

Area 74 Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 12, 2015

Reiter Center – Three Lakes, WI

10:00 AM opened meeting

Announcements

The traditions were read by John O.

The Timer was Norm F.

The counters were Diane and Roy.

Roll Call

Area Officers:

Delegate - Alternate Delegate / Area Chair Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Alternate Delegate / Area Chair

Committee Chairs:

Archives, Archivist, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines.

DCM:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05 (incoming), 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20,21, 23.

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2015

The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Delegate's Report

Some Final General Service Conference reports are still available.

AA General Service Conference Inventory report is available.

7th Tradition flyer available.

GSO needs to know changes of incoming standing committee chairs.

Report to Area Committee – December 12, 2015

Good morning. I would like to begin by thanking everyone I have had the privilege to serve with over the last 2 years and welcome our new incoming panel 66 servants. The last time that I was with you was in September at the Area Fall Conference. I was unable to be at the October Assembly or attend the East Central Regional Forum. I was pleased to hear that we had around 13 people from Area 74 attend the Forum.... and understand that you had fun without me!!! I would like to extend a special thank you to Kim for covering for me while I was recovering from a heart attack I had at the end of September.

At the Fall Conference I passed out some information on submitting suggestions for a theme, presentation and workshop topics for the 2017 General Service Conference. If you have those forms with you I will collect them today and get them emailed to GSO this week.

The Wisconsin Young People in AA will be hosting a conference in Madison on January 8th – 10th. There are some flyers on the table.

As we near the end of our rotation I would like to remind you to be sure to pass on to the General Service Office the full name, mailing address and daytime phone number and

email address of the incoming committee chairs for your district who will be starting their new terms in January.

I received the General Service Board minutes from their November weekend meeting and would like to highlight some of the items that will be passed on to the 2016 Conference Committees from the corresponding Trustees' Committees.

- Archives
 - a request to explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories
- Trustee's Committee
 - The committee discussed a request regarding delegate committee chair voting privileges and a separate request regarding participation by delegate members in the selection of Conference agenda items. These requests will be forwarded to the subcommittee on the Conference Agenda Item Process
 - To Policy and Admissions committee the following will be forwarded
 - A request to consider the concept of admitting representatives from the service structure of other 12 Step fellowships to observe the General Service Conference.
 - A requests that all Conference members be sent the same background material, with the exception of digital media and works in progress.
- CPC Committee / Treatment / Special Needs-Accessibilities
 - Will forward the subcommittee recommendation that the pamphlet "Three Talks to the Medical Societies by Bill W." be retired because the pamphlet is too lengthy and dated.
 - will forward the recommendation that "Special Needs" be removed from their committee name and throughout their Composition, Scope and Procedure
- Finance and Budgetary Committee
 - The Board approved a recommendation to continue the policy of funding the Retiree Medical Benefits plan annually, moving towards 100% within the next 10 years, unless or until other considerations or actions make it unnecessary.
- International Conventions / Regional Forums
 - An approved Board recommendation that Al-Anon be invited to participate in the AA's International Convention in 2020 in Detroit.
- Literature Committee

- To forward to the 2016 Conference Committee on Literature a proposal for the development of a “plain-language” version of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- Nominating
 - the Board approved a recommendation that Josh Eggleston serve as Non-trustee Director on the AA Grapevine Corporate Board following the 2016 General Service Conference
- Trustee’s Planning and Sharing Session
 - Please note: the chairman stated that the trustees are looked upon with respect and admiration by the Fellowship. In light of this he asked the trustees to be mindful of how they present themselves on social media.....*I think this is also something worthy of each of us as trusted servants consider and remember.*
 - The following 3 proposals were discussed and the trustees were in agreement with all and so they will be implemented at the next Sharing and Planning Session during the January Board Weekend.
 - To allow the general manager to attend and participate
 - To allow the executive editor of the Grapevine to attend and participate
 - To allow a staff member of the general manager’s choosing to attend and participate
 - It was decided that the Workshops during the General Service Conference will be shortened to an hour and a half allowing for additional hour and a half for Conference members to discuss the Feasibility Study. There will also be additional time for presentation and general sharing regarding the Feasibility Study.
 - The General Service Board unanimously voted to support database sharing between AAWS and AA Grapevine organizations wherever possible.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee on the Bylaws is continuing their work on the Bylaws.
 - Under New Business; The Board approved a recommendation to adopt the General Service Board Mission – Vision-Action statement.

