

**Area Committee Meeting
December 14, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Minutes
Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI**

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

Area Chair could not attend today due to work related reasons. Our Delegate Sara P will be chairing today.

Barry B read the 12 Traditions

Counter: Brian

Timer: Dawn

Sara opened the meeting by reading housekeeping guidelines and the voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity with 2/3 majority unless otherwise stated. Everyone agreed to follow today's procedures. No one opposed.

Roll Call:

Area Officers present:

Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer.

Committee Chairs present:

CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Public Information Chair, Treatment Chair.

Minutes from the 09/22/19 Area Committee Meeting were approved. 2nd. No one opposed. Minutes approved.

DCMs:

02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 10, 17, 18, 20 – Dean attending on behalf of Kathy P.

Past Delegates: Derek T, Panel 66 and Karen K, Panel 39-Area 75.

Delegate's Report: Please see [email](#) attachment.

DCM Reports: Please see pages 5-6 below.

Unfinished Business: None; however, the original Agenda presented on 12-14-19 has been amended to remove the topic agenda:

Finance Committee – Discussion on Committee activity.

New Business:

1. Discuss GSR attendance at Area Assemblies and what the Area can do to help more GSR's to get to events (possibility of setting up a scholarship fund by the Area to help alleviate the financial burden was brought up at last assembly as one idea.)
Delegate opened this topic to Committee for discussion/ideas:
Scholarship fund is concerning due to self-support – 7th tradition. However, budget supports our officers. GSR subaccount in district treasury to support GSR to attend.

Contributions went up considerably. All expenses have been paid and extra money to help support this.

- Attraction versus promotion
- AA Principles
- you are told to show up and you do.
- going to any lengths
- conduct meetings at different towns
- sponsors strongly suggest GSR's to attend mtgs
- groups show support to their GSR's
- write articles to the newsletter "Now and Then"

2. Set date for Area to do an inventory of itself at either an Assembly or create a special Assembly to do so.
 - Ad-Hoc committee on this subject is looking for a date from the ACM: There are currently 5 meetings held in Three Lakes Reiter Center.
 - We need suggestions on a facilitator and what can be done
 - We really need to set a date.
 - Did Area Assembly give the ACM approval to set the date?: Motion was made to set a date at the ACM. And bring back to the Assembly for approval?
 - How much time are you willing to provide and when and where?
 - Gloria is suggesting to use August optional meeting.
 - At a conference due to more participation at the Conferences.
 - Spring Conf consists of delegates report, therefore more lenient at the fall Conference because this isn't an election year.
 - Based on minutes from Assembly from Oct – It was tabled.

At this point ACM took a lunch break and will resume this discussion at 12:45.

Gail made a motion: To hold a special Assembly at the August 1, 2020 Optional ACM meeting time to do an Area Inventory. Motion was 2nd Barry. Hold a special Assembly at this date and meeting time for our Area Inventory. Open for discussion:

-this would be presented at our April Assembly for Assembly approval to conduct the Inventory on August 1, 2020.

-Once we vote, it's a recommendation to the Assembly.

All in favor: 18

Opposed: 0

Substantial Unanimity.

Motion Passes.

This will be added on the April Assembly Agenda.

3. Begin a dialogue on what the Area can do to help our Districts better in hosting Conferences. Delegate read Jeff's comments and wanted to open this to the ACM floor for discussion.
 - Dani, planning stages heard comments on money. Money seems to be the common issue. \$1000 seed money review.
 - Derek, Good topic for workshop and sharing sessions
 - Barry, consider in future have area 74 Liaison work with Conference Planner.
 - Brent, consider having Area 74 conference committee.
 - Phil, Archives has compiled literature from past conference committees.

- Dean, Utilize Structure and Guidelines.
- Sara, Learning by trial and error.

4. Now and Then Request for information needed to be discussed. Michelle Z., Co-editor announced an email from Came to Believe Group in Wausau announced there was a request for Now and Then to provide addresses to this group to send out their annual meeting. Is this allowed?
- contact registrar? Can Registrar release this?
 - Registrar said information is available. As far as GSO is concerned, if you need it, it can be provided.
 - is this promotion versus spiritual?
 - information is being distributed in many various ways currently, via electronically all the way to home group reps for printing hard copy distributions.
 - based on previous committee work on this topic the extra expenses occurred were thoroughly reviewed.
5. Randy O. brought forth a motion:
DCM District 8 made a motion to move the December ACM meeting to November. Reason so DCM'S can fulfill their duties before next rotation. And weather more accommodating for attendance. Phil has 2nd this motion.

DISCUSSION:

- Dani, we already discussed DATES to Remember for 2020. And already decided on staying with the December meeting.
- Brent, could this only affect the rotation years of DCM's.
Other wise table this motion. Cannot table when motion is on floor and still open for discussion.
- Derick, called the question.
- Michelle has 2nd to call the question.
- voting to call the question: 11 in favor. Opposed: 3 (Simple majority). Vote passes.

Now we vote on the motion:

Motion was read again: Move the December ACM meeting to November. Reason, so outgoing DCM can fulfill rotation.

All in favor: 5 Opposed: 12 71% OPPOSED. Motion does not pass.

Now open to Minority opinion.

