

# Area 74 Spring Assembly Agenda Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Secretary's Note:** *All reports submitted prior to the Area Event will be printed in their entirety at the end of the document under the corresponding appendix number. The document below will capture discussion, and day of events. Items in black and regular font are from the agenda and all items in red and italics are day of discussion.*

## CST

11:15 – 11:45 PM – New GSR and DCM **Orientation with Past Delegate Derek T.**

12:00 PM – **Welcome and Opening Remarks -Meeting opened at 12:00pm**

Moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer

Zoom / Housekeeping

Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs Present:

**Area Officers:** Area Chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer

**Committee Chairs:** Archives, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Public Information, Treatment

**DCM's:** 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23

### Past Delegates that are present today:

39 - Karen, 42 – Chuck S, 50 – Bob M (also past ECR Trustee), 54 – Torv T, 56 – Jeff C, 62—Marty L, 64 – Mary Jo R, 66 -Derek T, 68 -Sara P

Approval of Area Assembly minutes from October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Minutes approved.*

### Area Officer Reports

- Secretary Nicholas S. – see appendix 1  
*No questions*
- Registrar Dean C. – see appendix 1  
*No questions*
- Treasurer Barry B. – see appendix 1  
*Question asked by GSR from District 5 regarding budgeted expenses vs. checking account balance. Asked what the total budgeted expense is.*  
*Clarification on international hospitality refund.*  
*Barry shared a finance committee conversation regarding considering online/virtual financial contributions. A straw poll was conducted. Straw poll results, Yes-36, No-7, IDK/Need More Info-9.*
- Area Chair Dawn M. – see appendix 1  
*Clarification on when Dawn attended Delegate feedback session*

### Old Business

- Updates
  - Past Grapevine Motion Sara P. –  
*Sarah shared that no action was taken on the motion.* – see appendix 2
  - Cab Reloaded Dean C. – see appendix 2  
*Question regarding what does CAB stand for – “Conducting Area Business”.*

*Question regarding Area committee meetings happening after the assembly so that motions do not need to wait until the following assembly. – Clarification stated it was not the scope of the survey or no responses indicated that.*

*Suggested that the Area Committee could discuss when the ACM could happen.*

*Question seeking clarification on difference between workshop and presentation. – Stated that it might be semantics and could be discussed at the assembly.*

*Clarification regarding “under the conclusion” Regarding area assemblies, 2 was the most popular and that 3 and 4 were tied. Asked about the trustee coming to facilitate elections and that there are no hotels for them to stay at – that was not discussed.*

*Comment shared that it is up to the assembly and committee meetings need to act on it.*

*Question regarding the report and the data and what should be questioned. Also stated that the report should consistently use lower case c or upper-case c regarding Area Committee Meetings and the Area Committee.*

*Question seeking education on where the information came from – referred to the information in the report.*

*Follow up question regarding the how many responses – 86 was reported from the committee.*

*Comment or suggestion that when the ACM begins to discuss this that we need to be cognizant of adjust current budgets is discussed as well.*

*Additional comment that the word “group” never appears in the document.*

*Motion made “Move to add this Area Committee meeting today.”*

*Seconded, Additional comment that the word “group” never appears*

- Area 74 Inventory Gerri Ann K - see appendix 2

*Question on who can vote at the inventory – shared that yes, any AA member.*

*Question regarding Zoom Conference rooms – multiple rooms.*

*Question regarding facilitator – replied that those recommended were not available.*

## **New Business**

- **Election/Confirmations**

- Elect Secretary Chair  
*Nicholas was nominated and accepted; the nomination was seconded. No other nominations were presented. – Vote numbers were not captured.*
- Present/Confirm Alt Secretary Secretary  
*Diane D was confirmed as alternate secretary. Vote numbers were not captured.*

*Discussion on Diane's eligibility to vote based on conflict of dual roles, Alt-Sec'y and GSR in District 07.*

*Confirmed that the alt-positions and “co’s” are not officers.*

*Point of order that there is no provision that excludes the position and should not be up for debate or discussion.*

- Present/Confirm Alt Treasurer                      Barry B.  
*Kendra R. was presented as co-treasurer. Approved by a vote of 39 to 1.*
  
- Present/Confirm Alt Registrar                      Dean C.  
*Mike M was presented as alt-registrar. Approved by a vote of 43 to 0*

- **CPC Motion**

Sara S.

