.m. - Jim S. - Delegate Report:

1. Delegate's Past and Present Meeting - Chicago. Good Turnout. February 10, 11 and 12. Excellent turnout from Area 74. Traveled with Leonard, John and Dave. Presentation of candidates for Regional Trustee and Trustee-at-Large were read.
2. Need four speakers for East Central Regional in Ohio.
3. Discussion held on conference being held on West Coast in 1995.
4. Some states having difficulty with Tax exempt status. Chris H. working with Millie B. from Southern Wisconsin on this problem.
5. Living our traditions 39th conference theme. "Back To Basics", and Grapevine were topics of discussion.
6. Jack W. gave his last Trustee's report. Topics of importance: AA. Acquisition of Big Book inscribed by Bill W. to Lois. Will purchase for Archives over the next three years for \$21,000.
7. Three early timers have passed away.
8. Announcement of 50th year of Big Book.
9. Information on John B. and Betty Little.

10. Presentations on Anonymity, is it necessary today? How it develops; Topics: Principles before Personalities. Back to Basics, The Group, AA Literature. Tool or Mandate.
11. Proposals - are we failing to bring the message to minorities?
12. Possibilities of Grapevine articles on tape. Is there an increased need because of illiteracy, especially in Corrections.
13. Future articles of Grapevine: 12 Steps, Big Book and Service Conference.
14. AA growing in Moscow. Problems with Temperance League. Nine meetings known to be going in Moscow.
15. The translation of Big Book into Laotian on hold because of the difficulties of the number of dialects.
16. Correctional work funding throughout the country.
17. AA History Book, Area histories being separated from GSO.
18. Suggestion of Big Book being expanded to large print. Will not have Commemorative issue.
19. Page 140, Paragraph 2, to have footnote added stating that the language is "language of the time".
20. Daily Meditation Book. Not able to get enough input from membership. Anyone caring to can write in by April 1, 1989. The thought is 50% do, and 50% don't.
21. Treatment Facilities having difficulty getting newsletter going. Not enough input. Film is still progressing.
22. Contributions were down the second six months of 1988. The challenge of Seventh Tradition wondering why they were falling off. How many groups are donating. Groups are not aware of what Services GSO provides. What are groups responsible for Omni Hotel near Central Park is location for April Conference. Dr. Jack's wife was asked to be at this year's General Service Conference.

12:00 - Adjourned for Lunch.

1:10 - Area committee met for 15 minutes: See addendum.

1:25 - Paul S. brought before group the question of whether they felt it appropriate to bring up at AA meetings the need for money to maintain Dr. Bob's house in Akron, OH as museum. The group's opinion was that it could be mentioned before or after the meeting.

1:30 - Discussion on topic sheet. Group agreed to discuss in order of importance:

1. Should there be a moratorium on new literature until all literature can be examined as to its necessity and clear-cut direction.
 - Questions on Question: How is it being reviewed? Is literature being discontinued or is the law of supply and demand used? Recovery literature should be handled differently than literature for after recovery.
2. Ideas on how to expand the use of the Big Book - such as large print editions, easy to read version, pocket size edition. Opinion - Large print and taping of Big Book as it is, is good idea. Do not change wording.
3. Pamphlet for gay/lesbian alcoholics (will be voted on). Opinion - No. Feels like we are being manipulated. Is this a political movement. Unable to get a united opinion.

4. Is there a need for some kind of spiritual literature. Opinion - Where is the literature placed. Does it turn people off? Does this section of literature reach people before they get into the program or is it just another piece of literature saying the same thing.
5. Should the listings of Alano Clubs be deleted from AA Directory? They should be deleted. Meetings held in Alano Clubs should use street address as always. Suggested that possibly do away with Directories and use 800 number - like: 1-800-ALCOHOL.

3:00 AREA BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Jeff C. that Jim S. be reimbursed for the service manuals he paid for. Seconded by Paul H.
2. Motion made to reimburse Leonard D. for expenses encountered with workshops starting with April 15th workshop in Green Bay. Motion was made to reimburse Leonard \$.21 per mile; \$40.00 for lodging and a \$50.00 cap for hall. Seconded by Jeff.
3. Should other be reimbursed at Area level besides the delegate? Seven opinions for some form of reimbursement, and two No opinions.
4. It was discussed that a prudent reserve for Area should be approximately one year's expenses.
5. Is there a recommended amount in guidelines for group to donate at the area level.
6. Is there a need for treatment facilities Area Chairperson? What is purpose?
7. Election of GSR's before Fall Conference. That way they could be introduced to service work before the Fall Election of Area Officers.

AREA 74 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fourth Quarter 1988

Date		Expenses	Balance
10-14-88			\$ 7866.69
10-28-88	Correction's Meeting, Wausau Alano Club	\$ 35.00	
10-28-88	Paul S., Safe Deposit Box	\$ 30.00	
10-28-88	Now & Then Newsletter	\$ 1,300.00	
10-31-88	Paul C., Literature	\$ 25.00	
	Total Expenses:	\$ 1390.00	\$ 6476.69
12-4-88	Ending Balance as of 1988		\$ 8355.93
1-3-89	Jim S., Delegate Expenses	\$ 1300.00	

1-3-89	1989 Delegate Conference, GSO, New York	\$ 400.00	\$ 6655.93
Jan/89	Group Contributions	\$324.30	
Feb/89	Group Contributions	\$125.00	
Feb/89	Additional Contribution from Fall Conference - 1988	\$204.42	
3-3-89	Group Contributions	\$103.00	
3-4-88	Total Balance on hand		\$ 7412.65

Submitted By: Paul H., Area 74 Treasurer

Tom C., Area 74 Co-Treasurer

Spring Conference & Business Meeting

Holiday Inn - Eau Claire, Wisconsin

May 19, 1989

9:10 Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, How it Works, 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim S. - Delegate, Mort S. - Alt & Chair, Paul H. -Treasurer, Tom C. Co-Treasurer, Donna L. -Secretary, Dave R. - Grapevine, Dick H. -Corrections, Doris K - PI, Paul S. - Archives, Paul C. -Literature. John B. - Wife passed away (card sent)

Past Delegates:

Paul S. (24) Gene L. (28) John H. (32) Len D. (26) Rich H. (30) Chris H. (34) Dave R. (36) Stan P (20)

DCM's Present: 2,5,6,7,8,9,12,13,14,15,17,18,20,21.

DCM's Absent : 1,3,4,10,11,16,19

Announcements:

June 10 Intergroup at Baraga County Alano

July 7-8-9 13th East Central Regional in Columbus Ohio

September 8-9-10 1989 Fall Conference in Wausau at the

Holiday Inn 9:50 - Secretary's Report Read

9:55 - Treasurers Report Read. Total on Hand \$8011.67

10:00 - Grapevine Report Read by Dave R.. Special Edition for 45th Anniversary. Wisconsin & Michigan subscriptions are up. March \$131,500. Group GVR's is up by 8. The future of Grapevine will be in selling published specialty items. In 1988 246,000 was made on specialty items. The magazine will lose \$34,000. They are anticipating a price increase. Advisory action - was recommended the Gray Pages. This action failed and the Gray pages stay.

10:07 - Literature Report read by Paul C. New order form. Title & Cover change noted in new form.

10:10 - Archives Report by Paul S.. Review of how area archives in Area 74 started. Has been Chairman for 10 years. Paul reminded us that this is his last year.

There has been a lot added in the past few years and will be selling books. A new copy will be ready for the Fall Conference. Pictures of AA history available through GSO archives for \$3.00 per set for groups. Area history of GSO available in our area archives "Who said it First". How did the World wide custom grow. These answers are available in the archives.

10:15 - PI Report by Doris K.. Newsletter. PI Workshop.

Would like to set up workshop on Public Information at the end of July. Will be contacting before June.

10:20 - Institutional Chair Dick H. Literature form

Navarino. Contributions being distributed. Are sending books to the UP. Getting Big Books into institutions. Wanted to thank everyone that has helped. There will be a meeting the Second Saturday of October (Oct 14) in Wausau at the Alano. DCM's, Please contact Dick H. The 1989 Correctional Directory is available.

10:25 - Now & Then report by Tom C. Circulation List is increasing at a rate that is sound. Tom C. made a motion that asks for \$900 for the summer to continue with Now & Then. Seconded by Paul S. Motion Carried.

Workshop person Len D. states that workshops are improving. Len would also like some critiques of the workshops. There should be a two year goal set up for workshops.

10:30 - Delegates Report by Jim S. 576 - Registered Groups in Area 74. Area level of contributions were down the past six months of the year. General Service conference in April 1989. The theme will be Conference Anonymity. AA Comes of age = reading of Bill W. About Dr. Bob helping him keep his lid on. Dr. Bob requested even in his death to remain human. Bill W. anonymity principals of recovery. Multiple breaks in Anonymity at public level. This is the reason for the theme.

Synopsis of week: New General Manager for the 1990 convention. 1995 Site will be San Diego. Welcomed new delegates from Russia. Also discussed the need for Computers in the GSO offices.

Dr. Jacks wife was there and introduced - felt loss of members last year.

- 1) Everything started on time at 9:00 AM every day.
- 2) Grapevine - resolution of Ad Hoc committee. Resolution dropped of the AA world services, Grapevine combination & review of concepts recommended.
- 3) Read presentation of committee of Big Books 50th Year. Celebration of the message - not the book. The message is what maintains sobriety.
- 4) "Service without sacrifice is not service"
- 5) Opposition to see Big Book Purchased for the archives. The meaning of this book is fellowship. It was very emotional for Jim.
- 6) Suggestion brought to floor about a Toll Free 800 number instead of directories. Jim has the report if you would like to see it.
- 7) Delegates meeting - Laid back feeling of delegates. Discussion Housekeeping & Local Financing. How do we take care of area office at local level.
- 8) The 40th General Service Conference will be asked to study the problems and liability of registration of groups and AA directories. The delegates requested that they be contacted before directories go out to the general public. They need to take a closer look at new group registration. The Ad Hoc committee will look at the procedure. Some groups are registering that are not necessarily AA.
- 9) Conference elected two regional Trustees and the Trustee at Large. Jan W of Greenville Michigan, will become the East Central U.S. Trustee replacing Jack W. Trustee at Large will be John Q. of New Jersey.
- 10) Report of USSR delegate. Webb J's trip outlook is great. Need for Big Book and Pamphlets translated into Russian. Poland also reported to have 232 active people in AA in 1988.

Committee Reports at the Conference with Advisory Actions

P.I.

- a) Use of 1986 questionnaire be used as a format for a random survey of 1989 membership.
- b) Eleven radio public service announcements and two in Spanish approved for distribution.
- c) Reviewed three proposed additions to P.I. workbook.

Treatment Committee

- a) Review of treatment film clips. A 15 minute sample footage was requested for review at 1990 conference
- b) Review of newsletter. Will continue to develop
- c) Treatment Facilities workbook will be developed

Literature Committee:

- a) Review the status of AA history book
- b) Daily reflections book will be developed, enough pieces available. (1100 pieces overnight)
- c) Review of illustrated 12, steps pamphlet that is easy to read will be developed also explore other pamphlets.
- d) Recommended that the pamphlet "AA the group" be revised.
- e) The Gay - Lesbian pamphlet approved with specific changes
- f) Foot note of 12 x 12 page 140 approved.
- g) Film AA an inside view will be available for sale or lease
- h) Big Book workshops will be reviewed in 1990
- i) Need of special Spiritual Literature for Agnostic & Atheist tabled for present time.

Trustees Committee:

Review Resumes of candidates for open positions - see results.

Finance Committee

- a) Recommended that area contribution for delegate expenses be increased to \$600. It was asked that areas send in more if possible following the 7th tradition
- b) Following 7th tradition contributions to GSO are done each delegate is to work on improving contributions from area.
- c) Self-support Pamphlet recommended.

Correctional Facilities:

Change in title of pamphlet to state "Carrying the message into Correctional Facilities"
Corrections are asking for soft cover for the 12 x 12

Committee on Report & Charter:

- a) Recommended that description "What is an AA Group" continue in AA Group pamphlet and be added, to the AA Service Manual.

- b) Approved that the policy statement of use of AA's Trademark & Logo be added to AA Manual Several Qualifications describing Area positions were revised. Please read the final report. This is very lengthy change that effects area business. Recommended that the usage of Alano Clubs names be removed from Directory.
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Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) –

Updated text of pamphlet "AA & Occupational programs accepted. Title changed t AA & Employee Assistance programs. The committee asked to gather information on how to carry the message through professional to minorities.

Grapevine Reviewed by Dave R.

Policy & Admissions - Reviewed dates of 1991 conference at the Omni Hotel (April 14th thru 20th) or (April 21 thru 27th) in 1991. All conference approved literature will be developed within conference structure.

International Convention:

TV Cameras will be permitted to film the flag ceremony if Anonymity is protected. Agenda Committee: Because of the need to preserve the strength and healing of the home group. The theme of 1990 conference will be one of the following:

- H.G. = Where Love and Service Begin
- H.G. = Our Link to Fellowship
- H.G. = Our Responsibility and Link to AA's Future.

Discussion topics will follow the same line of AA topics. Sponsorship, Importance of Home Groups self-support Etc.

The Conference Trustees Report was given:

Reviewed compiled desk Long Hours needed to carry AA's message.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

1:30 Questions on Delegates Report.

1. How are New Groups profiting by AA's Name, ie: 2 people starting a program of recovery (not AA) using name without being a recovering person.
2. What are feelings on treatment Committee chair as to needs of Area 74 coordinator? Approximately 75% of AA members have had contact with treatment councilors. What is message? Concern is bridging the gap between treatment and AA. This needs active chairman. Treatment needs to work with AA & Vice Versa. Need examples of some bridging that is occurring in Area 74. Examples of problems that exist. What we can use that is already in place. Examples of CPC. Committee, P.I. Committee. Use of Newsletter. Jim recommendation to the Area is to have a Treatment Facilities Committee.

1.40pm Bids opened for Spring Conference 1990. Bids; Gil: District 18 May 18 -20 Marquette Michigan. Ted; District 07 Marshfield, WI.

Opened to floor for questions.

Jeff C. made motion to accept the two bids. Dick H. seconded. Voting done by count down.

Michigan 42 Marshfield 21

Spring Conference 1990 is to be held in Michigan May 18 -20, 1990

1:50 Conference Committee AD HOC Report.

Issues discussed and opened to floor.

1. Cost of the Conference and paying of the cost
2. Population Center.
3. Conference should pay for itself.
4. Bid early for the dates.
5. Use of the guidelines set by GSO.
6. Use of permanent place .
7. Contact list of past.
8. How to continue to have developments without Squelching Creativity.

2:30 FALL ASSEMBLY August 19th or 26th .

FALL ASSEMBLY IS A VOTING ASSEMBLY.

2:35 AREA BUSINESS TOPICS FOR FALL_ CONFERENCE.

1. Contributions from Clubs
2. Possibility pf Area Inventory
3. Reimbursement of Area Officers
 - Proposal for reimbursements offered by Dick H. Delegate 1800 per year. Alternate 900 per year. Secretary 200 per year. Treasurer 200 per year.
 - * The alternate delegate to travel around the area as needed to put on Service Workshops, also to fill in when delegate cannot attend Area Functions,
4. Possibility of development of Treatment Facilities Committee.(Jim S. asked if he would be willing to chair, or at least be the advisor to the committee.

3:45pm Adjourned.

Thank You

Donna L.

Fall Assembly

Oshkosh , Wisconsin

August 26, 1989

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, How it Works, 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim S. - Delegate, Mort S. - Alt & Chair, Paul H. -Treasurer, Tom C. Co-Treasurer, Dave R.- Grapevine, Dick H. - Corrections, Doris K - PI, Paul S. -Archives, Paul C. - Literature.

Absent: Donna L. - Secretary / Ann x Substitute

Past Delegates

Bob Z. (14) Paul S. (24) Gene L. (28) Len D. (26) Dick H. (30) Chris H. (34) Dave R. (36)

DCMs present:

1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21 DCM's Absent : 3,4,9,11,15,16,17,19,20

Marty gave an update on the Fall Conference

Ann read minutes from Spring Conference

Corrections:

\$5.00 instead of \$3.00

The minutes were revised for the Now & Then Chris H. - said that she had revised the Minutes and did so with the permission of Donna L - Secretary and said if there were any mistakes that she was responsible.

Len D. Made a motion to except the minutes with the above corrections.

Seconded - Motion Carried

Motion made to pay \$75.00 to the Church + \$53.00 for Donuts & Coffee.

Seconded and carried.

Jim S. gave Delegates report.

The 39th General Service Conference 1989 Financial Report was passed out to DCM's.

No committee report today, will be given at Fall Conference. And elections that will be listed in Now & Then

Reported that Jack M on July 30th died of a Heart Attack.

Brought it to everybody's attention that there is an agenda for this meeting and suggested that the agenda be held as firm as possible.

Motion by Len D. and seconded to accept the Agenda except for coffee breaks , no coffee breaks Motion Carried.

. John C. - Guidelines for Area conferences

- These are to be only "suggested" guidelines. There were printed guidelines presented at the assembly.
- Bidding process

- building not the most important thing the most important thing to consider is the room situation, rm. for business meeting, Alanon, &AA panels. Alateen if able to do but not a minimum requirement. At this point a point was brought out and will be held for discussion and voting until the spring conference of 1990. The point being that of the use of the dissenting vote.
- Planning further in advance, that 2 years would be the minimum amount of time for bids.
- Paul H. made a motion that the guidelines be printed in the Now & Then for everyone to read and they will be voted on at the Spring Conference 1990. Dave. R. Seconded the motion.
- ED K. brought out that the weekend that we chose should be looked at as much as possible so we are not having so many events back to back.
- John C. continued to read the Guidelines. General discussion followed on the seed money issue the expenses of panel speakers. Suggested money saving ideas for conferences.
- Dave R. motion that the Guidelines be printed in the Now and Then that the Gsrs take these back to the groups and they will be voted on at the Spring Conference. Seconded.

Presentation and Discussion -Anonymity Public Level Edie A. Group Level Gil M. Service Level Chuck. S

Lunch Break 11:50am to 1:20pm

Announcements .

AA Group Registration Process/ AA Directory

General discussion followed it was agreed that new groups register with GSO are automatically registered if they request to be registered .

Duane brought up the question of how do you get old groups off of the directory roll if they are no longer functioning. General discussion followed on ways to simplify the Group Registration and the Directories. How important are the directories

Is it the DCM responsibility to keep track of the groups in their district. Some districts are so large that it is physically hard to keep track of them.

Directories are out of hand Jim mentioned that as a Delegate he received 5.

Jim asked that the questionnaire be filled out and returned so that it can be used by the ADHOC committee to try and solve this problem in the best way possible.

Discussion of the 800 number pros and cons.

Financial Report

Paul H. gave financial report. \$8,658.97 was the balance on hand a brief report was printed in Now and Then.

Len D. motion that if the Trustee was ask to speak at a conference his expenses should be paid by the Area. Jim S explained that the Wausau group had figured the expenses into their budget.

Treasures report accepted.

Beanie with a Propeller for Davie was purchased.

Maybe reimbursement of Area Officers

Delegate 1800, Alternate 900, Secretary 200, Treasurer 200. These are dollar amounts for one year.

General discussion followed

The motion was made that was tabled until the Spring Conference. John C used minority dissent to reopen discussion.

Len D. recalled the vote, and vote reopened. 37 votes for,

Edie had difficulty with wording of proposal in minutes that it was in outline form also did not like the word reimbursement with and exact dollar figure.

Paul H. upset with the word Paid. Clarification of the amendment requested Voted to end discussion.

Dick H. read proposal as written in minutes. Vote 31 for 11 no 3 abstaining.

Rotation of Officers,

Should our Past Delegates Serve As Area Chairs on any committee? In our Area the Delegate is Automatically the Chair of the Grapevine rep. Discussion followed. Motion made, motion with drawn.

Discussion of area contributions Treatment Facilities. Should WE the the discussion.

being accepted from Clubs and or Should We not? That was

Adjourned 4:00pm

These are the most difficult minutes to do so far when you listen to a tape of a room full of Recovering Alcoholics talking about different things all at once it is really hard to keep up.

Thanks for your support in my last Two Years of Sobriety.

Fall Conference & Business Meeting

Holiday Inn - Wausau, Wisconsin

September 9, 1989

9:04 Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 9:07 How it Works, 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

Roll Call:

Present: Jim S. - Delegate, Mort S. - Alt & Chair, Paul H. -Treasurer, Tom C. Co-Treasurer, Donna L. -Secretary, Dave R. - Grapevine, Dick H. -Corrections, Doris K - PI, Paul S. - Archives, Paul C. -Literature.

Past Delegates:

Paul S. (24) Gene L. (28) John H. (32) Len D. (26) Rich H. (30) Chris H. (34) Dave R. (36)

Southern Delegates:

John C. & Bob B.

DCMs:

DCM's Present: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,14,17,18

DCM's Absent : 3,11,15,16,19,20,21

Regional Trustee Jan W - Greenville Michigan: Talked about the seriousness of the election of Area Officers.

Committee Reports:

Corrections –

Alternate would put on a workshop.

Reimbursement of area officers will be the same.

With the alternate delegate to do the area service workshop on service as part of his or her service.

Minutes accepted with the corrections.

Treasurers report Read:

Groups ask that individual contributions not be read.

Paul H. said that his club contributions were being broken down into individual Group contributions.

On Hand \$ 8940.97 As of 9-7-89

Grape Vine Rep:

Tapes = Practice this principals =

Tradition check list available. Dave passed out what Grapevine rep does.

Grapevine pocket planner is out. Please up date list with new names and addresses of reps.

Archives :

Paul S. Paul apologized to the Amery Group he found their history behind a cabinet when he moved it . He read statement from 1945 article. Novice Alcoholic had to appear one half hour

before the meeting with sponsor so he could show him that he was serious about stopping drinking.

P.I. Doris.

Workshop 3rd Weekend in July 1990. Thanks for all the help.

Corrections Dick H

Workshop Oct. Planning for an Open Meeting.

Literature:

Please notice the new art work on pamphlets.

Now & Then

Thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve. Now and Then; Tom C. only one Now, and Then will be sent to each group, this is usually to the Gsr. and Area officers. If you would like to receive one please send \$6.00. to Now and Then. Tom ask that all DCM's do a change list, so that the current circulation can be more accurate is now 585.

Tom is requesting \$1500 for the next 8 months budget., Dale made motion that this be approved. Passed Aye vote. Len D. Workshop report. Concerned that the GSR comes to the service not understanding the responsibility of the job.

Proposed that in the future that Ares be divided into four areas to better present workshops to cut down on the expense of the workshops and to better provide workshops; to use people from the areas that understand service and can pass it on.

We need to remember that our job in service is to help the still drinking alcoholic. We need to remember Recovery and love of the still drinking alcoholic.

BIDS FOR FALL CONFERENCE 1990 /

District 02 Appleton: Sept. 14,15,16, 1990

District 07 Marshfield Trish August 1990 24,25,26 1990

Discussion followed the presentation of the bids the bids were tabled until afternoon so that people could obtain more information.

Jim S. explained what a voting member was and how the elections would take place.

2/3 of each vote : names dropped if less than 1/5 vote

Delegate Election

Ballot	1	2	3	4
Donna L	10	12		
Jeff P	2	1		
Rachel T	1	0		
Martin W	2	0		
Paul H	26	32	40	44
Chuck S	18	19	26	24
Mort S	19	22	25	23
Larry V	1	0		
John C	5	1		
Gary F	6	3		
Total	90	90	91	91

Paul H selected Area Delegate from the hat.

Alternate Delegate Election

	#1	#2
Chuck S	26	37
Mort S	19	20
Donna L	10	12
George C	2	
Gary F	7	5
John C	2	3
Rachel T	0	0
Gil M	2	0
Dale B	1	0
Jeff P	1	1
Duane K	2	2
Tresh K	3	3
Totals	75	83

Chuck Stokes Elected Alternate Area Delegate

Secretary Election Results

	#1	#2	#3	#4
Trish K	21	21	17	
Mort S	22	24	19	
Dores K	11	4	18	
Doreen M	21	30	50	65
Gary F	10	8		
John C	10	8		
Totals	95	95	85	84

Doreen M Elected Area Secretary

Treasurer Election Results

	#1	#2	#3	#4
Donna L	18	22	28	32
Larry Z	3			
Trish K	10	10		
Ed K				
Mort Sp	20	28	40	56
Tom C	14	18	18	
Jim E	5	1		
Gary F	4	1		
Totals	74	80	86	88

Donna L was elected as Area Treasurer.

Correction Nominations

Rollie G	44
Richard H	32

Rollie G was elected Corrections Representative

Treatment Facilities Chair

	#1	#2	#3	#4
Gil M	23	44		
Jeff C	15			
Gary T	20			
Trish K	17			
Totals	75	44		

Gil McDonald Elected Area Treatment Facilities

Public Information Representative Election Results

	#1	#2	#3	#4
Doris K	31			
Gary F	42			
Totals	73			

Gary F elected Area Public Information Representative

Archives Representative Election Results

	#1	#2	#3	#4
Darrell P	5			
John C	26			
Mort S	47			
Totals	78			

Mort S Elected Archives Representative

Literature Representative Results

Jeff Collins Elected Area Literature Representative

General Assembly Agenda for Rhinelander in Spring:

1. Election Year; Min. treasurers report No other committee reports.
2. possibility of becoming a Non Profit Organization with Tax Exempt Status.
3. Prudent reserve.
4. Dates of Fall Conference.

Motion to be considered 1991-92 Spring conference. -° 1991,1992 Fall Conference to be bid on in the spring and then every year there after two years in advance.

SPRING CONFERENCE MARQUETTE MI. MAY 18,19,20 1990 HOLIDAY INN.

906-225-1351

Thank you, Donna L.

SPRING ASSEMBLY

RHINELANDER, WI

3-17-90

Alt. Delegate/Chairperson, Chuck S., opened at 9:16AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. After pointing out the service structure and Area 74 posters, Chuck stated that we are here to conduct the business of AA, have fun and safeguard what we have. "Ask questions!"

After the readings of How It Works, Twelve Traditions and the 12 Concepts, announcements were made.

Area 74 Delegate, Paul H, thanked all for coming. All in attendance were asked to fill out a home group questionnaire.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul H., Delegate; Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Chairperson; George N., Co-Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary; Gil McD., Treatments Facilities Chair; Gary F., Public Information Chair; Jim S., Grapevine Chair; Rolland G., Institutions Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Now & Then- Chris H., Tom C. and Jeff C.

PAST DELEGATES

Gene L. (Panel 28) Len D. (Panel 26), Jim S. (Panel 38) John H. Panel 32) Chris H. (Panel 34)

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S

Present: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21 Absent: 03, 11, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20

SECRETARYS REPORT

Doreen M. read the minutes of the Fall Conference held in Wausau, 9-9-89. The minutes are amended to read that the Fall Conference in Marshfield will be held September 7, 8, & 9th, 1990. MMS to accept the minutes with this change.

