

Fall Assembly – Eau Claire, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
September 27, 2014
REPORTS

Officer Reports

Secretary/Registrar Scott K.

No report.

Peace,
Scott K. & Paul H.

Treasurer **Derek T.**

The current year to date report has been provided for your review
Contributions are coming in briskly and we are slightly ahead of contributions year over year
A couple of items to note on the report

- For the year to date, we are operating at a gain of \$2351.92 (see the line item near the bottom)
- Our total assets are \$10,185.89 (see the bottom box "Total Assets")
 - \$7485.34 in the operating (checking) account
 - \$2700.55 in the prudent reserve (savings) account

I continue to transfer \$100/month to the prudent reserve and we will reach the \$3000 goal by the end of 2014

I make regular deposits of received contributions every two weeks. Contribution receipts for the last two weeks were mailed out Thursday September 25, 2014. If you made a recent contribution, your receipt should be received shortly

Please remit contributions to:

**Area 74 Treasury
P.O. Box 84
Paradise, MI 49768**

Please include your group number and an address in order to receive a contribution receipt.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Tait, Area 74 Treasurer

Area 74 - 2014 Revenue and Expense YTD

1/1/2014 through 09/27/2014

CARRYOVER FROM 2013	
Carryover checking balance balance from 2013	6,033.97
Carryover prudent reserve	1,800.00
TOTAL CARRYOVER FROM 2013	7,833.97

REVENUE	
Group Contributions	13,658.76
Refreshment Contributions	103.40
Interest Income	0.55

Other Income*	2,056.80
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	147.00
TOTAL REVENUE	15,966.51
*Other Income	
2013 Fall Conference Gain	337.50
2014 Spring Conference Seed Money Return	1,000.00
2014 Spring Conference Gain	719.30
Total Other Income	2,056.80

EXPENSES	
Archive Chair Expense	(265.00)
Archive Committee Expense	(407.25)
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	(489.00)
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	(178.46)
Assembly Rent	(350.00)
Coffee and Refreshments	(209.40)
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	-
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	-
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	(25.00)
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	(80.00)
CPC Chair Expense	(165.81)
CPC Committee Exp	(125.00)
Delegate Expense ECR Conference	(1,416.00) -
Finance Chair Expense	(180.00)
Finance Committee Exp	(220.19)
Grapevine Chair Expense	(405.00)
Grapevine Committee Exp	(59.50)
Literature Chair Expense	(462.85)
Literature Committee Exp	(94.03)
Now and Then Chair Expense	(191.00)
Now and Then Committee Expense	(4,000.00)
Other Expenses**	

Past Delegates Conference	(2,752.53)	-
PI Chair Expense	(172.82)	
PI Committee Expense	(14.25)	
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	(300.00)	
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	(64.00)	
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	(100.00)	
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	(312.00)	
Treasurer Chair Expense	(275.00)	
Treatment Chair Expense	(300.50)	
Treatment Committee Expense		-
TOTAL EXPENSES	(13,614.59)	
**Other Expense		
Expense to Seat the Delegate @ GSC	(1,600.00)	
Bank expenses/fees (checks, wire transfer & return fees)	(118.53)	
2015 Spring Conference Seed Money Request	(1,000.00)	
Post office (P.O. Box)	(34.00)	
Total Other Expense	(2,752.53)	

Net Gain (or Loss) This Period **2,351.92**

TOTAL ASSETS	
Balance-Checking* 09/27/14	7,485.34
Balance-Prudent Reserve* 09/27/14	2,700.55
TOTAL ASSETS 09/27/2014	10,185.89
*Transfer to Prudent Reserve: Jan-September 2014	900.00

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate Kim R.

