

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday December 12th, 2020
Via Zoom
8:00 to 12:00 pm CST

Meeting opened at 8:02 AM CST with housekeeping notes.

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

The following Area 74 Officers were present; Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer.

The following Area 74 Committee Chairs were present; CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Now & Then, Literature, Treatment

The following Districts were represented by their DCM; 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23.

Minutes from the 09-13-2020 Area Committee Meeting were approved unanimously.

Reports:

DCM Reports – See attached in appendix 1.

Delegates Report – See attached in appendix 2.

CPC Chair asked about a floor motion from the CPC motion and Delegate stated that would be up to the Assembly to take action on. Question when the decision was made to hold the Delegate's Workshop as a hybrid and Delegate stated that she and Area and the Area Chair made the decision. Area Chair stated he and Delegate had a conversation and agreed to do hybrid.

Meeting Guide update from PI Committee via Webmaster. – See attached in appendix 2.

Questions on the meeting guide app and glitches. Area Chair stated he was going to put together a workshop or place to talk about specific problems or issues regarding the meeting guide app.

Archivist Report – Phil D – see appendix 2

Unfinished Business:

Discussion and Clarification on the “Motion on How WE Do Business”

Reference the Assembly minutes for 10-24-2020 page 3 and 4

Discussion:

Area Chair shared sending It to Structures and Guidelines Committee.

GSR shared concern of committee taking action on a motion that has not been passed. Delegate agreed that the Structures and Guidelines is to work on motions that have been approved by the Assembly.

What do we do with this now? The ACM seemed unclear on what to do with this motion.

Secretary stated that CAB Reloaded should be implemented first before making addressing this motion. It would be recommended to moving to new business. Supported by DCM.

**Motion by Secretary to move to Assembly for Vote, Call to question:
23-yes, 0-No**

**Vote on motion: “How we do Business” be moved to Winter 2021
Assembly, 16 -yes, 5-No 76.2%**

Minority Spoke, Vote to Reconsider, 9 - yes, 13- no 59.1%

Motion Stands

Update from Inventory Ad Hoc Committee

- “Shane R, and Jim M reached out to several people to act as facilitator for the area inventory. 2 responded that they would be interested. The committee reviewed the background of each person, and choose Cindy F, Cindy is the Past Delegate from Area 71, Panel 61. She currently is a member of the board for the Grapevine. The committee will be meeting with Cindy via zoom 12/16/2020 to discuss questions and next steps.”
- Chair stated he would like to add a female member of the fellowship to the inventory committee and any interested individual should contact him.

New Business:

Approve Assembly Agenda for 04-10-2021

Discussion on should standing committees give reports at Winter Assembly.

Chair asked for a vote on including the standing committee reports on the agenda, unanimously vote yes to keep reports on agenda.

Discussion on leaving CAB reloaded discussion on agenda

Chair asked for a vote leaving CAB reloaded on agenda, unanimously vote yes to keep on agenda.

Discussion on Reports for GSC Agenda from Delegate's Workshop reloaded discussion on agenda.

Delegate shared that she has had struggles with the current Area 74 set-up and schedule regarding the Delegate's workshop. Delegate felt that giving the report twice is not useful; at the workshop and the assembly.

Delegate's workshop should be for the work and discussion, decision-making.

Past delegate stated she was in favor of leaving the format how it is.

Chair asked for a vote on discussion of Delegate's workshop items being on the agenda, motion passed unanimously.

Vote on Approving the Agenda its entirety, Yes – 23, No – 0

Discussion - Open Positions in the Area 74 Service Structure – We Need Help!

Structures and guidelines committee is in need of 3 servants, should be past GSR or past DCM.

Archivist needed

Discussion on the implementation of the CAB RELOADED motions that Passed.

Clarification on the 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.”

- Was the intent one of each of those items or just one of these?
The CAB reloaded committee shared that it should be one of each of those.

Clarification on the motion; “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.”

