

**Area Committee Meeting May 21, 2017
Munising, MI
Minutes**

The meeting opened at 8:00 am.

Welcome to first-time attendees.

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.

Serenity Prayer

Traditions read by Sonny

Timer: Dawn,

Counter: Bryan D2

Roll Call: Area Officers

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

Committee Chairs

Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then (John S arrived later)
Literature, Treatment

DCMs:

02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 9, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23

Minutes from the 3/11/17 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.

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Unfinished Business:

1) Motion for Dates of Area Committee Meetings – Area Chair, Sara P.

Motion: p12 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 and Fall Conferences. The fourth one will be held during the month of December with a fifth to be scheduled in August if needed.

Discussion

Call the question, 26 in favor

Motion to move, 28 in favor, 1 opposed. Minority discussion. Motion passes.

New Business: none

Next Area Committee meeting is August 12, 2017 in Three Lakes WI

Motioned to close the meeting, 2nd.

Meeting closed at 9:17 am with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Ackley, Acting Area Secretary

Delegate's Report

Since we last met on March 11, I have attended or participated in the following:

- The Area 74 Assembly on April 8, 2017
- The General Service Conference in Rye Brook, New York from April 23-29
- I briefly shared on my experience at the General Service Conference during the GSR meeting at the Calumet Intergroup on May 13. I also shared my story that evening at the Intergroup
- I spoke at the Area 74 Spring Conference on May 19
- I reported back on my experience at the General Service Conference at the Area 74 Assembly on May 20. I'll be sending the written report and the power point out to all members of the Area Committee. These documents are very long. DCMs please share these reports with your GSRs and committee members. Remember that these documents do contain full names of members so should not be posted on websites or placed anywhere they might be accessed by the public.
- I have written articles for the Now and Then for April and May
- I have participated in teleconference calls for the Finance and Structures & Guidelines Committees
- I have participated in some (but not all) of the recent Spring Conference planning meetings and District 20 meetings. I want to again thank District 20 for the outstanding job they did in hosting the Spring Conference.

I am looking forward to participating in the following upcoming events:

- District 23 meeting on Sunday June 4
- I'll be a panelist at the Traditions Workshop in Wausau on June 10th and also attending the Fall 2018 Conference Planning meeting after the Workshop
- I am tentatively scheduled to share on my GSC experience at the District 1 meeting on Thursday July 13.
- I'll be attending the East Central Regional Conference and Indiana State Convention on July 14-16 in Fort Wayne Indiana. I'll be sharing on a panel discussing Warranty 6

I am available to come to your district or workshop to present on this year's General Service Conference (or any other topic you desire). To date, I have been reimbursed \$1146.44 of my total \$2600 budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek T., Delegate

Panel 66 Area 74
Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

DCM Reports:

District 02 -- Char V.

District 03 -- Stephen W.

1. District 03 is "steady as she goes".
2. 11 active groups
3. Tuesday night "Working With Others" group has their open speaker meeting the second Saturday of each month.
4. Thursday Night group will be holding a summer picnic. I'm not aware of a date as of yet but it's usually held the last Saturday in August.

Thank you,

Stephen Webster
DCM District 03

District 04- Jeff D

District 04 is comprised of all of Portage and western Waupaca county and has 29 groups. All of our service positions are filled and our monthly GSR meeting generally is attended by 15-25 people every month.

Our committees have been active with PI/CPC planning an Emotional Sobriety workshop for August 19th. Treatment and Corrections both conduct monthly meetings at the inpatient and outpatient treatment centers and both Portage and Waupaca county jails. They also provide big books and other literature to these facilities. Archives has recently completed an oral history of one of the districts old timer and is currently working on producing cds for distribution within the district. Literature and Grapevine continues to service all the districts needs along with setting up displays and selling literature at all district events. Our district picnic is coming up August 6th and we would like to cordially invite you all to join us at Jordan park at 2 pm that day.

There is some interest and some research being done to go forward with hosting the 2019 fall conference. Hopefully we will be coming with a bid for that conference this upcoming September assembly.

Yours in service,
Jeff D. DCM 04

District 05 – Bryon B

Good Day to All,

We recently filled two vacant committee positions, Grape Vine Chair and the Archives Chair. All positions are now filled.