*“Area 74 CPC Area recommends “the Linked-In Page” of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.”*                      see appendix 3

*Question if this motion has already been discussed at the GSC as it is happening simultaneously and if passed, to move to inform her right away.*

*Comment that the spirit at the conference was not have the delegate check in once at the conference.*

*Committee member of CPC did not agree with the idea that Class-A trustees are allowed to be on public media platforms because they are not alcoholics. Follow up comment that this was regarding Class-A trustees posting their own information.*

*Comment regarding can we forward this our delegate?*

*Comment from GSR that a statement that saying “linked in” is not effective based on 80 clicks – we are not able to give meaning to that number. Additional comment that there was no information put forward that stated we are “depending on” Linked in” and that this is our only means and that it is replacing a different mode of carrying the message.*

*Comment agreeing with previous comment.*

*Vote was conducted: 42 total votes, 25-yes, 16-no.*

*Minority Opinion:*

*The gist of the matter is that we are online and people can see who we are, we have traditions, and that the most important part of the background information is about the breaking of the traditions and that there was a lot of background being broken by this. The committee felt that until changes are made, they stand behind how the traditions are written.*

*Another comment with concerns about Linked-In being owned by Microsoft and that we should keep it pure.*

*Another comment that the perception of linked-in is that it is a business environment and that was a hat that AA should be wearing.*

*Another comment that 80 clicks on AA.org from linked-in seems very ineffective and virtually useless.*

*Another comment that the committee put a lot of work and research into this and we should trust what they did.*

*Another comment that the goal was to lead professionals to the website. The number of clicks is relevant to the effectiveness of linked-in guiding people to the website*

*Another comment that this has no place for AA.*

*Another comment people can take any post and post to someone else's pages and "put anywhere". The studies and articles they want to put on there would be a reputable source and there is no way to know who that is and have no control.*

*Another comment that if it is violating traditions there should be no questions.*

*Comments are vote to reconsider.*

*Vote to reconsider passed 25-18*

#### *Discussion to Resume*

*Does not see the tradition violations listed in the background information and feels that the additional information is relevant to the motion*

*2 things stand out as newcomer; anonymity – keep in mind that we are talking about a social media platform. Promotion is also important. Believes that anytime you begin promoting on social media you put things at risk.*

*Another comment is that the reason I voted out was a friendly amendment was not approved by the body.*

*Another comment that the vote was not because it is not clear as to who/what this motion is going to. If the motion is for Panel 71 we could table it. What do we do with this vote?*

*Another comment on what traditions are being violated, tradition 4, tradition 11.*

*Another comment that perhaps we should consider tabling this for the following year as the chance for a floor actions is not likely.*

*Another comment that was looking for a button to abstain as he is not familiar with linked-in and trust his higher power the trusted servants of Area 74 are working for the good of AA and why he changes his vote to yes.*

*Vote to end discussion, passes 41 to 0*

*Vote to approve motion passes 38 – 6, vote passes with 84%.*

- **Date** for General Service Conference Delegate Report Back – see appendix 4

*Comment that if she is willing to travel around that it would be ideal.*

*Clarification if she can't give it at 3 lakes how can give it at district level?*

*Comment that gathering as an entire area should be available to hear the report.*

*Suggested that it be held at the fall conference and left up to Char decide.*

*Comment that in favor of providing an opportunity that a report to get the information to districts and gsrs as quickly as possible.*

*Comment that pick a date 6/27/20 that a virtual report back be given.*

*Comment that we do not know what social distancing will look like in the future. Perhaps we can explore setting something up if need to convert to a zoom meeting.*

*Comment that we should have a virtual meeting and that Char expressed willingness and the delegate should go where asked.*

Question regarding if Sara made a motion for 6/27/20 and if so, it would be seconded. Sara clarified she had not made a motion.

Comment that motion is supported and that Char would like to meet in person. Stated that just because "we are open for business" does not mean we are able to meet. Comments also that the need to meet soon is important due to recent financial concerns. Motion: "Delegates report back from the 70<sup>th</sup> general service conference be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> via Zoom platform."

Motion passed, 37-4, passes with 90%

Minority Opinion:

Comment that vote was no and you can still have an in-person meeting if you invite the delegate.

No revote:

- **Fall 2020 Conference** regarding Covid-19 Bryon B – see appendix 5  
Comment made that the unknown if the hotel is open to host a group of that size. Personal thought is that there is too much risk to ask this many people to come together.  
  
What is the "drop dead date" – There is not one. Brian has asked for direction in 2 weeks.  
  
Comment regarding Eau Claire County Health Department issuing order in regards to Stay-at-home.  
  
Comment was that the order expires on May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Comment was to want feedbacks from the groups.  
  
Area Chair stated she would email out the information from the Committee and calling an emergency meeting on Saturday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Comment is overriding concern for health.  
  
Comment regarding it isn't safe to meet in person.  
  
Discussion ended, emergency meeting will be held on 5/30/20.  
  
Conversation continued.  
  
Comment regarding will 2 weeks be enough time for a decision.  
  
Comment about moving forward to agenda.

## **Area 74 will have emergency assembly Sat. May 30, 9:00 CST to vote on Fall Conf.**

Danni - PI chair: Motion states "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login." This motion is being presented so it can be addressed at today's Area Committee Meeting. It does not need a 2<sup>nd</sup> because it is coming from the PI Committee. This will be placed at the end of the Agenda to be addressed.