General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

Mission - Vision - Action

Mission

Our mission is to serve the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Vision

We provide clear and effective leadership to the Fellowship. We are directly responsible and responsive to the Fellowship through the General Service Conference. We are concerned with all matters affecting the Fellowship's primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Action

In all of our deliberations and decisions, we shall be guided by and uphold the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts for World Service. Our actions on behalf of the Fellowship include:

- Acting as the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance.
- Serving as custodians of the two affiliate corporations (A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc.)—making sure the best possible communication and unity exist among them, the General Service Office and the General Service Board.
- Overseeing and adjusting, when needed, a sound, wide-reaching public relations policy that is inclusive of all who may be of help in raising awareness of the Fellowship's existence to all who may benefit from it.
- Communicating with and maintaining relationships with General Service structures throughout the world—providing support to help ensure the growth and welfare of the Fellowship worldwide.
- Acting as guardians of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Approved November 2, 2015

AAWS Report

- The new PSA "Doors" continues to perform extremely well. Notably, CNN Airport Network approved the new PSA for its September 2015 rotation. Participating airports include JFK and LaGuardia in New York, Newark Liberty International, Boston Logan International, O'Hara and Midway in Chicago, Miami International, Dulles and Reagan National in Washington, DC.
- Quarterly Web Site report – The AAWS Board approved 2 recommendations brought forward by the Technology/Communication/Services Committee.
 1. That the following language addressing mobile apps be added to the AAWS Fair Use Policy:
 - a. Can we include brief excerpts from AA material in a mobile app? Permission to reprint AA material must be obtained by contacting the Publishing Department at ippolicy@aa.org. Additionally, AA material

should represent only a small segment of material in the entire mobile app.

- b. Can we obtain a license from AA to include an entire publication in a mobile app? No, AAWS does not issue licenses to reproduce its copyrighted material on mobile apps, etc.

- Publishing
 - AAWS On-line Store: Total web sales for January – September 2015 stand at \$5,842,558 which accounts for about 62% of total sales.
 - Gross Sales for the first 9 months are about 15% below budget
- Financial
 - It was noted at the end of the nine month period ending September 30th 2015, revenues were approximately 9.5% less than budgeted and total operating expenses were also under budget. Contributions for the same period are approximately \$97,571 less than budget and were about \$25,000 less than the same period last year.
- Personnel

On October 1st we welcomed the new general manager, Greg Tobin. We also welcomed two new staff members: Jeff Wine who has been assigned to the Corrections desk and Sandra Wilson will be on the Literature desk.

AA Grapevine Board Report

- September YTD sales are ahead of projections
- Subscriptions / product sales remain the focus. Organization-wide support is key to addressing the decline in subscriptions. Digital sales cannot grow measurably without wider outreach to non-subscribers. Coordination with local efforts is also important to carrying the message with both Grapevine and LaVina.
- Planning for a mobile friendly version of the Grapevine magazine will continue as the Grapevine Board develops the strategic plan.
- Financially – for the 9 months ending September 30th the Grapevine realized a net income of almost \$208,000 instead of the budgeted net loss of \$21,000. Also below budget were Editorial costs, Circulation and Business expenses and General & Administrative expenses. Circulation of the print magazine for the first 9 months averaged 72,495.
- The Grapevine participation in ICYPAA this year included two Record You Story Workshops and two Write Your Story Workshops.
- Language of the Heart is now available in audio book and downloadable files. There were 195 CDs and 64 downloads sold thru September 30th.
- Recent publications include the new Grapevine book “*Forming True Partnerships.*” about relationships in sobriety. It is available in both print and eBook formats.

DCM Reports (see page 9)

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Approval of March 5, 2016 Delegate's Workshop Agenda

Tom Q: Can all AA members participate? Yes.

