

Area 74 Special Assembly Saturday, May 30th, 2020

9:00 AM CST – **Welcome and Opening Prayer – Meeting opened at 9am.**

- Housekeeping
- Roll Call
- **Area Officers:** Area Chair Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer
- **Committee Chairs:** Archives, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Treatment

- **DCM's:**
- 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07,10,12, 3,18, 20, 21, 23,
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- **Past Delegates that are present today:**
- 56 – Jeff C, 62—Marty L, 64 – Mary Jo R, 66 -Derek T,68 -Sara P,

9:10 AM CST- **Area Vote**

“Should Area 74 hold a 2020 Fall Conference, live and face-to-face in Eau Claire, WI
As originally planned”

- YES = Hold a Fall Conference face-to-face as planned in Eau Claire
- NO = Do not have a face-to-face conference in Eau Claire

Some of you referred to three suggestion/options that were provided by Brian's committee.

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.

To reduce any confusion,

If your groups or districts voted for...

---Option 2 - Full Steam ahead, then your groups' or districts' vote would be YES today.

If your groups or districts voted for...

---Option 1 or Option 3, then your groups' or districts' vote would be NO today.

Question was asked in agreement on the understanding of what the vote is today, the vote was 40 YES -7 No, in response to the question: "Does everyone agree with this voice for voting

Clarification on what the vote was for and that people who didn't understand what the vote was for should ask for clarification. No hands raised.

Question asked if there were to be discussion and if there is a no vote would the committee have full decision making on the conference. Area Chair stated that it is up to the committee to move forward. Chair clarified that the committee can put forward what they want to do with the bid.

Poll was issued:

- YES = Hold a Fall Conference face-to-face as planned in Eau Claire
- NO = Do not have a face-to-face conference in Eau Claire

Poll results: 80.76% No(42) 19.34% Yes(10) – substantial unanimity

Minority Opinion:

The longer we stay away the easier it is to stay away and not sure the founders would want that. I also voted yes that the host district that they serve at the pleasure of the Area and although we have vague guidelines that we follow it is Area 74 as a whole that puts on the conference and that the options that were put forward didn't capture all options of having a limited conference was not an option. This is an Area 74 Conference and we should have some say in how it goes forward. We have options and we could look at many options and we should gather in person.

Another person commented that we have options to consider to meet in person. We could find larger spaces, pre-packaged food and should have fun this fall.

Another person commented that they voted yes because the way the motion was crafted was that it throws it back to the committee and that the Area guidelines have a loose committee and that the Area should work with the District's conference planning committee and that this vote gives no direction on what to do from here. Wishes to see a conference moving forward and wants to see how Area can help the district.

Another comment was that will cheerfully go along with the group consensus and that we should not have voted anyway and that the conference had been delegated to make the decision.

Question was asked if anyone in the majority wished to change their vote:

A majority member stated he wished to change his vote.

Point of order that we vote to reconsider:

Point of order that we need a 2nd to reconsider.

This vote is to reconsider the vote; this is a simple majority vote: Yes - 14 (28.6%) – No - 35 (71.4%)

Area 74 Fall Conference Planning Chair spoke; he stated that he will talk to the committee on how they want to move forward and what they are capable of doing. He stated the committee would have to discuss this and report back to the area.

Member just stated that there were not other options; and what about other options should be available.

Comment that the business has been concluded and that there is a motion to close, 2nded.

Comment that we should consider other options and Al-Anon is holding their meeting.
Motion to close the meeting.

Point of order that we need to vote to close the meeting;

Vote is 29 to close, 1 to not.

Meeting closed - 10:11 AM CST

APPROVED