

Area 74 Assembly - Minutes
Saturday September 12, 2020
Via Zoom

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.

Meeting opened at 9:03

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Discussion on what will be simple majority and substantial unanimity.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Treatment

DCM's: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,12,13,20,21,23

Past Delegates that are present today: P56: Jeff C, P62: Marty L, P66: Derek T, P68: Sara P

Approval of Minutes (May 16 and 30)

Approved with no changes.

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
Motion made from GSR that a line-item be added to the budget for distribution to GSO in the amount of \$5,000. – Discussion on if there is a 2nd needed and discussion. Motion was seconded, it was not discussed. Will be added to new business.

Comment from District 13 that they will be reimbursing the area money from the cancelled Spring 2020 conference.

Report approved unanimously.

- Delegate Char V. – see appendix 1
Question of Box 459 being available electronically and the answer is yes by visiting AA.org and follow the links.

Question if those retiring were all staff or only AA members. They were all staff.

Question if the contributions that came in July was from direct contribution or from non-refunded AA International Registrations. Believed it was from direct contributions.

Request to add update on Regional conference being hosted in Area 74.

Area Committee Reports

- Corrections MI Karen K. – see appendix 1
- CPC Bob (for Sara). – see appendix 1
 - Discussion on table display and disposal of Area 74 Property. Consensus was to get rid of table.
 - Do we need a discussion and vote on if the table can be disposed of? Acting chair directed CPC committee to contact Archivist if the display should be kept and then the committee can make a decision.
- Finance Brent. – see appendix 1
 - Comment: I wonder if GSO saw a record contribution because of a perceived value in service and Area 74 sees a lack of contribution due to a perceived lack of value.
 - Comment: Why is there no mention of the motion that was brought forward from District 6 that was brought forward at the ACM meeting. – Finance committee did look at the motion and discuss it and it will be talked about in new business.
 - Comment: A number of comments that GSO was supported financially due to the need for the contributions.
 - Comment: Why isn't there a motion based on the 8/1/20 ACM meeting. Members of the committee felt that requests for money should have been sent to specific committees.
 - Comment: When request was made to finance committee the Delegate worked with finance chair on a response to District 6. The finance committee reached out to district 6 to reach out to committees.
 - Comment: I ask you, "If we reach out our hand to the Area and there is no hand, why do we need an Area?"
 - Comment: The ACM on 8/1 the Finance Chair clearly stated that this would be forwarded to the Assembly. I am concerned why it was not brought forward as it stated it would be.
 - Comment: Everyone here is right. Committee does not have the ability to put it on.
 - Comment: Acting chair will add this to the agenda on new business. Request made to District 6 to forward the names of the committee chairs and those you reached out to and the responses you got.
- Grapevine Sara P. – see appendix 1
 - Comment: Great appreciation from District 12 for the Grapevine.
 - Comment: District 10 is collecting Grapevines to be used for something.
- Now & Then Michelle. – see appendix 1
 - Comment: If you aren't getting contact, please email the registrar your email contact information
- Literature – Mailed books to Marquette, contact him with any requests
 - Comment: If we want assistance for literature we just go through the committee and they will assist? That is not correct, you contact the specific committee for what you need. The area 74 Literature committee is self-supporting and does not provide free literature.
 - Comment: There is a way of doing those things it just needs to be done through the budget process
- PI Dani. – see appendix 1

Comment: Great idea for rideshare and you guys are doing a fabulous and this is one aspect of area service that is working well. I wonder how I sign up to give somebody a ride?

Comment: In terms of the motion I think you should be able to put it on the secure sight. I wanted to clarify that Districts needed material and that it was ok for you and there are packets that was given and if you need them and I ordered the packets. The committee purchased it and that you were able to purchase without a line item.

Comment: Am I correct that a district needs to have their own website for the city map guides to work. Area 74 provides a link to district website. For the meeting list app, you need a website and a plug in and you upload a spreadsheet for your district.

Comment: Maybe we could do a workshop on setting up websites?

Comment: The city search is not alphabetical.

- Treatment MaryBeth. – see appendix 1

Old Business

CAB Reloaded-Revisited

See appendix 2

Comment: A point of order in terms of CAB reloaded. It was stated in the 8/1 ACM that the motion from District 6 would be moved into conjunction with CAB reloaded discussion. District 5 DCM wanted to clarify that the motion that came “How We Do Business”. The motion came from District 6 with input from members of District 5.

Comment: New items go to new business and although related, they are not the same.

Comment: Going back through the minutes that were approved and that what was stated in the ACM minutes is that “how we do business motion” would be one of the first items in new business.

Comment: The agenda was approved in real time at the ACM as was presented today as the minutes from the ACM have not been approved.

Motion: 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.

Comment: The highest percentage of responses was that workshops/presentations had widespread support.

Comment: Aren't these supposed to be voted on collectively rather than individually?

Comment: Minutes do not clarify if it was one vote or not.

Comment: I speak in support of the motion and in my years and years of experience we are so focused on process and not content. I also put out that the motion says “should” not “must”.

Comment: If we look at this motion side by side with the other motion that I can't imagine how we would do this when we don't have time to do it now. District 6's motion allows an avenue to do this.

Comment: District 7 voted no that we should not have additional presentations and workshops. The overall feeling was that there is not enough time.