*Michelle question – is this for Assembly or for ACM. Danni and Chair commented that this was brought up at Assembly so it can be moved to ACM agenda for discussion and direction from them.*

*Jeff C.: Point is to bring this through Assembly, to the ACM, so all DCM's can be informed of this at ACM, take back to groups and come to next Assembly prepared for discussion on this motion.*

*Dawn: Great job, Danni and PI committee really did*

*Terry: Past PI chair. This motion was also brought to assembly. Was this approved two years ago?*

*Dawn: has not been approved, and this is what Danni is doing...closing gaps by presenting motion.*

- **Conferences**

- 2020 Spring Report - Sunny L./Marty L. - see appendix 6
  - *Dawn extended thanks for getting the Registration checks back so quickly.*
- 2020 Fall Report - Bryon B. - see appendix 6
  - *No discussion*
- 2021 Spring Report - Derek T. - see appendix 6
- 2021 Fall open bids – *no report*
- 2022 Spring open bids –
  - *District 13 is interested in pursuing a bid for this conference and are in discussion with the hotel.*
- WIYPAA Liaison Report – *Representative not available.*

*Derek moves to refer the CAB Reloaded report to the ACM scheduled for today. This motion is to place on the ACM agenda. Call question by Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle, simple majority to go to vote. 35 yes. 0 no. passed.*

*Motion: "Move the CAB reload to the Area Committee Meeting."*

*Vote: 33 yes 0 no. 100% passed. Now it is on the ACM agenda for today.*

*Danni's motion from PI committee: Derek moved to refer the motion "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login.", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barry. Brent calls the question, Michelle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote simple majority.*

*Vote: 31 yes 0 no. passed. Added to ACM agenda for today.*

## **Close the Assembly with The Declaration of Unity**

*Closing time: 5:44 pm CST*

## Appendix 1

### Area Officer Reports:

#### Secretary:

Good Afternoon Fellow Members of Area 74,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your alternate secretary for the past few months. It has been exciting navigating the twists and turns the road of happy destiny has laid before us. My goal is to get the minutes to the Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's in a timely fashion. In doing so I ask that you take the time to read them carefully and review with your own notes to ensure our accuracy. Much like our meeting today, it takes many people contributing to make it successful. The same, goes for our Area Minutes as well.

We will be having an election for secretary today and pending the outcome of that election I will be assisting in transitioning to the new secretary or if I shall be elected I ask the chair for a few minutes of tie to address the body with some requests regarding sending in your reports.

Thank you for trusting me to serve,  
Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

#### Treasurer:

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### Area 74 - 2020 YTD Budget Report

Year To Date 04-01-2020 - 04-30-2020

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	2,800.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,800.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	248.00	1,052.00
Treasurer	700.00	30.00	670.00
Registrar	700.00	52.00	648.00
Secretary	700.00	-	700.00
Archives	700.00	30.00	670.00
Corrections MI	700.00	40.00	660.00
Corrections WI	700.00	30.00	670.00
CPC	700.00	24.00	676.00
Finance Expenses	700.00	39.00	661.00
Grapevine	700.00	30.00	670.00
Literature	700.00	41.70	658.30
Now & Then	700.00	68.36	631.64
Public Information	700.00	29.00	671.00
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	15.00	685.00
Treatment	700.00	-	700.00
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,700.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,677.06</b>	<b>\$ 12,022.94</b>

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 31,087.00	\$ 8,069.33	\$ 23,017.67
* Other Revenue *	2,500.00	1,038.31	1,461.69
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	350.00	50.00	300.00
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 33,937.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,157.64</b>	<b>\$ 24,779.36</b>

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	400.00	285.26	114.74
Corrections Committee MI	720.00	183.71	536.29
Corrections Committee WI	700.00	-	700.00
CPC Committee	1,070.00	22.00	1,048.00
Finance Committee Expenses	1,190.00	335.74	854.26
Grapevine Committee	500.00	-	500.00
Literature Committee	162.00	44.10	117.90
Now & Then Committee	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Public Information Committee	385.00	14.95	370.05
Registrar Committee	251.00	-	251.00
Secretary Committee	185.00	-	185.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee	250.00	-	250.00
Treatment Committee	4,800.00	-	4,800.00
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>12,613.00</b>	<b>885.76</b>	<b>11,727.24</b>

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Revenue		0.75	
Refreshment Contributions		77.52	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		-	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		-	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		980.04	
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		450.00	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,038.31</b>	<b>\$ 961.69</b>

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Seat Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	550.00	100.00	450.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	275.00	46.97	228.03
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	(0.01)	100.01
ECR Conference	750.00	-	750.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
East Central Regional Forum	750.00	-	750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years		-	
International Convention	750.00	-	750.00
International Convention Hospitality Room donation	400.00	450.00	(50.00)
Sec/Reg computer/onetime expens		-	
Prudent Reserve		-	
<b>YTD Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,495.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,396.96</b>	<b>\$ 4,098.04</b>

