

**Area Committee Meeting September 17, 2017
Metropolis Resort – Eau Claire, WI
Minutes**

The meeting opened at 8:00 am.

Housekeeping by Sara P including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, 4 minutes for DCM reports and 2 minutes for comments.

Serenity Prayer

Traditions read by Jeff D

Timer: Dawn M

Counter: Steve S

Agenda changes: Jeff & John Now & Then to discuss updated mailing list

Roll Call: Area Officers

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

Committee Chairs

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

DCMs:

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

Minutes from the 8/12/17 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.

Delegate's Report – see page 3

DCM Reports – see page 6

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- 1) **Motion: Approve October 28, 2017 Fall Election Assembly Agenda – Sara P, Area Chair**

Agenda accepted with additions. (to be published in October Now & Then)

1opposed: too much business to get done in one day because of budget approval and confirmations and conference bids.

Nobody wants to change their vote.

Do we reopen discussion? 3 yes, 15 no

- 2) **2018 Dates to Remember – Sara P, Area Chair**

March 10 & August 11 are second Saturdays – the UP Intergroup always occurs on 2nd Saturdays and has been going on for 15 years. The ACMs conflict with that. Could they be changed to first or third Saturdays? Better UP attendance at Area Committee meetings.

Is there a deadline to cancel the Reiter Center in August? No. We're responsible for the \$200 deposit if we don't use it, unless they book it.

Can we just not book it? Well, yes, but then where do we have it?
Change dates to March 3rd and August 4th

Derek T. moved to table. Jeff C 2nd. None opposed.

3) Treatment Committee Name Change – James M., Treatment Chair

Motion: That the Area 74 Treatment Committee change its name and scope to Area 74 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee.

Info on table from GSO, please discuss with your groups.

Also, a request from GSO for input from groups as to how they've successfully dealt with Special Needs.

4) Now & Then mailing list update – Jeff C

650 registered groups in Area 74. Every month we request the mailing list from the registrar. Should go to the groups. But they're sent to a GSR or contact for that group. In one District 80% of Now & Then's returned. We do not have agreement from GSO & our Registrar. Only 7 people registered who pay for their hard copy Now & Then. It's not getting to the groups. Receive 150/month returned. New Vision needs to be cleaned up.

5) Treasurer – Kim R.

The conference committee has received the funds to meet their conference obligations and return the seed money to the area.

The finance committee has:

\$3,331.24	Checking Account Balance
<u>4,066.03</u>	Reimbursement Requests
-\$ 734.79	Financial Shortfall

The treasurer will transfer funds from the Prudent Reserve to the checking account on Monday to cover the expenses of the Area Officer and Chair reimbursement requests submitted the weekend of the 2017 Fall Conference.

**Next Area Committee meeting is December 9, 2017 in Three Lakes, WI at 10 am
Motion to close the meeting, 2nd.**

Meeting closed at 10:00 am with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Zaroni, Area 74 Secretary

Delegate's Report

Recent Participation

Since we last met on August 12, I have attended and participated in several events. I attended the Emotional Sobriety Workshop in Stevens Point in District 4 on August 19. I gave a brief report on the General Service Conference and also made a plug for general service.

I shared my story at the Genesis Club in Appleton on September 1.

I attended the District 18 meeting on Saturday September 9th in Ishpeming, Michigan. A Traditions workshop is held at 9 a.m. followed by the District meeting at 10; I thoroughly enjoyed both and the hospitality afterwards.

I attended the District 20 meeting on Saturday September 9th in Germfask, MI.

I facilitated the Panel 68 elections for Area 74 at the Assembly on September 15 (yesterday). Good leadership is vital to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous and I was gratified with the level of participation for the elections. The standout for me was that we had as many as eight candidates for one elected position. I enjoyed working with our new East Central Regional Trustee, Mark E., to facilitate. His feedback throughout the weekend was invaluable.

I have written an article for the Area 74 Newsletter, Now and Then, for September. With the Now & Then's blessing, I will be submitting an article to them this week (late) for the October issue.

I have participated in teleconference calls for the Finance Committee which have included the 2018 budget process.

Current News and Information

The print version of the Final General Service Conference Report was delivered to me on August 7. For those DCMs who did not receive copies at the last Area Committee meeting or if you just need more, I have some left. The anonymity-protected digital version was made available recently and I did forward that on to my Area Committee and past Delegate e-mail list. Please share the Final Conference Report with any AA members you feel may find it useful.