Comment: This is not meant to be at every Area event and they could be 15 minutes to 30-minute presentations.

Comment: Once upon a time the Delegate and standing Area Committee members traveled the Area and did presentations.

Comment: Does the Area Assembly set the agenda for the Area Committee?

Comment: I am looking for clarity on what these topics could be in a workshop? That would be worked out on expressed need and the Area Chair.

Comment: In my past service in what would happen is DCMs would solicit the groups and they would be listed and voted on at ACM.

Comment: I am having a spiritual awakening and all of this is for fun and free. We are trusted servants and not indentured servants. Instead of getting bogged down in minutia and procedures of how to do things and not actually doing things. I build my life around my recovery. Can we consider we are getting bogged down in how this works?

Comment: Comment of clarity the Area Committee, the committee serves the assembly

Comment: Call to question, 2nded. Not needed, nobody was at microphone.

Vote: Yes – 30, No – 8, 78.9%

Minority: I think it is way to limiting. The Area Committee has been lacking in doing this work.

One voting member wished to change their vote.

Vote to reconsider: Yes - 8, No – 34, 90%

The motion passed.

Motion: 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: We can have multiple workshops not just one.

Comment: The ad hoc committee has done tremendous work. In the minutes from the Area Committee it is that it should come up second. What if we sent it back to committee for a finalized motion?

Comment: I am in agreement with the previous committee and I am feeling torn.

Comment: I am opposed because the Area chair makes the recommendation.

Comment: I looked at these two things side by side and I like the idea of going back to committee. As a new member, one of the things that is the least attractive is consistently being told how we do things and how we are supposed to do things.

Comment: I would be opposed to combining the for a couple of reasons. We will be talking about it a year from now and the two motions come from different places. The CAB has a broader input than the other motion.

Comment: I am opposed to moving back to committee, lets move forward and trust god, we will sort it out.

Comment: Let's move forward.

Comment: I appreciate the presence and guidance of the past delegates.

Comment: The discussion has been happening for years, it is time to vote.

Comment: A presentation, workshop, sharing session takes the steam out of a "charged" assembly.

Vote: Yes – 35, No – 9, 79.5%

Minority: I am in favor of the idea, I disagree with limiting the choice to one person.

No one wished to change their vote,

Motion passed.

Motion: 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**

Comment: What does it mean as it seems as if we already have this.

Comment : We were looking for something more standardized for each of the calendar year.

Comment: My question is similar in that if it is a standard format, what does that mean?

Comment: A question as to are we restricting ourselves with that, what are the other trusted servants.

Comment: Traditionally the chair has that responsibility.

Comment: The Area chair sets the agenda and we don't need to mess with that.

Comment: We don't need to add bureaucracy to the format and agenda and remove that ability from the Area Chair.

Comment: We need to be careful about using terms “agenda” and “format”.

Comment: It was not meant to limit.

Comment: I want to speak in favor of the format so we know what to expect. We get so hung up on little words that we do what we need to do.

Comment: When transition happens between positions historical information is available. When do we do what could be helpful.

Comment: Back in the day when we went from 2-4 assemblies there was a group that created formats.

Comment: How is this motion addressing not something that we are already doing?

Comment: Remind everyone we are asking to take a vote on statistical information. Every member has weighed in. This is a time for vote and not discussion.

Comment: We need to move forward; this is boring me.

Comment: Call to question

Comment: Dismissed and chair moved to vote.

Vote: Yes – 40 , No – 7 , 85.1 %

Minority: I am not sure how this motion best serves us and we have added a layer for what is done. Who creates it? Who approves it? How does it change? How will this best help serve the Area?

Minority: I tend to agree with what was said, we have what we think is an agenda set and it gets twisted. Within the format at any given assembly would a simple motion allow a change?

Minority: Our chairs have done a great job since 1982 in creating a format and we have taken that way and created a bureaucracy.

2 people in the majority wished to change their vote.

Vote to reconsider; Yes – 13, No – 31, 85.1 %

Motion passed.

Motion: The biennial Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin

Comment: The entire purpose of the Fall Conference was to hold the election assembly and open to a broader selection of people.

Comment: I too am opposed to this as we have invited a trustee to serve as part of the election and we have no place to house them in 3 lakes.

Comment: Clarification, is the motion limited to 3 Lakes or was it used as an example. It was used as an example.

Comment: I too am opposed to this motion; candidates don't often appear until the Fall Conference and they have to find a way to get to the election. I had no intent to be involved in service until I showed up at the conference.

Comment: Without exact numbers that I can't say that there is a great difference for an assembly at 3 Lakes vs. an Assembly.

Comment: Should the motion be bi-annual rather than semi-annual?

Comment: Conferences don't often attract more people due to geographic distance. We are drawing people away from elections with panels, etc.

Comment: (Nicholas – I am in favor of motion)

Comment: We voted yes but rather than 3 Lakes could it not be held via Zoom.

Comment: I don't believe that we get more people at Conferences rather than Assemblies.

Comment: 20 years ago, we tried to have a state convention and prior to us changing was to have a conference for the election and the delegates report. What has happened was we have scheduled other activities at the same time as the elections.

Comment: This is a great topic and a term that was used that a conference is "party time" and assemblies are "business time".

