

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday August 1, 2020
Zoom Virtual

Welcome and Housekeeping

Meeting began at 10:03am

Roll Call, DCMs Present; 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23

Area Committee Chairs; N&T, Grapevine, Treatment, PI, CPC, Finance, Literature,

Area Officers; Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar

Request to discuss the Area inventory meeting from the morning of 08/01/20.

Question regarding discussion of CAB reloaded and why it isn't on the agenda.

Comment that today's special ACM meeting was scheduled for 8/1/2020

specifically to better organize the CAB information for presenting to the September

Assembly. If this was completely ignored and not put on agenda, this is

reprehensible behavior for the Area.

Approve Minutes from May 16, 2020

Motion to approve minutes, 2nded. Passed with 1 no, didn't wish to speak.

Approve Minutes from June 13, 2020

Motion to approve minutes, 2nded. Passed with

Delegates Report

““Delegate Report August 1, 2020”

What once was is no longer and what is to be is God's will.

Greetings Area 74,

My name is Char Van Deraa. I am an alcoholic serving as your Area 74 Delegate.

It certainly has been an interesting year. I have not traveled anywhere.

Thus far this year I have spent \$712.00 of the \$1,000 paid to me at the beginning of

2020.

The expenses include attendance at the Conference of Delegate's Past and Present in Novi Michigan this February. I also have spent \$150.00 on copies for the Delegates workshop including 2 copies of the background material for each committee.

The General Service Office and Board have released a copy of the amended Conference Charter for distribution to all members. They felt the document was to important to wait until the next publishing of the Service Manuel.

The coordinators of the International Convention provided us a virtual experience. Thank you to the webmaster and PI committee for putting a link on our website,

The 2019 audit is finally complete. The General Service Conference will convene on Saturday August 15, 2020 to hear the audit results and have an opportunity to ask questions. I look forward to this opportunity.

I have sent the communication regarding the opening for Trustee at Large and the East Central Reginal trustee opening to all the past Delegates. I have one interested past Delegate who is willing to stand.

I have attended all the Finance Committee meetings this year.

The CPC motion on discontinuing the Linked In Page was submitted to the Conference Coordinator.

I also continue to answer emails on a variety of subjects from the membership."

The following was included in an email from Char with her written report, this information was not shared at the ACM and was included in a copy of her written report; *"Contributions are doing great, astounding, superb with the last three months well above the normal contributions in our budgets of the past. As comparison, a normal month of contributions is approximately \$750,000. June 2020 contributions were about \$898,000 and July 2020 contributions hit an amazing \$1,014,000 – record months and wonderful support from the Fellowship. Literature sales have been slowly increasing since the major drop in March with our total sales as of June at about \$4,868,000 which is about \$2.6 million below the same time last year, and almost \$5,000,000 below the original budget."*

Comment: Chair stated that the CAB reloaded is more appropriately discussed at the Assembly and not the ACM.

Comment DCM: I was intending to discuss CAB reloading.

Comment: Are we confusing Geri's inventory and CAB reloaded inventory.

Comment: I would take a sense of the meeting as many of us came to discuss CAB reloaded as to what this was a special meeting.

Comment: Delegate wishes to add a point of information as at the last ACM an agenda was not approved to the Area Assembly and a strong advocate of no action being taken without input from groups.

Comment: GSR's entrusted his as a DCM to make decisions on CAB reloaded.

Comment: It seems to me that the purpose of this Area Committee meeting was to discuss the CAB reloaded and see what moves forward to the Area Assembly and while I understand other business needs to be done if we are not discussing CAB reloaded then I think we need to be done.

Comment - Delegate: A recommendation coming from a committee is automatically seconded and is a motion, that was not clearly stated when the report was given. It was voted that it was moved to the ACM to talk about. It was discussed and talked about and at the ACM to take back to groups. My article from the Now and Then that was widely criticized was that it was moved away from the Assembly to the Groups. Reading through the minutes the DCM's need to take it back to the groups and were not subject to the conversation in the ACM. I am tired of the nit-picking and we need common ground to accomplish something. I take full responsibility for not putting CAB reloaded on the agenda. The assembly needs

to take action on it. If we don't want to DCM minutes then fine, I certainly have better things to do than sit in front of my computer and listen to people complain.

