

**Area Committee Meeting September 18, 2016
Turtle Lake, WI
Minutes**

The meeting opened at 8 am.
Housekeeping by Sara P including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments.
Timer: Dawn
Counter: George
Traditions read by Gail Z.

Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: Area Officers

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

Committee Chairs

Archives, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Treatment

DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 07, 08, 09, 10 (alt), 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23

Minutes from the 8/6/16 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.

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Unfinished Business

**Ad-hoc Committee on Liability Insurance at AA events Update – Jason L (Committee Chair) Ad Hoc Committee on Liability Insurance
Report to the Area Committee on 09/18/2016**

The Committee was able to meet to determine what questions to present to an attorney who happens to be one of our brother AA's. We received that information back and met again yesterday. I will present the committee's recommendation after reading the material from the attorney.

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Area 74 Ad Hoc Committee on Liability Insurance 9/8/2016

Committee: Please understand that my area of expertise is in Transactional Law, I am not and never have been interested in matters pertaining to the Law of Torts, which is the Domain of Personal Injury Lawyers. That said, I will address these questions as best I can, posed by the committee.

1) Who can be sued at an Area 74 function?

Liability arises when someone knew or should have known about a condition (in a premise) or a predisposition (in a person, or group of persons) that a reasonable person would recognize as

constituting a potential danger. Example 1: You knew about the loose board in the riser on a step, but did nothing about it.

Example 2: You knew that a person in attendance had taken out a restraining order against a spouse / boyfriend and that the restrained individual was not in custody, and had made threats against the complainant within the past 24 hours. The key is knowledge of a condition or a situation that a reasonable person would perceive as a danger and then failing to do anything about it. As to who could be sued, certainly the owner of the building where the function was being held, their Premises Liability coverage should take care of them. As to the Area itself, it comes down to knowledge of something that a reasonable person would deem to be a danger.

- 2) Could the Area Purchase a Liability Insurance Policy and then get the Districts to fall under an Umbrella Policy?

This question is better directed to an Insurance Agent. Suffice it to say, you can purchase Insurance coverage for a lot of situations, but premiums are based on risk assessment, and when that assessment primarily involves people's actions, coverage would be pretty pricey.

- 3) Does the Area Need Liability Insurance?

Ask 10 Insurance Agents/Companies and 9 of them will say yes. Ask 10 Attorneys, and my guess is you would get a 50-50 split, with the P.I. guys saying "yes by all means" because the more sources of money they see in a liability claim, the happier they are. My own feeling? If it ain't broke, don't fix it. It's not like Area 74 routinely engages in inherently dangerous activities, and if a church asks you if you have coverage, I would politely tell them no, but their insurer should cover them for premises liability, and since you are renting their facility, it should also cover their tenants, If they say it does not, depending on the circumstances, you could inquire as to whether their insurer would provide coverage on a one-time basis, for the event in question, upon the payment of a single supplemental premium.

- 4) Can Area 74 be held Liable?

If someone at the Area level has knowledge of a Condition/Situation or Circumstance which a person would perceive as constituting a danger, and the person with that knowledge does nothing, and an injury or damage occurs, then yes, the Area could have liability, if the one with that knowledge, who failed to do something about it, was acting on behalf of the Area.

- 5) Does Area 74 need to incorporate?

Personally, I can see no good reason for the Area to Incorporate. Area 74 boundaries involve two states, so you would have to decide which state would be your State of Incorporation. The Area does not have employees, only volunteers. So you would be by Incorporating, taking on additional reporting requirements, not only to the Internal Revenue Service, but to the States of Wisconsin and Michigan as well.

If the idea behind Incorporating is to limit liability, you would limit your liability to Area74's assets only, but at what cost? If you incorporate, I can assure you that the next step will be "we need to have Insurance coverage."

All of which gets us further away from AA's goal of reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic. The Area's real concern is how to respond to the question "Do You Have Insurance?" The answer depends on who is asking. The overall response being No, we don't, but what are your concerns?

