Fall Assembly – Three Lakes, WI Area Assembly Reports October 18, 2014

REPORTS

Officer Reports

Secretary/Registrar Scott K.

As of 5/15/2014 Area 74's total "Group Inventory" is comprised of the following; Active – 651, and Unknown – 108. We will be generating a new/updated mailing list in the next few weeks for the N&T Co-Editors

Peace.

Scott K. & Paul H.

Treasurer Derek T.

I sent out today's YTD report to the Area Committee e-mail list prior to the Assembly. I plan to send the YTD report out prior to each Area 74 service event. This will provide you with some extra time to review and bring any questions to the Assembly or Area Committee Meeting

Per a question at the last Assembly, the 'Other Income' category has been restructured to match the budget.

Net gain for YTD is \$813.91

As a reminder, you can give an individual or anniversary contribution to Area 74. Total YTD for that category is \$189.00

I will be attending and sitting on a panel at the District 3 Self-Support Workshop on November 1 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Please remit reimbursement forms to me by lunch; the Finance Committee will approve reimbursements and I can cut checks today.

Respectfully submitted, Derek Tait Area 74 Treasury

Area 74 - 2014 Revenue and Expense YTD

1/1/2014 through 10/18/2014

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	14,702.26		
Other Income*	2,160.87		
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	189.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	17,052.13		
*Other Income			
Refreshment Contributions	103.40		
Interest Income	0.67		

Total Other Income	2,160.87
2014 Spring Conference Gain	719.30
2014 Spring Conference Seed Money Return	1,000.00
2013 Fall Conference Gain	337.50

EXPENSES	
Archive Chair Expense	(415.00)
Archive Committee Expense	(407.25)
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	(589.00)
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	(240.46)
Assembly Rent	(350.00)
Coffee and Refreshments Corrections Chair Exp - MI Corrections Committee Exp -MI	(209.40)
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	(75.00)
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	(80.00)
CPC Chair Expense	(364.81)
CPC Committee Exp	(125.00)
Delegate Expense ECR Conference	(1,491.00)
FInance Chair Expense	(445.00)
Finance Committee Exp	(304.19)
Grapevine Chair Expense	(606.98)
Grapevine Committee Exp	(149.65)
Literature Chair Expense	(667.85)
Literature Committee Exp	(109.03)
Now and Then Chair Expense	(525.00)
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 Degistrar Chair Eve	(420.00)			
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	(439.00)			
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	(129.00)			
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	(199.00)			
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	(459.00)			
Treasurer Chair Expense	(448.00)			
Treatment Chair Expense	(432.50)			
Treatment Committee Expense	(37.50)			
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TOTAL EXPENSES	(16,238.22)			
TOTAL EXPENSES **Other Expense	(16,238.22)			
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Net Gain (or Loss) This Period

813.91

TOTAL ASSETS	
Balance-Checking* 10/18/14	5,847.21
Balance-Prudent Reserve* 10/18/14	2,800.67
TOTAL ASSETS 10/18/2014	8,647.88
*Transfer to Prudent Reserve: Jan-October 2014	1,000.00

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate no report Kim R.

Alternate Delegate

no report

<u>Delegate</u> Mary Jo R.
A new book "Sober & Out" was released by the Grapevine, showed the booklet "A Brief History of the Big Book" that was sent out with the Fall edition of the Box 4-5-9.

Reminded people that and suggestions for Theme, Presentations & Workshop topics for the 66th General Service Conference that I handed out to the DCM's at the September Assembly are due back to me by December.

Reported that I would be attending an Area Finance Committee Workshop on November 1st in District 3.

Committee Reports

Archives Gloria O. no report submitted

Archivist: Pete W. no report submitted

Corrections MINo Chairperson at time of reporting

Corrections WI Terri B.

Good Morning/Afternoon to the Area 74 Assembly,

Since the Spring Assembly, I have been compiling emails and phone numbers and will begin having conference calls this Fall/Winter to those who interested in carrying the message to jails & prisons. We will have a "Theme Of The Month" and I'm always looking for topics!

I'm not really amazed at the level of commitment with those AA members who are passionate about carrying the message to jails and prisons. I see it often. I frequently receive corrections correspondence & pre-release information from AA Corrections chairs mostly in the Midwest from Southern WI and lower Michigan and a few times from other states like Ohio. I follow up on those requests to the best of my ability and forward many of these requests to the DCMS of Area 74. I've also received pre-release information from our delegate, Mary Jo & from Marty L, past delegate, current Grapevine chair. This tells me that we're working together.