Comment: Should we not be voting on this and not discussing it. Can't we vote on it and figure it out how to implement it later?

Comment: This issue was brought up before and was in favor of it and a person said "we would have to change our guidelines" and the room swayed. Our guidelines can be easily changed. Asked for a clarification on the percentage of people in favor of it.

Comment: From my experience the assembly/conference is a good thing because it brings people to the assembly. The current format opened up a whole new world for me.

Comment: Lets keep it simple and have it be in a more populated area.

Comment: Call to question, 2nded,

Vote: Yes – 47 , No – 2 , 95.9%

Vote on motion:

Vote: Yes – 29 , No 20 – , 59.2 % - Does not pass

Minority: 84% of the fellowship wants the election in a centralized location and we have decided that we know better.

Minority: Centralized location increases participation and that's what it is about.

Minority: If we vote no, we are going against the group conscious of our Area that was given in the survey.

Minority: From a spiritual aspect, if you voted no and you did not take this survey you need to reconsider the respect of those who took the survey.

Minority: The number is from group consciousness and individual members.

Minority: We need to consider what we are willing to do for this program. We should do whatever it takes and that means making it fair for everyone.

Comment: I wish to change my vote:
Vote to reconsider; Yes – 39 , No – 7 , 84.4 %

Comment: I was on CAB reloaded % and we took it very seriously and we had multiple sharing sessions. We should listen to our membership.

Comment: Voice of fellowship is the GSRs at the Assembly. I would love to hear from the GSR's that voted no on why their groups voted no. Rather than having a conference to attract people to elections, lets become attractive.

Comment: I've been sitting here listening since I woke up this morning that the statistical data that supports the survey taken, that the people who chose to respond to the survey amounted to 85% felt they needed to respond that if I did not vote in response to my group that supports the overall consensus of those that felt strongly to respond.

Comment: When this survey came out it was taken to our group conscience and we took the survey and although it was 1 survey it was a group voice.

Comment: It is intimidating for me as a GSR to come and speak when I feel intimidated by those with past experiences adding how we are supposed to do something rather than GSRs and DCMs.

Comment: We had approximately 80 people respond and is that any different than our assemblies.

Comment: When I vote, I vote for my group/district. That is a lot more people than just me. Those percentages were based on groups and people that personally filled out the survey. These were the highest ones that people were concerned about.

Comment: Clarification requested, 84% and centralized location. My home group all agree that the conferences are fun we are in favor of attraction vs. promotion. Making it central and my group is in favor of this and can we vote.

Vote: Yes – 45, No – 4 91.8%

Motion passed

Inventory Follow Up

See appendix 2

Comment: Recollection was at ACM to send this back to committee to come up with a new plan and bring it to the assembly as whole.

Comment: This was going to go back to committee and the committee would come forward with recommendations. My recollection was committee members would stay the same and is the committee open to join.

Comment: We need a committee as we are without a chair.

Comment: Let the committee reform and give an update at the October Assembly

Meeting closure time check

Discussion on what time meeting should adjourn, decision made to end at 4:30

New Business

Regional Trustee Nomination

Comment: Derek T was nominated, he declined.

Comment: Jeff C was nominated and accepted.

Vote: Jeff C is Area 74's nomination for ECR trustee

Trustee At Large Nomination

Comment: Marty L was nominated, he declined.

Comment: Sara P was nominated, she declined.

PI Motion

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."

Additional Background can be found in the Minutes of the May 16, 2020 Area Committee Meeting (ACM)

Comment: The Now & Then would be available as is, in addition to the website and why?

Comment: It was being done and they were questioned if they had the ability to do so?

Comment: If it is attraction rather than promotion, why are we hiding it? – There are last names and that is why it is secure.

Comment: This was put before the assembly and it got lost.

Comment: The intent was for it to be accessible.

Comment: When this began I was working with a different webmaster and I was the PI chair, this continued to get tabled and it just didn't happen.

Comment: Doesn't it go to archives?

Comment: It makes it more accessible.

Comment: I don't feel like PI needs a motion to do this, let them do it.

Comment: This would be archival and we have to have a password to get to it; this concerns me.

Comment: The committee is doing the right thing seeking our guidance.

Vote: Yes – 40 , No – 2 95.2%

Minority: I voted no because I know there are certain groups that brought the Now & Then brought it into the meeting. The PI is Public information and it should be available. The information should be available to all the members.

Discussion: Does our website need to be secure? Future discussion should be had.

Motion Passed

Treatment ASL-Follow Up

Motion: The secretary did not receive the written motion from the Treatment Chair – The Treatment Chair stated that the Delegate wrote the motion, I did not receive the motion for the delegate.

Comment: We need to make sure this happens. There is a company on the West Coast.

Comment: We have been working with that company. We have only had one request for interpreters.

Call to question:
Vote: Yes – 38 , No – 2 95%

Vote on motion: Yes – 37 , No – 2 94.9%,

Minority: That the committee would best serve a request to serve the still suffering alcoholic and not be limited to the 45 day window.

Minority: Wish to change the vote, seconded.

Vote to reconsider: Yes – 6 , No – 31 83.8%,

Motion passed.

Election for Area Alternate Delegate/ Area Chair

Nomination: Bryon B, accepted

Nomination: Bill L, accepted

Nominations closed.

