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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

Happy Spring to you all! What an exciting time of the year for members of Alcoholics Anonymous. A.A. groups get the opportunity to come together and form a group conscience on the General Service Conference Agenda Items. Thank you to everyone who traveled to Three Lakes, Wisconsin on March 9th for the Delegate's Workshop. Your participation was greatly appreciated. On that day, we divided into groups during the morning to discuss the Conference Committees' Agenda Items for this year's General Service Conference. In the afternoon, we came back together and spent the rest of the time listening to the groups' report on what their conscience was involving the Agenda Items for their Committees. The reports that were presented on this day were provided to the DCM's who in turn were to provide them to the GSR's in their District and now the real work needs to be done. Please discuss these Agenda Items in your Homegroup. If you are still in need of any of the background material, please feel free to contact me to obtain it.

As the Delegate, one of my duties is to attend the annual Conference meeting fully prepared. According to our Service Manual, it states, "As voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas". Therefore, I am asking for your Group's conscience on the Agenda Items for the 69th General Service Conference. As the Area 74 Delegate, I will bring the collective conscience of Area 74 with me when I attend the General Service Conference in New York in May. The greater the participation, and the more Groups throughout the Area involved, the better informed I will be as your Delegate. I will tell you I was proud of where I came from when I was at the General Service Conference last year. I felt like Area 74 prepared me well last year to be able to bring the Area's conscience to the General Service Conference.

Please join us on Saturday, April 27, 2019, for the Winter Assembly at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI at which time we will come back together to continue the discussion of this year's Agenda Items. It is going to be extremely important for Area 74 to work together on this day so that I can once again be fully prepared to carry out the task to let your voice be heard at the General Service Conference. This is our opportunity to have a direct link in shaping the future of our Fellowship!

In Love & Service,
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From the Area Chair

I hope this finds you all well and sober. A friend of mine tried to relieve some boredom at a function he was at, by reading my last couple of articles for the Now & Then, he found them to be even more boring than whatever he was at. So, if he tries that again at least the first two sentences ought to give him a chuckle, can't vouch for the rest here. Having recently returned from Myrtle Beach visiting my Father, I have done a lot of driving and a lot of thinking. I gave a lot of thought on what it was like and what is like now for me and I found a huge chasm between the two. In my time of sobriety alone there is a big gap between the earliest times of getting sober and today. I came to Alcoholics Anonymous broken and desperate, but with something I had not had in years, a will to live. Prior to coming into Alcoholics Anonymous, I really did not care if I lived or died. I really believe at the end of my drinking God touched me, and I began to fear for my life, and it mattered. Born out of that desperation and fear was a will to do whatever it took to stay sober. The first year of my sobriety was perhaps the most fruitful one. I immersed myself in the three legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous, often doing more than what was expected of me. It was hard work and sometimes tiring, but it was the most fulfilling time of my life. What usually happens for those of us who are fortunate to stick around happened to me also, life got better. I got the better job, got married, got a driver's license, got a car, got possessions, all the things that I lost during my drinking years and more. With these things came more responsibilities and obligations, but also it had purpose and meaning for the first time ever. Things are different today from those early days of sobriety, but one thing has remained immutable, and that is the fact that I need Alcoholics Anonymous just as much today. For me there is no graduation day and I never have God's permission to leave.

When I began looking at my sober life today and comparing to the earlier days, I found some things to be vastly different. For starters, that feeling of desperation and hunger for recovery have abated greatly. I no longer feel a desperation to do more and more in Alcoholics Anonymous, and things that used to inspire me, have become simply things I need to do. I have been taught by mentors in Alcoholics Anonymous to take an unflattering view of myself. The view I have found during all this reflection is that I am no longer inspired or enthused about many aspects in my life. Much of what I do today is about fulfilling obligations and being responsible, not just for Alcoholics Anonymous but for all aspects of life. This no longer has that same sense of awe and inspiration as it did for me in those early years, thankfully it keeps me sober. I think some of this loss is simply a natural occurrence that happens to us all over any considerable period. I tend to feel safe in my sobriety and tend to take it for granted. One thing I have learned over the years, is that nothing stays the same, life is liquid, always moving. Just when I get comfortable and like where things are at, something changes and a whole new adjustment period begins. I don't know for sure if I am at one of those junctions right now, but I do know thanks to Alcoholics Anonymous and God, I will be able to adjust and stay sober. In truth I really don't know where this article is going, I had an initial idea, but it has gone in an entirely different direction. Over the years my life has been just like that, I think it is going in a certain direction and ends up somewhere completely different. I do know that so long as I keep God and Alcoholics Anonymous in my heart and remain willing to do what I can (even kicking and screaming the whole way) that the ride may get bumpy along the way, but it will always be worth it.