- Based on previous discussion Area Chair will move forward.

Clarification on the motion; “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”
- The Secretary and CAB Reloaded Chair offered to help Bryan, Bryan asked for outside perspectives. DCM from 5 offered to help.

Clarification on the motion: “The biennial Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin”

- CAB Committee chair shared that the comments behind it were making the election more accessible by having it centrally located.
- An Area Assembly already occurs each October in 3 Lakes, why not make that the election?

Additional Discussion/Open Discussion

Delegates Workshop as a Hybrid meeting.

We have the equipment.

Encourage all Districts to have a Pre-Delegates Workshop meeting.

- Question on when the background material would come out – generally on February 15th.

- Window for a preworkshop would be 2/15/2021 – 3/5/2021 as the Delegate's workshop is on 3/6/2021.

Open Sharing

DCM asked for confirmation that the Zoom number used for 12/12/2020 will be the same going forward. And it will.

Now & Then will continue Spotlights on Districts for 2021. Please have your information to the Editors by the 20th of each month.

Meeting closed at 12:20pm

F E M I N A L

Appendix I

District 1

DCM District 01 report for 12-12-2020 Area 74 Committee Meeting

We held our monthly district meeting via the zoom platform Thursday 12-10-2020 we had 17 people in attendance. At this time all our chair positions are filled we also had good representation by our district GSRS.

We as a district are putting together a conference committee in preparation to bid on the 2023 spring conference, we will submit our bid at the winter assemble.

At this time, we are holding both in person and zoom meetings in our district both of our clubs as well as our central office are open with social distances and masking being enforced. There are several other locations where in person meetings being held with gridlines in place.

We have treatment centers joining in via the zoom platform.

Our website is up and running but it a work in progress it does have a current meeting list and can be reached through the area website. We do print out our newsletter and distribute it our meetings.

District 2

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All.

I hope everyone is doing well. Our District filled one open position since my last report. A group from Oshkosh is working on putting together a Virtual Intergroup.

Our District Meeting is this coming Sunday at 2 pm. We will be voting on our budget for 2021. The meetings in our District are meeting in person, zoom and hybrid.

Bob H. DCM 02

District 3

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from district 03 serving South Wood County

Not much has changed since our last visit. We continue to deal with the many challenges of Covid. We have virtual meetings still serving those who wish to continue to socially distance and many meetings remain autonomous and hold in person meetings. We have continued to hold our district meeting virtually and special events have been on hold, such as speaker meetings, to respect facility mandates.

We are beginning to see many more faces entering into the rooms and we work to help the alcoholic still out there suffering.

Enjoy the holiday season and please check us out at wiaadistrict03.org

God bless!

Daniel S.

District 4

District 4 is in Central Wisconsin, it is in Portage and Waupaca counties. We have meetings in Stevens Point, Waupaca, Plover, and Iola. Not much has changed since my last report.

We are still having meetings In-person, on Zoom, and some Hybrid (Zoom and in person).

Our district hosted a Safety Workshop on Zoom October 17th, we had a pretty good turnout. Between 40 to 50 people. I thought it went pretty well considering it was our first online workshop.

Our CPC/PI committee had just put an add in our local Buyers Guide with our hotline number and our website address. I just saw that and was excited and very proud of the committee.

Corrections is very active but we have had some activity with "Bridge the Gap" online. We still are unable to go into the jail for meetings

Treatment still is not letting anyone go in there either, however the treatment center and residents have been attending Zoom meetings.

We have all of our District chair positions filled. We are doing pretty good financially with \$1300 above our prudent reserve of \$900. We don't have any events planned or coming up currently.

For more information please visit our website www.aawidistrict04.org

Thanks Greg DCM 04

District 5

Greetings District 05, A year in review. We have completed one year together, and what a year it has been. I can't find the words to say how grateful I am to work with such dedicated and compassionate AA members of district 05. If you would of told me a year ago that we would be in a pandemic, and meetings across district 05 would be closing and we would be meeting together on the zoom platform, I would of told you that your nuts!