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,677.06	\$ 12,022.94
Committee Expenses	12,613.00	885.76	11,727.24
Other Expenses	8,495.00	4,396.96	4,098.04
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 34,808.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,959.78</b>	<b>\$ 27,848.22</b>

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<b>CARRYOVER FROM 2019</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019	\$32,173.28		
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$ 5.00		
Carryover prudent reserve	\$3,000.44		
<b>TTL CARRYOVER 2018</b>	<b>\$ 35,178.72</b>		
<b>REVENUE SUMMARY</b>			
Group Contributions	8,069.33		
* Other Revenue *	1,488.31		
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	50.00		
<b>YTD Total Revenue \$</b>	<b>9,607.64</b>		
<b>* OTHER REVENUE *</b>			
Interest Income	\$ 0.75		
Refreshment Contributions	77.52		
Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference	-		
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss	-		
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference	-		
Fall 2019 Conference Gain	960.04		
ECR International Hospitality Return	450.00		
<b>Total Other Income \$</b>	<b>1,488.31</b>		
<b>EXPENSE SUMMARY</b>			
Chair Expenses	\$ 1,677.06		
Committee Expenses	885.78		
Other Expenses	4,399.99		
<b>YTD Total Expenses \$</b>	<b>6,959.78</b>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
Bal-Checking Account April 30,2020	\$34,850.58		
Outstanding Checks	\$29.00		
<b>CHECKING BALANCE April 30,2020</b>	<b>\$34,821.58</b>		
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00		
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020	\$3,000.00		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS April 30,2020</b>	<b>\$37,826.58</b>		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019	\$32,173.28		
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	5.00		
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	3,000.44		
YTD Total Revenue	9,607.64		
YTD Total Expense	6,959.78		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS April 30,2020</b>	<b>\$37,826.58</b>		
<b>Prudent Reserve Activity</b>			
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,000.00		
YTD Accrued Interest	-		
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking	-		
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve	-		
<b>Current Prudent Reserve Balance \$</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>		
<b>YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS</b>			
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 9,607.64		
YTD Total Expenses	6,959.78		
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss) \$</b>	<b>2,647.86</b>		
<b>GROUP PARTICIPATION</b>			
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020	647		
Institutional Groups	22		
Groups Contributing	114		
	<b>18.24%</b>		

### Area Chair/Alt Delegate:

Date: 5-16-2020

To: Area 74 Spring Assembly

From: Dawn Marx Panel 70

Subject: Area Chair/Alt Delegate Report

- Attended East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past & Present February 14-16, 2020
- Updated Area 74 Charts
  - Thank you Area 74 Webmaster Lucas M. for posting them on our website
  - Revisions will be made to the Area Map when the Printing Company is back to work
- DCM monthly meetings have gone from Conference call to Zoom, allowing us to get to know each other better.
- Attended and participated in District 02 Pre Delegates Workshop on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Delegates Workshop March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Zoom Delegate Feedback Zoom session March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Thank you,  
Dawn Marx



## Appendix 2



February 20, 2020

Sara Plansky-Pecor  
splansky@centurylink.net

Dear Sara-

Warmest greetings from chilly New York.

Thank you for sending the request that AA Grapevine, Inc. "develop a digital service material piece in looped audio/visual format and make available for use and download by groups, GVRs, district & amp; area Grapevine Committees and workshop presenters. This service material could be used in displays via tablet, smart phone or laptop to assist trusted servants in carrying the message of AA GV and therefore reach more alcoholics who still suffer. The looped presentation might include all things Grapevine: history, ways to subscribe, how to submit personal stories, etc." be sent to the 70<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine.

Your request was presented at the AA Grapevine Board of Directors January 30, 2020 quarterly meeting. The Board reviewed this request with great interest and lengthy discussion and took no action as this matter is currently under management's review and will be discussed further at future AAGV Board meetings.

We at Grapevine truly appreciate your interest and suggestions. On behalf of the Grapevine Board, we extend our appreciation to the Area for their participation in the Conference process.

Yours in fellowship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Witherspoon".

Jon Witherspoon  
Secretary to the Conference Committee on Grapevine

Cc: Patrick Claymore, Conference Coordinator, Ginger Rhoades Bell, Chairperson,  
Grapevine Board of Directors

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### **CAB Reloaded Ad-Hoc Committee Summary**

#### **Introduction** (Dean)

My name is Dean and I am an alcoholic currently serving as Area 74 registrar. Phase one of this committee was the survey that ran from May through September of 2019. Char chaired that and got the entire project rolling so a huge thank you to her. She then got kind of busy in another position and I was elected chair for Phase two. Our current committee members are Pamela O. from District 12 (Pam has now moved back to Arizona), Renae S. from District 01, and Derek T., Kathy P. and I from District 20. It has been a great committee and I want to say thank you to everyone.