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Given the information provided from the attorney and our discussions afterwards, the Ad Hoc Committee discussed on Liability Insurance recommends to following:

Area 74 does not need Liability Insurance at this time.

We would also refer the Area, Districts, and Groups, the same advice that GSO has provided consistently to any group or entity that has inquired...

"...while some groups cooperate with the facility where they meet by purchasing a "rider" in the facility's liability insurance policy. Other groups may wish go get their own policy."

We also recognize that through the experience of one of our own districts, they worked with the facility requiring additional coverage, to pay as part of their rent, the cost of an Umbrella policy as a rider to the facilities' existing policy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason L.
Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Liability Insurance

Jay: makes sense.

Sara asked if the body wants the ad-hoc committee to do anything further and reiterated the recommendation that Area 74 does not need Liability Insurance at this time.

Gary, Motion: That Area 74 dissolve the ad-hoc Committee on Liability Insurance and go with their recommendation that Liability Insurance is not needed. Michelle 2nd.

Barry recommends that Districts add to facility's rider.

Bob D.: should we add it to the Conference Planning guidelines?

David: Do you want the District planning a conference to wait to be asked for insurance? Yes.

Diane: The recommendations that you voiced in the ad-hoc committee are not written out in the handout you provided, where will that be written out? Jason will email to the Area Contact Directory. David states it will be updated in October when the webmaster updates it.

Char: 1) This report will be in these minutes, so they will be available there. 2) also in the archives, so it will be available there. Also recommends the statement from GSO, because it is so powerful, be included on the Area 74 website sometime in the future.

Ron: His District's conference had to pay \$100 for a rider.

Derek: Thanked the committee for their work. Would like to recommend that Jason chair all future ad-hoc committees (lol). Do we need to pay this attorney or is it pro-bono? No payment needed.

Derek: If we were to be insured, we really aren't a legal entity, wouldn't we need to be a legal entity?

Jason: If we were to get an insurance policy, we would need to incorporate. Then we get to discuss who's going to be President, Vice-President, etc. Then, as soon as you incorporate we would need to file tax returns with the States of Wisconsin & Michigan, then pay for those services most likely.

Bob M: In the first paragraph, he makes a lot of disclaimers about himself. He has opinions and some experience. Suggest we don't print this exactly as is, incorporate "our experience has been..." like GSO does. If we want to provide assistance to groups, etc, otherwise sounds like we're making legal decisions based on a legal opinion. change the word experience instead of recommendation

What if we were to only list the 5 questions?

You've already had some experience from the groups here today.

Michelle: should I wait to get an updated report from you? Yes.

Vote: Y-25, N-0, motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

1) Agenda for October 29, 2016 Area 74 Assembly – Sara P

Will need to add Archives motion and WICYPAA letter of support and guidance

Jason: add elections of even year S&G committee member

Sheryl: add confirmation of Finance Chair

Jay: Questions about WICYPAA letter. Hope the letter simply states that although we appreciate their overture, we can't accept it because of the 7th Tradition. Sara – decision will be made at Assembly because

Bob M: do we need Committee Chair reports again? Also, co-editors would be affected by the motion from S&G, will there be an exception for the Now & Then co-editors? Are we going to hold the check to WICYPAA for another month? If so, how effective would that letter be?

Derek: Would like to see the Committee Chair reports. Wants to hear what the committees have been doing to help the still suffering alcoholic. The letter to WICYPAA may be moot for next Assembly agenda. Does the Finance Committee need this body's approval to write a letter?

Michelle: We could send the check back now, and send a letter later, if the Finance Committee wants to do that.

Gail: It's no big deal to hold a check for a month. Would like to see the check go back with a letter.

Brent: would like to withdraw that motion – motion was made at Assembly, so can't withdraw it at the Committee Meeting.

Sheryl: Can we just write a letter as part of our committee?

Jason: add approval of Structures & Guidelines Chair.

Jay: The Assembly motioned for the letter to WICYPAA, but the Area Committee is going to change that. Sara- no, the Committee did not decide that. The Finance Chair may have said something.

