

**AREA 74 AREA COMMITTEE MEETING  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2014  
THREE LAKES, WI**

The meeting was opened at 10:01 AM with housekeeping as well as voice and vote explanation given.

The Area Committee acknowledged DCM, Jay N., from District 23 as a first time attendee to an Area 74 Area Committee Meeting.

A moment of silence was followed by the Third Step Prayer.

The Traditions were read by Nancy S.

**Roll Call**

**Area Officers:**

Area Chair, Delegate, Treasurer

**Committee Chairs:**

Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Grapevine, Now & Then, Public Information

**DCM's:**

01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 23

**Past Delegates:**

Bob M. - Panel 50   Marty L. - Panel 62   Karen - Area 75 - Panel 39

Bob M. stated he heard either a past or current DCM from District 23, Marshall B., passed away.

Area Chair, Kim R. stated we have an agenda change which will be flexibility for lunch around the noon hour. Also, we have a motion to add to the agenda from the Archives Chair, Gloria O., which will be added before the closing.

\*A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 18, 2014 minutes as submitted. Passed by "voice" vote, none opposed.

**Delegates Report – Mary Jo R. (10:15 am.)**

Where have I been, what have I been doing?

As delegate I am a member of the Finance Committee and the Structures & Guidelines committee – we have had several conference calls over the last few months to prepare for the upcoming Assemblies.

- June: 12<sup>th</sup> Delegates report in District 12 (Shell Lake)  
13 – 15<sup>th</sup> Delegates report & Workshop in Lake Tomahawk District 10  
21<sup>st</sup> - 60 year Anniversary of AA in Ishpeming Delegates report & spoke that evening (District 18)
- July: Took a 10 day vacation to the Black Hills – camping, hiking, bike riding, a lot of relaxing  
25-27 – ECR Conference in Perrysburg Ohio
- Aug: 9<sup>th</sup> Area Committee meeting in Three Lakes  
13<sup>th</sup> – Delegates report for District 05 in Menomonie WI  
16<sup>th</sup> Northwoods Unity AA Roundup in Shell Lake (District 12)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Delegates report and Panel discussion Hayward (District 23)

Sept: 6<sup>th</sup> Delegates report Wausau (District 08)  
26-28<sup>th</sup> Area 74 Fall Conference, Eau Claire

Our ECR Trustee, Bill F, heard about the monthly DCM calls that Marty started when we was Area Chair and felt that a similar opportunity for regional delegates would be valuable so he started a monthly call for current seated delegates and their alternates on a monthly basis, so I have participated on those calls.

#### Updates & Information from GSO

New Group forms – please be sure that new groups or groups that have a change are sure to include their district number on the forms

#### Highlights from AAWS

aa.org website – zip code search response

AAWS Literature Price increase – effective October 1, 2014

There will be a Seminar held in Chicago (Sept. 26-28) for Intergroups and Central Offices, please be sure that if you have an Intergroup or Central Office in your district that they are registered with GSO, so that they can receive news updates.

GSO is still accepting submissions for AA Videos for the Young People Project – emailed the file on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

One of the big topics of discussion at the General Service Conference was Anonymity. In response to that – we have been encouraged to utilize the books, pamphlets and other resources that AAWS & the Grapevine have available for us to use in our newsletters, workshops, panels discussions... however we can enhance and promote better understanding of our Tradition of Anonymity.

Box 4-5-9 (publication from GSO) can be downloaded and printed from aa.org website

- Summary of the General Service Conference
- Grapevine turned 70 this year in June – there are resources available at [aagrapevine.org/GV70](http://aagrapevine.org/GV70) that provides ideas on how your group can celebrate
- Openings for 2 Class A Trustees
- Group & Members estimates
- Summary of the General Service Conference Invention
- Update on the 2015 International Convention
- Budget Highlights
- Calendar of Events

#### ICYPAA report back to AC from a question asked at the May 18, 2014 AC meeting

From: Bill Farnsworth, ECR Trustee

In response to your inquiry, I am unaware of any "official position" with GSO on ICYPAA. My understanding is that whenever two or more AA's are meeting together that is an AA meeting. The other items to me seem to be a matter of Area Conscience.