TREASURERS REPORT

George N. handed out a typed financial report of Area 74, showing a balance of \$6,563.58 as of 3-15-90. He asked that checks please be made payable to Area 74. MMS to accept Treasurers report.

DCM REPORTS

All DCM's present gave a report on their district.

An up-date of the Spring Conference, May 18, 19, 20, 1990 was given. The Holiday Inn in Marquette, MI has a rate of \$39 per room. Cut off date for the Saturday night banquet is May 6 as only 400 can be served.

10:30 – BREAK

The Assembly moved on at 10:50 with Chuck S. explaining the light system - for the only time in two years. A show of hands confirmed that the light system be used.

ELECTION OF AREA 74 TREASURER

Nominees: George N., Otto B. Tom C. (voting by the Third Legacy Procedure)

George N. was elected on the second ballot.

MMS to have the election on the Archives Chairperson today. This motion because some were not able to make the meeting due to the bad weather and were interested in the chair.

Nominees: Doris K. and John H. By a majority vote, the new chair of the Archives is John H., Ishpeming, MI.

Paul H. gave a report on the Past Delegates Conference held recently. The East Central Region has been asked to host a hospitality room at the International Conference in Seattle. This would be a suite for four days at a cost of \$400 to our Area. The motion was made to approve this amount and seconded. Six were opposed.

MINI-SERVICE SEMINARS

Chuck explained the purpose of these seminars is to help members and groups become more informed and adhere to the 5th Tradition. In order not to use so much of Chucks time, the Area should be split into four areas and use old timers therein. Chuck passed out a questionnaire regarding these seminars and asked that they be returned to him. He found the two most asked for points in a seminar are: 1) focus on group and 2) service sponsorship. We can all function better as an Area with the aid of the seminar.

12:00 NOON - LUNCH

The Grapevine display, brought by Jim S., was discussed. This display would be taken to conferences, assemblies, etc. And handed down to the next GV chairperson. Motion was made to reimburse Jim S. for his cost. Seconded. Passed with Aye vote.

CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

A copy of these guidelines was published in the February Now & Then. MMS to approve these guidelines with two revisions:

- 1) Item 8 under Planning A Conference: (last sentence) Conference flyers, agendas, etc. included in the Now & Then, will be printed free of charge for three (3) consecutive months, prior to the conference.
- 2) Hosting the Conference - new sentence added regarding the final action of the Conference: In any event, the Area must receive a minimum of \ of the profits and remaining monies should remain in Alcoholics Anonymous rather than supporting outside enterprises.

A revised copy of the guidelines will be given to all in attendance at the business meeting at the Spring Conference. The Secretary will keep a copy in her records.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS & PRUDENT RESERVE

Before George N. started this presentation, he asked that Area 74 donations be sent to him at 1200 Hertiage Dr., New Richmond, WI 54017. His co-signer will be Mike E.

George stated that any reorganization that takes in money, has to pay tax on it. Therefore, qualify as a tax exempt organization or has to be under the internal revenue code. There are two types of tax exemption: 1) tax exempt but to whom donations are given and are deductible 2) tax exempt but donations are not tax deductible. Our Area would qualify for a tax exempt status as alcohol rehabilitation and would have to change our basic organization of Area 74. This would be to incorporate or make up by-laws. Then a lot of paper work would have to be done. George will make up this whole presentation to be printed in the Now & Then to share with our groups and he will also check into figures for doing the paper work.

The Assembly was asked "Will the Area allow our Regional Trustee, Jan Whitney, to address the Spring Conference business meeting and not address the Saturday night banquet." After a discussion of is this an area or district decision, Len D. will take care of it.

All were in agreement that at the Spring Conference in Marquette, we will bid on the Spring 1991 and 1992 conferences. In 1991, we will bid on the 1993 Spring Conference. Same applies to the Fall Conference.

Chuck S. asked for agenda items for Marquette:

1) The Palmer, MI GSR stated the group would like to re-open the matter of reimbursement of area officers. Committee reports will be heard in Marquette.

Paul H. asked about a donation to the Church (site of the Assembly) MMS to give the church \$75 and \$48.18 for donuts, etc.

Paul spoke of the following items to be discussed at the GSO Conference:

- 1) new committee - Central Office & Intergroups
- 2) Omit names of hotels and motels from calendar of events in back of GV.
- 3) Delete directories - maybe use 800 number, or directories just list Central offices, hot lines, DCM's and Area officers.
- 4) Forming a committee of trusted servants of long sobriety to go to see how issues were handled long ago.

Chuck reviewed the announcements. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 3:25PM.

Spring Conference

Marquette, WI

5-19-90

The Business meeting of Area 74 was opened at 9:12AM by Alt. Delegate/ Chairperson, Chuck Stokes. He gave a brief explanation of the Area structure as shown on large detailed maps. The body was then told that the previously printed agenda had to be thrown out as we had to be out of the room at 2:00PM.

Readings followed - How It Works, Twelve Traditions and the 12 Concepts. Announcements were made, and thanks to the Conference Committee.

As the Business meeting this date will be shortened, a vote was taken to have a Fall Assembly. This tentatively set for August 18 in the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area. Watch the Now & Then for details.

Trish K. gave an update on the Fall Conference to be held in Marshfield September 7, 8 and 9, 1990.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Paul H., Delegate; Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Chairperson; George N., Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary; John H., Archives Chair; Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair, Jim S., Grapevine Chair, Rolland G., Institutions Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Chris H., Tom C., Jeff C.-Now & Then staff. Absent - Gary F., PI Chair

PAST DELEGATES:

Present: Jim S. (Panel 38), Dave R. (Panel 36), Chris H. (Panel 34), John H. (Panel 32), Dick H. (Panel 30), Gene L. (Panel 28), Len D. (Panel 26), Paul S. (Panel 24), Bish C. (Panel 12), Bob Z. (Panel 14)

Also present - David A., Dallas TX, Past Delegate and Trustee and Jan W. Regional Trustee

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S:

Present: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21 Absent: 09, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19

SECRETARYS REPORT

The minutes of the Spring Assembly held in Rhinelander on March 17, 1990 were read. MMS to accept the minutes as read.

TREASURERS REPORT

George N. gave all in attendance a typed financial report of Area 74, showing a balance of \$7,050.90 as of 5-15-90. He requested that checks please be made payable to Area 74. MMS to accept Treasurers report. The issue of the tax exempt status will be an agenda item for the Fall Assembly. By-laws appear to be a stumbling block. Watch for article in the Now & Then. Facts are being gathered regarding the prudent reserve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rollie G., Institutions –

There will be a cook-out at Kettle Moraine on June 2 and one at Sanger B. Powers on June 21. After buying Big Books, etc, Rollie has money left. He also has tapes that can be loaned out. The area corrections map is being up-dated.

Gil M., - Treatment Facilities –

This is the first committee of this kind in Area 74 and there has been lots of interest. He is planning a work shop for August.

John H., Archives –

He is finding this very interesting, has received a lot of stuff from GSO and is interviewing old AA members and making a written report. As we have no Central Office or a place to preserve the archives, the Area should look into this. When he has all the material preserved, he will make a display. To send information to John for the Archives - Rt. 1, Box 490, Ishpeming, MI 49849

Jim S., Grapevine –

The GV is healthy, has 133,000 subscribers and there will be a price increase in June. Display set up in lobby of hotel. Jim will give a pocket GV to all who look at it.

Tom C., - Now & Then –

They are mailing 800 issues but many are not paid. Hat was passed for another electric stapler. MMS to give \$1500 to the Now & Then which should be enough for five months (maybe).

John C., Literature –

He now has available the Big Book in large print and work books. MMS to bring the Literature Committee's treasury to \$500.00. John asked that districts or groups needing literature, to request same at least a month prior to assembly or conference.

PI Committee - Paul H.

read a letter from Gary F. stating that he is graduating from college and has accepted a job in Sheboygan, WI. This in Area 75; thus he has to resign the PI Chairmanship. By unanimous vote, the new PI Chairman is Alex Johnson, 4023 Carl St., Wausau, WI.

Paul H., Area 74 Delegate,

gave a report on the recent GSO Conference in New York. A full report will be available in the Fall. Paul issued a challenge to Area 74 to raise donations to GSO from the current 48.4% to 55%. It was a good conference and Paul picked up a lot.

LUNCH - 12:04PM

1:00 PM - bids for Spring Conference, 1991- none - but after talking and phone calls, it will be April 12, 13, 14, 1991 at the Civic Center in Eau Claire.

The motion was made, seconded and the majority ruled to move the Spring conferences to April. The delegate could give his report at the Fall conference. The Spring Assembly would then be held in May. A short discussion was held as to why there are no bids for conferences.

MMS to hold Spring Conference in 1992 at the Paper Valley in Appleton on May 21, 22, and 23rd.

A discussion was opened on the reimbursement of Area officers. The Palmer, MI group has two points: 1) There was not a collective conscious taken at the Fall 1989 Assembly. This item was voted on to table for further discussion and brought back to the table after half the collective conscious left the meeting. 2) Reimbursement is not a problem but the way it is handled and where money is going. "How can you reimburse something that is not done yet?". Doreen M. read the minutes from that Assembly in Oshkosh. The minority was heard then and asked for today. Len D. stated that we should come prepared for discussions and all items of business. It is our responsibility. As we had to leave the room, the discussion will continue at the Fall Assembly.

MMS to give Paul H. \$300 for the International Convention in Seattle. Paul H. presented a large print copy of the Big Book to the Archives. Meeting adjourned at 2:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen M, Secretary Area 74

Fall Assembly

Kingsford, MI

8-18-90

The Area 74 Fall Assembly was opened at 9:30AM by Chuck S., Alt./ Delegate/Area Chairperson. Following were readings of How It Works, The 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts.

Chuck had many announcements for the balance of this year and many for 1991. Watch the Now and Then for details.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Paul H., Delegate; Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Chairperson; George N., Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary, John H., Archives Chair; Rolland G., Institutions Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Chris H., Tom C, Jeff C.,-Now & Then staff; Alex J., PI Chair

Absent: Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair & Jim S., Grapevine Chair

PAST DELEGATES PRESENT:

Dave R. (Panel 36), Kris H. Panel 34), John H. (Panel 32), Dick H. (Panel 30), Paul S. (Panel 24), Bish C. (Panel 12).

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S:

Present: 02, 05, 06, 08, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 Absent: 01, 03, 04, 07, 09, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19, 21

SECRETARYS REPORT:

Doreen M. read the minutes of the Spring Conference held in Marquette MI on 5-19-90. After deleting the sentence "The Spring Assembly would then be held in May.", from these minutes, MMS to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Those are the meeting were given a typed financial report by the treasurer, George N. Ending balance as of 8-16-90 is \$5,849.88. He stated that he has not done any more on the prudent reserve issue as he does not have some of the previous years figures. The Secre-tary will pok in past minutes for these. This item and the issue for our qualifying as a tax exempt organization, will be moved to the Spring Assembly. MMS to accept the Treasurers report.

The Area 74 Delegate, Paul H. passed on the following information: 1) All DCM's are to take the 1990 Conference reports for their dis-trict 2) East Central Regional Conference - August 2, 3 and 4, 1991 in Decatur, IL 3) Cassette "Hope-Alcoholic Anonymous" is available for the Treatment centers 4) General Service office in New York is moving to 475 Parkside Dr. for bigger quarters 5) Daily Reflections book for will for sale in October 6) books sold in Seattle are still for sale 7) a new Grapevine Handbook will be mailed to GV reps 8) DCM's will get group information sheets at the Fall Conference.

Chuck S. gave a review of the origin of the issue of reimbursement for Area Officers. To speak to this issue, the 2 minute lite system was used. Many gave view of their groups, others personal opinions. After a lengthy discussion, the issue seems to be satisfied.

After a short lunch break, the meeting was resumed at 12:30.. ., ' ;

Chuck S. reviewed a letter handed to all in attendance from Area 75 CPC Committee. As our Area does not wish to get involved with this at this time, Chuck will answer the letter accordingly.

Topic: How can Area 74 committee chairperson serve the Area effectively. PI Chairperson has had no response from anyone, and without this, he cannot do his job effectively. Have an Area workshop? No, as we cannot stimulate interest where there is none. We should take back to our home groups information about all the committees and ask for volunteers. A suggestion was made that all 11 of the area officers rotate in writing an article for the Now & Then.

Topic: The possibility of forming a policy committee: for Area 74. Maybe we should have something on paper to make service work more attractive to new people. Something to fall back on in case of questions, the keeping of a "minutes book". And the previous chair-person keep a record of what done previously by the committee. Have a chairperson who speaks up, and maybe use past delegates. Topic tabled for future discussion.

Regarding Agenda items for the Fall conference, a discussion followed regarding the printing of this Agenda in the Now & Then. If not, the purpose of the Now & Then is being defeated. If printed, there will be more opinions from groups. The body present agreed, by a show of hands, that the Agenda will be printed.

MMS to give the church \$100 (\$50 for today and \$50 for 8-4-90 for Treatment Facilities workshop) and to pay \$26.25 for the PA system.

Doreen L. M

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM in the usual manner.

Fall Conference

Marshfield, WI

9-8-90

Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Area Chairperson, opening the business meeting at 9:00A.M. How It Works, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts were then read.

Chuck had many announcements, all of which will appear in the Now & Then. Of note, Area 75 Fall Conference will be October 19, 20 and 21 in Lake Geneva, WI.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Paul H., Delegate; Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Chairperson; George N., Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary; John H., Archives Chair; Rolland G., Institutions Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Alex J., PI Chair; Now & Then Staff-Chris H., Tom C. Jeff C; Jim S., GV Chair

Absent: Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair

PAST DELEGATE'S PRESENT:

Dave R. (Panel 36); Chris H. (Panel 34); John H. (Panel 32); Dick H. (Panel 30); Paul S. (Panel 24); Gene L. (Panel 28); Len D. (Panel 26); Bob Z. (Panel 14); Also, Bob B. and John B., past delegates from Area 75 and Mike S., past delegate from Chicago.

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S:

Present, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21

Absent: 15, 16, 19

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the Fall Assembly held in Kingsford, MI on 8-18-90, were read by Doreen M. MMS to accept.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Those in attendance were given a typed financial report prepared by George N., Treasurer. The August contributions from groups was \$399.76, and showing a balance of \$5,946.90 as of 9-8-90. MMS and approved to simplify the Treasurers report. MMS to accept current report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

John H.-Archives: The word is out that John is chairperson of this committee and he is following leads by contacting old timers, widows, etc. Dist. 02 gave the committee a copy of it's Archive booklet. John was also given an original of the Saturday Evening Post article written by Jack Alexander, and many other items. A really old item is something printed by "Works".

Rolland G. - Institutions: Rollie pointed out the framed map of WI showing the institutions around the state. Thanks to all who helped with it. He also had information regarding outside sponsorship, requirement sheets to fill out to get in an institution, etc. Fox Lake is always looking for books-not cash. If donations are made to the Area, and some to go to Corrections, please let the Treasurer know. Rollie also has many films available that can be taken in prisons. The yearly workshop will be in Wausau on October 13, 1990 at 9A.M.

John C. - Literature: The purpose of having the literature display is to make us aware of what we have. With the money given to John at the Spring Conference, he bought all the committee workbooks. Also, he has the Big Book in large print, 12x12 in soft cover and various new pamphlets. A show of hands by the body present indicated that John is not to carry "trinkets" but only Conference approved AA literature.

Alex J. - PI: Dist. 02 is active with their PI Comm., 05 & 06 are having a PI workshop on Nov. 10, 07 participated in a Health Fair and is active with the religious community, 08 has bus posters promoting the hot line and had an overwhelming response from the schools, 12 is distributing conference approved literature to the religious community and doctors' offices and Dist. 21 is doing the same including hospitals and jails.

Jim S. - Grapevine? The next issue of the GV will have articles about the convention in Seattle. There are 46 GV reps in Area 74 and we were reminded that they should be registered with GSO.

Now & Then - Jeff C.: The current mailing is a tad under 800. Of that, 578 are to groups and the rest personal subscriptions. Please remember that Now & Then does charge for running flyers. Jeff asked the Area for \$2,200 which is 7 months operating expenses, including a projected postal increase. MMS and approved.

Chuck S. talked about the Mini-Service Seminars being basically a sharing session on AA as a whole. Purpose is for everyone to be more informed. Most of his requests are for home group information.

Following a short break, Chuck opened the bidding for the 1991 Fall Conference. Bids were received from Districts 08 (Mid-Way Motor Lodge in Wausau) 04 (Holiday Inn Holidome in Stevens Point), 21 (Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI) and 0? (Embassy Suites in Green Bay). A run-down was given of who is eligible to vote - GSR's (if not present-there alternate), DCM's (if not present-there alternate), the Officers of Area 74, Past Delegates of Area 74, Committee Chairpersons and Staff of the Now & Then. A MMS to vote all four bids. Ayes had it. However, Len D. spoke to the minority regarding vote of Now & Then Staff. Do they have 3 votes or 1? MMS and accepted by ayes to move for reconsideration to vote. After more discussion, the questions was called. After more discussion, MMS that Now & Then Editors have 1 vote in business meetings and assemblies on a permanent basis. Motion carried.

Because of this vote, a MMS to re-establish the voting number in the meeting. Approved and will be done by count-down. The first vote on conference sites was thrown out but MMS and ok'd to keep Dist. 02 bids as they were low in the first vote. The voting finally choose Houghton, MI as the site for the 1991 Fall Conference. Dates - September 20, 21 and 22, 1991. Into the scheduled lunch break, a voting procedure choose Stevens Point, Dist. 04, as the site of the 1992 Fall Conference.

The meeting started again at 1:20PM with our being told that we could register today for the Spring Conference. And all is going well for same.

Agenda item: Possibility of having the Spring Conference and the Spring Assembly held in permanent locations: Discussion followed -conference should not be monopoly on certain city, show of hands that it should move around, area is stimulated so why defeat that now, assembly should be centrally located.

Agenda item: Possible purchase of small portable PA System for Area use: prices were given and various options of equipment -buy today and it would be outdated tomorrow - could the conference rent one - not needed every time - Area chairperson would have to haul it around - show of hands indicated not to buy this item.

Area 74 Delegate, Paul H. told how neat it was to have so many bids for the Fall conferences. After discussing a Spring Assembly, Paul stated that it will be in Rhineland, May 18, 1991. This will be a voting assembly and to hear the delegates report.

In the new Daily Reflections book, AA approved, Harold S. will be January 6 and John H. January 5. Paul has information on Loners and Homers. GV has new tapes - Best of the '80's and 90's??? A future project for the GV is to meet the needs of the blind.

Agenda item: Discussion on whether Area 74's Conference Business Meetings and Area Assemblies are meeting our needs: are we losing interest in what we are trying to do? Change way of conducting business? Be careful about imitating other area's as it may not be applicable to us. Business meetings dictate what happens at conferences. Have more communication with conference committee.

An agenda item for the Spring Conference will be to talk to the delegate. Print conference program in Now & Then, especially the Friday night starting time. Possible item - separate banquet and dance ticket for Sat. night at conferences. The reimbursement of Area officers will not be an agenda item.

MMS to adjourn meeting at 3:02PM. Approved.

SPRING ASSEMBLY

Rhineland, WI

3-16-91

The Assembly was opened at 9:03 A.M. by Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Area Chairperson, followed by the reading of How It Works, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts. Chuck reminded us that we are here today to bring our collective conscious together for our delegate who will be going to New York to the yearly Conference of GSO in April.

ROLL CALL

Present: Paul H., Delegate; Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Area Chairperson; George N., Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary, John H., Archives Chair; Jim S., GV Chair; Rolland G., Institutions Chair; John C., Literature Chair, Alex J., PI Chair; Now & Then Staff-Chris H, Tom C. & Jeff C. Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair

PAST DELEGATE'S PRESENT

Dave R. (Panel 36); Chris H. (Panel 34); John H. (Panel 32); Dick H. (Panel 30) .

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S

Present: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20 & 21 Absent: 03, 09, 11, 15, 16, 17

After a correction, the Secretary's minutes of the Fall Conference, on 9-8-90, were approved as read.

George N., Area 74 Treasurer, went over the typed financial statement that was given to all in attendance. At this time, because the Area is not flush with money, there is no need for a prudent reserve. A draft of by-laws will be ready at the Spring Conference. MMS and approved to accept the Treasurers report.

MMS and approved to pay \$150 for the use of the meeting place and supplies for this Assembly.

Three hundred dollars was spent by Chuck S. for literature, printing, etc. for materials to be used at the mini-service seminars. As this should be an Area expense, it was MMS and approved to reimburse Chuck \$300.00. Paul H. stated that the money allotted to the area officers is to be used for personal services rendered for the Area.

DCM REPORTS

Dist. 01, James W - Six to 25 attend the monthly meetings. There is talk of a Central office. Corrections Committee is doing OK.

Dist. 02 - Jim S - Two hot lines (Appleton & Oshkosh). PI Comm. is working with the schools. 25 per GSR meeting. Posters for buses will soon be done. Treatment Comm. is very active and successful. Archives is going well. GV Chair has a respectable display to show at Intergroups. Dist.'s 01 and 02 will have a mini-service seminar on May 4 in Little Chute

Dist. 04 - George C - Thanks to Chuck for the mini-service seminar in 4 inches of snow. Looking forward to 1992 Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn

Dist. 05 - Les P - 15 to 20 at monthly meetings. 41 registered groups. Getting more involved and getting into jobs. PI Comm. meets with Dist. 06 and meetings are well attended. "Carrying the Message" workshop coming up. Dist. co-hosting Spring Conference.

Dist. 06 - Tracy - Currently in recession with attendance for district meetings. A meeting list is being printed.

Dist. 07 - Al - As of yet, no new DCM as Trish moved to IL. 7 to 12 attend monthly meetings.

Dist. 08 - Carl - PI Comm. is real active. Had TV and radio spots over the holidays. With Alanon, a work shop was held on the 12 Traditions. An April "Endorsement Day" will be held with local officers (law). More AA involvement at the treatment center. A meeting is held twice a month called Double Trouble for the mentally ill.

Dist. 10 - Larry V - 2nd Sat. is the GSR meeting that travels and 9-10 attend. Need help on CPS comm. A new meeting list is done. A new AA phone line has been added.

Dist. 12 - Bob L - 50 groups. Dist. meetings are moved around on a 3 month basis. 20-24 attend. Going strong like "hammers in hell." CPC fell on deaf ears. Grapevines were sent to the troops.

Dist. 13 - Dan R - is the new DCM. Attendance has grown at monthly meetings. They now have an AA answering service.

Dist. 14 - Larry L - Meetings are held 2nd Tues. and 8-10 attend out of 36 meetings. Trying to encourage more to come.

Dist. 18 - Mary - 40- registered groups. 4 open meetings. Active CPC committee. Two hot lines. A weekly jail meeting is held. Panels are held at the treatment centers every Sunday. Meeting list is being done.

Dist. 19 - Jerry J - 1st Wednesday is meeting but difficult to get people involved. 5-10 attend. Drafting "aims and purposed" for GSR's. Need funding for a phone line.

Dist. 20 - Tom C - Small in people - big in area. Only a GSR meeting held when needed. Groups are growing.

Dist. 21 - Randy M - Has ups and downs. No jail meeting as too many were involved and are working on new agreement with sheriff. 11 meetings in Dist. 21. Very grateful for Fall Conference. Cut off for banquet is 9-5-91.

A Spring Conference up-date was given by Les P. and Carol M. Register for the banquet early. Agenda of conference has been in the Now and Then They need reliable alternates for panels. On April 12 at 8PM, there will be a PI Committee meeting.

Paul H gave highlights of the Trustee's report given in Appleton in February at the Delegate/Past Delegate Conference. Briefly:

AAWS, Inc.

Salaries averaging only 5.5% increase.

Soft sales of literature during 1990 were boosted in 3rd quarter because of the Daily Reflections book. Sales picking up in January, 1991.

Contributions were 1.5% higher than budgeted and 9.3% greater than 1989. Operating expenses were 2.2% less than budgeted for 1990.

Joint meeting of AAWS and GV - consensus at this time not to produce chips and medallions.

HOPE is now available in Spanish. Arabic BB is ready.

Paul told of a new book, "AA in Prisons - Inmate to Inmate" and price is \$2.95. This can be ordered by calling the order desk and has to be ordered in lots of 10 or more. Paul will be serving 3 functions at the conference in New York. A group from MI and the minority want the Six-Point description of an A.A. group deleted from the service manual. This has been printed since 1965, with no authorization and no one knows where it came from. Paul was asked to find out more information. MMS and approved for Paul to take to New York, that the original wording be put back in the AA Group pamphlet.

Paul discussed the new location of GSO in New York. The name of the new building is "Interchurch Center". Three millions dollars will be saved in rent over a 10 year period. It is in the second safest neighborhood of Manhattan. For Paul at the conference: 1) AA not be listed as a tenant 2) remember spirituality before financial aspects 3) no reference to buildings name on AA literature, mailings, stationary, etc.

A lengthy discussion was held on a questionnaire for the 1991 GSO conference workshop – Sponsorship: Gratitude in Action. Paul has a lot of comments to take from this assembly and groups.

At the Fall Conference, elections for new area officers will be held. Paul asked that we think about his not going to the GV Chair. He has strong feelings about this and would like to be on the Now and Then staff.

Paul's conference report will not be personally reported but in the Box 4 5 9 for all to read. A Fall Assembly location will be decided at a later date. This will be a voting assembly as the Fall Conference will be elections.

John C. asked for an agenda item for the Spring Conference - a look at Area finances and contributions.

After giving our blessings to Paul for the New York conference, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen M.

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE

Eau Claire, WI

4-13-91

After opening the meeting in the usual manner at 9:07AM this date, Chuck asked how many were here for the first time. About 8 - SUPER!!

Chuck asked that we think about a Fall Assembly as Area elections will take up the whole time at the Fall Conference.

Reading of How It Works, followed by announcements. Randy reminded us to book rooms early for the Fall Conference. The 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts were then read.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Area Chairperson; George N. Treasurer; Mike E. Co-Treasurer; Doreen M., Secretary; John H., Archives Chair; Jim S., GV Chair; Rolland G., Corrections Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Alex J., PI Chair; Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair, Now & Then Staff - Tom C. and Jeff C.

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S:

Present: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 Absent: 07, 11, 15

PAST DELEGATES PRESENT:

Jim S. (Panel 38); Dave R. (Panel 36); John H. (Panel 32); Dick H. (Panel 30); Gene L. (Panel 28); Len D. (Panel 26); Bob B. - Area 75

Doreen M read the minutes of the Spring Assembly held 3-16-91. MMS and approved as read.

George N handed out his financial report, discussed same and indicated that the balance on hand would increase because of donations given at this conference. MMS and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as read.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: John H. stated that the purpose of this committee is designed to help preserve the history of AA in Area 74. He received a packet of information from the son of a deceased old timer, including newspaper articles, letters from GSO, Grapevines, etc. As John would like to make all of the committees items visable, he is looking into a carry-display case. Maybe a future agenda item should be regarding anonymity in the archives materials.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: Last Fall, there was a work shop attended by 22 people and was very informative. Gil stated that the treatment centers as the best place to find the still suffering alcoholic. It is important to keep the channels open between the committee and these centers. An-other work shop is being planned with details to follow. Gil is getting a lot of newsletters and is grateful for them and keep them coming.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Alex J stated that the workshop held last night (4-12-91) was not well attended because the room number was not announced. He will have another

one at the Fall Conference. Alex reported that various districts have PI projects going and to please let him know who is the PI chairman in the districts.

