

**Area Committee Meeting March 5, 2016**  
**Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, Wisconsin**  
**Minutes**

The meeting opened at approximately 4:20 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Sara P explained only Area Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs have a voice and vote.

Timer: Vickie A

Counters: Cheryl and Brandon

Traditions read by Nate from District 01.

**Roll Call: Area Officers**

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

**Committee Chairs:**

Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

**DCMs:** 01, 02,03, 04, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23

**Minutes from the 12/12/15 Area Committee Meeting were approved.**

**Delegate's Report: Derek T.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. It truly is an honor and a privilege. I have already been quite busy in my position.

I attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AA in Green Bay on January 16. I was asked to announce all Area 74 trusted servants who were in attendance. The evening was slightly pre-empted by a major sporting event, but it was great event nonetheless.

I attended the East Central Region's Conference of Delegate's Past and Present in Milwaukee. The Conference helps prepare the newly seated Delegates for the experience of the General Service Conference. It was a very busy and informative weekend; I learned a lot, especially from the mock Conference Committee meeting, which provided a look at how a conference committee would discuss and deliberate an agenda item. I presented our Area Highlights, which will be published in the Final Conference Report. I was also asked to present on a panel "Young People in AA; Are They Members?". In preparation for the presentation I had the opportunity to do some background research by contacting the GSO Archives desk.

I was invited by the DCM of District 10 to speak at the Newbold Group in Rhinelander on February 27. Thanks to Terri B. and her husband Randy for hosting me.

I have been invited to participate at the District 02 Workshop March 12. I have also been asked to participate in several district Workshops in Area 74 following the General Service Conference: District 04 on May 7, District 18 on May 14 and District 20 on June 18. Please let me know if and when you would like me to come to your District or Workshop to report on the happenings of the General Service Conference or any other topic you desire. I am at your service.

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference August 12-14, 2016 in St. Charles, IL. The flyers are out and they are available on the entry table. There will be opportunities for others from Area 74 to participate and I will be in touch regarding those opportunities at a later date.

Last month I assisted in addressing an anonymity break at the public level in Area 74. I contacted GSO's Public Information desk for shared experience. I sent a letter to those members who broke their anonymity at the public level; the letter contained a gentle reminder of our tradition of anonymity at the public level, along with a copy of the pamphlet *Understanding Anonymity*.

I have submitted all of the forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference April 17-23. I will arrive Friday April 15, in time to attend the first scheduled event of the weekend on the morning of April 16 – a visit to Bill and Lois' historic home 'Stepping Stones'. I am very excited to be serving on the Literature Committee at the Conference. It was my secret hope to be assigned to this committee ☺ Sometimes we DO get what we want.

There was a change made to the 2016 General Service Conference agenda to defer the scheduled workshop "Anonymity – the Spiritual Foundation" until 2017 and replace it with a presentation and discussion workshop on the General Service Board's feasibility study. The Chair of the GSB sent out a poll vote to all the members of the 2015 General Service Conference in mid-December. We did not discuss this background material today at the Delegate's Workshop, but it has been sent out to the entire Area Committee.

There are several Trustee and Director openings on the horizon:

- There is an opening for a Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee on the General Service Board. Terrance Bedient, Board Chair, rotates in 2017. Resumes are due by July 31, 2016
- There will be an opening for an A.A. World Services Non-Trustee Director, to be filled April 2017. Resumes are due by July 1, 2016. Sobriety requirement is seven years and preferred background in finance, publishing, management, legal or IT.
- There will be an opening for A.A. Grapevine Non-Trustee Director position as well to be filled April 2017. Resumes are due by May 31, 2016. Seven-year sobriety requirement.
- Our East Central Regional Trustee, Bill F. will rotate off and our new ECR Trustee will be elected at the April 2017 General Service Conference. We'll select an Area 74 Past Delegate by Third Legacy to forward as our candidate this fall.