Timing of 4 Assembly and 6 Area Committee meeting format passed in 2011 by Assembly action.

- Prior to 2012 there had been a great deal of conversations about how effective we are at getting our business done in a timely fashion. In 2012 we changed the frequency of our Assemblies and Area

Committee meetings because it was felt that we needed more time to conduct the business of our Area. So we went from 2 Assemblies per year and 4 Area Committee meetings to 4 Assemblies and 6 Area Committee meetings. We are living with the vision of the panel 60 servants. I would like to know if we are realizing their vision, and if it is in-fact producing the results they hoped for. So, I would like to begin collecting our comments, concerns, what is working, what we might like to see change.

- Raise of hands of those present who served in General Service and attended Assemblies and/or Area Committee meetings in 2012 & 2013
- Area 74 Guidelines (Art. IV, Sec. 1.00) lists who makes up the Area Committee and states that its purpose is “to maintain the health of the Conference Structure and further growth and harmony in our beloved fellowship.” It also assists the Delegate with a more informed group conscious for agenda items for the General Service Conference. It sets the agenda for the Area assembly, address concerns, looks for solutions to better serve the Area and the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- In the AA Service Manual (Chapter Five, page S44) it further describes the Area Committee as an entity where individual members can turn to find help from the full committee. It describes as active Area Committee as a resource to deal with all kinds of service problems – through our sharing of collective experience.

#### **Questions for the Delegate:**

Kathy L. stated she is wondering if Bill N., A.A.W.S. Board Chair, knows why the shipping charge did not change for the rate of up to \$50?

Derek T. asked why the literature prices have increased when the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition brought in millions of dollars of profits.

Mary Jo R., Area 74 Delegate, said it is her understanding that they periodically question the literature prices.

Bob M. stated some past delegates are concerned about the percentage of increase on literature especially since the financial contributions from the groups went up last year. Bob said contributions go down when literature prices go up. Bob would like to see what the groups have to say when they see this information regarding literature price increases and see it as an area agenda item. Bob said there was a 2.1 million dollar profit on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition. Bob will put the numbers in the Now and Then for background information regarding this matter.

Mary Jo R. said her understanding is literature prices are looked at every five years and believes this is standard and may not take into consideration the finances.

Kim R. recapped the three agenda items that were mentioned. (10:53 am.)

Recessed for break.

#### **Treasurers Report – Derek T. (11:05 am.)**

1. The latest YTD Treasury update is available. The Treasurer does not normally report at the Area Committee Meeting, but I am making it available. Note that the gain YTD is good (\$1900+), but we are heading into a heavy expense period with this ACM's expenses and two Area Assemblies in September and October.

2. Budget worksheets should be turned in no later than **August 16** for inclusion in the preliminary budget to be submitted for the September Now & Then

3. Please turn reimbursement requests by lunchtime **today** if you would like to be reimbursed. The reimbursement request form has been updated to hopefully make it easier to work up where your expenses should be allocated

4. I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Perrysburg OH. I attended the roundtable discussions for Finance/Area Treasurers and it was very informative. Something I took away was to ask myself "am I giving

enough"? Perhaps I should not worry so much about the number of groups that are giving or the amount that other groups are giving, but asking AM I giving enough. Very provocative. Anniversary donations can be made to Area 74 and I thought about putting in a plug for donations, but realized I had not donated yet! So I have made my anniversary contribution this year and I encourage you to do the same.

### **DCM Reports**

Reports were given by District's 01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 23.

