

Area Committee Meeting
September 16, 2018 10:00 a.m.
Minutes
Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI

The meeting opened at 8:00 am.

Area Chair opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by Serenity Prayer.

Barry read the 12 Traditions

Phil read the 12 Concepts

Area Chair, Jeff Davis opened the meeting by reading the housekeeping guidelines and the voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity with 2/3 majority unless otherwise stated, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments.

Timer: Shane

Counter: Gloria

Roll Call:

Area Officers

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

Committee Chairs

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

DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23.

Past Delegates: Panel 56, Jeff C

Minutes from the 08/11/18 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes. No one opposed. Minutes approved.

DCM Reports: Please see page 5

Delegate's Report: Please see page 8

Question and Answer for Delegate: Continues from page 8 through end of report.

Unfinished Business:

Motion: try and clarify, Area 74 Committee meeting hold a sharing session at the area committee meeting in December, open to all members of Area 74 to discuss concerns they have with Area Committee and Structure.

2nd.

Jeff said to put on the Agenda in October, just so the Area can vote on it. Open the Area Committee Meeting scheduled in December to everyone so all can discuss it.

Open for discussion: Motion needs to be submitted in writing.

Jason: Finance Chair, request, not bog down with usual business, but dedicate the last four hours of the day and have some separation to it.

Sara: Delegate, having it at the Area Committee Meeting, which means, the usual people would not come to that, wonder if it should be held at the October Assembly?

Jeff: Area Assembly involves the Budget and other business to get done.

Matt: DCM 01, seems like a sharing session from yesterday. We tabled just about half of our Agenda every single time. Put out what already is out there and come up with some type of formula for addressing it.

Gerri Ann: Didn't we organize our own Committee here? Didn't we decide that this was an Area Committee Meeting? Do we set the format for ourselves? Why don't we do that today? We don't have to ask anybody, we set it.

Sara: to get more confused, in a comment to Gerri Ann, actually, Jeff as the Area Chair does the Area Committee Agenda. We don't. We set the Assembly Agenda. And now I'm following what she's saying, if we're going to do that, we need the Assembly's approval if we're going to make the motion. We don't just do the motion today and then it's an automatic. The other thing to add, usually the December Area Committee Meeting is not well attended.

Jeff D: Area Chair, add this to the morning session all the way to lunch and possibly after, and withdraw this motion and announce that it's open to everybody that morning session.

Jeff C: Aside from the approval, Area Committee Meeting is open to everyone and anyone to address the Area Committee.

Area Chair will add it to the morning session at the December Area Committee Meeting, to address the concerns discussed here today, such as Area inventory.

Jeff Davis can announce that it is an open sharing session for all

Comments were made:

- Have Business in the morning and sharing session.
- Could have a special meeting just for a sharing session. Have the Area Committee in the morning? And have a special area sharing session. And an Area Inventory is where we need to have the coin. And an area Inventory structured way for everyone to be involved. The Area committee has been trying to serve the power of the Assembly. An Inventory gets everyone involved and everyone to buy into and the only way to get to where we want to.
- Let's take action, put the invite out to the entire fellowship of Area 74 that we are here for the groups, let's talk openly and freely. Not do business. Have a couple of recorders.
- Thinks of three excellent facilitators. Whether it be a sharing session or inventory. Suggested, Derek, clarify we are doing a motion on the floor and we have been discussing it. Jason calls to question the motion. There was a 2nd.

What are we voting on? Area 74 Area committee holds a sharing session at the area committee meeting in December, open to all members of Area 74.

All in favor to calling the motion to question: Simple majority. 23 for and 0 against.

Goes on Agenda.

Area 74 Area Committee holds a sharing session at the area committee meeting in December, open to all members of Area 74.

Discussion is closed.

All in favor of the motion: 20 for and 4 opposed.

Minority Opinion:

Derek: I voted against motion just as a matter of process, because there's still question. Reopen for discussion.

Michelle: I voted against it, in total favor of inventory or sharing session, but concerns that it would not make it to a point of decision. So, motion would stay unanswered as have the previous motions.

No other minority opinions.

Any one wants to change their vote? No. Motions Stands. Added to October Assembly Agenda.