- Randy, other reason may be electronic failure occurrences.
- Plus wrapping up DCM's work.
- Char, not a bad idea.
- Phil, December is a tough month. November would work more.

Any one in majority wish to change their vote.

Brent made a motion to change vote. No one had 2nd this motion. Motion stands as denied.

Any other comments or business: District 02 will be hosting an informal meeting to discuss background material on GSC Agenda Items.

James, from Literature, please send orders in advance and looking for larger orders.
District 01 and 02 please send to newsletter.

Motion to close meeting, 2nd. Meeting Concluded at 2 pm. Next ACM is March 7, 2020 and Delegate's Workshop is that day being held at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes WI

6. One on One time for Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Chairs, DCM's meet informally to discuss their districts or whatever else that moves them.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Area 74 Secretary 2018-2019

Minutes passed and approved on: _____
Date

DCM Reports:

District 01 – Matt B.
Not present today.

District 02 – Brent H.
Gave report in person – new DCM is Bob H. Working on Spring Conference. Looking for DCM 02 Committee Chair positions.

District 03 – Danielle M. - Read report to ACM.

District 04- Barry M- Read report to ACM.

- We currently have 30 groups and 31 meetings including open and closed meetings and women's only meetings.
- Our District is planning a Safety Workshop for October 2020. Details will be out as they become available.
- All new District 04 Officers and Committee Chairs as well as many new GSR's will begin their service terms January 1st.
- We passed a District budget in December. Seventh Tradition donations continue to be generous.
- We will be having our traditional New Year's alkathon. 24 hours of continuous meetings.
- Our various committees continue to work toward reaching out to and serving the alcoholic in our District.

District 05 – Marybeth S. - Not present today.

District 06 – Currently vacant.

District 07 – Phil D. Read report today.

Hi Everyone! Phil D., Alcoholic, DCM of District 07, currently serving 28 meetings, with 11 registered GSR's of which 2 are participating in monthly meetings. We have gained 3 new GSR's for this next rotation, but I am uncertain of the status of the other groups. We have an enthusiastic GSR who has stepped up for DCM, Mike H., and I hope our groups can support his efforts to serve the district, and he knows I am available to help with the transition. We have both secretary and treasurer agreeing to another term as no other volunteers came forward. We have no current chairs of any service committees, and no members of those committees. We have groups holding meetings in Corrections Institutions in Wood, Clark and Taylor Counties, and these are going well. There is interest in Archivist work by several members to get some history of our District from the old timers before they are not available. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the area in the literature committee, and the district as DCM, and I will hopefully continue to be of service in this new Archivist position. What an adventure! God Bless and trust God for the results!

District 08 – Randy O.

Gave verbal report in person. 43 groups in district. There are 3 open district positions in District 08.

District 09 – Currently vacant.

District 10 – Michelle Z.

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. It encompasses at least parts of five counties. We have 4 county jails and 1 minimum security correctional facility. 41 meetings are held weekly throughout our District, for approximately 34 groups.

Our monthly GSR meeting generally meets every second Saturday of the month. Today we met here before the Area Committee meeting.

We had elections for new officers and committee chairs last month. Most of the positions are filled, except for secretary, treasurer, phone, and contact list. We were unable to have elections today because all present already held positions.

I have greatly enjoyed my time as DCM. I've had the opportunity to meet other AA members in the district and I've gotten out to other meetings that I probably wouldn't have gone to otherwise. The DCM calls were helpful, and I hope the next batch of DCMs participate and find it useful. We will hold a call on Tuesday, December 17th at 8 pm Central Time. Incoming DCMs are encouraged to attend so they can decide how they would like to continue the conference calls.

I am excited to be a Now and Then co-editor and look forward to the next couple of years.

District 11 – Currently vacant.

District 12 – Not present today.

District 13 – Not present today.

District 14 – Not present today.

District 15 – Not present today.

District 16 – Currently vacant.

District 17 – Larry – Al DCM gave verbal report today. 33 Meetings in district. Elections were held. Webmaster is still open. 2 Highlights, Corrections is very supportive and Public Information is moving along great.

District 18 – Shannon gave verbal report today and announced new DCM, Gerri Ann.

District 19 – Currently vacant.

District 20 – Kathy not present and Dean C is attending on District 20's behalf. Dean read report to ACM today.

Good morning! I am sorry I am unable to attend today, I had a previous commitment. We had our November District meeting on the 23rd. At that meeting we appointed Rich M (also our

Alternate DCM) for our chairperson to form a committee to put together District Guidelines Handbook. I am really excited to see all this in motion this coming year.

Derek has a great start on the planning of our Conference in Spring of 2021. We have had a couple meetings about it and we are all excited about hosting.

I have been able to attend the Curtis Intergroup in Curtis Michigan. We had a District 20 Workshop and had Sara present her Delegates Report in October, I have been on the CAB Reloaded committee and that's been a great learning experience. I also attended the Christmas Party in Manistique on December 6th and that was a great time!

We also made the District meeting calendar for 2020 and we approved it in November. I will be sending it into the Now and Then for the 2020 Newsletter. We decided to forgo the District Meeting in December so we will meet again January 4th. We still need some positions filled for the 20/21 term.

I am truly honored to be of service to our district and our area, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

District 21 – Not present today.

District 22 – Currently vacant.

District 23 – Not present today.

District 24 – Currently vacant.