

# **Area 74 Assembly Minutes**

## **September 17, 2016 – Turtle Lake, Wisconsin**

**8:30 AM – New GSR / DCM Orientation**

**9:00 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks**

27 GSRs in attendance

**Motion from Len D: That Area 74 dispense with the two-minute rule and allow speakers going to the microphone five minutes. Jay H. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Discussion points:

- 2 minutes is not enough time to explain issues. GSRs are not getting a full understanding of the issues. If people had more time to speak, there would be fewer people up at the mic and we would end up saving time.
- Can't get finished in the time we have now, if we extend it, we'll never get done.
- When somebody's 2 minutes are up and they need more time to talk, they can get back in line.
- Studies show the first 3 minutes is when people get their point across. Is against extending the time.

**\*\*Vote: 4 Yes, so many hands raised for No, that Len said there's no need to count. Motion did not pass.**

No minority opinion.

**Housekeeping/Announcements** including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated.

### **Agenda Changes**

Remove Item 2 under New Business (Area Officer/Committee Chair Proposed Budgets) because it will be addressed in the Finance Report.

Remove WICYPAA report because the WICYPAA representative is not present.

If anyone has special needs, they should see Sara.  
Through a voice vote everyone agreed to participate.

### **Opened Assembly with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer**

The Traditions were read by John, District 09

The Concepts were read by Kurt, District 10

The counters were Dawn & Vickie.

The timer was Dawn.

Kim R. will calculate and report tallies.

### **Roll Call**

#### **Area Officers:**

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

#### **Area Committee Chairs:**

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

#### **DCMs:**

01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23

#### **Past Delegates that are present today:**

Panel 26 Len D  
Panel 50 Bob M (also past ECR Trustee)  
Panel 60 Steve H  
Panel 62 Marty L

We recognized the passing of John S. from District 09

### **Suspended Assembly for Sharing Session (minutes are in a separate document)**

#### **Approved May 21, 2016 assembly minutes**

A motion was made by Char V. and seconded by Kevin to approve the Minutes. **Passed unanimously.**

#### **Area Officer Reports (see page 4)**

#### **Delegate's Report (see page 9)**

#### **Committee Chair Reports (see page 12)**

**\*\*\*After lunch, past Delegate Chuck S from Panel 42 was recognized. Also, Char V. took over taking the minutes from the Grapevine report through the Literature Report. Claudia R. replaced Vickie A. as counter for the rest of the meeting.\*\*\***

#### **Unfinished Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

##### **1) WICYPAA Contribution – Finance Chair, Sheryl D.**

We, the finance Committee have requested this agenda item be added to our September 17th Area 74 Assembly meeting. We have a contribution from WICYPAA that was received in May of 2016 in the amount of \$2,886.44. Our finance committee finds that the contribution is outside the parameters set forth in the Area 74 guidelines and needs to be brought before the Assembly to determine whether or not to accept the contribution. Currently, in our Area 74 guidelines state that parameters of receiving contributions are on page 22 under the heading "Area 74 Contribution Guidelines." Which outlines: *"In the spirit of self-support and Tradition VIII of Alcoholics Anonymous, the following are the parameters set forth for the Treasurer to follow in accepting a monetary contribution from any entity.*

##### *Contribution comes from"*

1. *An AA group*
2. *A District contained within the geographical Area 74*
3. *An individual member of AA*
4. *Seed money from Area 74 conferences or any Area 74 Service Meeting*
5. *Contributions from Area 74 conferences, assemblies, workshops or Service Meetings*

*Any contribution received that does not fit these parameters, shall be forwarded to the Area 74 Finance Committee for its consideration. The Finance Committee then will make its recommendation to the area committee, members & groups of Area 74 through the area assembly for the assembly's approval or disapproval of accepting the contribution."*

**The Finance Committee's recommendation is to send the money back to WICYPAA based on the Seventh Tradition being that we have no stated purpose and the amount of this contribution goes beyond prudent reserves.**

Discussion:

Steve H: Can we change the motion to read "all monetary contributions?"

2<sup>nd</sup> by Brent

Bob M: point of order, not a friendly amendment.

2<sup>nd</sup> withdrawn.

Jason: Does Finance Committee know that WICYPAA has a registration number with GSO?

A: No, but that wasn't the reason the Committee decided to decline the contribution.

Jason: Does Finance Committee know that WICYPAA contributes to GSO?

A: Yes.

Jay: \$2800 is 10% of our budget.

Kim: Area 74 does accept money from Alano Clubs, which are not AA groups.

Len D: The reason the Committee is declining the contribution is because it is against the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.

**Len D: Motion to call the question. Michelle Z 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Y-62, N-1 motion passed.**

**Vote on the motion to send the money back to WICYPAA: Y- 45 N - 18 71.4%**

**Minority opinion.**

Questions about if some people voted who were not eligible. Some Finance Committee and Structures and Guidelines were acting as Alternate DCMs. Guidelines are not clear about if they're acting as an alternate, whether or not they can vote.

By not accepting this contribution we're telling all groups we don't need money so we should give all contributions back.

Vote based on fear and pride.

Kim: wants the language of the motion to encourage WICYPAA to spend the money on Big Books, Grapevines, or something else.

Doesn't GSO have a purpose for this money?

What is an AA group? 2 or more alcoholics gathered together, so WICYPAA is a group.

Financial responsibility. If we turn this down it looks bad.

**Eric voted in majority and wishes to change his vote. Motion to reconsider. Terri 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Vote to reconsider: Y-28, N-31. Motion defeated. Original vote carries.**

**2) Approve 2017 Dates to Remember – Area Chair, Sara P.**

**March 11, 2017 Delegate's Workshop, Workshop Committee Reports, and Area 74 Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, Three Lakes**

**April 8, 2017 Winter Assembly, Reiter Center, Three Lakes**

**August 12, 2017 Area 74 Committee Meeting, Three Lakes**

**October 28, 2017 Area 74 Assembly, Reiter Center, Three Lakes**

**December 9, 2017 Area 74 Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, Three Lakes**

Question: is March 11<sup>th</sup> enough time to give information to the groups to vote on at April 8, 2017 meeting?

Steve – earliest that Delegate gets his info is 2/15. DCMs might need to call a special meeting at your district strictly for agenda items.

Derek – doesn't think anything we can do with the calendar is all that difficult.

**Agree that these will be our 2017 Area Service Meeting dates:**

**Y – 49, N 0. Motion passed unanimously.**

**3) Motion from Brent: That the Finance Committee bring forward a letter of support and guidance on how the returned WICYPAA funds could be used to help the still suffering alcoholic based on the comments and sentiment of this body. Jodi 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Kathy: motion to table. Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
No discussion permitted. Vote (to table) Y- 49, N - 3**

**Motion to close by Bob M, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy at 3:00 pm. Y-33, N-13. Motion carries.**

**Meeting closed at 2:59 pm with The Responsibility Statement.**

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Zanoni, Secretary, Area 74

## **Officer Reports**

### **Registrar**

Hi All A.A. Members, GSRs, DCMs and invited guests.