God bless you all,
Jeff D. Alt Delegate/Area Chair
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The Area 74 Treasury has a new contribution mailing address effective immediately.

Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury

P.O. BOX 1191 Appleton, WI 54912-1191

Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,
and address of group location or point of contact

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.

Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

2019 Dates to Remember
Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

4/13/19 Sat	Moose & Goose Fundraiser	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main St	Seymour, WI
4/27/19 Sat	Area 74 Winter Assembly*	Reiter Center 1858 S Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
5/4/19 Sat 830AM-4PM	District 4 Traditions Workshop (potluck)	2617 Club 1578 Strongs Ave	Stevens Point, WI
5/17-19/2019	Area 74 Spring Conference*	Liberty Hall Banquet & Conference Center 800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
5/18/19 Sat 9AM	Area 74 Assembly*	Liberty Hall B & C Center 800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
5/19/19 Sun 8 AM	Area 74 Area Committee*	Liberty Hall B & C Center 800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
5/19-25/2019	AA General Service Conference*	Crowne Plaza Times Square	New York, NY
6/22/19 Sat	Delegate's Report & Area Committee Mtg (optional)*	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
7/12-14/2019	East Central Regional Forum*	Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport	Romulus, MI
9/5-8/2019	National AA Archives Workshop	Hotel St. Regis 3071 W. Grand Blvd	Detroit, MI
9/20–22/2019	Area 74 Fall Conference*	Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
9/21/19 Sat	Area 74 Election Assembly*	Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
9/22/19 Sun	Area 74 Area Committee*	Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
10/18-20/2019	East Central Regional Conference*	Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport	Milwaukee, WI
10/26/19 Sat	Area 74 Fall Assembly*	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
12/14/19 Sat	Area 74 Area Committee*	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI

****NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar. **BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

DISTRICT MEETING LIST APRIL 2019

DISTRICT #	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	11th	6:30pm	Central Office, 1720 Main ST #102, Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	14th	2:00pm	First Congregational Church, 724 E. South River ST, Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thurs	5:30pm	Alano Club, 1210 E Grand AVE, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	4th	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S Main ST, Amherst, WI
5	Weds	10th	6:45pm	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th ST E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	14th	4:00pm	DCM 's Residence, 812 S Vine AVE, Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday		7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall ST, Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	7th	2:00pm	St Augustine Catholic Church, 507 Church ST, Wausaukee, WI
10	Saturday	13th	9:00am	United Methodist Church, 724 Arbutus ST, Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12	Saturday	13th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue, Hayward, WI
13	Monday	1st	5:30pm	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz AVE, Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	14th	5:30pm	Amery Legion Hall, Memorial DR, Amery, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16	Saturday		11:00am	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main ST, L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	29th	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem, Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	6th	11:00am	First United Methodist Church 111.E. Ridge ST, Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20				Check website at www.district20area74aa.org
21	Saturday	6th	6:30pm	St. Francis Assisi Rectory, 505 First ST, Dollar Bay, MI
22	Monday	1st	6:00pm	Hope Church, 12th Ave & Michigan ST, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	7th	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church, 23980 Co. RD "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

DISTRICT MEETING LIST MAY 2019

1	Thursday	9th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main ST #102, Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	12th		St Mark's Church, 140 S Green Bay RD, Neenah, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thurs	5:30 PM	Alano Club, 1210 E Grand AVE, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	2nd	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S Main ST, Amherst, WI
5	Weds	9th	6:45	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th ST E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday		4:00PM	NO MEETING IN MAY 2019
8	Tuesday		7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall ST, Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	5th	2:00pm	United Methodist Church, 314 Main ST, Suring, WI
10	Saturday	11th	9:00AM	United Methodist Church, 724 Arbutus ST, Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12	Sunday	12th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue, Hayward, WI
13	Monday		5:30pm	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz AVE, Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	12th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club, 1448 N 4th Street, New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16	Saturday		11:00AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main ST, L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	No mtg	6:00PM	105 W. Fleishiem, Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	4th	10:00am	Party's Unlimited, 106 N Main ST, Ishpeming, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20				Check website at www.district20area74aa.org
21	Saturday	4th	6:30pm	St. Francis Assisi Rectory, 505 First ST, Dollar Bay, MI
22	Monday	6th	6:00pm	Hope Church, 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	5th	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church, 23980 Co. RD "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO AREA 74 NOW & THEN NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The following motion was approved at the October 28th assembly

MOTION APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY ACTION: The Area 74 newsletter, the Now & Then, begin using electronic distribution for the monthly issues produced. Groups with no ability to receive an electronic copy may opt-in to receive a printed hard copy via US Postal Service paid for by group contributions received by Area 74. Any other entity or person may receive a printed hard copy provided they pay for the cost of production and postage in advance.