Change can sometimes be difficult to embrace, not only in Alcoholics Anonymous, but in our daily lives at home and work. I've watched groups in district 05 embrace change with grace and working for the alcoholic that still suffers. What else has been inspiring was to watch our committee's find unique ways to carry the message to the public, into treatment centers and correction centers.

As for your DCM, there has been times this past year wondering if I was there right person for this position. I struggled early on facilitating our monthly meeting, going to different meetings that I usually don't attend, and finding a balance between AA, Home, and work. In these times I believe humbling ones self, taking a step back and reaching out for suggestions from you, sponsorship, and the fellowship and most importantly to a God of my understanding has helped me immensely. I'm really looking forward to our second year together and working for the alcoholic that still suffers. Love to all, Be safe and my God bless you!

In love and service

- Shane Speckien Alcoholic!

District 6

The current pandemic is still holding us back somewhat. Our last district meeting was via Zoom, rather than in person. Our next district meeting will be held 12/17/2020, with an in person meeting, and putting the final touches on our forthcoming workshop.

We have moved forward with our workshop—"How can district 6 help the groups reach out to the alcoholic that still suffers". This workshop will be held via zoom on 12/19/2020. We have forwarded flyers throughout our district, to all the DCM's within our area, and into the Chicago area, and east coast. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Our treatment chair is working with the local treatment center to bring in zoom meetings in place of our on-site meetings. We had a couple of meetings in there for the patients before the pandemic shut those meetings down.

Since much of our district consists of small towns, our PI chair is contacting the small local newspapers and working with them with a placement with a contact number, or meeting time if a meeting is in their town.

Our corrections chair is staying on close contact with the local correction facilities

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District 8

Hello, my name is Steve S., currently serving as Alt. DCM and acting Treasurer for District 08 serving Wausau and surrounding area. We currently do not have a DCM or Treasurer.

We have been holding District 08 GSR's meetings online on the first Tuesday of the month.

We currently have 9 in person meetings being held on a weekly basis, at least 3 of which are doing hybrid meetings to allow members to attend if they are unable to attend in person. We also have another handful of Zoom meetings throughout the week. On a weekly basis more meeting info is being updated on website as more meetings are opening.

I hope all is well within your Districts and stay safe out there!

Yours in service,

Steve S.

Alt DCM 08

District 10

We continue to conduct our District meetings on Zoom as the church has not opened back up. We scheduled our District meeting for today as this is our normal meeting, second Saturday of the month. Our Alternate DCM will host the meeting this morning. We have many positions that are open in the district from our last election cycle. Those are: Secretary, Treasurer, PI/CPC, & Archives. We have several in person meetings that have opened back up in person, some at a different location than their prior meeting places. All meetings in the town of Tomahawk have now opened all of their in person meetings. None of the jails have opened up for meetings in the County jails in our district. I am putting together a packet of information for the Jail Administrators in the various counties in District 10. I will contact our District Corrections chair (who has mostly been absent for our district meetings due to low internet bandwidth) to facilitate that. Beginning Saturday, January 9, 2021 @ 8:30 am, District 10 will begin an AA Traditions Study-Tradition One, followed by the District 10 GSR Business Meeting at 9

am. The Traditions Study will continue throughout the year @ 8:30 am before the monthly District meeting and conclude in December 2021 with Tradition 12. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Terri B. DCM District 10

District 12

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 and by Zoom.

My name is Pamela Osborne and I am an alcoholic. At our last District meeting, I was re-elected to serve as the District Committee Member of District 12. We also have three new GSRs: Bill T. who represents the Wednesday night Big-Book Study in Hayward; Tracey H. who represents the Monday Cable Group; and Mary A. who represents the Thursday Hospital Group in Hayward. We welcome all new District servants! Roger S. was re-elected to be the District Secretary\ Treasurer also. At our District meetings, we look at how we can still serve the suffering alcoholics, both inside and outside the rooms of A.A. especially in these difficult times and discuss a Concept using the service manual.