3rd Legacy Voting:

1st ballot: Bryon – 24, Bill – 16, 60%

2nd ballot: Bryon - 26 - , Bill – 17, 60.5%

3rd ballot: Bryon -27, Bill – 17, 61.4%

4th ballot: Bryon - 24, Bill –18 57.1%

Vote on going to 5th ballot: Yes – 12, No – 29, going to the hat.

GO TO THE HAT!!!

Bryon B was chosen via the hat!

October assembly

Vote: Virtual only for October Assembly

Finance Follow up to straw poll May 16, 2020 - **Tabled**

Finance Discussion- **Tabled**

District 05/06 Motion-Conference (how we do business) – **tabled** - this motion is from District 6 with support of members from District 5, not District 5 as a collective.

Conference Updates / Including Bids

Fall 2020 (District 05) - **Tabled**

Spring 2021 (District 20) - Tabled

Fall 2021 (Open) - Tabled

Spring 2022 (Open) – Tabled

Meeting closed at 4:52pm with the responsibility statement.

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Appendix 1

Secretary's Report:

Let me begin by thanking Diane, our alt-secretary for her most excellent editing and suggestions that have allowed me to do this job as I have done it. I continue to attempt to get the minutes out in a timely fashion.

Diane and myself will be meeting to create a format for the minutes that is a summary. The intent is that this document will be easier to navigate and will provide a clear and concise summary of the corresponding assembly, committee meeting etc. The intent is for this summary to be in addition to the detailed minutes that I have been administering the past few months. We invite feedback from the body.

I am not sure the process of acquiring a new computer for the secretary. The computer that was passed on to me appears to be approximately 10 years old and quite frankly, I have not used it as it does not meet my needs and I feel, it should be replaced in the next year. I am fortunate in that I have multiple personal laptops that I am able to utilize to fulfill my secretary responsibilities. It is my personal belief that one should not have to own a laptop to fulfill the position of secretary, so my hope would be before the next rotation of officers a new and properly functioning laptop would be available for any individual willing to serve.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service;

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Area 74 – Secretary

Registrar report September 12th, 2020 assembly

- First of all, thank you to everyone that has been sending me information. Our best hope of getting everything accurate right now is to concentrate on what we can do in the area. Keep feeding me information and we will get there.
- Conversion to the NetSuite program is going very slowly particularly with the current state of affairs in the world. Karen H. who was the GSOS project manager for the NetSuite to My Portal conversion retired the end of August. There is now a task force of GSO personnel, select registrars from around the country and NetSuite people trying to move forward on this.
- I fill out the proper forms and forward everything I receive from Area 74 to GSO. I suspect they are sitting on these things so they can just enter them into the new system instead of putting in the old system and then having to convert.
- I still am only able to look at things, not change anything.
- I am comfortable with the area contact list and am now working on GSRs and prepping for when GSO is ready to fly.

- A month or so ago I received a massive report from GSO that contained everything they know about Area 74. At first glance it looked like something I could work with but digging deeper it was formatted wrong and crashed often. The report was a database query they had ran and something messed up in the query. I just received a new one that looks much better. I should be able to merge what I know to be true with what they believe, including GSRs. This will take me a bit, but I will forward to everyone, by district, in the next month or so after I make all the corrections. This should be helpful, particularly for the Now and Then email distribution list. As always, I will need feedback after you receive this. **THANKS!**
- My focus is to keep my records up to date so I can be ready to move whenever GSO is ready.

Area 74 - 2020 YTD Budget Report				REVENUE SUMMARY			
Year To Date 08-01-2020 - 08-31-2020				Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining	
OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES							
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	Group Contributions	\$ 31,087.00	\$ 10,481.66	\$ 20,605.34
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	248.00	1,052.00	* Other Revenue *	2,500.00	1,039.04	1,460.96
Treasurer	700.00	30.00	670.00	Anniversary & Individual Contributions	350.00	122.00	228.00
Registrar	700.00	52.00	648.00	YTD Total Revenue	\$ 33,937.00	\$ 11,642.70	\$ 22,294.30
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				
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,677.06	\$ 12,022.94				
COMMITTEE EXPENSES				* OTHER REVENUE *			
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	Interest Revenue		1.48	
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	400.00	285.26	114.74	Refreshment Contributions		77.52	
Corrections Committee MI	720.00	183.71	536.29	Seed Money Return Spring Conf		-	
Corrections Committee WI	700.00	-	700.00	Spring Conference Gain/Loss		-	
CPC Committee	1,070.00	22.00	1,048.00	Seed Money Return Fall Conf		-	
Finance Committee Expenses	1,190.00	335.74	854.26	Fall Conference Gain/Loss		960.04	
Grapevine Committee	500.00	-	500.00	Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		450.00	
Literature Committee	162.00	44.10	117.90	Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,039.04	\$ 960.96
Now & Then Committee	1,000.00	-	1,000.00				
Public Information Committee	385.00	66.43	318.57				
Registrar Committee	251.00	-	251.00				
Secretary Committee	185.00	-	185.00				
Structures & Guidelines Committee	250.00	-	250.00				
Treatment Committee	4,830.00	240.00	4,590.00				
YTD Committee Expenses	12,613.00	1,177.24	11,435.76				
OTHER EXPENSES				EXPENSE SUMMARY			
Seat Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	-	Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,677.06	\$ 12,022.94
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00	Committee Expenses	12,613.00	1,177.24	11,435.76
Assembly & ACM Rent	550.00	100.00	450.00	Other Expenses	8,495.00	4,396.96	4,098.04
Assembly & ACM Expenses	275.00	46.97	228.03	YTD Total Expenses	\$ 34,808.00	\$ 7,251.26	\$ 27,556.74
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/onetimeexpens	-	-	-				
Prudent Reserve	-	-	-				
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 8,495.00	\$ 4,396.96	\$ 4,098.04				