The practical application of this is as follows;

- **Email delivery will be the default form of delivery.**
- Email delivery is free of charge
- Any registered group will need to opt-in for postal delivery if they have NO ability to receive the free electronic copy. Mailed copies are paid for by group contributions received by Area 74
- Any member of AA can receive the email version free of charge.
- Any member of AA can receive a printed hardcopy for \$25 for 12 copies per year.
- To opt-in to a printed copy, purchase a subscription or get on the email distribution list send an email to area74newsletter@gmail.com or follow the directions in the Now & Then or below.
- Group subscriptions for email delivery or requests for hard copy postal delivery sent to the Now & Then should also be sent to the Area Registrar at registrar@area74.org , or by mail to Area 74 Registrar c/o Gerri Ann Z- 141 North Birch Street - Gwinn, MI 49841. It is a big job keeping our Database records up-to-date and this will help greatly. Please include the group number and group name.

AREA 74 NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

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ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTIONS: (NO COST)

Please send a request via email to with your contact information to area74newsletter@gmail.com The Now & Then will be emailed to you monthly at no cost.

HARD COPY SUBSCRIPTIONS: (\$25.00 for 12 issues)

If you would like to have a hard copy of the Now & Then mailed monthly to your home.

Please mail a check made out to **CASH** along with your contact information to the following address:

**Now & Then
P.O. Box 414
Columbus, WI 53925**

Please Note: Every group and Area Committee Position within Area 74 receives the Now & Then via email at no cost. No need for GSRs to subscribe. IF a group has NO ability to receive a copy electronically, Area 74 will provide a hard copy at no cost to the group.

PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO area74newsletter@gmail.com TO RECEIVE THE NEXT ISSUE ELECTRONICALLY

NOW & THEN CONVERSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Purpose of Now and Then Conversion Committee

To complete conversion from US Postal Service to primarily digital distribution
Assist Co-Editors with creating guidelines for publication in new format
Figure out best ways to inform groups/members of new distribution

The committee has met several times and has been working on the following items:

- 1. Price/cost of printing/mail using US Postal Service** - cost of monthly issue to be \$25 for 12 mos.
 - 2. What methods is the N&T going to utilize to 'promote' the changeover** -- The committee has proposed sending a letter to all the registered groups without email addresses a group change form with a letter asking them to upgrade their group information by either adding an email address or opting in for receiving a hard copy. Once the one time mailing has gone out, New Group form registrations or change forms will generate an enrollment form if they do not include an email address. The committee hopes to receive assistance from Area Committee members, GSRs, and AA members to make announcements.
 - 3. What is the procedure(s) for groups WITH NO MEANS TO RECEIVE N&T BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY to opt in to receive a hard copy?** The committee has determined to send hard copies to those groups that have requested them until the Area74 Assembly approves parameters for how groups can qualify for hard copy mailing. The committee is leaning toward recommending that the N & T send a hard copy to any registered group that opts-in to receive one. If a group is not registered, the N&T will send a notification letter requesting the group register in order to receive either an email or hard copy. The committee believes this will help get more groups' information up to date and registered. The committee is going to make recommendations but the Assembly will have the final say. So far 10 groups have requested hard copies and 3 individuals have sent the subscription fee to receive a hard copy by USPS.
 - 4. Build the email list** Co-Editors & Area 74 Registrar have been collaborating. List is up to about 775 as of publication of the April 2019 issue. The database has about 300 group emails, N&T has 465 email other than the registered groups' contacts.
 - 5. How can we reach groups in 'dark' districts with no active DCMs?** Currently researching which districts are under represented and how we can reach groups in those districts. The Area Chair has been requested by the committee to give his input and help develop communication links with DCMs
 - 6. What parameters do we need to establish for materials to include in future issues and what is going to be included in hard copies vs digital versions?** The Conversion committee has determined that this is outside the scope of this committee and it is up to the Now & Then editors or the Area Assembly to develop guidelines content
- The committee has had 8 members ranging from an AA member familiar with Area 74, Area Committee members (S & G committee member, DCMs, N&T Co-Editor) and a couple other experienced trusted servants who serve other positions besides as AC members. Amber O. has joined the committee and is the pending Co-Editor nominee. It is a good mix and everyone has participated in our weekly calls and taking on tasks to keep moving forward. The Conversion committee may meet one more time but has concluded that that it has fulfilled its commitment. Jeff C. & Amber O. N & T Co-Editors

PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER

Proposed changes to the current Area 74 Guidelines v05-2018

The Guideline changes listed below are based on Motions passed at our previous Area Assembly. These updates will be presented at the Area 74 Assembly on **April 27, 2019** – Sat 8:30 a.m., at Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St, Three Lakes, WI. Paper copies of these changes will be available at the April Assembly.

