

**Area 74 Assembly Minutes**  
**May 18, 2019**  
**Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center**  
**Kimberly WI**  
**Hosted by District 02**

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

**1. 9:00 AM – Welcome and Housekeeping**

GSRs in attendance. 4 new GSR's introduced themselves today.

**Housekeeping/Announcements** including voice/vote explanation, GSRs, DCMs, Officers, Chairs, Past Delegates vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated. 2 minutes to share. By voice vote are all willing to participate with these guidelines? Yes.

The counters were Diane D. and Bob  
The timer: Sheryl D  
12 Traditions – Bob  
12 Concepts for World Service - Matt

**Roll Call**

**a. Area Officers:**

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, Delegate- attending General Service Conference (GSC) in New York. Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer.

**b. Area Committee Chairs:**

Archives, CPC, Corrections WI – Could not attend today, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then – Could not attend today, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, Webmaster

**c. DCMs:**

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20 Alt DCM, 21 Alt DCM, 23

**Past Delegates:**

Panel 54 Torv T  
Panel 62 Marty L  
Panel 66 Derek T  
Panel 39, Area 75 – Karen.

**2. Approved Minutes from Assembly on 04/27/2019.**

A motion was made to approve the Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed.

**3. Area Officer Reports (Starting on page 6)**

-Registrar

-Secretary

-Treasurer – Will update report with current seed funds that have been disbursed (**see email attachment**). Added new Appleton Post Office address and already updated on the Area 74 Website. P.O. Box 1191, Appleton WI 54912-1191.

-Alt Delegate/Area Chair Report

-Delegate's Report – Could not attend today. Attending GSC in New York. Will report back to Assembly on June 22, 2019 in Three Lakes WI at the Reiter Center.

**4. Area Committee Chair Reports:**

See email attachment: Area 74 Committee Chair Reports.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Confirm Now & Then Co-Editor – Still open. Tabled.
- b. Confirm new Archivist – Still open. Tabled.
- c. Elect interim Corrections Michigan Chair – no nominations yet. Tabled.
- d. **Motion from Now & Then to form an ad-hoc committee to assist the editors in establishing guidelines and/or parameters for future content of the Area 74 Newsletter. (Attachment copy via email sent to Assembly)**  
Area Chair read the proposed motion and added background.  
Comments/Questions:  
Marty: No indication on Ad-hoc Committee timeline? 6 months?  
Char: Table until Jeff C. (who proposed this motion) gets here for afternoon session. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
- Majority vote was to table until this afternoon.

**10 Minute Break**

**6. New Business:**

- a. **MOTION presented: (Attachment copy via email sent to Assembly)**  
**“The Area Assembly approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to study the effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee meetings per year.”**

This motion and background material was presented and read to the Assembly by Char V., from the Concepts Study Group, District 02.

Do we have a 2<sup>nd</sup>? Yes. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Floor is open for discussion:

Research on the past findings, September 2015 had findings listed.

Collecting Data versus a lot of discussion.

Need to take action steps.

Terry made comments based on district size.

Derek commented from past area inventory committees non formally.

Did you talk about an area inventory?

Since the Sharing Session in December of 2018, feels the Assemblies have been really good.

Group is welcome to area inventory.

Going back to groups, right of decision.

Keep the scope narrow so it doesn't get off the track.

Report in the Now & Then.

Report back at the Area Committee Meeting.

Will be talking about this again at our October Assembly. So plenty of time to get info to groups.

Mike: Form Ad-Hoc committee never ends and never seems to carry any further.

Brent: emphasized to keep focused and keep it one step at a time.

Mike: What kind of information do you anticipate gathering?

Char answered that there are solid tools to send out survey, such as the area 74 website and through our Registrar address data base.

Bryon: Survey by June 12.

Sara: GSR, District 08. Thought. Table this. Bring back to GSR's.

Patrick: District 08, prefer to the vote now and bring back to GSR's for later comments.

Who will form committee?

Seated chair appoints ad hoc committee

How long should committee work on this? After results are published and after October Assembly.  
Who would serve on committee: not decided.  
Billy K – Alt DCM: Read an article to assembly.

Taking vote on Motion:

In favor: 48

Opposed: 6

Motion carries.

Any minority wish to speak:

Derek: voted against motion. Feels we should do an area inventory. Feels we could do more.  
Maybe an inventory comes later.