LITERATURE: John C noted the two new books he has for sale - Daily Reflections and AA in Prisons/Inmate to Inmate. His sales of various items has been covering costs for his display. John maintains \$500 of literature and would like for us to think about - should the money he takes in go to the conference treasury - or to order more literature as is now his practice. As John believes in rotation, he will not run for Literature chair in September.

GRAPEVINES Jim S has a display set up in the lobby. The cartoon, Victor E, is looking for new ideas from the Fellowship. Back to Basics Volume I and II are for sale.

INSTITUTIONS: Rollie G informed us that the annual fund raiser for his committee, raised \$610 in Navarino in February. The Spenser group folded and donated all of its literature to this committee. Events are coming up in Fox Lake, Oshkosh and Kettle Moraine. All need prior approval, with Oshkosh having an orientation seminar. GSO is asking for 65 contact for a pen pal/sponsor type program. Waupun prison is looking for an outside sponsor. Oshkosh needs contact persons (these are not sponsors). Contact Mike M of Dist. 02. The new book is item B13 on the order form. There will be a workshop in October at the Alano Club in Wausau. Details to follow.

NOW & THEN: Tom C reported that due to the increase of postage and of printing, they have had a 15% operating increase. Subscriptions are \$6 per year. Tom was asked why they didn't use bulk mailing. This was tried by previous staff, has no priority, thus being late with all the dated announcements. MMS and approved to give the Now & Then \$2,000.

Joe S reported that he had checked with the post office regarding bulk mailing. It would be 19.80 per copy with no limit on weight. Mailing could take as much as four more days. If we had a non-profit status, the Now & Then could be mailed for 110 per copy.

Chuck S talked about the mini-service seminars. People are confused and frightened by the structure of AA. By covering the structure, home group and traditions, we can become more informed. Get a Service Manual and bring a friend to the seminars.

Chuck asked for bids for the 1993 Spring Conference. Alex J of Dist. 08 presented the ONE bid. Bid as follows: Holiday Inn, Wausau, \$60-72 room rates, 183 rooms, \$6 registration, \$15 Dinner and \$7 breakfast. MMS and approved to close the bids. MMS and approved to accept the bid from Dist. 08. Date of Spring Conference will be in April as Alex had to contact the hotel to see if another week end other than April 2-4 was available.

The topic of our Delegate, Paul H, wanting not to rotate to the Grapevine Chair after his delegates term, was discussed. If Paul is in fact not willing to rotate to the GV, how is it going to be resolved. A GV Chairperson will have to be elected at the Fall Conference. This decided by a show of hands. After comments by past delegates in attendance, and others, MMS and approved to have the Secretary write a letter to Paul. (Copy attached) The letter basically to ask him to full-fill his obligation.

George N gave a brief history of Area 74 finances. In the late '70's, the balance of the treasury was \$2,000, by the mid '80's it was \$6,000 and in the Spring of 1990, the balance was \$9,000. There are 575 registered groups in Area 74. In 1990, 48% of them contributed to GSO. Only

20% contributed to the Area. Groups are needed to contribute in order to get back on a pay-as-you-go basis, as previously done.

The Seventh Tradition panel followed. Participants and topics:

1. The background and purpose of self support - Tom C
2. The spiritual aspect of tradition seven - John C
3. Ways to contribute and ways to encourage self support-Dick H

Discussion and comments followed. Groups have to be educated regarding donations. GSR's responsibility.

Chuck passed out a printed topic and asked all to read and discuss. This is "How is area 74 being served by our trusted servants?". Are we giving titles away? Important for all to read the quarterly report from GSO.

George N and Joe S continued with a discussion regarding by-laws and a tax exempt ID number for Area 74. If we had this number, funds could be deposited in an interest bearing account and not be subject to income taxes. This would save the Now & Then a substantial amount of money. To get this number, by-laws are needed. From the legal stand point, we do not have to incorporate. Adopt single by-laws, they will be "rubber stamped" by IRS and State of WI. Questions - should we do it and what kind of procedure to be used to adopt the by-laws. MMS and approved to have a draft of the by-laws at the Fall Assembly on August 24, 1991. MMS and approved that the Area Committee will review this draft and make recommendations to the body attending the Fall Assembly .

Agenda items for the Fall Assembly:

- 1) By-laws discussion
- 2) letter to Paul
- 3) Bid for 1993 Fall Conference
- 4) Use of last names in secretary's minutes
- 5) Panel on anonymity in service structure
- 6) Archives display
- 7) Area Committees having workshops on Friday night at conferences

MMS and approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:25PM.

Paul H., Delegate Area 74

504 N Margaret Street Kaukauna, WI 54130

Dear Paul,

This is a loving invitation from the Area 74 business meeting held April 12, 1991 in Eau Claire at the Spring Conference.

After considerable discussion, the collective conscience of this body, is asking that you full-fill your obligation by accepting the Grapevine Chair.

The Fall Assembly will be held August 24, 1991 at a location of your choosing. We will be discussing your decision at this time.

Your prayerful consideration of this matter is asked by all.

Yours in the Fellowship

Doreen L M.

Secretary, Area 74

CC: Chuck Stokes

Alt. Delegate/ Area Chairperson

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY

Wausau, WI

August 24, 1991

An opening welcome was given by Chuck S, Alternate Delegate/Area Chairperson, especially to the newcomers. He explained the maps of Area 74 and encouraged newcomers not to feel intimidated.

Chuck read many announcements, including that the 5 State Conference in 1992 will be in Indianapolis, IN. More information to follow.

The body assembled Traditions by Dale Then heard R. and How It Works, read by Carol M read the 12 Concepts.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Area 74 Delegate, Chuck S., Alternate Delegate/ Doreen M., Secretary, George N., Treasurer, Jim H., Archives Chair, Alex J., PI Chair, Rolland G., Corrections Chair, John C., Literature Chair, Now & Then staff -Chris H., Tom C., Jeff C. Absent - Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair, Paul H Area Chairperson GV Chair, John H,

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S

Present: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 Absent: 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 03

PAST DELEGATES PRESENT

Jim S (Panel 38) Dave R (Panel 36) Dick H (Panel 30) Len D (Panel 26) Chris H (Panel 34) John H (Panel 32)

The Secretary's minutes of the 1991 Spring Conference were read by Secretary, Doreen M. MMS and approved the minutes as read.

George N passed out to all in attendance the Treasurers report from 4/15/91 through 8/21/91. (copy attached) As of this date (8/24/91) the check book balance is \$5,148.69. George stated that Area 74 needs \$7,000 to 8,000 a year to break even. Len D. made a motion to have George prepare a graph showing expenditures of Area 74 for the past 5 years. Motion seconded and passed.

Terry M showed a very nice stand-up display, explaining the Third Legacy voting procedure. MMS and approved for Terry to bring this display for use at the Fall Conference, adding who is eligible to vote.

A question was asked "If due to illness or accident, can a person be eligible in area elections"? This will be dealt with as it comes up. A show of hands put it to rest.

Jerry gave an update on the Fall Conference being held in Houghton, MI The Ramada Inn is now a Best Western and will honor reservations but not room rates. The Conference will open at 7:00PM September 20, 1991 Directions - keep driving North until hitting Lake Superior - turn rig

Jim S gave a report on the 1992 Spring Conference to be held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Rates for rooms are \$62 single and \$69 double.

BIDS FOR 1993 FALL CONFERENCE

Dist. 01 –

Midway Motor Lodge, Green Bay

2nd or 3rd weekend in September

\$31.50 - registration, banquet and breakfast

Dist. 05 –

Holiday Inn, Eau Claire

Registration - \$6, Banquet - \$15, Breakfast - \$8 Room rate - \$60ish

Dist. 13 –

Ashland

Civic Center used Sat. for banquet and Sunday

breakfast Panels, etc. held in church \$4-Registration, \$9 Banquet, \$7 Breakfast 3rd or 4th weekend in September

Dist. 18 –

Marquette, MI

University to be used but complicated because of football schedule

MMS and approved to close the bids.

By a show of hands, after a motion was made and seconded, the members present stated "if a GSR or alternate is not present, the person the group designated to vote for them, can do so."

Using the Third Legacy procedure and after four ballots, the 1993 Fall Conference bid was drawn from Rollie's hat. Dist. 13 will host this conference.

At this time, Chuck S opened the topic of Paul H and the GV Chair. He stated that there are no records stating the delegate goes to the GV Chairmanship. As Paul was at the GSO Conference and not at the Spring Conference, Chuck read the letter to him of 4-15-91. This asking Paul to full-fill his obligation by accepting the GV Chair. Mention was then made that delegates term is four years - 2 as delegate and 2 in a rotated office - but nothing is written in stone. Paul mentioned this fact and that he was appealing to the body present to go gracefully. He is growing tired and wants to sit back and listen. Also, there are a few health problems to consider, and consider his thoughts and feelings. His heart would not be in it and he would not be doing us a service.

Among comments that followed:

GV is our voice in print so you and I can communicate. Paul is person ideally suited for this job as he has immediate access to GSO and the ready mental access.

Delegates wishes are to be respected and be up to him (or her).

Should be a clear understanding before the next delegate, regarding this commitment.

Question - why is GV so important only past delegate can serve? Why not told this at time of election?

A 1977 GSO conference action to get people involved with GV and be part of delegate's job.

As Paul doesn't want the GV, 2 people present indicated they did.

Past Delegate Jim S was asked about this - "heart not in it"

Tradition of a trusted servant - honor commitment.

Paul H made the statement "I don't want to serve" and his wife agreed that he cannot do it. MMS and approved to exempt Paul H from 2 year duty as Grapevine Chairperson.

LUNCH

Meeting began again at 1:15PM. MMS and approved to pay Alano Club \$35 for this day, \$35.50 for donuts and \$4 for coffee.

Paul H continued, telling us that Wayne Parks resigned as General Mgr. of GSO effective 8-1-91. There will be a replacement by 10-1-91. Our new East Central Regional Coordinator is Joanie Moncrief. Donation of Inmate to Inmate, Daily Reflections and GSO report was given to the Archives by Paul H.

Three people presented topic concerning Anonymity. Well done.

At this time, the discussion was regarding publishing last names in the Secretary's minutes. After a lot of comments and a few motions, it was MMS and approved that first and last names will be in the Secretary's report. This beginning with the Fall Conference, 1991. When reprinted in the Now and Then, only first name and last initial will be used.

MMS and approved for an inventory of the Now and Then to be an agenda item for the Spring Assembly. Also, at that Assembly, John H, Archives (or whoever) will have something to show for a display for the material that has been donated.

(In the meeting rooms, do not have the pictures facing the wrong way of Dr. Bob and Bill W.)

Continuing - area committees holding Workshops in conjunction with area conference. Should this be Friday night or Saturday after the business meeting? Or should one full day be planned for all committees (not at a conference)? The general opinion seemed to be that if the committee chairman wants a room, let the conference committee know and announce it. Decision to be up to the chairman of the committee.

The agenda item scheduled for 2pm regarding the ongoing creation of Area Bylaws, started at 3:10 with George N giving the background of this. The bylaws were given to all in attendance and noted by George, that this is progress, not perfection. He asked that we submit written suggestions. Many, many items were noted for change (too many for this space). The following procedure will apply for the reading of the By-law:

- 1) 1st reading August 24, 1991 Fall Assembly
- 2) 2nd reading Fall Conference
- 3) 3rd reading 1992 Spring Conference
- 4) 4th reading 1992 Fall Assembly

5) Final vote 1992 Fall Conference

MMS and approved that any expenses that incur for the Area Treasurer for mailing, etc. of the Bylaws, he will be reimbursed.

Dick H mentioned "it works so good - it should be fixed". This after another discussion regarding 2 or 4 year term of the Area delegate.

Another agenda item for the Spring Assembly would be an Intergroup office.

Chuck S ended this Assembly with an emotional thank you to all for the past year and months. Quote "The Fellowship will straighten you out in an instant".

Adjourned at 4:27PM in the usual manner. Respectfully submitted,

Fall Conference

Houghton, MI

9-21-91

The Area 74 Business meeting was opened by Chuck Stokes at 8:45AM. Then followed the reading of How It Works, Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts. Announcements followed.

Paul H., Area 74 Delegate, also had several announcements, including he had more annual reports to distribute. The theme of the 1992 General Service Conference will be "AA In A Changing World". Among discussion items will be the adopting of the display card "What You See Hear, etc., and the Big Book being printed in American sign language. Paul also told that a large expense of operating is legal expenses. Especially for violation of copyrights for "do-dad" items.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chuck S., Alt. Delegate/Chairperson; Doreen M., Secretary; George N., Treasurer; Paul H., Delegate; Jim S., Grapevine Chair; John H., Archives Chair; Alex J., PI Chair; Gil M., Treatment Facilities Chair; John C., Literature Chair; Rolland G., Institutions Chair; Now & Then Staff, Tom C., Jeff C. and Chris H.

ROLL CALL OF DCM'S

Present: Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21
No DCM or Alternate present: 11 and 15

PAST DELEGATES PRESENT:

Bish C, Paul S., Len D., Gene L., Dick H., John H., Chris H., Dave R., Jim S.

Also in attendance, Jan W., East Central Regional Trustee.

Doreen M. read the minutes of the Fall Assembly, held in Wausau, August 24, 1991. MMS and approved to accept minutes as read.

The agenda for today called for election of new Area 74 officers starting at 1:00 PM. John H. asked at this time for a change in the agenda. MMS and approved to have the elections after the Treasurers report and the Now & Then's presentation. This followed by a vote to re-vote. No.

Treasurer, George N., gave his report and explained a graph showing Area 74 1988-1991 income and expenses. (copies attached). George suggested an agenda for the Spring Assembly regarding the fact that we are spending more than we are taking in. MMS and approved to accept Treasurers report as presented. Comments, suggestions, etc. regarding the By-Laws should be in to George N. or Joe S. by 11-1-91.

With no discussion, Tom C.'s request for \$2,400 for the Now & Then was approved with a motion.

At 10:10AM, Paul H. started the election procedures by explaining who was eligible to vote. Area Officers will be elected by Third Legacy procedure and Area Chairpersons by majority vote.

ELECTION RESULTS:

DELEGATE (1 ballot) Chuck Stokes
Alt. Delegate/Chairperson Doreen Mathison
Secretary Joe Slatery
Treasurer George Norman
Corrections Chairperson Rolland Genske
Public Information Alex Johnson
Grapevine Chairperson Mort S
Treatment Facilities Gil McDonald
Archives Chairperson John Heidemann
Literature " Jerry Michaelson

NOON - Elections over, lunch break was taken.

(Before the election of the GV Chair, a motion was made, seconded that the out-going delegate be the GV Chair. yes - 35 and no - 42)

The meeting resumed at 1:13PM, with the following items for the agenda for the Spring Assembly:

- 1) Inventory of the Now & Then.
- 2) Second reading of the By-Laws.
- 3) Why do we have a Spanish story in the GV?
- 4) Delegate to bring topics for the General Service Conference for our feed back.
- 5) Creation of central office.
- 6) Area finances.
- 7) Clarification of Delegate/GV for By-Laws.
- 8) Panel discussion - Rotation

Alex J. asked Chuck S. for his commitment after his term of Delegate and rotating to the GV Chair. Chuck indicated he would be willing to do this.

Chuck Stokes continued with a topic that required no discussion. The \$900 reimbursement is not even close to amount needed (not complaining). Maybe the position of attending all area and regional functions, mini-service seminars, etc. should be re-considered and maybe resolved. There seems to be no choice in affording what to do.

Some time ago, Paul H. had challenged Area 74 to raise donations to GSO. At that time, 48% of groups contributed and now the figure has been raised to 51.3%.

Tom Canard presented the proposal of the Now & Then going to bulk mailing, after talking with the Post Master in Kaukauna. By going bulk:

- 1) \$70 a month savings - non-profit status or not
- 2) \$75 up front cost - one time
- 3) \$75 yearly fee - paid no matter what
- 4) 2 days longer for mailing

5) could be in place in January, 1992

6) no returns - only if 300 is paid

To eliminate names of people no longer GSR's, etc., a form to fill out and return could be used. Due to longer mailing, the dead line may have to be advanced. Chris H. pointed out that the mailing list would have to be done by zip code, and this completed in January after rotation of GSR's, officers, etc. Terry M. said the staff of the Now & Then should proceed with above.

At this time, according to district, all current DCM's introduced the new DCM from the mike.

Chuck S. gave thanks to all. Paul H. thanked all for allowing him to serve and it was a wonderful growing experience and rewarding. Our thanks to Jan Whitney for being here and acting as teller for the election.

Alex J. asked us to watch the Now & Then for two important things coming up.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32PM. And many thanks, gratitude and love from this alcoholic.

Respectfully submitted,

Area 74 Spring Assembly

Weston Municipal Center, Schofield, WI

3/26/1992

The Assembly was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Doreen M. Area Chairperson. Almost 100 people were in attendance.

Roll call

Area Officers: Chuck S., Delegate; Doreen M., Alternate Delegate and Chairperson; Joe S., Secretary; George N., Treasurer. All the Area Officers were present.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Rolland G., Correctional Facilities; Mort S., Grapevine; Jerry M., Literature; Tom C. and Chris H., Newsletter; Alex J., Public Information; Gil M., Treatment Facilities. All the Committee Chairpersons were present.

District Committee Members: Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21. Districts 11, 15, and 16 sent no DCM.

Past Delegates: John H., Panel 32; Chris H., Panel 3 4; Dave R., Panel 36; Paul H., Panel 40.

Reports

The Secretary read the minutes of the 1991 Fall Conference business meeting that was held in Houghton on September 21. One correction was noted: in the roll call of past delegates, Gene L. served on Panel 28, not Panel 38. The minutes were approved as read after the correction was made.

The Treasurer distributed a financial accounting that indicated there was a balance on hand of \$3,964.33 on March 12, 1992. He then gave a report on the transactions since our last meeting. The statement and report were approved.

DCMs gave their district reports from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. At this time the Delegate urgently requested a ten minute break. The reports resumed at 10:50 a.m.

Jim S. gave a report on the 1992 Area 74 Spring Conference to be held at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton on May 22, 23, and 24.

George C. (sneeze and add "ski") gave a report on the 1992 Area 74 Fall Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point on September 11, 12, and 13.

Alex J. gave a report on the 1993 Area 74 Spring Conference to be held at the Holiday Inn in Wausau on April 30, May 1 and 2 of next year.

Chuck S., Area Delegate, began his report at 11:00 a.m. The salient portions of his account follow:

Who serves who here in AA? Our structure is such that the groups are at the top of our organizational chart, and the General Service Conference is at the bottom. The AA service structure supports the groups, whose primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

DCMs: Please have the minutes of your district's GSR meeting sent to the Area Delegate.

- Communications are critical for successful Area 74 service work. We are best served by using the procedures outlined in the AA Service Manual, where the delegate works through the DCMs who in turn communicate with the groups by way of the GSRs. Written accounts of our transactions, which are necessary for service people such as GSRs and DCMs to function effectively, include the General Service Office reports, the annual report of the General Service Conference, Box 459, and the Area 74 newsletter "Now and Then".

Successful Area 74 service work also depends on the knowledge of and understanding by the trusted servants about how we function as a society and why things are the way they are. Our service structure, like everything else in AA, has been forged on the anvil of experience. Service people need to read three AA books: "AA Comes of Age", "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions", and the "AA Service Manual".

We have a new General Service Office Manager. His name is George D., he hails from San Francisco, and he has previously served our fellowship as a Delegate and as a Class B Trustee.

There are a limited number of free Grapevine subscriptions available to groups that may want them for institutions, public information, etc. They have been made available by a special fund consisting of donations by members to the Grapevine for this very purpose. See the Delegate for details.

Note that the street address of the General Service Office and the Grapevine has changed, but the mailing addresses of each still remain the same. The phone number for both GSO and the Grapevine will be 212-870-3400.

The 1992 East Central Regional Conference will be held at the Marriot Hotel in Indianapolis, IN on July 17, 18, and 19.

Next year a back to basics Big Book seminar led by Joe and Charlie will be held at 616 Graham Avenue in Eau Claire on January 15, 16, and 17.

The 1993 East Central Regional Delegates/Past Delegates Conference will be held in Fort Wayne, IN next February 12, 13, and 14.

The 1993 General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in New York, NY next April 17 through 25.

The 1993 East Central Regional Forum will be held in Fort Wayne, IN next May 14, 15, and 16.

The following items come from the Delegates/Past Delegates Conference last February in Dayton, OH:

- a) Minneapolis, MN will be the site of the International Conference in 2000. One of the reasons it was chosen at this time was that in the future it may be too small to hold our convention. By the way, personal checks are no longer acceptable as a method of payment....
- b) The recent North East Regional Forum in Maine was saddled with an \$18,000 coffee bill. We trusted servants have an obligation to pay attention to detail.
- c) Jan W., Regional Trustee, discussed a membership survey taken to determine how well we are serving minorities. The persons responding indicated that they do not wish to be treated differently than the rest of us.

- d) An AA history book is underway. There is an uneasy feeling in the Fellowship, as verbalized in a letter from Karen N. of the Southern Minnesota Area, that the book is being ramrodded through the General Service Conference.
- e) Outpatient treatment of alcoholism is rising while inpatient treatment is declining, primarily because of cutbacks in insurance coverage. This is having an adverse effect on income from AA literature sales.
- f) There was concern at the conference, and this seems to be reflected throughout the Fellowship, that a tremendous number of people are leaving our ranks. This is prompting many of us to wonder about our Legacy of Unity. Are we all following the same plan?

At this point the time was 11:45 a.m., and after a small discussion it was decided to adjourn for lunch.

The Assembly was reconvened by Doreen M. at 1:10 p.m. At this time Chuck S. continued his presentation by questioning the membership about their feelings on the following issues that will be discussed at the General Service Conference in New York:

- AA's message in a changing world, to be the subject of the GSC Workshop
 - a) What message is the group and its members giving the newcomer when she or he arrives?
 - b) Why are so many oldtimers leaving AA?
 - c) How does the group stay focused on our AA message while being faced with many kinds of outside influences, such as treatment facilities, other recovery literature, open discussion meetings in which non-AAs share, etc.?
 - d) Are we as groups extending the hand of AA to all who suffer from alcoholism - minorities, handicapped, different cultures, etc.?
- Items that are on the GSC Committee agenda
 - a) Finances! What does self-support mean? Also, when individual members contribute money to the General Service Office via the new computerized Birthday Plan, do they reduce the groups' financial control of the General Service Board?
 - b) Literature! There is (again) an effort to put a moratorium on new literature, pending a review of what we currently have for continuity of content. By the way, please use your group's service number when ordering literature and sending contributions to New York.
 - c) Speaking of literature, there was a question from the floor regarding why there is a Spanish article in the Grapevine. Paul Heindel, most recent Past Delegate, explained that these are previous GV pieces that have been translated into Spanish, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers and cannot read English.

Needless to say, the above questions prompted much discussion, lasting until 2:35. This time the Secretary urgently requested a break. The meeting reconvened at 2:45. George N. presented the latest revision (fifth draft) of the proposed by-laws for Area 74.

- First George gave a history of why the by-laws are being written. Basically it is twofold:
 - 1) We wish to save substantial amounts of money by registering with the IRS as a tax-exempt organization, and
 - 2) By writing down how we operate we will save long discussions at our business meetings about procedures, time which can be much better spent developing our group conscience regarding matters of concern to the Fellowship.

- It was noted that nothing written in these by-laws is carved in stone; they can be easily changed by a 2/3 majority vote at any Conference business meeting or Assembly.
- We are not incorporating; by filing our by-laws with the IRS we are registering as a tax-exempt organization. There is a very distinct difference between the two.
- These by-laws really do not contain many new issues. Rather, they are documentation, to the best of the By-laws Committee's knowledge, of how Area 74 actually operates right now. It is hoped that it will be a fairly easy process to get the correct description of how we actually conduct our business down in written form, and then move on to more important things.
- George began to read the changes made in the current draft following suggestions that were made at last Fall's Assembly. Several persons had objections, including the length of the document; the fact that the title reads "Area 74 of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous of the United States and Canada" instead of simply "Area 74"; and that it contains facts such as 'there are 21 Districts within Area 74'; and so on. George quit trying to read the changes and began to explain why someone outside of AA (an IRS tax person, in this instance) needed all of the information contained in the current writing.
- Some members wanted to know how much of these proposed by-laws came directly out of Conference-approved AA literature such as the Service Manual, and how much had been drafted by the By-laws Committee. The feeling was that there was no value spending time examining excerpts taken directly from AA literature. Joe S., George's partner, responded to a specific request by John L. that the parts written by the Committee can be printed in bold writing to distinguish them.
- Facing stiff interrogation from several members, George came to the conclusion that a vote of confidence in the whole idea of by-laws for Area 74 was necessary. He called the question, and a large majority were in favor of proceeding.
- At this time he said that the best way to review the document would be to return to the process of reading the changes made since last time. This was done, and there seemed to be three items that need to be addressed: 1) Should conferences and assemblies be scheduled at the same times every year; 2) How are the newsletter editors chosen; 3) Shall the most recent past delegate automatically become the Grapevine chairperson.

Tom C. of the Now and Then staff said he would rewrite the sections of the by-laws dealing with the election to, and structure of, the newsletter staff.

George thanked everyone for their input (and patience), and said that if people wished to make written comments they could mail them to him at the same address that he uses as the Area Treasurer. The next draft will again be mailed out to the DCMs, with the help of the Now and Then staff, prior to the Spring Conference in May.

Doreen M. took the chair once again at 4:00 p.m. and asked what items should be placed on the agenda of the Spring Conference in Appleton. They were as follows:

- Third reading of the by-laws, George N.
- Area 74 finances, Les P.
- Status of the Now and Then
- Bidding for the 1994 Spring Conference
- Creation of a Central Office in Area 74

- Clarification of the issue of the most recent Past Delegate rotating into the Grapevine Chairperson position
- Delegate's General Service Conference report

John H. asked if we had clarified the GV Chairperson issue by taking a vote at last Fall's Assembly. No mention was found in the minutes, other than a vote to exempt Paul H. from performing this. It was agreed that the question will be resolved once and for all when it is voted on as part of the by-laws.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. by Doreen M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph L. S. Area 74 Secretary
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Area 74 Spring Conference

Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center Appleton, WI

May 23, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Doreen M. Dave L. read "How It Works," and Randy D. read the Traditions.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate and Chairperson, Doreen M.; Secretary, Joe S.; and Treasurer, George N. All the Area Officers were present.