I know that many of you are doing the tireless work of carrying the message to jails and prisons without my knowledge and honestly, that's fantastic! I want you to know that you are doing a good job for your districts but that if you ever need anything from me, I am here and am willing to help YOU any way I can. Let's keep up the good work as we carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers in jail & prison. In Love and Service,

Terri Burl-Area 74 WI Corrections Chair

CPC James M.

In April I was contacted by the GSO and asked if I would set up and staff a display to be held at UW Stout, they would send all the materials and pay for the table what I needed to do was set it up and tear down and return the display to New York, I agreed to do that and contacted Jim Phillips who is the CPC chair in 05 he was a great help I probably couldn't have done it without him, he and I set up the display on Sunday, he found and scheduled all the volunteers for the three days I must give a shout out to all the volunteers they did a good job. The national Institute on alcohol and drug abuse sponsored the event I, took the first stint along with another volunteer on Monday morning the mornings were quite active afternoon was not so much, following is a report by Jim Phillips he did a good job could not have done it without him. The event was held June 8-12.

Gang: Thanks for staffing the table at the UW Stout Conference. I hear it was pretty slow, especially in the afternoon, but we showed up and did what was expected of us by GSO.

I propose a quick, 3-question, spot check inventory: 1) What went well?, 2) What did not go so well?, 3) What did we learn? (comment below)

Also, note that even the smallest, seemingly insignificant connections can lead to new opportunities. For example, I did give our contact sheet to the person who used to be the CASE chair at UWEC, and is now in student services at UW Stout, so i may get a collaboration going there now too. Who knows? But I ended up talking to her for a half hour in part because none of the actual conference attendees were at the table.

My comments >I'll go first: 1) We did make some new connections and involve some new people /w CPC work, and some of our people seemed to have a great experience at the conference. 2) The afternoons,

in particular, were slow for the exhibit. Not really our doing - and there was mixed messages here (conference website said staff it from 8:30-5, staff at the registration table asked the Tuesday group why they were still there?), there was a real communication challenge resulting from the fact that GSO booked this gig, and the info had to percolate through three levels of AA to get to the people that were staffing the table. 3) What learned is that I need to talk directly (on the phone) to the conference people to gut the rundown on the what they expect for exhibit traffic (location and conference schedule).

On July 25-27 I traveled to Toledo Ohio to attend the East Central regional conference and five state convention. At the conference they had a CPC form which I attended there were about 15 to 20 CPC chairs from areas in the five state region we had a lively discussion was a lot of ideas floated around however the minutes from the meeting were not forthcoming seemed as though nobody wrote it down regardless I took away some good ideas which I will be implementing in the future.

On November 1 district 11 is putting on a workshop, I have been asked to put on a display and have a panel on the CPC about what we do with the help of my fellow committee members were going to get it done.

On November 13 the North Central health care community resource Expo is going to be held in Wausau at the North Central technical college am not sure of the building yet they changed the location, we have been asked if we want to have a table and the display at no cost to us, we are going to do this there again the committee will come in handy I will need your cooperation.

I have been asked by WICPAA to attend their conference to be held January 9-11 I have accepted their invitation I will be there.

In the works we are going to put on another forum similar to the one that was done last year and district 01 this time will be in the Valley time and placed to be announced later

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, your CPC chair James mood.

Finance Jeff D.

Your Area 74 Finance Committee is Mary Jo R. (Delegate) Derek T. (Area Treasurer) Steve H. (Past Delegate) Michelle Z. (GSR and Committee Secretary) Bob D. (past GSR) Jeff D. (Chair)

The Finance Committee has met by phone conference at least once a month since the Spring Assembly and sometimes more. We have also met at the Fall Conference/Assembly. The Committees major activities have been the 2015 Area budget, November workshop planning, and a motion we are presenting for this Assembly. We have reviewed and talked over every single line of the projected 2015 budget and are continuing to work on our November workshop in District 03. In the interest of saving time for the anticipated heavy workload of today's Assembly this is all we have to report, but we will be happy to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted Area 74 Finance Committee Jeff D. (Chair)

Grapevine Marty L.