I'm Writing my report Sunday after the Area 74 District Committee Meeting, therefore I can announce we had seventy people sign in on our sign-in sheet at Saturday's Assembly and thirty-seven people sign in for Sunday's District Committee Meeting.

As Area 74 Register I can register new groups, register or change GSRs and make DCM changes.

I can request group name changes from AA Records, along with the time and location of meetings.

I prepared a list of all active groups in Area 74 by district. I have a hard copy of the lists here with me at the assembly. I plan on emailing these lists to the DCMs also. I would like all DCMs to look at the list of active groups in their district to see if all the information is correct. Please notify me of any inaccuracies. And I already found inaccuracies so I'm going to do a re-check. Then I can update AA Records. An accurate database will allow GSRs and DCMs to get the information they need to help keep the Fellowship informed.

The Area 74 newsletter mailing list is prepared from the active group data base. If we have all our information correct we can then eliminate returned newsletters.

I also keep the Area 74 Directory and that needs to be corrected as soon as possible. I will send DCMs the update as soon as I get it done. The Webmaster updates the website.

Thank You all for allowing me to serve as your Area 74 Registrar. It has been a wonderful experience so far. Please keep the lines of communication open.

Sincerely,

David Johnson

Registrar Area 74

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[Davidj3416@yahoo.com](mailto:Davidj3416@yahoo.com)

Comment from Bob M: DCMs please get updated group GSR info to David as soon as possible. The Post Office has increased the charge for returned Now & Then's.

### **Secretary**

Hello everybody, I'm an alcoholic, my name is Michelle Zanoni and I am your Secretary for Area 74.

I hope everybody received their copies of the minutes from the May Assembly. Again, I greatly appreciate the people who send their reports to me either prior to the assembly or within a couple of days afterwards.

Thank you, Vickie Ackley, for helping me at the Assemblies and Committee meetings. It's really nice to have an extra set of ears, an extra set of notes, and somebody who can run the recorder, as well as company on the road.

I feel very privileged to be a part of this service team.

Some of you send some nice comments in your emails to me when you send in your reports. Thank you for that. It isn't necessary, it is OK to just send in your report, but the comments do brighten my day.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Michelle Zanoni, Area Secretary

**Treasurer – Kim**

**Area 74 - 2016 YTD Revenue/Expense Report**  
1-1-2016 through 8-31-16

<b>CARRYOVER FROM 2015</b>	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015	\$ 6,562.07
Carryover prudent reserve	3,002.53
<b>TTL CARRYOVER FROM LAST MONTH</b>	<b>\$ 9,564.60</b>

<b>OFFICER &amp; CHAIR EXPENSES</b>	
Delegate	\$ 1,135.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	736.00
Treasurer	276.50
Registrar	15.30
Secretary	350.00
Archives	334.24
Corrections MI	286.94
Corrections WI	303.94
CPC	398.55
Finance Expenses	370.00
Grapevine	57.61
Literature	553.80
Now & Then	483.00
Public Information	185.00
Structures & Guidelines	517.01
Treatment	352.50
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,355.39</b>

<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>	
Archives	\$ 10.00
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	144.50
Corrections Committee MI	55.00
Corrections Committee WI	-
CPC Committee	662.61
Finance Committee Expenses	539.36
Grapevine Committee	173.26
Literature Committee	47.10
Now & Then Committee	3,500.00
Public Information Committee	107.00
Registrar Committee	-
Secretary Committee	24.21
Structures & Guidelines Committee	200.89
Treatment Committee	-
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,463.93</b>

<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>	
Seat Delegate	1600.00
Registrar Internet	
Assembly & ACM Rent	250.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	216.64
Conference Seed Money	2000.00
Other / Misc Expenses (Check Printing Fee)	50.00
ECR Conference	
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	
East Central Regional Forum	
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every	
International Convention	
International Convention Hospitality Room donation	
Sec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens	
Prudent Reserve	
<b>YTD Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,116.64</b>

<b>REVENUE SUMMARY</b>	
Group Contributions	\$ 19,219.59
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	179.00
* Other Income *	1,247.36
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 20,645.95</b>

<b>* OTHER INCOME *</b>	
Interest Income	\$ 1.36
Refreshment Contributions	246.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2016 Conference	1,000.00
Spring 2016 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Seed Money Return Fall 2016 Conference	-
Fall 2016 Conference Gain	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.36</b>

<b>EXPENSE SUMMARY</b>	
Chair Expenses	\$ 6,355.39
Committee Expenses	5,463.93
Other Expenses	4,116.64
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,935.96</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	
Balance-Checking August 31, 2016	\$11,128.54
Outstanding Checks	40.00
Balance-Prudent Reserve August 31, 2016	3,003.89
<b>TOTAL ASSETS August 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$14,092.43</b>

<b>TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF</b>	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2015	\$ 6,562.07
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	3,002.53
YTD Total Revenue	20,645.95
YTD Total Expense	15,935.96
<b>TOTAL ASSETS August 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 14,274.59</b>

<b>YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS</b>	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 20,645.95
YTD Total Expenses	15,935.96
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 4,709.99</b>

<b>GROUP PARTICIPATION</b>	
Active Groups As of Mar 5, 2016	659
Institutional Groups	30
Groups Contributing	248
	39.43%

## Area 74 - 2016 YTD Budget Report

1-1-2016 through 8-31-16

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 1,465.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	736.00	564.00
Treasurer	700.00	276.50	423.50
Registrar	700.00	15.30	684.70
Secretary	700.00	350.00	350.00
Archives	700.00	334.24	365.76
Corrections MI	700.00	286.94	413.06
Corrections WI	700.00	303.94	396.06
CPC	700.00	398.55	301.45
Finance Expenses	700.00	370.00	330.00
Grapevine	700.00	57.61	642.39
Literature	700.00	553.80	146.20
Now & Then	700.00	483.00	217.00
Public Information	700.00	185.00	515.00
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	517.01	182.99
Treatment	700.00	352.50	347.50
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,355.39</b>	<b>\$ 7,344.61</b>

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,219.59	\$ (219.59)
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	200.00	179.00	21.00
* Other Income *	2,000.00	1,247.36	752.64
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 21,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,645.95</b>	<b>\$ 554.05</b>

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,320.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	400.00	144.50	255.50
Corrections Committee MI	515.00	55.00	460.00
Corrections Committee WI	515.00	-	515.00
CPC Committee	1,155.00	662.61	492.39
Finance Committee Expenses	1,200.00	539.36	660.64
Grapevine Committee	372.00	173.26	198.74
Literature Committee	400.00	47.10	352.90
Now & Then Committee	7,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Public Information Committee	490.00	107.00	383.00
Registrar Committee	400.00	-	400.00
Secretary Committee	400.00	24.21	375.79
Structures & Guidelines Committee	600.00	200.89	399.11
Treatment Committee	200.00	-	200.00
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>14,977.00</b>	<b>5,463.93</b>	<b>9,513.07</b>