Marty L: should full committee reports be given at the Delegate's workshop and again at the Assembly? Or should one of them be shortened?

Bob M: suggested compiling background/summary of how it was dealt with in the past when the Delegate's workshop and the Assembly were not back-to-back.

Joel: Possibly remove ACM from Delegate's workshop.

Kim: Then can't approve agenda for the April Assembly.

Joel: or limit ACM only to agenda approval.

Kim: Then cannot discuss a couple of other items.

James: DCMs need full report to take back to the Districts.

Mary Jo: they need the full report.

Tom: Can a written report be sent out pronto?

Kim: Historically, Secretary sends report to Delegate, so it might be possible.

Jay: What is the spirit of the change to separate the Delegate's workshop and the Assembly by a month?

Kim: When they were back-to-back, it removed the groups from the process – wasn't enough time to consult them.

Jeff: opportunity to ask questions with reports.

Tom: What does Derek, as incoming Delegate, prefer?

Derek: Likes the idea of a printed report.

Some discussion regarding can the Secretary send written reports out in time? Char consulted Michelle. Answer is yes, provided the committee chairs get the reports to her as quickly as possible (that day).

Agenda accepted.

Lunch vote: 21 yes, 4 no

Fund Chair & Officer Attendance to ECR Conference – Derek T.

Discussion only re: should 1) the Area fund Officers and Committee Chairs to attend the ECR Conference, just as it is funded for the ECR forum? 2) And add a line item to the Budget for it?

Motion would be: That Area 74 fund 10 participants at \$75 each, to include Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates to attend the ECR Conference, and add a line item for it to the budget.

The conference has a service focus that is very useful to Area servants.

The Delegate and Alternate Delegate are already funded to go.

Derek will present as a motion at the next Area Committee Meeting.

Add George Strachen name to list of Past Delegates – Kim R. for Chuck S.

Not a matter for ACM or Assembly. Passed on to archives for review.

AD-Hoc Committee Update- Derek T.

Conducting Area Business (C.A.B.) Ad Hoc Committee of the Area Committee Committee Progress Report, Presented to the Area 74 Area Committee 12/12/15

Committee members: Derek T., Gail Z., Bob M., Sara P., Kim R., Marty L.
Pete W. has resigned; the entire committee thanks Pete for his participation and for the excellent minutes he provided as Secretary. All meeting minutes are available in hard copy for review in a 3-ring binder.

Since we last reported to the Area Committee on September 20:

- We have met via conference calls 4 times on September 23, October 7, November 18 and December 2; meeting time totaled ~8 hours as a full committee.
- The committee agreed to create a system so that all of the data could be prioritized efficiently.
- Kim R. agreed to unify all formatting of the data by placing it into XL spreadsheets with additional columns so that each committee could rank every item according to its importance. We used 1, 3 and 5 with 1 being lowest and 5 being highest.
- All committee members performed those tasks; all data has been analyzed and ranked by each committee member.

Our last full discussion centered around whether: 1) the entire data set should be passed on with rankings included or 2) should only the highest ranked items be passed on for review by the Area Committee for distribution to the appropriate committees and officers. We were unable to reach substantial unanimity on this topic.

In summary, the CAB Ad Hoc Committee has reached a point somewhere between the first and second bullet points under Item 3 of our Scope Statement (see below). The committee discussed several options to proceed in light of the fact that we are entering a new rotation in 2016. An ad hoc committee is *formed for a specific task or objective, and is dissolved after the completion of the task or achievement of the objective*. The CAB Ad Hoc Committee has not completed its task but all committee members agree the task could be completed in the near future, therefore:

Motion: The members of the CAB Ad Hoc Committee recommend that the current Ad Hoc Committee be continued to complete its work outlined in the Scope Statement of 03/28/15. Motion passed 25 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek T., CAB Ad Hoc Committee Chair

Conducting Area Business (C.A.B.) Ad Hoc Committee Scope Statement

1. During 2015, this Ad Hoc Committee will complete a review of the Area 74 practices in the following areas:
 - Handling and documentation of Area information

- Accountability of Area officers, chairs and committees as to the tasks the Assembly asked them to perform
 - Efficiency, effectiveness and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee Meetings per year format since January 2012 (approved April 2010)
2. The ad hoc committee will report the findings of the review to the Area Committee.
 3. Based on Area Committee feedback, the Ad Hoc Committee will:
 - Prioritize committee findings
 - Develop and submit to the Area Committee, a plan to distribute findings to appropriate committees for resolution
 - Recommend a means to evaluate the resolutions

The Ad Hoc Committee will update the Area Committee throughout this process.