Comment: This is my first time here and we have spent an hour talking about what we are going to talk about. This is not encouraging what we want to talk about.

Comment: The purpose of the ACM is to put forward the agenda of the assembly. A point of clarification that a recommendation can be considered a motion. That someone needs to make a motion to implement a recommendation. Our guidelines don't clarify that a recommendation as a motion. Is it on the agenda or not then move forward with the rest of the agenda?

Comment: CAB reloaded added to unfinished business.

DCM Reports

See attached

Marty needed to leave, Sara P nominated and accepted the position as acting chair. Lunch Break and reconvened at 12:05pm with Sara P. as acting chair

CAB reloaded was added to new business

Unfinished Business: Nothing brought forward/listed as old business.

New Business:

Treatment- ASL- MaryBeth

Guidelines regarding has ASL interpreters for Area 74 functions. Guidance needs to be given for ASL interpreters; specifically, how/when to use them and seeking clarification of expectations regarding interpreters. A request was given to treatment to hold a workshop and collaborate with District 5. Do we share Zoom accounts or create our own? She attended a workshop on AA during these times that is available if people are interested.

Question: I would like the link to that workshop.

Question: Clarification on Zoom accounts

Question: Can an Area Committee use an Area Zoom account?

Delegate: Yes, the account can be used. Send the information to Char and she will schedule it. The delegate will log on and assign the host as host.

Comment: It would be an acceptable expense to have your own account.

Comment: We could have too many accounts with people stacking on top of each other.

Comment: It might be wise to share resources and use a shared account rather than multiple accounts.

Comment: It wouldn't be expensive to have multiple accounts.

Discuss 2021 dates to remember.

Delegate: When working on 2021, I realized I needed input to the dates to remember.

Comment: This will be added to the September assembly and voted on in October.

Comment: Final vote in October 2021.

Comment: We vote on the calendar, not the dates to remember.

Approve September 11, 2020 Assembly Agenda

Comment: When do we nominate or vote on a nomination for Trustee-at-Large?

Comment: Before we finalize the agenda do we need to discuss the CAB reloaded and see if there are recommendations from that before finalizing the assembly agenda.

Comment: Move the approval of the agenda setting the end of the discussion today.

Comment: Sense of body was to move agenda approval to end of discussion.

Comment: Are we discussing this morning's inventory meeting and it was agreed to add it to the agenda?

Comment: It will be discussed.

Comment: Does this meeting/group then move to have these individual items or collective recommendations to be moved to the Fall Assembly or how do they move to be voted on?

Comment: These would get moved to the Assembly.

Comment: These were sent back to committee to be specifically crafted motions to be discussed and voted on at the assembly.

Comment: Multiple discussions have occurred between District 5 and District 6 that resulted in motions. Should I share this now or discuss later?

Comment/Chair: This is the time for DCM's to share and bring forward ideas.

Comment: District 6 DCM shared a "proposal" and discussion point for the ACM (below in Italics and Quotes)

"HISTORY

Currently Area 74 has scheduled 4 Area Assemblies, 2 of them in conjunction with a Conference, and 3 Area Committee meetings. The Area committees will meet on an as-needed basis. The Assemblies that include the Area Conference will have speakers, workshops and a dinner dance. The Delegate will give their report at the 2nd Assembly, in addition to a Delegate Workshop before the General Service Conference. In addition, there can be Area Committee Meetings on an ad-hoc basis.

As pointed out in the CAB Revisited report by combining the Conference with the Assembly the people attending the Assembly do not have the opportunity to participate in many of the workshops, panels, speakers, and other activities because they are tending to business with the Assembly.

The combining of the Conference and Assembly was brought about by an Assembly motion in 20XX.