District 05 recently held a Service Open house in Menomonie. The attendance was low but we had an enthusiastic response from the members that attended. The Corrections chair signed up 5 new people to assist with visiting the jails.

We are very excited to announce that our new web site is up and running. It has a mapping feature built in to help locate the meetings. The meeting data is also available thru a phone app. For more information about the system we used go to www.meetingguide.org

It was mentioned at the Area 74 Spring Conference that WYCYPAA will be hosting a dance at the 2017 Fall Conference in Eau Claire. The Committee chair will be asked to contact the Area Chair and our Delegate to discuss this.

District 07 – Diane D.

District 07 covers the communities of Abbotsford, Colby, Marshfield, Medford, Neillsville, Stratford.

Dark Districts: While reaching out to District 07 through visits to each meeting/group, I met an AA from a dark district, attending meetings in District 07 because he was seeking a service connection. He has since attended District 07 monthly business meetings, sharing only through his voice and help with tasks. He matter-of-factly states that his passion for service is not well received in his dark district. This brings a question to mind...What can the Area do for reaching out to the suffering alcoholic in dark districts. Just something to ponder.

Newcomer's bundle: Groups are in process of reviewing pamphlets and information sheets for a Newcomer's bundle, to be made available to all groups in the District.

Jail Meetings: In process of connecting with Clark Co. Jail, to establish jail meetings.

Phone contacts: We are looking into a Hot-line using a number rotation system via an 'icloud', as well as a position and person to manage the set-up. At the same time, we are increasing our contact numbers on the meeting list, to expand the current choice of two contact phone numbers who get all incoming calls.

Archives: We continue to interview 'old timers', compiling AA history of the communities in District 07.

Women's meeting closed: Alano club's 7 p.m. Monday night Women's meeting closed. April 24, 2017 was the last meeting. Vacant GSR position, no treasurer, lack of participation, low 7th tradition support to pay rent were reasons.

District 8 – Joe W.

Our district is in central Wisconsin. We cover Northern Marathon and Southern Lincoln Counties. We hold our monthly district meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Mount View Care Center. With about 15 to 18 members attending. Our District now has 43 registered groups. In our District we have a few members hosting a Traditions Workshop. Our District Website keeps getting better and better all the time so please check it out at www.aawausau.org Also after being awarded the Area 74 2018 Fall Conference we all are coming together as the planning has begun.

District 9 – Norm

District 10 – Kurt

We have 33 active groups. District can use some positions filled (Alternate DCM, Archives). Our PI/CPC just moved to another area so we need a new person for that. Corrections always looking for volunteers. Phone seems to be going strong. The phone is shared with the groups. Our contact list chair does a wonderful job of updating information. Our website chair is constantly looking for information to send in. Our DCM Tracy stepped down. Now as of May 13, 2017, I am the new DCM. www.northwoodsaa.org is our District website which is consistently being updated. Very informative.
Kurt O, DCM

District 13 – Sonny

District 18 – Gary report received.

District 20 – Dean

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 April 22nd.
 - Elected new Literature Chair
 - Committee working on chairperson information, crosstalk, cell phones, staying on topic, etc. for those GSRs that are interested. This was a request from GSRs.
 - Added a password protected page to our district website for items that might indirectly lead to identification
 - Have ordered and assembled 250 welcome packets to distribute to groups
 - Committee working on proposal for DCM budget moving forward. We want to make sure no one is locked out because of finances.
 - Will elect new district officers in August so we are prepared for Area elections in September

- Workshop scheduled for October 7th 2017. Topic will be determined by groups.

- I have been involved in the Monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls.

- Next U.P. Intergroup is June 10th in Manistique, MI. Flyers on table.
- Spring 2017 Conference status.
 - Thanks you to all who attended and to all who helped. Our District 20 people were great. We also received help from Districts 18 and 19 along with Area support and past conferences.
 - Conference counts
- Next District meeting is June 3rd.
 - Elect new PI chair

District 21 – Ron

District 23 – Alt Steve S., report sent to AMC meeting minutes. *Attached as a separate document.*