

**Area 74 Committee Meeting
Saturday December 9, 2017
Reiter Center – Three Lakes, WI
Minutes**

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

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

Any Group Change Forms, please provide to Kathy P and will give to Gerry Ann, Registrar.

Serenity Prayer

Traditions read by Cheryl A – D20

Timer: Dawn M

Counter: Paul Y & Kathy P

Agenda changes: Added to agenda numbers: 6 & 7

Roll Call: Area Officers

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary-will be here later, attending District 10 meeting for District elections, Alt-Secretary recording minutes in the meantime., Treasurer

Committee Chairs

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

DCMs:

02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 09, 16, 17, 20, 21

**Minutes from the 9/17/17 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.
Motion to approve. 2nd. Minutes are approved as is.**

Delegate's Report – see page 4 – Derek T, Panel 66

DCM Reports – see page 9

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1) Discussion of Blue People Graphic – Diane D. (DCM 07)

Information gleaned from the GSB minutes that there will be no action taken on this.

Trend with the GSO and AAWS supporting political correctness rather than the spiritual foundation of AA. They developed this Blue People concept in the PSAs. There are no spiritual principles included in this whole Blue People all-inclusive trademark.

There is a meeting called "Across the Universe" that has blue people known as The Blue People and are on an acid trip. They come from the Yellow Submarine and they have the "blue meanies." They are not nice people. I don't want AA associated with this trademark. I'm thankful to Derek for his help on this. Thank you all for your support. A couple of letters went out besides what went out from our District, I thank you for those.

Q: Derek T --Thank you, Diane, for following your conscience and participating in the conference process. I did get the letter with the supporting images – I was shocked. While this is not going to be on next year's agenda, it can take years for certain issues to gain support and spread out to other areas. We may see this again in a future year. I've tried to remain impartial, for the most part. But this has made me anxious. I asked about this on the floor at the Conference, and I got a circular file answer—my question was not answered. The trademark was procured without going through the conference. The Board does have the power to do that, but it dismisses the spiritual handshake between the board and the fellowship.

James – A copyright requires defending infringements by going to court – which is public controversy. Saw an example of somebody else using the blue people.

- 2) **Finance Committee Budget Planning Presentation – Jim S. (Finance Chair)** Hand out called “Creating Committee Budgets”. Presentation was put together for the Munising Conf., but laptop broke and only got half way through presentation. Purpose of this presentation for new incoming positions. Also, how the finances work throughout the area. Budget process and schedule of completion, and to come up with more realistic Area 74 Budgets. See attached.
- 3) **One-on-one meeting with outgoing officers and committee chairs. Over lunch.**
- 4) **Discussion of Proposals to Distribute the Now & Then electronically – Jeff C. and John N. (Now & Then Co-Editors).** 3-page hand out on points promoting electronic version versus current hard copies. Timeline and marketing proposal stated on how to implement the new electronic process.
- 5) The following was listed as an agenda item today at the December 9, 2017 ACM:

Motion sent to the ACM by the Assembly: **I move that the editorial staff of the Now & 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. – Barry B. (CPC Chair)**

Then Jeff Campbell, co-editor of Now & Then Newsletter, presented a 4-page proposal on converting the Now & Then Area 74 Newsletter from hard copies sent via postage to primarily email or electronic delivery. Proposal includes a timeline and marketing proposal stating how to implement the new electronic process. Lots of discussion and facts were presented. Finally, DCM'S AND GSR'S will review with home groups and bring feedback to the March 10th, Area Committee Meeting to ultimately be an agenda item at the Spring Assembly.

- 6) **Motion sent by ACM: The Finance Committee moves that the Assembly establish determination on accepting contributions from any YPAA entities recognized by GSO. – Jim S. (Finance Chair)**
-Discussion: Where does this body want to send this motion to for further review.

- a. Finance Committee?
- b. Which Committee should look at this? Maybe formulate an Adhoc Committee? Is that possible and was talked about at last Assembly.
- c. Why focus on just YPAA, but address if we accept checks or contributions from all and other entities?
- d. Comes up every year, deal with it once and for all.

Motion for outgoing Area Chair appoint an Adhoc Committee to provide guidelines on how to handle funds from YPAA entities.

Vote by substantial

Favor: 20

Opposed: 3

Motion passes. No minority comments presented.

7) Discussion on District Meeting Directories on the Area 74 Website – Derek T. (Delegate)

Request to be removed from the list. How?