Structure and Guidelines Committee proposed updates to current v 05-2018.

Now and Then Motion: The Area 74 Now and Then, will use electronic publication for the monthly issues produced. Groups with no ability to receive an electronic copy may opt in to receive a printed hard copy via US Postal Service paid for by group contributions received by Area 74. Any other entity or person may receive a printed hard copy provided they pay for the cost of production and postage in advance.

Draft of placement

Article IV Section 7.00 The Newsletter is entitled the “Now and Then”. The newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business. Published monthly, the editorial staff are responsible for determining the content of each issue. However, materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed, when provided in a timely manner. The editorial staff shall request appropriate funding from the Finance Committee when necessary to meet the costs of publication.

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YPAA Money Motion: That Area 74 accepts donations from all YPAA entities recognized by GSO.

Draft of placements

Article III Section 8.00 The Area Treasurer accepts and deposits monthly contributions on behalf of the area. As a guide for accepting contributions, the Treasurer will consider the Seventh Tradition; Area 74 is self-supporting through contributions of those AA Groups and Districts contained in its geographical area, as well as from individual AA members. Area 74 accepts donations from all YPAA entities recognized by GSO. If the treasurer determines ...
(NO CHANGES AFTER THIS ENTRY)

Area 74 Contribution Guidelines: 6. Contributions from all YPAA entities recognized by GSO.

ASL interpreter Motion: The Treatment and Accessibility Committee is recommending that an A.S.L. (American Sign Language) interpreter be made available at the Area 74 Assemblies and Conferences, on an as needed basis.

Draft of placements

Planning a Conference 4) d) ASL interpreter fees, as needed.

Hosting the Conference 6) ASL interpreter. The Treatment and Accessibility Committee is recommending that an A.S.L. (American Sign Language) interpreter be made available at the Area 74 Assemblies and Conferences, on an as needed basis.

Article V Section 1.05 Area 74 will provide an ASL interpreter at the Area 74 Assemblies on an as needed basis.

Explanation of Terms Used on GSC Agenda Items

Area 74 uses different terms for processes than the General Service Conference uses. This is an explanation of those differences and the possible outcomes to help understand the discussion when the Area is reviewing Agenda Items for the General Service Conference and imparting the group conscience of the Groups in Area 74 to our seated Delegate. This is not comprehensive but does attempt to clarify a majority of the most often used terms on the GSC Agenda for trusted servants in Area 74 in attendance at the Delegate's Workshop and Area Assemblies.

Conference Committee - Committee of Delegate's only that meet at the GSC

Trustee's Committee - Committees of The General Service Board that meet throughout the year.

Advisory Action - We call this a Passed Motion in Area 74. Vote at GSC was by Substantial Unanimity.

Additional Consideration - Items discussed, but no action taken or recommendation made, as well as committee recommendations which are not adopted, be included in a separate section in the Conference *Final Report*.

Recommendation - What we call a motion in Area 74. At the GSC, this is open to discussion (or debate if you want to use that term) and will most likely go to a vote for a decision. The only Agenda Items that are open for discussion and vote are recommendations.

Review - Workbooks, Kits etc. - Set by Advisory Action of previous GSCs. Workbooks etc. are Service Materials and the contents can be changed from year to year. The purpose is to see that the content in them is what the Fellowship wants in them. It is possible a recommendation could be voted on at the GSC.

Discuss - The corresponding Conference Committee is to have a discussion about the Agenda Item
There is a good chance there will be a Recommendation or Additional Consideration that comes out of the Conference Committee that addresses the Item.

Consider - There is an idea or item that has come to the point that is need of a decision. This will probably come out of a Conference Committee as a Recommendation but may result in an Additional Consideration to the GSC.

Approve - Needs a decision to be made. The action will be taken if approved.

Disclaimer: This is not a complete and 100% percent reflection of all the terms and actions taken at a GSC. It is simply an attempt to help the understanding of members attending and participating in Area 74 discussions of the General Service Conference Agenda Items. Hopefully this will be refined over the course of time.

Created 3.24.12; Updated 3.8.18

IF your AA group has not received the background information for the Agenda Items for the 2019 General Service Conference from your DCM, contact the Area 74 Delegate

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to arrange for the method for you to receive it.

2019 General Service Conference Committees

Agenda Items

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2020 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2018 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. LinkedIn page.
- B. Consider request to remove text "They may help arrange hospitalization" from the pamphlet "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community."
- C. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive.
- B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein.
- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.
- B. Review the Conference-approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.
- C. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.
- D. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later.
- B. Consider request to remove the "Alcoholism at Large" section from AA Grapevine.
- C. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- D. Review AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey and summary.

