

**Area 74 Assembly Minutes**  
Saturday, October 28, 2017  
Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI

**8:30 am** – New GSR / DCM Orientation

**9:00 am** – Welcome and opening remarks

**Housekeeping / Announcements**

Introduced New DCMs Barry M from D04 & Phil D from D07

20 GSRs in attendance

Thanks to Kurt O D10 for coffee & donuts

Voice/Vote explanation: GSRs, DCMs, Chairs, Alternates if necessary, & Past Delegates  
2 minutes for comments & discussion, voice vote all in agreement

**Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**

The traditions were read by Bob H D02

The Concepts were read by Norm F D09

The timer was Dawn M

The counters were Gina S, Meghan H, Sheryl D all from D08

The tally was done by Kim R

**Roll Call**

**Area Officers:**

Delegate, Alternate Delegate / Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

**Committee Chairs:**

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

**DCM**

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 20, 21, 23

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

Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee - Bob M.

Panel 56 - Jeff C.

Panel 62 - Marty L

**Approval of minutes from September 16, 2017**

There were no corrections. Minutes approved.

**Area Officer Reports: see page 19**

**Delegate's Report: see page 25**

**Area 74 Committee Chair Reports: see page 28**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion for date of Area Committee Meetings – Area Chair, Sara P.**

At the Area 74 Committee Meeting on Saturday, December 10, 2016, the following motion was passed after discussion ensued involving the 2017 Dates to Remember. The issue was raised that the current Area 74 Guidelines state that Area Committee meetings will be held four times per year. However, the Dates to Remember historically have included a fifth Area Committee meeting which takes place in the month of August. Therefore, it was decided the Area 74 Guidelines should accurately reflect what is occurring.

**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.**

At the Area 74 Winter Assembly on Saturday, April 8, 2017, the above motion was presented and tabled. The Area 74 Committee reviewed this motion at the Area Committee Meeting on May 21, 2017 and passed the following motion:

**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 fourth one will be held during the month of December with a fifth to be scheduled in August if needed.**

**Discussion:** When would it be decided to have the August meeting? At the May Area Committee meeting, most likely.  
Doesn’t make sense to get everybody together in August and reimburse just to approve an agenda. Surely that can be done another way.  
The purpose of the meeting is to approve the agenda. Also, it affects the finances. If August meeting is mandatory, it’s already in the budget.  
Wouldn’t it be easier to schedule the August date and then cancel? We did discuss that. We have to pay \$100 fee if we cancel and they don’t book the room for something else.

**Vote: Y – 39 N – 7. 84.8%, motion carries**

**Minority opinion: none**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**I. Approve 2018 Proposed Area 74 Service Meeting Dates – Area Chair, Sara P**  
March 10, 2018 Delegates Workshop, Reiter Center, Three Lakes  
April 7, 2018 Winter Assembly, Reiter Center, Three Lakes  
August 11, 2018 Area Committee Meeting (Optional) Location TBD  
October 27, 2018 Winter Assembly, Reiter Center, Three Lakes  
December 8, 2018 Area Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, Three Lakes  
**2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave N**

**Vote: Y – 52, none opposed, motion carries**

- II. **Approve Alternate Registrar – Incoming Registrar, Gerri Ann K., presents Kathy P from District 20, approved**
- III. **Approve Alternate Secretary – Incoming Secretary, Vickie A., presents Sheryl D, District 08, approved**
- IV. **Approve Co-Treasurer – Incoming Treasurer, Char V, presents Barry B, approved**
- V. **Approve Incoming Finance Chair – Current Finance Chair, Jim S, presents Jason L, approved**
- VI. **Approve Incoming Structures & Guidelines Chair – Current Chair, Gloria O, presents Dawn M**

Break at 11:40 for lunch – Announcement: password protected page on the website has been taken down and will be back up in a few days due to glitches.

**VII. Approve 2018 Budget – Finance Chair, Jim S. Power Point presentation**

Budgeting process

- May Assembly -Forms to Chairs & officers
- August 1<sup>st</sup> -- Return forms to Finance Chair
- September Assembly -- Distribute proposed Budget
- October – Publish proposed budget in N&T
- October Assembly – Discuss / Approve Budget

Considerations

- This is a balanced budget
  - No red is to be found anywhere (except past years)
- Cost to Seat Delegate has increased to \$1,800.00
- Prudent Reserve was drawn from
- Most figures in the 5-year comparison are fixed
- Officer / Chair expenses
- Other Expenses (seat delegate, seed money, etc.)
- Three components are variable

Three Variable Factors

- Committee expenses
  - Based on Officer & Chair Budget Requests
- Carryover from Prior Year
  - Usually around \$6,000
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Revenues
  - Group Contributions/Other/Anniversary
  - Carryover is also reported in this section

In past proposed budgets, contributions were projections  
 In this proposed budget, carryover is projected but Contributions are the wild card to balance the budget

Contributions in this proposed budget is the consequence of the other budget components

Contributions in the proposed budget is the number of dollars to break even.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Revenue -- \$29,100.00 proposed for 2018

Other income - \$2,500  
Anniversary & individual contributions -- \$350.00  
Total Revenue -- \$37,950.00  
Officer / Committee Chair  
\$2600 for Delegate  
\$1300 Alternate Delegate  
\$7700 for all Committee Chairs  
Committee Expenses total \$12,975.00  
Other Expenses  
Seat Delegate -- \$1800  
Conference seed money \$1000/conference  
ECR conference -- \$750.00  
End of year will break even \$32,750 expenses & \$32,750 revenue  
Prudent reserve will be paid back into over course of 2018

#### **Q & A**

Why only \$1800 to seat Delegate? Committee did discuss increasing the amount, but decided it was outside the scope of the committee because the Assembly had the \$4600 as a one-time action (\$8047) loss in 2017, but 2018 carryover was \$6,000. There will be money in checking account by end of 2017 that does need to be carried over. In 2017 actual checking account balance was about \$8,000 with \$3,000 in prudent reserve, for a total of \$12,000. Prudent reserve is a separate line item.

Numbers will be what they will be. Not a lot of groups here or at conferences. Why? It's not very attractive. Discussion of alt & co, not very interesting. Service Manual is more interesting. Sharing sessions, movies, more interesting. Can also pass the basket here.

We shoot for a balanced budget but nowhere in the guidelines does it say the finance committee needs to present one. Also, no expenses were cut. Assumes that groups will give more money next year than they have this year. It's a concern.

In several cases, Area Chairs did drop their proposed expenses. But could only take numbers given to them by the Committee Chairs.

How did you collect the information to determine what groups will give? Did you contact the groups and ask them? No. We're putting the number out there to bring back to the groups.

Does the Finance Committee have any thoughts as to why the Registrar did not put any money into the Committee expense and how that would affect the incoming Registrar? Kim talked to him at Assembly and Registrar said he didn't have any committee expenses. – If something happens to the computer and needs fixing, how would that be handled? Would have to be a motion to the assembly. – Is that something that the Committee would take care in their budget request?

Against \$7,000 budget for N&T. Due to so many returns, they could save \$5,000 of budget by changing how they handle distribution.

Not the Finance Committee's job to determine exactly how other committees determine their budgets.

#### **Motion by Barry B, CPC Chair:**

**I move that the editorial staff of the Now and Then move toward the digitalization of the Now and Then newsletter. AA servants who are provided a Now and Then newsletter would be afforded the opportunity to request a hard copy of the Now and Then if they have no email or other means to receive the publication digitally.**

**Those who wish to purchase a subscription for a hard copy of the Now and Then would have that opportunity.**

Background

The 2018 Area 74 proposed budget is currently running at a \$7,042.01 loss. The Now and Then proposed budget is \$6,500 for postage and mailing plus \$200.00 for returned mail equaling \$6,700.00.

**Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Moved to the bottom of New Business.**

In support of the budget, this represents an imperfect process that we were tasked with. In the guidelines, it doesn't even state the Finance Committee has to present a budget. We put together what you asked us to and we are reflecting it back to you.

We have a balanced budget. For a business it's good, but we are not a business. Understands this is what we want to spend, and this is what we need. If you average out the last 5 years, \$18,500 is proposed contributions. Difference of \$11,400, divide by 210 groups that contribute, that equals about \$54 per group per year. If we don't get the contributions, we just quit spending. In favor of having N&T just emailed, with hard copies needing to be requested.

**Bob M, past Delegate – call the question. James M 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Vote to call the question: simple majority Y-31, N – 14**

**Vote to approve the 2018 Budget: Y-26, N-24 52%, motion fails**

**Minority opinion – didn't think body had a full discussion**

It's up to all of us to bring the message to the groups to explain why we need this money, what does it mean to carry the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. Interrupted – does anyone from majority wish to change their vote?

Yes, Kim wanted to change, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Vote to reconsider / reopen discussion: Y-39, N-5**

It seems like we're in the red every year, but in the end the committees don't use up all their budgets.

We have this discussion every year. Can't remember any year where we've ended in the red. If we run into trouble, all you have to do is put out a call and people dig a little deeper. We don't like being told what to do, but if somebody asks, we're right there.

Why aren't GSRs up at the microphone asking us what we're doing with their groups' money?

Group contributions have been going down, which means many of the groups in Area 74 do not value what we're doing here. Fault of the groups by not sending a letter telling us what the problem is. His district has 6 groups who won't be sending in money and they will send a letter.

Should have the N&T expense be lessened rather than asking for \$54 from the groups who do contribute.

There are 44 groups in D 18, but only three GSRs here today.

Rumor is a certain contribution was denied because "we don't need the money." And now we're in the hole.

In regards to the expenses, there would be nothing greater than to spend every dime. That would mean we're doing something.

Field of Dreams – build it and they will come. His group has potlucks, but didn't have money for it. They passed the basket and they had a potluck. I'd rather see us in the red and pass the basket. But if people don't see the need, we won't get it.

N&T will bring a proposal to the Area Committee Meeting about distributing the N&T electronically.

**Vote to approve 2018 Budget: Y-37, N-6 -- 86% motion carries**

**VIII. Finance committee moves to approve overage of Secretary for \$151.30. Jim S, Finance Committee Chair**

Q – will this be a continuing problem or a one-time expense? A—one-time

**Vote: Y-46, N-0**

**IX. WICYPAA: Check Recommendation and Long-Term Resolution, Jim S, Finance Committee Chair**

Two Issues: One Short Term, One Long Term

Should Area 74 accept the \$1,033.49 check received on August 27<sup>th</sup>?

If necessary, what should the funds be used for?

A long-term policy – which includes what is YPAA's role in our service structure – needs to be established so it's no longer necessary to deal with this issue on a yearly basis.

Background

This has been an issue in Area 74 for a long time

Donations have been accepted and rejected

WICYPAA is a Voice-Only Area 74 Member Liaison

Other Areas and GSO accept YPAA donations

WICYPAA donations have created controversy

Strong opinions on both sides

Groups & districts have reduced or eliminated Area 74 donations

Considerations: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

The Long Form of our 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition states: "The AA groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think each group should soon achieve this idea; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of **large gifts** from any source, or of **contributions carrying any obligation whatever**, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern for those AA treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, **to accumulate funds for no stated purpose**. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money and authority."

- 1) Is the WICYPAA check a large gift or contribution? The Tradition seems to delineate.
  - a. Gift-Something that is bestowed voluntarily and without compensation.
  - b. Contribution-the act of contributing.
  - c. Contribute-To give/supply in common with others to a common fund/purpose.
- 2) If WICYPAA sends us a check for \$1033.49 with a stated purpose, isn't that an obligation?