8) Discussion regarding Group Change Forms – Diane D. (DCM 07).

Delegate's Report**To the Area Committee of Area 74
12/09/17**

Thank you all for being here today. If this happens to be your first Area 74 service meeting, I hope that you are made to feel welcome. If you have any questions about what is going on, I am available to assist if I can. This will be my last report to you as your Delegate.

Recent Participation

Since we last met on September 17, I have attended and participated in the following:

The District 20 Home Group Workshop and District Meeting on October 7 — I presented my final General Service Conference report at my home district. I also participated on the home group panel

Area 74 Assembly in Three Lakes on October 28

The District 21 Workshop outside Houghton, MI on November 4. The topic was “Back to Basics: Groups and Sponsorship”; I facilitated the ‘Groups’ portion of the workshop in the morning.

I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Springfield, IL November 16-18. It was an informative and thought-provoking weekend. Area 74 was well represented. The General Service Board chair was present along with the seated NE Regional trustee, the General Service Office Manager, the seated Trustee-At-Large Canada our seated East Central Regional Trustee and two Class A Trustees including the Treasurer. There were also several staff members present and lots of past Delegates and past Trustees; lots of shared experience! The open sharing sessions were weighted towards questions and sharing on the original manuscript litigation issue. I presented on a panel with the topic of Service Sponsorship. I also asked a couple questions and was asked to answer a couple of questions during general sharing sessions. The past trustee sharing session on Sunday morning was worth the price of admission. A report on the Forum will be forthcoming and I will forward that once I receive it.

I have submitted articles monthly for the Area 74 Newsletter, *Now & Then*

I have participated in Finance Committee teleconference calls since our last AC meeting

I have been on one Delegate teleconference call with our ECR Trustee, just after the October General Service Board weekend and will update you on that.

Current News and Information

I have again printed the most recent list of proposed agenda items for the 68th GSC. I brought copies and they are on the front table. Looks like it will again be a very busy conference.

I have brought GSO contribution reports by district for the 3rd quarter and will be distributing them to DCMs today. The total contributions from groups in Area 74 for the first nine months of '17 total \$23,341.35. For the nine months ending 09/30/17, the percentage of groups in Area 74 contributing to GSO is 32.05% which is up from 30.75% from the same period last year.

I have received the following communication from within Area 74:

1. District 6 - a member reached out to me regarding District 6 and possibly getting general service going again in that district. I assisted hooking him up with the DCM from District and another trusted servant who moved from Virginia to District 6.
2. District 11 - I received a request for help with removing a meeting from the District 11 meeting directory on our website. I asked the Area Chair to add the item to today's agenda, so we can have a discussion about it.
3. I received a letter from a group that will no longer be contributing to Area 74 because of concerns about the Area's tendency towards a Corporate Pyramid and shortcomings within the leadership. The letter was sent to myself, the Area Chair and the Treasurer. We had a conference call and sent a response letter. We encouraged the group to avail themselves of our inverted triangle service structure and present their concerns at their next district meeting or at the next Area Assembly. We also invited the group to submit their letter to the *Now & Then* for publication or to request a sharing session at a future Assembly.
4. I was cc'd on a follow up letter from the DCM of District 7 to the Conference Coordinator regarding the proposed 'blue people graphic trademark' agenda item.
5. I fielded a meeting information request I received through the website.
6. I fielded an information request from District 9 regarding contributions for victims of natural disasters. I assisted indicting them to an AAWS service piece on natural disasters.

Per the October Assembly, I did submit a letter from Area 74 to the General Service Conference Coordinator, Rick W.. The letter stated that Area 74 voted, with substantial unanimity, to support the proposed agenda item that "The General Service Conference discuss, debate, and with substantial unanimity, advise the General Service Board on

the use of the graphic “Blue People” as a trademark of Alcoholics Anonymous. I did receive communication from the GSO Manager that the item was discussed at the October AAWS Board meeting and the board took no action on it. Therefore the item will not appear on the 68th General Service Conference agenda. There will be a discussion at next year’s conference on intellectual property, including copyrights, trademarks, domain names, etc. The plan is to include the blue people graphic trademark as part of that presentation/discussion.

I brought some *Final Conference Reports* for DCMs if you did not receive any or need more. Please see me today if you would like some more; there are also some extras on the front table.

I did send out recent communication from the General Service Board Chair via our ECR Trustee regarding the original manuscript litigation. Our Board’s legal counsel has filed for a motion to dismiss the lawsuit and the hearing on the motion to dismiss will be February 21.