* OTHER INCOME *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Income		1.36	
Refreshment Contributions		246.00	
Seed Money Return Spring 2016 Conference		1,000.00	
Spring 2016 Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall 2016 Conference		-	
Fall 2016 Conference Gain		-	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,247.36</b>	<b>\$ 752.64</b>

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Seat Delegate	1,600.00	1,600.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	600.00	250.00	350.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	400.00	216.64	183.36
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Other / Misc Expenses	300.00	50.00	250.00
ECR Conference		-	-
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)		-	-
East Central Regional Forum		-	-
Conf. of Delegates past/present		-	-
Trustee election every 4 years		-	-
International Convention		-	-
International Convention		-	-
Hospitality Room donation		-	-
Sec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens		-	-
Prudent Reserve		-	-
<b>YTD Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,020.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,116.64</b>	<b>\$ 903.36</b>

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 6,355.39	\$ 7,344.61
Committee Expenses	14,977.00	5,463.93	9,513.07
Other Expenses	5,020.00	4,116.64	903.36
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,697.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,935.96</b>	<b>\$ 17,761.04</b>

**Area 74**  
**2016 - 5 Year Budget to Actual Comparison**

Income									
Income	2012	2013	2014		2015		2016		2017
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Proposed
Group Contributions	\$17,242.53	\$16,038.30	\$17,300.00	\$19,243.42	\$18,000.00	\$21,111.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,219.59	\$24,000.00
Other Income	\$3,895.38	\$8,066.27	\$2,000.00	\$3,760.43	\$2,000.00	\$4,037.55	\$2,000.00	\$1,247.36	\$2,500.00
Personal Anniversary	\$50.00	\$151.00	\$75.00	\$264.00	\$150.00	\$761.00	\$200.00	\$179.00	\$250.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$21,187.91</b>	<b>\$24,255.57</b>	<b>\$19,375.00</b>	<b>\$23,267.85</b>	<b>\$20,150.00</b>	<b>\$25,909.55</b>	<b>\$21,200.00</b>	<b>\$20,645.95</b>	<b>\$26,750.00</b>
Yearly Beginning Balance	\$7,974.03	\$6,518.39	\$6,500.00	\$6,033.97	\$6,500.00	\$6,418.77	\$6,500.00	\$6,562.07	\$6,500.00
<b>Total Income + Yearly Beg Balance</b>	<b>\$29,161.94</b>	<b>\$30,773.96</b>	<b>\$25,875.00</b>	<b>\$29,301.82</b>	<b>\$26,650.00</b>	<b>\$32,328.32</b>	<b>\$27,700.00</b>	<b>\$27,208.02</b>	<b>\$33,250.00</b>

  

Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses									
Officer Expenses	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	Proposed
Delegate	\$1,773.55	\$2,233.94	\$2,600.00	\$1,678.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,537.92	\$2,600.00	\$1,135.00	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$435.00	\$976.80	\$1,300.00	\$861.00	\$1,300.00	\$907.25	\$1,300.00	\$736.00	\$1,300.00
Treasurer	\$521.80	\$627.50	\$700.00	\$548.00	\$700.00	\$602.00	\$700.00	\$276.50	\$700.00
Registrar							700	\$15.30	\$700.00
Secretary							\$700.00	\$350.00	\$700.00
Secretary / Registrar	\$415.73	\$669.75	\$700.00	\$509.00	\$700.00	\$572.98			
Committee Chairs	\$4,707.67	\$5,425.18	\$7,700.00	\$4,404.43	\$7,700.00	\$5,407.92	\$7,700.00	\$3,842.59	\$7,700.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$7,853.75</b>	<b>\$9,933.17</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$8,000.43</b>	<b>\$13,000.00</b>	<b>\$9,028.07</b>	<b>\$13,700.00</b>	<b>\$6,855.39</b>	<b>\$13,700.00</b>

  

Committee Expenses									
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	Proposed
Archives	\$487.48	\$551.00	\$850.00	\$776.08	\$1,025.00	\$1,161.99	\$1,330.00	\$10.00	1330
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$228.08	\$252.60	\$350.00	\$361.76	\$400.00	\$365.55	\$400.00	\$144.50	\$400.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$99.07	\$322.28	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$113.97	\$515.00	\$55.00	\$460.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$70.00	\$79.00	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$60.94	\$515.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
CPC Committee	\$108.40	\$61.00	\$125.00	\$141.00	\$1,105.00	\$16.00	\$1,155.00	\$662.61	\$1,290.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$382.22	\$452.59	\$500.00	\$391.19	\$950.00	\$519.74	\$1,200.00	\$539.36	\$1,140.00
Grapevine Committee	\$24.00	\$163.63	\$400.00	\$177.65	\$900.00	\$583.78	\$372.00	\$173.26	\$500.00
Literature Committee	\$88.88	\$35.76	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$181.60	\$400.00	\$47.10	\$400.00
Now & Then Committee	\$5,338.18	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
Public Information Committee	\$145.84	\$179.50	\$300.00	\$216.96	\$300.00	\$80.60	\$490.00	\$107.00	\$520.00
Registrar Committee							\$400.00	\$0.00	\$490.00
Secretary Committee							\$400.00	\$24.21	\$460.00
Secretary / Registrar Committee	\$147.06	\$188.74	\$400.00	\$169.00	\$400.00	\$287.73			
Struc & Guide Committee	\$333.36	\$373.28	\$400.00	\$459.00	\$500.00	\$425.24	\$600.00	\$200.89	\$600.00
Treatment Committee	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$37.50	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$210.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$7,542.57</b>	<b>\$8,259.38</b>	<b>\$10,050.00</b>	<b>\$9,010.14</b>	<b>\$13,330.00</b>	<b>\$10,822.14</b>	<b>\$14,977.00</b>	<b>\$5,463.93</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>

  