This is a very exciting time for Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 74. Since we last met, I have had the privilege of serving the area by participating in AA in a variety of ways. The last Wed of each month I participate in the DCM conference call. Participation runs between 8 and 13 DCM's with 12 being attendees the most frequent. DCM communication has had a domino effect, and

enthusiasm has been contagious. There are plans for /or have been workshops in nearly every participating District and it is exciting to see this body come together to work and play. In June, the District 10 Courage to Change Workshop was like a one-day mini conference. It included all three aspects of our three legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service. I enjoyed every bit of the event from the District Meeting to the speakers, from the panels to the food, from the fabulous skit to the fellowship. I have to say my favorite part was the time Marty and I spent in our host family's home. I really cannot say enough about the hospitality, comfort and great time I had.

At the end of July, I got to travel to the East Central Regional Conference in Perrysburg Ohio with our Delegate, Grapevine Chair, and Archives Chair. While there, I spent time with our Treasurer, CPC Chair, Now & Then Co-editor, and many of our neighbors to the south. Having the chance to participate in round table discussions with other Area Chairs was a wonderful experience. Some of the things I took from the event include we are not the only Area who has or is considering a Parliamentarian to help with the flow of business, Anonymity on-line is a significant challenge, and has created an ocean of completely new and uncharted waters. Much to the surprise of my fellow travelers, I also got the opportunity to "pay at the pump" for the first time in my life.

On August 16, I was to participate in the North-woods Unity Round-up. Much to my dismay, I had hand surgery two days before. After conversations with my sponsor and the host committee of the Round-up, it became clear that for my health, it was better for me bow out. I experienced, first hand, once again, how the hand of AA is there. Alison, our past literature chair stepped in and took my place. I was able to care for myself as needed, and the North-woods Round-up attendees heard exactly what they needed to hear that day.

On September 6, 2014, I transported our Octogenarian old-timer, with 54 years sobriety, and three others to Plover. The four of us went so District 04 could hear his experience strength and hope. On October 4, I will be speaking at a sponsorship workshop in District 02, and on November 1, I will participate in District 11's workshop.

I really enjoy the time I get to spend with all of you. I enjoy working with each of you whether it is one-on-one over the telephone, in a group on a scheduled conference call, on a committee, or at a workshop.

Alternate Delegate

As Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, I get to participate on the Structures and Guidelines Committee. The Assembly has asked us to recommend an executable plan to separate the Secretary and Registrar positions. We have been meeting monthly, sometimes more, to bring a thoroughly discussed, carefully prepared recommendation to the Assembly. It is a wonderful experience to be able to participate on this committee and to learn from people with such different experience than my own.

Summer was busy for both Mary Jo and me, but we managed to carve out time to meet via telephone to talk about AA events within our Area and throughout Alcoholics Anonymous. We have worked together to find ways to best serve Area 74, and we have spent time with each other and committee chairs, to help find ways to best serve Area 74.

It is an honor to serve you as Area 74 as Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity to serve.

Be well & live fully with no regrets.

Kim R

Alt Delegate/Area Chair

Delegate Mary Jo R.

Hello, my name is Mary Jo I currently serve Area 74 as your panel 64 delegate. Thank you for that privilege. I have had several opportunities since I returned from the week-long General Service Conference held in Rye Brook, New York – April 27 to May 3rd to visit districts in our Area to give my delegates report. Now that we have the final report available I hope that you will continue to invite me so that we can review the report together and begin to prepare for the 2015 General Service Conference. Even though the Conference lasts only one week the work of the Conference continues all year long.

Some of the correspondence I receive are:

- activity updates from GSO on the progress of the work on the Conference Advisory Actions
- Highlights from AAWS
- Updates on area contributions to AAWS
- Trustee reports and Minutes from Board Meetings

So, I would like to take a few minutes to share some of that information:

- I have some handouts for DCM (Final reports / Contribution reports / 2016 Conference theme suggestions worksheets / Resources on Anonymity & Anonymity Online)
 - **The 2014 Final Report** of: this is a comprehensive report of the 64th General Service Conference: it includes the Opening greeting, Keynote address, the Conference Advisory Actions, Presentations & Reports from Finance, Grapevine, Archives, 2015 International Convention, a summary of the 2014 Inventory questions, reports from the General Service Board, AAWS and Grapevine Corporate Boards, Trustee Committee, GSO & Grapevine reports, Area Service Highlights, Additional Committee Considerations and Floor Actions and Bios of our Class A & Class B Trustees. (Pages 12-16 detail the Finance report given by our Class A Trustee David Morris, I have added a printout of that Power Point for the DCM's that can be reproduced and given to those who would like to see the slides that go with the description).
 - In response to the continuing challenge to share information about anonymity with AA members the PI Coordinator at GSO has provided us with a memo highlighting materials available that are helpful in facilitating local discussions on this topic.
 - Watch the October Now & Then for a letter from Phyllis H, our General Manager of the General Service Office.
 - The Board approved the recommendation to move forward with GSO's production of in-house, web-only videos.
 - Speaking of the web
 - the Fall 2014 edition of the Box 459 has a detailed article on the redesigned of the AA website (aa.org)
 - There are new pages on AA.org specifically for trusted servants such as GSR's, DCM's and Committee Chairs. These pages have resources for AA members in these roles including G.S.R. and D.C.M. kit lists that include live links to the kit content.
 - One of AA's most cherished Traditions, self-support, gets a little easier with the new on-line recurring contributions feature.
 - The DVD "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" has recently been added to the website and can be found in the Treatment Committees section.
 - I want to talk just briefly about contributions to our General Service Office. At each of your places is a card titled "What Is My Contribution to GSO Used For" – it is a thought from one of the members of the AAWS Board after they returned home from an international AA event - I felt it was worth sharing: please take a minute to read it and to take it home and share it with your group. Area 74 has 620 registered groups, our percentage of groups contributing to GSO is 23 ½ % (that is about 146 groups). The average rate of Area group contributions is about 42% according to the most current General Service Conference report. For Area 74 to meet that percentage we would need an additional 120 groups in our Area to send a contribution to the General Service Office – that's about 5 groups per district. I would like to challenge each district to try achieve this goal, to make it a little easier I have provided 5 pre-addresses envelopes for each DCM which you will find with your final reports.

My summary from the August Board Weekend will be available in written form.

Summary from August 2014 Board Weekend Meetings

General Service Board

It was agreed to forward the following requests:

- that the Advisory Action from the 61st GSC regarding the “Policy on actors portraying AA members or potential AA members in videos produced by the GSB or its affiliates” be rescinded
- to task the staff of the GSO with the development of a website template that could be used by Area and Districts in the US & Canada
- to task the staff of the GSO with the development of a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the US that is consistent with GSO records – this database would also be available to Area and Districts and should include an interactive map. Only meetings that desire a web presence should be included in the database.
- To consider the idea of a non-geographic district comprised of the North American-based Online AA Groups. Perhaps such a district could be adopted by a delegate area so that the consciences of these groups could be included in the GSC process
- To the 2015 Conference Committee on Literature a request
 - to develop literature directed to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics
 - to produce a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service
- The Trustees’ Committee on Nominating approved the following language change in the first bullet point in Procedure No 5 (Procedures for Nominating General Service Trustees) to read: When a General Service Trustee vacancy occurs on the board of an affiliate corporation, the nominating committee of the board concerned will consider the following in its search: ● Nontrustee Directors currently serving on either affiliate board; and...
- Trustee’s Planning Session:
 - Progress was made toward identifying the elements to be included in a strategic plan for the General Service Board. This planning effort will continue through monthly conference calls prior to the November 2014 GSB meeting
 - The GSB Chair will appoint ad hoc committees on 1) the annual review of the GSB chapter in the Service Manual; 2) Initiative 4 on Trustees’ Orientation; 3) the potential need for a Conference-approved pamphlet on bridging the gap activities for corrections.
 - Completion of the Real estate initiative & relocation of the General Service Office study: recommended that the GSO stay in New York. With this a recommendation for a construction upgrade to the co-location of AAWS and AAGV on one floor will move forward at a cost not to exceed \$1.3 million dollars and to be funded as a draw-down from the reserve fund over the next two years. – Major construction will begin after the 2015 International Convention.