- 3) Does accepting the check constitute the accumulation of funds for no stated purpose?
- 4) Is WICYPAA a service entity?
  - a. WICYPAA & Area 74 member's primary purpose: Stay sober & help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. Both are comprised of AA members.
- 5) "We are all trusted servants of AA, but as trusted servants in this matter, our job is to serve Area 74."

Research has revealed Area 74 accepted WICYPAA donation 1 or 2 times, returned check 2 or 3 times.

Structures & Guidelines added Article I Sec 3.03, Article III Sec. 12.00, Article VI, regarding WICYPAA

WICYPAA conventions have been held numerous times in Area 74, including next January.

Money comes from registrations, pass the basket.

WICYPAA will continue to send Area 74 checks.

#### WICYPAA Fact Sheet

A collection of the WICYPAA information that's been gathered over the past couple of years.

A survey of Delegates from other Areas and their relationship with WICYPAA

Last page discusses service entities

To be taken back to Groups and Districts as food for thought.

**Recommendations: Finance Committee voted 4 to 1 to accept the WICYPAA check of \$1033.49**

#### **Point of order: we've only heard one side. Can we hear the other side?**

Background page – for the first 10 years we just accepted the contribution. Then we got new software and the Treasurer reported we received the check. That's when it was questioned – does accepting this check obligate us to cover their losses if they lose money on their conference? Every time we've brought this to the Assembly we don't accept it. They asked in 2005 if Area 74 would support a WICYPAA conference in Area 74, and asked again 4 years later. The Committee accepted a \$20,000 donation from Oneida. Because we are accepting their money, spiritually we accept the responsibility of covering their losses. They are not part of the Area 74 service structure. They do not have a group number. They are not a group. They have a service number.

The committee voted to accept this 4 to 1. This is how Area 74 can collapse into a corporate triangle instead of an inverted triangle. It's 3 to 1 where the Assembly voted to reject the check. Then an area servant said, "You haven't heard the last of this." When have we given the Finance Committee the decision to accept or reject the check?

Spiritual principles: WICYPAA says they will continue to send us checks and we continue to reject the checks. Do they even care what we think? Or what it does to our Area? We should reject it.

Background showed only positives. Out of 93 Areas, 20 said yes, what about the other 73? Were there letters sent to the Area from groups saying they won't send us money because we don't accept WICYPAA money and it wasn't shared with us? Their by-laws state that they give a report to our Assembly. Bob brought the idea to just accept their report so we didn't waste time fighting over whether or not we would let them.

We will be reading a letter from a group today regarding WICYPAA. Also, those were just the responses we get. It is an informal process but I would think that if anyone has had a negative experience regarding YPAA contributions they would have stepped forward.

We (the Finance Committee) as a body had an obligation to present it to the Assembly. Never had any intention of taking anything from the Assembly.

WICYPAA is just for young people.

We accept contributions from Al-Anon.

Would we accept contributions from another area? Also, I thought we shouldn't accept Al-Anon contributions.

In the AA directory, it lists Associations: Pilots, Lawyers, Gay & Lesbian, Doctors, and WICYPAA are independent organizations. Would we accept contributions from Ford Dealerships of AA?

People in WICYPAA are members of AA, so are we. 1<sup>st</sup> Tradition states AA unity. I supported accepting the contributions in the past. I don't accept the argument that we are financially responsible for WICYPAA if they lose money.

Disconnect and ignorance of what the other entity is talking about. Contempt prior to investigation.

Had a discussion with WICYPAA. We don't charge Al-Anon for being a part of our conference. What's our spiritual responsibility?

Elitism and snobbery based on age. Whether sober 7 years, 27 years or 1 day... We should have a policy either to take it or not take it.

Service manual S76, *"In keeping with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, AA accepts contributions only from AA members, groups, or other AA entities (for example, delegate areas, districts, AA Conventions, AA Roundups, Intergroup/Central Offices)."*

If we don't accept the check we're giving them the message that we don't want you here.

Money is coming from a conference hosted by an advisory group which sends us the money because their by-laws state that they split the money between 74 & 75 plus 10% to GSO? They're not coming to us to work with us. If we make this long term, we should expand it to Pilots in Area 74, Women in AA, or any other AA entity that holds events in Area 74.

**Motion to accept: Y-36 N-16 69.2%, motion passes**

**Minority opinion:** Finds this very sad. Now we're going to accept this. We're not doing what we're supposed to do. We're going to accept money from anybody.



Two summers ago, at the ECR Conference, a Delegate stated when we start playing with our spiritual principles, it's like pulling a thread on a shirt. Pull it off. Eventually the sleeve falls off. Eventually, our "sweater (fellowship)" will not be here.

There are no new problems in AA, there are just new members.

We have this budget committee, maybe these people from WICYPAA should come together to us and this is what we can do, or can't do, and this is the end of it. Seems like every 6 months we waste 2 or 3 hours on WICYPAA, but, where are they?

Diane 07 will change her vote. Bob M 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Vote to reconsider, simple majority: Y-11, N-31, motion to reconsider fails. Original motion carries.**

**X. The Finance Committee moves that the Assembly establish determination on accepting contributions from any established YPAA entities.**

Where does their money come from (sales of tchotchkes, T-shirts, etc.)? Did anybody from that original WICYPAA committee have a discussion with Area 74 & 75 about giving these contributions?

Failed to thank the committee for their work today – very clear and cogent presentations. Suggestion to refer to a committee or create an ad-hoc committee.

Concerned about "any YPAA entity." Is there a reason it wasn't WICYPAA? Said YPAA to anticipate organizations in the future. Rather than having to go through the whole process of defining the interface. Would help to eliminate us having to go through the whole process for another organization. Contributions come from passing the basket and registrations.

Also, YPAA in case Michigan decided to have a YPAA.

Michigan has a very large YPAA organization.

In favor of ad-hoc committee.

At Area 74 spring conference, we cashed a check with a 50/50 split from another conference. – AI-anon contribution?

**Jeff C recommends we put the second motion to the Area Committee on December 9th for further discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

If we send it to the Area committee, we immediately take it away from the GSRs. We should involve them from the beginning.

Purpose for the Area Committee to discuss this, have DCMs bring it to their GSRs so their groups can discuss it.

**Y-38, N-9. Motion carries, will be on ACM agenda in December.**

**PAST Delegate assignments:**

Bob M, archives; Marty L, Finance; Mary Jo R, Structures & Guidelines

**XI. Discussion of Blue People Graphic – DCM 07, Diane D.**

Per a letter of request from District 07 to GSO, the following agenda item is listed as #13 on the Proposed Item list for the 2017 General Service Conference.

“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.”

The rationale behind this proposal is listed in the letter. In my opinion, blue people graphic seems to follow political correctness rather than spiritual principles.

A handout of the letter and copy of the Box 4-5-9 article in 2016 winter issue is on the table. On June 29, I emailed a DRAFT of this same letter, asking that DCMs/GSRs discuss the issue with groups and provide direction for the GSRs and DCMs of their respective districts. I'll be sending the letter again to all DCM's to share with GSRs and groups.

Speaking for my District 07, we are asking for support from districts and/or individual AA members, in the form of a written letter or email to Conference Coordinator, copying our East Central Trustee and myself. I will be following this issue over time, and compiling supporting data for our delegate. I will include pertinent email addresses with my email to all DCM's. See me at break if you want to be included individually.

Send to Rick Walker, and copying our East Central Trustee. Email address for Rick is [conference@aa.org](mailto:conference@aa.org). Copy our East Central Trustee on any emails at [mark@go-concepts.com](mailto:mark@go-concepts.com). Also copy Diane D, [diane.dallman@gmail.com](mailto:diane.dallman@gmail.com).

I am also asking that Area 74 as a whole support the Blue People Graphic Agenda Item through this **Motion: That Area 74 send a letter to General Service Conference Coordinator, supporting District 07's proposal of the Blue People Graphic agenda item stating “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.”**

**Y-42 N-1, 97.7%, motion carries.**

**Minority opinion: It's already been created and copywritten. If anything, they should send a letter of apology for doing this without a vote.**

Diane E. Dallman – DCM  
2017  
District 07, Area 74  
812 S. Vine Ave.  
Marshfield, WI 54449

September 6,

General Service Office of Alcoholics of Anonymous

Attention: Conference Coordinator, Rick Walker  
Grand Central Station  
P.O. Box 459  
New York, New York 10163

RE: 'Blue People' graphic

Dear Rick,

At a recent meeting of District 07, Area 74, held on August 20, 2017, we discussed the article on the "Blue People" graphic, page four of Box 4-5-9, Winter 2016 issue. After reading that the graphic is already copyrighted and a trademark of Alcoholics Anonymous, we were quite puzzled since no previous information regarding the legal transition of this trademark was included in any General Service Conference Agenda items. After considerable discussion and with a vote of unanimity of the District, we submit the following as an agenda item for the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference:

**"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".**

Please note the following rationale identified during our discussion. We are asking that you consider the same for this 'Blue People' graphic issue to be an agenda item for the General Service Conference and the Fellowship as a whole to approve.

- Through Concept I; *"The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."* The AA Groups have ultimate authority over the actions of the A.A.W.S. Board in determining this AA trademark.
- Most recently the General Service Conference failed to consider an agenda item that the circle and triangle be reinstated as an A.A. trademark (did not even make it to the floor for discussion).
- To the best of our knowledge the "Blue People" graphic was never discussed at the General Service Conference, therefore without input from the AA fellowship and approval by the General Service Conference the graphic should not be considered as a representation of our fellowship.
- We believe that the "Blue People" graphic may imply our fellowship encourages finding your "true love" in our Fellowship through several of the silhouettes within the overall graphic.
- As we have discovered in past AA history defending a trademark can become quite expensive, therefore the expenditure of our "limited" fellowship money for defending this trademark should be on a trademark approved by the fellowship through the General Service Conference.

Yours in Service,

Diane E. Dallman



### ■ “Blue People” Graphic

A gathering of folks, silhouetted. In blue. A gathering of people, all sorts of people, that look just like us.

This graphic image is affectionately known as the “Blue People.” Originated in January 2006, the simple graphic has come to be regarded as a heartwarming representation of the inclusiveness of Alcoholics Anonymous, a powerful and much-adored depiction of our membership. A graphic image that has also come to be synonymous with G.S.O.’s A.A. website, [aa.org](http://aa.org).

The General Service Office receives many requests like the following: “Can we use the ‘blue people’ graphic from the home page of [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) on our local A.A. website, or on stationery, business cards, banners, or other items?”

The “blue people” graphic is a copyrighted design and trademark of A.A.W.S., Inc., with all rights reserved for use exclusively by the A.A.W.S. Board, AA Grapevine Board, the General Service Board of U.S./Canada, and the General Service Office of U.S./Canada.

A.A. World Services, Inc., Board of Directors, June 17, 2016

## I. Now and Then Final Report – Past Now and Then Editors, Kathy M & Bob M

**“Now & Then” Final Financial Report to Assembly  
Rotated Editors Kathy M. and Bob M.  
Area 74 Fall Assembly 10/28/17**

We reported at the Spring Assembly on April 8, 2017 that we would submit our final financial report to the next Assembly after our rotation.