Any one wish to change their vote? 1 yes, do we need a 2<sup>nd</sup> on that? Yes, there was a 2<sup>nd</sup> to reconsider.

Voting to reconsider:

All in favor to reconsider: 9

Opposed: 44

Motion will carry as original.

Motion is passed.

**b. Gerri Ann: Presented new MOTION: “Have the Area 74 Assembly do an Area Inventory.”**

Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Char.

Floor is open for discussion:

Do we need to add a time and date?

Who will do the inventory?

When was last area inventory? In 2010.

Discuss at ACM

Dan at District 03. Vote on both motions.

Written inventory

Concepts checklist suggested that format

Stick with ad hoc committee that identifies the current issue with number of Assemblies.

Inventory to look at our trusted servants that we were instructed to do.

All in Favor of the motion: 50

Opposed: 4

Motion Carries.

Minority discussion?

Sara from Dist. 8 opposed for the fact she likes the sharing session. Are you willing to do the work to get this completed?

Motion passes.

**7. Conference Updates & Bids:**

2019 Spring Conference Update Report – District 02 – May 2019 Barry Co-Chair presented today. Registrations at 123 of today. Still need more 85 Banquet orders. I.E. Past Delegate Panel. 334 registrations, sold out on ice cream social and banquets (220).

2019 Fall Conference Update Report – District 04 – September 2019, Michael 2019 Conference Chair. Conference is confirmed and asked for any questions. None.

2020 Spring Conference Update Report – District 13 – May 2020 by Marty, Conf Comm Chair. The Area 74 Spring Conference in 2020 will be held in District 13 in Ashland, Wisconsin at the AmericInn hotel and conference center. We have secured contracts with the hotel, the caterer, entertainment, and Gopher State Recording. We also have our main speakers committed. The hotel room rate includes hot breakfast and access to the water park. They also will provide all our coffee needs at no additional charge. Rooms must be reserved by April 15, 2020. The caterer/banquet payments must be made to our conference committee by May 10, 2020. We are planning and budgeting your event on 200 registrations and 180 banquets. Plan to attend the Conference and welcome to District 13.

2020 Fall Conference Bid – No bids proposed today.

2021 Spring Conference Bid – Kathy, Alt DCM, District 20. No other bids. Assembly Accepted bid.

8. **Report from WICYPAA for Area 74.**

Lukas, Advisory co-chair: January 2020 next WICYPAA. See their website for more information.

Lunch Break until 1pm.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

(Proposal on Ad-Hoc Committee for Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines & Content) continued:

Jeff Campbell gave an update on what goes into the Newsletter, Now & Then. Seeking input on what the Now & Then should contain. Seeking from the Assembly, to form a Committee to provide where we're going with this. Jeff submitted the proposal. Seeking guidance at this Assembly to get guidelines set and proposed before next Assembly in October, which will be 5 months later before we look at this again.

So seeking Assembly approval to set the proposal in motion.

Assembly floor open for comments:

Terry: Expectation from GSR's to be printed and handy for their meetings.

Dave Z: When electronic version is sent, separate into 2 parts, Now & Then newsletter.

Jeff: submit an education piece to walk you through how to narrow down your printing choices.

Marty: long term committee or until October?

What is the vision or scope of Newsletter based on guidelines?

Jeff: form an editorial committee

1<sup>st</sup> part of committee: what is the intent of this committee?

Mike: idea: what would capture the newcomer? Send submissions to add something to capture the newcomer.

Brent: Jeff is proposing solutions. How do we want to proceed with the Committee?

Anyone interested in sitting on this committee, please see the Area Chair.

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**Motion to close meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting closed at 1:25 pm with the Lord's Prayer.**

**Next meeting: June 22, 2019 at 9 am in Three Lakes for Delegate's Report and possible ACM (Optional).**

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie R Ackley  
Area 74 Secretary



**Area Officers Reports:**

May 16, 2019

You have no idea how easy you guys have made this position. Without your help we never would have been able to clean up the Fellowship New Vision database. We will only meet a few more times this year, so if there is anything you can do to clean up your District please send me an email.

I have printed out a list of all the Unknown Groups for each District. Please pick them up sometime this weekend.

I have all the changes as well as the documentation for those changes made within your District. You can pick up these changes anytime between now and the December Area Committee Meeting. I don't know if anyone wants them, but I thought I would offer them to you. I am not certain the next Registrar will want them. If the new Registrar does not want the documentation, I will shred what I have left.