Sara: A sense of the body --Who wants to keep the Committee Chair reports? Y-16, N-3

Add to Assembly agenda (look for in above)

Archives motion, WICYPAA letter,

Bob M – we have extended approval of Finance and S&G chair until March.

Move to accept the agenda with the above changes.

Next Area Committee meeting is December 10, 2016 in Turtle Lake, WI

Meeting closed at 9:59 am with The Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Z, Area Secretary

Delegate's Report:

Thank you for allowing me to share on my participation since our last Area Committee Meeting in early August. I will also provide a brief overview of information I've gleaned from the most recent board weekend and let you know where & when I will be next.

Overview of Activities and Participation

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 It's 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 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 failed to mention at the last Assembly that I volunteered to serve as a Delegate representative from the state of WI on the Ad Hoc Committee for the ECR Hospitality Suite at the 2020 Convention in Detroit.

I participated on the ECR Delegate Teleconference with our Regional Trustee and other ECR Delegates on September 15.

I have written an article for the Now & Then for September 2016 with a topic of *Unity*, and hope to develop a series of articles on the topic in upcoming newsletters. Thanks to those of you who have provided feedback.

I have participated in Area 74 Committee Teleconferences for Finance and Structures & Guidelines on various dates.

I have answered several Delegate sharing requests from other Delegates around North America. 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.

I attended the Area 74 Assembly yesterday, September 17. I participated in some particularly rewarding work with the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon. I have found the Fall Conference to be a wonderfully organized event and I really applaud the work done by District 23 and the planning committee.

News and Information

The Final Reports from the 66th General Service Conference were shipped. I did distribute many of the reports yesterday to DCMs; please see me at the end of the ACM if I didn't get to you. Yours truly shows up on pages 16 and 52 if you need an excuse to open it up :)

I also have the Delegate Quarterly Contribution Report from GSO which includes a list of Area 74 groups contributing, organized by District. Again, DCMs please see me if I missed you yesterday. Our %age of groups contributing is up this year:

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

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. I will forward the minutes once approved at the next Board meetings. Here are some highlights:

- The new Corrections video: *A New Freedom* is still available to view on 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. Translated versions are also up on the site.
- 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.
- The Board will also be discussing at the next board meeting whether the 2018 GSC may be held in Manhattan in lieu of Rye Brook.

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 year's 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 Home Group Workshop on October 8.

I will be speaking at the Kaukauna Intergroup on October 22.

I will be at the Area 74 Assembly on October 29

Respectfully submitted,

Derek Tait

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DCM Reports:

District 01

District 01 monthly GSR district meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at the Central Office. Lately attendance has been increasing. We currently have about 10 to 13 GSRs who regularly attend the meeting. We have been having discussions about ways to improve or maintain our district hotline. I've been asked to get information about options for answering services that other districts use. The hotline number is currently answered by volunteers at the central office during the day. At the end of their shift the number is then forwarded to a rotating list of group members for the night. The committee to plan the 2018 Spring Conference has been meeting. Our committee chair will be moving out of the area soon so we're currently looking for someone to replace her. The Conference is scheduled for May 18-20, 2018 at the Radisson on 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay. The hotel room rate will be \$99. Conference registration will be \$20 and the banquet price will be \$25.

Nate K. DCM District 01

District 02

District 02 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north and west from Weyauwega to Brillion in the east. There are approximately 130 meetings held in the district weekly. 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. All committee chair positions are full and each has a number of active committee members. The Public Information Committee has been busy dropping off meeting

lists, the 12 question pamphlet and our hotline card at police stations and libraries. Our Corrections Committee helps support 7 institutions with literature and meetings. A new meeting is starting at Wisconsin Resource Center (WRC) in Oshkosh. The Archives has collected multiple group histories. The Treatment Committee has speakers sharing the A.A. Message with those seeking recovery.

The monthly Newsletter has a circulation of 140 hard copies and 474 electronic copies. The Grapevine Committee continues to share the value of our meeting in print.