Now & Then – Bob M.

Current carryover balance is \$274.41. At end of December, PO Box fee is \$80 and bulk mail permit is \$220. At beginning of January, \$500 will be needed for printing and mailing of Jan. issue. Bob asked for \$1000 to rollover into the new year.

Jay – is Now & Then a committee? Yes.

John O. – do we have a 2016 budget? Yes. Will we have a guarantee this won't happen again? No, this is a recurring issue because Now & Then works differently from the rest of the Committee. Issues need to go out on a monthly basis and expenses can't wait until the next Assembly. People spoke in favor of giving \$1000 to Bob for Now & Then.

The only items that must be in the Now & Then are the Conference Final Report, the Treasurer's report, and Area Conference flyers. Nothing else has to be. Bob & Kathy printed a timetable for what needs to be turned in and when to the Now & Then for printing.

E-newsletter subscription form will give to DCMs to be sent to GSRs to be removed from hard copy, but the form must be filled out completely including group number . E-newsletter will be sent for two years, unless a change is requested sooner. GSRs need to notify the Now & Then of changes.

Bob D: what is cost savings to email vs. snail mail? \$0.94/issue.

Finance committee requested year-end reports from Committees that carry inventory of materials and/or cash.

Meeting closed at 2:20 pm.

One on One meeting time with outgoing committee chairs

Next Area Committee Meeting March 5, 2016, Three Lakes, WI

Reports

District 01 Report

In District 01 we currently have 96 meetings a week held at 31 locations around the district. Our district meeting is well attended with around 20 participants. We conducted district elections in October filling the majority of positions and filling the rest by the November district meeting. The person elected DCM needed to withdraw due to a business opportunity which arose after his election. Nate K. our current alternate DCM came forward and accepted the nomination and was elected at our December meeting. Jennifer A. stepped forward to become our alternate DCM going forward.

On November 7th several of our groups put on a forum on the AA group. The workshop featured three panel discussions: the AA meeting, the AA group and the AA home group. An emphasis was made on the subject of self-support. Cross Roads Community Church allowed us to use their facility for the forum and even provided a full meal. On Saturday January 16th District 01 will be celebrating 75 years of AA in Green Bay at the annual intergroup. Kimberly S. and Kristen C. who co-chaired the spring conference committee have a fun night planned. We hope to see you all there. On February 13th the 4th annual Women in Recovery Workshop will be held at the Bridge on Jenny Lane in Green Bay. This year's topic is Step 11 "Seeking Conscious Contact Through Prayer and Meditation". The district has budgeted for two additional workshops for this year. Information on these will be passed along as soon as it is available.

The district archives received the gift of a large collection of literature from the family of a deceased member. This included 2nd edition big books, 12 and 12s from the 1960s and even postage stamps commemorating AA. The non-conference approved literature in the collection was donated to the Jackie Nitschke Center in Green Bay.

In closing I would like to thank the trusted servants in Area 74 and my fellow DCMs who have helped our district thrive over the past two years. Your tireless efforts have truly made our area a great place to be sober.

In loving service,

Thomas Younger DCM District 01

DCM District 02

District 02 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north and west from Weyauwega to Brillion in the east. 132 meetings meet within our district weekly. Three of our meetings have moved to new locations and another will be moving in the near future. Our district officers and committee chairs will be rotating on January 1, 2016. We continue to have openings for P.I. and Archives committee chairs.

The L.C.M.s of District 02 will be hosting our 7th annual G.S.R. Workshop on January 30, 2016 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Oshkosh. Flyers were emailed to the Area 74 D.C.M.s and flyers are available today.

