

Area 74 Assembly Minutes

April 8, 2017 – Three Lakes, Wisconsin

8:30 AM – New GSR / DCM Orientation

9:00 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks

34 GSRs in attendance.

Housekeeping/Announcements including voice/vote explanation, GSRs, DCMs, Officers, Chairs, Past Delegates vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated. 2 minutes to share. By voice vote are all willing to participate with these guidelines? Yes.

Agenda changes:

--Gail Z archives cannot be here. She has asked Char V to take her place.

--New business:

--Structures & Guidelines withdrawing motion for definition of "co".

--Bob M. approve newsletter co-editors be taken off.

As of this time, no one has approached us to be considered as Co-Editors. Therefore, we have no one to recommend to the Assembly for approval. We wish to withdraw the agenda item from today's Assembly and ask that it be placed on the May Assembly agenda. Hopefully, some interest will be expressed to us and candidate names will be submitted at the May Assembly.

With your approval, we plan to continue to publish the newsletter for the months of May and June of this year. If no one is approved as Co-Editors at the May Assembly, we will place a notification in the June issue that this will be the last issue. The Post Office box expires in June and we will not renew and we will return the balance of the subscription monies to the subscribers. We will have a final financial report prepared to be presented at the next Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy M Co-Editor
Bob M Co-Editor

--Add WICYPAA Liaison report.

All in agreement of changes.

The Assembly opened with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step prayer.

The Traditions were read by Dave O.
The Concepts were read by Jill V.
The counters were Matt E, Erin R, Jeremy B, Jason L.
The timer was Dawn M.
Kim R. calculated and reported tallies.

Roll Call

Area Officers:

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

Area Committee Chairs:

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

DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 09, 10 (alt), 13, 16, 18, 20, 23

Past Delegates:

Panel 50 Bob M (also past ECR Trustee)
Panel 56 Jeff C
Panel 62 Marty L
Panel 64 Mary Jo R

Moment of Silence for all who have passed.

Approved October 29, 2016 Assembly minutes

A motion was made by Gary M to approve the Minutes. Jeff D 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Area Officer Reports (see page 6)

Delegate's Report (see page 8)

Reports from Committees on Conference Agenda Topics – This is a separate document titled “2017 Conference Agenda Topics”

Unfinished Business:

- 1) Archives Committee Motion for item to be added to the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines – Char V for Archives Chair, Gail Z**

Motion: The Area 74 Archives Committee moves that the following item be added to the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines under the “Planning a Conference” heading:

9) The Conference Program Chair and the Area 74 Archives Committee will coordinate a Past Delegate's Sharing Session for each conference. The Archives Committee will host the session as a part of the Conference and cooperate fully with the Conference Planning Committee.

Discussion:

Add only as a suggestion, should not be required

Who pays for the past Delegates' travel? They pay their own way. We choose from those already planning on attending.

Word “will” is troublesome, how about “may”?

It is their experience as a Delegate. Are we dictating what they do? We have dictated having the East Central Regional Trustee at the Conference.

Y – 12 (14%), N – 38 (76%)

Minority: Likes the spirit. It's a way to invite past Delegates to stay involved. Doesn't imply that we would only use Area 74 Past Delegates.

James M wishes to change his vote. Opening up to other Area Delegates changed his mind. Terri 2nd.

Vote to reconsider the motion: Y 20, N 29

Original vote carries.

2) **Structures & Guidelines Motion for definition of “Alt” – Structures & Guidelines Chair, Gloria O**

Recommendation from Structures and Guidelines Committee:

ALT refers to ALTERNATE and either term may be used with the same meaning. An Alternate is a backup who may perform duties on an ongoing basis and who replaces the elected person in their absence; who is selected by the elected person and must be approved by the Assembly (i.e. Alt. Secretary is selected by the elected Secretary and is later approved by the Assembly). Further, an ALT would not have a voice or a vote unless serving in the absence of the elected person. THE EXCEPTION WOULD INCLUDE: THE AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE IS AN ELECTED POSITION.

Discussion:

Is this a definition that will be printed in the “Definition of Terms”?

Why does this vary from the Service Manual S 19?