Main Menu		Year To Date 08-01-2020 - 08-31-2020	
CARRYOVER FROM 2019			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$	5.00	
Carryover prudent reserve		\$3,000.44	
TTL CARRYOVER 2018	\$	35,178.72	
REVENUE SUMMARY			
Group Contributions		10,481.66	
* Other Revenue *		1,489.04	
Anniversary & Individual Contributions		122.00	
YTD Total Revenue	\$	12,092.70	
OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES			
Delegate	\$	1,000.00	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		248.00	
Treasurer		30.00	
Registrar		52.00	
Secretary		-	
Archives		30.00	
Corrections MI		40.00	
Corrections WI		30.00	
CPC		24.00	
Finance		39.00	
Grapevine		30.00	
Literature		41.70	
Now & Then		68.36	
Public Information		29.00	
Structures & Guidelines		15.00	
Treatment		-	
YTD Chair Expenses	\$	1,677.06	
* OTHER REVENUE *			
Interest Income	\$	1.48	
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	
Total Other Income	\$	1,489.04	
EXPENSE SUMMARY			
Chair Expenses	\$	1,677.06	
Committee Expenses		1,177.24	
Other Expenses		4,396.96	
YTD Total Expenses	\$	7,251.26	
TOTAL ASSETS			
Bal-Checking Account August 31,2020		\$37,015.16	
Outstanding Checks		-	
CHECKING BALANCE August 31,2020		\$37,015.16	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		\$5.00	
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020		\$3,000.00	
TOTAL ASSETS August 31,2020		\$40,020.16	
TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		5.00	
Carry Over Prudent Reserve		3,000.44	
YTD Total Revenue		12,092.70	
YTD Total Expense		7,251.26	
TOTAL ASSETS August 31,2020		\$40,020.16	
Prudent Reserve Activity			
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance		\$3,000.00	
YTD Accrued Interest		-	
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking		-	
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve		-	
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$	3,000.00	
YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS			
YTD Total Revenue	\$	12,092.70	
YTD Total Expenses		7,251.26	
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$	4,841.44	
GROUP PARTICIPATION			
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020		647	
Institutional Groups		22	
Groups Contributing		132	
		21.12%	
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Archives	\$	-	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		285.26	
Corrections Committee MI		183.71	
Corrections Committee WI		-	
CPC Committee		22.00	
Finance Committee		335.74	
Grapevine Committee		-	
Literature Committee		44.10	
Now & Then Committee		-	
Public Information Committee		66.43	
Registrar Committee		-	
Secretary Committee		-	
Structures & Guidelines Committee		-	
Treatment Committee		240.00	
YTD Committee Expenses	\$	1,177.24	
OTHER EXPENSES			
Seat Delegate	\$	1,800.00	
Registrar Internet		-	
Rent - ACM / Assembly		100.00	
Treats - ACM / Assembly		46.97	
Conference Seed Money		2000.00	
Other Misc Expenses		-0.01	
ECR Conference		-	
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)		-	
ECR Forum		-	
CDPP - Trustee Election		-	
International Convention		-	
International Hospitality Room		450.00	
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense		-	

Delegate Report September 12, 2020

Greetings,

My apologies as this report was lost when my computer's Microsoft needed an update. Members of the General Service Conference meet on Saturday evening August 15, 2020 to hear a presentation from Treasurer Leslie B on the audited 2019 Financials and review the forecasted 2020 budget. Ample time was given for questions and answers. I have put together a few power point slides that show the difference in the final numbers. Included in the power point is the updated 2020 budget and the cost saving measures, including a large saving on mailing cost for the 4th quarter Box 459 give up a recalculated reserve fund of 9.2 months. It is unknown at this time if we will need to make another draw down by the end of the year to see us through the pandemic. Groups contributions are on the rise and literature sales have increased in the past months.

The big take-aways from the meeting included a request from the Delegates for a detailed timeline and accounting of the problems with Netsuite/ERP system. This project has been ongoing and has experienced delays when changing vendors and transferring data from the old system to the new platform. We also asked for the rate of return on this new system, We have yet to get these answers.

There was request from the trustees' Committee on Corrections for sharing from the Fellowship on "How the message is being carried behind the walls during the COVID-19 pandemic." Deadline for submission is September 11, 2020. Please share your experience. Your shared experience may be invaluable to another committee somewhere.

There have been several retirements from the General Service office, with more to come in October.

Please note one cost-saving measure: Till the end of the year, the newsletters regularly published by GSO, such as Box 4-5-9, About A.A., the GSB Quarterly Report, the LIM bulletin and Sharing From Behind the Walls will be available only on aa.org or will have limited print runs, saving on production and mailing costs.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me. I would be happy to answer the questions.