Kim R. asked the Area Committee if she should refer to Old/Unfinished Business as Old Business or Unfinished Business. Nobody went to the microphone to speak on this matter. Therefore, Kim said she will refer to it as Unfinished Business, as described in Roberts Rules of Order.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Dawn M. read the following Recommendation for the September Sharing Session Topic:

Presented By: Dawn Marie Marx, as spokesperson for the ad-hoc committee of DCM's of Area 74, who were asked to provide a sharing session topic recommendation for the Area Committee at the August 9, 2014 Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes WI.

We recommend the sharing session for the 2014 Area 74 Fall Assembly consist of a panel of 3 DCMs and 1 Area Committee Chair. Each will speak for 5 -7 minutes on how they have experienced a growth in activity in their districts in service work at the group, district and area level. This will be followed by a question and answer period.

**Background:** Several districts in our area have seen significant gains in participation in service. There are new DCMs, GSRs and committees being formed in these districts. Districts have held workshops with Area Officers and Chairs participating. We feel it would benefit others if these experiences were shared with the Area Assembly. DCM's who participated in the process and their districts. Here is the list of those whom have attended since the May DCM call.

Name	District	Position
Tom Y	D-01	DCM
Barry B	D-02	DCM
Gail Z	D-04	DCM
Nicholas S	D-05	DCM
Bret C	D-07	DCM
Sara P	D-09	DCM
John O	D-10	DCM
Cliff P	D-11	DCM
Kurt K	D-18	DCM
Dawn M	D-20	DCM
Dean C	D-20	Alt DCM (Participated in DCM's absence)
Brian L	D-22	DCM
Jay H	D-23	DCM

Kim R., Area Chair, opened the floor for discussion. Several questions were asked about sharing sessions in general and who sets the topic for the sharing sessions. Bob M. said the Area Committee is to set the agenda for the Assembly. Bob said this is a seconded motion coming from the Area Committee. It was only meant for this sharing session. Bob said next September is an Assembly Election so we wouldn't have a sharing session.

The topic for the sharing session passed with unanimity.

In favor	20
Opposed	0

## **New Business:**

Gary K., Public Information Chair, reviewed the Password Protection and Area 74 “Log On” directions which were passed out to the Area Committee. Gary said the PI Committee was a little slow with getting this going but with some dedicated PI Committee members we have an up and running secure web page. Gary said he, Sara P. and Matt K. have tested it. Gary said as the Area Committee we want a limited test done in case we have any bugs which we are hopefully not going to have. We need your help. Gary said the original motion said we were going to test this in a year. Gary asked that people test it and email the Area 74 webmaster with input. Gary said if there are no problems with it, we will present it to the assembly in September.

Several questions were asked and several persons stated they were able to access the secure webpage. Kim R., Area Chair, asked Gary to disseminate this information to the rest of the DCM’s and the Area Chairs that are not present today. Gary said he will send this information out to the Area Committee members not present today in an email.

Recessed for lunch at 12:15 pm.

Reconvened at 12:57 pm.

Mary Jo R. moved the item involving reviewing timing and success of 4 Assembly 5 Area Committee format implementation to the end of the day.

Marty L. talked about the current officers and chairs are offered reimbursement to attend forums. The next one will be in the Fall. Marty said we have offered small reimbursements for current officers and chairs to attend the forums. Marty suggested we offer up to 75 dollars to incoming or current chairs. The difference is “incoming”. Many current chairs will be rotating out. This will just expand the people that can attend. We budget for ten people. We never had that many people go. There is no budget constraint to add this. Marty said if the Area Committee would like to do anything with it that would be great. Marty said he will be printing something in the Now and Then. Right now it’s a motion to the Area Committee. If not Marty said he will bring it to the assembly.

Bob M. commented I think the motion has a lot of merit to it. Bob said if we are going to back this we need to take action because this is about us.

Jay H. asked the motion be read.

Marty read the motion.

“Area 74 treasury offer up to \$75.00 travel reimbursement for up to ten (10) current **and/or incoming** Area 74 Officers and/or Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional Forums when scheduled in our region”

Derek T. seconded the motion.