For more info on all these openings, please check out the current Box 459 or see me for details. I recently forwarded to the Area Committee and Past Delegates the General Service Board minutes and committee reports from the Board Weekend in January. If you have any questions on those, I will do my best to answer or get the answer.

There are copies of the 2013-2015 General Service Conference Inventory Report available in both English and Spanish.

To date, I have used approximately \$400 of my \$2600 annual budget.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 74 and A.A. as whole. Thank you for all the work today in preparing me for the Conference. I am very grateful for the support you have given to me. I do not take this responsibility lightly and I hope you will continue to pray for me over the next 22 months.

Respectfully submitted,  
Derek T., Delegate  
Panel 66 Area 74  
Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

#### **DCM Reports:**

##### **District 01: Nate K**

We began this cycle in January of this year with several new committee chairs and GSRs. So far we have had 2 District meetings. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Central Office, 1270 Main St., Green Bay, WI. Approximately 20 officers, chairs, and GSRs attend the monthly meetings. In January we celebrated 75 years of AA in Green Bay at the district intergroup which was held at Calvary Lutheran Church. Total attendance was 183 people and the event was self-supporting. The district Corrections Co-chairs discussed at our last meeting the possibility of a workshop or forum in the future.

##### **District 02: Char V.**

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. Our district officers and chairs have rotated effective on January 1, 2016. We continue to have an opening for an Archives committee chair. Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. All A.A. members are invited to attend. Our next meeting will be held March 13, 2016 in Appleton. Our District G.S.R. roundtable sessions which are held one hour prior to our District meeting continue to go well. The service committees also meet prior to the district meeting.

The L.C.M.s of District 02 hosted our 7th annual G.S.R. Workshop on January 30, 2016 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Oshkosh. It was well attended including many people who drove a distance to be with us.

The Kaukauna Group along with District 02 will be hosting a workshop titled "Our Common Welfare" Saturday March 12, 2016. It is a great workshop that provokes thought and discussion. Our next intergroup will feature guest speaker Gail Z. from Steven's Point. It will be held Saturday March 19, 2016. Flyers are available on the table.

Our district is taking some time to review our newsletter guidelines. An initiative to revisit group histories will be starting soon with the help of the Local Committee Members. I am excited to be part of a district that is active with committee work. I look forward to what can be maintained and improved upon in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Char V.  
District 02 DCM

### **District 03: Stephen W**

We have one strong GSR, Dani M., for our Tuesday Night Working with Others group. She happens to be the only GSR in our district as of today.

We have a new district treasurer, Allan B., who is doing a great job keeping track of all our district funds.

We have a new district secretary, Daniel S., we're not sure how well he is doing, he just started. ;) He's going to be a great asset to our district.

We have established a Public Information committee, a committee which we have not had in several years. The PI committee holds monthly meetings to discuss how to better reach our surrounding community and provide information regarding Alcoholics Anonymous. Mark D., our PI chair, has met with staff at McMillan Memorial Library and was able to set up an information rack and have a Big Book put into circulation. The PI committee is currently working with a local doctor's office in order to set up an information rack in their waiting room.

I, as the new DCM, have been visiting the groups in our district to introduce myself as such, provide contact information, and let the groups know to contact me with any questions and/or concerns regarding our district, area, or A.A. as a whole. I am currently in the process of working with several phone service companies to port our current telephone number to Freedom Voice. This change in phone service will save our district approximately \$55-\$60/month.

Thank you for your time.