An opening for an Appointed Committee Member on the Trustees' Literature Committee has just been announced. I did send the notice out to the Area Committee e-mail list. Please let me know if you'd like additional information on that.

I have requested any feedback you may have on the yellow safety card in a recent article in the Now & Then. Please feel free to call or e-mail if you (or your group) have feedback. I have been forwarding any notes & feedback I receive on this service piece to our East Central Regional Trustee.

I recently received a communication from the chairman of AAWS, Inc. regarding the litigation surrounding the Printer's copy manuscript of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. I forwarded that letter to everyone on my ACM and Past Delegate's e-mail list.

The General Service Board weekend was held the last weekend in July. I did report on highlights at the August Area Committee meeting, but to reiterate a couple of salient points:

- Finance - for the 6-months ending June 30 (unaudited and subject to revision) sales are 2.71% ahead of budget; contributions are way ahead of budget (13.31%) and expenses 1.04 under budget. Net profit for first 6 months is \$966,876; budgeted profit for the period was \$14,988. Contributions are up 10% over the same period last year, or \$330,186.
- \$2,000,000 was transferred from the prudent reserve with \$1.25m going to the Pension Plan Trust and \$750K going to the Medical Fund
- \$70,000 has been saved already by switching to new paper for the Big Book (change happened last year)
- AAWS donated 5,000 copies of the Anniversary edition of the Big Book to AA Grapevine to use as they see fit
- AAWS is purchasing \$6,000 in Grapevine and La Vina Subscriptions so GSO can help carry the message.
- 2020 Detroit - the logo has been approved and will not be made available until the latest time possible prior to the Convention. It will be trademarked. It will probably show up on letterhead and website by Jan. 2020. Lots of talk on the Atlanta problems and last-minute registrations, transportation costs, etc. They are trying to avoid massive cost overruns. The company that coordinates the event has had nothing but good things to say about working with Detroit.
- Much of the Literature Committee recommendations are in process and several agenda requests were looked at, including a request to develop a 5th grade level big book, a request to develop a 5th edition Big Book and a request for a revision of the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service. All three items, the Trustees' Literature Committee took no action. The 2018 Literature Committee will be looking at a request to add an appendix to the Big Book reflecting "recognition received from the Library of Congress".

I did receive a request over the weekend to send out the current list of proposed agenda items for the 68th General Service Conference. I will access the dashboard soon and send that list out to the Area Committee e-mail list.

Upcoming events & participation

I'll be reporting on the GSC at the District 20 Home Group Workshop on October 7th in Germfask, MI

I'll be speaking at the Atlantic Group in NYC on October 21. While not an Area 74 function, I am excited to be with my dear friend who took me to my first meeting in Chicago in 1998 when I got sober.

I'll be participating in the District 21 Workshop on November 4 in the Houghton/Hancock area. The Workshop is entitled Back to the Basics of: Groups and Sponsorship.

Don't forget that the East Central Regional Forum is to be held November 17-19 in Springfield, IL. At least a few folks from Area 74 will be going. If you have not been to a Regional Forum, I encourage you to check one out. It is put on by GSO and it is an opportunity to meet staff members, board members and other like-minded servants from our five-state region and beyond. I have received a loving invitation to participate and will be doing a presentation on Service Sponsorship.

I am still available to come to your district or workshop to present on this year's General Service Conference (or any other topic you desire). With this weekend's expenses, I will have been reimbursed \$1945.37 of my total \$2600 budget.

Area 74 and Self-support

As you are likely aware from recent reports and announcements made by trusted servants on the finance committee, Area 74 is likely going to need to dip into its prudent reserve to meet expenses. On a recent Finance Committee call, I agreed to bring up our financial outlook when I have the opportunity. I mentioned it in the August article in the Now and Then. In this spirit, I ask that you continue to remind the groups in your district about contributing to Area 74. If groups are practicing the 'power of the purse' and reducing or eliminating their contributions to Area 74, I hope they will not do so without informing the Area as to why. If the groups have concerns, we need to know about them so we can discuss them and better serve the groups and members of Area 74. In the beginning, the sole purpose of the assembly was to elect committee officers and the Delegate to attend the Conference. Imagine if we did not have the money to do that bare minimum. The voice of the groups of Area 74 would not have the opportunity to be heard at the General Service Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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

DCM Reports:

District 01 – Jennifer A

Some vacant committee positions, including Service Structure panel coming up on Oct. 20 to recruit more people into service. Bruce had family obligations so couldn't make it. Apologize for missing role call yesterday

District 02 -- Char V.