Past Delegates and Visitors: Valerie O'Neal, General Service Office, New York, NY; Bill H., Delegate for Area 75; Dave L., Alternate Delegate for Area 75; Paul S., Panel 24; Leonard D., Panel 26; Gene L., Panel 28; Dick H., Panel 30; John H., Panel 32; Chris H., Panel 34; Dave R., Panel 36; and Paul H., Panel 40.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Rolland G., Correctional Facilities; Alex J., Public Information; Gil M., Treatment Facilities; Jerry M., Literature; Tom C., Jeff C., and Chris H., Newsletter were present. Mort S., Grapevine, was absent.

Districts Represented: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Reports

Prior to reading the minutes, the Secretary asked permission to not read them, since they were lengthy and had been previously published in the Now and Then. A vote was taken: 24 wanted to skip the reading, 20 wanted to hear them. Because almost half wanted to hear them, they were read. The following additions and corrections were made: The date was added to the heading on the first page, and on page four it was noted that those parts of the Bylaws of Area 74 which have been taken from the AA Service Manual (not those parts written by the Committee) have been printed in bold. The minutes were approved as read with the additions and corrections noted.

Having distributed financial statements, the Treasurer reported a balance of \$4,699.13 as of June 20, 1992. The report was accepted as read with no additions or corrections.

Rolland G., Correctional Facilities Chairperson reported

- a new video, and a new soft cover corrections workbook without metal rings as the method of binding
- June 13, 1992, the 12th Anniversary Party will be held at the
- Kettle Moraine correctional facility.
- District 05 is starting meetings in five new institutions,
- there is literature available, including the Twenty-Four Hour A Day Book for those wanting it.

At this point Bob W. asked why we have a committee doing fund raising. Rolland G. responded that the Area traditionally has not given the Correctional Facilities Committee operating funds. Paul H. said that this is a group function to support corrections work, which is not the Area's responsibility. Alex J. added that it is the (Navarino) group's prerogative how it wants to spend

the money it raises. Bob then reiterated that it doesn't seem to be a group sponsoring the fund raiser, but rather it's an Area committee; and isn't this a violation of tradition? From whom does the money come?

At this point Frank W. from the Navarino Group was asked to comment on how this money raiser began. He said that it started when Dick Hahn, former Corrections Chair, needed some money and the Navarino group voluntarily held a fund raiser to support it. Leonard D. added that a group can do what it wants to. Much debate followed and further discussion was finally postponed until the discussion on finances in the afternoon session.

John H. gave the Archives Committee report.

He reported spending \$130 to have the Area history printed and bound. Copies are available for \$5. Dan Rowe, Ashland, and Scotty King, -Neenah, also have developed regional histories within Area 74. Tapes of the speakers at the first General Service Conference in 1951 are available for \$3. A motion to reimburse John for the \$130 was approved.

Alex J., Public Information Chair,

reported having had a workshop the night before and said he will continue this practice at future conferences. He gave a summary of district activities. He has old Grapevines available for PI activities. He will start a quarterly newsletter. He also described literature available from GSO.

Gil McDonald, Treatment Facilities Chair,

reported that "bridging the gap," between the time people leave treatment centers and come to AA has been a hot topic the past few months. He said that GSO has a pamphlet with good suggestions.

There was no Grapevine Committee report.

Now and Then Co-Editor Jeff C. gave their committee's report.

He requested \$600 operating expenses until the next conference, stating that this is one third of the usual request. A motion to this effect was made and approved. The committee will be sending out a survey asking how the new mailings with bulk rate postage are working out.

Jerry M., Literature Chair,

said that Conference-Approved literature has the AA symbol on it by which it can be identified. He described the new literature available from GSO. Literature sales this year are projected to be down \$400,000 from 1991.

George N. of the By-Laws Committee commenced with the third reading of the by-laws.

The schedule of readings is as follows: 1st reading, 1991 Fall Assembly; 2nd reading, 1992 Spring Assembly; 3rd reading, 1992 Spring Conference; 4th reading, 1992 Fall Conference.

George reviewed the changes that had already been made.

Issue: Asked for discussion on having an alternate GSR or DCM vote in place of the person holding two offices simultaneously. Leonard DeWitt stated that the service manual says that the person should resign one of the offices. A discussion followed after which a motion to accept this item as written was approved.

Issue: "The Grapevine Chairperson shall be the most recent Past Delegate." There was considerable discussion and a motion to remove the words "shall be." Further discussion to make sure everyone understood the motion. Motion repeated. Much muttering in the crowd. Passed by a large majority. Minority were heard. There was a motion to reinstate the words "shall be." Defeated 65 to 11. There was a discussion on what words should be used in place of "shall be". Muttering replaced by loud excited voices. A motion was made and almost unanimously passed to use this language to replace the entire sentence: "It is suggested that the Grapevine Chairperson be the most recent Past Delegate." George N. visibly relieved.

Issue: Article V, Section 5. Motion to accept as written. Carried.

Issue: Article VI, Section 1, on the definition of our Area Conference submitted by Davey R.. Motion to accept as written. Carried.

Issue: Article VI, Section 1.01: to include the area's Conference Planning Guidelines as Appendix 1. Approved.

At this point, just prior to lunch break, Randy D. asked to address the group. He made a motion to have the presentation on finances by Les P. before we adjourn today. Carried.

Chris H. stated as a point of information that our logo is a registered trademark. When it is used on flyers published in the Now and Then, the logo needs to have the encircled R next to it, indicating it is a trademark.

Lunch Break at 11:20 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 12:45 p.m. by Doreen M. She announced that Mort S., in a letter to Area Delegate Chuck S., had resigned as Grapevine Chairperson. Nominations for this position were opened. A motion was made to elect Jim S. to the position. There were no further nominations, and Jim S. was approved unanimously.

George N. then continued with the By-Laws discussion.

Issue: Article VI, Sections 1.03 and 1.04 concerning the dates of Area 74 conferences. A discussion followed. Motion to adopt 1.03 and 1.04 as written. Carried.

Issue: Article VI, Sections 2.01 and 2.02 concerning Spring and Fall assembly dates. Motion to adopt as written. Carried unanimously.

Issue: Article VII, Section 1.02: "Chairpersons do not have to rotate, although they are encouraged to do so." This was changed by a unanimous vote to read: "Chairpersons are encouraged to rotate, subject to election by the membership every two years."

Issue: Article VII, Section 4.00: All the Newsletter Co-Editors shall be confirmed by the voting membership." Motion to accept as written and was carried unanimously.

Paul H. asked whether or not the Archives Chair should rotate. George N. said the way the by-laws are now written should not interfere with this.

John C. asked that we think about how we elect chairpersons. Would we prefer to elect by a majority instead of a plurality?

George N. ended his presentation by stating that the ad hoc by-laws committee will now take these changes and put them into a seventh (and hopefully final) draft for the fourth reading this Fall.

Doreen then opened the bidding for the 1994 Spring Conference at 1:30 p.m. District 02, Oshkosh, presented the only bid. A motion to accept this bid was carried unanimously.

Delegate's Report, 1:35 p.m.: Chuck S.

Chuck reported that the next General Service Conferences will be held: April 18-24, 1993; April 17-23, 1994; and April 30-May 6, 1995.

DCM's each got a packet of the material covered at the General Service Conference. Please see your DCM for the report and discussion, including:

- litigation currently going on
- medallions
- We need professional people to serve us as Class A Trustees.
- If you're reading this in the Now and Then and haven't heard it from your DCM, ask them for the information.

Chuck then gave a summary of the committee reports. See your DCM for details.

At 2:55 p.m. George Cicecski gave a progress report on our Fall Conference to be held at Stevens Point, WI September 11, 12, and 13.

Les P. opened a discussion on finances at 3:00 p.m. by reading a letter he wrote and had distributed prior to Spring Assembly. Discussion concerning the questions asked in the letter ensued:

1. Should we change the amount of reimbursement for each elected position? There was much discussion.
2. Should we reimburse service people until funds are exhausted and then quit? Discussion.
3. How about such cost-saving issues as a bimonthly instead of monthly newsletter, eliminating the service workshops, or having only two business meetings (at conferences only) per year. Much debate followed.
4. Does the area need a PC (personal computer) and/or a fax machine?
5. Have we given groups in our area reason not to support us?

After a long discussion, Doreen asked if we want an ad hoc committee to study the issues raised. There was a discussion about just what are the issues here.

There was a motion by Leonard D. to discuss how we bring money into the Area Treasury from groups, districts, and conferences as an agenda item for our next business meeting. Motion carried.

A motion to establish a finance committee to review area finances was made by John C. Considerable confusion reigned. Talk grew loud. Fingers were pointed. Deacons waxed eloquent while worriers vexed...

Dave R. made another motion to create an area finance committee. It was pointed out that there already was a motion on the floor. John C. and his second withdrew their motion because it was not as clear. Dave's motion passed unanimously. Doreen asked if Leonard D. should temporarily chair this committee. The consensus of opinion was "yes."

Dave R. made a motion to table the issue of a central office indefinitely. It passed unanimously.

There was a motion made to hold a Fall Assembly this year. The motion passed. (August 8, probably in Antigo, WI.)

The agenda items for that assembly were decided:

- Finances -By-Laws
- (All previously tabled items to be brought up first and old business will precede new business)
- Now and Then Inventory
- Scheduling conferences three years in advance

After a superbly tasteless joke by Chuck Stokes, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Area 74 Fall Assembly

Cutlass Motor Lodge Antigo, WI

Saturday August 8, 1992

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Doreen M. Ken K. read "How it Works," and Anonymous Tom read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate and Chairperson, Doreen M.; Secretary, Joe S.; and Treasurer, George N. All of the Area Officers were present.

Past Delegates and Visitors: Chris H., Panel 34; Paul H., Panel 40; Dick H., Panel 30; Leonard D., Panel 26; John H., Panel 32, and Dave R., Panel 36.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Chris H. and Tom C., Newsletter; Jerry M., Literature; and Jim S., Grapevine.

Districts Represented: 01, 02, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, A19, and 20.

Reports

The minutes of the Spring Conference on May 2 3 were read and approved with the correction that Scotty K. lives in Appleton, not Neenah.

Doreen gave an update on the Corrections Committee activities forwarded to her by Rollie G., Chairperson, who could not be present.

George N. gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$5,658.93 as of July 30, 1992. Accepted.

Delegate's report by Chuck S.:

GSO needs registration update information on groups from DCMs. There still is considerable difficulty keeping information current. Edie A., GSR, reported writing three letters to GSO indicating that she has moved and continues to get letters forwarded to her. Karl R. said he has been working for two years to get information accurate and it's been frustrating.

Discussion about requirements for upcoming nominations for Trustee positions. Resumes must be submitted by Delegate before the end of the year, and nominees should be past Delegates with business experience.

Various surveys have been circulated, either directly from GSO or from GSO via the Delegate. Please fill them out and mail them in.

GSO staff is working flex time hours, so the person you want to talk to might not be in the office when you wish to call. Chuck has called in the late afternoon when no one is even answering the phone, although the office is supposed to be open until 5:00 p.m. EST.

There has been a proposal made to produce an entirely Spanish newsletter in lieu of the Spanish Grapevine article.

Area 74 groups have been significantly down in their GSO contributions so far this year.

The next Regional Forum will be held May 14-16, 1993, at Fort Wayne, Indiana. (Regional Forums are sharing sessions with GSO staff).

Discussion about signing court slips at AA meetings. Please call Tom Jasper at GSO for some of the insights on this subject. AA was sued because of problems arising from this practice. There may be a legal liability on the part of members and the fellowship if we sign these documents.

Break from 10:30 - 10:40 a.m.

George N. gave a report on our By-laws:

George began with a brief history of how the By-laws came about— basically as a money-saving device to qualify Area 74 for tax-exempt status, and as a time saver during business meetings by establishing in writing how we are organized and what procedures we follow.

George went through the changes that were made for this seventh draft by last May's Spring Conference. A discussion followed, not on the changes, but on the whole idea of By-laws. Raoul R. asked if By-laws were necessary at all. Considerable discussion followed, including the question of whether or not groups and districts would be able to use Area 74's tax-exempt status, should we get one. More discussion ensued. A motion was made by Dave R. that no further amendments be made to the seventh draft of the By-laws, and that a vote be taken at the Fall Conference to approve them or not. The motion was carried. The minority was afforded the opportunity to speak. There was considerable fear that various government agencies would be in a position to dictate to us how we should conduct our affairs. George tried hard to convince them this would not be the case, but they would have no part of it.

We adjourned for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 1:00 p.m. It should be noted that Raoul, the chief opponent of the By-laws, took the opportunity to shake hands with George during lunch.

Doreen reconvened the meeting punctually at 1:00 p.m.

There was a discussion about payment to the Cutlass Motor Lodge for the facilities. A motion was made to pay \$125. Carried.

Bidding conferences three years in advance was the next discussion topic. No action was taken.

Now and Then inventory: Tom C. asked if there were any questions. How is the new bulk rate mailing working? Tom answered that the system is working very well so far, with no complaints about an increase in delivery time. Bob W. asked about how the Now and Then is funded. Are materials and computer time being donated? Paul H. explained that he had been given a large quantity of high quality paper by a company that was going to throw it out, and he gave it to the Now and Then to use. Also, a company provided mailing labels to the Now and Then in exchange for a subscription to the newsletter and a Big Book (for the firm's employee assistance program). Bob asked if a copy of the Now and Then with last names had been put on a company bulletin board. Tom responded that we actually have no control over where our newsletter goes, and so last names are not used with the exception of the letterhead, which lists the full names of the coeditors.

It was noted that a balance sheet for the Now and Then's operation is published twice yearly.

A motion was made by Bob W. to conclude the inventory of the Now and Then and to express our gratitude to the staff. Carried.

George C. gave an update on the Fall Conference to be held at Stevens Point in September.

Leonard DeWitt then gave the report on finances. He proposed to create a six-person Finance Committee, the six to be as follows:

- a) the current Area Treasurer, serving other than as the chairperson of the committee
- b) the current Delegate, also serving other than as the chairperson
- c) the past Delegate, serving other than as the chairperson
- d) three current GSRs or DCMs, one of whom should be the chairperson.

We spend a lot of time in this Area talking about finances. A Finance Committee may take up some of this burden, giving time for more important things, Leonard reported.

He went on to warn that we should not forget that our Area needs to keep enough money on hand to bail out a Conference, if need be. In the fall of 1985 the Conference lost money, resulting in our being in poor financial condition in 1986.

Leonard expressed his hope that the Finance Committee can be the purse keeper of the Area. A five year comparative financial information sheet was distributed to the Assembly.

Paul H. clarified the Delegate Expense in 1991 for \$1500. It was explained that \$600 for the trip to New York for the General Service Conference is a standard charge assessed to all Areas. That year money was also provided for the Delegate's travel to Seattle for the International Conference, and there was the expense of a hospitality room at the same event. Both were charged to Delegate Expense.

Edie A. said that she did not favor the current Delegate being a purse keeper on the Finance Committee if his expenses are being paid for by the same committee. Leonard responded that we need the Delegate's input and, as such, we have to give him a vote. Discussion followed.

Leonard suggested we charge the new Finance Committee with determining the budget for the Area next year.

Edie said she disagreed that setting up a Finance Committee will save time. Everyone at an Assembly or Conference business meeting will want to have a say about how our money is spent.

More discussion followed about trust. Will we and can we trust a committee to act in our best interest?

Dale M. asked if the members of the committee would rotate, perhaps three in even years and three in odd years.

Karl R. moved to put a discussion of the Finance Committee on the agenda for Fall Conference. It passed unanimously.

Leonard asked if we could waive the reading of the minutes and the treasurer's report at business meetings. It was noted that by Roberts' Rules of Order, at the time the minutes are to be read a member can make a motion that the reading be waived. Leonard said he will do so at Fall Conference.

Randy D. made a motion that previously tabled issues always be considered first, under Old Business, at the next business meeting. Passed.

Doreen then called for New Business.

Leonard made a motion to give a high priority to having Fall Assemblies in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda items for Fall Conference:

1. CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee Jim S. will give pros and cons.
2. Trustee nominee elections
3. By-laws
4. Creation and structure of the Finance Committee

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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8-12-92

Area 74 Spring Assembly-

Eagle River Inn Eagle River, WI

Saturday, March 13, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Area Chairperson Doreen M. Doreen reported that she had been to the East Central Regional Delegates - Past Delegates Conference at Fort Wayne, IN. Jim S., Area 74 Past Delegate, was elected Regional Historian. Also, Doreen mentioned that she has received correspondence from other Areas inquiring how we handle our finances, if we are incorporated, and if we have by-laws.

She stated that she has been contacted by the International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (ICYPAA, or "icky pah", as they are commonly referred to). They would like to host a conference in Milwaukee, WI. They are asking for a letter of reference from us, to support them as they negotiate with Milwaukee businesses. Doreen and Chuck S. both received a letter from three members of Area 75 (Southern Wisconsin), expressing concerns about AA endorsement of this organization. Considerable discussion followed, and a motion was made to discuss this at the Spring Conference. Passed.

Announcements were read. Doreen asked for a consensus from the Assembly to use the light system "for ever and ever." No one indicated they were opposed. Today the lights were prominently displayed at the top of the lighthouse in the center of the restaurant room we were meeting in. Peggy J. read "How it Works" from page 70 of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous, and Ted G. read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate and Chairperson, Doreen M.; Secretary, Joe S.; and Treasurer, George N.. All of the Area Officers were present except Michael E., Alternate Area Treasurer.

Past Delegates: Len D., Panel 26; John H., Panel 32.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Tom C., Newsletter; Jerry M., Literature; Rollie G., Correctional Facilities; Gil M., Treatment Facilities.

Districts Represented: 01, 02, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Reports

The minutes of the Fall Conference on September 12, 1992 at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, were read and approved with the following corrections:

- District 06 was also represented.
- The smoke alarm, not the fire alarm, went off.
- The election results for East Central Regional Class B Trustee nominee were the opposite of those recorded: Davey R. actually received 44 votes, while Len D. received 40.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report as amended. Passed.

George N. gave the Treasurer's report. George noted that we suffered a loss at the Stevens Point Fall Conference due to poor attendance. The \$200.00 seed money could not be returned

by the host District to Area 74, and George was required to give them another \$400.00 on our behalf. \$58.91 was later returned to the Area after all expenses were settled, for a net loss of \$541.09. Also, George noted that in 1992 receipts matched disbursements. We have \$4,558.94 as of March 11, 1993. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed.

District Committee Member (DCM) reports were given. When they were over, Rollie G., Correctional Facilities Chairperson, requested them to give him the names, addresses, and phone numbers of their District Correctional Facilities Chairpersons.

Chuck S., Area Delegate, gave his report. Highlights follow:

- At the Spring Conference we will need to decide if we wish to contribute toward the expense of having an East Central Region hospitality room at the International Convention. We have done so previously.
- There is some interest in developing a Region newsletter.
- The DCMs have information on how to go about becoming "correctional contacts."
- There is no longer a 30 day waiting period for a new group to register with the General Service Office (GSO).
- The East Central Regional Forum will be held at the Marriott Hotel at Fort Wayne, IN, May 14-16, 1993.
- DCMs have copies of GSO staff flex time schedules and direct phone numbers.
- The Big Book is now available in American sign language.
- Amos Reed, Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee serving on the General Service Board (GSB), is resigning for health reasons. (Feel free to send him a get well card.) Persons wishing to be considered for this position should send resumes to GSO.
- Chuck has information on Spanish services; see him for details.
- ICYPAA has contacted him as well. There are pros and cons to this organization's purpose. Pro: The organization helps a lot of young people. (See July, 1992 Grapevine magazine article.)

Con:

This whole issue is none of our business; we have one primary purpose. When we discuss a possible letter of recommendation at the next meeting, we may do well to reflect first with a prayer for guidance.

- At the East Central Regional Delegates Meeting, George Dorsey, the new General Manager of GSO, reported that our new New York office costs \$500,000 per year. Now that's a lot of money, but our old facility cost \$1,000,000 per year, so we save a half a million bucks a year. (Half a million here, half a million there; pretty soon you're talking real money.) GSO intends to have an Open House at the new location.
- George helped organize an inventory of GSO. Instead of the conventional business inventory, they used our Fourth Step. This seemed more appropriate to them, as they see themselves as a group of people serving a spiritual movement. GSO staff salary guidelines and reviews will be completed by the time of the General Service Conference.
- This is a time of fiscal belt tightening, as contributions and literature sales are down somewhat. George said he is aware of a number of fund raising techniques, but this is not in the spirit of our Seventh Tradition and he will not be party to such activity.

- Mike A., Chairperson of the General Service Board of Trustees, has also resigned for health reasons. (Feel free to send him a get well card too.) Jim E. is the new GSB Chairperson, and he has a background in "finance and corrections." (Kinda makes you wonder about that guy's past, doesn't it?)
- Also at the Delegates Meeting, Jan W., outgoing East Central Region Trustee, reported that she has made 26 trips to New York from her home in Michigan in the last two years. The "Rap Video" won an industry award. It won on its own merit, not by any AA affiliation or endorsement. When the General Service Conference meets there will be another discussion of returning the "gray pages" to the Grapevine magazine. Also, the Spanish Grapevine article may be removed. China has officially indicated interest in AA. A Chinese doctor will be visiting GSO in the near future. Negotiations are underway with the publishers of the unauthorized, edited version of our Big Book. We asked them to refrain from pretending to represent AA.
- Since the position of "in-town" GSB Trustee has been abolished, there has been talk of forming a new Region, using the old Trustee position.
- Grapevine subscriptions have been decreasing for two years. There have been discussions about eliminating the magazine. In line with the theme of this year's General Service Conference, "AA takes its inventory," many of our service entities (groups, districts, areas, etc.) have been doing just that.
- There exists the real possibility of a General Service Conference Advisory Action on increasing the amount of money Areas contribute to send their Delegates to New York. The actual costs range between \$3,000 and \$3,500. The GSC recognizes that this is difficult for Areas that have less money, but they may ask for an increase to cover about a third of the cost (roughly \$1,000).
- Lois F. is our new East Central Region treasurer. East Central Region Trustee nominees are Bob B., Mike O., Beacon D., Don W., and Len D.. As Doreen mentioned earlier, our own Jim S. is the new historian.

At this time, 12:04 p.m., Doreen asked for a lunch recess. The meeting resumed at 1:23 p.m., and Chuck continued his report by addressing some of the items on the agenda of the General Service Conference.

- Is there a need for a fourth edition of the Big Book? Discussion followed.
- Is interest in the Grapevine declining in our Area? What changes, if any, would the members like? Discussion.
- Should AA produce and distribute medallions? Considerable discussion. Karl S., DCM, said (with a poker face) that District 21 recommended going with the medallion scheme - but that in order to purchase one there should be a requirement to buy a Grapevine subscription! Randy D., District 05 DCM, said that if groups want to buy medallions they are presently free to do so from outside vendors. Just think, if everything we purchase to carry the message has to be "official, Conference-approved AA," none of us would ever get a cup of coffee at a meeting.
- Does your group or district take an inventory? How do you do it? Discussion.
- What concerns exist regarding "multipurpose meetings" in Area 74? Are they being confused with AA? Discussion.

- Please schedule this Spring Assembly later in March or in early April. The General Service Conference agenda is not published until March 15, and we miss the opportunity to discuss it at our Spring Assembly, before the Delegate goes to New York.
- Lastly, Chuck read an excerpt from a speech made at the Regional Delegate's Conference by Art C., Past Delegate. He suggested that a Delegate not vote at the GSC as a representative of a particular Area, but rather with a view to voting for what is best for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. This concluded our Delegate's report.

Doreen resumed chairing the meeting at 2:20 p.m. She distributed an inventory for our Area, prepared at her request by several of our members. She asked that it be taken back to the groups and districts for discussion. We will use it at our Spring Conference.

Doreen noted that today's Assembly was charged \$162 by the Eagle River Inn (for 81 continental breakfasts @ \$2). The customary \$100 fee was waived because they double-booked us with the Muskie Fishermen, and we had to take the restaurant room, lighthouse and all.

Tom C., one of the "Now and Then" newsletter chairpersons, asked the group for \$125 to publish the May edition. A motion was made, seconded, and passed. Tom noted that more funds will be requested at the Spring Conference.

Karl R., District 08 DCM and chairperson of the Spring Conference committee at Wausau, asked that we mail in our registration fees soon because they are having cash flow difficulty.

Len D. asked Karl why breakfast costs \$7.50 at the conference site, while the Village Inn restaurant (across the street from the Wausau Holiday Inn) charges about half that amount. Are we actually subsidizing part of the conference cost with hidden fees for meals? This would not be in the spirit of our Seventh Tradition. He said "conference fees should fund the conference in its entirety." Discussion. Terry M. noted that in District 02, charges to attendees for conference meals have always been determined by what the hotel charges for them. Karl, however, said that District 08 intends to use breakfast money to offset the high price of coffee.

At 2:33 p.m. the scheduled presentation about the pros and cons of the rotation of persons holding area offices was given. The presenters were Dale M., District 14 DCM, and Pat H., District 18 Alternate DCM. Discussion followed.

Today is the day to establish the Area Finance Committee. Considerable discussion ensued regarding just how to do this. Chuck S. suggested that past delegates give a presentation on how committees should work. Our Area has not previously used a committee system, at least not the way it is used by the General Service Conference or the General Service Board. More discussion... Forty-five minutes later, Doreen asked for nominations for chairperson. Leonard countered that the ad hoc committee to create a Finance Committee recommended that the Finance Committee elect its own. The membership of the Finance Committee had been recommended by the ad hoc committee as follows:

- the current Area Treasurer, who would not serve as chairperson
- the current Area Delegate, who would not serve as chairperson
- a past Delegate, who would not serve as chairperson
- two persons, currently either a DCM or a GSR, one of whom would be the chairperson.

There was a motion by Bob W. to accept the ad hoc committee's recommendations so we could elect the Finance Committee. It was seconded and discussion followed. The Secretary asked for clarification. Previous minutes indicated a six person Committee was recommended by the ad hoc committee. The difference between today's version and the original version was that today's only called for two persons currently serving as either DCM or GSR; the original recommendation called for three. Thus, the ad hoc committee is on record as suggesting a six person Finance Committee. Did Bob intend a five or a six person Committee when he made the motion to accept the ad hoc committee's recommendation? He said he intended five. Further discussion. Bob withdrew his motion. The motion was restated to accept the original recommendation for a six person Finance Committee. Seconded. More discussion. At length the motion was voted on. Passed. The two nay voters were given the opportunity to speak.

John H. was nominated to be the past Delegate on the Finance Committee. He noted that he already holds an Area office. (He is the Archivist.) Discussion. Russ S. asked how often the Committee members will rotate. Len D. answered, but it was such a complex answer that the Secretary, who has only a modest IQ, did not understand it. Much to the credit of his mother, Bill D. suggested that the Committee members decide. Len agreed. Terry M. made a motion that we use a "simple majority" to decide Committee membership. Passed. (Secretary's Note: In the case of the motion on the floor, regarding the past Delegate member, we used a majority vote. A "majority" means 50% or more. In the ensuing voting for the three GSR or DCM members, we used a plurality vote. In a contest with more than two choices, "plurality" means the winner receives the most votes, even if the total is less than 50%.) A motion to close nominations was made. Passed. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made. Passed. John H. was elected.