Y 41, N 6 No minority opinion. Motion passes.

3) **“Now and Then” Co-Editors motion for changes to the Area 74 Guidelines – “Now and Then” Co-Editors, Kathy M and Bob M** (since they came up with the motion as a committee, it is already 2nd)

Recommendation to Assembly: Keeping in mind the history as just presented and our attempt to clear confusion in the Area Guidelines we, “Now and Then” co-editors make a motion that the following changes to the Area 74 Guidelines, changes that are bold and underlined and the words to remove have lines through them, be approved by the Area 74 Assembly.

Current the Area Guidelines (Pages 10, 13, & 21 of Area and Financial Request Guidelines updated 04_2016)

ARTICLE IV AREA STANDING COMMITTEES AND DUTIES

Section 7.00 The Newsletter is entitled the "Now and Then". The newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business. Published monthly, the ~~editorial staff~~ two co-editors are responsible for determining the content of each issue. However, materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed, when provided in a timely manner. The ~~editorial staff~~ two co-editors shall request appropriate funding from the Finance Committee when necessary to meet the costs of publication.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF AREA OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Section 400 Committee Chairperson election procedure: Nominations are taken from the floor and a slate of candidates is established. A single ballot is cast, and the person with the most votes (a majority if there are only two, a plurality if there are more) is the winner. In the event that the top two vote receivers are tied, the contest is determined by choosing from a hat. The only exceptions to this are the "Grapevine" Chairperson where the outgoing Delegate has the option of accepting or declining this position and the Newsletter Co-Editors who are confirmed by the voting membership.

Financial Request Guidelines

Officers and Committee Chairs: Secretary / Registrar, Treasurer, Now & Then ~~Representatives~~ two Co-Editors Archives, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, CPC, Corrections WI, Corrections MI, and Structures and Guidelines.

We hope that you will take all this information back to your home group and discuss this with your Groups and come to the next Assembly with an informed conscious and prepared to vote. We will also provide condensed versions in future newsletters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy L - Co-editors "Now and Then"

Bob M - Co-editors "Now and Then"

.Discussion – can there be 3 co-editors? Bob – can remove “two” . There is no rotation for co-editors in the past history or the guidelines.

Are we deciding who has a vote and voice. Two budgets for travel?

Nothing written anywhere. For the last 7 years, both have voice. Only 1 votes as co-editor.

Usually one is a past delegate. Sometimes both co-editors have each received \$750, sometimes not.

Service manual, S41 – prudent to make a committee rather than 1 or 2 individuals.

Art. IV, Sec 7 in guidelines, S41 states no chair, 1 or 2 people is not a committee, no DCMs assigned. Never referred to in our guidelines as a committee. S39, Newsletter editor’s report. Co means equal or joint. If you have co-editors, who’s in charge? Who makes the final decision? If they’re in 2 cities, do you have 2 budgets? Corrections is the only committee that has “co’s”, and they are “co’s” in every way – they each have their own committees, etc. and that’s because we have 2 states. Do we really want no wiggle room on things? Our primary purpose is for the alcoholic who still suffers and all this picky language stuff doesn’t help the alcoholic who still suffers.

Y – 29, N -19 60.4% in favor, 39.6% opposed, no substantial unanimity

Minority opinion

It’s an accurate reflection of what we’ve been doing for years.

There are concerns about the structure of the Now & Then, encourage those that do to take some action.

Gloria’s questions are good. The vote just clarifies inconsistencies in language.

Bob & Kathy decided not to bring up all these other questions. Just wanted to do what’s best for the new people coming in by clarifying who they are.

Nobody wishes to change their vote, motion fails.

4) **Motion for Dates of Area Committee Meetings – Area Chair, Sara P**

Motion: p 12 Art V sec 4 of the Area 74 Guidelines be amended to read as follows: Area Committee meetings will be held 4 times per year at Delegate’s Workshop, Spring & Fall Conferences. The remaining one will be held during the month of December. A fifth tentative Area Committee Meeting will be scheduled in August. The final confirmation of the tentative meeting will be determined based on the Area’s unfinished business.

Discussion – a lot of words were added. Did the Area Committee meeting consider keeping it simple with “will meet a minimum of four times per year”?