Our report is as follows:

**Area 74 Now & Then**

2017	January	February	March	April	May	June	Six Month Total
<b>Newsletters Printed</b>							
Area Copies	570	635	579	569	569	564	3,486
Paid Subscriptions	8	8	8	6	6	8	44
<b>Total printed</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>3,555</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Printing	\$375.53	\$403.66	\$386.59	\$371.91	\$311.29	\$275.99	\$2,124.97
Postage	\$169.59	\$185.09	\$169.34	\$163.83	\$163.53	\$162.09	\$1,013.47
Returned mail	\$7.99	\$47.74	\$13.23	\$4.90	\$1.96	\$5.88	\$81.70
Pages	12	12	12	12	8	8	64.00
Strapping kit			\$25.00				\$25.00
Tape/mailling seals							\$0.00
Mailing Labels					\$4.66	\$14.16	\$18.82
Cost per newsletter	\$0.95	\$0.98	\$0.99	\$0.94	\$0.84	\$0.80	
Permit fee	\$0.00						\$0.00
Annual Fee	\$215.00						\$215.00
PO Box fee (6 mos.)	\$43.00						\$43.00
Other (Copies, stamps, gas)				\$7.56		\$17.32	\$24.88
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$811.11</b>	<b>\$636.49</b>	<b>\$594.16</b>	<b>\$548.20</b>	<b>\$481.44</b>	<b>\$475.44</b>	<b>\$3,546.84</b>
<b>Income</b>							
Beginning Balance 2017	\$1,466.52						\$1,466.52
Area Funds			\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00			\$2,500.00
Flyers							\$0.00
Subscriptions		\$10.00				\$20.00	\$30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,466.52</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$3,996.52</b>
<b>Monthly Balance</b>	<b>\$655.41</b>	<b>\$28.92</b>	<b>\$934.76</b>	<b>\$1,386.56</b>	<b>\$905.12</b>	<b>\$449.68</b>	<b>\$429.68</b>

During the first six months of 2017 we received \$2,500 of the \$7,000 provided in the 2017 budget for publishing costs; leaving a balance of \$4,500. We had a carryover of \$1,466.52 from 2016 and subscription sales of \$30.00. This gave us a total income of \$3,996.52. Our expenditures for the six month period were \$3,546.84 leaving a balance of \$449.68 on June 30. On September 16 we gave a check of \$400 to the Area 74 treasury. The balance of \$49.68 minus the cost of printing the report for this assembly of \$20, a check for 29.68 is being returned to the Area treasury along with this report. At the conclusion of this report all outstanding monies have been returned to the Area 74 treasury and all bills have been settled.

We were also reimbursed \$230 for travel expenses to attend Area functions as editors. This left a balance of \$470 in the “Now and Then” travel budget for 2017.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve Area 74 as one of the co-editors of your “Now and Then” since January 2010. I have served with three different co-editors during

my term. Many of you have provided articles and guidance, while some of you have had hands on service experience in assisting with the folding and labelling of the monthly mailings. Our Area Newsletter has been continuously published since 1959, 60 years next year. Through your continued support our monthly newsletter is one of the longest continuously published area newsletters in the AA service structure.

For me personally this opportunity to serve the area as co-editor has helped me with my transition from 25 years of active AA service in District, Area, Regional, and National level to a more serene pace at home in my Group and with my family. I can only hope that I have added to the long tradition and practice of our AA principles while editor of the "Now and Then" as started by our first co-editors; Bish C and Joe T and continued thru the approximate 20 co-editors that followed.

In closing I would like to quote from our "Big Book" some of the guiding words that I use as to why I am in service to all of you and AA as a whole. From page 180; "I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: 1. Sense of duty. 2. It is a pleasure. 3. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it to me. 4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."

Kathy M and Bob M  
Past Area 74 Newsletter Editors

## **CONFERENCE REPORTS**

### **2019 Fall Conference Bid – September 20-22,2019**

Ramada Grand Seasons of Waupaca  
Registration -- \$18 for the weekend  
Banquet – Buffet style meal \$22.00 per meal  
Room rate -- \$105/night double occupancy, includes continental breakfast & water park passes. Prices are not locked in. If we get approval today. Grand Season Ramada

Other places to stay

Comfort Suites Foxfire -- \$97/night  
Econolodge Waupaca -- \$50/night

**WE VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS 2019 FALL CONFERENCE BID. There were no other bids.**

### **2017 Spring Conference Wrap-up Report – D20, Dean C.**

Thank you to Area 74 for the help with seed money, to the many members of Area 74 who answered all my questions, and a special thanks to Bob M who helped greatly on finding someone to record the conference. We also had great support from the surrounding Districts 18 and 19.

My greatest love and admiration goes to the members of District 20. We are a small district group-wise but a large district geographically. We had a less than ideal venue to work with, no motel workers to help and a pretty small planning committee. Despite, or maybe because of this, we were able to have a very intimate and emotional conference, at least in my biased opinion.

- Conference counts
  - Registration—228
  - Banquet—220
- Returned \$1000 seed money
- 50/50 split--\$643.11 to Area, \$643.11 to District.
  
- Issues
  - Very hot in the Gym/Assembly room on Saturday. We had a choice to turn boiler off or leave on, really nothing in between. May in the UP can easily be 20 degrees and snowing so we chose to leave on and ended up with a beautiful weekend, of course.
  - The heat caused some PA system issues that we solved at lunch with some fans.
  - I heard through the grapevine that the DJ was taking pictures at the dance Saturday night. I know someone talked to him that night and I talked to him on Sunday. I actually had him show me his phone which he said he had erased. We struggled with him the entire weekend over the concept of anonymity.
  - The people who recorded the speakers and panels would have rather been in the hallway flow of traffic to try and sell their DVDS, etc. We were simply not able to accomplish that and I apologized and continue to apologize to them.
- Notes
  - The person who manages the venue reported that we were the best group she had ever rented to and would welcome us back anytime. She will also give references if any future conference needs them
  - The person who catered the event is willing to travel. Everyone seemed very pleased with the food.

**2017 Fall Conference Wrap-up Report – D05, Bryon B.**

Area 74 Fall Conference Report  
2017

1. Total Registrations (415)
2. Total Banquets (250)
3. Total Group Contributions \$655.00
4. Total 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$2,300.00
5. Total Hotel bill came to \$12,006.44
6. Ending checking balance was \$880.10
7. Fall Conference started with \$1,000.00 in seed money and fell short \$119.90
8. A check for \$880.10 was made out to Area 74

On Saturday nights collection for the fall conference, we brought in \$1,508.00 in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

By changing hotels in the middle of the planning of our fall conference, we figured it out to be 3 times higher in expenses for the metropolis hotel than it would have been for the Plaza hotel that was torn down!

Submitted by:

Bryon B

District 05 DCM

**Q:** In future, don't be afraid to raise the prices of registration if this sort of thing happens again with a change of venue and it's more expensive.

**2018 Spring Conference Report – May 18-20, 2018 – D01, Bruce K.**

Posters are available.

At the Radisson

Fri night skit & Sara P

Sat. night is Jeff C

Sun morning Jeff G from Milwaukee

Can go online [greenbayaa.org](http://greenbayaa.org)

**D08 Fall Conference Report - September 14 – 16, 2018 - D08, Bob D  
Wausau, WI**

Speakers: Friday Seth C, Eau Claire; Saturday Al-Anon, Larcine G, Hawthorne, CA;  
Saturday night, Claire H. (Dublin, CA); Sunday morning spirituality speaker

The Plaza Hotel of Wausau

Rooms at \$89 whole hotel 220 rooms worth

Reg \$20, Banquet \$25

Do we have an ice cream social? Majority said yes.

Open chair position is entertainment – live band? Or maybe a DJ

Conference Secretary is open to questions, Bob can give his email address

To register: [aawausauwi.org](http://aawausauwi.org)

**2019 Spring Conference Report – May 17-19, 2019 - D02, Jody**

Hilton Garden Inn in Kimberly

What an order – Theme

Looking for speakers

**WICYPAA absent**

**NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**II. Treatment Committee Name Change – Treatment Chair, James M.  
Move that the Area 74 Treatment Committee change its name and scope to Area  
74 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee**

**Vote: Y-43, N-0 unanimous, motion carries.**

**III. Now and Then Motion – DCM 02, Char V will have GSR David N read the  
motion**

**The Motion**

**The Joe & Charlie Big Book Study group with support of District 02 moves  
that members of the editorial staff for Area 74's Now & Then newsletter be  
incorporated into the Area's service rotation as two-year elected positions. It is**



**our recommendation that the editorial staff rotation will follow Article VI – Election of Area Officers and Chairpersons, Section 1 - Terms of Office. As two new members of the editorial staff were confirmed in May 2017, we further recommend that the first election be held in September 2019 at the fall election assembly.**

Background: The Spirit of Rotation

Discussion: Q—limiting the N&T staff to a 2-year rotation. With all the work that goes into that, do we really want to limit them to just 2 years? Could they serve multiple terms? Two years is not a cost-effective way to handle this.

Feeling was – let’s have the discussion. There was one other time where somebody came to the assembly floor and asked, why are we doing this, and they were shut down immediately. It’s worth the time to discuss.

Newspaper publishing biz for 40 years. It’s a complex thing and you don’t want to change editors every two years.

One past co-editor said this is not practical. The editors would as soon work at it until they’re burnt out. A newsletter is just more specialized.

Worthy of discussion, was very confusing as to how that process went. Thought there was room for growing and how they would manage this position.

There is a difference between when the rotations are vs. how they occur.

As co-editor of 10 years with 3 co-editors, and once nobody came forward for 3 years. We have 60 years of experience that this works. We were very happy. We had 4 people who were interested in becoming co-editors. The assembly wants a different type of newsletter. We do not submit to go into the rotation like everyone else. How will the 2<sup>nd</sup> editor be selected, and what if they’re from another side of the State.

If the co-editors pick their replacements among the people they know, they could be missing out on other qualified people. The process should be open for nominations.

**Jody motioned to table. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Vote: All in favor of tabling.**

Letter from Jim S:

Flimsy Reed AA Group Eau Claire:

Dear Area 74,

We are writing to inform you that the Flimsy Reed of Eau Claire will be reducing our contributions to Area 74. Area 74 declined monetary contributions from WICYPAA, which had no stated purpose, but accepted contributions from other sources without a stated purpose. We will continue to support all levels and areas of Alcoholics Anonymous service structures including Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous and other conferences. We hope you understand.

Sincerely,

Flimsy Reed

"A.A.'s far-flung Twelfth Step activities, carrying the message to the next sufferer, are the very lifeblood of our A.A. adventure. Without this vital activity, we would soon become anemic; we would literally wither and die."

Bill W., October 1967 Grapevine

Sara asked if we wanted to stay until 6 pm. Vote to stay: Y-14, N-27

**Sara asked for a motion to close the service meeting as we ran out of time. 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor.**

**Closed at 4:55 pm with The Lord's Prayer**

*Respectfully submitted, Michelle Z, Area 74 Secretary*

## **Officer Reports**

### **Registrar - absent**

### **Secretary, Michelle Z**

Hello, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Michelle Zanoni. I have had the great privilege of being the Secretary of Area 74 for almost two years now. Since this is the last Secretary's report I will give to the Assembly, I want to take the time to thank you all. I have learned and grown a lot as a result of my service to the Area, not to mention, that I feel God's hand was definitely involved in this opportunity, because you all have saved my life.

At the time I was elected, I was going through a big transition in my AA life. I had left my homegroup and then sponsor, and I was floundering in a major way. I was hanging onto my emotional sobriety by a thread, disillusioned with Alcoholics Anonymous in general, and waiting for just one more reason to walk away from it.