Other Expenses									
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	(Budget)	(Actual)	Proposed
Seat Delegate	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	1600
Registrar Internet	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00		\$120.00	\$0.00	120
Assembly & ACM rent		\$350.00	\$300.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$250.00	600
Assembly & ACM expenses		\$205.23	\$300.00	\$329.47	\$400.00	\$229.10	\$400.00	\$216.64	400
Conference seed money	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	2000
Other/Misc Expenses	\$636.91	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$191.98	\$300.00	\$5.00	\$300.00	\$50.00	\$300.00
ECR Conference		\$608.44		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)					\$1,200.00	\$945.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
East Central Regional Forum	\$225.00	\$148.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$575.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present									
Trustee election every 4 years		\$200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
International Convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
International Convention Hospitality									
Room donation					\$500.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Sec/Reg computer/onetimexpens					\$750.00	\$660.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Prudent Reserve Deposits	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,201.03	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$6,161.91</b>	<b>\$6,547.64</b>	<b>\$5,820.00</b>	<b>\$5,872.48</b>	<b>\$8,970.00</b>	<b>\$5,914.54</b>	<b>\$5,020.00</b>	<b>\$4,116.64</b>	<b>\$7,670.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,558.23</b>	<b>\$24,740.19</b>	<b>\$28,870.00</b>	<b>\$22,883.05</b>	<b>\$35,300.00</b>	<b>\$25,764.75</b>	<b>\$33,697.00</b>	<b>\$15,935.96</b>	<b>\$36,870.00</b>
<b>End of Year Balance</b>	<b>(\$370.32)</b>	<b>(\$484.62)</b>	<b>(\$9,495.00)</b>	<b>\$384.80</b>	<b>(\$15,150.00)</b>	<b>\$144.80</b>	<b>(\$12,497.00)</b>	<b>\$4,709.99</b>	<b>(\$10,120.00)</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,001.03</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,002.53</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,003.89</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

YTD Net Gain: \$4,709.99, 39.43% of groups contribute (institutional groups not included). \$10,000.00 projected deficit in 2017 includes carryover, but we don't know for sure what that will be.



Question: Bob M – “assets” means money and not equipment? Yes.

**Barry, move to accept Treasurer’s report. Patti 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.**

### **Alternate Delegate/Area Chair**

Hello, my name is Sara and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your panel 66 Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. Thank you for this privilege. I have not provided a report to the Area 74 Assembly since April. Since that time, I attended the Area 74 Spring Conference in Ashland, Wisconsin during the weekend of May 20-22, 2016. On June 11, 2016, I had the honor to share my experience, strength, and hope at the UP Traveling Intergroup in Manistique, Michigan. Thank you to District 20 for allowing me this privilege.

On August 6, 2016, I attended the Area 74 Committee Meeting at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. A huge highlight of my summer was having the opportunity to travel to St. Charles, Illinois for the East Central Regional Conference which was held August 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. I had the pleasure of being the moderator as well as a speaker on the Area 74 Panel Our Common Welfare along with our Area Past Panel 26 Delegate, Len D., our Area Finance Chair, Sheryl D., and our District 02 DCM, Char V. It was a very exciting weekend for me to be able to listen to numerous speakers on lots of different topics throughout AA. I also had the chance to participate in a round table discussion with other Area Chairs from around the East Central Region which was a wonderful experience. Last Saturday I participated in the “Our Common Welfare – AA Workshop” which was held in Area 75.

The last Tuesday of each month I have continued to participate in the DCM conference call. It is great being a part of this call and hearing all the neat things going on in the districts throughout our area. As Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, I get to participate on the Structures and Guidelines Committee. We have had numerous phone conference calls and you will hear about the work of this committee when our Area Structures and Guidelines Chair, Jason L., provides an update later today. I was involved as a member of the Conducting Area Business (CAB) Ad Hoc Committee and served as the secretary on this committee which just concluded the end of August.

I have ongoing contact with our Delegate, Derek T. I continue to write a monthly article for the Now & Then. I continue to have almost daily phone contact and email correspondence with many AA members throughout Area 74. I have worked hard to better prepare myself to conduct the service meetings at this weekend’s Fall Conference. I have had a lot of opportunities for growth in my recovery since the beginning of this position. I thank you for your love and patience as I carry out my duties in this position as your Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. Thank you for this humbling experience!

Yours in Love & Service  
Sara Plansky-Pecor  
Alternate Delegate / Area Chair

### **Delegate’s Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you an overview of my activities since our last Area Assembly in May. I’d also like to share some information on what’s going on in AA as a whole. Lastly, I will provide an overview of upcoming events I will be participating in, plus some additional notes.

## **Overview of Activities and Participation**

I presented my Delegate's Report of the General Service Conference at the District 23 meeting on June 5 in Cumberland, WI. Thank you, Jay H. for the warm welcome and hospitality and Mark and Paula for hosting me overnight. I am looking forward to enjoying Mark's cooking again this evening.

I shared my experience, strength and hope at a District 1 event at the 218 Club in Green Bay on June 10. Great turnout and again warm hospitality and thanks to Kimmy and Dean S. for hosting me overnight.

I participated in the District 20 Workshop on Sponsorship on June 18 in Germfask, MI. I presented an abbreviated Delegate's report and also sat on a panel on sponsorship. Great food and great fellowship.

I had a bit of a lull in July with activity.

I attended the East Central Regional Conference in St. Charles, IL in August. I was honored to participate in the opening and closing flag ceremonies and carry the Wisconsin flag. I participated on a panel entitled "As the World Loosens Its Views on Alcoholism, Are We Loosening our Views on our Principles?" The panel was very provocative and each panelist looked at the topic from a different angle.

I also assisted in organizing the Area 74 Panel "Our Common Welfare". Sara P. moderated with participants Sara P., Char V., Len D., and Sheryl D. The panel was well attended and excellent. I am thankful that I was present and was able to hear each one of my fellow trusted servants from Area 74.

I also participated in the Delegate's breakfast on Saturday morning.

I attended the Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes, WI in August.

I have participated on the Delegate Teleconference with the East Central Regional Trustee and other ECR Delegates on July 13 and September 15.

I have written articles for the Now & Then in June, July, August and September 2016. I am hoping to continue September's topic of *Unity* into a series of articles in upcoming newsletters. Thanks to those of you who have provided feedback.

I have forwarded several emails from GSO, the ECR Secretary and our Trustee Bill F, on to you, the Area Committee members and Past Delegates.

I have participated in Area 74 Committee Teleconferences for Finance and Structures & Guidelines on various dates since the last Assembly (except for one Structures and Guidelines call that I missed; amends were made and accepted).

I have answered several Delegate sharing requests from other Delegates around North America. The requests are routed through the Alternate Delegate Chair. I just received my first notice about a newly elected Delegate for Panel 67. I sent a welcome e-mail and will do that with others. It was very heartwarming to get welcome e-mail greetings from the Panel 65 Delegates in advance of the General Service Conference after being elected last September.

Through this weekend, I have used \$1631 of my \$2600 budget for 2016.