Our District G.S.R. roundtable sessions which are held one hour prior to our District meeting continue to go well. The forum is giving G.S.R.s a platform to discuss whatever is on their mind. Our incoming D.C.M. is looking for a group to host a workshop on "Our Common Welfare" in District 02.

Our district Grapevine committee is hosted a Grapevine Workshop on October 24, 2015 at the Genesis Club in Appleton. We had about 20 attend the event. Thank you Marty L. for presenting at the workshop.

Our Corrections committee held an informational workshop on December 5, 2015 in Neenah. Unfortunately, I was unable to participate as I was attending another event. Thanks to the committee for hosting this event.

Our current newsletter circulation is 101 hard copy and 453 electronic subscriptions. Our electronic subscriptions rose from 436 in September.

Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. Any A.A. is invited to attend. Our next meeting will be held January 10, 2016 in Oshkosh.

Lastly, as I will be rotating out on January 1, it has been truly an honor to serve District 02 for Area 74. I have learned so much and have met so many amazing people. It has been a wonderful experience serving A.A. in this role. I want to thank my alternate D.C.M., Kristy K. for stepping in for me when needed and wish good luck to Char V., District 02's incoming D.C.M. and Brent H., alternate D.C.M. Although I am rather nervous about my new position as Area 74 C.P.C. chair, I will do my best fulfilling this responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Barry B.
District 02 DCM

DCM District 03

Since the fall conference our district has formed a public information committee. District 03 held elections and we have a new DCM taking over January 1 and we thank Stephen W. For accepting the position. We also have a new GSR in our District. And thank you for letting me be of service in my new position as Corrections Chair Wisconsin.

Thank you for letting me be of Service
Mike Molepske

DCM District 04

District 04 is comprised of all of Portage County and western Waupaca County. Elections were held in September and all of our Chair and Officer positions were filled. The new rotation of servants began their terms October 1st of this year. Our Finance Committee met in November to prepare our 2016 budget which they presented at our December District GSR meeting. That particular meeting was poorly attended and may have to do with the subject matter or more likely the Packer game against Detroit. The GSR's, Chairs, and Officers will come back at the beginning of January to vote on the budget. Committees are forming and we have an exciting new batch of Chairs, most of which are first time chairs, so we did not play musical service positions as much as in the past, which is nice to see the next generation taking over.

We are planning a Traditions Workshop on May 7, 2016. Derek T. our incoming delegate, Kim R. our incoming Treasurer, Gayle Z our incoming Archives chair, and myself will each present 3 Traditions followed by breaking off into groups to discuss questions provided by the Presenters, followed by then sharing the results with everyone. As I have never had an original idea of my own, you folks can guess where this idea was stolen from. My District has tasked me with researching the Cloud phone system for a possible alternative to our current hotline service, which can get expensive

some months. If there is anyone here with experience or information on this system please get my attention and fill me in, I would greatly appreciate it.

Yours in service,
Jeff D. DCM District 04

DCM District 05

DCM District 07

DCM District 08

DCM District 09

District 09 currently has 36 registered groups and of those 36 groups four of them are county jail groups. We have 42 meetings in our district. Our district meeting list is currently up to date on both the district and area websites. District 09 holds monthly district meetings and we rotate the location of where these meetings are held throughout the district. For the past eleven months of this year, we have averaged 13 people at our district meetings each month. We have many open positions at the district level but we are hopeful people will step up to the plate and fill these service positions.

I am continuing to reach out to the groups in District 09 as the DCM. I will not have met my goal to have met with each group in our district prior to the end of my rotation as DCM. I have definitely received a positive response from the groups I did attend. Our District has a newsletter called the Chronicle. Our current circulation is 16 hardcopy and 121 electronic subscriptions.

District 09 has four county jails, Shawano County, Oconto County, and Marinette County which are all in Wisconsin as well as Menominee County, Michigan. District 09 does carry the message into all four of these county jails in our district for males and females.