A.A. World Services, Inc.

- Archives
 - The preservation phase of the photograph and negative collection is complete and work on a detailed catalog is underway.
 - We recently received a pristine collection of 1940 magazines and a collection of articles and other documents of Milton Maxwell (former Chairman of the GSB 1978-1982)
- Publications

- Gross sales so far looks strong
- EBook – have become increasingly strong as we publish more titles in English, Spanish, and French.
- Shipping & handling charges: purchases from \$51 to \$250 will be lowered to 15%; from \$251 to \$500 will be lowered to 12%
- Financial
 - Revenues were greater than budgeted due to sales of the 75th anniversary edition, eBooks, and decline in the cost of the GSC) and operating expenses were less than budgeted.
 - Literature price increases are scheduled for October.

A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

- Circulation of the print magazine averaged 74,639 for the six-months ended June 30th (which is 262 higher than budgeted). Income is also ahead of budget and costs are below budget.
- Member photos are being collected for the 2016 Wall Calendar
- The Language of the Heart will be offered as an audiobook in the late fall of 2014.
- A donation of \$260,000 was made to the Reserve Fund at the end of March.
- The new book Sober & Out has been released.

Archives

- There are resources available on preservation and legal issues concerning Archives in the Archives Workbook and on the Archives and History portal of aa.org.
- The committee discussed a request to publish Bill W's unpublished letters by index and took no action. It was noted that the extent of Bill W.'s unpublished letters held in GSO Archives is protected by copyright and the owner of the copyright is Bill W's estate. Any copying of the letters would be a violation of the copyright holder's rights.

General Service Conference

- A subcommittee was appointed in response to two Additional Committee Considerations: 1) to explore the potential role that the Conference committee on Agenda might play in the selection process of Agenda items in the future and provide a report to the 2015 Conference Agenda Committee; 2) provide a report regarding the current and historical process of Agenda item selection.
- The committee will have a demo of the electronic anonymous voting system that will be used for the two-year trial period at their Nov. 2014 meeting.
- The committee reviewed
 - To rescind GSB policy on actors portraying AA members or potential AA members in videos
 - To develop website templates
 - To develop online database of meetings
 - Listing of online groups
 - Include online groups in the General Service structure
 - Conference committees that do not have a corresponding trustee's committee
 - Discussed current policy and practice on distribution of GSC background – discussion to continue in November
 - Translation of GSC background materials

- A request that copies of AA talks at the GSC opening dinner be supplied to the AA Grapevine for publication on the Grapevine Website Audio Project – discussion will continue
- Role of Delegate Chairs at Winter Board Weekend
- Review of preliminary schedule for the 2015 GSC was tabled until November.

CPC

- Requested the staff secretary to work with Web Services to broaden the availability of the *About AA Index* which is currently on the website aa.org and to also work with the Grapevine & AAWS to select and provide the appropriate AA Grapevine & LaVina informational insert in the CPC kits.
- Agreed to take no action on changing the language in the line from Gloria's story in "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs"

Corrections

- Updating "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" – staff will present elements from the top 3 production company presentations at the Nov. meeting
- Agreed to add the DVD "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" to the Corrections Kit
- Discussed the progress on developing a service piece on ways to engage more members to participate in Corrections service. Staff will provide a draft in November.

Finance & Budgetary

- Following a lengthy discussion about "unfunded projects" the Chair requested that both AAWS and Grapevine report back in November concerning items and costs of such items.
- Reserve Fund – as of June 30, 2014 the balance was \$14,079,035 – this represents approximately 9.4 months of 2014 combined operating expenses budget.
- \$1.5 million was transferred to the Pension Plan Trust to pay down a portion of the unfunded liability.