VI. Literature

- A. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet for Spanishspeaking women in A.A.
- B. Review progress report on the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- C. Consider requests to develop a Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- D. Review progress report regarding updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- E. Review progress report on the update regarding text on anonymity to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook.
- G. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet "Too Young?"

- H. Review progress report on the update to the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- I. Review proposed revision to A.A. World Services’ “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials.”
- J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- K. Review progress report regarding the update to the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- L. Review progress report regarding language on safety and A.A. for inclusion in *Living Sober* and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.
- N. Consider suggestion to add “Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card.
- O. Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- P. Review matrix of A.A. recovery literature.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Review dates for the 2022 General Service Conference.
- B. Review report from G.S.O.’s general manager on General Service Conference site selection.
- C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference.
- E. Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.”
- F. Consider revising the “Process for Polling the General Service Conference Between Annual Meetings.”
- G. Reconsider the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2018 annual reports from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Review a report regarding the 2019 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- C. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 1. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA “Changes.”
 2. Review the 2018 Report on the Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.
 3. Consider request that the video PSA “My World” be discontinued.
 4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.).
- D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity.”
- E. Consider request to update language in the flyer “A.A. at a Glance.”
- F. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- G. Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information progress report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- B. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2018 - 2020
 - Review progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing Department on the redesign of *The A.A. Service Manual*.
- C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Consider revising the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to include related corrections activities.
- B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late.”
- D. Discuss the concept of posting anonymity-protected interviews on aa.org with military professionals about their experience with A.A.
- E. Review draft of proposed Remote Communities Kit.
- F. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- G. Review contents of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. Northeast Regional Trustee
 - 2. Southwest Regional Trustee
 - 3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Review draft procedures for partial or complete reorganization of the General Service Board.

XII. Archives

- A. Consider request to add the 1940s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Area 74 Assembly Agenda

Saturday, April 27, 2019

Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI

8:30 AM - New GSR / DCM Orientation

9:00 AM – Welcome and Housekeeping

Open Assembly

Roll Call

Approval of Assembly Minutes from 10/27/18

Area Officer Reports: Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, Delegate

Reports from Committees on Conference Agenda Topics:

Archives and International Conventions and Regional Forums- Bryon B.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Dean C.

Corrections and Agenda – Gail Z.

Finance and Policy/Admissions – Gloria O.

Grapevine – Derek T.

Literature – Norm F.

Public Information – James M.

Report & Charter (Structures & Guidelines) and Trustees – Dave K.

Treatment/Accessibilities – Mike M.

12:00- ish – Lunch

Unfinished Business:

- 1.) Confirm Now & Then Co-Editor
- 2.) Confirm new Archivist

New Business:

1. Consider the Proposal for the Now & Then regarding the Process for Opting-In
2. Approve the Now & Then Enrollment Form
3. Structures & Guidelines to present guideline changes regarding passed motions from October 2018 Assembly
4. Elect interim Corrections Michigan Chair

Conference Updates & Bids:

2019 Spring Conference Update Report – District 02 – May 2019

2019 Fall Conference Update Report – District 04 – September 2019

2020 Spring Conference Update Report – District 13 May 2020

2020 Fall Conference Bid

2021 Spring Conference Bid

Report from Shawna R. WICYPAA Liaison for Area 74

5:00 PM Close Meeting

Higher Power?

When I came into AA some years ago in another state, I entered with blinders on. After having spent decades consuming massive amounts of alcohol, as well as having spent my adolescence and young adulthood abusing a vast array of other drugs heavily, I couldn't really see straight walking in the door of AA. Surviving a number of near death experiences, and many ridiculously reckless escapades, I just didn't regard my alcoholic drinking as truly problematic. Yes, I even knew that my drinking practices and their effects on my life were alcoholic in nature, but so what? I'd been drinking this way most of my life, I was quite accustomed to it. Life circumstances had 'conspired' to lead me into AA.

I can still hear the mantras and slogans which were repeated again, and again, and again in the meetings during the early years. "Get out of your own way" "My mind is like a bad neighborhood; you don't want to go in there alone" "Once the cucumber becomes a pickle, you can't go back and be a cucumber again" "Keep coming back; it works if you work it".

Slowly, painstakingly slowly, my immersion in the program of AA continued to penetrate my consciousness. By the time I returned to my home state of WI., I had four solid years under my belt. I had attempted to complete "90 in 90" twice while working full time, but only succeeded in putting in "70 in 70" twice. Afterward, I did average attending 5 meetings per week during those 4 years in another state. I am grateful for those many members who urged us newcomers adamantly to "suit up and show up" to many meetings, to get a home group, read the "Big Book", the "12 & 12", and a host of other conference-approved literature of all sorts. They encouraged us meet their literature "point man", and the Grapevine Rep. Most important, we were encouraged at every meeting to get a sponsor. It took me some months before I followed their advise, and then I met a man I'll never forget no matter how long I live.