Our District serves the following towns: Hayward, Cable, Ladysmith, Winter, Birchwood, Minong, and Stone Lake. Before the pandemic, we had one to one meetings in all those locations; however, due to the pandemic, meetings are largely held by zoom with some locations, like Hayward and Cable meeting personally and practicing safe distancing guidelines. Before COVID, 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. This is still available to the community which we are grateful to the AA members who man the line. We have renewed our helpline number which is published in the phone book so this has been even more important than ever. One of our AA members created a business card with the helpline number that was then distributed to the professional community. We are in the midst of ordering more cards so we can distribute them to the community, focusing in on court, probation, counseling and Sawyer County Jail for distribution once they arrive in about a week. During the time of the pandemic, we know many people, including professionals in the field of alcoholism, called our helpline to find meetings, as well as to look for help to get sober so we are grateful we were guided by our HP to ensure this 12th step service 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. That address is: www.haywardwiareaaa.org. All information in the site is updated regularly as meetings go online due to COVID-19 difficulties. Unfortunately, our 12th step work at the jail is at a standstill due to the pandemic, but we have been in contact with jail

personnel so that when it becomes possible again to go into the jail, we will be ready to do this service.

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 Thursday, Friday 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 all Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies, as well as the Conference as our Area 74 has held online meetings. I also attend the online monthly DCM calls. I then provide information to the District by email and phone calls. I call many A.A. members personally in District 12 since I moved to see how they are doing which helps me to “carry the message”.

Pamela Osborne

District 13

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

Meeting Schedule: There are 26 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. The Chequamegon Bay Serenty Club is now closed for the time being because of the Covid 19 virus.

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, Secretary and 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.

May 2020 Conference: For the Area 74 AA Organizations conference for Friday May 15th thru Sunday 17th 2020 The conference has been cancelled and the District has been reconciling expenses and costs etc, The balance of seed money was returned to the Area 74 AA Treasurer.

May 2022 Conference: The District 13 planned to put a bid in to host the May 2022 spring conference and was approved by the Area 74 Assembly.

End of report

District 20

Good Morning, I am Kathy and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 20 on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior in the Upper Peninsula. District 20 covers over 3,000 miles and lots of woods. We hold our District meeting in Germfask Michigan. It is the middle point for most.

We have Online and in person meetings going on right now throughout District 20. As we are moving forward into the new year, we have planned to keep our District meetings online on Zoom through March right now. We will assess the situation at that time to decide if we will continue online or in person. We still haven't been able to get into the jail in Alger County, as they have closed it for all in person visits and also any Religious or Recovery visits. I have asked about a Video platform but they don't have the capabilities to allow that at this time.

Since deciding to not have a Conference in person in District 20 we are still in the process of looking at and deciding on an online platform. More will be revealed as we will be having our committee meeting this Sunday.

We will also be wrapping up our 2020 budget and getting our 2021 budget ready for approval for our January District meeting. We haven't had a lot going on in our district, but we are keeping in touch with each other and attending meetings online and or in person.

Our website is updated often if not daily on meetings and different events that are happening on Zoom. Dean has done a great job on keeping up the website. We also have a password protected page that holds our meeting minutes and agendas throughout the year.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Happy Holidays to you all!