## **News and Information**

The Final Reports from the 66th General Service Conference were shipped to me in late August and I have them today for DCMs to take back to your District meetings and share with your groups. Everyone is welcome to take a copy as well and remember that this report is confidential and contains full names of AA members. Yours truly shows up on pages 16 and 52 if you need an excuse to open it up :)

I recently received the Delegate Quarterly Contribution Report from GSO which includes a list of Area 74 groups contributing, organized by District. I have those available today, and will distribute them to the DCMs along with the Final Conference Reports. If I don't catch up with you today, please see me tomorrow morning at the Area Committee meeting. I also received a letter from the General Service Board Treasurer, David Morris, noting that our 2016 YTD percentage of groups contributing as of 06/30/16 is up over YTD 2015:

- 2015 YTD % groups contributing was 20.36%
- 2016 YTD % groups contributing was 24.25%

I have brought a few flyers for upcoming conferences within our region

- 2017 East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present held in Toledo, OH February 10-12, 2017
- 2017 Area 33 March Roundup held in Dearborn, MI
- 2017 Michigan AA Conference July 28-30 in Mt. Pleasant, MI

In late August I received the minutes from the various Trustees' Committees and the General Service Board from the Board weekend July 29-August 1. I was prepared to forward the minutes from the Staff Coordinator, but noticed express instructions to not post or distribute the minutes as they are still pending approval. To honor that I have brought a copy of the minutes; please see me if you would like to review them. Here are some highlights:

- The new Corrections video, *A New Freedom* is still available to view on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) along with the recently completed translations. The board approved the Publishing Committee's recommendation that the price of the video be \$10.
- The 24th World Service Meeting is being held in October in Rye Brook, NY with 42 countries expressing interest in attending
- Financials. June 2016 AAWS sales were up 4.34% over budget. Net sales 2016 YTD, through June 30 are up \$345,600 over budget, or 5.4%. Contributions were \$257,200, or 8%, ahead of budget. Total operating expenses were \$609,600 or 7.4% less than budget. Net profit for the first 6 months of 2016 was \$305,900 compared with a budgeted loss of \$897,711.
- The recommendation from the Publishing committee for the new AAWS book with the working title *Unity in Action: Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970* was approved to be forwarded to the trustee's Archives Committee for its consideration
- After 5 years, the Rarotongan translation of the Big Book is now complete and printed; it will soon be in circulation abroad. Rarotonga is the language of the Cook Islands.
- The Board approved the Publishing committee's recommendation for a \$10,000 line of credit for GSO Nicaragua for the purchase of A.A. Literature. I found this interesting because I have attended meetings in Managua and know that there is a very active AA presence in Nicaragua.

As you know, my committee assignment as Delegate is on the Literature Committee. Some of the proposed agenda items for the 2017 General Service Conference I have been made aware of include:

- Consider a request to update the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship"
- Consider a request to develop a pamphlet reflecting the recovery experiences of a pamphlet for the deaf AA members along with a suggestion that the Conference Committee expand the discussion to include all methods of communication.
- Consider a request to retire the pamphlet "Too Young"

I just received notice that a Staff Position has opened at GSO in New York and applications are being accepted. Applications can be submitted through November 15, 2016. The job begins in January 2017 and candidates must be AA members and have 6 years sobriety. I brought one application and can direct you to more as needed.

### **Upcoming Events and Other Notes**

I will be participating in the District 8 Homegroup Workshop on October 8. I will be speaking at the Kaukauna Intergroup on October 22.

As a reminder to all and to our Past Delegates — we will elect our nominees to put forward for East Central Regional Trustee and Trustee-at-Large US at the October Assembly on October 29.

I had been asked some time ago by an elder statesman what I thought my charge might be over my term as Delegate. I really did not have an answer at that time, but noted that I would remain open-minded to my cause when it presented itself. While participating in the panel at the ECR Conference, I really *heard* one of the panelists talking about the importance of Tradition 1. I really only considered Traditions 3 and 5 when I prepared my presentation on the same topic. A lightbulb went off and it came to me that *Unity* might just be my focus. I've begun a little personal study of Unity in our literature and may occasionally share with you what I have found.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Tait

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### **Questions:**

Steve H: Where will the 67<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference be held and why?

A: There is talk about having it in Rye Brook, NY for the next 2 times. It normally alternates one year in NYC and one in Rye Brook, so every Delegate gets the chance to visit the Headquarters in NYC. But NYC is very expensive, and they can save a lot of money having it in Rye Brook -- \$160,000. It's not a definite yet.

Bob M: Has there been any more discussion on how to involve the Delegates in the Agenda for the GSC? Our Regional Trustee did not provide that information, but in the Western Region they did. Are you aware that you will be more involved in the selection of agenda items?

A: Yes.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Archives**

Your Area 74 Archives Committee meets monthly via Conference Call on the second Thursday of the month at 7:15 CST. We generally have our 6 regulars: Gail Z – Chair, Pete W – Archivist, Char V –

DCM-02, Fred M – DCM-16, Charles K – 23 and Jeff C – Past Delegate on our monthly calls, along with a few guests – usually District Archives Chairs. Conference call minutes are sent out to a list that includes contacts from most districts. We have an enthusiastic committee and we have been working on getting our Archives collection cataloged and accessible to the Area membership.

One major effort has been digitizing our materials. All of the Now & Then Newsletters were scanned and cataloged. They are also being put into sheet protectors and binders. We have 50+ reel-to-reel tapes in our collection, and many have now been listened to. The quality of the audio is very good. There have been some hardware challenges, but conversion of these is about to begin.

The Archives Committee has continued work on the Archives Handbook that contains our mission statement, purpose, the types of things we collect and what we have in our collection. As the items in our collection are acquisitioned (to use an Archives term), they are cataloged and listed in our Archives Catalog. Our Archives Handbook and Catalog are can be found with the Area 74 Archives Display at this Conference. It will be sent out in PDF format to those on our Archives Committee mailing list after our next Conference call in October.

We've started preliminary talks with District 20 about having a Past Delegates Sharing Session and the need for space for an Area 74 Archives exhibit at the Area 74 Spring 2017 Conference. We are looking at some new ideas for Area 74 displays, with some of the items that we've now cataloged and have not shared with the Area in the past. We are also bringing forth a motion to this Assembly on the Past Delegate Sharing Sessions.

Our next conference call is Thursday, October 13, 2016. If you'd like to get in on our call, or if you'd like to receive a copy of our Archives conference call minutes, please let me know. If your District would like help with your Archives or with an Archives workshop, please see me or any of your Archives Committee members. In the meantime, please stop by and visit your Area 74 Archives exhibit this weekend. District 23 has also prepared an Exhibit of some local Rice Lake history – maps and posters – which is a great addition to your Area 74 exhibit.

In Service,  
Gail Z  
Area 74 Archives Chair

## **Corrections MI**

- I. I would like to introduce myself as the corrections chair of Michigan. On the committee I have three DCM'S, Mark K. D 21, Roberts S. D19, and the good ole unknown D15.
- II. In keeping with the inverted triangle
  - a. I have traveled to a number of Upper Peninsula traveling inner groups and have continued to offer any type of service from a work shop to asking how if any district is in need of any corrections material
  - b. I have been in contact with the district 17 and we are working on having a corrections workshop with the focus on the new roll out of a new Freedom video.
  - c. I also have been in contact with GSO and Jeff Wine with the corrections desk and have been informed the video is available for sale.
- III. I have had the opportunity to correspond with a number of individuals that are currently serving time and have really expressed how it is so important to reach out and commit to

having someone lined up to get them to their first meeting and how to get the process of a prerelease form started so all the steps are laid out 6 months prior to their release.