AA did and has continually worked for me, as I was extremely fortunate to enter AA in a district which took AA extremely seriously. I am very fortunate to have been spared major struggles with urges to drink. I have, nonetheless, struggled copiously with remaining emotionally sober, and with personality problems, defects of character, shortcomings, a deep inner incongruence and brokenness, and with "practicing these principles in all of [my] affairs".

I remember a crusty old guy who used to slam his fist down on the table at meetings and declare, "AA is all I need, I don't need anything else". I also recall the majority of group members asserting the vital importance of getting a higher power.

In recent years, I've recognized that I've become a crusty old guy with too many lingering wrong-headed ideas about how to live my life. Even though I've returned to "God as I understood Him" from the time of my youth, the same God whom I had forgotten for over 30 years, I have still remained emotionally drunk too much of the time, angry, frustrated, anxious, disconnected, and spent.

I've come to believe that I don't need a higher power. Wait! Don't shoot me yet. What I need to do is decide who or what exactly is my highest power. It seems to me that many higher powers compete for my attention in this life, e.g., federal and state governmental bodies, churches, mosques, synagogues, religious figureheads and other religious entities, sports conglomerates, movie stars, colleges, universities, high powered scientists, that really high paying, high status job, etc. I have to keep it simple. I can't juggle innumerable higher powers and expect to keep everything straight. I have to decide to turn my will and my life over to a power greater than my self, and one who is superior to all of the others. The founders were right. I agree that it isn't easy to do. But I also agree that it is necessary to clear a path on which to walk in recovery, rather than feeling like a pinball too much of the time.

I need AA, because as my sponsor was fond of saying years ago, "It's where I belong". I belong in AA, and it is with other AA members that I belong. The fellowship of AA is just not available to me any where else. But I also need "God as we understood Him". I can't believe that AA World Services repeatedly erred in misprinting this term by italicizing, and underlining it. Bill W., perhaps said it best, "... I am finding that it is much easier to believe that God made man, than that man made God" [As Bill Sees It; # 73].

Anonymous District 06

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THANK YOU!!!!

Your new Webmaster has been very busy updating and improving the Area 74 website.

area74.org

There is a lot of information available including a great Bridging the Gap link. Make sure to check out your district website links and the links to find meetings in your districts and make sure they are up to date and accurate.

If you notice anything that should be added or edited, please send an email to

Lucas M webmaster@area74.org

PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER

"What an Order!"



Area 74 2019 Spring Conference May 17-19, 2019

Hosted by District 02

Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center

800 Eisenhower Drive
Kimberly, WI 54136

Hilton Garden Inn

Room Reservations: 920.730.1900

Room Rates: **\$119 per night** — Hotel Room Block Released 4/17
(See back for other hotel accommodations.)

Friday Night

AA Speaker - Andrew E. from Oshkosh, WI

Saturday

Area 74 Assembly Meeting
Alateen - TBA

Al-Anon Speaker - Sue K. from Appleton, WI
AA Speaker - Teresa K. from Minneapolis, MN

Sunday Morning

Area 74 Committee Meeting
Spirituality Speaker - Nicholas S. from Eau Claire, WI

The Area 74 Spring 2019 Conference will include speakers and panels, Area 74 Assembly and Committee meetings, a dinner banquet, DJ and dancing, skit, ice cream social, an alkathon, and more!!



Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/area74springconf> OR use this form. (One Form Per Person Please)

Name _____	Registration Only (\$20)	<u> \$20 </u>
Name on Badge _____	Banquet (add \$25) - Deadline May 10	<u> </u>
Address _____	Ice Cream Social (add \$5) - Deadline May 10	<u> </u>
City _____ State ____ Zip _____	Bill W. Fund	<u> </u>
Phone _____ Email _____		Total Enclosed: <u> </u>

Contact me about service opportunities

Special room/banquet accommodations (specify) _____

Makes checks payable (and mail) to: Area 74 Spring Conference 2019, PO Box 2582, Appleton, WI 54912

For more information, contact: **Jodi L.**, email LCME@district02aa.org OR
Barry B., email barryb2019conference@gmail.com

Other Nearby Hotel Accommodations (within 3 miles):

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Appleton North (2.1 miles)

\$169/night*

130 Patriot Drive

Little Chute, WI 54140

920-788-8080

Quality Inn & Suites, Kimberly (.3 miles)

\$100/night*

761 Truman Street

Kimberly, WI 54136

520-257-4995

*Rates may vary.