Elections for the three GSR or DCM members were next. The table below indicates the names of the nominees, whether they stayed on as candidates, and the number of votes they received. After the nominations were closed, Len D. made a motion to vote by a show of hands after the candidates leave the room. Passed. Voters had the opportunity to vote three times.

Name	Status	Talley
Tom C.	Accepted	32
Bob W.	Accepted	16
Duane K.	Ineligible (not current GSR or DCM)	
Eva K.	Declined	
Randy D.	Accepted	26
Jerry J.	Accepted	31
Bill D.	Accepted	19

Terry M	Ineligible (not current GSR or DCM)	
Jo H.	Accepted	17
John C.	Accepted	27

Tom C., Jerry J., and John C. were elected. It will be up to them to select a chairperson.

The next item of business on the agenda was the reimbursement of Area officers. Art K. made a motion to turn the matter over to the newly elected Finance Committee. Passed. The minority were given the right to speak. Bob W. said that this issue is beyond the scope of the new committee. Discussion. Basically, the committee will discuss the issue and make recommendations to the Area.

Rollie G. discussed the election of a Co-Chairperson for the Area Correctional Facilities Committee. He said our Area is large, and he would like some help. Mostly, though, he is from Wisconsin, and would like a Co-Chairperson from Michigan. He said that the laws are different in the Upper Peninsula with respect to prisons and AA. Discussion. 'Wouldn't it be easier to just ask someone for assistance, rather than requesting the Area to create a formal Co-Chairperson position?' Terry M. made a motion to change the structure of the Area Correctional Facilities Committee to have two Co-Chairpersons, one from Wisconsin and the other from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Furthermore, the UP Co-Chairperson nominees shall be selected at next week's Correctional Facilities Workshop at Houghton, Michigan. Lastly, the motion stated that elections shall be held at our Spring Conference. Passed.

Rollie made a motion to alternate the two Co-Chairperson elections at the Fall Conferences, having the Michigan person elected in the even-numbered years, and the Wisconsin person elected in the odd-numbered years. Discussion. 'Won't it be difficult to remember to hold a completely separate election for one position every other year?' The voice vote was uncertain, so a show of hands was made: 42 yes; 11 no. Passed.

At this time it became clear that we would not finish our business before the deadline to relinquish possession of the restaurant and lighthouse to the Muskie Fishermen. There was a motion to move the IRS finance issue to the Spring Conference agenda. Since this is a carry over item it will be discussed first. Passed.

Doreen asked for other agenda items. The agenda will look something like this:

1993 Spring Conference Agenda

1. Being responsible to the IRS Bill D.
2. Area inventory Doreen M.
3. ICYPAA letter of recommendation Chuck S.
4. UP Correctional Co-chairperson election Rollie G.
5. Rotation Doreen M.
6. Should the "Grapevine" Chairperson carry materials for sale at our Assemblies and Conferences? Karl S.
7. Discuss the way we use our time at Assemblies Len D.
8. Have Area officers at Area functions John C.
9. Our Area Conference numbering system John H.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted,
Joe S., Area 74 Secretary

37th Annual Area 74 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn Wausau, Wisconsin

Saturday, May 1, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Area Chairperson Doreen M. who started the assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Announcements were read. Fall Assembly will be Saturday, August 21 at Ishpeming, Michigan. Randy D. read AA Points of Service, Roy P. read the Twelve Steps, and Mary Jo J. read the Twelve Traditions.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate and Area Chairperson, Doreen M.; Secretary, Joe S.; Treasurer, George N. All of the area officers were present except Michael E., Alternate Treasurer.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Mike M., acting for Rollie G., Correctional Facilities; John C., Finance; Jim S., *Grapevine*; Jerry M., Literature; Tom C. and Chris H., *Now and Then* Newsletter. All of the committee chairpersons were present except for Alex J., Public Information, and Gil M., Treatment Facilities.

DCMs: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Past Area 74 Delegates: Paul S., Panel 24 Delegate; Leonard D., Panel 26 Delegate; Gene L., Panel 28 Delegate; John H., Panel 32 Delegate; Chris H., Panel 34 Delegate; Dave R., Panel 36 Delegate; Jim S., Panel 38 Delegate.

Visitors: Al S. Area 34 (Western Michigan), Panel 28 Delegate; Bill H., Area 75 (Southern Wisconsin), Panel 41 Delegate; Dian W., Area 56 (Southwest Ohio), Panel 42 Delegate; Joan J., Area 75, Panel 43 Delegate; Bill A., Area 75 Alternate Delegate.

Reports

The minutes of the Spring Assembly held on Saturday, March 13, 1993 at Eagle River, Wisconsin were read and accepted.

George N. gave the Treasurer's Report. We had a balance of \$5,656.89 as of April 30, 1993. Would someone please ask the Wausau Alano Club to cash the check they received last Fall for the Corrections Workshop? The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Chuck S., fresh back from the General Service Conference at New York, gave the Delegate's Report. It was noted at the outset that the DCMs and area officers have received copies of the Early Bird Edition of *Box 459*, which contains the preliminary conference report. Persons wishing more information should look there, as well as the 1993 Final Conference Report, which should be out around August.

The newly elected East Central Regional Trustee is Don W. of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Chuck sent him a letter of congratulations.

The items of business addressed by each successive General Service Conference seem to be growing. Consequently, the GSC is taking more time. We should consider paying \$1,000 toward the expense of sending a delegate to the conference. (See the minutes of our 1993 Spring Assembly for a discussion.)

Instead of writing more pieces of literature, there was a sense that AA service people, notably GSRs, should be relied upon to share their experience and knowledge of our traditions when needed.

As a society, AA will not get into the business of manufacturing or licensing medallions. This is a matter for each group's conscience.

There was a lengthy discourse regarding the current lawsuits AA is engaged in, primarily over copyrights and trademarks. Both copyrights and trademarks exist to protect property, and it is being questioned whether a spiritual movement needs to concern itself with owning property. On the other hand, if we don't even protect our own name, any organization could call itself Alcoholics Anonymous, regardless of its purpose. How could you tell the difference? (Will the real alcoholics please stand up? Those remaining seated are probably the real ones.)

Chuck spent time talking about the direction AA is headed, especially with regard to financial support of the General Service Office by the groups. In recent years (Delegate Panel 38 in 1988) there was a drive to urge groups to support GSO through the "Challenge of the Seventh Tradition." However, current thinking seems to rest with the idea in the Seventh Concept about the effectiveness of AA being determined by the power of the AA purse. There have been two trends in recent years with respect to the two ways GSO is funded. The sale of literature to groups (and to a lesser degree treatment centers) has declined steadily for the last three years, and group donations have declined for the last three years as well. The AA groups seem to be sending a message that they are not willing to support the levels of service that they have previously. Thus, some hard questions will have to be answered in the future about what services should be eliminated. At present nothing will be changed, because by doing some belt tightening the GSO staff can compensate. (For instance, several people have left and their positions were not refilled. The remaining persons are spread thinner, but there is a limit to how much we can do this.) We are not in financial trouble by any means, but we need to live within our budget as determined by the groups.

At this time, Doreen called for a recess for lunch. The meeting resumed shortly after 12:30 p.m. with the rest of the Delegate's Report.

Jim S. gave the *Grapevine* Report. In 1991, Area 74 had 55 *Grapevine* Representatives. Last year there were 59. and this year we are up to 63. A reader survey conducted by the *Grapevine* magazine staff indicates that readers want the gray pages reinstated. Chuck Stokes was unaware of this. There was a conference advisory action to continue including a Spanish article. A new feature, the "Vine Line," will be a forum for asking questions in the *Grapevine*. The June, 1993 edition will be devoted to the 50th anniversary of AA in Canada, and in June, 1994 there will be a double edition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the *Grapevine* itself.

John H. gave the Archives Report. He said he now has the original minutes of Area 74 assemblies and conferences since we started keeping them in 1959. He also has an early Escanaba, Michigan group secretary's handbook containing their original members' names. Thanks to Pat Holland, he also has a set of six audio tapes of Bill Wilson at the first International Conference. Regarding the records of group registrations that routinely come from GSO, the new computer system automatically assigns the year 1977 as the groups' start up dates, unless the actual date is available for input. If this date is incorrectly listed, please correct the record before returning it

to the DCM. Lastly, John requested a true Archives Committee be formed instead of just having one person. He said, "You should keep an eye on me."

Alex J. was not present so there was no PI Committee Report.

Gil M. was not present so there was no Treatment Facilities Committee Report.

Rollie G. was not present because he was in the hospital. Mike M. made the Correctional Facilities Committee Report in his absence. There were 30 to 40 persons at the sharing session on correctional work last month at Houghton, Michigan. They selected Ron M. to be the Area 74 Correctional Facilities Co-Chairperson from Michigan, and Karl S. to be the alternate. Mike also noted that 40 people were present at a recent "corrections workshop" at Appleton, Wisconsin. Last night there were again about 40 persons in attendance for a sharing session on correctional work. Upcoming events include workshops at Menomonie, Wisconsin on May 22 and at Wausau, Wisconsin on October 9.

Jerry M. gave the Literature Committee Report. He noted that the video tape "AA, Come Rap With Us," (better known as the "Rap Video") is available from AA World Services in New York. The prices of committee workbooks and AA directories has gone up to better reflect the cost of printing them. Group, district, and area chairpersons still receive their necessary workbooks for free. Our literature catalogues have been upgraded (they are much better looking and easier to read), and the ordering process has been simplified by placing loose order blanks directly inside the catalogues. Jerry also reminded us that one set of AA Guidelines are still free with any order. Speaking of guidelines, Chuck S. asked if our Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines could be placed on the same table with the rest of our Conference-approved material at Area assemblies and conferences. Jerry said he would do so.

Tom C. gave the *Now and Then* Newsletter Committee Report. First he went over the basics: Groups are charged \$25 for printing one page fliers on AA events; \$50 for two-sided. The deadline for submitting fliers or articles is the 15th of the month before publication. The time and location of routine group meetings will be published "for a period of time," and then discontinued so other groups have a chance to be listed. There are no written guidelines for articles that the *Now and Then* publishes; it is up to the discretion of the co-editors. Tom requested \$1,600 to print and distribute the newsletter until we meet again at the Fall Conference at Ashland, Wisconsin in September. A motion to approve the money was quickly made, seconded, and passed.

John C., who was selected as Chairperson of the new Finance Committee, made the committee's report. He first read a passage on 'how AA committees work' from our AA Service Manual to clarify their role and method of operation. He then said that they chose their six members' rotation schedule as follows:

- one current GSR/DCM member, the current delegate, and the current area treasurer shall be elected during the Fall Conference of odd-numbered years, starting in 1995
- two current GSR/DCMs and the past delegate members shall be elected during the Fall Conference of even-numbered years, starting in 1994

The Finance Committee will propose a budget after they obtain financial information from the area committee chairpersons and area officers as to how much has been historically spent, and

what we can expect in revenues. This initial budget proposal will probably not be ready in time for the Fall Conference this year. The Finance Committee intends to meet quarterly.

Doreen opened the meeting for bids for the 1995 Spring Conference. None were forthcoming. Randy D., DCM for District 05, volunteered to call the Eau Claire, Wisconsin Holiday Inn to see if arrangements could be made for the weekend of May 5, 6, and 7 of 1995. His district would have to confirm their willingness to host the event, however. The Area Secretary noted that we had previously agreed to meet during the third weekend in May, not the first. Jim S. made a motion to table the discussion until our Fall Assembly at Ishpeming, Michigan. Passed.

Next, following the agenda for the meeting, Bill D. asked if Area 74 pays taxes. George N., Area Treasurer, gave a simple reply: "No." Bill pressed on. "Are we supposed to?" Seeing no simple way to get out of answering, George went to the microphone on the floor. He said it is true that we are supposed to, at least in theory. He was quick to note that there are virtually no consequences for not doing so. He then summarized the two ways to handle the problem of tax exemption from the standpoint of the IRS. We can incorporate the area, which is the more complex process, or we could establish a set of bylaws. We voted not to use the bylaws developed last year, so the area is saying that this is not perceived as a problem to us. Bob W., District 12 DCM, suggested that in the year we discuss our collective area inventory it's ironic that we choose to ignore this matter. He said that there is a form in the AA Service Manual that we can fill out to obtain a tax-free checking account. However, how could we handle sales taxes? Len D. asked that the new Finance Committee prepare an answer to Bill's questions. John C. agreed to do this.

Doreen then proceeded to the topic of the Area 74 inventory. A list of questions had been distributed at the Spring Assembly in March for discussion by the districts and groups. Today we were to talk about them as an assembly. Len D. immediately made a motion to skip the entire discussion today. The Area Secretary tried hard to record Len's reasons for this, but some very strange events were about to unfold. Doreen called the question, and the motion passed.

Doreen then turned to the secretary and told him she was "feeling a little ill." He didn't tell her, but the last time he had seen someone look that bad he was on a Twelfth Step call. While the rest of the room lapsed into spontaneous discussion, the secretary spotted Chuck the delegate in the crowd, drinking coffee as usual. The secretary asked him to chair the meeting. Meanwhile Doreen was assisted from the speakers' platform. She tried to escape to her room to lie down and rest, but a doctor had been summoned. It was determined that her pulse was quite erratic, and the doctor told her to go directly to the hospital - "do not pass Go; do not collect \$200." (Note: She appeared at breakfast the next morning, pale and shaken, but at least well enough to be with us again. Her well being was the object of many prayers that conference weekend.) Back at the business meeting, the seriousness of the situation was just becoming apparent to Chuck. He would not be able to drink his coffee in peace.

The first thing that had to be handled was a motion to reconsider the previous motion regarding skipping the discussion of the list of questions dealing with the area inventory. Any time there is "a motion about a previous motion" it makes the secretary nervous. People have a tendency to say after a vote is taken "I didn't know I voted for that." Chuck asked for a consensus from the assembly, rather than a formal vote, about the course of action we should take. This seemed to

make matters much easier. The whole group agreed to discuss the inventory list after we got through the other items on today's agenda. (Apparently Len D. had left the room.)

Chuck raised the issue of endorsing the ICCYPAA conference in Milwaukee. He said that Dan Roe, District 13 DCM, had sent him a letter stating that if they are a part of Alcoholics Anonymous no letter should be necessary. If they are not, we should follow our traditions of no opinion on outside issues and non-affiliation. In either event, suggested Dan, no letter should be written. Discussion followed. It seemed like we do not have all of the facts about what ICCYPAA really wants from us. After considerable talk, a motion was made by Terry M. that we write a letter to the ICCYPAA organization, stating that we cannot furnish a letter of endorsement at this time. Passed. Chuck said that he would write the letter. Joe from Stevens Point, Wisconsin said he will get more information from them and present it at the Fall Assembly.

Next on the agenda was the election of the Area Correctional Facilities Co-Chairperson for the State of Michigan. The assembly felt that this was "a done deal," handled at the sharing session at Houghton as reported earlier. The secretary noted that according to the minutes of the Spring Assembly, the charge to the committee was to prepare a slate of candidates for the position of co-chairperson, to be elected by the assembly today. The committee has not only gone ahead and selected a co-chairperson themselves, they have added another position that has never been mentioned before, called "Alternate Area Correctional Facilities Co-Chairperson for the State of Michigan". This is getting awful complicated. Although not openly discussed, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the secretary was being a poop.

Len D. had requested that we discuss how the area spends its time at assemblies, but he was not in the room when this item was brought up. There was a motion to table the discussion. Passed. Randy D., District 05 DCM, asked how long we intend to table this item. Will it stay on the agenda from meeting to meeting indefinitely, until someone feels like discussing it? He made a motion that the item die for lack of interest. Passed. It will not be carried to the Fall Assembly agenda.

The agenda items for Fall Assembly at Ishpeming, Michigan were selected.

- Bidding for the 1995 Spring Conference
- Joe from Stevens Point requested that the area consider publishing a meeting list once a year in the *Now and Then*
- Carol S. asked for a discussion on having smoke-free assemblies Please contact Doreen if you have other agenda items you wish added.

During the discussion of agenda items, several issues were raised but not carried onto the agenda. John B. of Negaunee, Michigan wanted to know if there is a *Now and Then* Newsletter Committee, separate from the co-editors, to provide editorial policy. He was told there is not. Also, Karl S. had requested a discussion of our policy of rotation at today's conference. . He was not in the room to present the issue, so it met the same fate as Len D. agenda item - it died for lack of interest.

John H. had asked for a discussion of our conference numbering system, and he was waiting patiently to present his research. The last Fall Conference (1992 at Stevens Point, Wisconsin) was called the 52nd Annual Fall Conference of Area 74, but that would mean we have been holding them since 1941. Actually, according to John (who is our Area Archivist), we have only been having conferences since 1957. That makes this our 37th Annual Spring Conference. There

was a motion by Jim S. (who is our Northeast Regional Historian - you gotta watch these guys) that this Fall Conference at Ashland, Wisconsin be called the 37th Annual Fall Conference of Area 74. Passed unanimously.

Dennis H. of Eleva, Wisconsin asked why there were no agendas present at the door for today's meeting, and why the one published in the *Now and Then* did not contain all the items listed in the minutes of the Spring Assembly. While no one was quite sure, he was told not to worry, "it will never happen again."

John C. suggested that we put time limits on how long we spend discussing any one agenda item. Discussion about our discussions. Jim S. recommended using the light system to limit the length of any one person's speaking. Chuck S. reminded us that no matter what system is used, we as an assembly must have the discipline to cut off debate. The chairperson cannot control the group; the members of the assembly have to do it themselves. Can our area do this?

All business on the agenda having been taken care of, the assembly turned to the task of going through the list of questions for our area's inventory. There was considerable discussion on some of the items, and none on others. The process took about an hour.

Following our inventory, the meeting was informally adjourned with the Lord's Prayer around 4 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph L. S. Area 74 Secretary

Area 74 Fall Assembly

Ely Township Hall Ishpeming, Michigan

Saturday, August 21, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Area Chairperson Doreen M. who started the assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Announcements were read. Our 37th Annual Fall Conference will be the weekend of September 24-26, 1993, at Ashland, Wisconsin. Another Area 74 Corrections Sharing Session will be held on Saturday, October 9, 1993, at Wausau. The Southern Wisconsin Fall Conference will be held the weekend of October 29-31, 1993, at Oconomowoc. The East Central Regional Delegates/Past Delegates Conference will be held the weekend of February 11-13, 1994, at Mount Vernon, Illinois. Our 38th Annual Spring Conference will be held the weekend of May 20-22, 1994, at Oshkosh. Our 38th Annual Fall Conference will be held the weekend of September 16-18, 1994, at Eau Claire. The East Central Regional Conference will be held the weekend of November 4-6, 1994, at Milwaukee. Terry E. from the Sunday Night Alive and Free Step Group of Eau Claire read the first part of Chapter Five, "How it Works," from the Big Book. Debbie E., GSR from the Hematite Group of Ishpeming, read the Twelve Traditions. John C. read the Twelve Concepts.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate and Area Chairperson, Doreen M.; Secretary, Joe S.; Treasurer, George N. All of the Area Officers were present except Michael J. "Waco" E., Alternate Treasurer.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Rollie G. and Ron M., Correctional Facilities; John O, Finance; Jim S., Grapevine; Jerry M., Literature; Tom C. and Chris H., Now and Then Newsletter. All of the Committee Chairpersons were present except for Alex J., Public Information, and Gil M., Treatment Facilities.

DCMs: 01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Past Area 74 Delegates: William "Bish" C, Panel 12 Delegate; Leonard D., Panel 26 Delegate; John H., Panel 32 Delegate; Chris H., Panel 34 Delegate; Dave R., Panel 36 Delegate; Paul H., Panel ^ Delegate.

Reports

The minutes of the 37th Annual Spring Conference business meeting held on Saturday, May 1, 1993 at Wausau, Wisconsin were read and accepted with the following correction: Jim S. is the East Central, not the North East, Regional Historian.

George N. gave the treasurer's report. We had a balance of \$7,641.99 as of August 21, 1993. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Chuck S. gave the delegate's report. Highlights follow:

- Three Past Delegates recently passed away. They were Wilbert L. from Republic, Michigan, Panel 22; Bill "Banjo" T. from Oregon, Ohio, Panel 26; and Mike S. from Cicero, Illinois, Panel 33.

- Begin to gather group information. Group information printouts are coming with guidelines for group change information. Act quickly; new directories are being processed.
- Bring new district election information to the Fall Conference.
- Free Grapevine back issues are available.
- The new GSO staff assignments begin September 1st. They have been published in Box 459.
- There has been a proposal for yet another new book: the stories in the back of the Big Book.
- The following new items are available from GSO: directories, Corrections Workbook, anonymity card, 1993 GSC Final Report.
- Contributions to GSO have been dropping slowly but steadily for the last 18 months. There has been a 7% reduction in employees.
- There is an opening for a Class A Trustee. Resumes are due in New York no later than the end of this year.
- GSO reports Area 74 has 97% "active groups."
- Past Delegates should be receiving Box 459, Markings, Quarterly Report, and the GSC Final Report. Change of address forms are available for those who need them.
- A reminder to District 02, Oshkosh, and District 05, Eau Claire, who are hosting the 1994 Spring and Fall Conferences, respectively: the 1994 General Service Conference theme is "Spirit of Sacrifice."

Have comments on the 1993 General Service Conference Report ready at the Fall Conference at -"Ashland. The GSO Manager, East Central Regional Trustee, and the seated Delegate will all be there, and it will be a great opportunity for you to ask questions and make comments.

Agenda Items (Old Business)

We took a short break, and resumed with a motion from Gary G., District 18 DCM, for \$104.20 to cover the cost of the hall, rolls, and coffee for today's assembly. Passed.

Next, Doreen opened the meeting for bids for the 39th Annual Spring Conference. Randy K. from District 18 offered a bid to hold it at the Marquette, Michigan, Holiday Inn on May 5-7, 1995. He noted that the third weekend in May has been booked at this facility. The rooms would cost \$75 per night for up to four persons. There were no other bids, and District 18's was accepted.

Robert P., DCM for District 01, offered a bid to hold our 39th Annual Fall Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on September 8 – 10, 1995. This is the third \ weekend in September. The rooms would cost \$89 per night for two people, plus \$15 for each additional person. This includes a continental breakfast. There were no other bids, and District 01 's was accepted. [Secretary's note: this date may have to be changed because of a schedule conflict with the East Central Regional Forum.]

Joe D., Stevens Point, Alternate DCM from District 04, was supposed to lead a discussion of the Now & Then newsletter publishing an annual meeting list for our Area, but he had to work today. He sent word that he will do this at our 1994 Spring Assembly. Today he was also going to clarify some of the confusion surrounding the past ICCYPAA request for Area 74 endorsement, but presumably that will have to wait until next spring as well.

Carol S., Alternate GSR of the North Side Serenity Group of Eau Claire, made a motion "that business meetings at conferences and assemblies be smoke-free, with adequate and ample time allocated for breaks for smoking." She distributed a fact sheet on secondhand smoke, probably written by some rascals at the American Lung Association, or their ilk. Discussion. A number of smokers spoke in favor of the motion, and it passed unanimously. The secretary almost fell out of his chair.

Paul H., Past Delegate, Panel 40, gave a thoughtful presentation on rotation in AA offices.

Tom C, DCM from District 02, made a motion, based on the one he published in the Now and Then, as follows: "That the Spring and Fall Assemblies be expanded as necessary to become the two voting meetings for the conduct of the business of Area 74; and that the time and space reserved for the business meeting at the Spring and Fall conferences be taken up by service panels, meetings of the standing committees, the structure presentation by the alternate area delegate, the delegate's annual report, and the biennial area elections." Considerable discussion followed.

Tom said that the intent of his motion was that no actual business be conducted during conference business meetings, just at assemblies. [Secretary's note: by 'actual business' Tom seemed to mean formal voting procedures such as are being conducted at today's assembly.] In response to a question from Len D., Tom noted it has always been the policy of our Area to add more assemblies if we feel we need them. Davey R. said that this motion would not change anything: the business of Area 74 is the delegate's report, the exchange of information between the delegate, GSRs and the DCMs, and the election of area officers. He gave a sketch of how current Area 74 conferences have evolved from the annual meetings at Green Bay. Formerly, business was conducted Saturday morning, there were two panels of speakers in the afternoon, dinner in the evening, and then everybody went home. Now it takes up a full weekend. More discussion...

We took a lunch break at noon, and Doreen reconvened the assembly at 1:15 p.m. She asked that the speakers be restricted to only the last persons standing at the microphone before lunch. After they spoke, Chris H. called the question. Tom reread the motion. 28 voted in favor of ending discussion; 20 voted to continue. The motion was voted on: 33 for; 14 against. Passed. Len D., who voted in the majority, made a motion that the minority be allowed to speak. Passed. Davey R. asked when the motion would take effect. If we can no longer vote at our conference business meetings, how can we conduct an election of the delegate at the Fall Conference in Ashland? Len responded that the motion allows for the election of area officers; by tradition no other area business is conducted at a fall conference in Area 74 during election years. If there is not enough time to conduct our business we can hold more than two assemblies per year. More discussion. At 1:45 p.m. Doreen noted that no one voting in the majority had requested a revote, so she ended the discussion.

New Business

Jim S., Grapevine Chairperson, talked about how the immediate past delegate automatically rotates into the Grapevine Chairperson position. He said that our area has a tradition of doing this, but noted that most of the past delegates he has observed really never wanted the job. On the other hand, it has really meant a lot to him, even though he is not a past delegate. Jim

suggested we allow the immediate past delegates the choice to fill this position, and if they decline an election from the membership should be held. He then sat down.

Thinking Jim was finished, John H., Archives Chairperson, noted that there is a fellow from our area with a first edition Big Book for sale. John would like to put someone in our area in touch with him, if anyone is interested.

John also said he wants to put together an Area Archives Committee, but he is not sure how to go about it. Chris H. suggested calling a meeting, say at an area conference, and just see who shows up. John said he would try it.

Back to the Grapevine Chairperson: Davey R. took the floor and apologized to the area for his flippant treatment of the Grapevine when he held the chairperson position. He supported Jim S.'s concept. Len D., a previous opponent to the idea, ("Always remember what Rita G. told me about the Grapevine"), also agreed. But then he went into tirade: "... if you don't like it here you should leave..." -fortunately he kept it short and did not cry. He said he will write an open letter about the Grapevine chairperson position to the area, and publish it in the Now and Then.

Len said that there will be a Upper Peninsula Roundup next August 5-7, 1994. The location will be announced - probably in Marquette County. It will be AA service-oriented. Registration will cost between \$12.50 and \$15, with food and lodging on your own.

Back to the Grapevine Chairperson: Jim S., Randy K., and Randy D. began trying to make a satisfactory motion about what the area should do with respect to the Grapevine Chairperson position. After the second or third try, they came up with the following: "The Grapevine Chairperson is an elected position." Passed unanimously. An unrepentant Davey R. said when he wants to nap he still plugs in a Grapevine tape.