In May of 2019, the Area 74 Assembly approved the creation of this Ad-Hoc Committee to study the effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee meetings per year. The Ad-Hoc Committee worked for several months to develop an Area 74 membership survey to look at the issue.

The survey was made available via email, hard copy and on the Area 74 website. There was solid participation. The committee collated the data and discussed it at length. The findings were presented to the Area Committee in September of 2019. The committee was then tasked with developing recommendations to the body based on the findings. In addition, the committee reviewed those items that received less than substantial unanimity support in the questionnaire and collated associated responses and comments. The committee's recommendations will be presented first, followed by comments on items that did not receive substantial unanimity support.

#### **CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Recommendations**

- **The committee reviewed response data from the survey. The data indicates, with substantial unanimity, that Area 74 finds [associated questions are cross-referenced parenthetically]:** (Derek)
  - Area 74 should hold Service Meetings (Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings) at Area 74 Conferences [Q1, parts 1 and 2]

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- Area 74 Election Assemblies should be held in a central location [Q2]
- District Committee Members (DCMs) should be giving reports at the Area Committee Meeting and that these reports should be oral reports [Q12 and Q15]
- It is necessary that Committee Chairs give oral reports [Q14]
- That there should be a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies [Q16]
- Workshops at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- Presentations at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- Sharing Sessions at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- Workshops at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- Presentations at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- Sharing Sessions at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- **Therefore, the committee recommends the following** (Kathy)
  - Area 74 should continue to hold Service Meetings [Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings] at Area 74 Conferences
  - The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin
  - Area 74 Assemblies should continue to include oral reports presented by Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs
  - Area 74 Area Committee Meetings should continue to include oral reports presented by DCMs within Area 74
  - The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:
    - “Normal” Assembly
    - Election Assembly
    - Assembly post Delegate’s Workshop
    - Delegate’s Report Assembly, post General Service Conference
  - The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one workshop per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need

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- The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one workshop per year, on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need

### **CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Comments on questions that did not have substantial unanimity so we did not make a recommendation.** (Dean)

3. Should the Delegate's Report be a standalone event (no assembly attached)? Majority—**No—52.2%**

- Very slight support for not having a stand-alone event. Basically a 50/50 split
- From survey comment section,
  - Yes, unless there is pressing business
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.

4. Should the Area Committee meeting be held the same day as the Delegate's report? Majority—**Yes—59.1%**

- Though there was about 60% support for this that means 40% did not support it.
- From survey comment section,
  - If the ACM was accomplishing something it would be great. The way things are now it doesn't matter.
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.

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5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Assembly Meetings** per year and desired months.

- Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. There is an almost 50 % drop-off in having more than two assemblies a year. Certainly, little support for the current 4 assemblies. April was the top month selected to have an assembly with October and September a close tie for second. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.

- Months to hold Assembly---77 Responses

Apr	<b>53.25 %</b>	Votes	41
Oct	<b>42.86 %</b>	Votes	33
Sep	<b>40.26 %</b>	Votes	31
May	28.57 %	Votes	22
Feb	15.58 %	Votes	12

- Number of Assemblies per year

2	<b>41.6%</b>	Votes	32
3	<b>23.4%</b>	Votes	18
4	19.5 %	Votes	15
1	13.0%	Votes	10

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Committee Meetings** per year and desired months.

- Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. Two committee meetings a year was the top vote getter with a 10 % drop-off to 3 or 4 meetings. There is virtually zero percent support for our current 5 ACMs, if we include the optional August one. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do this recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.

- Months to hold Area Committee Meetings 71 Responses

Sep	<b>53.5 %</b>	Votes	38
Mar	<b>46.5 %</b>	Votes	33
May	<b>35.2 %</b>	Votes	25
Apr	29.6 %	Votes	21
Jan	23.9 %	Votes	17

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- Number of Area Committee Meeting per year 71 Responses

2	<b>35.2%</b>	Votes	25
4	<b>23.9%</b>	Votes	17
3	<b>23.9%</b>	Votes	17
1	12.7%	Votes	9
5	2.8 %	Votes	2

6. Would Area 74 benefit from a Parliamentarian? (A Parliamentarian is an expert in meeting procedures serving as an advisor) Majority—**Yes--59.4%**

- About 60% support and 40% do not.
- From survey comment section,
  - Do too much by letter as opposed to spirit of the law
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.
- 7. Is there a perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority? (Kathy)
  - Majority—**No—56.4%**
  - With little over half the respondents didn't believe the perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority, The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion on the subject within a Workshop or Sharing Session would be appropriate.
- 8. Is the Area 74 Assembly effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work?
  - Majority—**No—56.9%**
  - With little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work, the Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion at a Sharing Session or Workshop would be appropriate.
- 9. Has the Area Assembly and/or Area Committee been effective at implementing sharing session feedback?
  - Majority-**No- 57.1%**