Kathy Parkkila, DCM District 20

District 23

A Look at District 23 I am grateful to be a member of Alcoholics Anonymous and active in service with Area 74. Our District boundaries cover three counties: Washburn, Burnett and a small section of Polk. Rice Lake is our biggest city and hosts many meetings in various places. We are made up of many small towns, as is usual in northern WI. You are able to find a meeting in most of them. When all cylinders are working (pre-COVID) we have about 40 meetings per week. Due to COVID, many meetings have gone virtual via a phone conference or video conference, however many are again meeting in person while practicing social distancing. Our meeting list at www.area74.org/district23 is updated monthly. We feel this may be our most important task in support of the still suffering alcoholic. The list includes the virtual meetings as well as the in person meetings. We also include a contact name for each meeting in case a newcomer has questions or wants to reach out. When someone needs a meeting and checks our meeting list they may rest assured to find the fellowship they need. Pre- and post-COVID we host our monthly District 23 GSR meeting at Essentia Health in Spooner. Historically, we've hosted these meetings in other locations in the District in an attempt to find something central to all GSRs/home groups: Cumberland, Rice Lake and the small town of Hertel. We also tried a rotating schedule. No matter where the meeting was held it was an hour drive for someone. We also have an AA Information Help Line that an AA volunteer staffs at all times. This is done on a rotating basis and is a great opportunity for service work. If you know of anyone that might need help in our District, please have them call us at 715-931-8262 and we can direct them to a meeting. We have AA District 23 Information Line business cards (with the AA Responsibility Statement printed on the back) which we distribute to the community and include in Public Information (PI) mailings. Our PI Chair recently mailed 96 envelopes to the clergy in our District inviting them to let us help them. The packets included information about AA, our District 23 Help Line number, and an invitation to reach out to us if they desire a copy of the Big Book. We have also renewed a listing for our Help Line number in the Yellowbook for this area, which will be released in February. It also

includes the web address for our meeting list (area74.org/district23) . Another service work opportunity that many of us enjoyed prior to COVID was bringing weekly meetings to the county jails in District 23. Our local law enforcement greatly appreciated this involvement, as did we alcoholics that wanted opportunities for service work and to practice the 12th Step. It is definitely a 'win/win' and a very rewarding experience for all. Post-COVID we hope to expand our service work for Bridging the Gap and Treatment & Accessibilities. Thank you to Marybeth S. for hosting the Area 74 Treatment & Accessibilities Workshop via Zoom on November 7th and giving us the opportunity to participate. She and the group did an excellent job and it was very informative. Thank you for letting us share just a bit about us good guys in the West as we continue to do our best in support of AA's primary purpose: to help the alcoholic who still suffers. Take care and may God bless!

Kevin W. District 23 DCM

Appendix 2

Delegate's Report

Hello Area, 74,

It is ...that the year is almost over. In many ways, I feel that not enough has been done to help the still suffering Alcoholic and, in many ways, we have expanded the hand of AA to those wishing to live a sober and serene life. We have embraced the use of technology in our service meetings also. As we become more comfortable with the ease it provides, let us take a moment to recognize those who do not have the technology available. It was so very good to see the length some are going to stay connected. The year 2021 is shaping up to be a mixed bag of stuff. I am happy to say, we will be doing a hybrid Delegate's workshop in March. We will have a physical meeting at the Reiter Center for those who wish to attend and a Zoom feed for those who cannot attend. We have the knowledge and technology to make it work.

So, what have I been doing since the last time we met on October 24, 2020?

An email dated November 9, 2020 arrived following the October Board weekend with the status of the Area 74 motion to discontinue the LinkedIn page. The Trustees Committee on CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee took no action on the purposed agenda item. The committee made notation that the concerns raised in the motion were addressed in discussions by the committee.

The new list of General Service Conference proposed agenda items was released on November 11, 2020. There is a total of 20 new items with 7 being literature related items.

On Sunday November 7th, the seated Delegates of the East Central Region Meet with Mark E to discuss the October Board weekend

The General Service Board recommended the 71st GSC be held be conducted during the scheduled time of April 18-24 via remote technology. Our East Central Regional Trustee has been working on a sub-committee for the conference working out the concerns of lack of time for the committee to do what they are asked to do and the limit on discussion of Agenda items. We have been told we will have all the time we need. It was reported that we will be doing reviewing the reports from the corporate boards outside of conference week as we did this year.