The General Service Board weekend was held the last weekend in October. Our ECR Trustee, Mark, has been very responsive with communication and held a Delegate teleconference shortly after the Board meeting. Some highlights from the minutes and AAWS Highlights:

- For the nine months ending September 2017 (v. same period 2016):
 - Gross sales are ahead of budget by 2.17%
 - Contributions were 11.22% ahead of budget
 - Expenses were .46% less than budget
 - Net profit for the nine months was \$1,302,486, budgeted profit was \$85,993.
- The “727” push brought in huge contributions to GSO. Individual contributions of \$7.27 were sent in on or around July 27 (the amount of the cost of services per member provided by GSO). The total estimate from this grass-roots effort was ~\$76K. The effort started in the Pacific region and spread across the country.
- There is an organization-wide Communications Inventory underway as requested by the GSB in their strategic plan. There were reps from the consulting firm at the ECR Forum doing interviews, but I did not run into them. See Box 4-5-9 for more info.
- The AAWS Board has started research on intellectual property; as mentioned earlier, there will be a discussion on this topic at the 68th GSC and I am sure Sara will be bringing back info on that

- Per the 67th GSC Advisory Action, the background material for the 68th GSC and beyond will be translated into Spanish and French. This will be done professionally.
- The Archives construction is complete at GSO and back open
- The new Archives volume that includes Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks is well underway. It will be approximately 200 pages and will include not-before-seen photos taken as stills from an unreleased video of Bill, Lois, Dr. Bob and Ann.
- The Navajo Big Book translation is complete. The Navajo language is spoken only, so it will be all audio. Production is in progress
- There is a special gift set being offered by AAWS entitled the *A.A. History Shelf*. It includes the 75th anniversary edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous, Pass It On, Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers* and *A.A. Comes of Age*. It is \$30 with free shipping.
- The AAWS catalog is being redesigned and will be out by the end of the year
- 2020 International planning is continuing along. The consultant is (rightfully) concerned about terrorism/mass shootings after the Vegas attack, so there may be extra expenses incurred with security
- Grapevine is offering free shipping in November and December
- Our ECR Trustee Mark has been nominated to serve on the GV Board.

The Holiday issue of the Box 4-5-9 includes several good articles, including:

- How groups are using technology for the 7th Tradition
- The topic of anonymity on social media (or lack thereof)
- An overview of La Viña, the International Journal of AA in Spanish

I have brought one copy each of the GSB and Committee minutes, the AAWS Highlights and Box 4-5-9 if anyone would like to review them today.

Upcoming events & participation

I believe I will participate in one more Finance Committee meeting before the end of the year.

With today's expenses, I will have been reimbursed \$2373.37 of my total \$2600 budget.

I have brought flyers for the following events:

- 2018 Conference of Delegates Past and Present in Indianapolis February 9-11. This conference is open to all and I would recommend it if you have interest in general service and the General Service Conference process. Participation is limited to past and present Delegates.
- 2018 ECR Conference in Kalamazoo held August

I received the turnover of the Grapevine display & materials from John O. and am excited to serve as your Grapevine chairperson and rep over the the next two years.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as the Delegate. It was a big responsibility and a considerable commitment. It was an honor to serve Area 74 and AA as a whole. It is humbling to serve alongside such a great group of folks who love AA like I do.

I look forward to supporting all the trusted servants and groups in Area 74 in the next rotation and beyond in any way I can.

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

DCM Reports:**District 01 – Jennifer A****District 02 -- Char V.**

DCM report

District 02

It has been an honor and a privilege serving as the DCM the past two years.

Upcoming events

The annual GSR workshop is scheduled for Saturday January 27, 2018 at Peace United Methodist Church starting at 1:00pm and ending around 4:00pm. There will be a presentation of The GSR and Their Role and information sharing on how to conduct a business meeting.

We are tentatively looking at Saturday February 24, 2018 to hold a Pre-Delegate's workshop on the Agenda Items for the 2018 General Service Conference (GSC). The format we used previously helped us become more informed on all items. We had several trusted servants focus on an area such as Policy and Admissions, then present the background material associated with each item. It is important to note we did not discuss our opinions. The group did take note of any questions we felt needed answers to have a better understanding. Overall, those in attendance felt better prepared to discuss agenda items with our groups and here at the Delegate's Workshop. As the DCM and Alternate DCM we felt this empowered the GSR and other members.