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- With a little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective in implementing sharing session feedback. The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation but maybe a Workshop would be appropriate.
- 10. Have Area Committees been effective at encouraging participation on their respective committees and general service as a whole? (Derek)
  - Majority—**No—61.2%**
  - A majority of respondents (but not a substantial unanimity) feel that Committees have not been doing their job in this respect. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session. Respondent comments included the follow recommendations:
    - All standing committees should have monthly service calls and/or meet regularly
    - Time could be set aside at Area Assemblies or Area Committee Meetings where in-person committee meetings could be scheduled
    - Each standing committee should plan 2-3 annual service functions
- 11. Should the Area Committee be responsible for setting the Area Assembly Agenda?
  - Majority—**Yes—61.6%**
  - While not substantial unanimity, the majority of respondents believe the Area Committee should be responsible for setting the agenda. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation.
- 13. Are Committee Chairs reporting often enough to the Assembly? Majority—**Yes—59.0%**
  - A majority of respondents feel the Area Committee Chairs are reporting often enough. However, over 40% said 'no'. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation. Respondent comments including the following feedback:
    - Committees aren't doing much, so they don't have much to report
    - Electronic reporting is sufficient

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- **Conclusion** (Renaee)

- One of the most significant takeaways from the data is that most respondents selected two (2) or three (3) as the ideal number of Assemblies per year. Four (4) per year was the third highest selected #. Two (2) was the most popular number of desired Area Committee meeting per year, with four (4) closely following. As this would be such an important decision, we felt this potential recommendation warranted further discussion by the Area Committee and if forwarded on, the Area Assembly.
- The committee recommends:
  - Service meetings should continue to be held at Area Conferences
  - Oral reporting by Committee Chairs and DCMs should continue at Area 74 Assemblies and Area committee meetings, respectively
  - **The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin**
  - **The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:**
    - **“Normal” Assembly**
    - **Election Assembly**
    - **Assembly following Delegate’s Workshop**
    - **Delegate’s Report Assembly following the General Service Conference**
  - **The Area 74 Assembly agenda shall include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need**
  - **The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda should include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need**
  - The Ad Hoc committee recommends that the question related to the number of Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings per year

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- (and the months they are held) be referred to the Area Committee for further discussion

The **bolded** recommendations above indicate a policy change in Area 74, and if adopted, associated changes to the Area 74 Guidelines. The committee respectfully requests that these items be added to Fall Assembly agenda for discussion and vote by the full body.

APPROVED

**Area 74 Inventory Committee Report to the Area Assembly  
May 16, 2020**

The Area 74 Inventory can be found on the Area 74 website on the Home page. That address is [area74.org](http://area74.org)

We have 14 responses to the inventory at this time. We hope to receive more prior to the August Special Assembly.

The Committee has not had much luck with finding a facilitator for this Assembly. The members which have been contacted were not available for this timeframe.

I guess the next question would be do we need to reschedule the August Special Assembly?

The thoughts of the Committee are that doing the Inventory in person would be much more helpful. But we are not sure how many people would attend or even if the Reiter Center will be open at that time. If it is open – how many of you would show up in August?

I did check into Zoom Conference Rooms, it can be done, but it would cost \$49.00 per room, per month.

Thank you very much,

Committee Members

Marty L.  
Jeff D.

Barry M.  
Shannon R.

Brent H.  
Gerri Ann K.

Steven S.

## Appendix 3

*“Area 74 CPC Area recommends “the Linked-In Page” of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.”*

Area 74 CPC Committee **recommends** with unanimity to the Area 74 Assembly that:

“The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.” In addition, we **recommend** that the Area Delegate carries this Area Conscience to the 70th General Service Conference.

We recommend the following actions to carry out this recommendation:

- If a recommendation similar to this comes to the floor of the 70<sup>th</sup> GSC then our Delegate votes yes to discontinue LinkedIn or;
  - If no agenda item to discontinue LinkedIn is brought to the floor, then we request our Delegate to present this as a floor action or;
  - If our Delegate is unable to introduce this agenda item, then we would ask that it be sent to the GSC Coordinator as an agenda item, along with our background for the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference.
- LinkedIn is not effective.
    - The total number of LinkedIn users is 476 million. There were Total page visits in November 2019 of 692 with ONLY 80 clicks to visit aa.org.
      - Would a professional go to LinkedIn when they may go directly to aa.org or A.A.W.S.?
  - Advertising on LinkedIn
    - LinkedIn cannot prevent Ads from appearing on a Company Page. Web ads (called “promoted content” by LinkedIn) appear on the far-right column of LinkedIn pages.
      - This could lead to an appearance of Affiliation or Endorsement, Actual or Implied, and promotion.
      - Tradition Six “While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
      - Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”
  - Keeping in mind the responsibilities as outlined in the AA Service Manual our committee believes a CPC presence on LinkedIn usurps responsibility from local C.P.C. committees or discouraging face-to-face interactions with professionals.
    - GSO presence on LinkedIn discourages face to face interaction between an AA Member and the Professional
  - Use LinkedIn to broaden the reach of our “About A.A.” newsletter. “Request that the professionals who are quoted or profiled in the issues post about the newsletter to reach their LinkedIn connections”
    - How is quoting professionals providing the message of AA? Or are we promoting professionals and their views?
      - This could appear as Seeking Prestige
      - Tradition Six: “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.” This Tradition reminds us never to give the impression that A.A. itself, or any A.A. group, endorses (or opposes) or finances any other enterprise, no matter what our individual opinions may be. It also points out that seeking prestige always creates problems for us.
  - Broaden the search for Class A Trustees