MOTION

We make the Following motion

1. *The purpose of the Area Assembly is to conduct Area business. As such the Conference should be spun out as a separate activity apart from the Assembly.*
2. *The Delegate has the responsibility to schedule The Delegate's report as they see fit.*
3. *Area business would be conducted with 2 Area Committee Meetings, and 2 Area Assemblies per year, WITH THE Area Committee Meeting being a 1 day event, and the Area Assembly being a 2 day event.*

REVIEW

The Area Committee Meetings would take place in the 1st and 3rd quarter of each year. The Area Committee Meeting would consist of the Area Officers, DCM's, and Area committee chairs. Thee purpose of this meeting is to develop the agenda for The Area Assembly that is scheduled to meet in during the 2nd and 4th quarter of the year. In addition, they would pick work shop topics for the workshops that would take place Saturday morning of the Assembly.

The Area Assembly would consist of a 2 day meeting.

The Area committees would hold their meetings on Friday night. This will give a central location, and time for the Area committees, and a chance for everyone to participate in the Area committees.

Saturday morning would be dedicated to the workshops that were chosen during the Area Committee meeting.

Saturday afternoon would be dedicated to handling the business of the area. This would consist of the Agenda items from the Area Committee meeting, and motions coming from the Area committee meetings that took place Friday Night, and any motions from the floor.

In the event of a Special Assembly (i.e. election assembly) we could forgo the workshops on Saturday morning, and replace these with the business session of the Assembly, and the Special part of the Assembly taking place on Saturday afternoon, or we can continue with the workshops in the morning, business session in the afternoon, and the Special part of the assembly in the evening. "

Comment: Were assemblies added to conferences because the group didn't want pay for officers and area chairs to conferences because there was not work being done?

Comment: Some truth to that due to the Area being low on cash and looking for ways to save money.

Comment: Mike – DCM 7 –

"District 07 discussed the following conclusions of the CAB Revisited report, and voted a YES or NO regarding agreement with these recommendations.

- *Service meetings should continue to be held at Area Conferences: YES*
- *Oral reporting by Committee Chairs and DCMs should continue at Area 74 Assemblies and Area committee meetings, respectively: YES, however they MUST be kept to a maximum of 2 minutes.*
- *The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin: YES*
- *The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develops a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develops standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to: YES, keep it generic.*
 - *"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: NO. Length of Assemblies are a concern.*
- *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: NO. Number of and length of the Area Committee meetings is a concern.*
- *The Ad Hoc committee recommends that the question related to the number of Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings per year (and the months they are held) be referred to the Area Committee for further discussion: YES"*

Comment: I too was part of a discussion from District 5/6 and I believe that a motion set forward covers the hard work put in by the committee. The comment made that work wasn't getting done from 2-4 assemblies and now work isn't getting done with 4 assemblies is an issue for our area inventory. Maybe we need to cut back on the number things we put on our agenda. I support what was brought forward.

Comment: I was reviewing the service manual. The important assembly is electing a delegate and the next assembly is to help the delegate. Are the rest of the assemblies just about creating work that isn't there.

Comment: Quick comment, it has become more and more apparent that we have not been able to get our work done. My previous attended assemblies were 300+ people and we were able to get our work done in a few hours.

Comment: The data on workshops have the highest level of support showed 90% support.

Comment: We can't get a DCM for our district; the Area is completely broken. We don't have to be a part of the problem. Our Area committee is broken and does not do anything. This does not mean approve it, it means set the agenda. One of the best area committees I heard was our sharing session this morning and our 15-minute break this morning. We should have been having 6-8 Area committee meetings a year to share the discussion and help support each other. The reason I was in favor of 4 assemblies is so there was not a 6-month gap. We are really putting the cart before the horse. We have become less effective since we started talking about how to become more effective. I admit I am part of the problem and vacillate between a bleeding deacon and an elder statesman.

Comment: My biggest responsibility is to educate people about what we are and what we do. How we are connected and how we carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. I was so happy to see that people wanted the CAB reloaded information and wanted to learn about it.

Comment: I would like to make a motion that we follow the recommendation to CAB RELOADED ad hoc committee and take it to the assembly.