“OUR DAILY REPRIEVE”

AREA 74 2019 Fall Conference



SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2019 – RAMADA INN, WAUPACA, WI

Friday Night Opening Speaker

Jim G. (Minnesota)

Saturday Afternoon Al-Anon Speakers

Alateen Speakers

Rachel, Julianne, and Sarah

Saturday Night Speaker

Josh S. (California)

Sunday Morning Speaker

Carl H. (Milwaukee, WI)



Register Register Register – ONE FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Deadline to register with banquet attendance is August, 31 2019

Name _____	Registration only - _____	\$18	
Name on badge _____	Banquet – add _____	\$22	
Address _____			
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	7 th Tradition donation _____		
Phone _____	TOTAL ENCLOSED _____		
Email _____	Check one:		
Contact me about service opportunities <input type="checkbox"/>	AA: <input type="checkbox"/>	Al-Anon: <input type="checkbox"/>	Alateen: <input type="checkbox"/>
ASL Interpreter Required? <input type="checkbox"/>			

Make checks payable and mail to

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE 2019 – PO BOX 606, Stevens Point, WI 54481

For more information call: 715-498-4138 or email: registerinfo@aawidistrict04.org

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AREA LODGING

WAUPACA

Ramada by Wyndham
110 Grand Seasons Dr
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-9212

**Room rates are locked in at \$105/night
up until Aug. 20th for Queen Double rooms*

Econolodge Waupaca
1060 W Fulton St
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-8526

Comfort Suites Foxfire
199 Foxfire Dr
Waupaca, WI 54981
520-257-3072

Apple Tree Lane Bed & Breakfast
E3192 Apple Tree Ln
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-3107

Crystal River Inn
E1369 Rural Rd
Waupaca, WI 54981
715-258-5333

STEVENS POINT

(NW 30 MI)

Comfort Suites
300 Division St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-341-6000

Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham
159 North Division St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-341-9090

Country Inn & Suites
301 Division St North
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-345-7000

Knights Inn Stevens Point
3421 Church St
Stevens Point, WI 54881
715-344-3434

La Quinta Inn & Suites
4917 Main St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-344-1900

Econo Lodge Inn & Suites
5110 Main St
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-341-5110

Holiday Express & Suites
1100 Amber Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481
715-344-0000

PLOVER

(NW 25 MI)

Comfort Inn
1560 American Dr
Plover, WI 54467
715-342-0400

Americinn by Wyndham
1501 American Dr
Plover, WI 54467
715-342-1244

Hampton Inn
3090 Village Park Dr
Plover, WI 54467
715-295-9900

Elizabeth Inn
5246 Harding Ave
Plover, WI 54467
715-341-4414

Best Western Plover Hotel &
Conference Center
5253 Harding Ave
Plover, WI 54467
715-544-6200

FREMONT

(SE 16 MI)

Hotel Fremont
218 Wolf River Dr
Fremont WI 54940
920-446-2402

Wolf River Lodge
8839 S Wolf River Rd
Fremont, WI 54940
920-446-2525

YOU'RE INVITED

DISTRICT 04

TRADITIONS WORKSHOP

FEATURING

BILL N. and JOANNE N.

FROM DALLAS, TEXAS

Bill and Joanne have extensive experience in General Service at the Group, District, Intergroup, and Area Level. Including Area Delegate and SW Regional Chair Selections

WHEN: May 4th, 2019
Doors Open at 8:30
Program Begins at 9:00
Potluck Lunch at Noon
Wrap Up Around 4:00

WHERE: 2617 Club
1578 Strongs Ave
Stevens Point, WI 54481

WHAT TO BRING: AA Books
A Dish to Pass If You Would Like To

Potluck lunch, Meat and Beverages Provided
Please Bring a Dish to Pass if You Can
Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Fellowship, Fun.

Great Educational Opportunity for Every Member of
Alcoholics Anonymous Who Wants to Learn About A.A.
History and What A.A. Is and Is Not

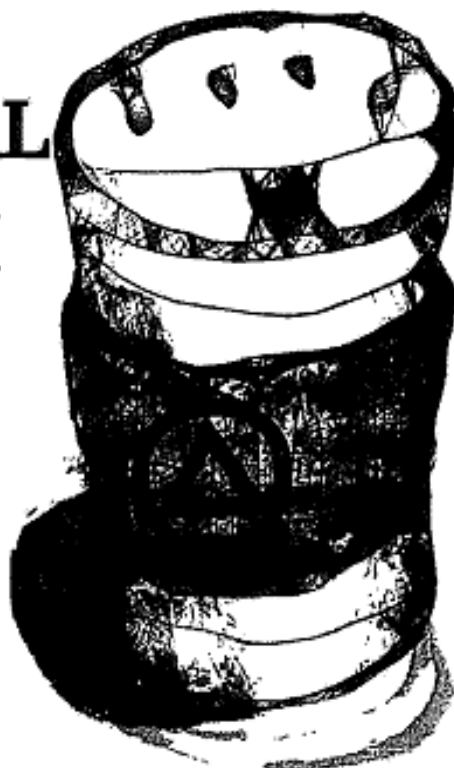
Area 33 hosts the
**2019 EAST CENTRAL
REGIONAL FORUM**