John H. made a motion asking for \$75 to buy reprints of archival newspaper articles from AA World Services. Passed unanimously.

Randy D., DCM from District 05, made a few comments about how we conduct our assemblies. He said we need a greeter at the door, like they do at his home group. We should be friendly, and give newcomers a warm welcome so they feel at home. Also he felt there is no reason to read "How it Works" and all the other things (including these minutes?) at the beginning of an assembly. And while he was on a roll, he took issue with committee chairpersons who do not show up at assemblies. According to Randy, they should be fired.

George N. agreed. He said we could sure use some short job descriptions, or something else in writing, to let everyone know what the expectations for the positions are.

There was further discussion of when the area committees should meet. The consensus was that Friday night of conferences should be workable. It will be important that the host district make the appropriate room arrangements.

Chris H. asked how the Now and Then will be allocated enough money to operate through the winter, in light of the earlier motion not to conduct business at the upcoming fall conference. Discussion. Chris made a motion to approve \$2,000 to fund the newsletter until we meet at the 1994 spring assembly. Passed.

Apparently the previous discussion made an already apprehensive John H, so nervous he made a motion that "we implement the new motion on restricting business at conferences in 1994." The

original motion did not specify a starting date. John said his motion would allow some time to gain experience. Chuck S. pointed out that we have previously voted not to conduct any business at our fall conference business meeting because the area elections take up so much time. The secretary said he did not understand why a vote was being taken since this has been an established policy. Would voting in favor of John's motion change that policy? Several people stated that no matter what the outcome of this vote, the policy would not change. So why vote on it? The only thing clear to the secretary at this point was that regardless of whether it made sense to him, or anybody else, there was going to be a vote. The question was called. Passed. The vote was taken. Failed.

Len D. made a motion that the minority be allowed to speak. Chuck S. countered that such a motion is not necessary; in AA the minority always have the right to speak. Len said that is not true at his home group. The meeting fell apart...

Terry E., who was attending his first assembly, made an emotional plea for unity. "What's going on here?" he wanted to know. There are a lot of drunks out there depending on what happens at these assemblies. Let's not louse this thing up. (Where have we heard that before?) This prompted some serious soul searching and discussion about how we conduct our meetings.

At the end of the assembly, Doreen noted that the deadline has already passed to publish the minutes of this meeting in the September issue of the Now and Then. The editors have volunteered to make copies available at the registration table at the fall conference in Ashland.

There was a motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. The assembly concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S.

Area 74 Secretary

AREA 74 37TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

ASHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ASHLAND WI

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1993

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Area chairperson Doreen M. who started the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. Announcements were read. Another Area 74 Corrections Sharing Session will be held on Saturday, October 9, 1993 at Wausau. The Southern Wisconsin Fall Conference will be held the weekend of October 29-31, 1993 at Oconomowoc. The East Central Regional Delegates/Past Delegates Conference will be held the weekend of February 11-13, 1994 at Mount Vernon IL. Our 38th Annual Spring Conference will be held the weekend of May 20-22, 1994 at Oshkosh. Our 38th Annual Fall Conference will be held the weekend of September 16-18, 1994 at Eau Claire. The East Central Regional Conference will be held the weekend of November 4-6, 1994 at Milwaukee. Our 39th Annual Fall Conference meeting date has been changed to September 8-10, 1995, still at Green Bay. The East Central Regional Forum will be held the weekend of September 15-17, 1995 at Milwaukee. Steve H. from Appleton read the Twelve Steps from the Big Book. Bill D. from Marquette read the Twelve Traditions.

Visitors: Al S. , Kalamazoo MI, Panel 28 Past Delegate; Don W., Kalamazoo Mi, East Central Regional Trustee; George D., New York NY, General Service Office Manager.

ROLL CALL

Area Officers: Delegate, Chuck S.; Alternate Delegate & Area Chairperson, Doreen M. ; Secretary, Joe S. ; Treasurer, George N. All of the Area Officers were present except Michael J. "Waco" E., Alternate Treasurer.

Committee Chairpersons: John H., Archives; Rollie G. and Ron M., Correctional Facilities; John C, Finance; Jim S., Grapevine; Jerry M., Literature; Tom C. and Chris H., Now & Then Newsletter. All of the Committee Chairpersons were present except for Alex J., Public Information, and Gil M., Treatment Facilities.

DCM's: 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

Past Area 74 Delegates: Leonard D., Panel 26 Delegate; Gene L., Panel 28 Delegate; Dick H. , Panel 30 Delegate; John H., Panel 32 Delegate; Chris H., Panel 34 Delegate; Dave R., Panel 36 Delegate; Jim S., Panel 38 Delegate; Paul H., Panel 40 Delegate.

REPORTS

The minutes of the fall assembly held on Saturday, August 21, 1993 at Ishpeming MI were read and accepted with the following corrections: The ICYPAA acronym has only one letter "C"; District 10 was represented; the Embassy Suites Hotel at Green Bay has a large complimentary, no continental, breakfast; Debbie E. is GSR for the Siiomi Group in Palmer.

George N. gave the treasurer's report. We had a balance of \$6,316.05 as of September 21, 1993. Please indicate the name of your group when you donate to the area. The treasurer's report was accepted.

AGENDA ITEMS (Old Business)

This was the assembly at which we elected the area committee officers and chairpersons of the standing committees. After a short break, Area Delegate Chuck S. began the elections. The officers were elected by AA's Third Legacy procedure, and the chairpersons were elected by a simple majority or consensus.

According to the Third Legacy procedure, all eligible candidates for area officers were placed on the board, followed by nominations from the floor. We had the usual wrangle about whether past area committee members should be allowed on the board, and if so, should it be automatic or should they wait to be nominated. It was decided that they would be nominated from the floor. Candidates were then given the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination.

Election of Offices

Delegate:

Name	Position	Accept?	1	2	3
Joe S.	Secretary	Y	13	12	19
Jim S.	Grapevine	Y	3	2	
Doreen M.	Alt. Del.	Y	33	52	66
George N.	Treasurer	Y	5	2	
Tom C.	DCM 02	Y	7	7	
John C.	Finance Com.	Y	10	8	
Randy D.	DCM 05	Y	6	4	
Bob W.	DCM 12	Y	0	0	
Jerry J.	DCM 19	Y	2	0	
Karl S.	DCM 21	Y	0	0	
Harold S.		Y	4	1	
Les P.		Y	2	1	

Alternate Delegate

Name	Position	Accept?	1	2	3	4	5	Hat
Joe S.	Secretary	Y	32	44	56	54		
Jim S.	Grapevine	Y	5	2				
George N.	Treasurer	Y	12	8				
Roland G.	Corrections	Y	5	3				
Tom C.	DCM 02	Y	14	17	33	33		Yes
John C.	Finance Com.	Y	8	5				
Randy D.	DCM 05	Y	9	9				
Jerry J.	DCM 19	Y	4	3				
Karl S.	DCM 21	Y	0	0				
Mort S.		Y	2	0				

We took a lunch break at noon, and Chuck reconvened the assembly at 1:30 p.m.

Secretary

Name	Position	Accept?	1	2	3	4	5	Hat
Jim S.	Grapevine	Y	19	20	22	31		Yes
George N.	Treasurer	Y	17	17	15			
Randy D.	DCM 05	Y	17	18	17			
Bob W.	DCM 12	Y	1	0				
Mort S.		Y	2	0				
John C.	Finance Com.	Y	16	22	24	48		

Treasurer

<u>.Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Accept?</u>	1	2	3	4	5	<u>Hat</u>
Joe S.	Secretary	Y	39	39	49	47		
John C.	Finance Com.	Y	28	29	29	28		Yes
Randy D.	DCM 05	Y	12	10				

Alternate Treasurer

By tradition in Area 74, the incoming treasurer has named his or her alternate. John C. named Steve H. of Appleton.

Next on the agenda was the election of committee chairpersons, which was done by majority vote, or by plurality in the case of more than two candidates. Nominations were made from the floor.

Public Information Chairperson

Name	Accept?	
Karl R	Y	29
<u>Eva K.</u>	Y	45
Robert P.	N	

Literature Chairperson

Name	Accept?	
Randy D.	Y	23
Jerry M	N	
<u>Rolland G.</u>	Y	26
Karl S.	Y	5
Joe S.	Y	18

Correctional Facilities Co- Chairperson (Wisconsin)

Name	Accept?	
<u>Mike M.</u>	Y	52
Art F.	Y	7
Tony K	Y	12

Treatment Facilities Chairperson

Name	Accept?	
Mary A.	Y	13
Steve H.	Y	23
<u>Randy D.</u>	Y	28

Grapevine Chairperson

Name	Accept?	
Duane K.	Absent	
Terry M.	Y	19
<u>Joe S.</u>	Y	24
Doris K.	Y	11
Chuck S.	Y	14

Archives Chairperson

Name	Accept?	
<u>John H.</u>	Y	54
Chuck S.	Y	16
Scotty K	N	

Finance Committee Members

According to previous discussions held at the time the Finance Committee was organized, the Committee will select its own Chairperson. Today we were to elect two more members at large. There was a lengthy discussion of just who was eligible to serve on the Finance Committee - - current GSR's and DCM's who finish their terms at the end of this year or next year's crop. Motions and counter motions were made; the question was called and recalled. At last it was decided that nominations would be open to all current GSR's and DCM's. Two ballots were issued to those who were voting, one vote was taken, and the top two vote getters became the New Finance Committee members.

Name	Accept?	
Rod K.	Y	15
Randy K.	Y	18
<u>Carol S.</u>	Y	32
Dan R.	Y	13
Dale M.	Y	13
<u>Gary A.</u>	Y	21
Robert P.	Y	13

[Secretary's note: The Finance Committee caucused after the Assembly and selected Jerry J. as the new chairperson.]

Now & Then Newsletter

There was a discussion about whether we should open the floor for nomination for the Now & Then Newsletter staff. We decided to table the issue until the Spring Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring assembly will be held Saturday, April 9, 1995. Our new Area Chairperson, Tom C. , will announce the exact time and location in the Now & Then.

Agenda Items for Spring Assembly:

- Discuss elections of the Now & Then staff Report by the Finance Committee
- Elect a new Alternate Correctional Facilities Co-Chairperson (Michigan)

There was a motion to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. The assembly concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe S., Area 74 Secretary

AREA 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY

ESCANABA, MI.

APRIL 9, 1994

At 9am CDT and 10am EDT our alternate delegate/area chairperson, Tom C., brought 119 members of AA to order to conduct the business of the area.

Announcements were read. Good luck in following Tom's directions to the Fall Conference at the Gateway Hotel in Eau Claire, Wi. Sept. 16, 17, 18, 1994.

Roll call:

All of the area officers were present as well as all of the committee chairpersons.

The districts Being represented were 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22.

Past delegates attending the assembly by panel (page S36 in the Service Manual) were Paul S. panel 24, Leonard D. panel 26, Richard H. panel 30, John H. panel 32, Chris H. panel 34, Davey R. 36, Paul H. panel 40, and Chuck S. panel 42.

The first order of business was to approve a new district (see the attached request). After a presentation by John W., a motion was made and seconded to accept Door and Kewaunee counties as district 22.

District Reports:

District 01: DCM Art K. said that he missed his first GSR meeting because he was somewhere else but, all is better now. District 01 has a new meeting list and was involved in the formation of district 22. We're all looking forward (one day at a time) to the 1995 Fall Conference to be held in Green Bay.

District 02: DCM was in Texas for a wedding so, Eva K. the Alt. DCM reported that the committees are all very active, especially Corrections and Treatment. When you see Eva ask her about the locomotion method used in 02 for more efficient GSR meetings.

District 03: Bob M. reported trouble getting GSR's but the picnic with Marshfield on the second week of August is still on. The P.I. committee is active.

District 04: Larry P. reported on having an active hotline, a new meeting list, and Corrections Committee. This is a good time to remind all committee members to notify the area secretary of any and all changes to trusted servants.

District 06: Alt, DCM Don F. reported a little inactivity since the Fall Conference but things are looking up since the elections in March.

District 07: Ken K. reported that there-are only two of his 18 to 20 groups without a GSR and 12 groups are generally represented at the GSR meetings.

District 08: John O. reported 40 groups and the GSR meetings are standing room only.

District 09: John N. reported the district is reorganizing and hoping for the better with Spring.

District 10: Terry B. reported that the district is in the fifth year of an upswing. Their Saturday morning once a month GSR meetings are attended by about 12 GSR's out of 40. With a CPC and PI committee, Grapevine committee and a Treatment Committee in the works. There is an intergroup four times a year and we have a speaker and temporary sponsor list.

District 12: John L. reported on 55 groups. We have a PI Committee and update our meeting list every 6 months. We are having much better attendance at our GSR meeting since we changed to every other month on a Wednesday night.

District 13: George B. reported that some of his GSR's are attending district meetings in a different district but the conference is helping to pull the district back together.

District 16: Bob M. reported on 12 groups six being represented at the GSR meetings. CPC Committee and a Corrections Chairperson getting active. We have workshops planned.

District 17: Rod K. reported that the Corrections Committee is the area where the district really shines. With work in the minimum security prison in Iron River and the DOC is requesting the same in the maximum security prison.

District 18: Randy K. reported that the first week of the month is when we hold our GSR meetings. The meeting place is rotated all over the district. We have 52 groups but not all are represented at the GSR meetings.

District 19: Jerry J. reported on having 30 groups but, only 8 GSR's, with a Corrections and PI Committee. We are currently surveying old timers to see how we could better serve them.

District 20: Tom C. reported on having a hard time keeping track of the 20 groups for a meeting list but all the meetings are good meetings.

District 21: Bill L. reported that he has 15 groups with active committee chairs. We are working on the second annual round-up which will come right after the first (August 5,6,7,1994 in Negaunee, Mi.). Phone line is up. Our monthly GSR meetings are rotated among the groups on the last day of the month.

District 22 (see attached sheet)

Treasurers Report:

John C. passed out two hand-outs one with the financial report and the other showing the area groups who contributed.

It was pointed out that the \$600.00 listed in the report as delegates expenses-conference doesn't begin to cover the expenses that the delegate occurs.

No motion was made to accept the financial report.

Conference report: It was pointed out that this Spring conference in Oshkosh, Wis. will be the first conference with the new format (no business meeting) and the first one in Oshkosh.

The Fall conference in Eau Claire, Wis. at the Gateway Hotel. For every 50 rooms reserved by us, the hotel will give us one free room. These rooms are used for speakers.

Bids for the Spring 1996 Conference: No bids. Unsuccessful railroad job for district 22. Tabled until Fall Assembly.

Delegate's report:

Doreen M. reported on the Past delegate meeting in Mount Vernon, where it was requested of Area 74 to sponsor a Hospitality Room at the International Conference in San Diego (June 29 through July 2). Len D. made a motion to make a donation not exceeding \$600.00, seconded and no opposition was voiced. We may need volunteers to man/woman this Hospitality Room.

The date for the 1995 Forum was changed to September 29, 30, October 1 at the Milwaukee Grand Hotel by airport.

We have copies of the anonymity statement for newspapers, if you think your local newspaper did not get one from GSO. The statements are sent only to newspapers of large circulation

Let's try to get the current GSO donations of 46.1% higher.

The Grapevine lost \$1400.00 last year. With the June issue the Grapevine will be 50 years old and will have a double issue.

General Service Conference agenda, items as pertaining to the Literature Committee and pamphlets then we broke for lunch.

After lunch more conference agenda items were discussed. There will be a committee formed on having GSO relocate. In the past a location more central (St. Louis or Chicago have been suggested) was wanted by a few who felt New York is too expensive.

The Grapevine will be asked to survive (or die) on income from subscriptions alone and discontinue the sale of special items. As one of our past delegates put it, "There's something more to think about, than what we're thinking about." If GSO were to be asked to do the same thing and survive on donations alone, how long would they last?

The International Conference Committee will be studying ways of filming the flag ceremony and still protect the anonymity of the flag bearers.

George H. of Area 75 gave a presentation on ICCYPAA. After explaining that the only requirement for membership in ICCYPAA, other than wanting to stop drinking, is the desire to grow. After some good old fashion Area 74 debate, the area was informed that ICCYPAA only wants to be able to come into Area 74 with a conference.

The idea of an area meeting list was debated, after weighing the pros and cons, a motion was made, seconded and passed that each DCM bring in a district meeting list to the Fall Assembly and exchange them.

The next item up on the agenda was the rotation of the Now and Then staff. Kathy asked to say something on this subject, because she did not understand why the staff was not elected at the Fall Conference in Ashland. She later found out that the staff is a selected position.

The Now and Then asked for and received \$1200.00 for operating expenses until the Fall Assembly.

The concern was raised about how information is not getting shared e.i. new GSR info, new DCM info, the Now and Then has to pay \$.35 for every copy that is returned by the Post Office.

The pros and Cons were discussed on the picking a permanent location for the assemblies. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the Holiday Inn in Rhinelander, Wis. will be the host for Fall Assembly. Randy K. will be responsible for the arrangements.

Area 74 Treatment Facilities Chairperson, Randy D., requested reimbursement for expenses occurred in his position. M.M.S. that "Upon receipt of bills, the Area Treasurer will reimburse all of the Area Chairpersons." There was one descending vote.

The cost of the day was \$50.34 for donuts and the rent was free because of the meals purchased in the restaurant. Discussion on outside contributions resulted in a \$50.00 payment to The Ranch Restaurant

The Finance Committee submitted the report contained in the March 1994 issue of The Now and Then with one addition of a six month prudent reserve of \$4000.00 will be added. The Finance Committee will meet in Oshkosh at the Spring Conference.

Agenda for the Fall Assembly:

Discuss the possibility of raising the area's donation to GSO for the delegate's expenses while attending the General Service Conference in New York.

Continuing report from the Finance Committee.

Bids for the Fall 1994 Assembly, Spring 1996 Conference and Fall 1996 Conference.

Other agenda items can be submitted in writing to the Area Chairperson.

M.M.S. to adjourn at 4:18 CDT or 5:18 EDT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

James S.

Area 74 Secretary

THE MINUTES FROM THE FIRST AREA SERVICE WORKSHOP AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Oshkosh, WI

MAY 21, 1994

Our area chairperson/alternate delegate, Tom C., did not break with tradition this morning at The Oshkosh Hilton and Convention Center, by starting the meeting on time.

At 8:40am a very disappointing 51 people assembled to hear the area delegate, Doreen M., give her report from the General Service Conference (page S22 in the Service Manual) in New York. I don't know if I should take this as the supreme compliment as to my ability to take notes or not. It seems like everyone else is waiting to read the report in the Now and Then. Boy! Talk about inflating an ego and putting pressure on this humble servant.

After the invocation by Chuck, the reading of the 12 Traditions by Robin and the announcements by Tom, The past delegates were introduced. Chris H. Panel 34, Dave R. Panel 36, Paul H. Panel 40, and Chuck S. Panel 42 were from Area 74. From Area 75 were Millie P. 35 and Joan the current delegate from Panel 43. From Area 34 our current Regional Trustee, (Page S40 in the Service Manual) Don W., Past delegate from Panel 34.

The delegates report on the General Service Conference (G.S.C.) in New York on April 23, 1994.

After an awfully bumpy and smoke-free flight, Doreen's higher power finally gave her a chance to grab a smoke.

Sunday morning April 24, the conference was officially opened by Jim Estelle who said, "The conference agenda is a living thing."

The General Service Office spends about \$4000.00 per delegate during the conference. We currently contribute \$600,00 toward this cost. At the Fall Assembly (August 20 at the Eagle Inn, in Eagle River, Wis.) a change to this will be brought up.

Doreen did get to the mike during the general sharing session Wed. night but, did not use her full two minutes (strictly adhered to).

There will be two vacancies for Class A (non alcoholic) trustees beginning After the April, 1995 G.S.C. Anyone with a person to nominate please contact Doreen for details.

There has been a problem getting new General Service Representatives (GSR page S43 in the Service Manual) their GSR kits. If you are one of these GSR's with this problem here two phone numbers you, either one of which you can use to get your kit. Please call either Eileen S. at, (212) 870-3058 or Lois F. at, (212) 870-3123.

Doreen will be serving on the Agenda Committee for the duration of her term. Everyone in A.A. but especially those of us will be able to submit a theme for the 1996 G.S.C. If you have an idea for a theme, please contact Doreen at the Fall Assembly August 20, 1994 in Eagle River. Don't bother submitting, "Pass it on - Our Three Legacies" because this is the theme for the 1995-G.S.C. At the conference workshops will revolve around the legacies of recovery, service, and unity.

The Cooperation With the Professional Community Committee (CPC) suggested changes to the pamphlets "How A.A. members Cooperate with Other Community Efforts to Help Alcoholics." These changes were accepted and the pamphlet, with a new name was passed. The new name will be "How A.A. members Cooperate with Professions" with the sub-heading "Cooperation, But Not Affiliation"

The confidential A.A. directory will no longer be sent to outside organizations.

The format of the C.P.C. Workbook will be changed to a soft-cover booklet, comparable to the Correctional Facilities Workbook, enclosed in a folder with related C.P.C. materials.

The correctional Facilities Committee recommended changes to two different pamphlets and the inclusion of these with a copy of the guide-lines to be included in the workbook.

The Finance Committee recommended that the new Self-Support pamphlet be worked on more and we not start work on moving G.S.O. out of New York until three years before the current lease is up in 2002.

The Grapevine Committee recommended that all A.A. members be strongly urged to work toward the goal that the A.A. Grapevine magazine be self-supporting through the sale of magazine subscriptions.

A \$35,000 to a \$40,000 loss from the discontinued production of the pocket planner and calendar will now have to be made up. One proposed way is to print a "generic" Grapevine containing personal stories and articles on step one for the newcomer. Please refer to Conference Advisory Actions from the 42nd General Service Conference, page 4, paragraph 23.

The International Convention Committee recommended that an anonymity protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 1995 International Convention (San Diego Ca. June 29, 30, July 1, 2). Doreen will start getting registration packets in August. Six weeks later a lottery will start to determination where who will stay. Each group will also get a packet at the same time. If your group does not get a packet, see Doreen.

The sixtieth anniversary of A.A. will begin Friday night with a block party at the convention center. Remember it never rains in southern California. Saturday night at the stadium, we will have an old-timers meeting. Registration will be \$65.00 in advance and \$70.00 at the door.

The literature Committee had an extensive list of changes to pamphlets mostly because of the fact that the circle and triangle were dropped.

The Policy/Admissions recommended that the date for the 47th G.S.C. be held April 13-19, 1997. The G.S.C. for 1995 will begin April 30.

Two new delegate areas were denied. One in Area 72 and the other in Area 05.

Public Information Committee recommended that the Workbook format be made the same as the Correctional Facilities Workbook.

Report and Charter recommended a change to page S52 of The A.A. "Service Manual, and other changes concerning the circle and triangle mentioned in the service manual. It was also recommended that monetary contribution not be printed in the A.A. Directory.

Treatment Facilities Committee recommended changes to their pamphlets.

Area 74 Finance Committee continued their report from the Spring Assembly. Lengthy discussion followed, mostly positive. The committee system in the area is in its infancy and it looks like it will work.

Mostly the issue of reimbursement was heavily discussed. The idea of receipts versus an honest program. The state-wide service seminars were figured in as expenses for the alternate delegate.

A prudent reserve was considered and concern over being able to get enough money to hold a prudent reserve.

Documenting expenses and proposing a budget for the first time in the history of Area 74 was done by the committee. What is the difference between additional expenses and administrative expenses. Expenses should be approved by Treasurer not by the committee chair. The Finance Committee sets policy, Does not administrate. These are some concerns and comments brought out by Joe S.

Public Information Committee had a sharing session but no minutes were handed in.

Grapevine Committee met in the same room where the displays were set up. Present were the area Grapevine Chairman, Joe S., district chairs from district 01,02,09, one group representative and Area 75 chairman.

The biggest concern shared by the district chairs was receiving information from New York to be shared with their groups. In the spirit of attraction rather than promotion, we will measure our progress by the number of groups (on a district basis) contacted and not by sales increases.

The Archives Committee chaired by John H. discussed a request made by the chairperson from the U.P. Roundup to have the archives display set-up during the round up. Two committee members will be attending the round up and can "keep an eye on it" so, this request was approved.

The importance of legally protecting the archives in the event of the Area Chairperson's death, disappearance or other mysterious circumstance was discussed, and a document showing ownership by the area was suggested.

Members present were, Scotty K., Dale E., Robert P., Tony K. and Dan R.

Correction Facility Committee was opened by Mike M., Area co-chair. Mike announced that the co-chair from the UP could not make it.

The map showing the facilities in Wis. and the U.P. of Mich, was reviewed and it was pointed out that it needed to be updated. Literature available for the taking to institutions were on display and an explanation of how the Navarino Moose Feed and the Oshkosh Intergroup donated \$773.72 for the purchase of the material. The Correction Workbook and the format for selection of A.A. members to go inside was discussed.

A discussion on how to get a meeting started on the county level was held. Who to contact first was discussed and even if you are not successful at first, don't go over that person's head. Instead stay with the same person and try to send another member in to see the individual. Many times, our biggest frustration comes down to personalities rather than facilities' rules.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

JAMES J. S.

FALL ASSEMBLY

EAGLE RIVER INN EAGLE RIVER,WI.

Aug. 20, 1994

The meeting started at 9:11 am with 68 in attendance. After the Serenity prayer, Terry M. read the 12 Traditions. Len D. Panel 26, John H. Panel 32, Chris H. Panel 34, Davey R. Panel 36, and Chuck S. Panel 42 were the past delegates present and recognized.

The Area Delegate, Doreen M., Alt. Delegate Tom C., Area Secretary, James S., and Area Treasurer, John C. were present. The Area Committee Chairpersons present were: John H. Archives, Ron M. Corrections (MICH), Mike M. Corrections (WIS.), Joe S. Grapevine, Rolland G. Literature, Ava K. Public Information, Randy D. Treatment, and Chris H. and Tom C. from the Now and Then.

The districts (page S52 in the Service Manual) that were represented by their district committee members (page S52 in the Service Manual) were: 01 , 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 1 0, 1 3, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Announcements were made after roll call. Some of you might still have September 15, 16, 17, 1995 marked on your calendar for the fall conference in Green Bay, WI, but, that's wrong. The conference was changed to Sept. 8, 9, 10, 1995 because the forum { pages 31 and 32 in your copy of 1994 Final Report of General Service Conference) in Milwaukee WI, was scheduled for Sept. 15, 16, 17,1995. Now the forum has been changed to Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1, 1995 but, the fall conference wasn't. . Some simpler conferences are the Fall Conference in Eau Claire on Sept. 1 6, 1 7, 18, 1 994. The deadline for the banquet was August 20. The East Central Regional (S116 Service Manual) Conference (5-STATE) is coming on Nov.4, 5, 6, 1994, in Milwaukee.