Motion from Dist 23 "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"

Comment: Are we going to see a precedent about voting on each item individually rather than a recommendation coming from a committee?

Comment/Delegate: I am not sure why we are voting on something that is coming out of committee, it should already be seconded and on the agenda for the assembly? Are we being disrespectful to CAB reloaded and the work they did?

Comment: Area Chair stepped in regarding a point of clarification on a motion.

Comment: Any motion that comes out of an Area Committee or standing committee is automatically seconded then voted on. An ad hoc committee does not have the ability to already have a 2nded motion to the committee.

Comment: Is Kevin willing to amend his motion to include all of CAB reloaded recommendations?

Comment: Yes

Comment: “The area committee accepts the ad hoc committee’s recommendations in their entirety and moves the following items to the Fall Assembly”

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 - Assembly following Delegate’s Workshop
 - Delegate’s Report Assembly following the General Service Conference
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- 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 (and the months they are held) be referred to the Area Committee for further discussion”

Comment: District 5 and 6 have a recommendation, District 6 shared their motion
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Comment: I think these are 2 separate and different motions and should be brought forward to the Assembly.

Comment: Lets vote on the one and move it to the Structures and Guidelines and possible floor action.

Vote taken - substantial unanimity needed; Yes – 20, No – 1. 95.2%

Minority: Our district voted no on the last 2 bold faced recommendations.

Comment: No desire to change their vote. Motion passes.

Comment: I refrained from voting as per our motion, I make a motion that the District 5/6 motion be added to the Assembly agenda.

Motion made to add the following motion to the Assembly agenda:

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Comment: Thank you from the Cab Reloaded Committee.

Comment: If we add District 5/6 motions to the assembly, won't it be confusing?

Comment: Jim's motion should come up second on the agenda as it came out of discussion on the agenda.

Comment: This is exciting, work is getting done. This is how the Area Committee meeting would work. DCM's leave here and go back to GSR's and everyone is well-informed and we might have robust work, fat lips and bloody knuckles. This is exciting work.

Comment: This is how an Area Committee meeting is supposed to work.

Comment: Jim's motion addresses one of the parts of CAB RELOADED recommended go back to the Area Committee Meeting for discussion.

Comment: My role as DCM is to go back to the GSR's with information and that doesn't seem to happen. That is something that I think is broken in our Area that we need to teach our GSRs so they understand what we are doing.

Char/Delegate: We did not approve the September Assembly schedule yet and I echo that the motion proposed by District 5 and 6 closely relates to this being sorted out in the ACM. Can this body approve District 5 and 6's motions?

Comment: The vote is to add this agenda to the assembly agenda, the body can give a sense of should this motion be put on the agenda.

Nobody was opposed the District 5/6 motion going on the agenda.

Comment: Perhaps the inventory could be turned over to the Area Committee meeting.

Comment: It was mentioned earlier that people mentioned a facilitator for the inventory and that they could help us direct the inventory process, starting with the facilitator – looking for some feedback.

Comment: Was the committee appointed by assembly or then Area Chair? –
Answer: Area Assembly

Comment: We don't have the ability to overrule the assembly. Could the committee put this on the agenda in September regarding how to proceed?

Comment/Delegate: Let the committee talk about it first and they do owe the assembly a report of what happened today; meaning, let the ad hoc committee give a report and let the assembly direct the committee on what to do.

Comment: I feel strongly this is old business, not new business.

Chair took a sense of body the Ad hoc committee would present a report during old business at the September Assembly.

Finance Chair: Speaking in regards to request for funds from a District and they did not disburse funds as they are not budgeted. The committee requests this (the request for start-up funds) needs to be brought to the assembly.

Comment: When we submitted the request, we didn't expect funds to be distributed but we wanted to begin the conversation.

Comment: Get the motion to finance committee and they can move it forward as a motion. Since it is coming out of committee, they can put it on the agenda/assembly.

Comment: Clarification, it will be on the assembly agenda through the finance committee.