Grapevine has an active committee this year; we have participated in three District workshops and have one more scheduled in District 11 November 1st. At each of our presentations, at least one person has subscribed to Grapevine or registered at a GVR. We have a time line presentation of the growth of Grapevine , many don't realize things like Victor E. , The picture "Man in the Bed" , the Preamble , the Responsibility Statement and other items began in the Grapevine. Our display has been updated, having a copy of the June 1944 first printing of the Grapevine, and other updates including all the recently published Grapevine soft cover books, a consolidation of stories of different themes, from past Grapevine articles.

We have submitted an increase in our Grapevine Committee budget to obtain a small inventory of Grapevine books and items to have for sale at the four Assemblies, and workshops we attend. If this budget is approved we will order that inventory next year.

With that said, after this weekend is over we will have spent about \$642 of the \$700 Committee Chair budget and about \$150 of the \$400 Grapevine Committee budget.

The Grapevine Office report from the General Service Board meeting of August 2014 indicate this year through June, sales of Grapevine \$208K ahead of budgeted projections. Grapevine magazine subscriptions were 262 ahead of projection with a total of 74,639. Editorial, circulation and administration expenses were all below the projected expenses. La Vina expenses for the first six months were \$67,019 . \$6,606 below projected expenses.

In other words, we are slowly gaining financial improvement in the corporation. I encourage you all to visit our Display here at the Conference, and support your Grapevine through subscriptions, book purchases, and discuss your Home Group having a Grapevine Representative and your District having a Grapevine Chair and Committee to carry the message of recovery to our communities and meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74 Marty L
Grapevine Committee Chair.

Literature Jim S.

- I. Literature sale at Spring Conference.
 - A. Over \$650 in sales.
 - B. It was a chance to further identify items low in stock.
 - C. First time a Grapevine book Language of the Heart was offered. 8 were sold.
- II. Ishpeming 60th Anniversary.
 - A. Over \$350 in sales.
- B. Changed how pamphlets were packed. Now packed in racks rather than tubs. System worked really

well and it becomes easier to identify pamphlets that are low in stock or out, which simplifies ordering

C. Grapevine book Emotional Sobriety was added to inventory, 5 copies sold out. 14 75th Anniversary Big

Books also sold out. Great chance to meet the District, good fellowship.

- III. Northwoods AA Unity Workshop in Shell Lake.
 - A. \$150 to \$200 in sales.
 - B. Combined order with District 23.
 - C. Pamphlets were very popular.
- IV. Third Legacy Intergroup in Plover.
 - A. About \$150 in sales.
 - B. Grapevine books were very popular.
- V. Literature sale at Fall Conference.
 - A. Approximately \$1,100 in sales.
 - B. All types of Big Books were very popular.
 - C. Sold out of Emotional Sobriety for the 3rd time.
 - D. Price increase occurred 3 days later.
- VI. There will be another Literature sale at Anonymity & Service Workshop in Phillips.
- VII. 4 Orders placed.
- A. For 60th Anniversary trip, pamphlets in particular were re-stocked, plus books like Experience, Strength & Hope, Dr. Bob & the Oldtimers, etc.., plus Big Books, 12 X 12s, etc. Combined with District 04 order to get free shipping.
- B. Language of the Heart and Emotional Sobriety were also ordered.

- C. Second order was for "Northwoods Unity A.A. Roundup", plus restocking. District avoided shipping expenses. Also Many Paths to Spirituality & Self-Support Packets.
- D. Third order was just previous to Fall Conference, restocked a variety of books, directories, new group kits, Circles of Service.
- E. Fourth order was right after Fall Conference, just before price increase. Extensive restocking of books especially Big Books, Daily Reflections, Living Sober and a few pamphlets. Also added 10 copies of DV-01, Markings on the Journey DVD, revised and updated, with the support of Archives Committee.
- VIII. Emotional Sobriety Workshop in Stevens Point on June 20, 2015.
- IX. Responded to requests from Districts and Area Chairs.
- X. Working on an article for Now & Then regarding how Districts and Area might collaborate on Literature orders.

Now & Then Bob M. & Kathy L.

My name is Bob M your co-editor of the "Now And Then". Along with Kathy L, the other Co-Editor, we are responsible to assemble and print our Area newsletter.