Once I was elected Secretary I knew that walking away would not be easy. It renewed my dedication to AA, and gave me the kick I needed to start seriously searching for a new sponsor and homegroup. I did find them, I became more involved, and here I am.

Being Secretary is not a glamorous job. But it forces me to be here and to really pay attention. So, I take the minutes, polish them up and send them to all of you for approval. I also have gotten to know quite a few of you and it has made the job more meaningful to me. I will miss you.

The elections last month were really something. I feel confident that Area 74 is in good hands. I hope Vickie has at least as good an experience as I've had as Secretary. I congratulate all the new Officers and Committee Chairs coming in.

I am looking forward to getting more involved in my District, possibly as Alternate DCM, which I have been nominated for.

A special thank you for Vickie for helping me out throughout my term. Also to the other Officers – Derek, Sarah, Kim and David. It has been a real pleasure working with all of you.

Michelle Zanoni, Area Secretary

### **Treasurer, Kim R**

On December 31, 2017 I will complete my commitment to Area 74 and Alcoholics Anonymous as Area Treasurer.

In that capacity I have been responsible for keeping the financial records for the Area and to report the financial status regularly to the assembly. My tasks included accepting and depositing Seventh Tradition contributions, making reports, answering questions and serving as a member of the Finance Committee.

In my role as record keeper, I reformatted the Area 74 Treasurer and Budget Reports and created consistent language across all forms to make them easier to understand. Per the Assembly's request, I added information like the number and percentage of groups contributing, a YTD gain/loss summary, a prudent reserve summary, and an asset / account proof to the reports.

Serving as a member of the finance committee these past two years has been a growing and enlightening experience. To say that our committee had strong passionate members would be an understatement. Our opinions differed often, and we frequently found ourselves in passionate and sometimes tedious discussions. I can honestly say, our divergent opinions allowed us as a committee to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 74 very well. We found ways to discuss our differences and share our opinions, and to do the work you have asked us to do.

As a committee we found ourselves revisiting issues that Area 74 has been struggling with for more than a decade. It has been an honor to serve with a group of individuals who were willing to take their roles and responsibilities so seriously as we addressed tough issues like the YPAA debate, submitting a balanced budget, creating an orientation for incoming officers and chairs to help position them for success in their new roles.

Jim, Jason, Keith, Leonard, and Derek, thank you! Thank you for your support, friendship, and hard work over the last 2 years. Thank you for the many hours we spent on committee calls, and for all your help checking and rechecking reports. It has been my privilege to serve on the Finance Committee with you all. And finally, Area 74, my sobriety is so much richer because of the time I have gotten to spend with all of you in service not only these last two years as treasurer, but for the last 16 years that you have allowed me to play in this arena. Thank you – with every fiber of my being – for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Rainer  
Area 74 Treasurer

## Area 74 - 2017 YTD Budget Report

1-1-2017 through 9-30-17

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,945.37	\$ 654.63
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	1,112.50	187.50
Treasurer	700.00	507.47	192.53
Registrar	700.00	565.87	134.13
Secretary	700.00	700.00	-
Archives	700.00	534.51	165.49
Corrections MI	700.00	323.07	376.93
Corrections WI	700.00	622.08	77.92
CPC	700.00	395.00	305.00
Finance Expenses	700.00	392.97	307.03
Grapevine	700.00	434.49	265.51
Literature	700.00	350.00	350.00
Now & Then	700.00	595.00	105.00
Public Information	700.00	339.00	361.00
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	316.60	383.40
Treatment	700.00	567.15	132.85
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,701.08</b>	<b>\$ 3,998.92</b>

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 17,845.20	\$ 6,154.80
* Other Income *	250.00	1,797.63	(1,547.63)
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	2,500.00	729.00	1,771.00
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 26,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,371.83</b>	<b>\$ 6,378.17</b>

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	\$ 1,330.00	\$ 535.72	\$ 794.28
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	400.00	121.60	278.40
Corrections Committee MI	515.00	168.00	347.00
Corrections Committee WI	515.00	-	515.00
CPC Committee	1,155.00	698.70	456.30
Finance Committee Expenses	1,200.00	653.93	546.07
Grapevine Committee	500.00	410.22	89.78
Literature Committee	400.00	185.00	215.00
Now & Then Committee	7,000.00	5,050.00	1,950.00
Public Information Committee	490.00	22.65	467.35
Registrar Committee	400.00	-	400.00
Secretary Committee	400.00	176.79	223.21
Structures & Guidelines Committee	600.00	367.48	232.52
Treatment Committee	200.00	15.00	185.00
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>15,105.00</b>	<b>8,405.09</b>	<b>6,699.91</b>

* OTHER INCOME *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Income		2.14	
Refreshment Contributions		152.38	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		1,000.00	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		643.11	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		-	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		-	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,797.63</b>	<b>\$ 202.37</b>

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Seat Delegate	4,600.00	4,600.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	600.00	350.00	250.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	400.00	236.62	163.38
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	3,000.00	(1,000.00)
Other / Misc Expenses	300.00	-	300.00
ECR Conference	750.00	225.00	525.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	1,000.00	746.05	253.95
East Central Regional Forum	750.00	-	750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years	200.00	150.00	50.00
International Convention		-	-
International Convention Hospitality Room donation		-	-
Sec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens		-	-
Prudent Reserve		1,005.35	(1,005.35)
<b>YTD Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,720.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,313.02</b>	<b>\$ 406.98</b>

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 9,701.08	\$ 3,998.92
Committee Expenses	15,105.00	8,405.09	6,699.91
Other Expenses	10,720.00	10,313.02	406.98
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 39,525.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,419.19</b>	<b>\$ 11,105.81</b>

Area 74 2018 - Proposed Budget As Of September 30, 2017 Approved 10/28/2017							
7th Tradition - Revenue							
7th Tradition - Revenue	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Budget)	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Proposed)
Group Contributions	\$16,038.30	\$19,243.42	\$21,111.00	\$18,284.59	\$24,000.00	\$17,845.20	\$ 29,900.00
Other Income	\$8,066.27	\$3,760.43	\$4,037.55	\$1,660.65	\$2,500.00	\$1,797.63	2,500.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	\$151.00	\$264.00	\$761.00	\$359.00	\$250.00	\$729.00	350.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$24,255.57</b>	<b>\$23,267.85</b>	<b>\$25,909.55</b>	<b>\$20,304.24</b>	<b>\$26,750.00</b>	<b>\$20,371.83</b>	<b>\$ 32,750.00</b>
Cking Yearly Beginning Balance	\$6,518.39	\$6,033.97	\$6,418.77	\$6,562.07	\$6,500.00	\$8,958.03	6,000.00
Ttl Rev + Yrly Beginning Bal	\$30,773.96	\$29,301.82	\$32,328.32	\$26,866.31	\$33,250.00	\$29,329.86	\$ 38,750.00
Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses							
Officer Expenses	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Budget)	2017 (Actual)	2018
Delegate	\$2,233.94	\$1,678.00	\$1,537.92	\$1,631.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,945.37	\$ 2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$976.80	\$861.00	\$907.25	\$1,188.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,112.50	1,300.00
Treasurer	\$627.50	\$548.00	\$602.00	\$387.50	\$700.00	\$507.47	700.00
Registrar				\$115.30	\$700.00	\$565.87	700.00
Secretary				\$587.34	\$700.00	\$700.00	700.00
Secretary / Registrar	\$669.75	\$509.00	\$572.98				
Committee Chairs *	\$5,425.18	\$4,404.43	\$5,407.92	\$4,876.21	\$7,700.00	\$4,869.87	7,700.00
<b>Officer / Chair Expense Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$9,933.17</b>	<b>\$8,000.43</b>	<b>\$9,028.07</b>	<b>\$8,685.35</b>	<b>\$13,700.00</b>	<b>\$9,701.08</b>	<b>\$ 13,700.00</b>
Committee Expenses							
Committee Expenses	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Budget)	2017 (Actual)	Budget
Archives	\$551.00	\$776.08	\$1,161.99	\$522.10	\$1,330.00	\$ 535.72	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$252.60	\$361.76	\$365.55	\$197.50	\$400.00	121.60	300.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$322.28		\$113.97	\$95.00	\$435.00	168.00	300.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$79.00	\$80.00	\$60.94	\$100.00	\$720.00		50.00
CPC Committee	\$61.00	\$141.00	\$16.00	\$672.01	\$1,290.00	698.70	1,040.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$452.59	\$391.19	\$519.74	\$779.18	\$1,140.00	653.93	1,090.00
Grapevine Committee	\$163.63	\$177.65	\$583.78	\$173.26	\$500.00	410.22	500.00
Literature Committee	\$35.76	\$200.00	\$181.60	\$47.10	\$400.00	185.00	310.00
Now & Then Committee	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$7,000.00	5,050.00	7,000.00
Public Information Committee	\$179.50	\$216.96	\$80.60	\$127.17	\$520.00	22.65	230.00
Registrar Committee					\$490.00	-	-
Secretary Committee				\$32.41	\$350.00	176.79	295.00
Secretary / Registrar Committee	\$188.74	\$169.00	\$287.73				
Struc & Guide Committee	\$373.28	\$459.00	\$425.24	\$281.28	\$600.00	\$367.48	650.00
Treatment Committee	\$100.00	\$37.50	\$25.00		\$210.00	\$15.00	210.00
<b>Committee Expenses Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$8,259.38</b>	<b>\$9,010.14</b>	<b>\$10,822.14</b>	<b>\$8,527.01</b>	<b>\$15,385.00</b>	<b>\$8,405.09</b>	<b>\$ 12,975.00</b>
Other Expenses							
Other Expenses	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Actual)	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Budget)	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Proposed)
Seat Delegate	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,600.00	4,600.00	\$ 1,800.00
Registrar Internet	\$120.00				\$120.00	-	-
Assembly & ACM rent	\$350.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$350.00	\$600.00	350.00	550.00
Assembly & ACM expenses	\$205.23	\$329.47	\$229.10	\$216.64	\$400.00	236.62	275.00
Conference seed money	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Other Fee's/Misc Expenses	\$115.00	\$191.98	\$5.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	-	100.00
ECR Conference	\$608.44			\$375.00	\$750.00	225.00	750.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)			\$945.31		\$1,000.00	746.05	
East Central Regional Forum (EOY)	\$148.97		\$575.00		\$750.00	-	
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee							
election every 4 years	\$200.00				\$200.00	150.00	
International Convention							
International Convention Hospitality							
Room donation			\$350.00			-	
Sec/Reg computer/one time expense			\$660.13			-	
Prudent Reserve Deposits	\$1,200.00	\$1,201.03			\$300.00		600.00
<b>Other Expenses Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$6,547.64</b>	<b>\$5,872.48</b>	<b>\$5,914.54</b>	<b>\$4,591.64</b>	<b>\$11,020.00</b>	<b>\$9,307.67</b>	<b>\$ 6,075.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$24,740.19</b>	<b>\$22,883.05</b>	<b>\$25,764.75</b>	<b>\$21,804.00</b>	<b>\$40,105.00</b>	<b>\$27,413.84</b>	<b>\$ 32,750.00</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$24,255.57</b>	<b>\$23,267.85</b>	<b>\$25,909.55</b>	<b>\$20,304.24</b>	<b>\$26,750.00</b>	<b>\$20,371.83</b>	<b>\$ 32,750.00</b>
<b>End of Year Gain / Loss</b>	<b>(\$484.62)</b>	<b>\$384.80</b>	<b>\$144.80</b>	<b>(\$1,499.76)</b>	<b>(\$13,355.00)</b>	<b>(\$7,042.01)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve</b>	<b>\$1,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,001.03</b>	<b>\$3,002.53</b>	<b>\$3,003.89</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>	<b>\$2,102.14</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>

