

Area 74 Assembly Minutes
October 26, 2019
Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St, Three Lakes WI

1. 9:00 AM – Welcome and Housekeeping

The Assembly opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The 12 Traditions were read by Gary.
The Concepts were read by Kathy.
The counters were Nicholas and Joe.
The timer was Aaron.

Housekeeping and guidelines were read by Jeff D., Area Chairman.

2. Roll Call

a. Area Officers:

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

b. Area Committee Chairs:

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

c. DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21-A, 23.

d. Past Delegates:

Panel 54 Torv T
Panel 56 Jeff C
Panel 62 Marty L
Panel 66 Derek T
Panel 38 Area 75 - Karen

- 3. Approve Minutes from Assembly on 05/18/2019. A motion was made to approve. 2nd. No one opposed. Passed.**
- 4. Approve Minutes from Assembly on 09/21/2019. A correction to reflect the actual process that occurred for the nomination of our new Delegate.**

5. Unfinished Business

a. Confirm new Archivist:

Phil D., informed Assembly of sobriety and service work. A vote was taken: 50 approved. 0 Opposed. Welcome Phil!

b. Nomination for new Literature Chair:

James Mood. James informed Assembly of sobriety and service work. Vote was taken. Unanimous. Welcome James Mood!

c. 2020 Proposed /Budget – Gloria O., Finance Chair. (See attached budget proposal.) Any questions:

- Discussion on surplus monies from the current year and statement to propose the additional surplus that may be available or offer to groups that cannot afford to attend Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings.

There were 2 additions. 1 for the 2020 International Convention and money budgeted for the ASL Interpreter.

Budget was voted on for approval. 48 voted yes. 1 voted no.

Minority Opinion:

Reason they voted no to make sure there is a voice. Looking at the actuals for 2019, are we doing the work of AA? To ensure we utilize the budget to carry the message.

Anyone in majority change the vote? None.

Budget is passed.

6. **New Business**

a. Report from Ad-Hoc committee on Now & Then content and Guidelines.

Jeff C. & Michelle Z. Now & Then Co-Editors:

Reviewed and read the attached document called: "Proposal from Now & Then Ad Hoc Committee – Newsletter Content".

Opened the floor to Assembly for questions. The following questions were asked:

Was this going to be voted on to add as a guideline?

How long does it take to put the Now & Then together and send to the Area?

And finally, this is the report from the Ad-Hoc Committee. This whole process started about 2 years ago when the Now & Then proposed going electronically.

This is a General guideline, maybe have a consensus to approve for future users.

b. Report from Ad-Hoc committee on Area Inventory. Gerri Ann spoke on behalf of Ad-Hoc Committee and presented the attached: "The Committee Recommends:"
4 suggestions were presented and discussed:

1. We suggest using the optional August 2020 Area Committee Meeting for this process. The August Area 74 Committee Meeting would be dedicated to the Area Inventory.
DISCUSSION: This inventory is for Area Assembly. Need sole dedication time/date for Assembly Inventory.

Vote was taken. In favor: 23 and 15 Opposed.
60% in favor. Does not make substantial unanimity.

Minority opinion change their vote? Motion was made to change their vote and a 2nd was made.
Vote to reopen discussion: 44 yes. 1 opposed.

With that being said and after a few comments made by the Assembly, there was a Motion to table until further time and resume with the remaining 3 recommendations: All In favor: 41 Those Opposed: 2.

Recommendation 1 was tabled.

2. Continuing on with recommendation number 2 made by the Ad-Hoc Committee which states: "During the months in between the October 2019 Assembly and the August 2020 ACM, the inventory questions below would be sent to all the DCM's, Alt. DCM's, GSR's and Area Officers. Also post inventory on the Area website and print in the Now and Then.

After this motion was read, the floor was open for discussion and the following occurred:

Motion to table on the rest of Committee Recommendations: All in favor 39. Oppose 6. Tabled.

c. Report and survey results from Ad-Hoc committee on Assembly efficiency and frequency. Char has spoke on the report and survey. Open to Assembly for discussion: any recommendations. Anything that may have stood out to you?: Does the Assembly think that based on the survey results, there is a need for change?

Open to floor:

Randy, How much of percentage in separating the Assembly from the Conference?

Presented by Michelle Z:

Motion: The Ad-Hoc Committee on effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of 4 assemblies and ACM's per year, summarize the survey data and bring back to the Assembly with recommendations. 2nd:

Floor is open for discussion:

This should be open to everybody. Everyone has a voice.

The survey was our voice.

45 approve. 1 opposed. Not minority opinion.