Stephen W.  
DCM- District 03, Area 74

### **District 04: Jeff D.**

District 04 is all of Portage County, and Western Waupaca County and is comprised of 29 groups. We get anywhere from 15 to 25 people at our monthly GSR meetings. We have active Committees for Archives, CPC/PI, Corrections, Literature/Grapevine, Finance, Picnic, Treatment, and an Archivist and Webmaster. Our Finance Committee has done the research into Freedom Voice cloud phone system and a motion was brought to March's meeting to propose to the groups to change to this new phone service as it would be a significant savings every month while being at the same level of service that we currently have. Our Treatment committee has established an AA orientation for the Intensive Outpatient program at our local Treatment Center. We already have an orientation once a month for the Inpatient Treatment program and are excited about this branching out into the Outpatient. CPC/PI manned a booth for a Wellness conference and is planning on sending at least two volunteers for the Rural Institute of Drugs and Alcohol Conference in June that the Area 74 CPC chair has planned and asked for volunteers. Our Archives committee has taken its first oral history and is planning many more in the future. Our Webmaster has a reliable assistant now and has needed one in the last couple of months as a lot of our meetings have changed venues often. We have an interactive Traditions workshop coming up May 7<sup>th</sup> which will feature our Area Delegate, Area Treasurer, Area Archives Chair, and our DCM as presenters. We would like to invite you all to join us May 7<sup>th</sup> and there are flyers here with all the details. We recently passed a motion to get our service rotation in line with the Area and so we will now rotate out in January of even years. We are an active and enthusiastic District with a strong regard for AA's 3 legacies.

Yours in Service,

Jeff D. DCM 04

#### **District 05: Bryon**

Fall conference 2017 Chair Elected. Venue will be the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire  
GSR Workshop on 2-24-16 in Menomonie Wi, 25 attendees. Topics were "The GSR and the Group" presented by Jim P the Alternate DCM and "Money and AA" presented by Bryon B the DCM.

Next Workshop will be set up by the Archives Chair concentrating on the History of AA.

Bryon B.

District 05 DCM

#### **District 08: Bob D**

Our District 08 of Area 74 has 35 active groups. We are challenged with getting group GSR's to participate at the monthly Service meetings held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month. On average 4-5 GSR's show up to participate. There are about 5-7 groups that contribute to the District's Treasury.

A majority of the Groups in District 08 favor the idea of listing the AA hotline number in the phone book but refuse to help out by taking the phone for a month at a time. And we have had some instances where the group who signed up to take the phone for a month refused to take it when asked to pick it up. The District is looking into the Freedom phone idea but will be waiting till November, 2016 to make the final decision because we would need to get a new # and would like to have that number published in the phone book when a new listing is done.

An undertaking is underway to update the names of AA Members in the District who are willing to make a call to someone struggling with Alcohol. We had found that our list was very outdated and some people's names with phone numbers hadn't lived in the Wausau, WI area for quite some time.

There are a few Groups that host speakers and some do it on a monthly basis.

We thank the editors of the Now & Then for inserting an archive article from the 1962 Now & Then that talks about the 1%'ers of AA members that contribute their time to Service Work at their groups, Districts and their Areas. We are glad it's not a new thing but can only choose to suite up and show up where we can.

The Came to Believe Group will be celebrating their 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at St. Stephen's Church on McClellan St. Mike M. from Eau Claire, WI will be the main speaker. The time is from 6-8pm. Mike comes from a Big Book Study Group called "Back to The Basics". Mike has given his time to service at the Group, District and Area 74 levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Alternate DCM of District 08

Bob D.

#### **District 09: Norm**

36 registered groups, 4 in county jails. 7 – 9 GSRs show up at District Committee meetings. We need an alternate DCM and a Secretary. We meet the first Sunday of every month.

#### **District 10: Tracey M**

We meet the second Saturday of every month. 12 – 16 people attend. We have new chairs. Our contact and meeting lists are current. We switched to a cloud hotline. The Corrections chair will be holding a workshop. John O is our Grapevine Chair. We have 34 registered groups and I have visited some of them.

#### **District 13: Sonny**

We have 29 meetings, 3 GSRs, and no committees. Our directories have been updated. Two meetings have folded. Our hotline provider has changed. We have two jails. Bayfield County jail has meetings. We are hosting the Spring 2016 Conference in Ashland.