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- Feature openings for Class A Trustees on our Company Page, “push the information out by posting the opening to all our followers”, “we could push the information out by posting the opening to LinkedIn Groups” and “target certain professions”
  - Pg. S68 The AA Service Manual “The General Service Board nominates Class A trustees after an extensive search and interview process that begins by asking current and past members of the board, directors, delegates, and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff to submit names and background information for “friends of A.A.” to fill a vacancy.”
  - Are we changing the process for finding Class A Trustees?
  - Our committee does not see a need to “broaden” the search for Class A Trustees.
  - We believe that “targeting” audiences do not follow AA Principles.
  - We believe that “pushing” for candidates from a “Company Page” sends a conflicting AA message of what AA is about.
  - This type of searching might encourage “Professionals” to apply that have no interest in the AA Fellowship, understanding of AA Principles and are only applying to embellish their resumes.
- “post pieces from current and past Class A Trustees and other professionals who are friends of A.A.”
  - We believe that publishing Class A Trustee sharing on a public media platform does not follow our AA Principles or past traditions.
  - Looking at our AA history sharing by Class A Trustee’s was normally accomplished through professional journals and talks at professional conventions and the like.
  - Tradition 11 (long form) says, in part, “Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves.
  - This might become an expectation for future Class A Trustee’s that part of their responsibilities will be as recruiters.
- LinkedIn to announce national, state, and local conferences where A.A. will be exhibiting.
  - By posting that we will be exhibiting at a professional conference are we promoting that conference?
    - Is this Affiliation or Endorsement, Actual or Implied, or promotion?  
Tradition Six “cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
    - Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion”
- “post studies, new findings, and new resources that might become available from reputable sources”
  - “Feature links to studies and articles related to alcoholism from reputable sources”, “post these studies and articles to our followers” and “post these studies to the appropriate LinkedIn Groups”
    - Alcoholics Anonymous does not decide who or what is a reputable source.
    - Posting “studies, findings, new resources” could imply affiliation or endorsements and both are violations of our AA Traditions
  - “with appropriate disclaimers similar to what Grapevine uses”
    - The disclaimer may remove actual endorsement or affiliation, but-does leave implications.
  - “Posting material by reputable sources shows professionals that Alcoholics Anonymous is a subject matter expert on alcoholism.”
    - There is no mention in the Alcoholics Anonymous book that we are “Experts” To imply that we are experts is not in line with our spiritual principles.

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- Posting studies or articles implies that we agree with or endorse the content –we do not post articles or studies we do not agree with. Or for that matter any other recovery material but conference approved.
- Tradition Six “cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
- Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion”
- This type of prestige will divert-us from our primary purpose.
- “authors of the articles or studies might be more inclined to become Class A Trustees because of our support of their work”
  - We cooperate with others we do not endorse them. Or their work
- IMPLEMENTATION: “C.P.C. coordinator and the C.P.C. assistant be the page administrators”. “The Company page administrators need to be LinkedIn members and use their real first and last names, but profile photos are not required. The current C.P.C. assistant is a nonalcoholic so there are no anonymity issues there.”
  - What about the anonymity of the nonalcoholic CPC Assistant?
    - “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”
    - This implies that a qualification for this position is that they are non-alcoholic.
    - This assistant will fill in when the alcoholic staff on the CPC assignment. What qualifications will the non-alcoholic assistant have to qualify them to work in place of the alcoholic staff member?
  - Do we want a non- AA member as an administer of the LinkedIn page?
- “Not to say there is no “cost” for LinkedIn, but it is more in the realm of privacy compromised and data collection allowed. LinkedIn is currently owned by Microsoft
  - What is meant by “privacy Compromised”?

### Concluding remarks in background

- LinkedIn effort usurps what should be the domain of group members and local committees. “We have 1.5 million members US & Canada. (2019 GSC Report pg. 58) That should be an adequate resource to carry the message to professionals. If we show up and keep with our primary purpose of helping alcoholics, then we don’t need to promote and professionals will respond accordingly.”
- Regarding the need for more recommendations of Class A Trustees, “rather than depending on LinkedIn we should be improving lines of communication within the Fellowship to make members more aware of this need and how to answer it.”