District 03 -- Stephen W.

1. District 03 currently has 11 meetings.
2. We held district elections and now have a new DCM (Dani M.), two GSRs (Daniel S. & John M.), Archives Chairperson (John M.), and district treasurer (Stephen W.)
3. The Tuesday night "Working With Others" group continues to hold their open speaker meeting in the 2nd Saturday of each month at St. Luke's church in Wisconsin Rapids.

Thank you

Stephen Webster
DCM District 03 Area 74

District 04 – Barry M

Elections:

All new Officers (except Secretary) and Committee Chairs were elected at our September meeting and began their service terms on October 1st.

This will be a 27-month rotation as District 04 is switching from an October 1st-September 30th two-year rotation to a January 1st-December 31st two-year rotation.

Budget:

District 04 will finish 2017 in the black. Our group donations continue to be adequate to meet our needs.

District 04 passed their 2018 budget at their December meeting. It has been sent back to the groups for their approval.

Service Work:

District 04's bid for the Fall 2019 Conference was accepted. A Conference Chair was elected. A planning meeting has been scheduled for January 2018. Committee chairs and other volunteers are being sought.

The CPC/PI committee placed PSA's in the major newspapers in both the Waupaca and Stevens Point areas – hard copy and electronic versions. These PSA's run during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holidays. This was also done for the same Holidays in 2016.

The Portage County jail program continues to be strong and volunteers are always being sought. Our new Corrections Chair would like to put more emphasis on the Waupaca County jail to increase the AA presence there.

Our Treatment Committee continues to work closely with the treatment center located in Stevens Point. There, AA members share their experience, strength, and hope with those attending treatment.

District 04's summer picnic was well attended. We are now considering a similar winter event to strengthen our unity in order to better serve the alcoholic who still suffers.

Stay tuned!

District 05 – Bryon B

District 06 –

District 07 – Diane D. .

District 07 Report for Area Committee Meeting Dec 9, 2017

by DCM, Diane Dallman "Thank you, Area 74, for two years of service growth."

1. District 07 includes Wis cities of Marshfield, Abbotsford, Colby, Medford and Neillsville, and touches the four counties of Wood, Taylor, Clark and Marathon.
2. There are 27 meetings in District 07, 17 of which are held at the Alano Club in Marshfield.
3. Through Oct and Nov, the DCM and incoming DCM visited all meetings and home groups in District 07. The reasons for this personal visit to each meeting are:
 - Introduce the incoming DCM, Phil Dallman.
 - Discuss need to fill a jail meeting vacancy in Clark County; provide applications to volunteers. This was a successful recruitment by Phil, incoming DCM; meetings are in a planning stage and volunteer applicants being processed.
 - Encourage sobriety through good home group structure and service. Discuss needs of the group, and how District might provide support. Most groups voice little need for anything.
 - Clean up the Now and Then Mailing List – ours was a big mess with 39% mailing labels in error from no follow-up by groups. (9 of 23 total)
 - Clean up Registrar's list and encourage election of GSRs. Much discussion took place regarding the importance of home groups, structure, accountability. Interest in service is at a very low ebb; AAs cannot see the connection between business of AA and helping the suffering alcoholic. Some groups give little support, after electing a GSR; some groups have no interest in electing a GSR and staying informed from the Area and National Level.
 - Distribute new comer bundles, and discuss exactly how the new comer is 'welcomed' and 'informed' when first attending the meeting.
 - Review need for Health Care Professional bundles; positive responses for making this material available.
 - Distribute info on District 07 Winterfest event on Feb 3, 2018.

- There are a few meetings where good home group activity and participation is evident. They set good examples for other meetings through the AAs attending. Consistent structure and direction can provide a healthier meeting.
 - 12 GSRs have been elected, 6 of which are new, 6 are serving a 2nd term.
4. Working on volunteers to distribute meeting list pamphlets to organizations, businesses.
 5. DCM attended the first Spanish speaking Conference in Minnesota. Focus of the Delegate in that Area is to keep working toward providing language translators. I learned. I enjoyed. Workshops were very structured and interactive. No speakers. Facilitated group participation.
 6. Work on archiving District 07 communities is on the 'To Be Done' list.

District 08 – Bob D. for Joe W.