## Area 74 YTD Revenue / Expense Report

1-1-2017 through 9-30-17

CARRYOVER FROM 2016	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2016	\$ 8,958.03
Carryover prudent reserve	3,005.35
<b>TTL CARRYOVER 2016</b>	<b>\$ 11,963.38</b>

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	
Delegate	\$ 1,945.37
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,112.50
Treasurer	507.47
Registrar	565.87
Secretary	700.00
Archives	534.51
Corrections MI	323.07
Corrections WI	622.08
CPC	395.00
Finance	392.97
Grapevine	434.49
Literature	350.00
Now & Then	595.00
Public Information	339.00
Structures & Guidelines	316.60
Treatment	567.15
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,701.08</b>

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	\$ 535.72
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	121.60
Corrections Committee MI	168.00
Corrections Committee WI	-
CPC Committee	698.70
Finance Committee	653.93
Grapevine Committee	410.22
Literature Committee	185.00
Now & Then Committee	5,050.00
Public Information Committee	22.65
Registrar Committee	-
Secretary Committee	176.79
Structures & Guidelines Committee	367.48
Treatment Committee	15.00
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,405.09</b>

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	\$ 4,600.00
Registrar Internet	0.00
Rent ACM / Assembly	350.00
Treats ACM / Assembly	236.62
Conference Seed Money	3000.00
Other Misc Expenses	0.00
ECR Conference	225.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	746.05
ECR Forum	0.00
CDPP - Trustee Election	150.00
International Convention	0.00
International Hospitality Room	0.00
Sec / Reg Computer One-time Expense	0.00
Prudent Reserve - Transfer to Checking	1005.35
<b>YTD Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,313.02</b>

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	\$ 17,845.20
* Other Income *	2,802.98
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	729.00
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 21,377.18</b>

* OTHER INCOME *	
Interest Income	\$ 2.14
Refreshment Contributions	152.38
Seed Money Return Spring 2017 Conference	1,000.00
Spring 2017 Conference Gain/Loss	643.11
Seed Money Return Fall 2017 Conference	-
Fall 2016 Conference Gain	-
Prudent Reserve - Transfer from Savings	1,005.35
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,802.98</b>

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 9,701.08
Committee Expenses	8,405.09
Other Expenses	10,313.02
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 28,419.19</b>

TOTAL ASSETS	
Balance-Checking September 30, 2017	\$3,764.30
Outstanding Checks	845.07
<b>CHECKING BALANCE September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$2,919.23</b>
Bal-Prudent Reserve September 30, 2017	2,002.14
<b>TOTAL ASSETS September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$4,921.37</b>

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2016	\$ 8,958.03
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	3,005.35
YTD Total Revenue	21,377.18
YTD Total Expense	28,419.19
<b>TOTAL ASSETS September 30, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 4,921.37</b>

Prudent Reserve Activity	
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$ 3,005.35
YTD Accrued Interest	2.14
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Cking	1,005.35
Transferred From Cking to Prudent Reserve	-
<b>Current Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,002.14</b>

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 21,377.18
YTD Total Expenses	28,419.19
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (7,042.01)</b>

GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2017	620
Institutional Groups	30
Groups Contributing	210
	<b>35.59%</b>

**Treasurer's report approved 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 to be able to have served Area 74 in this challenging position. I cannot even begin to tell you how much I have learned about Alcoholics Anonymous, general service work, and about myself through this rotation. I have kept very active since my last report to the Area 74 Assembly on 05/20/2017 at the Spring Conference in Munising.

I had the opportunity to travel to Fort Wayne, Indiana for the East Central Regional Conference which was held July 14th through the 16th. On August 12, 2017, I attended the Area 74 Committee Meeting at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. On August 19th, Past Area 74 Delegate, Bob M. and I presented a power point presentation that we put together entitled "Home Sweet Home" for the Seymour Group in District 02. On September 9, 2017, I had the honor to share my experience, strength, and hope at the District 04 Intergroup in Plover, WI. Thank you to District 04 for allowing me this privilege. I attended the Area 74 Fall Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin during the weekend of September 15-17, 2017. On September 30<sup>th</sup>, past Area 74 Delegate, Bob M. and I again presented the "Home Sweet Home" power point presentation. This time we did the presentation at the Alano Club in Iron River, Wisconsin in District 13. On October 7, 2017, I moderated a panel on sponsorship for the District 25 Intergroup in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin which is in Area 75. This leads me up to preparing for this weekend's final assembly of the year.

The last Tuesday of each month I have continued to participate in the DCM conference call. It has been a great opportunity to be a part of this call and hear all the activities going on in the districts throughout our area to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. As Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, I am a member of the Structures and Guidelines Committee. We have had limited contact as of late, however, you will hear about the work of this committee when our Area Structures and Guidelines Chair, Gloria O., provides an update later today. I do submit a monthly article for the Now & Then. I continue to have phone contact and email correspondence with many AA members throughout Area 74.

I am looking very forward to attending my first Forum which will be held November 17–19, 2017 in Springfield, Illinois although this will be my first time missing opening weekend of Wisconsin Deer Hunting in 22 years. To date, I have used \$1,127.50 of my \$1,300.00 annual officer expense. I continue to read and talk with other AA members to help me grow and carry out my duties in this position as your Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. I am willing to be of service to Area 74 in any capacity asked of me. Thank you for this humbling experience!

Yours in Love & Service  
Sara Plansky-Pecor  
Alternate Delegate / Area Chair



## **Delegate's Report, Derek T**

### **Recent Participation**

In preparing my report, I realized that I have not given a report to the Assembly since my General Service Conference report in May at the conference in Munising. I will try to keep it brief in reviewing my activity since then.

I gave an abbreviated GSC report at the District 23 meeting in Rice Lake on June 4.

I attained and participated in the Traditions Workshop in District 8 on June 10; I also attended the 2018 Fall Conference planning meeting that evening.

I attended the District 1 meeting in Green Bay on July 13th and gave a GSC report.

I attended the East Central Regional Conference & Indiana State Convention the weekend of July 14-16. I was the flag bearer for Wisconsin and also did two presentations on Warranty 4. I also attended a meeting of Delegates Past and Present held during the weekend.

I attended the District 05 meeting on August 9 in Menomonie & presented on the GSC.

I attended the Area 74 Area Committee Meeting on August 12.

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

I attended the Fall Conference and Assembly in Eau Claire September 14-16. I facilitated the Panel 68 elections for Area 74 at the Assembly on September 15. I was gratified with the level of participation for the election; we had eight candidates standing for the final Area Officer position of Registrar. I enjoyed working with our new East Central Regional Trustee, Mark E., to facilitate. His feedback throughout the weekend was invaluable. A Past Delegate sharing session was organized to open the conference and Mark E. gave an excellent report on the July Board weekend. I also chaired the Friday night meeting of the Conference and reported at the Area 74 Area Committee Meeting on Sunday morning, September 16th.

I attended the District 20 Home Group Workshop on October 7th. I thoroughly enjoyed presenting my final GSC report at my home district and participating on the home group panel. I also attended the D20 meeting after the workshop.

I have written articles for the Area 74 Newsletter every month since May.

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

I have also participated in two Delegate teleconference calls with our East Central Regional Trustee, Mark E., and other Delegates from our 5-state region.

I did get to NYC and spoke at the Atlantic Group last weekend on October 21. Great meeting and great fellowship after.

My most recent activity was reporting out to you the sad news regarding the loss of Steve H. He was a great man and trusted servant; he will be sorely missed.

### **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 Assembly or Area Committee meeting or if you just need more, I still have some left, including a few in Spanish. The anonymity-protected digital version was made available recently and I did forward that on the Area Committee and past Delegate e-mail list. Please share the Final Conference Report with any AA members you feel may find it useful.

As a reminder, the new yellow safety card is available from AAWS. I have been forwarding any notes & feedback I receive on this service piece to our East Central Regional Trustee and will continue to do so.

I 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 the ACM and Past Delegate's e-mail list. The board is urging the fellowship to have patience with the process.

The General Service Board weekend was held the last weekend in July. I did report on highlights at the August and September Area Committee meetings. I do have a an entire copy of the unapproved minutes on hand if you would like to review them today. 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".

This weekend is the quarterly board weekend and I will forward the minutes from that meeting as soon as they come available. Our ECR Trustee has tentatively slated a teleconference call for next Thursday or Friday.

There is a good article in Box 459 on Intergroups and Central Offices. Lots of other useful information can be found in Box 459 and the AAWS Highlights, which I recently forward to DCMs.

There is a new Grapevine publication available: *Voices of Women in AA*. I have received a copy from the Grapevine, Inc., but I have not read it yet, so I can't give a critique.

I downloaded the most up-to-date version of the proposed agenda items for the 2018 General Service Conference and have printed copies for you.

### **Upcoming events & participation**

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. The event is free, but pre-registration is suggested (register by November 13). I have received a loving invitation to participate and will doing a presentation on Service Sponsorship.

I also brought flyers for the 2018 East Central Regional Conference and Michigan State Convention August 24-26 in Kalamazoo, MI.

As always, 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). With today's expenses, I will have been reimbursed \$2045.37 of my total \$2600 budget.

### **Thank you**

As this is my final report to the Area 74 Assembly, I would like to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to be of service to you and AA as a whole. I have grown in ways I could have only imagined a few years ago. I am graciously returning James Mood's projector today. In the true spirit of service, James said "use it until you don't need it". I can happily report that the projector traveled all over Area 74. I look forward to serving as your Grapevine Chair for Panel 68.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Archives, Gail Z (Michelle Z, read the report in Gail's absence)**

Your Area 74 Archives Committee continues to meet monthly via Conference Call on the second Thursday of the month at 7:15 pm CST. Committee members are: Gail Z – Chair, Pete W – Archivist, Char V – DCM-02, Fred M – DCM-16, and Jeff C – Past Delegate.

The Archives had displays at both the Spring and Fall Conferences in 2017. We also held a Past Delegates' Sharing Session at the Spring Session in Munising that was well attended. Thank-you to Marty, Past Delegate Area 74 and Karen, Past Delegate Area 75 for agreeing to participate in the Sharing Session. We asked our East Central Regional Trustee to speak at the Fall Conference in lieu of a Past Delegate from our Area, as he was scheduled as a speaker at any other time during the conference.

Fred continues to work on the conversion of old tapes to MP3 format. This is a long and arduous process, but definitely worthwhile. The archaic equipment is unreliable and adds another level of complexity to the conversion.

Char worked on a new Archives "Exhibit" of materials from past Area 74 Conferences in the form of a Power Point with the assistance of Brent, our Literature Chair. She scanned and cataloged copies of programs and flyers from past conferences as well as other conference materials in our Archives. These items are now listed in our Archives Catalog.

I primarily focused my time on maintaining the Archives Committee Handbook and Catalog. These were last updated in September to include the new table of Conference items and information about the Past Delegates Sharing sessions. At our last

Committee meeting, we discussed the need to move these and other files from my personal Dropbox at rotation.

We would also like to thank Charles K – D-23 who was able to participate on the Archive Committee until recently and contributed greatly to our group. Charles completed scanning all of Now & Then newsletters during the time that he served on the Committee. He also developed a Power Point on the history of AA in our Area that is available for any group or district to use.