Due to the Area's decision to have the "Now and Then" delivered using email, I do not receive address updates for group contacts.

I relied on the returned mail to try and update group information. As a result, this has made the updating of the group information much more difficult. It was much easier to update addresses and contacts when I knew they contained invalid information.

Now I will try searching by the last group update. If it has been years since the last group update, I will be looking at the contacts and trying to verify the information. The group questions will end up with the DCM's more often than it has.

I want to Thank you all for your help and all that we have accomplished, I couldn't have done it without you.

Yours in Service,

Gerri Ann K.  
Area 74 Registrar

3 Groups are Pending Active  
636 Active Groups  
249 Groups WITHOUT Email  
387 Groups with Email  
83 2<sup>nd</sup> Contact with Email  
29 Known Invalid Addresses  
135 Unknown Groups

Secretaries Report:

My name is Vickie and I'm an alcoholic. Not much activity to report at this time. However, I would like to thank District 2 for hosting the Spring Conference and great accommodations and I appreciate the details that are applied to the Conference Brochure.

I also would like to thank our Area 74 Alternate Secretary, Sheryl D., for always helping and being an extra set of eyes and ears to pick up details I may have missed.

I am truly grateful to be of service and while trying to fulfill this area secretary job, I am thankful for all the reports that are sent via email/electronically. Thank you, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers and DCM's.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again on June 22, 2019 for our Delegate's Report on the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference which our Delegate is attending now. The Delegate's Report will be held at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes WI.

Respectfully,

Vickie Ackley  
Area 74 Secretary

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair Report:

Good morning everyone this is my second report to the Area 74 Assembly in a month's time. I have gotten ready for this Assembly since the last time we met and that's about it, thank you, any questions. Ok for those of you who may not have been at the last Assembly since last October's Assembly, I prepared and facilitated an Area Committee meeting in December in Three Lakes. Also in December I was invited to speak on Traditions and Guidelines in District 02 and bombed that badly, fortunately the other presenters were exceptional and the event was a good one. I thank district 02 for the invite and apologize again for my poor presentation. At the beginning of the year the monthly DCM phone call started up again and I have been able to be on for a couple of those calls. I really appreciate being able to participate on those calls and would encourage all DCM's to participate, it is a good chance to run things by your fellow DCM's and to find out what is going on in other districts. I have struggled to write an article for the Now & Then every month and have pushed the deadline for it almost every month, but so far I have made it and thank our Editor for his patience thus far. I have actually considered sending in an article I wrote early last year and just changing the date on it and see if anyone notices but now that I am sharing that with you, I guess that may not work. My sponsor tells me to be accountable so there you go. I attended the East Central regions Conference of Delegates past and present this last February for the second time in my term and found it to be a nice event that really gets our Delegates ready for New York. I thank past Delegate Marty L. for accompanying me to this conference, I enjoyed getting to know him better. I fell really ill for our Delegates Workshop this last March and was unable to be there, fortunately our Delegate Sara was able to pick up the slack for me, and Gayle Z. was able to get her the materials needed which I did manage to prepare: I thank them both. We had our first full Assembly of the year a month ago in Three Lakes. I managed to get things ready for that and felt the Assembly was a pretty good day. I know some felt otherwise, but I judge these things based on how often I get chewed out for screw ups, and that was at a minimum, so success in my book. All kidding aside we did get through all the conference agenda items for Sara in New York and had some involved discussions on a few of the items. In talking with Sara afterwards, she and I both felt that perhaps there could have been more discussion on a couple of matters but as a whole, Sara felt like she got enough from the Assembly to help her in New York. Since that Assembly I tried a little bit to read up on some of the conference agenda items just in case Sara would not be able to attend and it would fall to me. Praise the lord she is either there or on her way and I have managed to dodge another bullet for another year. On a serious note when she returns and you see her next please thank her for her very involved service, I have watched her and other past Delegate's during their term and the commitment and dedication necessary to perform the duties of that role are immense. Other than that it has been quiet other than yesterday getting ready for this Assembly and the Area Committee meeting tomorrow. I would like to thank District 02 for all the hard work they have put into this conference. Coming up next will be the Delegates report on the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Three Lakes. I hope that all who can will make it, but especially as many GSR's that can, so they can bring back all that information to their groups. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this position, it has been a humbling and tiresome job at times, but also very rewarding, and I consider it a huge honor.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff D. alt Delegate/Area Chair.