Next Agenda Item:

Approve October 27th, 2018 Assembly Agenda.

Jeff Davis, Area Chair noted to the Committee the following items for our October Assembly Agenda: Standard items, GSR/DCM Orientation and open house.

Officer reports and Chair reports. Lots to address and wanted to suggest a sharing session.

WICYPAA report, lunch, recommitted ASL, Now & Then Motion going to electronic Distribution, YPAA motion, RAFTYPAA Motion, determine a date for the Delegates Report, Confirm an Archivist, Now & Then Co-Editor, Budget for 2019, Finance Committee Member and Structures & Guidelines Committee Member, Sharing Discussion.

Open for discussion:

Shannon, Can Committee reports be delayed? Do we have to hear them again?

Not sure, doesn't know the answer.

Strict 2 minutes on Committee Reports.

Can Committee Reports be placed at the end and do budgets first.

Suggest, written reports be brought prior to assembly so they can be available to anyone. And open for questions. Which eliminates the time part.

Consensus to replace Reports at end of Assembly Agenda.

Unfinished Business:

Now & Then Motion

Budget – place under old business

YPAA

RAFTYPAA

REPORTS – if time allowed

CONFERENCE BIDS

2020 CONF BID – Tentatively

No other business.

-Suggestion: We now have a new Webmaster. Send an email of what ideas you have or want to see on the website.

-Norm: Reminder to everyone if you have any requests for email literature, please email Norm and they will have ready at October Meeting.

Motion to close, 2nd. Meeting Concluded at 9:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Vickie R Ackley
Area 74 Secretary 2018-2019

Minutes passed and approved on: _____
Date

DCM Reports:

District 01 – Matt B.

I am Matt DCM District 01

We service the greater Green Bay area, with nearly 100 meetings per week listed on our schedule.

Our district meetings are well attended but we do currently have two service positions open (Grapevine and CPC).

We are currently exploring providing ASL interpreters for district meetings. Group response has been generally positive. Structure, budget, and funding are still being decided.

Our annual budget is 6600.00 and our current available funds are 5658.94, not including 1300.00 prudent reserve.

For information about our upcoming events or meeting schedule please visit our website at greenbayaa.org

Conference wrap-up.

District 02 – Brent H.

Gave report in person

District 03 – Danielle M.

1. Report from August 11, 2018: District 03 serves southern Wood County Wisconsin and includes, Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, and Port Edwards. We have 11 registered meetings, 2 GSR's with one of those doing some archives work, we also have a treasurer for the district. I continue to help set up the speaker meeting that is held the second Saturday of each month, hosted by Tuesday Night Working with Others. I also sponsor other woman and answer the phone service. I am currently working on a new up to date meeting list and am currently helping a new group get registered. The district has their district meeting each month on the 3rd Thursday at the Alano Club in Wisconsin Rapids.
2. Report from September 16, 2018: Read report in person.

District 04- Barry M

- We currently have 29 groups and 30 meetings including open and closed meetings and women's only meetings.
- As our Conference Chair reported yesterday, progress on planning for the 2019 Fall Conference continues. I thank the Planning Committee for their early and dedicated work.
- The number of GSR's attending our monthly District meetings is on the rise. There are lively discussions with consensus being reached through cooperation and compromise.
- We had our annual picnic in August. It was well attended with good food and quality time with other recovering alcoholics.
- We elected a new District Secretary at our September District meeting and will be electing a new Literature/Grapevine Chair at our October meeting to fill a recent vacancy.
- Our District Committees continue to work toward serving the still suffering alcoholic including meetings at both the Portage and Waupaca County jails, treatment facility programs, meeting lists, a computerized AA hotline, attendance at health fairs, purchasing Grapevine subscriptions

for sober houses, etc. Our committees are free to explore new ways to continue to serve the alcoholic

- Group donations have been meeting our needs. That combined with prudent spending by our committees has us in the planning stages of either a Traditions or a Sponsorship workshop.

District 07 – Phil D.

District 08 – Randy O.

Gave verbal report in person.

District 10 – Michelle Z.

District 10 DCM report, September 16, 2018

Good morning. I am an alcoholic, my name is Michelle Zanoni, DCM of District 10.