Our next conference call is Thursday, November 8, 2017. If you'd like to get in on our call, or if you'd like to receive a copy of our Archives conference call minutes, please let me know.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Area Archives Chair. I learned a lot about the history of AA in our Area and gained a greater understanding of our service structure along the way. Thank-you for allowing me to serve in this position the last two years.

In Service,  
Gail Z  
Area 74 Archives Chair

### **Corrections MI, Brian M**

Hello everyone I would first and foremost like to thank this body for the honor and privilege to serve as the Upper Michigan Corrections chair for the past three years. I have spent some time traveling to other functions such as a few of the UP traveling inter group an event that takes place on a monthly basis in different locations. Have heard some very powerful stories from a few of our area servants.

- On June 6<sup>th</sup> I traveled to the Wausau area for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual corrections conference a very interesting event that I was invited to speak on behalf about how Upper Mich carries the message inside correctional institutes.
- I have finally gotten involved in the corrections correspondence service. Communicating with some of the incarcerated can be very interesting to say the least.
- I have really enjoyed the opportunity to help any correctional facility with getting literature because of the moose & goose wild game feed.

In all I will close with this it's been a pleasure to get to know so many people that have a passion to keep this program alive, moving forward in a way I couldn't even imagine. I have learned more in the past few years about being of service I will be forever grateful. I can't thank those enough who have held my hand in the journey you know who you are. Thank you once again for the honor and privilege to be of service.

Yours in service, Brian McRae

### **Corrections WI, Mike M**

I have been in contact with Jessica S, Area 75 Corrections Chair, as she gets most of the pre-release forms from the prisons in Wisconsin. I have been in contact with the local jails in how to set up meeting for the inmates who wish to participate in AA. It has been a struggle, but I will keep pushing forward. I would also like to thank Brian, Corrections MI, for his help and also this Assembly for electing me Corrections WI Chair and keeping me focused on my duties as Corrections WI Chair.

Yours in grateful service,

Mike M

### **CPC, Barry B**

Since my last report CPC activity has waxed and waned a bit. On Thursday, October 6, I did a presentation for the Outagamie County Drug Court professionals. Those in attendance included the coordinator, a judge, a staffer from the DA office and some case workers. I did present them with a literature rack. They were interested in a temporary sponsor pool which is a work in progress. The presentation was well received.

In October, I also met with the pastor at my church in Combined Locks as an informational gathering. I provided them with literature and made myself available for a group gathering of area pastors to inform them about A.A. I have not heard back yet.

On March 4, 2017, I attended the District 02 Pre-Delegates Workshop and presented a synopsis of the CPC and PI agendas in preparation for the March 11 Delegates Workshop event. My committee at the Annual Delegates Workshop presented the delegate and Area 74, our opinions of the CPC conference agenda items.

The week of June 11-15, 2017, the Area CPC Committee hosted an AA booth at the Rural Institute on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse which was held on the UW-Stout campus. I wish to thank James M. from 01, Diane D. from 07 and Glenn K. and Ken P. from 05 who took time from their busy schedules to volunteer at the booth and answer questions of attendees along with handing out literature and local meeting lists to members of the fellowship. The conference is always grateful to have A.A.'s presence at their annual event.

We attempted to hold bi-monthly conference calls, but due to some technological problems with freeconferencecall.com, a few of them did not happen. However, I do know that there is good CPC work being done in a number of districts in Area 74.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> there was a health fair in Munising, MI. Although I could not attend in person due to the Fall Conference & Assembly, I did provide them with Area 74's CPC display for the event. Having thought I was rid of the rather bulky display, my higher power then reminded me that my commitment was not yet over. I received an invitation to display at a suicide awareness expo in Rice Lake on October 20<sup>th</sup>. As the display was in the U.P. I drove up to Manistique where the display was again being used at a health fair on October 14<sup>th</sup>. I planned on being at that event before it ended, but due to circumstances, I arrived too late. Dean C. and I did have lunch and talked about the transition to his tutelage as our new chair.

I want to thank my committee which included D.C.M.'s Joe W, 08 and Diane D. 07. Ben K. from 22 did move out of state and that district is currently inactive. I also wish to thank other regular committee members, Cheryl A., & Grant J. No one can do our jobs alone, just as no one can recover alone, so I appreciate all of you.

Although I did not accomplish all that I had hoped for in the last two years, I am confident that Area 74 has placed the CPC committee in very capable hands and Dean will represent us in fine fashion.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the last two years,

Barry Brewer, Area 74 CPC Chair

### **Finance, Jim S**

Monthly meetings. Will submit a balanced budget this year. Re-designed the budget request forms. Put together a presentation on budget planning and training. Is available as a PDF, see Jim. Will do the presentation at the ACM in December. Assigned each member of the committee to two people who had to submit budget requests to be available to help. Committee participation and member replacement, was a topic of importance to them, put an article in the Now & Then. Did reimbursements at Assemblies and Area Committee meetings. Had to tap into prudent reserve this year, so they had to look over procedures on how to handle the withdrawal and how to pay it back. They received a check from WICYPAA for \$1,033.00 and will present a motion today. Had to deal with how to handle finance availability for the new Now & Then editors.

- I. Delegate's Workshop.
- II. Producing and submitting a balanced budget.
  - a. 3 issues make producing a balanced budget difficult.
    - i. Estimation of previous year carryover.
    - ii. Estimation of donations that will be made in the later part of the year,
    - iii. Budget requests tend to be much higher than actual expenditures.
- III. Budget Request and other Financial forms were modified to be more usable.
  - a. Travel Expense Worksheet was new and is a useful planning tool.
  - b. Area 74 Travel Budget Request Form.
  - c. Area 74 Officer/Committee Chair Area Travel Expense Worksheet.
  - d. Area 74 Reimbursement Request Form.
  - e. Area 74 YTD Budget Report.
  - f. Area 74 5 Year Budget to Actual Comparison.
  - g. Forms were modified to be more usable and easy to understand.
- IV. Budget planning and training.
  - a. Kim has produced a preliminary PowerPoint presentation on Financial Forms.
  - b. Spring Assembly presentation didn't go so well.
    - i. Narrative was added, a printed version was created, and it was distributed with Budget Requests.
  - c. Overview at the December ACM for incoming Chairs.
  - d. The idea of each Finance Committee member working with 2 Committee Chairs to provide guidance in setting their budget was discussed and generally supported.
  - e. Workbooks could be helpful.
  - f. Much discussion, many variables that impact committee budgets w/transition of roles, participation in workshops, etc. Budget training could

help folks give a better idea of what to do. Moved in the direction of developing training material first.

- V. Committee member participation and replacement guidelines.
  - 1. This was first published in the Now & Then.
  - 2. This will be brought before the assembly body for recommendations and/or a motion to include roles and responsibilities of a finance committee member to be added to the structures and guidelines. The items for discussion would be in regards to our committee's difficulty with absenteeism.
    - a. We should get feedback from the next Assembly, and ultimately an Assembly vote.
    - b. December Area Committee feedback.
      - i. This is an issue with many other Districts and Area Committees.
      - ii. It's up to the assembly to determine the best course of action for other Area Committees.
      - iii. Many comments were to the effect that action should be taken after 3 unexcused absences.
  - 3. Area Finance Committee Considerations.
    - a. Committee member responsibilities.
      - i. There are currently no parameters in place for committee member participation.
      - ii. All 6 members are responsible for the work done by the Finance Committee, and we all have a commitment to serve the Area to the best of our abilities.
      - iii. To serve for the full length of our commitments.
      - iv. Participate in all Committee meetings called by the Chairperson, if possible.
      - v. These responsibilities should be made clear at time of election.
    - b. How long does a committee let non-participation continue?
      - i. This would apply to Committee Chair and the two other rotating, elected Committee Members.
        - 1. Area Delegate, Past Delegate, and Treasurer are unique situations.
      - ii. Excused absence – a committee member notifies committee they have a conflict and can't attend.
      - iii. Unexcused absence – a committee member misses a meeting without any notification.
      - iv. Notifications of absences should be made ahead of time wherever possible.
      - v. Maximum of 2 unexcused absences in any 52-week period of time is cause for dismissal
      - vi. Maximum of 3 combined excused and unexcused absences in any 52-week period of time.
    - c. Member replacement, i.e. how should a member who leaves due to dismissal or resignation be replaced?
      - i. Assembly/Structure & Guidelines should determine this.
      - ii. Option 1 – Committee vote on an intermediary member.
      - iii. Option 2 – We operate with 5 until the next Assembly. The Finance Chair would need to communicate to the Area Chair we need to vote in a new member.



- iv. Option 3 – Can Finance Committee appoint a member and present that member to the assembly body at the next assembly meeting?
  - v. Option 4 – Temporary or Intermediary members were ruled out, Assembly should elect replacement.
- VI. Reimbursements at Assemblies and ACM's.
- VII. Prudent Reserve had to be tapped.
- VIII. Handling of future WICYPAA donations.
  - a. Has to be consistent with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition.
  - b. Experience with a similar situation in District 04.
  - c. We did the right thing with the last donation.
  - d. Return of last donation had substantial negative impact on Area unity.
  - e. Future funds could be used to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers
    - i. Newcomer folders.
    - ii. Workshops and other activities in small/dim Districts.
    - iii. Literature for Corrections.
- IX. Miscellaneous topics such as settlement of N & T editor turnover, conference seed money and financials, Prudent Reserve procedures, etc.

**Questions about prudent reserve:** Kim R stated that prudent reserve states to take money out at \$500 increments. They needed \$800 but had to take out \$1000. They don't anticipate needing more and have it in 2018 budget to replenish prudent reserve. We did spend \$7000 more than we took in.

On Dec 31<sup>st</sup> will we owe somebody money to cover our debts? A: No.

### **Grapevine, John O**

Have you seen October's issue of the GV? It focuses on AA in the military and it features stories of experience, strength and hope from our brave AA members in uniform. This issue hit me especially hard. It made me stop and remember how my own alcoholism only escalated while serving in Southeast Asia. These service men and women are not only fighting to keep us safe and free but are also battling their own alcoholism. Powerful stories of how they are staying sober and free from their #1 nemesis John Barleycorn.

Speaking of our monthly publication, did you see July and/or September's issue of the GV? July's GV. Features a story from a lady by the name of Janet. Titled "No Accident". You may not have made any connection since she winters in Leesburg, VA. By going to enough different meetings we discover Janet resides in Minocqua during the summer months. Yes, Janet did sign my GV. Thanks Janet. In the Sept. issue we have a wonderful story from Tanya who resides in Plover, WI. We discovered her at our fall conference in Eau Claire, WI.

It's always so exciting when folks from Area 74 have their stories published in the GV. Like Janet said "Keep trying if your first story isn't published " It took several tries before she was finally notified that her story would be published. So, hopefully this will encourage all of you to keep submitting your stories. Now this is important, your GV.

Chair is always ready and willing to conduct a workshop near you and get you started.

There has been 3 new books published by the GV in the past 12 months. Our 12 Traditions, Making Amends and Voices of Women in AA. Our 12 Traditions was a hot seller thanks to the folks in District 08. Their 4 workshops on our Traditions made that possible. Many thanks to all the wonderful folks that this all happen. The warm and gracious hospitality for the GV is and always will be deeply appreciated. It was a privilege and honor to serve. District 08 also showed enormous gratitude for our GV Display at their Corrections Conference. I wish to personally thank Bob and all the dedicated folks from Wausau for the unforgettable conference they put on.