Following the GSC a new chair of the General Service Board will begin her term. The board selected Linda Chezum former Class A Trustee with a background in being a judge. I had the opportunity to hear Linda speak at the ECR Forum in Milwaukee a few

years ago and she left an impression. There will be big rotation of Trustees and Non-Trustee Directors following the GSC.

We will be electing a new ECR Trustee at the next GSC. At this point we have 6 members standing for the position Tommy B– Area 19, Cathy C. -Area 23, John C.– Area 55, Leo S. – Area 22, Cheryl V. – Area 20, and Bob C. – Michigan. The Candidates for Trustee at Large from our region are Michalene R. Area 23_and Mel Weaver – Michigan.

The deadline for our new General Service Office Manager resumes has been extended to December 31, 2020.

Paul Konigstein, our very new CFO, has extensive financial background with a focus on non-profit organizations and provides leadership to the GSO Finance department. He is responsible for all finance, accounting, control, auditing, and budgeting analysis, etc. Paul has retained Bob W., as his Assistant (or Advisor). As a result, our reforecasts, chart of accounts, and updates to office polices and procedures continue to move forward seamlessly.

Based on our independent auditor's recommendation, in-kind donations will be reported as a footnote on our financial statements.

The second authorization of drawdown from the Reserve Fund was for \$1.5 million, but AAWS has so far only seen a need to withdraw \$1 million with the option to draw the other half million if needed.

The insurance settlement on the International Convention loss will go far to cover our continuing expenses and AAWS feels that they will be able to repay the total drawdown in the next few years.

The General Service Office remains closed, yet archives were able to move materials to the newly renovated 8th floor. This is saving us money on warehousing costs.

Overall, our finances are in decent shape. With 75% of the year elapsed, we have raised 73% of the expected amount of group contributions and we have generated 73% of the expected amount of Literature Sales. We appear to be on track to meet or exceed the reforecast.

The trustees' Public Information Committee of the General Service Board has an opening for 1-2 nontrustee appointed committee member(s). We are searching for a suitable individual or individuals to fill this position and would appreciate any recommendations. They are looking for expertise in social media/networks and

communications to assist with the P.I. Comprehensive Media Plan and to serve as a resource on the committee with understanding of this medium and how it intersects with current and future P.I. projects.

The conference Literature Committee meet on November 24, 2020 to r a report from committee chair on the progress report from the Trustee's Literature Committee. We covered 6 items that are currently being worked on.

December 5, 2020, I joined the online US/Canada Forum. Once again there was good information shared and an opportunity to ask questions. There were good workshop options. I choose to attend he AA Archival workshop which left me in tears. I also joined the Concept 1 workshop.

I have attended the Finance Committee monthly call except for November when I was much more concerned with seeing my daughter following her surgery.

PI Report

Good afternoon,

I have been asked by our Area Chair to give a meeting guide app update. I am not able to be present today as I have my son home for the first time in a year! Please know that I started to write this report on Monday 12-7, it has become a working document.

The following is a breakdown of the meeting guide app progress.

Our Webmaster contacted meeting guide app support on 10-4-2020, I have (Lucas) already spent much time installing the app and the last final step was to "get connected" the email response from meeting guide app support at GSO was that the turn around time was 20 business days. They responded on 10-19 with questions about our area, Lucas responded same day answering their question. We did not hear back from them again until December 3rd, the last time we heard back was that we are connected. When we didn't see any change we emailed again, still response was that we were good to go still, the data that had been uploaded to the plug in on our site, will show on our site at area 74, but not in the meeting guide app itself.

Other districts in area 74 that have been set up on the meeting guide app have done so successfully. And there are a lot of factors that goes into the ease of that, one of which there may not have been the pandemic at the time they were set up.

We have found a resource to help other webmasters, we have reached out to them for assistance (written Monday 12-7) and we have a route to take to troubleshoot what

maybe causing conflict. They suspect the reason GSO is saying we are connected but the data isn't changing is because of possible overlapping data. This is data going to GSO from our districts who already have the meeting guide app linked.