#### **District 16: Fred**

Greetings from District 16 Area 74 located on the Big Lake,

I read my last District report at our last District meeting and it seemed to have a sobering effect. We have had a major industry shift out of our community. We have many senior members / senior citizens with a number of new attendees, however there are few members who are experienced sponsors. Like many Districts, alcoholism seems to be in competition with rapidly rising drug addiction. We have a long way to go but there is a greater awareness of the problem and a greater willingness to do something about it.

Yours in service,  
Fred M.  
DCM District 16 Area 74

### **District 18: Gary T**

We have been off to a rocky start. The Secretary is working on being able to get the minutes out.

We have a county jail and a prison within our District. Kurt K has been delegated the Corrections Chair.

We have a PI Committee that is going strong.

After seven years an increase in the donations has been experienced.

We just opened up a new women's group on Thursdays at 6.

There are about eight GSRs attending district meetings and about 12 – 15 attendees. We are getting new people interested.

We are going to be having a workshop on May 14 at the Palmer Community Center on Tradition 2 and Concept IX. Past delegates will be present.

### **District 20: Dean**

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 22 meetings covering 2000 square miles and every day of the week. We have filled the following District 20 committees for the rotation starting in January 2016: PI/CPC, Corrections, Archives, Literature, Website, Conference Planning, Hotline

Last District meeting was February 27th with 16 attendees. Highlights from that meeting:

- Scheduled workshop on Sponsorship for June 18th in Germfask Michigan. Flyers will be out soon.
- Reviewed new Hotline service that has been active since mid-February, THANKS GEORGE. This is an Internet based service from Freedom Voice that routes all calls to personal phones. Cost is about \$15/month. If anyone wants further information talk to George or myself.
- A new radio public service announcement will be running for the month of March in Manistique.
- Approved reimbursing committee travel expenses for assemblies and workshops. In fact, there are 7 people here today representing District 20, including three first time attendees.
- Reviewed conference status of Spring 2017. Conference dates are May 19th, 20th and 21st in Munising Michigan.
  - Approved signing venue contract and paying down payment

- Received seed money from Area
- We have enough information on costs, motels and banquet to have a flyer out in May of this year
- Reviewed new budgeting process 03/05/16 Dean Culliton Upcoming activities:
  - Next District meeting March 19th.
  - Continue conference planning
  - DCM visits to all groups in district.
  - Finalize workshop agenda/flyer
  - Continue budget format review. We have a nice website at [www.district20area74aa.org](http://www.district20area74aa.org). Meeting lists, flyers, minutes and a calendar for activities are all posted on the website.

**District 21: Mark**

District 21 includes Houghton and Keweenaw counties of Northern Michigan. We have a 24-hour phone service manned by Dial Help Inc. Meetings are listed in the Daily Mining Gazette, heard on WMPL radio station and can be found on the Area 74 website. There are 5 seasonal meetings in Keweenaw county and 25 other daily venues. Upon request, meetings will be hosted at the Houghton County jail and work camp. Newcomer packets and printed meeting lists are available at all meetings.

Houghton County's drug court refers people to the tables. Additionally, the Phoenix House treatment clients attend regularly.

District 21 has a strong core group of GSR's, chairpersons and officers, willing to take on additional challenges and responsibilities. Our district meetings are on a three-month rotation.

There is a lot of work to be done. Let us not forget the newcomer is the nucleus of AA.

Our District continues to support Michigan Department of Corrections Baraga Maximum Security Prisoners Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Wednesdays at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K.  
Area 74, District 21 DCM

**District 22: Ben K.**

About 20% of groups represented. Recent group representation from historically absent groups. Reaching out to groups with offering of any assistance.



Substantially large district treasury -- \$2700 plus, due to phone service change which resulted in savings and recent lack of DCM participation. Will begin paying for our web hosting consistent with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

Redeveloping relationship with county human services/ alcohol treatment.

Active CPC/PI and Corrections (men and women) Chairs/Committees.

We now have a District Webmaster.

We were directly involved with the anonymity break. Thanks, Derek, for your assistance.