Motion by Barry to table. Michelle 2nd. Most all in favor.

New Business:

Conference Updates & Bids:

1) **2017 Spring Conference Report – D 20, May 19-21, 2017, Dean C**

Munising, MI

The venue is a re-purposed elementary school.

Alger Parks and Recreation, which owns the building we will be, rents/donates some of the space to various businesses and organizations. They also sponsor many of their own activities in the building. There will be non-alcoholics in the hallways at times, mostly until 5:00 Friday night. I don't think this is any different than when we go to a motel for conference.

Flyer on table, in Now and Then, and distributed via email.

Please get registrations in.

Motels listed on flyer. Most motels are very close to venue. Holiday Inn is about 3 miles away, the rest are within half a mile.

Banquet will be \$22.00

Banquet will be a buffet of stuffed chicken breasts and beef tips with mushrooms.

Registration will be \$18.00

We will **probably** furnish a lunch on Saturday as part of the registration, pasties made in da UP.

Will have a dance/DJ Saturday night

Skit and ice cream social on Friday night.

The conference committee is having conference calls and/or meetings on a weekly basis moving forward.

We have some unique challenges because we do not have a hotel staff to do work. Setup, coffee, cleanup, renting tables, etc. is on us.

Dean Culliton

District 20 DCM/Conference Chair

2) 2017 Fall Conference Report – D 05, September 15-17, 2017, Bryon B

Planning committee in full swing, speakers selected, waterpark, hotel, trampolines, flyer is on Area 74 website, district05.org, online registration offered for a fee passed onto the consumer.

Q: At least 4 months in advance to Box 459, spring conference not listed.

3) 2018 Spring Conference Report – D 01, May 18-29, 2018, Bruce K.

May 18-20 2018, Radisson Conference Center

Have a speaker for Sat and a recommendation for Friday

Flyer forthcoming will be on the website

4) WICYPAA Report – Shawna R.

Had a conference in Milwaukee Jan 13-15, 2017 over 1100 registrants

Alcothon all weekend

2 panel rooms – “adulating” in AA and keeping room safe

Next conference will be in Eau Claire, already 220 registrants, registration is \$10

A panel on the purpose – WICYPAA event April 15, 2017 in Eau Claire

If you have questions about WICYPAA, see Shauna or go to website: www.wicypaa.org

5) 2018 Fall Conference Bid

Joe District 08 DCM, handout

Central location for the Area

Plaza Hotel & Suites

AA & Alanon speakers

Sept 14-16, 2018

1st floor, handicapped accessible

No charge wi-fi

Rooms \$89 -- \$169 + 13.5% tax

Registration \$20, Banquet \$25

Q: How did you arrive at \$20 – line items and cost

Rent of the hotel, cost of speakers, divided by 225 people

Matt E, District 18

Sep 14-16, 2018
\$125/night, Holiday Inn, Marquette, MI
\$22 banquet, \$25 registration
One level floor for handicapped accessibility
6 hotels within 1 mile of the facility

Vote: District 08: 35-- 76.1%, District 18: 11-- 23.9%

6) 2019 Spring Conference Bid

Char V, District 02
Location: May 17—19, 2019 Neenah, WI 107 rooms for \$109
Registration \$15.00
Only guests using meeting space
\$25 banquet with a dessert
Restaurant on site.
Dance.

**Vote to allow D 02 to host the Area 74 2019 Spring Conference
None opposed.**

Thanks to all 3 Districts. Thanks to Kurt District 10 for opening the space, making coffee and brining donuts.

Motion to close & 2nd. None opposed

Next meeting: May 20, 2017 at 9 am in Munising, MI

Meeting closed at 5 pm with 7th Step prayer

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Zanoni, Area 74 Secretary

Officer Reports

Registrar – David J

The main point I need to emphasize at this time is the need to get our Group contact lists corrected.

To all DCMs, please review your active group list to see that the group contacts are accurate. I sent information on all the groups in your district last year. Any changes made since then should be updated. You also get information on the groups in your district from the group contributions list.