International Committee

- The following is a tentative list of international travel planned for 2014-2015
 - 23rd World Service Meeting, October 12-16, 2014
 - 26th Anniversary of AA in Latvia, October 17-18, 2014
 - 11th Mexican Convention of AA, Monterrey, Mexico, Feb. 13-15, 2015
 - AA Japan 40th Anniversary, Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 20-22, 2015

Literature

- Agreed to forward to the 2015 Conference committee a request to develop literature to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics
- Agreed to forward to the 2015 Conference committee a request to produce a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- Took no action on the suggestion to develop AA material for the disabled veteran, noting the recent update of the AA and the Armed Service pamphlet.
- The AA Grapevine Board requested three editorial updates regarding the pamphlet Inside AA. – a draft was requested for the Nov meeting

- A subcommittee was formed to discuss the creation of AA literature, or text regarding anonymity as it relates to safety and criminal behavior.
- A subcommittee was formed to discuss the possible policy statement on Safety
- The committee reviewed and discussed current AA literature regarding AA's with mental illness.

Nominating

- Requested that the secretary research the history of sending “minutes of committee reports” to the Conference Committee as described in their Composition, Scope and Procedure under Procedures
- Accepted the proposed process for the 2015 search for General Service Board Class A Trustees.
- Recommended to the GSB that the following language – Procedure No. 5 read: When a General Service Trustee vacancy occurs on the board of an affiliate corporation, the nominating committee of the board concerned will consider the following in its search: Nontrustee Directors currently serving on either affiliate board; and”...
- The committee carefully discussed a request to reconsider item 6 in Procedure No. 9 (Guideline for Hiring General Manage, GSO) and took no action

Public Information

- Discussed sharing from AA members and a local PI committee regarding the potential value of an anonymity video made with current members as the target audience. This topic will be placed on its Nov. agenda for full consideration, including possible means of requesting video submissions of the nature from the Fellowship.
- Briefly discussed the failed recommendation regarding revising the Anonymity Announcement Card (F-20) and asked the staff secretary to bring back to the Nov. meeting any background related to expressed need from the Fellowship for such an item.

Committee Reports No Reports from Area Standing Committee Chairs were given; will be presented at the October Assembly in Three Lakes, WI.

Archives Gloria O.
Archivist: Pete W.
Corrections MI No Chairperson
Corrections WI Terri B.
CPC James M.
Finance Jeff D.
Grapevine Marty L.
Literature Jim S.
Now & Then Bob M. & Kathy L.
PI Gary K.
Structures & Guidelines Barb K.
Treatment Gary S.

Conference and Final Conference Reports

2014 Spring Conference Report Final – District 02

The 2014 Spring Conference held in Neenah WI, held on May 23-25, 2014 has been officially closed. The checking account has been closed and the excess checks have been destroyed.

Thanks to all of you for your registrations, many which were made on-site and generous 7th tradition donations, we were able to reimburse the \$1000 seed money to the Area plus divide a final profit of \$1438.58 (\$719.30 to Area 74, \$719.29 to District 02). I wish to one more time thank all those who attended the conference, the conference committees for their hard work, all of those who volunteered their services and the speakers who shared their experience, strength and hope with all who were in attendance. I am humbled by all who contributed to the success of the event. Thank you to Area 74 for allowing us to host the 2014 Spring Conference.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve,

Barry B.
DCM - District 02

2014 Fall Conference report – District 05 – September 26 -28, 2014 Gary S.

2015 Spring Conference report – District 01 – May 15-17, 2015 Tom Y.

2015 Fall Conference report - District 03 – September 18-20, 2015 Mike M.

We held a conference planning committee meeting on September 20th. In Attendance where the Committee Chairman, Paul V. Publication Chair, Tim N. Registration Chair, Dani M. Hospitality Chair, Stephen W. Program Chair, At this point all is going well. We have received some early registrations for our conference. Our Publication chair, Registration Chair, Hospitality Chair and also our Program chair are at this Conference to get any suggestions for there committees. Our Registration chair will be accepting early registrations for anyone interested. We also have flyers here for the fall 2015 Conference so feel free to take some to your groups. Hope to see you all at the next Area 74 Conference.

Thank you for letting me be of service
Mike Molepske
Conference chair and
DCM District 03