As I am writing this report, today 12-9 the GSO emailed this morning saying they resolved conflict issues. I am now showing data on the meeting guide app. As of today 12-9 we can finally move ahead with other districts who would like to link to the app and are not already using the plug in on their own website. Currently district 7 has graciously allowed us to use them as our testing district, I have worked with Diane and Mike and were able to get them connected. They now see the data on the site. Please allow the PI committee more time to come up with the next steps, now that we have cleared the final hurdle. We have a template on area 74 for districts to download and fill out to get connected, or you can email your questions to webmaster@area74.org and we will respond as quickly as we can. If your district is already set up on your own website, there is no action needed on your part at this time.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate these times and we look forward to helping you get set up!

Dani M PI Chair Area 74

We would like to remind the area that if you are already set up on the GSO's Meeting Guide App and you have no issues, there is no need to email the webmaster a meeting list. We will continue to link your website meeting page to the area page as we have been so there are no changes, and no duplicate data going to GSO. If your website is not set up or you do not have a website, the area will be happy to assist, please give us patience as we work through the issues we are having.

Thank you

Dani M PI Chair, Lucas Webmaster, Dan and Lil Area 74 PI committee.

Archivist Report

Good morning Area 74!

My name is Phil Dallman, and I am an Alcoholic. I have served as Archivist for Area 74 since October, 2019. Hard to believe it has been over a year already! I'd like to thank the Area for its generous support financially for computer software and

preservation materials to keep our rich history available for use now and for future generations.

Under the guidance and with much appreciated help from Pete W., Bryon B. Jeff D. and others, I was able to get the archive repository moved from Eau Claire to my home in Marshfield. It is being stored in my "man cave" area on the 2nd floor. In the first months, I fanatically sifted through all the totes, folders, and cabinets, working to get the whole sphere of physical documents, books, audio cd's, tapes and DVD's sorted as well as coordinating the digital backup files. I'm not done yet (ha-ha).

Using the Area 74 Archives Handbook and Catalogue, I worked with the given logs to be as sure as possible everything was identified and listed so the items would be readily retrievable. I'm so grateful for the incredible amount of work put in and accomplished by past archivists and archive committees which laid the groundwork upon which to build.

To date, all the Area 74 minutes (for Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings) that we have are available chronologically in binders (each page in protective plastic) and stored digitally as PDF. A treasure I found in my foraging through random stacks of papers is what appears to be our earliest Assembly minutes from December 6, 1953! (a copy of which I'd be happy to email to anyone interested)

We have our Area Newsletter, the Now & Then issues going back to May 1958 (also in protective sleeves stored chronologically in binders). They have all been digitalized.

I have been keeping all these publications up to date in the binders and digitally as they become available. This is separate from the incredible work Lucas M has done on our website in making this information available to anyone in Area 74. Kudos also to the work being accomplished by the Now & Then staff in making meeting minutes and motions available on a month by month basis!

Of course, they are not complete. In the May 2020 issue of the Now & Then, Jeff D, then Archives Chair, listed Assembly and ACM dates which were missing minutes. I have not received any responses yet as to who may have the missing documents in their possession who would be willing to share them. I would happily digitalize and return them to anyone who could help out in completing our archives.

There is a huge collection of Grapevine magazines, going back to December 1950 as well as first edition Big Books and other books, publications, newspaper clippings, audio material and pamphlets which are held in the repository. We have historical documents on Area Conferences, finance records, committee work, personal communications with GSO and information on General Service Conferences and Regional Conferences.

There is so much material – what to do with it all?? If there are any hearing this report who would have an interest in helping determine the answer that question the Area could really use the formation of an Archives Committee to help get the word out regarding the rich history (and lessons) contained here.

If you have any questions, or if you know of anyone who has Area 74 historical material they would like to contribute to our archives, please contact me at ArchivistArea74@gmail.com,

Thanks for letting me share – grateful to be of service...what an adventure!
Phil D.
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