Comment/Delegate: I would like feedback from the Area Committee on this. There have been multiple emails regarding our financial situation. I had a conversation with the finance chair and have decided to have a discussion here. Can we provide a one-time stipend to districts for special projects? I want as much feedback as possible via email.

Comment: People are having a hard time understanding how to do 7th tradition and venmo. Would it be appropriate to have the finance committee address the assembly on how to do that?

Comment: There was a request to bring something to the assembly to help address this.

Comment: Caution not to endorse a particular payment method.

Comment: Is there precedent for the Area giving money to GSO?

Comment: Area has voted twice no before.

Vote on approving the September Assembly Agenda: Unanimously approved.

Meeting closed at 2:40pm

Appendix

District 1:

DCM district 01 report 8-1-2020

At this time all of our district chair positions are filled . The district meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month on our district zoom account attendance is strong we usually have 6 to 8 GSRs in attendance . Our corrections chair Adam B. was just contacted By our local jails that approved AA members may have one on one meetings through the glass they are also working on a virtual platform to be launched in near future. The female corrections had a request from the jail Chaplin for Big books and Daily reflections to give to inmates. The district approved the purchase of the requested Books . The jail Books will be purchased from our central office inventory which will help the central office in there monthly budget needs . The green Bay main two meeting Halls (the 218 club and the Bridge) are open for all meetings that are on there meeting lists. All in person meetings in green Bay have masks and distance requirements. Many of the larger groups will still meet using zoom meetings . Several of our local treatment centers are attending zoom meetings .

Thank you Bill D. DCM 01

Yours in service.,

District 2:

July 30th DCM Report for ACMAAt the present time District 02 has face to face meetings and Zoom meetings. Some face to face meetings have restrictions. Some are being held outside at AA members homes. A number of meetings continued meeting during the pandemic.We still have a number of open positions LCM's B, C and F. Chair Positions Archives, Grapevine, PI and Treasurer. Our next District meeting is on August 9th and we will be discussing a virtual workshop and virtual intergroup.

District3:

Daniel S. District 3

Serving Wood County

We continue to navigate the Covid-19 situation. Many groups remain autonomous and meet in person. Some have continued their online presence and serve in face to face meetings.

We postponed a scheduled summer picnic that was originally scheduled for July. We hope to resume that in the following year.

We have one active GSR, a treasurer, and PI chair.

I have been attending the DCM monthly call as well as PI committee calls.

Please visit us at

wiaadistrict3.org

Thank you and God Bless

Daniel S.

District4:

District 04 is in Central Wisconsin and is in Portage and Waupaca Counties.

We have meetings in Stevens Point, Plover, Waupaca, Amherst, and Iola. Our District Meeting is held on the First Thursday of every month on Zoom. As of right now we have meetings in-person, on Zoom, and some as Hybrid meetings doing both Zoom and In-person. We are active in the residential treatment center in Stevens Point. We are doing an Intro to AA on the first Saturday of every month. We are also going into the treatment center and having AA meetings for the residents there. We are still not able to go into the Jails for AA meetings, But we do have members Bridging the Gap on another online platform called WebEx. We are having a summer picnic/pizza party on August 15th. Fellowship starts at 5pm, Pizza at 6pm, and our speaker Terrie A. from Stevens Point will be speaking at 7pm. We are also planning a Safety Workshop on October 17th via Zoom. We have a Keynote Speaker Madeline P from Oregon. Any questions, comments, or concerns please call me, text me, or email me.

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Also more info can be found regarding District 04 on our website.