We have a session scheduled to discuss the General Service Boards Strategic Plan in September and the Conference Literature Committee will also be meeting in September.

Power point slides included detailed 2020 budget with the savings, International convention update, Virtual 70th GSC financial report. The power point was sent to all DCMs for sharing with the fellowship.

Area Committee Reports

Corrections MI Report

Dear Friends in the Fellowship,

I wish I could fill a page on all the activities that are going on in Corrections in the Upper Michigan. Sorry, but that's not the case. We are still on lockdown at all our correctional facilities. The good news is, if you look you can still find a few things to do. We have a men's halfway house here in Iron Mountain. Most of the residents are men coming out of jail or prison. I found out the only Big Book they had belonged to the house manager. So we furnished the house with Big Books, Twelve and Twelves, Daily Reflections and a few other things plus back issues of the Grapevine.

Also I was given the name of a lady who was incarcerated in Taycheda and now is in Milwaukee. We are working the steps through the mail. I also found a new girl to write to her too. This isn't what my plan was for the UP but it's the best we can do for the time being. In the mean time, I'm praying for all who are incarcerated and their families, and you too.

God bless
Karen Kovars
Corrections Chair UP

CPC Report

Hi, my name is Sara S. and I am your CPC chair. I'd like to thank our current CPC Committee members Bob H, John B, Craig E, Marilyn S. and Terri B.

Prior to March 7th, I contacted DCM's to get a feel for how many Districts have CPC Committee chairs and found that there are approximately 6 Districts with CPC chairs. I am hoping to encourage more groups within Area 74 to get involved in CPC service work.

Between March 7th and April 2nd, the CPC Committee had been meeting weekly going over our LinkedIn motion and completed a background document for the Spring Assembly.

May 5, 2020 Mailed Literature

I received a request from Karen K. for literature for a rack to be put in a Meeting place in Iron Mountain, MI. I sent a small box of literature to her.

May 16, 2020, Spring Assembly

I presented a document on the LinkedIn Background and the motion “The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued. The vote to approve the motion passes 38 – 6, vote passes with 84%.

May 22, 2020 Email (Area 74 CPC LinkedIn Agenda Letter)

I emailed our delegate, Char V. informing her of the Area 74 approved CPC LinkedIn motion and background. With the help from Bob M., Panel 50 Past Delegate Area 74, the CPC committee proposed an Agenda Item letter for the 71st GSC Coordinator which was sent to the Delegate.

May 30, 2020 Special Assembly

I attended the Special Assembly meeting.

August 7, 2020 (RE: Acknowledgment: Agenda Item Proposal #14 - That the LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.)

I received an email from our Area 74 Delegate, Char V., with a forward from Patrick Claymore, Conference Coordinator. He acknowledged that our Agenda Item Proposal #14 was received. This was forwarded to the CPC Committee.

Our CPC committee does not have any projects right now. The CPC committee briefly discussed possibilities of CPC workshops yet we do not have any planned at this time. Every month, I contact the CPC committee to see if there is any more information that we need to discuss. Prior to COVID I was distributing literature and pamphlets with a letter of introduction to professional. Currently CPC has approximately 1483 literature/pamphlets, plus some books. On another note, I have a question for the assembly and groups, “How May I get rid of something that belongs to Area 74?” This question is concerning a portable display table that has a foul odor.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74,

Sara S

Area 74 CPC chair

Cpc@area74.org

AREA 74 FINANCE REPORT

The Area 74 Finance Committee has been meeting monthly by conference call. We continue to review the Financial Reports provided by the Treasurer.

Since the onset of COVID-19, we see a significant reduction in expenditures of committees and officers due most likely to lack of committee activities and lack of travel expenses. We also are not incurring Conference expenses or at least very little. We have also seen a large reduction in 7th tradition contributions to the Area. Again, the COVID-19 has significantly reduced the number of in person group meetings. This definitely affects their 7th tradition contributions and their group business.

Prudence, as stewards of the area finances, has us being cautious on how we proceed. Area 74 Groups have provided the funds to help them carry the message of AA to the still suffering alcoholics. The Groups are who we must listen to in regards to how the Area uses their money. In these uncharted waters of COVID-19, we do not know how things will change or stay the same. Our upcoming budgets should try and cover costs, keeping in mind that there could be increased activity as we come out the other side.

The Finance Committee looks forward to our groups being able to direct Area 74 on how to provide them with the services they need from us.

Yours in Service,
Brent Henslin
Area 74 Finance Chair

Grapevine Committee Report Area 74 Assembly September 12, 2020

Greetings Area 74 Assembly. My name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your Grapevine Committee Chair. A.A. Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital, and audio. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism. Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. Often referred to as our "meeting in print", A.A. Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, service, and unity. Founded in 1944, Grapevine does not receive group contributions but is supported entirely through magazine and web subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of related items. As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement. Each issue features a special section with a unique topic. The September 2020 Special Section is Welcome to 2020: Through the wonder of technology, members are helping each other stay sober. You can subscribe to the Grapevine via print, online and/or the new ePub edition which replaces the old Grapevine APP. EPUB is short for electronic publication.