### **District 23: Jay H**

- ❖ The transition of officers into the new rotation came in January as uneventful and easy, inasmuch as the same ones were re-elected, based on the fact that they had all served only a partial rotation previously. Two of the same standing committee Representatives/Committee Chairs were re-elected for the same reason. One new standing committee Representative/Committee Chair was added, the PI/CPC Rep./Chair. For this record we cite:

Officers:

- Jay Hands, DCM
- Steve Schreiber, Alt. DCM
- Mark Salmon, Secretary
- Dorie Washburn, Treasurer

Standing Committee Representatives:

- Literature Representative/Committee Chair – Kevin Wear
- PI/CPC Representative/Committee Chair – Ed Kaselau (newly elected)
- Archive Representative/Committee Chair – Deanna Lea

- ❖ At our January 3<sup>rd</sup> District 23 GSR Committee Meeting the district officers and standing committee representatives/chairs offered our GSRs and their respective A.A. groups their first ever detailed annual report, entitled “*District 23 Annual Compilation Report for 2015*”; an effort we hope to continue well into the future. This compilation of the past year’s efforts and activities, based on previous committee planning, includes a DCM Summary as a cover page with a “Preface”, “Short History”, “Major Changes, Accomplishments & Report Structure”, “A Final Word on Change” and a “Short List of Accomplishments”, all in an effort to help demonstrate the District 23 GSR Committee’s and DCM’s commitment to our respective roles as Trusted Servants to our groups. In addition to the DCM’s cover page the compilation includes the following:
  - ✓ The District 23 Treasurer’s highly detailed “*Annual Financial Report for 2015*” with a soon to be added semi-annual report for 2014 (Note: From officer elections in June of 2014).
  - ✓ District 23 Secretary’s Report (Includes placement of the following into the districts newly created archives: Official GSR District

Committee Resolutions referenced by addendum and accompanying notes, with reference made to all previous meeting minutes for 2015 having been deposited.)

- ✓ Standing Committee Reports from the Literature and Archive Representatives.
- ✓ The District DCM's composite reports given at the Area 74 Committee Meeting over the second half of 2014 and all of 2015.

Note: An associated contribution, offered under a separate three-ring binder, the DCM's "DCM Working Copy" of the years "*District 23 GSR Committee Meeting Agenda*" (including all "Exhibits") was turned over to the Archive Representative/Committee Chair for deposit in the district's archives. This year's contribution includes those agenda from June of 2014 through December of 2015.

- ❖ The district reflects on the execution of its earlier-in-the-year planning sessions and GSR committee approved activities as follows:
  - Substantial numbers of newly committed GSRs became involved in A.A. General Service Work both locally and at the Area 74 level. The genesis of this demonstration was a direct result of a series of successful "GSR Workshops" offered in March, April, May and June of 2014 – which has built on itself over the course of 2015.
  - "*Northwoods A.A. Unity Round-up*" in Shell lake, WI; 8/16/14
  - "*Our Common Welfare*" Workshop in Turtle Lake, WI; 5/18/15
  - "*Perspectives on Sponsorship II*" in Shell lake, WI; 10/3/15
  - June 2015 commitment to host the "*Area 74 2016 Fall Conference*" in Turtle Lake, WI with the subsequent formation of the District 23 *ad hoc* "*2016 Fall Conference Planning Committee*"
  - "*History of Alcoholics Anonymous in Rice Lake & Environs*" presentation by the Archive Committee; 9/2/15
- ❖ A special acknowledgement of accomplishment was directed to the Literature Representative and Literature Committee for an outstanding effort in organizing a trove of inherited and here-to-now unused collection of A.A. pamphlets with a face value of \$1,125.67. A total of 113 A.A. conference approved books (mostly "Big Books" & "12X12s") have been sold and distributed through the committee.
- ❖ The District's *ad hoc* "*2016 Fall Conference Planning Committee*" is currently well ahead of schedule; with all Planning Committee Chairs established, Program Pamphlet Design & Structure and Conference Flyer drafts designed and approved, A.A. & AI-Anon Speakers selected, Banquet Dinner Menu completed and eager, sober actors pining for their command performance scheduled for the opening evening of 9/16! Our live band has been overheard cutting regaling riffs into the rarified air of February – just begging to share the groove with whoever has a leg to shake! Come one – come all and "save the date"!