I am sad to see the end of my rotation as DCM for District 09 as it has been a very fun service position. However, I am getting excited to start my new position as Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. We will be holding our December District 09 meeting tomorrow and will be rotating out of our current positions at that time.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Sara Plansky-Pecor
DCM District 09

DCM District 10

-Our monthly district meeting is experiencing an increase in attendance. There were 19 of us at our last meeting, up from 13 the month before.

- Our meeting list and contact list is current. You can reach us at northwoodsaa.org

-Two new meetings have started up in district 10. One in Crandon and the other an open early bird meeting in Minocqua.

- We had two open speaker meetings with potlucks in November. One in Rhinelander and one in Minocqua that I personally went to and must say it was very well attended.

- We wish to thank the folks of district 18 & 20 for bringing to our attention the answering phone service entitled Freedom Voice. Since there is a 30 day trial period district 10 has decided to give them a try. Costing us less and allowing more folks to participate in answering the phone in a timely and effective manner makes it sound like a win win for us.

-In conclusion, we would like to say, district 23 presents an interesting thought. We AA members have always been willing to accept a challenge, but to have the opportunity to share on how these challenges have been meet in a sharing session could be very helpful. For example, lets look at the Invisible Epidemic that Box 459 shares with us. Or, how about AA for the alcoholic with special needs. These are challenges that confront us right here in district 10. But perhaps if we ask for help from folks like Teri or Barry ,we can work towards addressing and meeting these challenges head on.

Yours in Service

John Obermann

DCM District 10

DCM District 16

Greetings from District 16 Area 74,

In looking at the inventory from the "How Are We Doing?" article from the Grapevine July 1952, District 16 is not doing good. It looks at four basic areas in our groups: Growth, Sponsorship, Service Support, and Officers. It would be hard pressed to say that we would get average or passing marks in any category. Our membership is down an estimated 75%, sponsorship is very weak, we have had an attitude of "He knows where we are. If he wants it, he can come and get it." We have relied on treatment centers to supply us with new members, members who have not incurred a debt to A.A. for their sobriety. We have trusted servants but typically they have been the same servants we've had for a long time. We often regard an office as a chore to unload on some unfortunate member. Many of our constituents are senior citizens or disabled and are limited on their ability or capacity to serve.

So where are we now? First we are in trouble, but that's where we as individuals came into A.A. Out of that honesty hopefully we will find the willingness to take a serious, honest inventory and become entirely ready to apply these principles in each group. To quote the article "just as periodic inventory is essential to personal growth, so also is group inventory vital to maximal group success."

Is District 16 in trouble? Yes. Will A.A. collapse in our District? Maybe it will. It says in the article "Groups in different stages of development will, of course, ask different questions. Perhaps in rare instances a group of long standing, like some individuals, may have to start at the beginning. . .with the First Step. . .admit that our group life has become unmanageable. Then what? Naturally, the second Step." We need to get honest, clean house and help others but that is up to each individual and group.

Your trusted servant,
Fred Martin
District 16, Area 74

DCM District 17

DCM District 18

We held elections in November where I was voted as the new DCM starting in January of 2016. With our upcoming transfer from our old hot-line system to the new cloud system, we are soliciting volunteers to be put on the list and still ironing out some guidelines for the volunteer such as length of sobriety and what-not. We have kept our correction committee and added treatment to this committee; we also have PI committee with chairpersons for both.

Along with elections we have also picked up some new GSR's that seem like they are very interested in doing this type of service work by the many questions that are being asked at the District meeting. We are also getting roughly 15% of the GSRs to attend our meetings.

I personally feel that if we are able to start to attend the groups' meetings and inquire of them what they would like the district to do for them that this may spark an interest in more groups electing GSRs and participating in district decisions. By using the same concept that groups use in the district meetings: be attractive and fun rather than being promoted.

I'm looking forward to these next two years which has taken me outside my comfort zone a little bit which I know that there will be mistakes made and a chance to use the steps to correct them. I also believe that I will grow to become more humble.

Yours sincerely in service,
Gary R. Trombley
DCM District 18

DCM District 20

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We have 22 meetings covering every day of the week with lots of travel involved (1800 square miles)

We have filled all of our District 20 committees for the rotation starting in January.