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. The monthly Newsletter has a circulation of 140 hard copies and 474 electronic copies. Our committees continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have feet on the ground.

Our 2019 Area Spring Conference Committee is meeting on a regular basis. We are having wonderful attendance at our planning meetings and numerous committee chairs have been filled. It will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn and Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI. We do have a contract signed.

Our District Elections were held Sunday August 13th for the upcoming 2018 to 2020 rotation. Brent H was elected DCM and Bob H. as alternate DCM.

Upcoming events include an October Intergroup hosted by the Kaukauna Group. The AA speaker will be Tommy B Area 19 Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,
Char Van Deraa
District 02 DCM

Derek asked questions about the use of the LCM, District 02 is one of the few in the country. Appleton is its own "sub-district". Refer to the Service Manual's info on LCMs.

District 03 -- Stephen W.

1. District 03 currently has 11 meetings. Nine meetings in Wisconsin Rapids, one meeting in Port Edwards, and one meeting in Nekoosa.
2. Our district currently has one GSR.

3. Our district meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at the Wisconsin Rapids Alano club.

4. District 03 will be holding elections October 19th.

5. The Tuesday night "Working With Others" group continues to hold their Open Speaker meeting on the second Saturday of each month at St. Luke's Church.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Stephen Webster
DCM District 03, Area 74

District 04 – Jeff D

Portage Co & western Waupaca Co, managed to fill all committee/officer positions in the District in recent elections. Intergroup & turkey feed 105 in attendance. Emotional Sobriety workshop in August, Derek was there. In Oct, they will bid for fall 2019 in Waupaca. They're excited.

District 05 – Bryon B

The last month District 05 has been focusing on the preparing for the Fall Conference. The final report will be given at the next Area Assembly.

We started working on cleaning up the Now and Then mailing list. The list was distributed at the last monthly district meeting.

We have two workshops in the works. A Service Committee workshop on 10-7-17 and a Treatment Committee Workshop on 10-14-17.

The District 05 elections for all positions will be held at our next District meeting on 10-14-17.

And for the last time, the "Meeting Guide" App for smart phones that District 05 has been using has been getting great reviews. If anyone would like to discuss the how to set it up, I would be glad to talk about it.

District 07 – Diane D.

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

Elections: Aug 20, 2017 elections took place with the following results. District 07 welcomes the new servants and officers with much gratitude for their willingness to give of themselves. They will serve two-year terms from Jan 2018 – Dec 2019.

DCM – Phil D
Alt-DCM – vacant
Secretary – Steve M
Treasurer – Larry I

Blue People Graphic: A letter from District 07 was sent to GSO, requesting the following.

“The General Service Conference discuss, debate, and with substantial unanimity advise the General Service Board of the use of the graphic “Blue People” as a trademark of Alcoholics Anonymous”.

Meeting visits: During visits by DCM and DCM-elect to all meetings in the district, the following tasks will be completed.

- Introduction of DCM-elect and short sharing exchange.
- Distribute new meeting lists for individuals and pamphlet style for organizations to display to the public for CPC and PI service.
- Distribute one sample Welcome Packet for newcomers, for evaluation by each group, with an expectation of approval or suggested change reported back to district.
- Identify any GSR-elects, and update the GSR list/contact info for District and for Area Registrar. Also confirm DCM's email group used to keep groups informed.
- Clarify the Now and Then conundrum of un-used and misused addresses. Inform the group of a request from Now and Then Editors, to have the printer's service auto-address the newsletter rather than paste adhesive labels, a 3-4 hr task.

Fall/Winter Festival: Steve M. volunteered to chair a Fall or Winter event for District 07. He will be reporting dates and a proposal at the September 24 District 07 meeting. As outgoing DCM, I would like to start a practice of inviting all groups to take a couple minutes and share something about their group with the District...e.g. introduction of newcomers, milestone celebrations of group or individual AA, events/activities/service work.

District 8 – Joe W.

Our district is in central Wisconsin. We cover northern Marathon and Southern Lincoln Counties. We hold our monthly District meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at Mount View Care Center at 7:00 pm. Our Attendance has been a little low the last few months. Our District has 43 registered groups. We update our meeting list every 6 months. Last month we were to hold our elections but postponed it till October due to a few members were unable to make it. We have been working a lot on our upcoming Conference to be held on September 14-16, 2018. We have our registration flyer done and we can take on line registrations. For more info you can call 715-600-3674 or E-mail us at infoArea74fall2018.org. Please go to our web site At www.aawausauwi.org for registration or to find out anything else that our district has to offer.