The GV Display traveled well this past year. We traveled to 10 events and our 4 assemblies. Showing off the GV Display has made me aware that folks thirst for knowledge and personal growth in their recovery and this in turn has inspired me and my own emotional sobriety. I cannot thank you all enough for making this position so enriching. We have no scale to measure our success by the sales we've made on GV literature but in the past 2 years we've sold nearly \$1,000 worth GV material, not to mention the numerous subscription forms handed out and the visible force of our Display. Hey, speaking of GV subscriptions we gave away 2 more this year, one at each conference. You know who you are David and Danna! Thanks to all who participated in our giveaway.

In conclusion, I thank you for making these past 2 years so enriching and allowing me to serve you. It's been wonderful making your acquaintance and helping to keep me sober. This is a part of my journey I'll never forget!

Respectfully Submitted  
Grateful to have Served  
Johnny O  
Area 74 Grapevine Committee Chair

### **Literature, Brent H**

Greetings and Thank You for letting me be of service. Over the past year I have attended workshops, Moose and Goose and Area meetings and assemblies. Sales of literature have averaged about \$6000.00 per year.

Again, thank you for allowing me to be of Service. This service position has really forced me to grow. Humility and Gratitude had to be found if I was to survive. Thank you for helping me grow. Thank you to all of you who helped unload, setup and load your help was greatly appreciated.

I would not have been able to complete this journey without the help of someone very special. A truer friend you will not find. She kept me organized and focused, and put up with some moments of blazing alcoholic behavior and bumbling buffoonery with her usual grace and aplomb. Thank You Char.

I look forward to my upcoming service position as DCM for District 02, knowing that the lessons I have learned over the past 2 years only strengthened my growth as a person and will serve me well in my next journey.

Humbly and Gratefully submitted,  
Brent Henslin  
Area 74 Literature Chair

## Literature Inventory

Number	Title	Cost	Number	Total	Obsolete	Total
<b>Books</b>						
B-0	75th Anniversary Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous	\$ 12.00	5	\$ 60.00		
B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous, Hard Cover	\$ 9.50	21	\$ 199.50		
B-30	Alcoholics Anonymous, Soft Cover, Portable	\$ 9.10	23	\$ 209.30		
B-16	Alcoholics Anonymous, Large Print	\$ 10.30	10	\$ 103.00		
B-35	Alcoholics Anonymous, Abridged, Pocket-Sized	\$ 5.00	54	\$ 270.00		
B-24	Alcoholics Anonymous, Abridged, Large Print	\$ 6.00	20	\$ 120.00		
B-2	Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Hardcover	\$ 8.90	7	\$ 62.30		
B-15	Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Softcover	\$ 8.25	12	\$ 99.00		
B-14	Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Large Print	\$ 8.25	10	\$ 82.50		
B-4	Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Pocket-Sized, Gift	\$ 8.25	4	\$ 33.00		
B-17	Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Pocket-Sized	\$ 6.50	2	\$ 13.00		
B-12	Daily Reflections	\$ 10.25	15	\$ 153.75		
B-19	Daily Reflections Large Print	\$ 10.75	19	\$ 204.25		
B-5	As Bill Sees It, Hardcover	\$ 9.00	3	\$ 27.00		
B-18	As Bill Sees It, Softcover	\$ 8.60	10	\$ 86.00		
B-27	As Bill Sees It, Large Print	\$ 9.50	10	\$ 95.00		
B-20	Experience, Strength and Hope	\$ 5.50	4	\$ 22.00		
B-3	Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age	\$ 9.50	6	\$ 57.00		
B-59	Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age-75th Ann. Edtn.	\$ 7.00		\$ -		
B-8	Dr. Bob & the Good Oldtimers	\$ 10.50	5	\$ 52.50		
B-9	Pass It On	\$ 11.00	5	\$ 55.00		
				\$ -		
				\$ -		
M-24	AA Fact File	\$ 2.00		\$ -		
B-7	Living Sober	\$ 5.00	68	\$ 340.00		
B-25	Living Sober, Large Print	\$ 5.25	6	\$ 31.50	1	\$ 5.25
B-6	Came to Believe	\$ 5.00	2	\$ 10.00		
B-26	Came to Believe, Large Print	\$ 5.50	7	\$ 38.50		
B-13	AA In Prison, Inmate to Inmate	\$ 2.25	13	\$ 29.25		
P-33	It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell	\$ 0.25	4	\$ 1.00		
BM-31	The AA Service Manual + Twelve Concepts	\$ 3.55	15	\$ 53.25		
BM-33	The AA Service Manual + Twelve Concepts, Large Print	\$ 8.30	9	\$ 74.70		
MD-1	International Directory	\$ 1.80	2	\$ 3.60		
MD-3	Western U.S. AA Directory	\$ 3.60	3	\$ 10.80		
MD-4	Eastern U.S. AA Directory	\$ 3.60	4	\$ 14.40		
MD-2	Canadian Directory	\$ 3.60	3	\$ 10.80		
<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Obsolete</b>	<b>Total</b>
M-36	The Group Handbook	\$ 11.00	2	\$ 22.00		
M-1	Beginners Meetings Guidelines	\$ 2.75	1	\$ 2.75		

MG-20	Yellow Sets of Guidelines	\$ 2.55	8	\$ 20.40		
M-39	Advisory Action Items of GSC	\$ 2.50	4	\$ 10.00		1951-2014
M-44I	Archives Workbook	\$ 2.50	4	\$ 10.00		
M-41I	CPC Workbook	\$ 2.50	3	\$ 7.50		
M-45I	Corrections Workbook	\$ 2.50	14	\$ 35.00		
M-27I	PI Workbook	\$ 2.50	6	\$ 15.00		
M-48I	Spec. Needs/Access Workbook	\$ 2.50	3	\$ 7.50		
M-40I	Treatment Comm. Workbook	\$ 2.50	5	\$ 12.50		
	<b>Totals</b>			\$ 2,764.55		\$ 5.25
<b>Pamphlets</b>						
P-41	A Member's Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous	\$ 0.25	25	\$ 6.25		
P-32	AA & the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic	\$ 0.40	19	\$ 7.60		\$ -
P-50	AA & the Armed Services	\$ 0.45	16	\$ 7.20		\$ -
P-23	AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional	\$ 0.25		\$ -		
F-1	AA at a Glance	Free				estimate
P-83	AA For the Alcoholic with Special Needs	\$ 0.45	25	\$ 11.25		
P-51	AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic	\$ 0.40	41	\$ 16.40		\$ -
P-21	AA for the Native North American	\$ 0.40	32	\$ 12.80		
P-22	AA for the Older Alcoholic, Large Print	\$ 0.40	40	\$ 16.00		\$ -
P-5	AA for the Woman	\$ 0.30	28	\$ 8.40		\$ -
P-26	AA in Correctional Facilities	\$ 0.30	16	\$ 4.80		\$ -
P-27	AA in Treatment Settings	\$ 0.30	13	\$ 3.90		\$ -
P-31	Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community	\$ 0.15	38	\$ 5.70		\$ -
P-48	AA 2014 Membership Survey	\$ 0.15	7	\$ 1.05		\$ -
P-44	AA's Legacy of Service	\$ 0.25	38	\$ 9.50		
P-17	AA Tradition: How It Developed	\$ 0.30	59	\$ 17.70		
P-42	A Brief Guide to AA	\$ 0.15	19	\$ 2.85		\$ -
P-20	A Message to Corrections Professionals	\$ 0.15	40	\$ 6.00		\$ -
F-9	A Message to Teenagers	Free	46			
P-24	A Newcomer Asks...	\$ 0.10	33	\$ 3.30		
P-49	Bridging the Gap	\$ 0.25	10	\$ 2.50		\$ -
P-51	Can AA Help Me Too?	\$ 0.40		\$ -		
F-5	Carrying the Message into Correctional Facilities	Free	15			
P-45	Circles of Love and Service	\$ 0.08	105	\$ 8.40		\$ -
F-26	Corrections Correspondence	Free	33			
P-13	Do You Think You're Different?	\$ 0.30	22	\$ 6.60		\$ -
<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Obsolete</b>	<b>Total</b>
P-2	Frequently Asked Questions About AA	\$ 0.25	12	\$ 3.00		\$ -
P-57	Frequently Asked Questions About AA, Large Print	\$ 0.35	9	\$ 3.15		\$ -
P-19	G.S.R.	\$ 0.08	93	\$ 7.44		
P-29	How AA Members Co-operate With Professionals	\$ 0.45	10	\$ 4.50		
P-10	How It Works	\$ 0.15		\$ -		
P-46	If You are a Professional...	\$ 0.25	85	\$ 21.25		
F-2	Information on Alc. Anonymous	Free	65			
P-18	Inside AA	\$ 0.08	101	\$ 8.08		\$ -
P-36	is AA for Me?	\$ 0.25	27	\$ 6.75		\$ -
P-3	Is AA For You?	\$ 0.10	82	\$ 8.20		\$ -

P-54	Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?	\$ 0.10	29	\$ 2.90		
P-30	Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?	\$ 0.25	24	\$ 6.00		\$ -
P-12	Jack Alexander Article About AA	\$ 0.25	25	\$ 6.25		
P-84	Many Paths to Spirituality	\$ 0.30	40	\$ 12.00		
P-25	Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholic Anonymous	\$ 0.25	27	\$ 6.75		
P-9	Memo to an Inmate Who May be an Alcoholic	\$ 0.20		\$ -		
P-35	Problems Other Than Alcohol	\$ 0.15	20	\$ 3.00		
P-15	Questions & Answers on Sponsorship	\$ 0.15	25	\$ 3.75		
F-3	Self-Support: Where Money & Spirituality Mix	Free	75			
P-40	Speaking at non-AA Meetings	\$ 0.30	21	\$ 6.30		\$ -
P-52	The AA Grapevine	\$ 0.25	18	\$ 4.50		\$ -
F-96	The AA Group Treasurer	Free	45			
P-16	The AA Group ...where it all begins	\$ 0.30	33	\$ 9.90		
P-11	The AA Member-Medications & Other Drugs	\$ 0.25	21	\$ 5.25		\$ -
P-53	The Co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous	\$ 0.30	35	\$ 10.50		\$ -
P-8	The 12 Concepts for World Service Illustrated	\$ 0.45	26	\$ 11.70		
P-55	The 12 Steps Illustrated	\$ 0.30	39	\$ 11.70		
P-28	The 12 Traditions Alcoholic Anonymous	\$ 0.15		\$ -		
P-43	The 12 Traditions Illustrated	\$ 0.45	29	\$ 13.05		
P-1	This is AA An Introduction	\$ 0.15	29	\$ 4.35		
P-56	This is AA An Introduction, Large Print	\$ 0.25	17	\$ 4.25		
P-6	Three Talks to Medical Societies	\$ 0.45	8	\$ 3.60		\$ -
P-37	Too Young?	\$ 0.25	10	\$ 2.50		\$ -
P-47	Understanding Anonymity	\$ 0.25	19	\$ 4.75		
<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Obsolete</b>	<b>Total</b>
F-4	Where do I go from here?	Free	20			estimate
P-4	Young People in AA	\$ 0.30	11	\$ 3.30		\$ 0.99
F-12	Your D.C.M.	Free	50			estimate
F-6	Your AA General Service Office	Free	20			estimate
P-39	It Happened To Alice	\$ 0.25	17	\$ 4.25		
P-34	Let's Be Friendly With Our Friends	\$ 0.15				
P-38	What Happened To Joe	\$ 0.25	10	\$ 2.50		
M-54	Pocket Folder (10-pak, \$1 ea.)	\$ 1.00		\$ -		
M-64	Is AA for You? Braille	\$ 0.10		\$ -		
M-65	Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. Braille	\$ 0.25		\$ -		
	<b>Totals</b>			\$ 363.62	0	\$ 0.99
<b>Wallet Cards</b>						
M-2	Steps/Traditions/Preamble, etc.	\$ 0.12	50	\$ 6.00		
M-21	Responsibility Card	\$ 0.07	28	\$ 1.96		
M-22	Anonymity Card	\$ 0.12	15	\$ 1.80		
F-17	Meeting Introduction Card	Free	25			
F-42	Self-Support Card	Free	75			
M-61	Anonymity Display(Tent) Card	\$ 0.20	20	\$ 4.00		
	<b>Totals</b>			\$ 13.76		
<b>Audio Visual</b>						
DV-01	Markings on the Journey	\$ 10.00		\$ -		
DV-10	Young People's Videos	\$ 10.00	6	\$ 60.00		