Also, If you have groups in your district that you know are no longer meeting please let me know that also. If we know they are not meeting I want to get them on the inactive list rather than having them listed as active or unknown. The dead line for having changes made to the AA database is coming up in May. The information in the AA Database is what is used to compile the AA Directory. That large book of information published on group meetings in North America.

Also, keep in mind if you want changes made to your meeting lists as they appear on the Area website, those changes are made by the webmaster. Also note the webmaster is in charge of the Area contact directory as it appears on the website. He gets a copy of the Area 74 Contact Directory that the Registrar sends out and then makes those changes.

In loving service,

David J
Registrar Area 74

Secretary – Michelle Z

Hello everyone, I'm an alcoholic, my name is Michelle Zaroni and I am your Area 74 Secretary.

For those of you who don't know, it is my job to record and distribute the minutes of the Area 74 meetings. So far, this year, I attended the Delegate's Workshop and Area Committee meeting on March 11th and have sent those minutes out.

As always, I'd like to thank all the people who sent their reports to me ahead of time. If you have not done so, please get them to me as soon as possible. I do my best to get the minutes out quickly. Your cooperation helps me accomplish that.

I will not be able to attend the Spring Conference because my son is graduating from Madison Media Institute on May 20th. Vickie A will sit in for me as secretary. It would be very helpful to her if somebody could run the recorder during the Assembly and the Area Committee meeting and also be an extra set of ears to record motions and votes. If you would like to help, or if you have a sponsee whose arm you could twist, please see Vickie.

It's nice to see so many GSRs here today.

A couple of weeks ago I attended a Traditions Workshop in Wausau, not as secretary, but just as an interested AA member. The workshop was excellent – good speakers and a lively discussion after the panel. I know they'll be doing another one on May 6th, I hope to be there. I highly recommend it to anybody who might be thinking of going.

Thanks, Vickie for being so helpful, and thank you all for allowing me to be of service

Treasurer – Kim R (Rev & Exp Report & YTD Report are separate documents)

As Area Treasurer, I participated in the District 02 pre-Delegates Conference, it was a wonderful event and I thank Char V for her invitation.

During the past months, I performed an audit of a Districts treasury. The District was having difficulties reconciling their books dating back to 2013. After spending several hours their treasurer and on my own, I am pleased to report that we were able to reconcile their books, and I will participate in their District meeting later this month to support their treasurer.

The Finance Committee meets monthly and as treasurer I have participated in each of their calls. I have produced financial reports for each month. I think it is important to keep our treasurers accountable and I invite and welcome you to come and look at reports, books and work.

The post office has returned two contribution acknowledgement envelopes for Area 74 Groups. They are the New Bold Group in Rhinelander, and Growth Through the Big Book in Oshkosh. GSR's or DCM's, if you could please pick them up and return them to their rightful, homes that would be appreciated.

It is my honor to serve as your Treasurer, and if I can be service in any way, please contact me.

Kim Rainer
Area 74 Treasurer

Bob M – seat Delegate expense – when would it be sent? He thought at end of year, if money is there. Why was it sent at beginning of year? A: Don't remember talking about sending it in at end of year. Can send contributions to GSO at any time.

Char 02 DCM – It was agreed that if the money was not in the budget, then the payment would be held off, but it was in budget, that's why it was sent.

Motion to approve by Brent H. Gary 2nd. Simple majority vote, all in favor.

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair – Sara P

Hello, my name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your panel 66 Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. Thank you for this privilege. It has been almost six months since I have provided a report to the Area 74 Assembly. Since that time, I attended the Area 74 Committee Meeting at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, Wisconsin on December 10, 2016. On January 28, 2017, I participated in the "Our Common Welfare – AA Workshop" which was held in Area 75. On my way back from this workshop held in Milwaukee, I attended the Green Bay Intergroup in District 01. The weekend of February 10-12, 2017, I had the opportunity to attend the Conference of Delegates Past & Present in Toledo, Ohio. The weekend was absolutely fantastic! On March 4, 2017, I attended the Pre-Delegates Workshop at the Genesis Club in District 02. After much preparation, I took part in the Area 74 Delegates Workshop and Area Committee Meeting which took place on March 11, 2017, at Three Lakes, WI. Finally on March 18, 2017, I had the honor to share my experience, strength, and hope at the Eatin' Meetin' in Neenah, Wisconsin. Thank you to District 02 for allowing me this privilege.