Keep bugging your GSR about registration for the International Conference in San Diego, Ca. This conference doesn't happen until June 29, 1995 but, you'll have to get your reply in by sometime September for the "hotel lottery." By the way, where are these packets we were suppose to get in August?

There was a general consensus about not having the minutes from the last Assembly read. Concern was voiced about the Area getting sloppy (I remember a few 24 hours ago when a past Secretary asked the body if she could forgo the reading of the minutes because of a speech difficulty. The body went ballistic and the minutes were read.). It wasn't until after lunch that a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed.

John C. handed out a financial statement and a list of contributing groups. Not too much has changed in Area 74. We still have only about 30% of the groups caring the rest.

Doreen M. was next and promised to try and keep it short. The Final Reports were handed out. Now the minutes from the Spring- '1 Conference can be checked out. Check with your G.S.R. if you want to see a copy.

G.S.O. is looking for just men at the present time to correspond with inmates. There is a form to fill out and return to New York. There is also in the works a GUIDELINE for A.A.'s with

special needs. In June G.S.O. will start using a 7-digit number to identify your group. The "D" number will no longer be used. There is two committee member openings in New York. Please see Doreen for details. C.P.C. needs assistants in developing future stories from A.A.'s who sought help from a professional (a clergy, a police officer a teacher or a supervisor) . If you or someone you know fits this scenario see your G.S.R. June 15, 1994 G.S.O. will start accepting your Visa or Master Card. A price reduction for literature will be in effect September 27, 1994. Finally the price of the large print big book and 12X12 will be brought down to where it should be. More reductions will be in the new catalog. Doreen will be part of a conference call to start the ball rolling with the agenda committee for the 1995 conference. Our Area Map needs to be updated. Joe S. will have a new map available at the Fall Conference.

Holland G. our Literature Committee Chairman who misses being the Corrections Committee Chairman. The Round-up in Marquette MI, was not a good place to sell a lot of literature but, the Fall Conference is coming up. The double edged sword of the price reduction is going to cost the area some money, if the current inventory is to reflect the new prices. The area does not benefit from the quantity price breaks.

Mike M., stated that there will be a Correction panel at the 5-State and temporary contacts are still needed. October 1, 1994 will be the annual corrections workshop in Wausau, WI.

Ron M. has been busy in the last year getting meetings started in various institutions in the U.P. People are also needed to go into the meetings and temporary contacts.

Eva K. says that schools are requesting material in such volumes that the area cannot afford. It was suggested that any group can "adopt" a school and buy any all literature they need or want.

Randy D. is trying to get a temporary contact list started by getting in touch with D.C.M.'s but, the conference is taking a lot of his time currently.

John H. did a 10th with the area when he found out he erred and found that Spring Conference in 1995 will be the 46th. The area archives display will be at the Fall Conference after a great deal of help was promised. John is also looking into a legal document stating the ownership of the archives.

Joe S. is working on an inventory and an account ledger for the Grapevine because it seems, the area wants a Grapevine "store". The Grapevine will be sending each group a pad of 25 Grapevine subscriptions at a cost of \$25,000.00. There are two new tapes available and perhaps some more light will be shed on this "generic Grapevine" issue at the Fall Conference when Don W. will be there. Don is not only the trustee but is on the Grapevine Board.

Chris H. spoke for the Now and Then, when she asked for \$2000.00 for operating expenses until April, 1995. MMS to give the Now and Then the money needed. At the 5-State in Milwaukee, the Now and Then staff will participate in a workshop about newsletters along with other newsletters from around the region.

John C. came back for two financial agenda items. First of which was the area's practice of reimbursing area officers. After comparing estimated expenses and what we actually pay-out the Finance Committee proposed a Financial Support Plan that the voting body accepted with one amendment. 43 yes and 8 no. The amendment was to sentence 1 under heading I to read: \$1000.00 for expenses payable on January 1, of each year.

The second item on the agenda was' to increase the amount of Delegates expenses to the General Service Conference in New York. We currently pay \$600.00 towards this cost. According to the hand-out this would not even cover the cost of meals. A motion was made by Davy R. to leave it at \$600.00 until G.S.O. asks for more. It was seconded by Terry M. The vote on the Finance Committee's recommendation to raise the amount paid to New York was: 50 opposed 8 in favor. The amount paid to New York will stay at \$600.00 until we are asked to by G.S.O. to raise it.

It was pointed out during the discussion that, "\$600.00 is a measly amount but, G.S.O. is, at the present time not hurting for money. A concern of taking care of our own (page 77 in the big book) and the fact that our trusted servants are being paid, "not for the service but, they are paid for their expenses

After lunch Mary Jo brought up the recommendation that the area reconsider having the business meetings during the conferences. This was not in the form of a motion.

Bids for the spring 1996 conference. District 02 offered a contingent proposal of May 17,18,19,1996 in Shawano, Wisconsin. No prices were available. The banquet and dance will be at the high school with the meetings at the Zion church across the street. If this deal falls through, The Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton, WI, will be the second choice. MMS to accept this bid, passed.

There was no bid for the fall conference. The bids will be tabled until the Spring Assembly (April 22,1995 in either Rhinelander or Eagle River). Also placed on the agenda at this time was the suggestion to go back to having Green Bay host every fall conference. A comment was made. "We like to travel to conferences. We don't need fancy motels or meals.

A special election was held for the Finance Committee. Amy B. was elected to a one year term. Two, two year terms were up and filled with, Terry McKay and Robert Paulson. The past-delegate spot will be filled by Chuck S. (blueberry muffins were almost thrown). It is now up to the committee to select a chairperson because Jerry J. resigned do to health reasons.

Every other year the" UPPER" Corrections Committee Chairperson Ron M. was nominated and elected to a two year term.

The next agenda item was. "Should there be a 4th edition of the book "Alcoholics Anonymous"? There was an overwhelming response of "don't". Somehow the idea of de-gendering of the main text came into the conversation. This idea was flatly refused by 10 either G.S.R.'s speaking for their groups or D.C.M.'s speaking for more than one group in their district.

One G.S.R. said that his group wanted the change.

Another said her group felt not representing at all in any of the stories or text.

Still another wanted just the stories changed.

One comment was that The Grapevine has up to date stories every month.

But/ the one comment that got the most attention was, "Where did this come from." A past delegate is concerned about protocol in New York. The process is being circumvented and someone is playing God. Let the conference decide. Doreen is to have put on the agenda at the General Service Conference next year, this agenda item; The group conscience of Area 74

is to ask, " Why was the process usurped in relation to the fourth edition of the big book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The issue of the Service Manual was withdrawn for two years.

Chuck S. made a presentation for the request of a new pamphlet containing The Doctor's Opinion as found on page XXIII of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Agenda items for the Spring Assembly in 1995 are: We ran short of time and had only enough time to present this proposal. I am copying this FYI, so an informed group conscience can be brought to the Spring Assembly.

Proposal to establish Guidelines for area 74. Whereas Area 74 does not wish to answer to any outside politics or structure and wishes to remain autonomous, we propose that the Finance Committee, or a committee of five to be elected by using the 2/3 voting procedure, review and/or rewrite the previously suggested "by-laws" and present these guidelines at the Spring Assembly () We can vote on accepting the guidelines as soon as possible after their presentation. These guidelines would be based on our current procedures and act only as suggestions for our internal actions.

Respectfully submitted,

James S.

Area 74 Secretary

FALL CONFERENCE

GATEWAY MOTEL EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

SEPTEMBER 16,17,18,1994

At 9:07am, Saturday morning, Area-Chairman/Alternate Delegate, Tom C., brought 40 other alcoholics to a very eerie silence for the start of the second non-business conference meeting for Area 74.

After an invocation by Brian H. and the reading of the 12 Traditions by Terry M., past delegates (Elder Statesmen or Bleeding Deacons) were recognized. Davey R. Panel 36, Chuck S. Panel 42, were there. Jim S. Panel 38, and E. Leonard D. Panel 26 arrived later but, in time for the meeting.

Roll call was taken and in attendance were, Doreen M., Tom C., Jim S., John C., Steve H., John H., Terry M. (the new Finance Committee Chairman), Mike M., Joe S., Rolland G., Eva K., and Randy D..

The districts with DCM's present were 01 , 02, 05, 07, 08, .10, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20.

Announcements were as follows. The Spring Assembly will be April 22, 1995 in either Rhinelander or Eagle River, Wisconsin. Everyone is encouraged to attend The Spring Conference to be hosted by District 18 on May 12, 13, 14, 1995. It's been a while since we've had a conference at the Holiday Inn in Marquette, Michigan but, I have fond memories of the other two conferences that I attended in Marquette (except for an incident with a Tyme card). The Fall Conference is still going to be held in Green Bay, WI (many to many 24 hours have passed since District 01 hosted a conference. I'm looking forward to it.) The dates are still September 8,9,10,1995 because of The Forum is scheduled for September 29,30 and October 1,1995. The Corrections Committee will hold their annual sharing session on October 1, 1994 at the Alano Club in Wausau, WI. District 05 will also be hosting a Corrections Workshop on November 12, 1994 in Maiden Rock, WI.

Three Service Workshops will be held in October. The first one will be in Bay City on the first, the second one will be in Amery, WI, on the eighth, and the third one in Bloomer, WI, on the twenty-second. A busy month for Tom.

The East-Central Regional Conference (5 STATE) in Milwaukee, WI, will be on November 4,5,6,1994. If you like panels, you'll love the 5-STATE.

Don't forget The International Conference in San Diego, CA, from June 29 to July 2,1995.

Doreen M. started her report by saying that she didn't have too much to report. Doreen stated that she did inform GSO of the area's concern about the 4th edition of the big book and, Chuck S.'s request for a new pamphlet. The agenda for the General Service Conference (the theme for 1995 will be Pass it on) to start on April 30, 1995 is out, and I'm sure it will be" printed in the Now and Then soon.

Doreen has a Spanish edition of the Final Report to give to someone with a need.

There are currently 4 openings for members of the C.P.C., P.I. and the Literature Trustee Committees (page S123 of the Service Manual). Doreen has the applications.

Doreen will be answering a questionnaire about our area's business.

D.C.M. packets were handed out. The new format looked a lot simpler and the new numbers are in effect. All corrections are to be mailed to New York before March 1995 to be included in the new directory.

Don W., East Central Regional Trustee (page S113 of the Service Manual), was here with his wife of three weeks, Barbara. Don was asked back, because do to circumstances beyond our control, his report at the Spring Conference was pre-empted Don spoke about the GSO office in New York. Most of his information is in the Service Manual and that's where he got it from.

Don explained how the General Service offices (GSO) operate and where they operate from. At 475 Riverside Drive in Manhattan, the 11th floor is occupied by GSO and Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (AAWS). On the 10th floor you'll find the offices of the Grapevine, Inc.

AAWS is the publishing branch of GSO. This is where all the conference approved literature (page S131 of the Service Manual) is stored, sorted and mailed out around the world (hence AAWS).

GSO (page S125 of the SM) is so complicated, it has it's own pamphlet. The 11 Conference Committees (page S23 of the SM) each has a staff member (page S24 of the SM) and two Area Delegates. The Trustees Committees run parallel to the conference committees and meet four times a year. The trustees (PAGE S117 of the SM) are elected while the staff members are employees of GSO.

Don was asked to explain the ongoing snag in Mexico where a split resulted in two different offices. Which, probably would not be a matter of concern in itself but, the second office is now printing copy-righted material and for this reason GSO became involved. We will protect our copyrights

Don continued by describing his extensive schedule during the Trustees Committee quarterly meeting. He continued to describe the differences and duties of the 7 Class A (amateurs) non-alcoholic and the 14 Class B (boozers) alcoholic trustees who comprise part of the General Service Board (S105 in the SM) . You can meet some of these trustees and staff members at a forum {see the September issue of the Now and Then for a flyer for the next East Central Regional forum in November). One of the best uses for a Class A Trustee is to send them out in public and accept an award for Alcoholics Anonymous

Don finished his presentation with a question and answers session. Staff member rotation and Grapevine were the major concerns voiced by the members present.

Mike M., area Corrections Chairman for Northern Wisconsin, started his workshop after a short break by going over ,the Guidelines put out by GSO and" explaining the format used for a meeting within the walls. Each facility is different depending on who is in charge.

The word most brought up during this workshop was "Commitment." Here again, each group is different. Some will require a commitment of every week, and others are flexible in the amount of meetings a person must attend. The process for going to a meeting inside is more complicated than going to a "street" meeting. You cannot just get up one day and say, "I think I'll go to a meeting at the jail tonight." There are forms to be made out- Once you are approved to go to a facility, be sure you are there when you are called upon to be there. Too many meetings have failed because people did not show up. If you are interested in getting involved in

a meeting inside, talk to your GSS or go to your district meeting and talk to the Correction Committee Chairperson (the chairperson is there to serve you).

Remember, these meetings are different in that you are not going into a private meeting. There are staff members and sometimes guards sitting in. This does also serve to protect the volunteers. Although, it took some of these inmates 4 years to get to this meeting and they don't really want to jeopardize their chances of staying.

An item for the Spring Assembly agenda was brought up about splitting the area east and west with co-chairs.

After lunch the matter of the "generic" Grapevine was discussed. Joe S. read the letter he had sent to The Grapevine Board and the reply he received. The concern voiced by this Area is being addressed by New York but, there are 90 other areas in the U.S.A. and Canada who still have a year to voice their opinion. We must remember that it was only a few 24 hours ago that we as a body did not know anything about what the Grapevine Board was up to until a new piece of literature was on the market. Now at least we are informed two years ahead of time.

The "specialty" items were brought up, and Don said that there is a sub-committee looking into these items. (I still like the idea of having the tapes transferred to CD's.) But we have to remember that the Grapevine does not accept donations nor does it make money through advertising. There is not a magazine anywhere that could continue with revenue from subscriptions only. Every magazine is subsidized. The fact that the magazine could be merged with GSO to bring down the price of books it publishes, was brought up. There is not too much of a price break when there are only 20,000 copies printed. The calendars and pocket planners are being offered next year (If you would like to have one, see your Grapevine Rep. if you don't have a GvR ask, why? like I did.)

Many opinions expressed in Oshkosh were not expressed in Eau Claire because, the expressionists were not in Eau Claire.

The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

James S.

AREA SPRING ASSEMBLY

K of C HALL RHINELANDER, WI

APRIL 22, 1995

At 9:14am CDT, on a beautiful spring morning, 103 alcoholics were brought to order by the Area Chairman, Tom C.

The roll was taken and all area officers and committee chairs except, Ron M. (who we learned must resign), were present.

The districts with their DCM's present were: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

Past Delegates present were: Len D., Panel 26, Richard H., Panel 30, John H., Panel 32, Chris H. Panel 34, Davy R., Panel 36, and Chuck S. Panel 42.

Announcements were made. In Marquette, MI, The Spring Conference will be held on May 12,13,14, 1995. The Fall Conference will be held in Green Bay, WI, on Sept. 8,9,10, 1995. As a reminder, the Fall Conference this year will be where the elections will be held. As is traditional in Area 74, groups and districts are asked to have their newly elected officers present to cast their ballots for area officers. The Fall Assembly will be on Aug,19,1995. Please check future Now and Then issues for time and location. Please bring your bids for the 1997 Spring Conference.

After much soul (and paper shuffling) searching the minutes were not read but, accepted by the body as printed and passed-out, with one correction. Eve's name was misspelled.

With a few clarifications the printed financial report was accepted.

A reminder to return the forms to The Now and Then to update the mailing list was made.

Art K., DCM from district 01 reported that the district meetings started slow but settled down. The participation in the Fall Conference is staggering. Even the chairman is participating.

Terry M., DCM from district 02 reported has been very active. The monthly GSR meetings travel around the district, with from between 30 and 50 in attendance. We have a traveling archives display. The District 02 Newsletter has 250 monthly issues. The Grapevine Committee has a representative from almost every group and has a traveling display. The P.I. Committee is involved with the schools within the district. The Treatment Committee is in 5 treatment centers, and Corrections Committee is in 10 state and county facilities. District 02 has two hot-lines and the Appleton-area hot-line was just reorganized and has a committee to keep it going. District 02 will be host in the 1996 Spring Conference in Shawano, Wisc.

The newly selected Alternate DCM from District 03 reported that there is a great deal of active members working with the treatment centers and a Big Book sharing session is in the works We are working on getting back into the jails. A bid will be made for the 1996 Fall Conference (District 03 was successful in its bid).

Ed O. DCM for District 04 reports on the upsurge of attendance at the bi-monthly GSR meetings. A card was passed around for George C. The hot-line is becoming very popular but is facing financial problems.

Ed G. DCM from District 05 says the district newsletter and committees are active and the district can boost of a zero balance in the treasury every month. Corrections is active in all the county jails except Trempealeau We have Grapevine display and active GvR's. The Alt. DCM puts on four workshops per year in the district. Our Archives Chair is currently recording activities for the Archives.

Please notify the area secretary of all corrections and changes.

Ken K. DCM from District 07 reported that his district has a possibility of gaining a group to bring his total to 19 groups. The district has a Grapevine Chair and a Treatment Committee trying to get back into the Marshfield treatment center. GSR meetings are attended by between 8 and 10 people.

John O. DCM from District 08 reported that the location of his district is in the center of Wisconsin not, Area 74 or the universe (which, we all know, is Navarino). Our P.I. Committee is currently running low on funds because of the meeting list. The PSA's which were run on the three local TV stations generated so many calls to the hot-line that the phone bill cause the groups to dig deep into their pockets to keep us solvent Our monthly GSR meetings, which are held on the first Tuesday of the month, had only six in attendance. Disheartening? My old watering hole had no patrons. (AA-6 Tavern-0 good score)

Terry B. DCM from District 10 states that the districts higher power has seen fit to grant them a meeting in the Oneida County Jail. Our PI Committee is involved with the local TV Cable Companies. Our GSR meeting are relatively new but, well attended by 15 people. District 10 is the district that hosts the Area Assemblies and are learning more with every assembly.

Gladys B. DCM from District 12 says our district meetings (held the first Wednesday of the month) are in the need of more members. We have a newsletter and a jail meeting.

George B. DCM from District 13 brought six members with him, up from three last assembly We're having difficulties with the jails but are still trying. We will be having a workshop in October.

Norb K. DCM from District 14 states that attendance is low but we have people going to different meetings to generate more interest. We have meetings in virtually every institution and our PI Committee is involved in PSA's on the radio. We are currently trying to generate more interest in our GSR meetings.

Bob M. DCM for District 16 reported that 16 groups might be welcoming another three groups. We have one meeting in a prison and a jail. Our district meetings are held every other month, With about 50-75% attendance We have in place a procedure for court referrals A meeting list, books for the corrections committee and PSA tapes from GSO were paid for by the district funds.

Shannon B. DCM from District 17 stated that Ron M. has resigned as corrections co-chairman for the uppers. On the up-side, the district now has a hot-line that is funded through the end of the year.

Randy K. DCM from district 18 reported on the Spring Conference in Marquette hosted by district 18. We now have a newsletter. The district meetings ire normally every month but, in the summer they will be held every other month. Literature has been purchased literature for the VA hospital and shelter homes in the district. The AA message is being carried into the jails, prisons, and hospitals. Two newspapers carry an ad and a hot-line was started.

Mary Jo J. DCM from District 19 made good use of the time not used by districts, who for one reason or another chose not to use theirs We have between 32-40 groups and an AA information line. We are working with in and out patient treatment facilities, giving them temporary sponsor lists. The monthly district meeting's location has been changed from the Alano Club to Bay College, mainly because it's more centrally located. I have been involved in solving a controversy with one of the clubs. We have sent out mailings containing pamphlets and a meeting list to doctors and clergy, Hotels have received pamphlets We are involved in the jails and at every district meeting we will be discussing service work, and encouraging more subscriptions for the A.A. Grapevine. A Statement of intent and purpose was read.

Lyle S., DCM from district 20 reported on a service workshop to be held in the district.

Randy D. former DCM from district 21 reported for the current DCM that the district is currently busy working on the second annual U.P. Round-up, to be held Aug. 4,5,6, 1995 in Houghton, Mich. The sixteen groups in the district are going strong.

Judy S. DCM from district 22 reported that the district will be celebrating the first anniversary January. FYI, district 22 was formed last year at the Fall Assembly by the groups in district 01. The PI committee in the district has cards and a phone. We will be holding a district wide pot luck and the rumor of the district hosting a conference in the near future is coming closer to reality.

Bob M. had a really good idea about a DCM sharing breakfast to be held Sunday morning during the Fall Conference.

Conference updates for the Fall, Spring and Fall Conferences was given

Bids for Fall Conference 1996: District 03 put in a bid for the 40th annual fall conference along with District 05. With a vote of 61-10 District 03 will be hosting the 40th Annual Fall Conference in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, on September 13,14,15, 1996.

Bids for Spring Conference 1997: No bids but a pre-bid was offered by District 21. So once again bids for a conference is tabled in Area 74. At the Fall Assembly, August 26. 1995 we will hopefully be taking bids for 1997 the Spring and Fall Conferences.

Delegate's Report: Our current Delegate Doreen M. started her report by commenting on how she had found her knight in shining armor The Hospitality Room in San Diego was discussed at the Delegates Past-delegates meeting, and it was decided to have a room with only a bulletin board, table and chairs, and no refreshments. This will save the Area the \$600.00 approved for the Hospitality Room.

Doreen shared some information from The Quarterly Report from GSO, which included information about literature sales and the International Conference.

We went on to agenda items that will be covered at the General Service Conference in New York. Item 1 about whether or not the service structure in A.A. is serving or self-serving provided a diverse exchange of ideas from the Big Book and other literature to the new comer to singleness of purpose to Spiritually.

The second item on money generated discussion of different types of contributions, methods of contributions and information as to where the money goes.

The third item was the editorial content of The A.A. Grapevine. The gist of all the comments made is that the magazine should be designed for the A.A. member and not for the new-comer. More stories about living after the fourth step.

The need for timely information on the agenda items for the GSC. was discussed at great length from an informed group conscience to right of decision right of participation.

Doreen finished her report with her request for an agenda item from the Area on getting more districts involved in conference bids.

A scheduling conflict for the Fall Assembly was discussed and a MMS to change the date of the assembly failed by a vote of 19 for and 33 against. A MMS to let District 10 look for an alternate facilities on August 26 with the KofC Hall as a last resort. Motion Passed by a vote of 49 for and 5 against.

A proposal from district 02 to reconsider the by-laws for the Area was brought before the assembly. MMS to form a committee to review the by-laws and present them to the Area at the Fall Assembly. After the usual amount of discussion, the question was called and a vote on the motion was 42 in favor and 16 opposed.

After a break a MMS to present the by-laws exactly the way the originally proposed. No second. Motion called for, for volunteers for the committee on the by-laws. If five stand these five will serve. Five Stood. The By-law Committee members are; Terry M., Eva K., [somebody] C., Chris H., and Bob M.

The new Now and Then staff was introduced. A unanimous voice vote was taken and Kathy D. and Bill K. will start co-editing the area newsletter with the August issue. Chris H. asked for \$2000 for operating expenses for the Now and Then to last until August. An appeal for the mailing list to be reduced by means of returning the subscription form included in the March issue. MMS to give the Now and Then the money. A voice vote was taken and unanimous approval was given.

The Finance Committee presented the final draft of the reimbursement proposal for the area, unanimous acceptance of the proposal was given.

A discussion on having additional business meeting for the area was proposed. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded that the area adopts no change. After much more discussion the question was called, the vote was taken and 48 voted for and 5 against the motion. For the time being things will stay the same.

Unprinted agenda items were next to be discussed. A MMS to give the area delegate \$600.00 to off-set her expenses to San Diego international Conference. The motion passed with 1 dissenting vote. No one spoke for the minority but a clarification was asked for. Why does this not fall under the newly pasted reimbursement plan. This is a traditional unusual every five year expense for the international conference.

A MMS to pass or reject the guidelines a/k/a by-laws exactly as written no amendments. The vote was 31 for and 24 against. Things can change at the Fall Assembly.

Trustees expenses for conferences in the area are to be budgeted by conference hosts. Please check with the guidelines as to which conference we traditionally invite the trustee.

An election for the UP Co-Chair of the Correction Committee was held and Karl S. was elected unanimously

Agenda items for the Fall Assembly:

Should Green Bay be selected as permanent conference site for every other fall conference in a nonvoting year.


The operating budget for the literature Committee needs to be discussed.

The operating budget for the Grapevine Committee needs to be discussed.

Bids for the Spring and Fall Conferences in 1997. Any other items can be placed on the agenda by contacting the area chairman in writing

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 3:55. Passed.

Respectfully Submitted



James S.

Area Secretary

Reimbursement Clarification and Request Guidelines

At the 1994 fall assembly Area 74 voted the following reimbursement schedule for the area officers:

Delegate:

\$1000 for recurring and ongoing expenses. Up to \$1500 additional expenses payable upon request with supporting documentation.

Alternate Delegate:

Up to \$500 reimbursement payable upon request with supporting documentation.

Secretary, Treasurer, Now & Then Representative, and other committee Chairs (Grapevine, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, Archives, Literature, Finance, Corrections(Wis), Corrections(U.P.):

Up to \$200 each reimbursed payable upon request with supporting documentation.

The purpose of this document is to list guidelines to be used by the Treasure, Finance Committee, and all Area Officers/chairs in requesting and receiving reimbursement, and in requesting Area funds for their committees.

- 1) In all action, we should be guided by the principle of trust supported by responsible accounting.
- 2) The \$1000 paid to the Delegate is intended to cover recurring and ongoing expenses such as postage, phones, copies, etc. No accounting of these expenses is required unless the delegate seeks reimbursement for this type of expense above and beyond the \$1000.
- 3) The \$1500 to the Delegate, \$500 to the Alternate Delegate, and \$200 to the other chairs will be reimbursed upon request to the Area Treasurer with reasonable documentation of expenses. This is not intended to require submission of receipts, copies of invoices, etc. It simply means that the request should include a listing of expenses incurred and their basis, rather than a mere dollar amount. An example is:

Spring Conference Expenses

Gas expenses	\$16.00
Motel-2 nights @ 45	\$90.00
Meals	\$14.00
Registration	\$ 8.00
	\$128.00

- 4) It is intended that Officers and Chairs will only be reimbursed for expenses incurred on Area business at functions which the Area expects the Officer/ Chair to attend. Costs for attendance at district meetings, intergroups, etc. are not expected to be reimbursed.
- 5) The Area Treasure may reimburse Officers/Chairs as needed and will report to the Finance Committee and the collective body periodically. The Treasure will keep a separate accounting for each Officer/Chair, but will report on all reimbursements under the category of "Officer Expenses" with out an individual breakdown.

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- 6) Some Guidelines for committees which sell material (Literature, Grapevine, Archives, Etc.) are:
 - a) Any committee which sells material should be Self-supporting.
 - b) The Finance Committee shall receive a cash and/or inventory accounting on a semi-annual basis.
- 7) All requests for money for Area Committees should be presented to the Area Treasure 45 days prior to the Area assembly.