- IV. In closing I truly believe that one of our Founding Fathers Dr. Bob Smith put it so well in stating *"I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly."*
- a. *Sense of duty*
  - b. *It is a pleasure*
  - c. *Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took the time to pass it on to me.*
  - d. *Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance against a possible slip.*

Yours in Service  
Area 74 Corrections Upper Michigan  
PH: 906-235-8643  
Brian McRae

Questions: Jay H – Is the "A New Freedom" video available. Yes.

Jim – Is prison correspondence part of what you do? Not part of Correction Chair's responsibility, but he can make it available.

### **Corrections WI**

I have been in contact with the GSO and just waiting for a reply on the new correction video. Now that I have found out the price I will be ordering two. I have been in contact with different correction facilities and am just waiting for responses if they would like or would view the new video from GSO. and if so I will be contacting the DCM in that District to see if their Correction Committee would be interested in buying one. I have been forwarding pre-release forms to the District DCM'S in Area 74 so they can forward them to their Correction Committee. I will be in contact with the DCM'S in Area 74 to see which Districts have Correction Committees and which ones don't.

Yours in grateful service  
Mike Molepske

Question: Sheryl – should she add cost of video to the budget? Yes.

### **CPC**

Committee activity is proceeding along nicely in Area 74. Since the beginning of the year, I have put together a committee with the DCMs who have been assigned to me along with some CPC or PI district committee chairs. We have been holding conference calls which started out as monthly, but have been changed to every other month recently. We discuss what is being done in the particular districts on the calls.

My first intended project was to save the students of UW-Oshkosh from demon alcohol. I had hoped to get literature into the health center on campus. However, upon speaking with the AODA coordinator on campus, I was told that the campus had a problem with the spirituality part of the program. Even when I explained that spirituality was not religion, I didn't get much further with him.

When school is back in session, I will be contacting the spirituality center on campus and start there. My calls to Lawrence University in Appleton were not returned. I will be contacting someone at the university again now that classes are again in session.

At the East Central Regional Forum in Milwaukee in November 2015, past Class A Trustee Judge Linda Chezem spoke on how much she valued the AA CPC Committee to maintain a presence in her courtroom for alcoholics. In May 2016, I met with the Drug Court Coordinators in both Winnebago and Outagamie Counties. My hope is three-fold. One, I want to establish a relationship with the court and show that AA has a presence, two, to furnish AA literature for their use and three to have a live body from AA in the courtroom to show we are around and hopefully develop a cadre of members willing to be a temporary sponsor for the alcoholics enrolled in drug court. A request for volunteers was in our District newsletter and I also spoke at the GSR roundtable prior to the August District meeting.

The week of June 12-16, 2016, the Area CPC Committee hosted an AA booth at the Rural Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse which was held on the UW-Stout campus. I wish to thank all those who took time from their busy schedules to volunteer at the booth and answer questions of attendees along with handing out literature and local meeting lists to members of the fellowship.

On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, I did a CPC presentation at District 20's Sponsorship workshop in Germfask, MI. The attendees were receptive and the feed was delicious.

On Monday, August 8, I did a presentation for the Winnebago County Drug Court professionals. Those in attendance included the coordinator, one or the two judges, a staffer from the DA office and 3 case workers. I did present them with a literature rack and mapped out my plan as noted above. The presentation was well received. I will be giving the same type of presentation to Outagamie County on October 6.

I attended the East Central Regional Conference and Illinois State Convention which had many great panels including CPC. I was able to network with Area CPC chairs from Illinois and Michigan.

I am available to the Area for presentations or workshops if needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Barry Brewer, Area 74 CPC Chair

## **Finance**

Finance Committee Servants:

Derek T. (Delegate)  
Len D. (Past Delegate)  
Kim R. (Treasurer)  
Jim S. (Committee Member)  
Keith V. (Committee Member)  
Sheryl D. (Committee Chair)

First I'd like to thank this dynamic Finance Committee (named each one).

Following in the steps of previous Finance Committees (FC), our committee has met by phone conference at least once per month and sometimes twice per month since January 2016. We also met

at the Delegate's Workshop, Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings held in Three Lakes and during the Spring and Fall Conference Assemblies.

I started this year asking our previous chair 'how am I going to come up with topics for monthly meetings? He said 'The topics will come.' He wasn't kidding. A couple times we have had to have 2 meetings to get through all our meeting agenda items.

The FC reviews budgets, requests, contributions, and the reimbursement of financial requests at Area 74 functions. We are trusted to ensure the expenses fall within the Guidelines of each Area Officer & Committee approved budget. It takes a 2/3 majority vote within the committee to approve an expense and to issue a reimbursement. We have offered to hold a workshop about Finances in AA or related workshop and continue to do so for any district or group that desires to host one.

Throughout the year we have had discussions about how we can better inform our members about where their contribution goes, what it means to be 'self-supporting', and how spirituality with money is an important part of our recovery. We discussed how to put 'service' back into our Area structure meaning, 'we do what we do to 'give back'. It affects how we view money and how we view service. Have you heard an AA member say "I cannot afford to go to...."? "...don't have a reliable vehicle...cannot drive. Are we reaching out to help another member with a ride or to help them network with people that live near them so they can attend our assemblies and meetings? So they can be informed and involved? Are we letting people know we have room if anyone needs a ride? Are we doing our part to be of service?

When we give and trust God to take care of the rest, it will always work out. The gift of that blessing rings true in my life whether it is money, time or resources. When service to AA comes first, everything else works out. Our spirituality and reliance on God deepens and we are blessed with stronger connections to AA along with friendships that blossom.

With a contribution from WICYPAA and how to handle this, we set out to research the topic remembering the discussion of a year past. And I thank Bob M, Kim R and Gail Z for their research and assistance. We have had many lengthy discussions. Initially, we were not able to come to substantial unanimity. With time and the aid of others we were presented with the background information we were missing. We held another meeting and broke down the Seventh Tradition during our discussion. This time, we were able to come to agreement and make our recommendation as we are asked to do by our area.

Our Area 74 Chairs submitted their 2017 committee budget requests. Our 5 year budgets and the breakdown of the committee budgets are available to take back to your groups for review and acceptance at our October assembly.

We will also make a recommendation in October for the 2017 Area Finance Chair as the term for this service is one year. A new Finance Committee member will need to be elected as my two-year term will end in December. I will part with growth in spirituality, greater wisdom in our concepts, closer friendship, appreciation for 'pause and pray' and the answers will be revealed. I have witnessed the traditions and concepts in practice, not just study. I have seen how God works in our debates and discussions. Furthermore, this opportunity to serve filters into my personal and professional life and flourishes unlike any paid education or training. The blessings are tenfold. I thank each and every one of you for your love, commitment, wisdom and challenges that nudge me forward in spirituality and as a servant for God and AA.