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DCM REPORT FOR AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Our District is located in Northern Marathon and Southern Lincoln county's. We have around 43 registered meetings. We held our elections since my last report. We were able to fill all our positions except the Alt. DCM. Our new DCM will be Randy O. Our district has been meeting monthly with Conference Committee Planning our upcoming Conference in the Fall of 2018. Please visit our web site @ www.wausauwi.org where you can find out what's going on in our district, and also you can register on line for our conference. This past 2 years as being the DCM was the most awarding part of my recovery. You all have taught me so much about service work and what the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous really means.

Joe Wallace DCM District 08

District 09 – Norm**District 10 – Kurt**

We started nominations back in October. As of today, elections were held.

Today's meeting was quite refreshing, for a good amount of people showed up. Which in the past, it's been quite flexible – up and down. Hoping this keeps up.

It's been great serving as the DCM for the short time I was. My new position is as contact list chair.

Our new DCM is Michelle Z. The only position we have open right now is website chair.

Other things happening in District 10 are – trying to set up a group sign up for the phone for a month, yearly. Current is just volunteer each month. Also another thing is sign up for a traveling AA group for individuals that can't make it to meetings.

The only position we have open right now is website chair.

Issues regarding the phone.

List of people who are willing to help bring meetings to those who can't get to a meeting.

District 11

District 12**District 13 – Sonny****District 14****District 15****District 16 – Fred**

Hi my name is Fred alcoholic and District 16 DCM,

Greetings from the snowy shores of Gitchee Gumee. Our district meeting is held bimonthly in various locations throughout Baraga and Ontonagon counties on the fourth Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM. Attendance usually runs around 8 people. While District 16 encompass over two and a half counties, we only have roughly one hundred and fifty members. This year we hosted two UP Inter-Groups, one in July in L'Anse and the other in September in Ontonagon. We have gained a new meeting in the district.

Our overall attendance is dropping, somewhat due to weather conditions, and also due in part to our seasonal residents. Opioid and meth's-amphetamine abuse plays a large part of the problem in our community as well as over-dependence on outside treatment and inexperience in working the Twelfth Step. Mistakes made in the past still haunt us. Physical and sexual abuse is common as well as being second, third and fourth generation alcoholic. The anger, shame and distorted mindset that remains can be fatal.

Unlike larger urban areas our rural groups are more reactive. One or two new active members can bring about positive change quickly but so can disruptive members, devastating a group.

On the positive side there are several people who have started to sponsor members, bringing them through the Twelve Steps. More groups are having home group meetings and electing active G.S.R.s. For the last two years we have been combating misinformation and ignorance with our District Newsletter, publishing articles on all three legacies as well as personal stories. Now we have taken many of these articles and are putting them into a Step, Tradition and Concept workbook for sponsors to use with their sponsees.

Our public image is not the best here. Our hospitals are unwilling to detox alcoholics because of the unrecoverable costs. Our alternate DCM has had to step down because of ill health, leaving us without a replacement.

Looking forward in District 16, I'm very concerned but still have hope. There are many issues that need addressing but there are some people that have the ability and desire to come together and work on them. Cunning, baffling and powerful... without help it is too much for us, but there is one who has power, that one is God. May you find him now. At this time, I hang up my DCM cape and look for another service position within my group and district.

Thank you for your patience with me. Please forgive my impatience with you.

Fred Martin
District 16 DCM

P.S. Our Service Manual tells us the D.C.M. is to be a link between the groups and our area delegate. I would suggest that our D.C.M. Conference Call would be include our Delegate rather than our Area Chair. At most events our delegate is surrounded by people and the opportunity rarely presents itself.

District 17 – Cindy S.

Hi. My name is Cindy and I am an alcoholic. I am the new DCM for District 17 for the 2018-2020 term, and I am very excited for the next two years. District 17 is in the Iron Mountain MI area. We finally have a full slate of officers, including a secretary, treasurer, alternate DCM, and corrections. We are lacking in a webmaster and nobody has come forward as to who can design a totally new webpage for us. Our current webpage is from Windows 98, so we cannot get in to make any changes. Any webpage designers would be greatly appreciated. We have

about 40 AA meetings in the district, with two or three not being on our meeting list as they are new meetings. We are slowly growing. Typically, we have about 16-20 people in attendance at our monthly GSR meetings, with about 10 or so being GSR's. Currently, the GSR's are bringing votes to the groups about WICYPAA and also informing them that the Area needs about \$50.00 more dollars per group next year to be successful financially. I am anxious to see how the groups vote and see the the district level working in action. Thank you.

District 18**District 19****District 20 – Dean**

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We have 22 meetings covering 3200 square miles and every day of the week.