DV-13	AA - CPC	\$ 10.00	1	\$ 10.00		
DV-04	Bill's Own Story	\$ 10.00		\$ -		
M-70	Big Book on CD-ROM	\$ 60.00	1		1	\$ 60.00
M-83	12 Steps & 12 Traditions CD	\$ 18.00	1	\$ 18.00		
M-81	Big Book	\$ 55.00	1	\$ 55.00		16 CDs
M-89	Bill Discusses the 12 Traditions	\$ 6.00	1	\$ 6.00		
DV-14	Young People's Animation Video	\$ 3.00	1	\$ 3.00		Not in catalog
VS-4	AA - An Inside View	\$ 15.00	1	\$ 15.00	1	\$ 15.00
	<b>Totals</b>			\$ 167.00	2	\$ 75.00
<b>Spanish</b>						
SB-1	Alcoholicos Anonimos	\$ 9.50		\$ -		
SB-16	Alcoholicos Anonimos	\$ 10.30	1	\$ 10.30		
SB-30	Alcoholicos Anonimos	\$ 9.10	1	\$ 9.10		
AB-12	Reflexiones Diarias	\$ 10.25	2	\$ 20.50		
SB-18	Como Lo Ve Bill	\$ 8.60	1	\$ 8.60		
SB-14	Dos Pasos Y Doce Tradiciones	\$ 8.25	2	\$ 16.50		
SB-13	A.A. En Prisiones De Preso Apreso	\$ 2.50	2	\$ 5.00		
SP-33	Es Mejor que Estar Sentado en una	\$ 0.25	20	\$ 5.00		
SBM-31	El Manual De Servicio	\$ 3.55	1	\$ 3.55		
SF-1	A.A. de un Vistazo	Free	400			estimate
SF-13	Acerca de AA	Free	43			
SP-45	Circulos De Amor Y Servicio	\$ 0.08			4	\$ 0.32
<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Obsolete</b>	<b>Total</b>
SP-11	El Miembro De A.A.-Los Medicamentos y Otras Drogas	\$ 0.25	2	\$ 0.50		
SP-3	Es AA Para Usted?	\$ 0.10	1	\$ 0.10		
SP-30	Hay un Sclcoholico en Su Vida?	\$ 0.25	2	\$ 0.50		
SF-2	Informacion Sobre Alcoholicos An.	Free	400			estimate
SP-4	Los Jovenes y A.A.	\$ 0.30	2	\$ 0.60		obsolete?
SP-8	Los Doce Conceptos para el Servicio Mundial	\$ 0.45	4	\$ 1.80		
SP-55	Los Doce Pasos Ilustrados	\$ 0.30	4	\$ 1.20		
SP-43	Las Doce Tradiciones Ilustradas	\$ 0.45	4	\$ 1.80		
SP-2	Preguntas Frecuentes Acerca de AA	\$ 0.25	4	\$ 1.00		
SF-23	Post Card information Request	Free	16			
SP-6	Tres Charlas A Sociedades Medicas por Bill W.	\$ 0.45	2	\$ 0.90		
SS-21	Una Breve Guía a Alcoholicos Anonimos	\$ 0.30	154	\$ 46.20		
SF-9	un Mensaje a los Jovenes...	Free	58			
	<b>Totals</b>			\$ 133.15	4	\$ 0.32
	<b>Literature Totals</b>			\$ 3,442.08	6	\$ 81.56
	<b>Total - current and obsolete</b>			\$ 3,523.64		
	<b>Total items in inventory</b>				6	
<b>Equipment Inventory</b>						
M-8	Pamphlet Racks	\$ 20.00	6	\$ 120.00		
	Cash Box	\$ 30.00	1	\$ 30.00		
	Hand Cart	\$ 32.00	1	\$ 32.00		
	Calculator	\$ 10.00	1	\$ 10.00		
	Tarp Tie Down Strap	\$ 4.00	1	\$ 4.00		
	Plastic Tubs	\$ 15.00	10	\$ 150.00		

	<b>Totals</b>		20	\$ 346.00		
<b>Cash</b>						
	Bills			\$ 514.00		
	Coins			\$ 14.65		
	Checks not Cashed			\$ 184.50		
	<b>Subtotal</b>			\$ 713.15		
	<b>Cash Total</b>			\$ 713.15		
	Total Value, Literature, Equipment, and Cash			\$ 4,582.79		

**Now & Then, Jeff C**

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435/652 registered groups 652-435=217 groups not receiving mailed copies 33.2%

The Now & Then has been receiving articles and other submissions in a timely fashion and we thank all of you for that. We try our best to get the information in the newsletter correctly but as some of you know we are not always successful in that endeavor. We apologize but please be assured we are diligently trying to get all information distributed correctly.

Our biggest obstacles are getting the mailing list organized and the email list established. The N&T receives the mailing list from the Area Registrar who downloads it out of the New Vision software, the GSO database. This list contains all of the currently registered groups

in Area 74 and has either the Group's GSR or Mail Contact information. The problem that has become apparent is that the GSO database does not have very current information. We have 33% of the mailing list that we know has bad addresses or information because we receive those back as 'returned undeliverable' or the DCMs in a couple of districts have instructed us that those receiving the mailed N& T are no longer serving the group or are no longer in AA.

That situation has us making plenty of time allotted to trying to make sure we are not wasting group funds by printing copies of the N&T or mailing copies that never make it to the groups. Our estimate of the number of copies that never make it to the group is much higher than 33%, more like 75%. One of the biggest telltale signs is that we have had only one person make us aware that their group did not receive the N&T -- All the other requests/notifications have been that the individual did not receive their copy.

This situation brings to light a major problem for the health, growth, and harmony of Area 74 - our groups are not receiving the chief written communication method chosen by the Assembly – the Now & Then. That we feel is an objective, besides publishing and delivering the Newsletter for the groups of Area 74, that we need to keep beating the drum about. Having an updated, current Registered Group list and developing an email database will not only promote the communication within, and the health of Area 74, but the resultant savings on publishing/ mailing costs will go a long way in helping Area 74, its committees and servants, and the groups of Area 74 to have more of their dollars to carry our message of hope and recovery.

In Service  
Jeff C John S.  
Now & Then Co-Editors

### **Public Information, Terri B**

Myself, Matt the webmaster, Dean C from D20 & Jay H from D12. Had conference calls every other month, sometimes every month. Requests from nurses and other health professionals. Handled all request from Jan16 to Dec 17. I send website questions onto Matt. Checked updated meeting lists and sent to Matt to update. Will talk to incoming PI Chair in Dec.

From Matt about Website usage: There is an average of 800/month. Each viewing 4 pages, average of 8 min per session. Calendar & District websites are the most popular. 70% from Wisconsin, of the UP, 30% from Houghton. Send updates to Webmaster by 15<sup>th</sup> of month prior. Up to each district to submit a completed list of meetings. Would like to add all District hotline numbers along with CPC email addresses on the front page of the website.

The PI Committee has issued a motion to Area 74, available on the front table:  
**MOTION: The Area 74 Public Information Committee would like to direct the Area 74 Webmaster to begin updating archival and current editions of the Newsletter of Delegate Area 74, Now & Then, to the Area 74 secure password protected page known as the "Area74.org Service Page".**



BACKGROUND: The 2013 Fall Area Assembly approved the following MOTION: Area Committee recommendation that the minutes of Area 74 business meetings and committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area, to be re-evaluated in one year for additional content.

The MOTION was accepted and seconded and opened for discussion.

Discussion closed for vote; 42 yes, 23 no.

Request was made for a recount of "no" votes; 25 no (42 + 25 = 67, 44 required (2/3's), Motion/Recommendation fails

Minority Voice was offered by Jeff C. who asked for a vote to reconsider: 48 yes, 17 no. Reconsideration passes and the matter was again opened for discussion.

Discussion was closed for vote; 51 yes, 13 no. Motion/Recommendation passes.

The original 2013 MOTION called for a "re-evaluation in one year for additional content". That was never made. The PI Committee would like the Area 74 Assembly to consider the motion and now allow for the Now & Then content to be printed on the Password Protected Page.

Questions – how long is Matt going to stay on as a non-rotating position? He is happy being webmaster. Looking forward to creating new pages and excited about it. Is always willing to hear what you all have to say.

Couldn't log in to secure area and couldn't even get a login.

Terri is on there a lot. Had trouble getting on. Will talk to Matt about it.

Rotation – p18 of guidelines "... 4 years or until the webmaster is unwilling or unable to serve ...". Matt is completing 8 years of being webmaster.

Language is foggy. Open to interpretation "or until" I've interpreted it as if Matt still wants to serve, he gets to serve.

Seems like it means they serve 4 years unless unwilling or unable to serve.

Corrections Jay H is from D 23, not 12

## **Structures & Guidelines, Gloria O**

Hi! My name is Gloria Osmanski, recovering alcoholic. This is my first—and last—report to you as the Structures and Guidelines Chair.

We had a fairly easy year this past year. The Winter Assembly in April passed one motion, the definition of Alternate—or Alt—which has been added to our Guidelines.

The Spring Assembly in May was the Delegate's Report with a few other points not requiring any motions.

Our Fall Conference Assembly in September was our Election Assembly with no extra motions passed that required attention.

Those motions that are passed today will be added to our Guidelines for the Area Committee Meeting in December, along with the updated Advisory Actions.

Those actions requiring further attention will be considered by the committee.

I would like to thank you all for affording me the opportunity to be of service as chair this past year. This has really been a rewarding and exciting time for me—allowing, and sometimes pushing, me to grow in my program and understanding of AA. Thanks for letting me serve as your Structures and Guidelines Chair.

I cannot forget my team—Marty, Derek, Sara, Dawn, and Bob. Every committee should have such a group! Thanks doesn't seem enough. They make us all look good! So—thanks and God bless!

In service,  
Gloria Osmanski  
Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Chair

### **Treatment Committee – James M**

The last report I said I was going to attend a bridging the gap workshop put on by the Monona Serenity Group in Madison WI, Bryon and I did attend that workshop we picked up a lot of information on how they do bridging the gap.

I have been travelling around the area attending district meetings to get at least one contact person from each district, I found that most of the bigger cities are doing well in that area some of the northern areas that do not have treatment centers also do not have contact people some work needs to be done in that area.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a need for accessibility information so I have brought some information about what accessibilities are which can be found on the information table.

I have also introduced a motion to change the committee name to Treatment/Accessibilities

to better cover what the committee should be doing.

In Loving Service, James Mood, Committee Chair.