Questions: Kurt – what does the Area reimburse Committee Chairs for? Ex: a hotel for 2 nights if you don't live far away?

The Finance Committee doesn't nickel & dime. As long as it's within the budget, it's an approved expense.

Will – trust is the basis for reimbursement.

Marty – are there plans to provide money for the Hospitality Room at the 2020 convention in the budget?



Not yet.

## Grapevine

Hello Area 74. My name is John and I'm a grateful member of AA. I'm also your Area 74 Gv. Committee Chair. It's been awesome serving you in this capacity the past 9 months. I'll be forever grateful for this opportunity because it's the best job I've ever had. Not that I ever complained when I had to clean ashtrays for my first home group. Thanks to Tradition 8 that I didn't have to pay you to have this position. Ah, speaking of Traditions. Have you seen the new book published by the GV? Fresh off the press and made available to us the first of Sept. It's titled "Our 12 Traditions" "Seen through the eyes of individual members, the stories in this book offer groups, as well as members, workable solutions to difficult problems." So come check it out, as well, as many other books the GV publishes at our GV Display. While your there sign up to get a one-year subscription to the GV magazine. If you're not so lucky to have your name drawn, grab a GV subscription form and start getting or giving our meeting in print for yourself or someone else.

Hey, I want to thank everyone that helps to support the GV. The Spring Conference, the invitations to participate at group functions, from Wausau, Three Lakes, Eagle River, Rhinelander, Minocqua and Woodruff to Medford. Thank you so much. I spent a lot of time this summer in the Fox Valley, you guessed it -- baseball. However, when time permitted, I went to meetings. And at these meetings I was so impressed that the groups spent time talking about the GV and the number of groups that had a GV chair. I'd like to thank Lil for all the time and effort she puts into promoting the GV in district 23. Way to go Lil! I'd like to recognize the GV committee and all the GV Reps we have in Area 74. Thanks for keeping me busy and the U.S. postal service thanks you every time I re-order more GV books. I believe we are making a difference.

Before I close, you may be interested in knowing about the call I received a couple months ago. A wonderful gal by the name of Laura, who hails from San Fran and is on the Archives Committee and also works for the GV asked or invited me to put my name in the hat to fill a Trustees position that is vacant. However, the main reason for the phone call was to do a survey and find out how they could better serve Area GV Chairs. We had fabulous dialogue on several topics and now we'll take a wait and see if any of the topics we talked about will materialize.

Again, thanks for allowing me to serve and we'll talk some more later. -Go Grapevine-

Respectfully Submitted  
John Obermann  
Area 74 Grapevine Committee Chair

## Now & Then

We are the co-editor's of the "Now And Then" newsletter. We are responsible to assemble, print, and distribute our Area newsletter. We roughly split the responsibilities between publishing and distribution.

Our report follows for 2016:

### Printing: (through September 17)

- Printed 5,361 Newsletters with an average of 596 per month (decrease over 2015)

### Distribution: (through September 17)

#### Hard Copy:

- GSR's of 5,283 with an average of 587 per month
- Two Past Delegates
- Subscriptions by hard copy average six per month

#### Electronic:

- All Area committee members receive electronic distribution therefore all area officers, area committee chairs, and DCM's

- About 45 GSR's
- 7 GSR's only electronic copy in lieu of hard copy for group
- 15 past delegates
- 150 other AA members including the current ECR Trustee, Past Trustees, and adjacent Area Delegates, Past and Present.

**Finances:** (through September 17)

Expenses:

- Printing -Total \$3,081 with an average expense of \$342 per month (decrease over 2015)
- Postage to mail – Total \$2,169 with an average expense of \$181 per month (increase over 2015)
- Postage for returned newsletters – Total \$220 with an average expense of \$18/month (an increase over 2015)
- Other Costs – Total \$388 with an average expense of \$43 per month
- Total Expenses - \$5,163 with an average expense of \$574 per month (decrease over 2015)

Revenue:

- \$4,808 including carryover (\$1,278)
- \$3,500 in Area funds and \$30 subscriptions
- Do not anticipate needing more than our budgeted amount for the rest of year
- Our 2016 budget is \$7,000. We will be requesting the balance of our budget before the end of the year.

Budget request for 2017:

- Continuing with the current practices of printing and distribution we anticipate our expenses to remain at about \$7,000 for 2017.

Cost per newsletter average is \$.90 cents per month per issue (Down from \$.94 cents in 2015)

The newsletter averages 10 pages per month. (Four months at 8 pages and 5 months at 12 pages) This is down from 2015 where the average was 12 pages. This accounted for the savings we have had (less printing costs)

Regularly submitted articles are generally arrive after the deadline, resulting in the printer not receiving the newsletter until the last day of the month We have very few articles from Area standing committee chairs. The monthly GV article the "Juice" stopped in June.

We continue to use the same printer as in past years. We have a good working relationship with them and they have a clear understanding of our needs.

The bulk mailing continues to be a challenge although we do believe we are getting a little better understanding of the process with each mailing.

We continue to use the labels provided by our Area Secretary / Registrar. We are providing the returned labels to them and they update the group records with this information.

We continue to look at ways to more efficiently produce and distribute a quality Area newsletter. We have started some cost saving methods this year. Some of these are:

- Printing only Area and Regional functions in the newsletter
- We now attach "other" flyers to the e-version of the newsletter
- In the December 2015 "Now and Then" an E-Newsletter subscription form to be used by Groups to receive only an electronic newsletter and cancel their hardcopy was placed in the newsletter. To date we have received only seven requests from Groups.

We would like the Assembly input into a recent article we received that's subject was about non-AA approved literature. Should we print it in the newsletter?

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.

Kathy L and Bob M

Area 74 Co-Editors of the “Now and Then”

Below are the “Now and Then” finances to date for 2016.

Area 74 Now & Then									
2016	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
<b>Newsletters Printed</b>									
Area Copies	538	527	520	651	570	642	592	585	658
Paid Subscriptions	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	6	6
Total printed	545	540	530	660	576	650	600	600	660
<b>Expenses</b>									
Printing	\$263.63	\$262.27	\$315.89	\$397.69	\$367.02	\$350.31	\$340.33	\$377.14	\$406.72
Postage	\$164.63	\$161.56	\$159.43	\$199.28	\$169.61	\$190.38	\$176.09	\$171.38	\$193.32
Returned mail	\$2.94	\$3.43	\$9.80	\$36.72	\$10.24	\$31.96	\$4.70	\$7.99	\$1.41
Pages	8	8	12	12	12	8	8	12	12
Strapping kit	\$0.00	\$25.00							
Tape/mailling seals	\$0.00	\$0.00							
Mailing Labels	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.19					\$31.49	
Cost per newsletter	\$0.79	\$0.84	\$0.96	\$0.96	\$0.95	\$0.88	\$0.87	\$0.98	\$0.91
Permit fee	\$0.00								
Annual Fee	\$225.00								
PO Box fee	\$82.00								
Other (Copies, stamps, gas)									
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$738.20</b>	<b>\$452.26</b>	<b>\$510.31</b>	<b>\$633.69</b>	<b>\$546.87</b>	<b>\$572.65</b>	<b>\$521.12</b>	<b>\$588.00</b>	<b>\$601.45</b>
<b>Income</b>									
Beginning Balance 2016	\$1,278.31								
Area Funds			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00				
Flyers									
Subscriptions		\$10.00	\$10.00		\$10.00				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,278.31</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$1,010.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,510.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Monthly Balance</b>	<b>\$540.11</b>	<b>\$97.85</b>	<b>\$597.54</b>	<b>\$963.85</b>	<b>\$1,926.98</b>	<b>\$1,354.33</b>	<b>\$833.21</b>	<b>\$245.21</b>	<b>(\$356.24)</b>

Questions: Jay – question about earmarked funds.