To Date Information:

- Printed 5,615 Newsletters with an average of 562 per month
- Distribution by hard copy to GSR's of 5,515 with an average of 552 per month
- Subscriptions by hard copy of 59 with an average of 6 per month

Expenses through October 18:

- Printing -Total \$3,456 with an average expense of \$346 per month
- Postage to mail Total \$1,656 with an average expense of \$165 per month
- Postage for returned newsletters Total \$137 with an average expense of \$14
- Other Costs Total \$380 with an average expense of \$38 per month
- Total Expenses \$5629 with an average expense of \$563 per month

Total Income including carryover - \$5,946

Cost per newsletter average is \$.98 cents per month per issue

Electronic distribution – All Area committee members receive electronic distribution therefore all area officers, area committee chairs, and DCM's. About 40 GSR's, 14 past delegates, and around 120 other AA members including the current ECR Trustee, Past Trustees, and adjacent Area Delegates.

The newsletter averages 12 pages per month.

Regularly submitted articles are usually punctual and arrive by the due date. We have had a few more articles from Area standing committee chairs than other years.

We still receive very little feedback from the area on the content of the newsletter. The feedback we do receive usually has to do with the mailing and changing addresses for GSR's and group contacts.

We continue to use the same printer. The printer we work with is wonderful and very efficient. The problem with good printers are they tend to be very busy, therefore printing sometimes takes up to a week to be completed.

Our working relationship with the Post Office continues to improve. Although the Post Office will be initiating in the near future a new program called "Mailing Made Easy for Small Business" or "Intelligent Mail for Small Business". This program will be a free online tool specifically designed for small-volume mailers. It is web based. The tool will create unique intelligent mail barcodes for address labels. To use this tool we will need to have internet access and I was told that we will have to begin using this program when the tool becomes ready. Again we may have to discuss our data base of label because it will be uploaded on to the Post Office website to be barcoded. Concerns for anonymity may be a discussion topic at a future Assembly.

We continue to work with Scott and Paul your Area Secretary / Registrar and Co-Secretary / Registrar this year to update the group records. By getting updated labels from the Secretary/ Registrar we have reduced the returns by about half.

We are looking at different formats to use to print the newsletter. Working with the printer we have been looking at ways to lower the costs, including fewer pages, different type of binding, and if we went to every other month. We have reduced the font size and are trying to use all the "white" space on the pages. As we progress with this inventory we will keep you abreast of changes by writing about them in the newsletter. Any thoughts that you might have are more than welcome.

Thank You for allowing Kathy and I to continue to be of Service to you. It is a very challenging, but yet rewarding service position.

There are extra newsletters available. Just ask Kathy or I and we can get you some.

Kathy L and Bob M Area 74 Co-Editor of the "Now and Then"

Below are the "Now and Then" finances to date for 2014:

Area 74 Now & T	hen									
2014	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Newsletters Printed										
Area Copies	602	425	561	605	568	564	550	550	549	541
Paid Subscriptions	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Total printed	610	450	570	611	574	570	560	560	560	550
Expenses										
Printing	\$349.76	\$287.50	\$351.14	\$370.85	\$354.84	\$354.84	\$351.78	\$351.78	\$351.78	\$332.12
Postage	\$171.02	\$129.72	\$169.55	\$182.84	\$171.64	\$168.86	\$166.84	\$166.49	\$166.20	\$163.11
Returned mail	\$26.89	\$22.54	\$11.27	\$23.03	\$10.29	\$8.82	\$5.88	\$6.37	\$12.74	\$9.31
Pages	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Strapping kit	\$0.00	\$18.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$24.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tape/mailing seals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mailing Labels	\$0.00	\$21.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9.42	\$28.34	\$0.00
Cost per newsletter	\$0.92	\$1.09	\$0.95	\$0.96	\$0.96	\$0.96	\$1.00	\$0.98	\$1.02	\$0.94
Permit fee										
Annual Fee	\$200.00									
PO Box fee	\$78.00									
Total Expenses	\$825.67	\$479.44	\$531.96	\$576.72	\$536.77	\$532.52	\$548.63	\$534.06	\$559.06	\$504.54
Income										
Beginning 2014 Balance	\$1,840.65									
Area Funds			\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00		
Flyers			\$25.00		\$25.00				\$25.00	
Subscriptions			\$20.00		\$10.00					
Total Income	\$1,840.65	\$0.00	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	\$1,535.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
Monthly Balance	\$1,014.98	\$535.54	\$1,048.58	\$471.86	\$1,470.09	\$937.57	\$388.94	\$1,354.88	\$820.82	\$316.28

PI Gary K.