Since stepping into the position of Area 74 Grapevine Chair on January 1, 2020, I have not had much activity due to the current pandemic. I received the Grapevine display and materials from the previous Area 74 Grapevine Chair, Derek T., at the December 2019 Area Committee Meeting. The new Area 74 Grapevine display created during Derek's term as Area 74 Grapevine Chair is absolutely awesome. On December 31, 2019, I ordered a boatload of inventory and expanded the selection of Grapevine books.

On February 29, 2020, I presented on the background information for this year's Grapevine Committee for the 70th General Service Conference at the Pre-Delegate's Workshop in Appleton.

I attended the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop & Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes on March 7, 2020 and brought the Area 74 Grapevine Display and print materials inventory. Unfortunately, due to COVID all future Area 74 events from that time forward have been held virtually by zoom and I have been unable to do anything further with our Area 74 Grapevine Display or print materials inventory.

On April 4, 2020, I attended the on-line Delegate Feedback meeting.

On May 3, 2020, I attended an on-line presentation regarding the Grapevine and LaVina entitled Tools for Carrying the A.A. Message. The presenters were Jon W., the Senior Editor, for the A.A. Grapevine and Vera F., the current Area 58 Grapevine/LaVina Chair, from Oregon. I was able to share information with Area 74 regarding two Grapevine Workshops that were being hosted virtually by Area 17 in Hawaii on June 20, 2020 and July 18, 2020. The first workshop was entitled, 'The Grapevine: Tried, True, and New for Me and You'. The second workshop was a Grapevine Writing Workshop.

On May 16, 2020, I attended the virtual Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting that were held. I also attended the May 30, 2020, Special Assembly by zoom.

I sent out an email to all DCM's in Area 74 on June 13, 2020, asking them to provide me with contact information so that I could reach out to their District Grapevine Chairs. Thank you to the DCM's in Area 74 for your cooperation with this request. I was able to make contact with numerous District Grapevine Chairs in Area 74 and now have a list with their names and emails.

On June 27, 2020, I attended the Delegate's Report Back that was held via zoom.

On August 1, 2020, I attended the Area 74 Inventory and Area Committee Meeting that were held via zoom.

I have not provided a cash and/or inventory accounting as of yet to the Finance Committee due to the fact that I have only had the Grapevine material inventory at one event so far this year.

I did submit my 2021 budget request to the Finance Committee; I am hopeful we may be able to go back to in person Area 74 events at some point and am looking forward to the opportunity that I may be able to coordinate a workshop if there is expressed interest; please let me know if your district is interested in doing a workshop together in the future. I did have one District Grapevine Chair share interest in doing a workshop in the future.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

NOW & THEN REPORT SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

The Area 74 Newsletter has successfully, at least from our (the co-editors) viewpoint, converted over to the electronic version and delivery system adopted early 2019. We have a pretty efficient system set up for delivery as we now use Mailchimp for distributing the monthly editions to the 868 subscribers that currently receive the newsletter. Of those 868, approximately 40% of the recipients open the email with about 20% actually clicking to view the newsletter, or around 200+ viewing the monthly edition. We also currently mail out an abridged hard copy version to 18 recipients each month, 14 of which are sent to groups and 4 are sent to individual subscribers who pay the subscription fee on a yearly basis.

The General Service Office is still catching up on converting the database of current group information and it is a slow, tedious process. Our Aea 74 Registrar has been great in getting what information is available to us.

If you know of a group that is not receiving the monthly newsletter please ask them to send an email to area74newsletter@gmail.com to be added to the list. Individuals that are not GSRs or group contacts can also subscribe for free. If there are duplicate emails, the server notifies us and we only send one per address. Also ask them to be sure to check their spam or other inbox folders besides the primary inbox to make sure it has not been filtered out by their

server. That seems to happen every month and we can verify if they were sent one or not. It is a pretty simple procedure if we are notified to check it out. It is easy for us to instantly send a new copy if someone wants it.

We have submitted a budget for 2021 that is \$6000 less than previous years' and converting to primarily electronic distribution has saved Area 74 well over \$12,000 since switching over, with the newsletter bank account currently showing a \$555.28 balance.

We hope that the content has been expanded to everyone's liking. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from those that have commented to us. All of Area 74 can help us to continue to grow and improve this valuable communication link between the groups and our members. We still are hoping to receive historical or informative articles each month for the section called "Spotlight on the Districts", always welcome articles from any member in Area 74 that they or their group wish to have published, and would encourage any of the Area Committee standing committee chairs or other officers to submit articles for publication. We also want to encourage anyone to suggest ideas for inclusion in future issues. After all, it is your Area Newsletter!!! Our job is to produce the issues with information and content provided to the Now & Then.

Please feel free to let us know how we are doing in our service to the Area and how we might improve!

Thank you

In service,

Michelle Z. Jeff C. Now & Then co-editors

PI Report

Hello,

My name is Dani M., currently serving as your Public Information chair for Area 74. Thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve. It has been a blessing and I have learned more than I anticipated! My committee consists of Lil, Dan, and Lucas our Webmaster.

I started out trying to document emails as they came into the PI email, this began on December 30th the first request was from someone looking for meetings in their area. The problem was, they didn't know what district they were in, we had to email back and forth to get what city they were located, so I could direct them to the "cities" link to find the district number, and show them how to find the meeting by district. This navigation was cumbersome as was the email logging sheet, (it only lasted till May).