District 10 stretches from Mercer, south to Tomahawk, west to Lac du Flambeau and east to Crandon, and includes the cities of Rhinelander, Eagle River, Minocqua, and Antigo. 41 meetings are held weekly throughout our District, for approximately 34 groups.

Our monthly GSR meeting generally meets every second Saturday of the month. Attendance is steady at around 14 people. Most of the attendees are Committee Chairs or Officers. Some Committee Chairs double as GSRs. I counted five GSRs last week, but a couple of people showed up late. All our Committee Chair positions are filled. The most active committees are Corrections and PI/CPC.

We have two new meetings: one is a Big Book Study in Crandon that meets on Thursday nights, at 6:30 pm (I think), the other is an open meeting on Sunday nights at 7 pm in the Mercer Public Library. The Crandon group has applied for a service number with GSO, the Sunday night Mercer meeting is an extension of the Thursday night Mercer group.

We are looking forward to holding a District Inventory on Friday, October 26th at the Days Inn in Rhinelander. It starts at 6 pm with pizza and should go until about 9 or 9:30 pm. Area 74 Delegate Sara P will moderate. It is the night before our next Assembly. If any of you are in town and curious to see how it goes, you are welcome to attend and observe, and of course, eat pizza.

District 13 – Sonny L.

District 17 – Cindy

District 18 – Shannon R

District 20 – Cheryl Anderson

District 21 – Ronald Schreiner

District 21 covers northern Houghton and all of Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area includes two universities, year-round tourism is our major industry, thus our recovery population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who study or visit here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Because of this we recognize and actively support two allied programs, Al-anon and ACOA. We currently have 25 active AA meetings, as well 6 seasonal meetings running through October 15th. We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as

well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and although not in our district, continue to support Wednesday night A.A. meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

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

Attendance at our District Meetings has been down slightly, but enthusiasm is high. Plans are being made for a November 3rd workshop, as well as our August 2019 Intergroup. We are looking at the third weekend in August, so we do not conflict with this Area Committee Meeting if held. New meeting schedules are at the printer and we are preparing a new 25 second PSA to be aired soon.

We had a rather pleasant surprise at our last district meeting as a representative from a meeting that folded over five years ago turned over their rather substantial treasury to the district.

This has been a relatively short report, so I have left this space left blank, just in case I remember something I forgot...

District 23 – Steven S

Read report today.

Delegate's Report – Sara Plansky-Pecor, 68th Delegate -

Sara asked if her report needed to be heard again. As it was already stated by Sara yesterday at the Assembly. Sara reported that her report is a condensed version of what was said at the 9/15/2018 Assembly and what has transpired since August 11, 2018. You can expect this week, the Anonymity protected digital version of the final report of the 68th General Service Conference to area Committee members as well as past delegates and also forward the grid of the proposed conference agenda items.

Also, looking back earlier in the year when the Area Chair did the DCM Committee assignments. After speaking to a couple of DCM's, it seems that it is unclear they understand that they are assigned to a Committee. So if you don't know what committee you're on, please see Sara, Corrections WI has 1, Corrections MI has 1, Archives has no current DCM assigned. The other committees have 2 or 3 DCM'S.

Sara then opened it up for anyone that had questions:

1. Randy: DCM 08, Public Service Announcement (PSA) interest, asking how often do you see or hear PSA's in your localities?
2. Jeff C: A few PSA's have been heard in Area 75, lower Wisconsin Area. Heard it on three different stations, AM and FM.
3. Dean: CPC Chair, 4 years ago they tried to get PSA's on our local radio stations. Back then, it was a very frustrating experience coordinating between GSO and the local radio station. They wouldn't talk to each other, so Dean was middle man. Nothing could be sent to Dean. GSO had to send directly to radio station. But maybe some has changed since and GSO has relaxed some of that.

And on a different topic, announced that the CPC Workshop was for professionals and the fellowship that need to interact.