I would like to thank the Area for the opportunity to Serve,

The first and foremost item to cover is the recommendations for the Area's Password Protection Project. At our Area Committee Meeting in August we started the second phase of testing for the Websites Secure Page. The PI Committee felt that a larger group of users were needed to verify its access and

functionality. Now, after two months of additional testing and no vital issues or problems, the PI Committee suggests the following recommendations to the Area Assembly:

- 1.) Allow access to the entire fellowship of Area 74.
- 2.) Have the Security Password changed every year (at the Assembly's choosing)
- 3.) Distribute the Password Protection Log On procedure at Assemblies, thru the area Officers, Area Chairs, DCM's and District Chairs and active GSR;s.,
- 4.) Allow NO postings of LOG ON procedure on any website.

The PI Committee's duty's in this matter was to "implement a secure means of posting sensitive material, such as, Area Minutes and reports on its website". This has been accomplished. There was <u>no</u> authority given to the PI Committee to decide what additional sensitive material is to be added, such as, The Now and Then. Therefore, we await further direction from this Body as to what will be added.

The Committee recently implemented a steam line process to deal with incoming posting requests. The new process is working much more effectively. This is mainly because of the ongoing efforts Sara P. and Matt K.

Currently we are working on a brief survey which will be distributed to the District PI Chairs. We hope this survey will help the Districts identify their needs. By identifying their needs we plan on establishing goals, then, working together to achieve those goals.

On November 1st the PI Committee will head north to District 11 to participate in a workshop they are hosting. We will be joined by other Area Chairs and Officers. Please meet us in Phillips for this upcoming event.

Looking ahead, the PI Committee wishes to devote its future energies and resources to the Districts PIs in our Area. So, DCMs and GSRs who are present today, please take <u>the word</u> back to your communities that we are here to serve you, this message also includes the entire fellowship of Area 74. Please contact us at <u>pi@area74.org</u>.

Thank you, On behalf of the entire PI Committee, Gary Keshena Area 74 PI Chair

Structures & Guidelines Barb K.

The last nine months have been spent getting my feet wet as Committee Chair and working as a committee on the Recommendations for the split of the current Area Secretary/Registrar position. We participated in monthly conference calls and at one point, engaged in some 2 hour weekly calls. I think we have a real good committee and while we don't always agree during discussions on committee calls, those discussions are always guided by spiritual principles. I am proud to be a part of this committee.

Treatment Gary S. no report submitted electronically

WICYPAA Shawna R.

There were enough Young People in A.A. by 1950 that the First International Convention that year in Cleveland included a session for them! So the younger members in various parts of the country began banding together in their own groups. The first known group "for men and women under 35" was formed in January 1946 in Philadelphia. Within a year, it had about 30 members and an admirable record of sobriety. The same year, in October, a similar group was started in San Diego, California, but for young men only. It was followed within months by a young women's group. In 1947, a "35 and under" group began in New York City "with a mere handful." But three years later, it had 75 to 100 alcoholics. For Eau Claire this started a few years ago when a WICYPAA member from Madison visited a group and announced that the details of the next conference. A few of our area young people took a road trip and attended and came back excited! They started talking about putting in a bid for WICYPAA 2015 soon after the 2013 conference. The bid is always done in creative and fun ways. Our Eau Claire group wrote a

cheer to the song MICKEY, changing it to OH WICY....Today we have over a hundred people registered and have held many events to gain awareness. In October in Edina Minnesota we have teamed up with MNYPAA to hold a Halloween party. Our committee is learning how to work together and retain unity. As always with service work, many lessons have been learned during this year as a committee. Check out our web page at WICYPAA.org and register online for the conference Jan 9-the 11th...

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.

The 2015 Area 74 Spring Conference will occur May 15 to 17, 2015. Due to the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon being on the same weekend please book your rooms now. You will be able to cancel if necessary. The next planning meeting will be Sunday October 26, 2014. Please see conference registration form for details. In loving service.

Thomas Younger, District 01 DCM

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

District 03 is hosting the fall 2015 conference in Wisconsin Rapids Wis. September 18th thru the 20th At the Hotel Mead 451 East Grand Avenue. Our Speaker is Sheldon F. from Las Vegas Nevada. We have some flyers on the back table for anyone interested in taking them back to your Districts and Groups.

Thank you for letting me be of Service Mike Molepske DCM Dist.03