## Appendix 4

Greetings Area 74,

As the Virtual General Service Conference is happening now (literally). The earliest I can have the report finalized is Monday June 2, 2020. I am available to travel to Districts to give the report when the stay at home order is lifted. I understand that it is probable there will be limitations on the size of the gathering and the Reiter Center may not be an option, that is why I am willing to travel.

If two or three or four districts combine to host an event for the Delegate's Report back keeping in mind the limited capacity of attendance per state regulations this would thrill me to be able to give the report in person.

As I was talking with a long-timer about this it was mentioned that "this is the way it was done in the past". As we entered a new dimension with the virtual conference perhaps we can bring some of the small t back to the Delegate Report Back event.

As of now I will not be available the weekend of June 19-21, 2020 unless of course Marinette, the city, can schedule something on the Saturday afternoon. I can take time from my Vacation. Please note I will have no online availability this weekend.

I also understand that many people are in love with Zoom and this could be a possibility. However please keep in mind that talking to my computer at home, the same as the conference and the same for the 3 months I have been asked to worked from home is not my ideal.

I miss all of you and look forward to when we can see each other.

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In Gratitude and Service,  
Char Van Deraa  
Panel 70 Area 74 Delegate  
Northern Wisconsin/UP Michigan

## Appendix 5

Do we continue planning the Fall Conference 2020 in Eau Claire?

Option 1

Cancel and go virtual for the Assembly.  
Cost \$124.00

Option 2

Full Steam ahead

Option 3 Limited Conference

IE: only have the assembly, Assembly and Saturday night Speaker- no food banquet.

I am not asking for a decision at this time.

The Area Chair can call an emergency Assembly in 2 weeks to give the Groups enough time to discuss and then make a decision.

### Expenses

Hotel/Facilities	\$3,500
Airfare 2 speaker	\$600
Fuel expense 1 speaker	\$150
10 Hotel rooms at \$100 each	\$1,000
Entertainment/DJ for dance	\$800
Misc Expense	\$600
Estimated Expenses	\$6,650

### Registrations

100	\$2,500
150	\$3,750
200	\$5,000
250	\$6,250
300	\$7,500

## Appendix 6

### Spring Conference Report May 2020

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. The district was to host the Area 74 AA Organizations Spring Conference for Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 2020. The conference has been cancelled because of maximum capacity of attendance limitations by the State of Wisconsin.

Marty L. had been coordinating and do the needed efforts for the agenda of speakers, panels and hospitality room etc. The Treasurer was keeping the finances of the conference debits and credits.

The Americinn motel was place selected for the conference, a contract for \$ 395.00 was signed and a \$250.00 deposit was paid and will be returned to the district.

The entertainer was selected and a \$200.00 dollar non refundable fee was paid and that vendor will provide a discount on the next event the district has a need for his services.

The other fees were miscellaneous cost such as post office box, name tags, envelopes and stamps to provide refunds for the 38 registrants as of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The estimated balance of the \$1,000 seed money to be returned to Area 74 is about \$629.00

End of report

### Fall Conference 2020 Planning Committee Report 05/16/2020

Since my last report:

- 1) The registration flyer was completed, approved, and distributed.
- 2) The on-line registration is up and running with Eventzilla.
- 3) Three speakers have been confirmed for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning.
- 4) A draft agenda has been distributed among the committee members and we are working on finalizing the details.
- 5) We have received the \$1000 seed money from Area 74 and there is \$976.00 in the checking account.
- 6) There are 3 registrations

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, Marybeth S, Jackie P, Pam S (representing Best Western), and myself met at the Hotel to discuss the physical layout of the conference. During the initial discussion, the idea was brought up that the conference may have to be cancelled even though it is in September. For the moment, the planning committee is on hold until we get some direction from Area 74. One of the Agenda Items for the Area 74 on-line Assembly will be a discussion on the Fall 2020 Conference as it relates to the COVID19 situation.

Thank you for letting me be of service  
Bryon B  
Fall Conference 2020 Planning Committee Chair



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### **Spring 2021 Area 74 Conference Update Presented at Area 74 Assembly 05/16/2020**

The planning committee has met several times since we last reported

One of our planning meetings was held onsite at the Ramada by Wyndham, Marquette. The entire committee did a walkthrough with the special events director. The space is great and the director is very accommodating

The committee has completed a budget based on due diligence with the hotel and all other anticipated costs; we are coming in at \$35 for the banquet and \$25 for registration

Our dates are reserved for May 14-16, 2021. We have not received the final contract from the hotel or the guaranteed room rate. The flyer is complete except for the room rate info. We will distribute the flyer appropriately as soon we have those items nailed down and the contract signed

Respectfully submitted,

Derek T. And Kathy P.