<https://www.aawidistrict04.org>

District5:

DCM Report for ACM meeting

Greetings from District 05, We hope all of you are staying safe and taking necessary precautions to protect yourself, others around you during unprecedented times. Since my last report to Area, our district has met three times via Zoom on the second Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. we've talked about CAB Reloaded, 7th tradition to district, Area, Intergroup, and GSO. How groups are doing with covid-19 what they are doing to reopen meetings with safety being the focus. With meetings changing from Zoom to in-person our webmaster has been very active updating our website in the GSO meeting app. And To have a current meeting list for the alcoholic that still suffers looking for a meeting. Are committees continue to meet on a monthly basis via Zoom. Some of the committees are taking this time to go through their workbooks provided by GSO. Unfortunately we as a district have had a decrease in GSR attendance at our monthly meeting and are looking for ways to get more GSR's involved at District and At Area. With that being said, ever since I was elected as DCM of District 05 I have been attending our monthly DCM call on the last Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. In June I was nominated to facilitate our monthly DCM Zoom call which I'm very excited about, unfortunately the past couple of months there has only been 6-10 DCM's on the call out of 24 districts. We have the opportunity each month to gather and share ideas between districts on how to carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers and other avenues and ideas for districts to work together in unity. I encourage all DCM'S to attend our monthly Zoom meeting. Or next meeting will be held on August 25th at 7pm central daylight time. Zoom ID: 85220564078 and Password: 439488. In closing let's work together for the common good, be safe During these unprecedented times, and trust in God!

In love and service

Shane Speckien Alcoholic!

District 6:

After several months of holding our district meetings via Zoom, we have resumed on-site meetings. These are of the hybrid variety for folks that felt uncomfortable meeting in person.

Once we resumed on-site meetings we moved forward with the question “How do we help the groups reach out to the alcoholic that still suffers”?

Our committee chairs did an excellent job of identifying activities and preparing a budget to go along with these activities. Our Corrections Committee now has its 1st meeting inside one of the prisons—great work here by the committee chair.

This district has been dark for many years, and as a result many of the groups have been operating in an autonomous manner and are not aware how district activities can help them reach out to the alcoholic that still suffers.

As such we felt that the district was caught in a chicken/egg scenario. The groups being unwilling to make contributions (other than small ones) to the district until they knew, and understood what the district could do to help them, and the district not being able to move forward without some operating funds. Many of the needed items have currently been funded by the ADCM, and DCM, however, these individuals can only fund so much.

At our July meeting we put together a letter to the Area requesting a one time start up assistance. We had hoped that given the current excess reserve, the upside down triangle, and the fact that their monies come from the groups we could receive some assistance. This was emailed to the Officers and the Budget and Finance Chair.

We received a very nice email in return, however our request was denied, basically because there is no line item on the Area budget for district support. We would like to suggest that come next budgeting cycle that the Area consider adding a line

item to the budget for specifically this type of request. We would also like to suggest that the Area look at a District sponsorship program. Where one district can help another district. District 6 immediately reached out to District 5 when we turned our lights back on, and it has been a beneficial relationship for both Districts.

In Love and Service

Jim M

DCM District 6

District 7:

Greetings from District 07

Our summer picnic was a success! Pretty good turnout, had some visitors from Districts who were not able to offer such events. We're trying to make contact with the Clark and Wood county jails to see if we can set up Zoom meetings. We're connecting with groups to update meeting lists supporting current meeting activity, trying to get it at least online. Thank you to PI chair Dani and Luke our Webmaster for expediting a fix to access all meeting lists. Also inquiring of Treatment facility and Recovery centers to guide us on what we can do to help with the 'after care' of alcoholics who are released without any accountability, this is a work in progress.

We discussed the issue of the duration of Area 74 Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. We are trying to make service work attractive, yet length of meetings are repeatedly reported to us as being very unattractive. As one of our GSR's said, "it was dragged out waaaaay too long." I myself am confused about what we're doing here, I can understand our members lack of interest in it. We claim to be serving the still suffering alcoholic but at times I feel we're only serving ourselves.

In love and service, Mike Holland DCM 07

District 9:

Hi Nicholas, I hope you are well and that everything is going well. It has been quite a summer so far---just hoping it gets better. I know I haven't been at "meetings" but I cannot sit by a computer for hours on end. I don't really have a report for District 09 since we haven't had any meetings. I guess most of us would rather meet in person but that just can't happen yet.

So--District 09 Report: We would like to say Hi to all and hope that we can all meet face to face sooner rather than later. And we hope that all are healthy and SOBER.