Any contributions are account for in Income.

Steve – question about mailing labels.

Correction facility meetings do not get the Now & Then. All contact data for the Now & Then is received from the Registrar.

Dean C – his group is still getting 3 hard copies.

David N – why don't corrections get the newsletter?

Anonymity issues with outside contacts for institutions.

**Literature – Brent H**

Hello everyone and thank you for allowing me to be of service. It has definitely been a learning experience for me to serve as our Area 74 Literature Chair.

I attended the Moose and Goose Correctional Fund Raiser and sold soft cover material along with the "DABB" (Donate a Big Book). I also attended a Workshop in Stevens Point, where I was able to bend an ear of our past Literature Chair for some friendly advice.

I attended the ECR/Illinois State Conference where I had the opportunity to research their Literature Displays and sales.

There continues to be interest in large print versions of our literature. I have adjusted inventory to expand the number of large print books on hand.

A number of Districts have taken advantage of ordering materials ahead of area 74 events and having them delivered. I am happy to do this as it allows for me to order in case quantities. I do ask that orders be pre-paid. If you know you will be placing an order a heads up will help in planning an order. Generally, I place an order 4 to 5 times a year. I place orders 10 – 14 days prior to our events.

I would like to thank those volunteers who help load, unload, setup and man the Literature, I certainly could not do this without your help. Thanks again.

**AREA 74 LITERATURE REPORT**  
**ACTIVITY SPRING 2016 - FALL 2016**  
 (Excluding Fall Assembly)

BEGINNING INVENTORY	\$ 2,403.96
SALES	\$ (2,251.90)
PURCHASES	\$ 2,523.93
ENDING INVENTORY	\$ 2,675.99

BEGINNING CASH	\$ 468.97
RECEIPTS	\$ 2,251.90
PAYMENTS	\$ (2,523.93)
ENDING CASH	\$ 196.94

TOTAL VALUE	\$ 2,872.93
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ACTIVITY	ORDERS	SALES
2016 Winter Assembly	\$ 680.58	\$ 858.70
2016 Moose and Goose Corrections		\$ 335.55
2016 Spring Assembly	\$ 1,242.25	\$ 889.50
2016 August ACM	\$ 601.10	\$ 168.15
2016 Fall Assembly		

## Public Information – Terri B.

Introduced Committee members. Talked about website. Please submit information for the website by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Talked about the password protected site.

Question: How often are you in contact with the webmaster?

Approximately 3-4 emails/week and 1 phone call/month.

Terri: as far as putting past minutes from Assemblies and Area Committee meetings on the website, how far back should she go?

Bob – Coordinate with Public Information and Archives.

## Structures & Guidelines

In addition to attending the Delegate's Workshop, the Winter Assembly, and the Spring Conference... the Structures and Guidelines Committee has also had 8 productive conference calls on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 21<sup>st</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, and most recently on September 11<sup>th</sup>. I have been blessed to work with 5 intelligent and talented individuals who share the same passion about how we can best serve the still suffering alcoholic, and the body as a whole.

Much work was done to re-format the history of past advisory actions document as requested by the body during the October 2015 Assembly. That process as well as several other discussions had brought forth ideas for improvement, consistency of the guidelines document, and unity, as well as the principles to which our 12 Traditions guide us.

Beyond this, additional items that we have worked on include the following:

- Several items that were carried forward from 2015 including the anticipated motion to revise the term 'business meeting' to 'service meeting' which enabled us to be able to more quickly respond to the charge after the motion passed.
  - We have been able to be more effective in serving the body by being proactive and discussing things which we anticipated would be brought forth. This was a practice used by this committee's leadership last year; it was a lead I was happy to follow.
- We did some examination of seemingly small words such as "on" and "in" for maintaining consistency without impacting the meaning or intent of our guidelines.
- We looked at the consistency in verbiage for positions such as "Co" and "Alt" as well as when those roles have a voice and a vote. We found there were nearly 50 instances of their use, including a single use of the word assistant.
- When asked by the Area Committee to come back with motions for the body, we defined the terms "Co" and "Alt" and drafted each as a motion that we will present for the October Assembly; these will both be emailed to the Area 74 Contact Directory as well as sent to the Now and Then for publishing in the October edition. **DCM's, I'm also asking all of you to keep an eye out for my email and to please forward it on to the groups in your district so they can be informed.**
  - Please note that we are aware of other instances of CO and Alt beyond the previously split Secretary/Registrar and the use to identify the backup for the Treasurer... such as

Corrections being 2 people for each 'region' of our Area. The work of clarifying and correcting the other uses will happen after we get definitions approved as a base point. Any such changes would come in the form of additional motions (plural) to the Assembly body, at some point in the future.

- We did some minor formatting changes like moving the revision date to the front cover of the guidelines.
- We also (with help from our resident expert in grammar) identified several additional formatting changes in grammar and punctuation to help bring our guidelines into a new level of correctness, without changing meaning.

We look forward to continuing to serve the body in the best way we can, using the traditions and the concepts as our guide.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Structures and Guidelines Chair.

Yours in Service,

Jason L.  
Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Chair

Questions: Bob M – is the co-editor of the Now & Then a part of the definitions of “co” and “alt”?

A: Not going to be part of their consideration.

## **Treatment**

Since I last reported I have traveled to Menomonie WI to take a shift at the rural institute conference which was held at UW Stout, I maned the AA both for one shift, there was quite a bit of interest in our literature, I also attended the CPC workshop that was held in Germfask, MI which Barry B was a panelist there was a good turnout and was a great workshop

I have continued to send letters to treatment centers in Area 74 so far I have sent 31 letters and as of the first of the month I have received 3 responses 2 said we have people coming in now and one no thank you, I received an e-mail from the treatment desk in NY about a new treatment center in Minocqua I gave the information to John O and he handled it.

I attended the ECR in St Charles IL. I met with Area 75 treatment chair and also IL Area 20 treatment chairs I also picked up a lot of good information attending a lot of panels, all in all it was a great experience.

Yours in loving service James Mood, Area 74 Treatment Chair.