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### Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74, My name is Char V. serving as your Delegate for Northern Wisconsin/UP Michigan.

Area 74 is confronting a situation never faced before; gatherings of more than 10 people banned by state law. With our assembly scheduled for a few weeks out decisions needed to be made and actions taken. Our area Delegate, Chair and other Area Officers and trusted servants met on a conference call to discuss options for Area 74. The conversation continuously returned to a primary concern of how to honor the traditions, include the fellowship, and be timely.

It was decided that on April 4th, 2020, Area 74 will host a Zoom meeting that will allow a discussion and report back of the Agenda Items for the General Service Conference. More details on how to participate in this virtual meeting will be included in the Area 74 Now & Then, our Area Website and through your DCM. A meeting invite will be sent to all DCMs, Area Committee Chairs and Officers. This will include the information needed to access the meeting. We asked that each of you send this information to our GSRs and others who may be interested in attending this service event. Communication is vital.

I continue to be amazed at the dedication of our fellowship to bring meetings to the Area via electronic technology. Many districts have made special statements about the rapidly growing closure of our loved meeting places and provided information on alternative meeting styles. As AA members we lead by example in following the protocols set for us. Our 12-step work continues as we reach out to the newcomer and others who may be feeling isolated to bring hope. I do know that I and others will take advantage of our circumstances to join meetings in other Districts.

I continue to have regular communications from the GSC Secretary and others on the status of our General Service Conference. The work has halted as the state of New York has "shut down". The Office does have contingency plans to carry out the work of the fellowship. We must practice patience while this transition happens.

May you all find peace and trust in our Higher Power.

Char V.

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Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury  
**P.O. BOX 1191 Appleton, WI 54912-1191**

**Very Important!!** Please include group number, group name,  
and address of group location or point of contact

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.

Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer [treasurer@area74.org](mailto:treasurer@area74.org)

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\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE FROM THE NOW & THEN CO-EDITORS\*\*\*\*\*

The Now & Then newsletter is currently posting events, calendars, agendas, and fliers for events as they are scheduled to be held. There is a good chance that *many* of these dates, times, etc. will be cancelled, altered, re-scheduled or moved online. Since there is a monthly deadline for getting the newsletter to the fellowship, we are doing our best to publish up-to-date information. Please check [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) and your districts, groups, trusted servants, and fellow AA members to verify if, how, when, any meeting or event you are planning to attend to get the most current information available. We will do our best to get updated information published in this issue to you as changes are passed on to us. We apologize for any inconvenience and are grateful for your understanding the complexity and hardship the current environment has presented for us and all of our fellow AA members and communities in Area 74. PEACE, LOVE, and SOBRIETY Jeff C & Michelle Z.

**PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER**

Refer to [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) for the most up to date info on AA and COVID19 ramifications

## FROM YOUR AREA CHAIR

Happy April Area 74, Dawn here serving as your Area74 Panel 70 Area Chair/Alt Delegate. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Delegates Workshop/ACM on Saturday, March 7th, 2020! Please keep coming back and bring other AA's! Our new members are the lifeblood of our fellowship. Welcome, welcome!

This month I have the pleasure of asking Diane D. what keeps her involved in AA service? Hi Diane!

Diane D. here, currently serving as GSR of my Tues Step Group in District 07, Marshfield. Greetings to all who belong to this life-giving (and living-life) Program of Alcoholics Anonymous and our wonderful Fellowship of AA. I have been a member of AA for a couple of decades. Through that period of 'enlightenment' (defined as starting to 'grow-up' at the age of 50), I have served a few times as GSR, a couple time as DCM, been involved in Area committees, made lots of mistakes and learned lots more. And, I just realized I was a 'counter' at Assemblies several times, which means I attended, even when I had no voice or vote. Hmmmmm 🤔 That thought brings me to the purpose of this article: "What really drives me to be active in AA service?" Because I thought the voice and vote was of utmost importance to my Homegroup, it follows that my main reason was to serve as a voice for Home Group and serve my District as well as the alcoholic member of AA, present and future. But it must be more than that, or else I wouldn't have attended when I had no voice.

