

**Area 74 Assembly Minutes**  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
Metropolis Resort – Eau Claire

**9:00 AM Sara P. opened meeting**, thanked Brian B & Nicholas S and the conference committee for all the work they've done.

**Serenity Prayer**

**Announcements**

The traditions were read by Jodie D02  
Ballot caller was Mark E. East Central Regional Trustee  
The ballots were collected by Dorie D23, Pete W Archivist  
The tally was done by Dawn, the total was done by Kim

**Roll Call**

**Area Officers:**

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

**Committee Chairs:**

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

**DCM**

01 (alt), 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23

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

Panel 26- Len D.  
Panel 36 – Dave R.  
Panel 42 – Chuck S.  
Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee - Bob M.  
Panel 56 - Jeff C.  
Panel 62 - Marty L  
Panel 64 – Mary Jo R.

**Other Area Delegates**

Karen K - Panel 39 Area 75  
Mark E – East Central Regional Trustee

**Approval of minutes from May 20, 2017**

There were no corrections. Minutes approved.

**Kim R. Finance Committee Presentation**

In the Sept Now & Then the Finance Committee reported they anticipate needing to access the prudent reserve to meet expenses of the September Assembly. On August 31, 2017 our checking account balance is \$4,331.24, and it should be noted that I dispersed a check in the amount of \$1,000 to District 01 on September 2, 2017 for seed money for their Area 74 Conference. That leaves our actual checking account balance \$3,331.24.

That said, the finance committee processes reimbursement requests somewhere between \$3,400 and \$4,800 per event. With our checking account balance being \$3,331.24 we anticipate needing to dip into the prudent reserve and we will remain vigilant in our accounting and reimbursement process. Since this is our elections assembly, we will not have time to discuss this now, but we have asked the Area Chair to leave room on the agenda for conversation in October.

Are there any questions about the Treasurer's report at this time?

The finance committee is distributing the 2018 Proposed Budget, and a booklet of supporting documentation for you to take back to your groups for discussion. Your comments, questions and feedback should be brought back to the October 28 Assembly in Three Lakes.

A couple of noteworthy points as you look at this proposed budget – first, the finance committee unanimously agreed to submit a balanced budget to the Assembly. That will require an increase in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition participation throughout Area 74 or a decrease in funding requests. Either way it will hopefully increase participation and accountability from our Area Officers and Chairs, as well as AA groups and members within Area 74.

The Finance Committee would also like to make sure committee chairs and officers know they will be invited to answer any Assembly questions relating to their past spending habits which led to their current budget requests.

That brings me to my final point in this budgeting process; Area Chairs and Officers, there are a lot of numbers on this report and we do our best to make sure the numbers are accurate. Please double-check the numbers to make sure your requests are accurate, so I don't repeat the problem I had with the Grapevine numbers, and if you need help with something, please know that we stand ready to serve you.

### **Sara turned the meeting over to Delegate, Derek T.**

Thank you all for being here. Introduced Mark. E, ECR Trustee

### **East Central Regional Trustee Mark E.**

made a brief introduction of himself. He then read an excerpt from *Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need*

*(Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine  
See Concept IX, of Twelve Concepts for World Service for full article)*

### **Elections Assembly Housekeeping-Delegate**

- Who is eligible to vote- Area Guidelines; Article 1, Section 2.3.03
- Voting procedures-Area Guidelines; Article VI, Sections 1-5
- Third Legacy Procedure

### **Area Officers- Third Legacy Procedure**

## **Delegate**

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Delegate were identified as:

Sara P- 62  
Gail Z - 4  
Nicholas S - 8  
Bryon B - 4

*First Vote – 78 voting members 2/3 majority = 52. Sara P with 79.48% of votes.*

## **Congratulations Sara P our incoming Area 74 Delegate**

## **Alternate Delegate/Area Chair**

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair were identified as:

Terry B - 10  
Gail Z - 13  
Jeff D - 31  
Nicholas S - 14  
Bryon B - 11

*First Vote – 79 voting members 2/3 majority = 53*

Terri – 2  
Gail – 11  
Jeff – 46  
Nicholas – 11  
Bryon - 8

*Second Vote 78 voting members 2/3 majority =52. Candidates with less than 1/5 votes removed.*

Gail – 11  
Jeff – 59  
Nicholas – 9

*Third Vote 79 voting members 2/3 majority = 53. Jeff D received 74.7%*

## **Congratulations Jeff D our incoming Area 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair**

## **Should we allow questions of candidates? Majority No**

## **Treasurer**

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 Treasurer were identified as:

Vickie A - 2  
Terri B -2  
Char V - 32  
Bryon B - withdrew  
Dean C - 24  
Nicholas S -7  
Gail - 11