Mary Jo R. had a question since it’s already an approved motion within the area would we revise the motion. Marty L. said it could take the current assembly action and be amended as a stand-alone motion. It could be done either way. It would take place of the other motion. It would override the previous action.

Kim R. had Marty L. read the motion again as people just walked in the door and need to know what they are voting on. Kim then opened it up for discussion. Bob M. said Mary Jo R. brought up a good point. Bob said it raises the thought that would it take away the standing motion if it didn’t pass. Marty L. said he does not think so. If it was an amendment and it failed the standing assembly action would stay. It would probably state it as an amendment to the current assembly action. Derek T. said he had a question and thanked Marty for the work on it. Derek asked Marty what would happen if we had a special forum in his deliberations regarding this matter. Mary Jo said they discontinued special forums. Marty said there could be an additional forum. Occasionally you could have an additional forum.

Marty then read the amendment. Motion to amend the 74 assembly action to read OR IN COMING

Vote taken:

In Favor	18
Opposed	2
Abstained	0

Minority Voice Spoke:

David J. said the only reason he voted against it is anything with this monetary thing should be written and looked at and then I won't be able to go back and tell them what we voted on.

Vote passed with substantial unanimity. Kim R. asked Marty L. to write out the Motion and get it out to people so they have it.

Next, we needed to set and approve the agenda for the September Assembly. We discussed the Proposed Agenda. We will strike the PI Committee Minutes available in password protected area of website and move this to the October Assembly. Under New Business, Kim said Marty L. will present the motion or Marty said Kim chairs the meeting and she could introduce this motion. Marty said under Unfinished Business, I would ask that these elections would carry priority order. Kim said she will clump the elections and nominations. Mary Jo R. asked if she should introduce the Literature increases under her Delegate's Report. Bob M. said he will introduce the literature price increase topic under new business. Mary Jo said under Area Officer/Committee Chair Reports we are missing the Alt. Delegate/Area Chair and we need to fix the order and move the Delegate up. The date for the year of the 2015 conference is wrong. The sharing session is usually held for one hour. We suspend the assembly for that hour so any AA member can participate. Closing and Wrap-Up is dictated by what time we have to be out of the room. Kim will put it at 3 pm. and confirm that with someone from the Fall Conference Committee. Mary Jo said the Finance Committee will be prepared to put forward their recommendation for the Finance Chair. So we will put this under New Business. Bob recommended after the noon lunch break add new category of Elections with S&G Committee member and Corrections MI Chair.

\*Motion to approve the Agenda passed unanimously.

Then we needed to set and approve the 2015 dates to remember:

Feb 13-15, 2015 Delegates Past and Present

Bob M. read in the Area 74 Guidelines when the Delegates Workshop will be held.

Marty L. said his recommendation for the Delegates Workshop would be March 28-29, 2015 so the secretary has time to tabulate the information and get it out to the groups. The location is Three Lakes.

The date of the Area 74 Spring Conference is wrong. It should be May 15-17, 2015.

The second Saturday in August is the Area Committee Meeting. This is August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Area Assembly Third week in October is October 17<sup>th</sup>.

December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Area Committee Meeting.

The December Area Committee Meeting has been the transitional meeting with the outgoing and incoming chairs and officers.

Motion to approve the 2015 Dates to Remember with a second to check on availability.

\*Motion passed unanimously

Marty L. stated the Area 74 Guidelines reads the August Area Committee Meeting is optional.

Kim R., Area Chair, said we need to set and approve the agenda for the October Assembly. We will need to add the PI Committee Minutes available in password protected area of website under Unfinished Business. Bob M. said it states lunch catered on site. Kim said she will strike that. The Finance Chair needs to present under New Business in September and under Unfinished Business in October to approve the budget. Kim made a motion to open the agenda for September. We agreed to open the agenda for September and take off the Finance Chair approval from September and move it to October. Kristy K. asked if the optional meetings will be coming up on these agendas. Kim said no. Terri B. asked if the S&G Chair will be moved to October as well. Mary Jo explained the difference between the approval of the Finance Chair and the election of the S&G Chair. We agreed to strike the Sharing Session in October.