The Ad-Hoc Committee to review the District 02 guidelines has made significant progress. They are working on putting together a report with recommendations and additional considerations, along with grammatical corrections.

Our district will be holding a Past DCM/Alternate DCM Luncheon in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Van Deraa
District 02 DCM

District 03

1. Our Thursday Night group held their annual summer picnic in July. Fun was had by all. An Alanon member shared her story and a local A.A. member shared his story.
2. Our Public Information Committee is looking into building a district website in order to make pertinent information more accessible. The PI committee also continues to provide meeting lists and pamphlets to our local libraries, hotels, and doctor's offices.
3. Our Tuesday night "Working With Others" group continues to hold their open speaker meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month.
4. As a result of unforeseen difficulties, our district is changing our phone service number. The new phone number is (800) 798-0315.

Thank you,

Stephen Webster
DCM District 03 Area 74

District 07

DCM: Diane Dallman

Grateful growth at the District level is as follows.

- a) The DCM conference calls: These have helped me become a better servant and person. I am learning to be more willing and open to ideas/processes which do not match those of mine. I thank all DCMs who share their experiences during conference calls.
- b) District Secretary position filled: A member of the fellowship has volunteered to be District Secretary. Voting will take place Sept 18th at our District meeting. I am so thankful for his eagerness to serve and he is grateful for the opportunity. Prayers have been answered on both sides.

- c) Archives: History of our District communities is being compiled. Each community has a volunteer. This month we will be starting to turn in documents, community by community.
- d) Spanish Speaking Group: A Spanish speaking group in Abbotsford has requested to join District 07. As DCM, I am working with Area 74 to learn how to respond to this request. District 07 has already approved the inclusion of Spanish speaking meetings on our printed and web Meeting Lists.
- c) Pamphlet bundles: The District is working on pamphlet bundles with an informational cover sheet, to handout to Medical professionals visiting our open meetings and for New comers.
- d) District meeting attendance: Low attendance continues at District meetings. Email to Home Group contacts or GSRs is used to keep groups informed. The District will continue to present this question to groups: What is it that district servants and Area 74 servants can do for you? How can we help your groups?

End report

District 8

District 08 is located in Central Wisconsin. Covering Northern Marathon and Southern Lincoln counties. We have 39 registered groups in our district. Our monthly District meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at Mt. View Care Center-Lakeview Room #2613. Our district has been busy lately planning a Home Group Workshop. We will be having a 5 speaker panel along with a main speaker. We would like to invite other districts to come and see us on October 8th. It will be held at the Wausau Alano Club. 711 McClellan St., Wausau WI. It will start at Noon and will run till 3:30. It will be a potluck event and we will provide the main dish. Hope to see you all there. Also our PI chair along with others from our district is working on building a web site for our district. We are all excited to see how this comes about.

District 9 – Norm F.

District 09 currently has 39 active meetings (4 in corrections) as DCM I am trying to attend all the meetings in the district at least once to hear from our members currently I have made 14 of them. At our last district meeting Kim G from Oconto has stepped up to take the corrections chair position but as one door opens another one closes and we have lost our alt. DCM as this person is moving out of the area and district. District 09 is struggling to have members take that step forward and get into service work. Hopefully by attending all the meetings in our district I may be able to get more volunteers. Thank you all for listening and GOD bless.

District 10 – Kurt, Alternate

Temporary Contact program at Koinonia Treatment Center going strong. We now have 1 woman bringing AA to the women at the Oneida County Jail. We lost two meetings in District 10 – a Wednesday group in Eagle River and the Friday 2 pm meeting in Crandon. We have new hotline cards. We have groups sign up to host the hotline phone. Our new Special Needs Chair is Tori. We meet the second Saturday of every month. October 21st we will have an informational AA meeting at Koinonia. We're bringing Big Books to the jail. The Vilas County Sherriff contacted our PI/CPC Chair to implement AA in the jail there.