July 12, 13 & 14, 2019

Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport Hotel
8000 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48174
Phone Number: 734.729.2600

Group Rate: \$119.00 plus tax--Single/Double Beds
\$109.00 plus tax--Traditional King
Cut Off Date: June 12, 2019
Group Code: XAA

Overflow hotels within walking distance: Comfort Inn Metro Airport
Magnuson Hotel Detroit Airport, Holiday Inn Express Romulus / Detroit Airport



While the ECR Forum is a free event for all members attending the entire weekend, Area 33 is responsible for every gallon of coffee provided/served by the hotel. YOU and YOUR GROUP can help ensure the coffee will flow free and continuously!

I/WE WANT TO KEEP THE COFFEE FLOWING

NAME OR GROUP NAME AND NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AMOUNT: _____

Checks are payable to General Service of Southeast Michigan with a note saying it is for the 2019 East Central Regional Forum

Checks are to be sent to: Area 33, PO box 2843, Southfield, MI 48037-2843

Remember, GRATITUDE is a verb

into **ACTION** 2019

Area 75 & East Central Regional Conference

of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

***October 18-20**

Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport

Hosted by Area 75

ECR Area Officers Sharing	AA Speakers Area 75 Assembly	ALKATHONS AA & Al-Anon Panels SATURDAY BANQUET	Ice Cream Social Entertainment	Al-Anon Speaker
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registration form — one person per form. PLEASE PRINT

Must register to attend conference

Select: AA Al-Anon Alateen

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Accessibility accommodation needs (MUST be requested by September 18)

please check desired — & mail BEFORE October 11

<input type="radio"/>	Pre-Registration (until Sept 25th)	\$20.00
<input type="radio"/>	Registration (Sept 26th forward)	\$25.00
<input type="radio"/>	Saturday Night Banquet <input type="radio"/> CHICKEN <input type="radio"/> BEEF <input type="radio"/> VEGETARIAN	\$30.00
<input type="radio"/>	Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$18.00
<input type="radio"/>	Donation	\$
<input type="radio"/>	TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$

make checks payable to:	Area 75 Conference PO Box 70438 Milwaukee, WI 53207
or register online:	www.eventbrite.com Enter: 2019-area75-and-ecr-conference. eventbrite.com

23rd National A. A. Archives Workshop "Our Footprints to Hope & Recovery"



September 5-8, 2019

Detroit, Michigan

Hotel St. Regis
3071 W. Grand Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Telephone: 313.873.3000

Special Room Rates
Single Queen: \$99 Single King: \$109
Double Queen: \$129 King Suite: \$149
Parking: Daily \$10 - 24 hrs. \$20

Reservations by phone: 313.873.3000 - Code: 2019 NAAAW
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Presentations • Workshops • Panels • Displays

What is a Repository • Collecting & Preserving
Collection Scope & Policy • Ethics & Spirituality in Archives
History Presentations by Areas 32, 33, 34 & 86
Story Telling - Bring Your Letters
Footsteps to Grapevine & La Vina
Early Bird Meeting • Hospitality Area • Banquet

City of Recovery Tour - Detroit A. A. Historical Sites (Thursday Morning)

REGISTRATION FORM (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____	Registration @ \$40.00: _____
Name on Badge: _____	Banquet @ \$50.00: _____
Service Position: _____ Area # _____	Hospitality Contribution: _____
Address: _____	Coffee Contribution: _____
City: _____ State/Province: _____	Souvenir Mug @\$5: _____
Zip Code/PostalCode: _____	Souvenir T-shirt @\$15: (White/Circle Size Below)
Telephone: _____ Email: _____	S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
Special Needs: _____	City of Recovery Tour @\$60.00 _____
Mail form w/checks payable to: 2019 NAAAW • P.O. Box 66125 • Roseville, MI 48066-6125	Total Enclosed: \$ _____

For more information contact:
Will S., Chair 313.378.5511 • Mike Y., Co-Chair 269.760.5974 • Bill T., Treasurer 313.310.0079
www.aa-semi.org (Flyer Section) • www.aanationalarchivesworkshop.com

Now & Then
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Columbus, WI 53925

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