I would like to thank Area 74, District 20 and my wife for the privilege of serving as DCM the past several years. It has been a life changing joy!

- Last District meeting October 7th
- Next District meeting December 16th.
 - New rotation for district officers begins January.
 - This will be the end of my rotation as DCM
 - Will set the 2018 district budget at this meeting
- Annual District 20/Manistique Christmas Party held in Manistique held in Manistique on December 1st. About 50 people ate well, shared at a gratitude meeting and exchanged gifts.
- I have been involved in the Monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls.
- Final Spring 2017 Conference report given at October 28th assembly

District 21 – Ron S.

District 21 covers northern Houghton and Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area includes two universities, year round tourism is our major industry, and thus our recovery population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who visit or study here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Because of this we recognize and support two allied programs, AI-anon and ACOA. We currently have 23 active AA meetings. We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and although not in our district we continue to support A.A. meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

Our 24 hour A.A. hotline is answered *live* by Dial Help in Houghton, meetings are listed in our local newspaper, and we have expanded the number of radio stations running our PSA's, all at no cost. Our *abridged meeting schedule, A.A. pure*, can also be found on the Area 74 website.

Since our last Assembly we've had two well attended district meetings, have elected a new ADCM, have a new Grapevine rep, but are still looking for a person to take our newly created Special Needs / Accessibility position. In conjunction with local treatment centers our recently implemented Bridging the Gap program is providing meeting lists and contact numbers to those who have completed treatment and are returning home.

We held a very successful workshop in November that drew 40 people and came in well under budget. We want to thank Derek, Dawn and Fred for your much-appreciated participation. The event drew some surprise attention when a reporter for our local paper, The Daily Mining Gazette, saw a flyer, did some research, and wrote an informational piece for the Wellness section of the paper. The article ran two days before the event, and was responsible for getting a few people to the workshop or back to meetings after long absences!

Lastly, if you go to the Grapevine website, www.grapevine.org/display-gallery you will find prominently displayed the Area 74 District 21 Grapevine display that has been used at our May intergroup for the last two years. It is our intention to bring this display to other venues as needed/ requested, if the event is deemed appropriate. I guess you could say we have a display and might travel!

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Schreiner,
Area 74, District 21, DCM

District 22

District 23 – Jay H. (Report sent electronically, not presented at meeting)

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

- I. ***As Previously Reported (on 9/16/17 – RN II):*** *“Our three and one-half year experiment of having split the district meetings between a longstanding, extreme southeastern location and our newer western location has brought more participation overall, and it is now the general thought that a more geographically central meeting place within the district might benefit all in promoting unity and equanimity in travel time. To that end, a new central meeting place will be on the next district meeting agenda for discussion and possible action.”*
 1. **Current Status (as of 10/01/17):** At our District 23 GSR Committee Meeting it was unanimously determined by group conscience vote that our monthly district meetings would, starting on January 7th, 2018, be held in the Town of Hertel, WI. All arrangements have since been made, and the information passed on to all active groups in the district, as well as to the *“Now & Then”* editors for future publication.
 2. **Topical Commentary:** District 23 hopes that by making this decision, its primary purpose for doing so will be well served – that is, a more geographically central meeting place within the district benefiting all in promoting unity, equanimity of participation and in travel-time. Secondly, we would hope that any unintended inconvenience created for outlying groups from adjoining districts, who individually “signed-on” to District 23 in the past, will reconsider and dedicate devoting their energies into revitalizing their own respectively designated districts. In doing so, these groups might be brought back into active

participation in the General Service Structure of Area 74. To those who don't mind the additional travel, we continue to welcome you.

- II. **District 23 continues to respectfully suggest Area 74 forego having these "District Reports" being given at the ACMs** and instead be shared at the Area 74 Assemblies, as suggested in "The A.A. Service Manual".
- III. **"A Happy (Sober) New Year" to All!!!**
- IV. **All Subsequent "District 23 Reports"** will be submitted by our new DCM, Steve Schreiber.

Thanks to All for the Honor of Serving A.A.,
Jay Hands, DCM/District 23

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District 24

Meeting Closes with Lord's Prayer.

December 9, 2017 ACM Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Vickie R Ackley
Incoming Area 74 Secretary.

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Signed and respectfully submitted to Archivist by:

Vickie R Ackley, Area 74 Secretary (2018-2019)

Jeff Davis, Area 74 Chair (2018-2019)