\*Motion approved and seconded for September Agenda. The Motion passed unanimously.

Kristy K. said all of the Area Officers and Committee Chairs need to be added to the October Assembly Agenda.

Bob M. read the July 12, 2011, proposal to the assembly body for the new structures for the assemblies which would be to have a Sharing Session at the October Assembly. Motion made and seconded to table this matter until the September Area Committee Meeting so we have time to look into that.

Terri B. said she is getting confused between the two agendas for September and October. Kim R. said we already approved the September Assembly Agenda. Sheryl M. clarified that we are going to table the entire October Assembly Agenda.

Kim R. said if nobody has anything else regarding the Agenda we will just table it for the September Area Committee Meeting.

Recessed for break at 2:07 pm.

Reconvened at 2:17 pm.

Kim read the minutes from the past regarding not to have the Area Committee Reports at the September Assembly. Therefore we discussed do we want to have the Area Officer and Committee Chair Reports at the September Assembly or do we want to move the Sharing Session. Kurt K. said he remembers the whole reason we broke off into the sharing topic is there wasn't a lot going on in the committee reports. Terri B. said she remembers the reports being given at the September and October assemblies would be given too close together.

Motion to move the Area Committee Chair reports to the October Assembly and host a Sharing Session in its place at the September 2014 Assembly.

Favor 14

Opposed 3

Motion carried with 82%.

Approved with substantial unanimity.

Minority Voice Spoke:

Bob M. said he denied this motion because this is when we should be discussing the budget and now we're going to be competing with time regarding the area committee chair reports.

Tom Y. said he voted against it as we had already tabled the agenda for the October Assembly.

Kim R. asked if anybody wanted to change their vote and nobody changed their vote.

Kim R. said she will move the Area Committee Chair reports to the October Assembly Agenda and we can talk about this when we discuss the October Assembly Agenda if this is going to be of concern.

Mary Jo R. asked we state the 2016 general service conference themes and topics.

Bob M. would like a New Business topic on the issue of a new position being a WICYPAA liaison member which would be a non-voting member of the Area 74 Assembly. Another topic for New Business Bob would like to see is how long do we keep a position open in Area 74 before we do something with it.

Kim R. asked for a motion to approve the agenda for the next area committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the next area committee meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gloria O., Archives Chair, read her Motion: I move that the Area Committee set aside one hour at each conference for committees to meet, after the assembly at approximately 3:15 pm.-4:15 pm.

This Motion was seconded by Jay H.

Bob M. said he doesn't disagree as years ago they did this on Friday night. Bob said his understanding is there are two members of committees that are going to be coming forward asking for time to be set aside at area events for committee members to meet.

Derek T. asked if this time is at Spring and Fall Conferences or every time we get together. Gloria said we need to start somewhere. It's not mandatory.

David J. asked if this would have to be approved by the assembly. Kim R. said it would have to be approved by the assembly.

Kristy K. asked if this would interfere with the AI-Anon speaker at the conferences. Gloria said the conference is a whole weekend of decisions.

Bob M. said the motion says the area committee meeting and therefore asked if the assembly needs to vote on this. Gloria said she thought of that.

Marty L. said a couple things to think about is a specific time might not be set and the hosting district of the conference would need to be consulted about a room for committee members to meet.

Kim R. said she requested this statement come forward as a Motion because she didn't know how it would be brought up again.

Favor	3
Opposed	11
Abstained	5

\*Motion failed.

Mary Jo R. said she would like to remove the item involving reviewing timing and success of 4 Assembly 5 Area Committee format implementation.

Kim R. asked how we would choose future sharing topics, however, nobody chose to discuss. Therefore, Kim asked to entertain a motion to close. One opposed to close. Minority did not want to speak.

Adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sara Plansky-Pecor  
District 09 DCM