District 13 – Sonny

For the period the District 13 persons were involved with completing the financial budget for the Area 74 Spring Conference event to be held at AmericInn of Ashland WI in May 2016.

The income was \$ 9,301.93 the expenses were \$ 8,614.33 and a positive balance of \$ 687.60 The balance was distributed at 60 % for Area 74 at \$ 412.56 and 40% District 13 at \$ 275.04. The DCM already provide the Area 74's share to the Treasurer during the Fall conference.

Previously, the DCM also received 1 Bridging the Gap forms from persons incarcerated and whom are close to their discharge from jail or prison. Once could be forwarded to Area 35.

Another area the committee will be again updating the district 13 meeting list as there are some changes to the meeting list that involves defunct meetings and new meetings as well as changed format of the meetings.

Most of the District's meetings were about the Conference arranging and preparation to host that spring event.

District 16 – Fred – Greetings from District 16 on Lake Superior,

First things first. Thank you for the get well card it was much appreciated. I'm feeling better but I still talk funny sometimes, thanks to a dead spot in my brain (as if I hadn't killed enough brain cells already).

District 16 is showing some progress. Baraga county is showing growth in numbers and is talking about having regular Group Conscience meetings. Our Harbor Town Group is reaching out into the community with the October 7th Sober-Fest, potluck and old-timer speaker meeting.

At our last District meeting we discussed at length the importance of regular group conscience meetings as opposed to just financial reports at the opening of the meeting. We are trying to communicate to our membership where the real authority in AA lies (in our Group Conscience) using our District meetings, GSR's and monthly Newsletter. Remember your sobriety is only as strong as your Group! Our PI and CPC committee are making inroads into the community with letters and pamphlets. We still have problems with sponsorship and "lower power" meetings. Fortunately, we have some trusted servants who are willing to work to improve our groups and sponsor newcomers. We have a long way to go but there is enthusiasm in our meetings and we are moving ahead.

Yours in service,
Fred Martin
District 16 DCM

District 18 – Gary T.

We have an average of 10 people showing up at the District meetings.

With a few bumps in the road. The GSR's have decide to work on developing some suggested guide lines written down on how the district should operate such as the finance of the DCM for the area assemblies and who is eligible to vote. With keeping in mind on the suggested

guidelines in the various sections of the service manual. Which has taken up two and a half meetings.

We also have gone out to the groups and requested donation to upgrade our website to bring it up to date with the 21st. century the last time this was done was approximately 10 years ago. By communicating this information to the groups of the unforeseen expenditure we have raised the 750.00 to put this into action.

Our committees on corrections, treatment, and public information are still in place and still trying to do their best on carrying the message inside the jail and prison. Where on the treatment side we are having a struggle with getting volunteers to meet all the requirements of these places. This is not a problem that the treatment facilities have jumped in with both feet in the requirements of a 100% believe in the district and AA as whole. On the PI said we are still being informed of new locations to put pamphlets and racks out to further carry the message.

District 20

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 22 meetings covering 3200 square miles and every day of the week. Last District meeting was August 20th. Next meeting is October 1st. HIGHLIGHTS

- Next U.P. Traveling Intergroup is October 8th at Portage Township Community Building in Curtis Michigan. Flyers on table
- Continue to review prudent reserve: purpose, how much, etc.
- Registered one new group and three new GSRs
- I have been involved in the Monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls.
- Freedom Voice hotline service continues to work well for us. Between my wife and myself we have had 5 calls in the last month
- Website--www.district20area74aa.org o Updated District 20 treasurer address for 7th tradition
 - o Updated literature list
 - o Updated calendar
- Spring 2017 Conference status.
 - o Flyer released and on table.
 - o Flyer includes motels that have given a discounted rate.
 - o Please get registrations in
 - o Registration--\$18. Banquet--\$22.
 - o We will have an onsite lunch available at an addition cost for those interested.

Checkbox is on flyer.