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1. To hold a workshop on sponsorship next summer. Tentative June 18th in Germfask MI.
2. Move forward on the Internet hotline answering service from Freedom Voice. George is gathering a list of people willing to answer phones in the various cities.
3. Move forward on AA Public Service Announcements on the local Manistique radio station
4. Elected most, but not all, of the committee chairs for the spring 2017 conference we will be hosting. We will also be involving surrounding districts. Mailed out sign-up sheets for volunteers.

Upcoming activities;

- Next District meeting December 19th.

- Visit to Conference facilities.
- DCM visits to all groups in district.
- Conference committee meetings.
- Gather volunteer list

We have a nice website at www.district20area74aa.org. Meeting lists, flyers, minutes and a calendar for activities are all posted on the website.

DCM District 23

- ❖ Our Alternate DCM had the opportunity to chair the district's GSR Committee Meeting on October 7th in Rice Lake, WI, while the DCM was out of town. It was a great experience for Steve, and all unsolicited reports were very supportive and positive.
- ❖ The District's October 3rd workshop, "*Perspectives in Sponsorship II*" co-organized, financed and hosted by the Shell Lake Mid-Day Groups was deemed a big success as it was attended by forty-eight (48) enthusiastic participants.
- ❖ In addition to the four GSRs who participated in the September Elections Assembly, three attended the October 17th Assembly from District 23 – in addition to the DCM. We hope this number can stabilize and increase over the coming year.
- ❖ 2016 Fall Conference Planning Committee update: The District 23 "*ad hoc* 2016 Planning Committee" is ahead of schedule, states the committee chair. The committee's next meeting is tentatively scheduled for sometime in January, after the holidays.
- ❖ The "District 23 Serenity Player's" Twelve-Step Skit & Caboodle, "*The Hardware Store*" held its first reading on December 5th with the playwright in attendance – A good time was had by all, and the collective excitement is starting to spread throughout the local area. The World Premiere Performance is scheduled to coincide with Friday night opening festivities of the Area 74 2016 Fall Conference (September 16-18th). Please ask for tickets (conference registration) under the "early-bird plan" so as not to miss this superb performance.
- ❖ District 23 has changed one of its district meeting venues as well as the regularly scheduled day of each month on which it meets in both the eastern and western portions of the district. The new meeting location for the western portion of the district, held in the months of February, May, August and November, will be at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Siren, WI. The remainder of the regularly scheduled district meetings

will remain in Rice Lake, WI at the Grace Episcopal Church, during the months of January, March, April, June, July, September, October and December. The regularly scheduled District GSR Committee Meetings will now meet on the first Sunday of each month instead of the historical first Wednesday – still starting at 6:30 p.m. in all locations.

- ❖ The District 23 GSR Committee has been offering to partner-up with a hosting A.A. group (s) for another Spring Workshop over the last couple of months. We've had no takers yet, but we remain patiently optimistic. The district remains dedicated to helping groups *"help the still suffering alcoholic"*
- ❖ The district was represented, by attendance of the DCM, at the "East Central Regional Forum" held in Milwaukee on November 13-15th, as well as the "Tenth Annual Concepts Retreat" on December 4-6th in Westfield, WI. All information attended to was shared, and will continue to be shared, with the GSR committee and all other interested.
- ❖ Both the District 23 mailing address and banking institution have been changed. Of possible interest to the Area 74 members is the new Mailing address:

District 23
P.O. Box 363
Spooner, WI 54801

- ❖ The District 23 Literature Committee is considering expanding and/or morphing into the Literature-CPC or the CPC/PI- Literature Committee over the next year. The process is experimental in nature and designed to unfold through time; the main emphasis being a "grassroots" approach from-the-bottom-up (or as we would say in A.A. from-the-top - down!). The idea being that interested A.A. groups, in differing locales, might be more willing to start-up their own process more quickly and with less perceived district interference than if the district was to attempt a "one-size/style-fits-all" organizational approach – which has proven to be a demographically imbalanced and unsustainable effort in past experience.

Thank You for the Opportunity to Serve A.A.,

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Respectfully Submitted
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