The last Tuesday of each month I have continued to participate in the DCM conference call. It has been an awesome experience to be on this call and hear all the 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 several phone conference calls since the last assembly. I have ongoing contact with our Delegate, Derek T. and he continues to keep me updated on his activities. 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 will tell you that it has been a very active past six months in my life. I have learned the true meaning of love and tolerance is our code. I have come to depend on my Creator like I never have before in my life. I have had many opportunities for growth in my recovery serving in this position. I feel much more confident this year as I continue my journey into 2017 of chairing the Area 74 service meetings. I thank you for your love and support 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 allowing me to serve as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. It truly is an honor and a privilege. Serving now as your second-year Delegate feels slightly less intimidating at this point.

I attended the East Central Region's Conference of Delegate's Past and Present in Perrysburg, OH the weekend of February 10. There were a total of seven trusted servants from Area 74 traveling together in a passenger van. This event helps prepare the newly seated Delegates in our five-state region for the experience of the General Service Conference in New York. I assisted the chair of the Mock Conference Committee meeting, Laura G., to prepare the background for the mock agenda item which was basically to make changes to the AA Preamble. Of course this generated some good debate. Thanks to our own Bob M. for acting as the Recording Secretary. I also had the opportunity to prepare and deliver two-minute presentations of each of Area 74's Trustee candidates: for Trustee at Large U.S., Len D. and Class B East Central Regional Trustee, Marty L. I have received resumes to review for all candidates for both positions from the East Central Region from the Conference Coordinator.

During the ECR weekend I also attended a meeting as the Wisconsin representative on the 2020 International Convention ECR Hospitality Suite Ad Hoc Committee. No concrete news on this yet, but I will report back as it comes available. The sub-committee is exploring the idea of each Delegate Area being able to bring a presentation panel to showcase their Area to visitors of the ECR Hospitality Suite. The theme of the 2020 Detroit International is "Love and Tolerance is our Code"

Much of my attention of late has been concerned with the upcoming General Service Conference. I sent all the background material the day it came out, February 15, to give DCMs and hence the groups as much time as possible to prepare and discuss this year's agenda items. Again, I want to thank all the facilitators, recording secretaries and participants for all the work that was put in at the Delegate's Workshop on March 11. The General Service Conference has 92 agenda items this year, the most ever. I have been reading the background material every chance I get. While it is a lot to digest, I feel much more comfortable with the process this year and am better able to get to the 'meat and potatoes' of each item.

I have received several communications from the Chair of the Literature Committee. There is an effort to improve communication between each trustee's committee and its corresponding Delegate Chair. This has, in turn, provided more information and communication with our committee. You may have seen that there was an additional background item for CPC and Treatment Committees for the General Service Conference that I recently sent out. It is a Guidelines piece on the Armed Services that was retired in 1993.

I participated in a conference call regarding the Traditions from members in District 08.

I have submitted all of the forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference April 22-29. I will be driving to New York this year, solo, and I will leave on Thursday April 20 and arrive late Friday. Pre-Conference events are scheduled for Saturday, including a meet and greet in the afternoon and the Delegate's Only and Remote Communities meetings on Saturday night. I have been invited to read the opening reading at the opening meeting of the Conference on Sunday morning. I have also been asked to moderate a two-hour workshop sharing session. I am excited to report that Sheryl D. will be joining me for the opening dinner on Sunday evening.

I've created an Area 74 bookmark this year to take to New York. There is a tradition every year that Delegates bring a memento to share with other Delegates. It is kind of an ice-breaker when you meet another Delegate to exchange an item. Last year I created a pin and that was on the bulky side to take to NY. The bookmark will be easier to manage. If you didn't get a pin yet, I have more to share! I will have extra bookmarks to share at the Assembly and Conference in May.

I have written articles for the December 2016 and January-April 2017 issues of the Now & Then. I have participated in teleconference calls for Area 74's Structures and Guidelines and Finance Committees. I

have also been on several teleconference calls with other Delegates from the East Central Region and our regional Trustee, Bill F.