District 9 – Norm

Elections were held @ district meeting in Oconto on 9/10/2017-----there were NO volunteers for DCM ,ALT. DCM ,or Secretary, John N who has been the Treasurer for the last 7 years has volunteered for another 2 years so that district #09 will be able to keep up with finances for Groups, Area 74. G.S.O. and various other financial duties within the district. Of the 8 committee chair positions that were open 5 were filled. The 3 that are open are Public Info, Treatment, and Archives (all district # 09 archive materials are currently stored at my house). District # 09 had 1 meeting cancelled that being the Monday nite meeting in Lakewood, Wis. @ 7pm. On August 19, I attended the Emotional Sobriety Workshop in Stevens Point that was presented by district # 04 (excellent) James Lee from Florida was the speaker If you ever are able to hear him speak, make sure you GO.

Yours in Service & Sobriety,

Norm Finnell D. C. M. #

District 10 – Kurt

-Next month we start nominations for District Chairs. Hoping that a lot of people come in to fill positions.

-The Phone is going well. The phone is rotating groups. The help line number is in the phone directory. Cost is \$5.00/month.

-Oneida County jail is getting volunteers. Waiting now on jailer for orientation.

-The recent PI/CPC Chair is doing well spreading the word. PI getting clients from treatment centers in touch with contact in their home towns in the District.

-Contact List Chair is constantly refreshing the list and keeping it current.

District 13 – Sonny

29 active meetings, doing ok financially. Changed meeting schedule (updated) hotline doing 0k 6-8 calls/week, seasonal, trying to establish a jail meeting in Ashland County. Bayfield co jail ok for females but not males. Trying to get more guys. Elections next month, only 4 active members. Event in Iron River, WI Sept 30 Home Group & Sponsorship.

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 September 9th.
 - Filled all but CPC and Archives officer positions for rotation starting January 2018.
 - Re-designed District 20 website—www.district20area74aa.org. Also added a password protected page to our district website for items that might indirectly lead to identification. Also added some PSAs.
 - Have ordered 250 welcome packets to distribute to groups. Picking up the final pamphlets this weekend
 - Budget committee working on 2018 District budget
 - Agenda item to discuss what, if anything, to do about officers who do not show for meetings.
 - Health Fair September 16th in Munising. AA, NA and Al-Anon booths set up.

- Workshop scheduled for October 7th 2017. Topic is Home Groups. Also Derek will give a Delegates report. **FLYERS ON TABLE**

- Next District meeting October 7th after workshop

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

- Next U.P. Intergroup is Curtis MI. on October 14th. **FLYERS ON TABLE.**

- Conference checking account closed. Financial report in August Now & Then. Will give final report at October assembly.

District 21 – Ron S.

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Started an email chain to GSRs to get info to their group members. Have sold over \$2500 of literature this year.

District 23 – Jay H.

The following areas represent where District 23 has been directing its energy to be of optimum service to our A.A. Groups in particular, and to Area 74 in general:

- I. **District 23 is held its September elections (for district officers and committee representatives/chairs)** to coincide with those of our groups (for GSRs) and those of Area 74 (at the 2017 Fall Conference in Eau Claire, WI). Steve S. was elected DCM; Kevin W. Alternate DCM; and Mark Salmon our District Treasurer. Our District Secretary position remains open at this time; however, we remain optimistic that a suitable candidate will emerge as the need becomes self-apparent to all. In addition, our District County Jail Liaison, Tom G. was re-elected to fill out a full rotation and our District Literature Representative position was filled by Patti L. "THANK YOU!" to all of our *Trusted Servants* for their willingness to stand for the respective roles they were nominated to fill. Those of us rotating out in January 2018 will do all we can to be of loving help and continued service to them as they start, or as in some cases continue their "service walk" for the greater good of *Alcoholics Anonymous!*
- II. **Our three and one-half year experiment** of having split the district meetings between a longstanding, extreme southeastern location and our newer western location has brought more participation overall, and it's now the general thought that a more geographically central meeting place within the district might benefit all in promoting unity and equanimity in travel time. To that end, a new central meeting place will be on the next district meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.
- III. **District 23 anticipates a good turnout and attendance for the Area 74 elections** in Eau Claire on the upcoming weekend of 9.15 -17.2017.

Thank You, District 23, for the Honor of Serving You,

Jay Hands, DCM/District 23

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