*First Vote – 76 voting members 2/3 majority = 52*

Vickie -1  
Terri – 0  
Char -47  
Dean – 30  
Nicholas – 0  
Gail - 1

*Second Vote 79 voting members 2/3 majority =53. Candidates with less than 1/5 votes removed.*

Char - 52  
Dean - 26

*Third Vote – 78 voting members 2/3 majority = 52*

***Congratulations Char V our incoming Area 74 Treasurer***

### **Secretary**

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 Secretary were identified as:

Vickie A - 23  
Gail Z – 16  
Diane D - 7  
Dean C - 21  
Nicholas S - 9

*First Vote – 76 voting members 2/3 majority = 52*

Vickie – 39  
Gail – 10  
Diane – 1  
Dean – 20  
Nicholas -3

*Second Vote 73 voting members 2/3 majority =49. Candidates with less than 1/5 votes removed.*

Vickie – 51  
Dean - 19

*Third Vote – 70 voting members 2/3 majority = 47*

***Congratulations Vickie A our incoming Area 74 Secretary***

### **Registrar**

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 Secretary were identified as:

Terri B - 1  
Mike M - 7  
Bryon B - 6  
Gail Z - 6  
Diane D - 4  
Dean C - 17  
Nicholas S - 7

Gerri Ann K - 19

*First Vote –67 voting members 2/3 majority = 45*

Terri B -

Mike M - 7

Bryon B -4

Gail Z - 5

Diane D - 1

Dean C - 24

Nicholas S - 2

Gerri Ann K - 27

*Second Vote 70 voting members 2/3 majority =47. Candidates with less than 1/5 votes removed.*

Dean C – 35

Gerri Ann K - 35

*Third Vote – 70 voting members 2/3 majority = 47*

Dean C – 35

Gerri Ann K – 31

*Fourth Vote – 66 voting members 2/3 majority = 44*

The Delegate asked for a motion to conduct a fifth vote

Motion made and seconded

The majority opposed a fifth ballot

Per third legacy procedures there will be no fifth ballot, go to the hat.

Gerri Ann was selected from the hat

***Congratulations Gerri Ann our incoming Area 74 Registrar***

### **Committee Chairs- Simple Majority or Plurality**

#### **Archives Committee**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Bryon B

***Congratulations Bryon B our incoming Area 74 Archives Chair***

***Pete W will continue as Archivist***

### **Correctional Institutions**

#### ***Wisconsin***

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Gail Z

***Congratulations Gail Z our incoming Area 74 Wisconsin Corrections Chair***

#### ***Michigan***

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Ron S

***Congratulations Ron S our incoming Area 74 Michigan Corrections Chair***

### **CPC**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Dean C - 48

Terri B - 2

Diane D - 1

Dave K - 17

***Congratulations Dean C our incoming Area 74 CPC Chair***

### **Literature**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Norm F

***Congratulations Norm F our incoming Area 74 Literature Chair***

### **Public Information**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

James M - 30

Diane D – 25

Mike M - 11

***Congratulations James M our incoming Area 74 PI Chair***

### **Treatment Facilities**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Brian Mc -33

Mike M -36

***Congratulations Mike M our incoming Area 74 Treatment Chair***

### **Grapevine**

Derek T willing to become Grapevine Chair.

***Congratulations Derek T our incoming Area 74 Grapevine Chair***

***Now & Then Jeff C & John S willing to continue***

### **Members to the Finance Committee**

Each position will be elected by simple majority. The following members were nominated and are willing to stand.

Matt E- 34

Gloria O - 33

***Congratulations Matt E our incoming Area 74 Finance Committee Member***

*Second Vote*

Gloria O - 46

Terri B – 6

Diane D - 14

***Congratulations Gloria our incoming Area 74 Finance Committee Member***

**Members to the Structures and Guidelines Committee**

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Brian Mc - 22

Diane D - 27

Dave K - 19

***Congratulations Diane D our incoming Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Member***

Brian Mc 35

Dave K 36

Recommendations to be brought forward to the October 17, 2015 Assembly for approval:

Archives Committee – Past Delegate

Finance Committee – Past Delegate

Structures & Guidelines Committee – Past Delegate

Secretary – Alternate Secretary

Registrar— Alternate Registrar

Treasurer – Alternate Treasurer

**Finance Committee Announcement, Kim R**

Reimbursement requests due asap

Conference Committee chair, shortfall of \$2000, no seed money will be returned

Will not reimburse until tomorrow at the earliest

**Thank you to Mark E for his help!**

**Thanks to everyone else who helped!**

**Meeting closed at 3:15 pm with the Responsibility Declaration**

*Respectfully submitted, Michelle Z, Area 74 Secretary*