I hope that will suffice, at least for now. Take care--Hope to see you soon--Hugs, Gloria

District 12:

District 12 Report to Area 74

District 12 Group Service Representatives, elected District 12 officers and interested AA members meet monthly on the Second Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Alano Club in Hayward, Wisconsin

My name is Pamela Osborne and I am an alcoholic. I presently serve as the District Committee Member of District 12. In a desire to serve the still suffering Alcoholics both inside and outside the rooms, we began meeting informally to determine interest in reviving District 12 in late April 2018. July 22, 2018, we had our first official organizational meeting to discern how we could revive District 12, while helping our groups to become more accountable and connected to AA as a whole. We elected our first GSRs and by September 27th, we had submitted an updated District 12 Meeting List to the new Webmaster of Area 74. During the December 1, 2018 District meeting, I was nominated and elected the DCM, Roger S. was elected the District 12 Treasurer, and Barry F. was elected to be the District Corrections Chair by our elected G.S.R.s. Our District serves the following towns: Hayward, Cable, Ladysmith, Winter, Birchwood, Minong, and Stone Lake. Before the pandemic, we worked to create a helpline, where someone could call and immediately get help with their drinking and we were able to do this with all our

members volunteering to man the helpline. During the time of the pandemic, we know many people called our helpline to find meetings, as well as to look for help to get sober so we are grateful we worked to make sure this kind of help would be available for the still suffering alcoholics in our community. Right before the COVID-19 hit, we were able to create a District website which has been very important during this time to make sure those who needed a meeting- either in person or online- could have that information available to them. As the District became involved in service, we had the honor of carrying the A.A. message to the Sawyer County jail, where we worked with residents one to one and in groups; however, due to the pandemic, the sheriff halted that service. Our District Corrections Servant has been trying to make contact with someone there, but unfortunately the person who we worked with closely, died right before the pandemic. He was instrumental in making sure that we able to share A.A. with everyone as he cared for them also and believed that addressing their alcoholism would help these residents. Additionally, just prior to the pandemic, a new group had been established serving the Native American community in Hayward as a result of the 12th step work in the jail whose residents were mainly Native Americans and they talked about wanting a meeting on the reservation.

I contacted the Alano Club Board mid-March and arranged for in person meetings to be held at the Serenity Club, as there was a large room that allowed social distancing requirements to be adhered for the state. I also encouraged online meetings to be held and emailed all Group Service Representatives, reminding them we needed to check on group members. During the pandemic, some meetings, in Cable, Stone Lake, Ladysmith, Minong and Hayward continued to meet in person, following social distance guidelines. Also during the pandemic those who could not or did not want to meet in person were given the opportunity to attend online meetings using the Zoom format. To ensure meetings would still be available A.A. members volunteered to host these online meetings. Roger S., Tracey and Felicia T. were the servants who stepped up to accommodate those who wanted an A.A. meeting and were held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday. We are still continuing Zoom meetings on Monday, Thursday and Saturday, but most meetings are being held in person now. At the end of March, I moved to Arizona as my husband has a new position there. Due to most activities for the Area being held on Zoom, I continued to attend those online meetings, providing information to the District by email and phone calls. At the June District meeting, we were going to have an election to replace me; however, the District members asked me to continue as their DCM until September, and I agreed to continue. It has been such a honor to serve A.A. as the District Committee Member of District 12 and to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics, both inside and outside the rooms. Pamela Osborne

District 13:

TO: Nicholas Stabenow, Acting Secretary, Area 74
FROM: Sunny LaPointe, DCM District 13
DATE: Saturday, August 1, 2020
Subject: Report July 2020

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. The committee meeting is usually held on the 1st Monday of each month at 5:00 pm.

Meeting Schedule: There are 27 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season. Since March most groups and meetings are inactive. Some meetings met by zoom.

Financial: Financial situation is that the district is maintaining a positive financial balance.

Phone "Hot Line" (715) 682-4460: There has calls about what and where meetings are meeting.