- ❖ Efforts are being made to bring our # 3 County Jail A.A. meetings on a regular basis. We anticipate making good progress over the next couple of months in having a program in place. Jail meetings continue to meet in both Burnett and Barron Counties.
- ❖ The District “Helpline” service is being reviewed for effectiveness, cost efficiency and use.
- ❖ District 23 hopes to have a good showing, by building on last year’s GSR attendance, at both the “Delegate’s Workshop” on March 5<sup>th</sup> and subsequent Area 74 Assembly on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.
- ❖ District 23’s DCM has been directed by the District 23 GSR Committee to address the issues surrounding difficulties regarding Area 74 Website maintenance to the Area 74 Committee at its March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the invitation of the Past Area 74 Committee Chair/Alt. Delegate, Present Area 74 Committee Chair/Alt. Delegate and the current PI Committee Chair (at the 12/12/15 Area 74 Committee Meeting). District 23’s DCM acknowledges that the matter has been included in the up-coming March 5<sup>th</sup> Area 74 Committee Meeting agenda under *“Timeliness of Website Updating – District 23”*.
- ❖ District 23 was represented by its DCM at the *“East Central Regional Conference of Delegate’s Past & Present”* in Milwaukee, WI on 2/12-14/16.
- ❖ District 23 was anticipating the possibility of holding a spring workshop, but there has been no indication from the groups that this is a priority for this season.

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

Jay Hands, DCM

District 23/Area 74 – A.A.

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**Motion, presented by Derek T: Area 74 will provide up to \$75 travel reimbursement for up to ten (10) current Area 74 Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and/or Past Delegates to attend the East Central Regional Conference when scheduled in our region. The Area 74 Guidelines and future budgets shall be amended as appropriate.**

**Second by Jason. Discussion.**

**Bob D moved to call the question, 2<sup>nd</sup>. 22 yes, 0 no.**

**Final vote on motion: 28 yes, 0 no.**

**Derek presented report on the Conducting Area Business Ad hoc Committee:**

Committee members: Derek T, Gail Z, Bob M, Sara P, Kim R, Marty L.

Since we last reported to the Area Committee Meeting on December 12, 2015, the Conducting Area Business Ad Hoc Committee has met eight times via conference call: December 16, 2015; December 23, 2015; January 6, 2016; January 27, 2016; February 3, 2016; February 10, 2016; February 17, 2016; February 24, 2016.

Meeting time over these eight meetings totaled approximately 18 hours as a full committee. A recent group conscience vote was taken and it was decided that a summary report be created and that the committee come to substantial unanimity on the report's content. The committee has been working to create the summary report of the findings to be presented to the Area Committee. The summary report is basically complete, but the committee has yet to vote to approve the final report.

The committee has engaged in lively discussion regarding how much (if any) of the extensive data should be included with the presentation of the summary report to the Area Committee. At this point, there is not substantial unanimity on this topic.

Minutes of the Ad Hoc Committee are available. Please see me if you would like to review them.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek T, CAB Ad Hoc Committee Chair.

Jeff D questioned if the committee could get a different chair to take the pressure off of Derek as Delegate. Answer was yes.

**New Business:**

Winter Assembly Agenda passed unanimously with changes:

Remove 2015 Spring and Fall Conference Wrap-ups , and 2017 Spring and Fall Conference reports.

Add Feasibility Study after Reports from Committees on Conference Agenda Topics.

Move New Business, motion regarding Business or Service meetings, Len D. to the end, if there's time.

**Meeting closed at 6:10 pm with The Responsibility Statement.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Z, Area Secretary