AREA 74 REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

OFFICER/COMMITTEE CHAIR EXPENSES

Conference
Assembly
Other Area Functions

Motel: _____
Meals: _____
Gas/Travel: _____
Registration: _____

Total Request: _____
(Limit \$200.00 per year)

COMMITTEE EXPENSES

Must be submitted 45 Days prior to an Assembly

Postage: _____
Phone: _____
Office Supplies _____
Service Material, Workbooks, etc.: _____
Other (Specify): _____

Total Request: Name of

Officer/Committee Chair:

Date Requested:

Approved by Finance Committee: Treasurer

Reimbursed (Date):

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE

HOLIDAY INN MARQUETTE, MICH.

5-13-95

Although it rained Saturday evening, the weather couldn't have been better for the conference. There is an advantage to the no smoking policy in the business meetings. That is, we have to go outside every once in a while to enjoy the day.

Despite the great day 57 alcoholics including all of the area officers were present and DCM's from districts OI, 02, 03, 05, 07, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, and 21 were present. Past Delegates, Paul S. from panel 24 and Chuck S. from panel 42 were also in attendance.

Announcements were made followed by the Delegates report.

Doreen M. commented on the fact that she had a hectic week at home following the conference but, she did make a good catch. Doreen didn't have quite enough time to put her "Rent-a-Mom" service together though.

The Saturday night Delegate's dinner was a sharing session for the 91 Delegates. It was found out that 80% of the areas own two computers. One is for the secretary and the other is for the Treasurer. These computers go to the next officer. Of these computers 50% are linked directly with GSO. Area 74 is presently getting a disk but, it is more or less useless.

Of the 91 Delegates 30% were funded to San Diego Conference. Area 74 paid \$600.00 to Doreen. as part of her expenses.

The General Service Conference for 1996 will be from the 21-27 of April. This means the newly elected Delegate will have three weeks to get the report finished.

In the past when a new group registered with New York, they were left in limbo during the processing time. Doreen showed* an example of the card that will be mailed right away to the GSR to inform that person that the paperwork is being processed and in the mean time they are to be the contact person.

The Final Reports should be available at the Fall Assembly. This report has more information in it than you could possibly absorb. But if you want to prove me wrong, and absorb all of it, that will be great and you are delegate material. Doreen just highlighted.

A motion to censure the General Service Board was unanimously defeated. 121 to 6 with very little discussion.

The committee on corrections decided not to proceed with tape encouraging AA members to get involved in carrying the message to other inmates. It is not feasible to send a Big Book to each inmate who requests one, and the development of a letter to wardens should be discontinued.

Finance Committee was next and it sounds as though, from hearing Doreen explain it, that Area 74 is par with New York when it comes to carrying on. The draft of the new pamphlet on self support be accepted with a change that will surely confuse even an accountant. This was debated for seven hours and what it boiled down to was, let the group decide.

Treatment Committee had no recommendations but, with all the cut-backs in facilities the fellowship is going to have to learn to work with the "wet" drunk. Doreen has information from a Delegate from Florida who, had a workshop and printed a sheet on working with the "wet" drunk straight from the Big Book.

After a short break Doreen continued with the suggestions from the Report and Charter Committee on changes to the Service Manual, and many suggestions that resulted in no changes.

The Grapevine Committee recommended, after much pressure from the conference, that a bi-monthly Spanish edition of the Grapevine be produced. Money (\$60,000.00) will come from the reserve fund. After five years we'll see if it is still feasible. The Grapevine will now go back to the way it should be, all English.

The Literature Committee recommended changes to the pamphlets "The AA Group" and "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated". A pocket edition of The 12X12 (which will be smaller than the current pocket edition) will be produced. The Big Book will experience no change. A \$60,000.00 video on how GSO serves the fellowship will be produced. Another \$6000.00 pamphlet will be produced, to replace one that was discontinued, on service The fourth edition of the Big Book will not come out yet. No need for a pamphlet on the doctors opinion was found.

Policy and Admissions Committee announced that the 48th GSC will be April 19-28, 1998. The International Convention Committee will be renamed the Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums (Sept, 29,30 and Oct. 1, 1995 in Milwaukee, WI.) and it will meet once every year. A recommendation to spend \$16,000.00 per language for each Delegate at the GSC who needs a translator was passed. Smoking became a huge issue and will be again.

Cooperation With the Professional Community had their workbook approved and renamed CPC Kit.

The Agenda Committee decided on "Preserving our Fellowship-Our Challenge" as the theme for the 1996 GSC. This was passed along with the workshop themes.

Public Information Committee recommended that the Anonymity Statement have video taping and use of full names on audio tape labels added to it. The uses of survey and some of the questions were discussed. Changes recommended and approved Surveys are to be copied and passed out. The question; Have you been diagnosed as having any psychiatric problems other than your alcoholism? will not be included.

Floor Actions do not go through the process (page S85 in the Service Manual) and are brought up at the conference itself. Doreen discussed the four floor actions which all resulted in a negative response mainly because of lack of information.

The report was completed with Doreen stating that it was a privilege to serve and thanked one and all.

The DCM sharing session on Sunday morning was a huge success and some good ideas shared. This is just my opinion but, this is one of the better ideas to have come around in a long time and I hope it is continued.

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY

K of C HALL RHINELANDER, WI

AUGUST 26, 1995

With a different seating arrangement and a top of the line sound system, one of the best area assemblies ever was under way at 0917. There were 66 members at the start of the meeting.

Thorn G. gave a brief but to the point invocation and the Twelve Traditions were read by Terry M. Tom C. introduced the past delegates; Len D. from Panel 26, John H., Panel 32, Davey R., Panel 36, and Chuck S., Panel 42 and announcements were made. The Forum, Area Conferences and Service workshops.

Roll call was taken. All of the area officers and all of the committee chairs except the Michigan Corrections chair were present. The Districts with a DCM in attendance were; 01, 02, 05, 07, 08, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

The secretary's report was "red lighted" after only half finished. MMS to accept the report as printed in the **Now and Then** motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was handed out in printed form and a MMS to accept the report was made and passed.

Doreen M. stated that she was upset that her copies of the **Final Report** had not as of yet arrived but, hopefully they will be available at the Fall Conference in Green Bay.

The regional forum, to be held Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 1995 in Milwaukee, WI, is highly recommended by almost everyone who has attended one in the past. As class A Chairman of the Board, Jim Estelle said "The Regional Forum is the Service Manual come alive." Doreen will be monitoring a workshop entitled Back to Basics at the Forum.

Doreen reported on the AAWS meeting in July. Literature sales were up but, contributions were down. The International Conference had 52,000 in attendance but, came in over budget by \$325,000.00. Many reasons for this were given. Number one was not as many Mexicans as were expected came and too many locals came to hang-out without having to register. Doreen also thanked the Area once again for the contribution for her expenses.

Literature price reduction was discussed and a book with the "lost" stories from the first and second editions is available but, not from AAWS.

Male correspondents for inmates are desperately needed.

Change forms for DCM's are available. Group information changes will be available in October.

Ann Warner will be retiring from the Grapevine as of April. New York is taking resumes for the job of Grapevine Editor. There are openings also on the corrections, treatment facilities, and public information committees for non-trustee committee members.

The **NOW AND THEN** started the reports with Kathy D. thanking Tom and Chris for helping with the transferring of responsibility. She also made a request for address changes from the GSR's and DCM's.

Bill K. mentioned some of the changes planned for the newsletter of Area 74. The red banner will be returned, a "Delegates Corner" will be added and sequence will be corrected

Next up was **Public Information Committee**: Eva was helping district P.I.'s understand the workbook and worked with district 02, whose P.I. Committee is very active.

Randy D., **Treatment Facilities** Committee Chairman, apologized for not being able to do all he felt he should have done. He did get a contact list for the area treatment facilities.

The Corrections Committee was next with Mike M. reporting on annual sharing session in Wausau on **Oct. 7, 1995**. A prison discount package of 30% is being offered by New York. Area 75 is planning a 3 day conference 1996. Mike requested once again for an Area 74 Meeting List. A request was made for Big Books for Lincoln Hills.

Archives Committee Chair, John H., reported that the display was set-up at the round-up in Michigan. The new scrap book that he started, dates back to 1952 is able to hold anything that anyone wants to donate. John has not yet received a copy of the book, **AA Everywhere-Anywhere-1995**. John also stated that it's time for him to step down, and someone should be elected in Green Bay.

Literature Committee chair, Rolland G., started his stewardship of the area literature with a pouch of money, a few books and a copy of the AA Guidelines. The guidelines are very vague and with the help of the Finance Committee, built the inventory into what it is today. The inventory, books and pamphlets \$1799.95. Cash on hand \$515.70. For a total of \$2358.65. A loss of \$203.25 due to price reduction from New York. Rolland will be rotating out in Green Bay and is reducing the inventory for the transfer. A discussion about losses due to price reduction. We lost money but we made money a few years back when the prices went up. The area sells at the price in the catalog.

The Grapevine Czar, Joe S., passed-out a printed report with inventory, profit-loss and items of interest. The inventory is \$274.00 with \$29.40 cash on hand. Joe reported on how there are so many discrepancies in subscription reporting from New York. There are some items to be discontinued and the wall calendars will be in color. The subscription rates will be going up in 1996 and Ann Warner will be retiring as editor.

The Finance Committee Chairman, Terry M., recommended a \$3000.00 operating budget for the Now and then. A unanimous voice vote to accept the recommendation was taken after a short discussion of the prudent reserve. After a Area 74 (lengthy) discussion about the prudent reserve, it was passed by a vote of 29 for and 24 against. After a minority opinion was expressed, a vote on a revote was taken and the result was 32 for and 20 against.

After lunch the second and the motion was withdrawn, clearing the way for a motion to table the discussion. It was seconded. After more discussion, this motion and second was withdrawn. The matter of the prudent reserve was sent back to the committee.

Conference reports:

District 02 will be hosting the 1996 Spring Conference on May 17,18,19 in Shawano, WI. The fliers were described by many as "sharp".

The 40th annual Fall Conference will be hosted by District 03 on September 13,14,15,1996 in Wisconsin Rapids, WI.

Len D. presented a proposal on having every Fall Conference be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The advantages, like not having to go through the bidding procedure every year and preserving the history of Area 74. The disadvantages, like the Packer games and the cost. Politics was brought up and the list of past Delegates shows that Area 74 has a history of electing delegates from throughout the Area. After a voice vote, the nays had it.

A report on the Fall Conference in Green Bay, in two weeks was given by Robert P. A phone number was given for anyone who had a question about panels. Robert was jumped on pretty badly about not scheduling any rooms for Committee Meeting on Friday night. Rooms were then promised. Robert concluded with a threat of a bid for the Fall Conference in 1997 to be held in Green Bay.

Bids for the 1997 Spring and Fall Conferences.

Without prices or a date, District 05's bid at the Ramada Inn in Eau Claire, was accepted for the Spring Conference.

District 01 bid on the Fall Conference to be held the 3rd weekend in September was accepted.

More details will follow.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Guidelines as presented by District 02 in printed form (see Spring Assembly) An attempt to table the Guidelines was defeated by an 18 to 28 vote. After a 52 to 2 vote, Area 74 finally has a set of guidelines to help us do the business in a more orderly fashion.

Some of the inventory issues of the Literature Committee that was not addressed in the morning reports were covered. The question was raised as to how and when the inventory went from \$500.00 to \$2500.00. Rolland explained that the higher inventory was requested because of a need, and the sale of books and other items is brisk at all of the functions that the display is set-up at. The display is one of the best tools to carry the message.

After a break, an idea to have committee reports twice a year instead of just once (currently) was offered to show more accountability and to show that the committee is active. No action taken.

Joe S. suggested a three day Service Manual study to be held in January. After much discussion, Joe was told to put something together and present it at the Fall Conference in Green Bay.

A suggestion to put all of the DCM's on a committee was brought before the body but, no action was taken. We adjourned at 4:07 in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

James S

Area 74 Secretary

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE

REGENCY SUITES GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

SEPTEMBER 9, 1995

Another Saturday morning at the beautiful Regency Suites. It's been a long time but, well worth the wait. After ten years Area 74 came back to Green Bay, Wisconsin for their Fall Conference. Anticipation was heavy in the air as Area 74 got ready to elect officers for the 1996-1997 term.

Chuck S. put it all in perspective with his invocation. The 12 traditions were read as a reminder to let our higher power decide

After the announcements were made we didn't learn anything new.

Roll call was made and the Area officers were all present. All but two of the Area Committee Chairs were all present. The missing chairs were Karl S. and Randy D.. DCM's present were; 01 02 03 05 08 13 16 17 18.

Past delegates were; Robert Z., Panel 14, Paul S., Panel 24, Len D., Panel 26, John H., Panel 32, Chris H. Panel 34, Davey R., Panel 36, Chuck S., Panel 42. Visiting us from Area 75, Bill, P. 45. I would like to extent, on behalf of Area 74, our thanks for a job well done handling the ballots.

Joe S. presented a tentative agenda for a service assembly to be held in Wausau, Wisconsin on January 26,27,28, 1996. The Assembly will be held at the Ramada Inn.

NOTE: After checking my notes and replaying the tapes, Joe was told to "put something together and present it at the Fall Conference". No action was taken at the Fall Conference.

Doreen M. welcomed all new GSR's and DCM's to the meeting. She announced that the **Final Reports** are in and available to each group. The **Final Report** is a confidential piece of material. This means that no one outside of the fellowship should have access to it because full names are used in it. Confidential doesn't mean that it is for DCM's or GSR's only. Anyone in the fellowship who wants to know what goes on in New York or, just wants to see what they do with your money, should read this report.

ELECTIONS:

After just one ballot, Tom C. was elected **Area Delegate**. 36 out of 49 votes.

It took four ballots to elect John C. as Alternate **Delegate**. 40 out of 54 votes.

Eva K.'s higher power selected her after four ballots failed to decide the next Area secretary. After a 31 out of a 52 (not 2/3 majority) vote Eva and Jerry M. when to the "hat".

Jerry M. came back, in the race for **Area Treasurer**. With a 35 out of 45 vote after three ballots. As is the tradition in Area 74, the treasurer names a co-signer. Jerry named Karl S., but latter changed to Bill L.

The Area Committee Chairs

do not need a 2/3 majority to be elected.

- Scotty K. will serve as chairman of the **Archives Committee**.
- Doreen M. will be the **Grapevine Committee** Chairperson.

- Ed G., by a vote of 28 to 18 will serve as the **PI Committee Chairman**.
- 100912 ran unopposed for the **Corrections Chairman**.
- It was a tight race for **Literature Chairman**. James S. will serve for the next two years.
- Steve H. will serve as **Treatment Facilities Committee** Chairman for the next two years.
- One position was open on the **Finance Committee** for a GSR or DCM and Bob M. will serve for two years.

And so ends another Area 74 Elections. My higher power gave me another opportunity to serve and with his help, I'll do my best. I have a half of a page left here, so I might as well put some words on it. I want to thank everyone in Area 74 for their patience and support during the previous two years. It was a learning experience, and I think I grew a little.

Realizing that I had just recorded two years of A.A. history gives me such a feeling gratitude. Granted the printed minutes were long at times but, I tried to be accurate. What good are minutes, if you can't find the information that you want. When I sign this document, it will finish my term. I will pass the ring binders to Eva and get over to Rolland's to pick-up the literature. Perhaps we can trudge the happy road to Wausau in January together. God bless and thank you once again.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES J./S. AREA SECRETARY (RETIRED)

AREA 74 SERVICE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Wausau, WI

JANUARY 27, 1996

Committee Reports: Each committee chair was given a handout containing the following discussion questions:

1. How can our committee best serve the alcoholic who still suffers?
2. Do we have enough people to help us, or shall we ask for a change in our committee's structure?
3. What do we think Area 74 expects of our committee?
4. What specific goals do we want to achieve in the next one to two years?
5. What specific measures will we have to take to achieve these goals?

P 1 Committee: Ed reports that he has a committee of 3 that are committed to serve. The committee wants to get out information on who we are, where to find AA and whatever other information is available. They would like to put flyers in church bulletins inviting them to attend an informational meeting. The committee plans to inform the fellowship through two informational meetings to be held in the spring. Ed has a format for information meetings that could be modified to meet the needs of each district. They asked for input from the Area if something seems out or line or missing.

Literature Committee: Jim reported on the discussion questions. (1) Supply the literature. (2) No, he needs help during conferences for inventory and the times that he can't attend events. (3) To supply literature, request funds when needed from the finance committee and make the Area aware of changes, etc. (4) Inventory control and availability at events. (5) Cover price decreases and out dated materials. Out dated service manuals will be given to those who for whatever reason don't have one.

Treatment Committee: Steve H. stated that his committee should consist of all District treatment chairs or contacts who can share information from different facilities and what works best. His goals are to find Districts that are active in treatment and attend their meetings; keep communication open by holding informational meetings and sharing sessions; and find a solution for keeping an Area contact list.

Finance Committee: Terry M. stated the purpose of the committee is spelled out in the guidelines; however, some of their goals are to eliminate some of the discussions that were held in the past at assemblies and conferences. They will gather and review necessary questions to present information to the assembly. They will prepare and present a budget to the assembly. Two of the questions that will be researched are: What is a prudent reserve? What do we want to do with the Area Tax status?

Corrections Committee: Wisconsin chair Tony K. announced there will be a Corrections Conference for Area 75 on May 31- April 1, 1996, in Madison. Ken, the Corrections Chair from Area 75 would like future conferences to be statewide. The Navarino fundraiser for literature in Correctional Facilities will be held March 29, 1996. U.P. Chair Karl S. reports that they have a corrections meeting 1 hour before

the traveling intergroup. Karl's goals are: (1) Establish a contact in every district. (2) Establish an outside contact for every facility. (3) Form a separate budget and treasury for the U.P. (4) Form a statewide contact system, there's already one in effect in lower Michigan. Chuck S. western contact was unable to attend due to health problems, but sent word that he is trying to access the needs of institutions by sending them a questionnaire with about 16 questions.

The committees goals are: (1) Define who is the committee. (2) Regular communication between chairs and contact, perhaps through a conference call. (3) Establish an Eastern Wisconsin contact so the committee chair can oversee and give input to the rest of the committee. (4) Obtain a list of all state and county facilities. (5) Establish district correction chairs or contacts. (6) Make more use of the Now & Then, District newsletters and groups. (7) Improve correspondence and contact systems. (8) Use guide litters and have follow up phone calls to facilities. (9) Send a letter to registered groups to establish contact with persons going inside that may not know about the Corrections Committee.

Respectfully Submitted, Eva K.
Area 74 Secretary

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

TULA'S RESTAURANT EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN

AUGUST 17, 1996

The assembly convened at 9:15 a.m. by John C, Area Chairperson. Regional Trustee, Don W., from Portage, MI was introduced. Announcements were read and roll was taken. All area officers were present as well as Districts 01,02,05,08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19,20,21, and 22. Archives, Finance, Corrections, WI. Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, and **PI** chairpersons, and past Delegates John H., Doreen M., and Chuck S. were also present.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Spring Assembly were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry M. submitted a written report, and explained how his donation box worked. The report was approved.

Regional Trustee, Don W. reported that the Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions are now available in American Sign Language. GSO also approved early retirement for staff which will be staggered to offset the large amount of knowledge that would be lost at one time. Five people have taken advantage of this plan and others are considering this option. There have been two additions to the staff in Corrections and CPC committees.

The Grapevine had a minimal dollar loss due to promotions, but is otherwise doing well. An improvement is expected in 1997, and some prices will be raised. The Spanish Grapevine has 11,000 subscriptions which is almost double the expectation of 6,000.

A slight restructuring of the Board has taken place, but it is insignificant to the operation of the General Service Board which will for the most part stay the same.

Don also reported on two other points of interest. A sight selection committee regarding moving the New York office has been established with Office Manager, George Dorsey and four Delegates. The Board of Trustees discussed International conventions and whether or not they should be continued. The most significant issue discussed regarding this was financial incentives given from the host cities. There was a split in feelings regarding our Tradition on outside contributions. Some feel that gratis incentives are merely a business procedure, while others feel they are outside contributions. It was decided that the Board would listen to the Fellowship's desire regarding this matter, don's personal expression is to perhaps have a number of forums so the message could be carried to a larger population of AA members. The board will meet the first week of November with the Delegates who have been invited to observe the meeting.

Delegates Report: Tom C. encouraged everyone to read the General Service Conference Report as it is full of great information. There will be two panels at the Fall Conference on service. They will deal with the Committee Service Structure System and our three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service.

Larry M. of Eau Claire, WI received a computer disc from Tom that was available for assistance in organization and data base for Area 74. He will review the contents to see how they can be used to benefit our area. Update from New York: Two new pamphlets are being considered at this time. The Big Book will remain the same and is an ongoing agenda item. New York has little

input beyond group autonomy. His report ended with a request of new attendees at the assembly. Seven AA's were attending for the first time.

AREA CHAIR REPORTS

Treatment Facilities: No report.

PI: Ed G. talked about a Fall Conference Sharing Session with the District PI chairs in which a format on what and how each district is doing in getting information out. **He** also discussed the 15th million copy of the Big Book and information he has received from GSO. Now & Then: Bill K.'s report consisted of the difficulties the staff has had in getting the newsletter out. He is updating his computer, and should **be** able to get the newsletter **by** the 1st of the month in the near future. He also wants to go to a four line label with the expiration date included. Anyone interested in receiving the newsletter should send in their subscription to the address on the newsletter.

Literature: Jim S. reports that due to higher prices of literature production and distribution costs, the discount process will **be** changed from **30%** to 20% and the 5% overall discount will **be** discontinued. Big Book sales and contributions are down while expenses increase. In order to maintain the status and integrity of literature, he suggests the use of the Birthday Contribution System of \$1.00 per year of sobriety.

Grapevine: Doreen M. discussed the new Grapevine Pamphlet which is Conference approved. This could help with subscriptions and dispel the notion that the Grapevine is not Conference approved. The Spanish Grapevine is now in print and a copy was given to Archives, she reported that her committee has \$57 left from the \$97 she started with. The big meeting at Fly Inn in Oshkosh was a success. Many attendees read the information on the meeting in the Grapevine showing that it does help in carrying the message. Grapevine order forms are now available.

Archives: Scotty K. desperately needs help in obtaining pieces of information to help Area 74. He would like to have help from area members to form a committee and a better Archives system. He is looking for any AA information, Group information, new changes or additions anywhere in area districts to help follow the growth of our area.

Corrections: Tony K. reported that committees are being formed and a secretary is needed to help coordinate the Annual Sharing Session which will be October 5 at the Wausau Ajano Club. Corrections received \$800 from Navarino for literature . There is now a balance of \$300. He also reported that the Spring Conference in Shawano had an overage of \$400, which was divided between Area 74 and GSO. He also requested that the agenda item regarding the election of a co-chair be withdrawn and put on the Spring Assembly Agenda. Finance Committee: Terry M. reported that the Committee met in July. He indicates that the 1996 Area Budget appears to be in line with good fiscal management. Group contributions and expenses are down which has helped keep the budget stable. The 1997 Budget is projected to have an increase in contributions and expenses but will stay pretty close to this years budget. Discussion followed regarding the 1997 dollar distribution. All question were answered satisfactorily. The 1997 Budget was introduced with the following motions by the committee:

(1) **Reimbursement of area committees:** UP Corrections -\$33; Archives - \$ 100; Now & Then - \$3,543. The motion was passed.

(2)Approval of the budget: Question on whether the budget had been adjusted and taken into account increases. This has been done. Budget was approved unanimously.

(3)Federal Tax ID Number: Terry explained the application form and the reasoning behind getting an ID Number. The area would only be using this number for the purpose of banking and protection of the Area and its treasurer. If interest exceeds \$600, we would have to file a return which hasn't been the case as yet. We have a non interest bearing account which helps keep us within the \$600. Discussion followed with a question being raised as to the need for an ID Number, Terry explained the new tax codes and need for a number have a large part to do with proper ownership of the money should it ever be questioned. Krista D. gave her report on the research done. There is a possibility of an audit or tax return, and noted that we are currently liable without a tax ID Number, The body was encouraged to trust their elected servants and resulting committees with the work they have done. The question was called to vote and was carried with one abstain.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

1996 Fall Conference: Penny gave a report on the conference to be held in Wisconsin Rapids at Assumption High School. Everything is falling into place and fliers were provided.

1996 Spring Conference: To be held in Eau Clair, WI Ed G. had fliers and registration forms available.

1997 Fall Conference: To be held in Green Bay. Ted L. reports things are moving along well and arrangements with UW -Green Bay are being confirmed. More information will be coming,

1998 Spring Conference: Rhinelander received this bid. They have use of the Lake of Torch Casino and the date will be Sept. 8-10, 1998.

1998 Fall Conference: Districts 21, and combined Districts 01 and 22 expressed an interest in bidding. Neither Districts had any information available. Discussion followed with a motion made to table the issue due to lack of information. A vote was taken with 25 yes and 17 no. Minority was heard from with the suggestion that bidders should be given the opportunity. Majority called for a revote and was carried, A vote on the motion to table the Conference issue until the 1997 Spring Assembly then took place. Majority voted to reopen bids with Districts 21, or Districts 01 and 22. Houghton District indicated an interest as there hasn't been a conference in the UP in a while. Districts 21, 01 and 22 then withdrew their bids. Motion was made and Houghton received the bid.

A questionnaire was passed out for input only regarding a joint conference (State Conference) with Area 75.

Nominations were opened for a Past Delegate member on the finance committee. Chuck S., Doreen M., and John H., declined in the spirit of rotation. Chuck S, agreed to remain on the committee until the Spring of 1997.

Nominees for a current DCM or GSR for two positions on the finance committee were opened, Richard T. - Oshkosh', Randy M. -Kaukauna; Ted G.-Alternate DCM District 02; and Mike B. - District 10 were nominated. It was explained that the top two vote getters would be the elected committee members. Nominees left the room, a vote was taken with Richard T., and Mike B. elected. Election of Area 74's Nomination for Trustee of Five State

Region: Len D. submitted a written request on waiving the rule of nominees having to be present. A vote was taken and passed to waive the policy. Nominated for Trustee were: Len D. - Ishpeming; Chuck S. - Eau Claire; and Doreen M. - Oshkosh. Voting was done by the 3rd Legacy Procedure with Chuck S. receiving the nomination.

Election of Area 74's Nomination for Trustee of Five State Region: Len D. was the only candidate for this position and was elected unanimously.

Chair & Co-chair for corrections: There are guidelines regarding election of Co-chair, Discussion favored maintaining co-chairs from both the UP and WI. A motion was made and carried to elect a UP co-chair. Minority was heard from with no majority call for revote, Charlie S. was elected as the UP Co-chair.

Two Day Assemblies: Various district reports were given and suggesting were made on other options that could be pursued. Concerns were voiced on low attendance at service assemblies, and suggestions were made how to resolve this issue, as well as finding more ideas on how to keep our area better informed.

New Business: None.

AGENDA ITEMS SPRING ASSEMBLY 1997

(1) State Conference, - Chuck S.

(2) Committee System - Gerry M.