Corrections: There has been no meetings at either Ashland or Bayfield County jails.

Bayfield County Jail: The woman's meeting is held on Thursdays. Has been meeting thru November.

The mens meeting was held on Thursdays. Is now inactive meeting. Is needing of men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Ashland County Jail: The women's meetings are active. Is in need of women to go to the jail and help get meetings started on an ongoing basis.

The mens meeting is active and held on Wednesdays 3:30pm and is in need of additional men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Elections: The District held elections October 2017 and mentions each month about open committee positions. Current filled positions are: District Committee Member, Alternate Committee Member, Treasurer, Corrections.

Area 74 AA Organization: The district members advise of the agenda items that occurs and does an overview of the agenda items as needed.

Conference: For the Area 74 AA Organizations conference for Friday May 15th thru Sunday 17th 2020 Marty L. had been coordinating and do the needed efforts for the agenda of speakers, panels and hospitality room etc. The conference has been cancelled and the District has been reconciling expenses and costs etc.

End of report

District 20:
August 1st Assembly DCM Report

Good Afternoon, I am Kathy and I'm an alcoholic, DCM for District 20.

We are located on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior in the U.P. We span over 3,000 miles. It can take anywhere from 1 hour to 3 hours to get to a meeting in our District.

We have been having our Monthly District Meetings on Zoom, they are going well. I am enjoying that we don't have to drive so far for everyone to meet at a central location. Our meetings are at 11 AM, if you want to join in we are in the Now and Then.

We have a great Guidelines meeting going, we are very close to having our first Guidelines Handbook in District 20. We are still planning Spring Conference 2021 in person, held in Marquette Mi. Derek our Chair will have more on that later.

We have a couple Zoom meetings in District 20 that are still going. We do have a handful of meetings that are still meeting in person. I have a feeling with the new Executive order that will be changing as well. I am attending Zoom meetings online, meeting with my sponsor, and also attending DCM Calls.

Things are really quiet as we are in this weird time of not really meeting in person, but Zoom has made it possible for us in District 20 to keep the District going strong. We still aren't allowed in the Correctional Facilities, I am hoping to make contact with the Jail in Alger County and see if they would like any materials. I do know that the last time I checked they had plenty of books.

Looking forward to hopefully seeing everyone at Spring Conference 2021! Stay tuned for more information on that.

Kathy Parkkila

DCM District 20

District 21:

District 21, encompassing Houghton and Keweenaw Counties in Upper Michigan, has, as Area 74 and the nation as a whole been tremendously affected by the pandemic. Whereas before, we could tout the relatively large number of active meetings for such a diverse rural area, now due to the public safety concerns and Governor's executive orders, many of our meeting spaces have been unavailable. I'm happy to report that as a district we have met the challenge well. The district website is running well due to a tremendous effort by the tech team to keep it updated, and we are offering a good number of meetings via Zoom. We have been holding our monthly District meetings via zoom also with good attendance. For those members without internet access, call banks have been established, and members call or text one another.

Several meetings have been able to resume following strict health guidelines and for those preferring face to face meetings it has worked well. Those attending have been respectful of the requirements for indoor meetings. We have several newcomers who have reached us through community contacts or friends. Overall, we are still active and holding steadfast to our common goal.

Respectfully submitted,
Lil Ryckman
DCM District 21

District 23:

From: Kevin Wear
DCM District 23
July 30, 2020

What can we do for the alcoholic who is still suffering?

District 23 has continued to perform two very important services.

1. Our district meeting list is updated every month. Communication in the district is

difficult under our current situation. The manner in which a couple of dedicated members have put together and added new virtual meetings to our list is extremely helpful. We have a contact name and phone number for almost all our meetings.

1. We continue to answer calls on our help line. We may not know the status of each meeting but we can direct them to the contact of the group and provide them with a number to call.

There will come a day when the groups (meetings) can earnestly begin working together. My prayers are that the groups, the district, the area and AA as a whole grow strong, I pray that God direct us and give us the power to do his will.

In love and service,
Kevin W. alcoholic

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