I have fielded an inquiry for a potential future GSC agenda item from a group in Area 74. I will be working with the GSR to serve in any way I can; the item will likely show up as a discussion item at District 1 and/or Area 74 prior to the submission deadline for the 2018 GSC.

I spoke at the Came to Believe Group's anniversary celebration in Wausau on March 25.

I have been forwarding all communication I receive from our ECR Trustee, GSO and Grapevine as I receive it. I have also been forwarding pertinent information to Past Delegates as I receive it from the East Central Regional Secretary Kathi C. (i.e. passing of Past Delegates).

I'll be participating in the Traditions Workshop in District 8 on June 10.

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference July 14th-16th, 2017 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. I'll be sharing on Warranty 4. The flyers are out and they are available on the entry table.

AA as a WHOLE

I did send out the AAWS Highlights from both January and March, but here are just a couple of highlights from the highlights:

- GSO 2016 unaudited report shows the following:
 - Net sales were \$13,189,258 (2.1% under budget)
 - Total expenses were \$15,415,815 (\$718,660 or 4.4% under budget)
 - Contributions were \$7,154,146 (\$834,869 more than budgeted)
 - Overall, excess revenue over expense (profit) is \$1,464,625; the budgeted loss for 2016 was \$26,690. So the fellowship appears to be responding to last year's 'doom and gloom' outlook.

- The Finance Committee recommended that the 2017 budget reflect a bottom line profit of \$397,798.
- January 2017 unaudited report:
 - Sales were \$190,610 over budget
 - Contributions were \$227,289 over budget

- Expenses were \$58,641 less than budgeted
 - Profit for the month was \$387,371, versus budgeted loss of \$122,799
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- Preliminary numbers YTD through February are even better:
 - New sales \$210,000 over budget
 - Contributions \$290,000 over budget
 - Expenses on budget
 - Preliminary net profit of \$643,000 (\$4610 budgeted net profit) and \$499,400 over same period last year.
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- The legal matter with Toronto has been resolved and AAWS will NOT remove any data-base directory listings of the Greater Toronto Area Intergroup.
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- There has been an uptick in activity in relation to international licensing and translations in 2016 over 2015.
 - The Big Book is now available in 69 approved translations
 - Thai and Hebrew re-translations on the Big Book have been completed and approved
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- Work is continuing on the improvement of the ebook platform; work continues on the pagination issue.

The 2017 AAWS Literature catalog was delivered with the Spring *Box 459*; some notes:

- There are great articles about translations, crosstalk and the National AA Archives Workshop
- Two new service pieces are available from GSO:

- *Safety in AA*, which I did send it out to all on the Area Committee and Past Delegates. It is also posted on aa.org and can be easily found by clicking the “What’s New” button on the homepage. This was not conference approved and like other service material represents the collective experience gathered by GSO. As discussion on the topic of safety continues, I will look forward to hearing your feedback on this piece.
- A new *Accessibilities Checklist* to help groups understand how accessible they really are.

Don’t forget that the East Central Regional Forum is November 17-19 in Springfield, IL. I brought a few flyers. It is free to attend and you can register at aa.org. I will be going. It is a chance to meet staff from GSO and members of the General Service Board.

There is also going to be a Local “Spanish-Speaking Forum” in Milwaukee in September. More information will be forthcoming; see Bob M. who is helping organize.

To date, I have used approximately \$1026.44 of my \$2600 annual budget.

I want you to invite me for a post-General Service Conference presentation. I will likely be preparing a power point again this year and I can make it as long or as short as you want. It can be a part of a regular district meeting or it can be a special presentation. Of course, I will be presenting at the Spring Conference in May, but please do not hesitate to ask me to come after that. I do not mind traveling and I want to be of service.

Thank you for all your help in preparing me for the Conference. I am very grateful for the support. I also want to thank Sara P. for her amazing participation as Alternate Delegate while simultaneously serving as Area Chair. It is a huge job. The underbrush can get rather thick in the Service Jungle and I feel supported by good people who have my back. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 74 and A.A. as whole. I do not take this responsibility lightly and I hope you will continue to pray for me over the next 8 months, 3 weeks and 2 days.

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