Need to add 1 committee member.

Lunch Break

Gerri Ann started 2nd half of meeting with the following changes: (See attached copy.)

1. A facilitator would be needed from outside the Area. This facilitator would need to be reimbursed.

2. Have an Area Assembly Inventory, an Area Assembly or Special Assembly, date determined by the Area Committee.

3. During the time between now and the Area Assembly or Special Assembly, The inventory questions below would be sent to all the DCM'S, Alternate DCM's, GSR's and Area Officers. Also post the inventory on the Area website and printed in the Now & Then.

45 approved. 0 opposed. Motion Passes.

d. Grapevine Committee Motion.

Derek read the Motion, Background information. (Attached).

All in favor: 46 approved 0 opposed. Motion passes.

e. District 5 submit a bid for Fall Conf, Sept 11 - 13, 2020. Best Western Plus in Eau Claire. Venue should be able to hold Assembly plus 2 other events. Banquet may cost \$25. Registration should be \$20, Banquet capacity 250. Lodging per night = \$100. Approved by District 05 to place bid. \$2000 - \$2,500 for complete conference rental with Best Western.

After questions, the vote was taken to approve bid: 46 in favor. 0 Opposed. Fall 2020 Conference will be held in District 05.

f. Approve 2020 Dates to Remember. Reviewed attached document. After questions and comments. Vote was taken. 46 approved. 0 opposed. Approved!

g. Discussion on ASL implementation for 2020.

Scheduling an interpreter may take a year in advance.

Lodging expense included in cost.

Hired a licensed interpreter. Falls in guideline requirements including confidential and professionalism.

There is a state website listing licensed interpreters.

h. Confirm new finance chair for 2020: Brent H was chosen as new Finance Committee Chair. Brent gave his background history. 43 in favor. 0 Opposed. Congratulations Brent!

i. Structures and Guidelines Chair for 2020. Dave announced Terri W as new Structures and Guidelines Chair. Terri gave background history on his service work. 40 in favor. 0 opposed. Congratulations Terri!

Not on Agenda, but today we would like to announce the alternate-secretary for 2020. And that person would be Nicholas. Nicholas gave background on his service work. 46 in favor. 0 opposed. Congratulations Nicholas.

7. WICYPAA Report:

No one present for report.

8. Conference Updates & Bids:

2019 Spring Conference Wrap up Report – District 02 Report Attached.

2019 Fall Conference Wrap up Report – District 04 verbal report by Michael. 145 Banquets, 245 registered. Hotel costs \$2,045. \$1,000 spent to the committees. \$300 Interpreter. \$1,000 seed money returned to Area Treasurer today.

2020 Spring Conference Report – District 13:

The Area 74 Spring Conference of 2020 is progressing slowly, but time moves quick. We have secured our main speakers and most panel groups. The venue is the AmericInn in Ashland, Wisconsin the weekend of May 15-17th, 2020. Our conference will center around a theme of "Vision" - 2020, get it? The room rate of \$114.95, including hot breakfast is valid until 30 days prior to the event. We will have flyers with registration available soon and also posted on the Area 74 website. We are budgeting around 200 in attendance, so don't miss our beautiful spring event of Area speakers, Assembly, Dance, Banquet and much more.

Marty L - Conference Committee Chair

2021 Spring Conference – Derek T. Currently filling positions.

2021 Fall Conference

9. Area Officer Reports: See attached.

Registrar – Gerri Ann K.

Secretary- Vickie A.

Treasurer (Please see attached email) – Char V.

Alt Delegate/Area Chair Report – Jeff D.

Delegate's Report – Sara P. (see email attachment)

10. Area 74 Committee Chair Reports:

Archives – Report attached

Corrections MI – Report attached

Corrections WI – Not here

CPC – Report attached

Finance – Report attached

Grapevine – Report attached

Now & Then – Verbal report

Literature – Verbal report

Public Information – Verbal report
Structures & Guidelines – Verbal report
Treatment – Not here

Gloria, Chair from Finance Committee reported on overages and seeking approval.
All in favor of overages proposed that will take them through the rest of the year:
45 in favor. 1 opposed.

11. 3:30 pm Close Meeting

Next Assembly meeting: April 4, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie R Ackley
Area 74 Secretary

Minutes were approved on: _____
Date

Officer Reports:

Registrar Report.

Thank you

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Gerri Ann

Area 74 Registrar

Secretary's Report:

Sincerely,
Vickie A

REPORT FROM THE AREA CHAIR TO THE AREA 74 ASSEMBLY

Jeff D