- o Have decided to have a skit on Friday night

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

District 21 – Ron

When we last met, I ended my report by sharing comments made by members of my district, such as “keep it simple”; “remember rule 62”; “this is a program of ego deflation”; and a reminder that “there is a fine line between a trusted servant and a bleeding deacon”. A few refuse to attend these events, recalling routine bickering back and forth at assemblies and committee meetings, usually because something wasn’t being done as “we always do”, or because something didn’t quite mesh with our guidelines. I also mentioned comments made by two very important people in my life. Wally Z., a person I knew for many years before he

shared that he was a past delegate. Chicago, Area 19, panel 44, I believe. When I asked him why he never mentioned this before he said that “past” meant he “used to be” and then shared now happy he was today, holding the highest office in A.A. possible, “member”. The second, Ernie, was a consultant I worked with almost fifty years ago. After months of hearing me answer his many questions with something like “we’ve always done it that way”, and for months saying very little, he one day paused for a moment and said, “Ron, just because you’ve always done it that way, doesn’t mean it’s the right way, or the only way. If you want to succeed, you must be open to new ideas”. Why do I say this again? Because in the few years I’ve been involved with Area 74, it seems that we spend more time looking back, rehashing old ideas, trying to duplicate old times, than we do looking forward, striving to make for a better future.

District 21 includes Northern Houghton and Keweenaw counties in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. We currently have 22 regularly scheduled meetings as well as 5 seasonal meetings that will continue thru October. We cooperate with Houghton County’s drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and we recognize and support two allied programs, Al-anon and ACOA. Although not in our district we continue to support AA meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

Our economy is fueled by tourism and two universities with current enrolments of about 13,000. Thus, our population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who study and visit here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Our 24 hour AA hotline is answered by Dial Help in Houghton, meetings are listed in our local newspaper, and meetings are mentioned on local radio stations, all free of charge. Our *abridged meeting schedule, A.A. pure*, can also be found on the Area 74 website.

Today we have a strong core group of 12 to 15 GSR’s, chairpersons and officers, most with multiple responsibilities. We are currently working on next year’s May 13th inter group, one of our woman’s groups is planning a retreat, and I have reached out to all groups as DCM, providing group numbers and current addresses for our district, area and GSO, stressing financial responsibility and asking for their financial support, be it large or small. Group history will be stressed next...

“Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth.” A gift horse is a horse given as a gift. When given a horse as a gift, it would be bad manners to inspect the horse’s mouth for bad teeth. This can be applied as an analogy to any gift. DON’T INSPECT IT TO MAKE SURE IT MATCHES SOME STANDARD YOU HAVE. Just be grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Schreiner,

Area 74, District 21, DCM

District 23 – Jay H

- ❖ The following areas represent where District 23 has been directing its energy to be of service to our A.A. Groups:

- I. The “Area 74 2016 Fall Conference” is upon us! In fact, here we are holding on to its tail; we’ve almost concluded! The theme, “*Our Spiritual Way of Life*” was taken from the 2016 General Service Conference, as is traditionally the case. We hope our collective efforts here this weekend have reflected our fit spiritual condition, and will continue to do so through today’s Area 74 Committee Meeting.
- II. The institution of our PI/CPC Committee’s “Public Service Announcement (PSA) Initiative”, originally scheduled to start-up in June on three area radio stations has been initiated with one station, WGMO (& affiliates) out of Shell Lake, WI as a test run.
- III. The District 23 GSR Committee Meetings are now focusing on creating the opportunity for GSRs and Officers to explore further areas of service to our groups. The vehicle we use on our agenda to facilitate this activity is the open-ended “What’s on Your Mind” format; wherein there is no pre-planned or directed topic for discussion – relying more on our Higher Power’s presence to inspire relaxed conversation which might lead us into doing “*the next right thing*”. This activity has been very successful thus far, and we anticipate we’ll have a number of new directions to follow in the near future.
- IV. Our monthly District 23 GSR Committee Meetings continue to enjoy steady and significant attendance - with seventeen (17 ea.) members present at both our July and August meetings.

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

Jay Hands, DCM

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