4. Jason: Finance Chair, please put on your to do list, there's 2 elections coming up in October, Finance Committee and Structure & Guidelines needs a committee member.
5. Barry: Regarding the psa's, The radio stations needed it in a different format than what it came in on the CD from the General Service Office (GSO). The District had to change the format before the station would accept it.
Some stations are required to play some PSA's as far as their licensing agreement. As far as print for District 04, had internet versions and newspaper print over the holidays, but they do charge.
6. Jeff C: Area Committee Meeting addressing our concerns. Having a GSO respond to us in our district, what is the process for that? The process is the Delegate. And another is the Trustee in the region. Because the GSO serves us. We don't serve them. We bring to the Area Committee as a concern and it is a concern because a few Districts have discussed psa's today.

The Area Committee addresses the concerns of the Area. They came forward yesterday and addressed their concerns yesterday at the Assembly Sharing Session. It's important that we get our DCM reports, but it's not in our Guidelines. The health of the area and area concerns.

7. Derek: Grapevine Chair, if you have a concern, the vehicle to getting that addressed would be under new business. So the concerns that were voiced would be on the Agenda today under new business.

Delegate: What we don't know, we don't know. Looking to clarify, Public Service Announcements (PSA's) was an issue in the past. Based on that, what would be a new agenda item.

Derek heard a lot of discussion on the way we do business, the number of service meetings a year, the format. So that could be an agenda item to discuss. So what Derek got was an "area inventory" and remembers the CAB Committee. Maybe it's time for that. Are we discussing things that would help the

Alcoholic the that still suffers? Derek stated that he had several discussions with trusted servants and the CAB committee came up! And brought up the thought of Area Inventory. Maybe it's time. And that would cover a lot of things that have been brought up.

Things brought up today and yesterday, do we add this to our agenda? Area Inventory? And how we're doing business? The PSA's and how they're working in this area?

Derek: We could do this today.

Jeff C: Agenda items for the Area Committee or the Assembly?

Delegate: I don't know. To be honest, I don't know how to do this. I served as Area Chair as well and still unsure, seems like everyone is getting frustrated. Looking for guidance. What do we do?

Derek: Propose for items today. It definitely should be discussed today. Doesn't have to be formal. The time and place to be having those discussion and generating. If motions come out of it, great. At the Area Committee Meeting.

We are looking for guidance on how to and what to add to our meetings. At the Area Committee, discussing those items.

Dean, CPC Chair, was on the PI Committee and remembers discussing that a Conference Motion was made that they were going to change the policy and allow PSA's to be sent directly to members.

Ron: as far as PSA's go, that would be addressed more on district level than on an area level. The FCC requires that it's a public service announcement for free.

Char asked by a show of hands, who is ready for effective change in how we do things in Area 74? Char has a motion ready to go, a few years back there was an Ad Hoc Committee on conducting area business (CAB), they came to a point where they had an immense amount of work of gathering data, and they got hung up on the prioritizing, What do we really need to do and where do we go from here: Take that work and round up a whole new committee, new members and take feed back and incorporate and see what those points are. And we have this other data right available. Start looking at our effectiveness in our Committee structure, how many Assemblies, where do we have redundancies, etc. And agrees that maybe it's time to do the Area Inventory.

Sara agrees. Based on a lot of suggestions from the Assembly yesterday and do we need an Area Committee Meeting or do we just talk in an open thing and air it out?

Mike: Ad Hoc comes up with a solution and they ignore it. So why approach it again?

Sara: Because it goes back to the Members, just because the Ad Hoc Committee does the work, Members still have a right to comment. Otherwise we would be a governing body. And that was what was happening in that CAB Committee.

Michelle: So disappointed when the Committee was dissolved. Are we allowed to see what work that Committee had completed?

Dedicate the next Assembly or Committee Meeting where we have a sharing session that we open to everyone in the Area to do some brainstorming and try to go from there as far as changing how we do things here.

Gail: Gail has all the raw data that came out of the CAB Committee, met twice a week, by phone conference, and concluded that they were not as Committee in a position to come up with

recommendations for the body. Tried to rate each recommendation and prioritize it based on that. They looked at it for a year in a half. That information is in archives.

Sara: Hope to keep taking inventory, agrees that the sharing session and today's comments were helpful and will be constructive.

Sara ended with her gratitude and appreciation for all of Area 74 service work.