Lucas and I had our first PI meeting right away Jan 2nd 2020 and discussed things that we could do to help people navigate and find what they are looking for easier. The same date Lucas updated our program to WordPress that will allow easier editing by the PI chair and webmaster. We discussed the delegate suggestion on creating a ride share tab for those who are interested in service but doesn't know how to get to or doesn't have access to getting to 3 lakes or where assemblies are in the spring and fall. We have added text on the area 74 page directing those who don't know what district they are in, to the link to the cities tab, we worked on setting up the ride share request, we talked about how we can help districts get their meetings on the meeting guide app-we continue to get feedback for assistance on that and are still working on resolutions on that at the area website level.

The PI committee has tried to meet each month, at first it was just the two of us, then we got our committee and now have Dan and Lil. I have written into the Now and Then a few times

highlighting changes and things we have been working on. I have reached out to Area 74 to see what else we can do to help the still suffering alcoholic. As the pandemic hit, we had to adjust the website to incorporate the zoom meetings, updating meeting lists, add in text regarding Covid-19, keep up with information from GSO and try to add that to our page. We have also added a tab for Web servant Resources, this is for those districts who don't currently have a district website and are interested in starting one. It is a very tall order to ask our webmaster to create websites for each district that doesn't have one, but what we can do is offer guidance and suggestions and any other help as needed so we created that tab to answer that call.

As PI chair I was invited to assist with District 05's presentation on Anonymity, this took place on zoom on May 18th unfortunately my entire town lost internet half way through the meeting so I was kicked out and didn't get to complete that night. I attended their committee meetings prior and was impressed with how much District 05 does with PI and carrying the message. I also attended the AA public information workshop that was on May 2nd via Zoom hosted by area 11 out of Connecticut.

Our committee submitted a motion regarding the N&T newsletter on the secure page of Area 74's website and hope to have that resolved this weekend. Our PI committee requested reimbursement for PI packets we had sent out to two districts who requested them to help getting their PI committees started and we would love it, if all districts had one of those packets, I think they are very beneficial and you don't need to be the PI chair to get one. If you need one, please let me know!

The last couple meetings our committee has had, has been brainstorming ideas on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic, who is looking to attend a meeting but thinks we aren't gathering due to the pandemic. As a committee we felt it wise to keep it simple, and generalized so it didn't point out a specific district so it can be used by all and even tweaked per district if they wanted, because Zoom can be anywhere, any time. The flyer created was recently in the Now and Then. We continue to meet as a committee and welcome any ideas from the area to keep carrying the message!

Currently we have two suggestions that have been sent in just this month, one is to update and correct our Area 74 Map that outlines districts (thank you Kevin DCM District 23), and the other is a request to add time zones to each flyer that is sent in. Due to the pandemic and the use of zoom we do have members in other time zones who are looking to join meetings, so please add your time zone onto your flyers before you submit them if you can!

I have to say there has been and continues to be a lot of email traffic, but between Lucas and I, we have done our best to answer every email right away. I have already learned a ton about WordPress, and have been able to use those skills at my day job as well. It has been a pleasure working with everyone and we welcome all suggestions to the Website, remember this is your website, we will do our best to address them.

Thank you to Lucas, Dan, and Lil and to Area 74 for allowing me to serve.
Dani M. Public Information Chair Area 74

Area 74 Treatment/Accessibility Committee Report September, 2020

Our committee met on September 2, 2020.

The committee will be recommending the following regarding ASL interpreter:

A request for an ASL interpreter must be made no later than 45 days prior to an Area 74 event. If the requestee no longer will be attending the event or no longer has a need for an interpreter notification should be given no later than 48 hours prior the start of the event. The budget request for 2021 was developed and has been sent to the Area 74 Finance Committee.

The committee decided to hold a “Carrying the Message to Treatment Centers” Workshop on Saturday, November 7, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Next meeting will be held in mid-October. Date to be determined.

In service,
Marybeth S
Chair – Area 74 Treatment/Accessibility Committee

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Appendix 2

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.

AREA 74 INVENTORY

The ad-hoc Committee of Area 74 Inventory was formed as a result of Assembly action in May 2019.

The, then Area Chair, selected the committee members. We meet several times and came up with a list of questions we felt were worthy of discussion. The questions and plans to implement the inventory were discussed several times at Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies. The thought was to invite an outside facilitator. COVID-19 happened. People got busy with family matters. Then two weeks prior to the scheduled inventory, our Ad – Hoc Committee chair notified the Delegate that they would not be able to continue with the committee and there was no out-side facilitator. The Delegate contacted 3 members of the committee and a decision was made to continue to the best of our ability.

The day of the Inventory, the meeting was started, and it was meet with concern from our membership over the lack of an outside facilitator among other concerns. We spent time discussing the first question only. A motion was made to stop discussion and close the meeting. The remaining members of the Ad-Hoc Committee now seek direction from the body on how we should move forward. Shall the current committee be retained with new members added and a new chair elected? Shall a new committee be formed and have them continue with the work done so far? Shall a new committee be formed and start with a clean slate? Shall the inventory be halted completely?

Yours in Service,
Brent H