So, the only other reason for hanging around for 20 years must be 'THE GIFT'. It has to be 'THE GIFT'!!! 🙏💡

This is how I think about 'THE GIFT'. It is my belief that a Higher Power works through these two 'pieces' of recovery: First, the textbook, Alcoholics Anonymous, providing clear direction in this Program of AA through some basic spiritual principles; second, all the folks in the fellowship of AA whom God (my Higher Power) uses to reach each of us, through their words, their example, their giving-back what was so freely given to them through the Grace of God. For me, exact words to express gratitude for this gift of sobriety are hard to come by. Sometimes I'm driving down the street, and a sudden awareness of my wonderful life of sobriety takes my breath away, and I keep on driving with tears running down my face. This gift, my dear AA friends, is exactly why I cannot completely separate myself from service work in the Group or District or Area Level. Why would I ever want to stop doing all the things I'm doing, when the results cause me to experience unimaginable joy, tears of gratitude? It is all about giving it away to receive. My 'Spiritual Experience', my growing relationship with God, gives me the energy, power and direction to do exactly that. It's really not coming from me at all. What a gift!! 😊

**Caveat:** This 'spiritual drive to serve' has not always felt like a little slice of heaven. 🙏

Since this is an honest program, I must insert some struggles encountered along the way.

In the beginning the structure of Area74 and process of Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings left me in the dust. I was chronically confused. 🤔 Sometimes I felt disturbed and rather cross about discussions and outcomes. And some discussion seemed tedious, never-ending. 😞

These, however, are the blessings that occurred, in spite of myself. (God's plans are always better than mine.) 🙏

I finally got it!!! Over time, I learned to interpret the service manual, ask questions, make some requests, make some friends, and start being a part-of. No one EVER told me I asked a stupid question. I was grateful for the support and got to know some truly awesome folks. I became less disturbed, 😊 and came to understand minority opinion, listening to and accepting an opinion when it was not likened to my own. My perspective has changed through listening, a positive growth experience. In my relationship with the Assembly body, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of traditions. Attending Assemblies helped me practice patience, one of my more serious short-comings. This character growth has helped me in many areas of my life outside of AA.

Bottom line, in serving the Area or District, a Group or the suffering (or not) alcoholic, I have not only gained much knowledge in the structure and function of AAWS, but have matured spiritually and emotionally. The gift just keeps growing.

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Thank you Diane for sharing your experience, strength and hope in AA service. I would also like to thank Area74 again for the opportunity to serve you as Area Chair!

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**PLEASE FILL OUT THE AREA 74 INVENTORY**

**Area 74 website ([www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)) now has the Area 74 Inventory on the Home Page. Please take a few minutes to fill this out. Thank you so much.**

# The 2020 International Convention scheduled for July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan, has been cancelled.



DATES TO REMEMBER 2020				
4/4/2020 Sat 9am	Delegate Feedback Session on GSC	ZOOM.US online session open to all Area 74 members AND Area 74 Assembly participants		
4/4/2020 Sat <b>POSTPONED</b>	Winter Assembly	As soon as the date/location/ method of holding the next Assembly is available Area 74 will do its best to notify EVERYONE		
4/19 -4/25/2020 POSTPONED	General Service Conference	POSTPONED –moved online due to the COVID19 restrictions		
5/15 -17, 2020	<b>Area 74 Spring Conference</b>	AmericInn	3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
5/ 16 Sat	<b>Area Assembly</b>	AmericInn	3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
5/ 17 Sun	<b>Area Committee Meeting</b>	AmericInn	3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
7/2-5/2020	International Convention of AA	<b>CANCELLED</b>		
8/1/2020	<b>Area Committee Meeting</b>	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
9/11-9/13	<b>Area 74 Fall Conference</b>	Best Western Plus Eau Claire Conference Center		Eau Claire, WI
9/12/2020	<b>Area Assembly</b>	See Above		Eau Claire, WI
9/13/2020	Area Committee Mtg	See Above		Eau Claire, WI
10/24/2020	<b>Area Assembly</b>	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
12/12/2020	Area Committee Mtg	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

**NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS:** We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar. **BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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Due to the COVID19 Pandemic and 'Stay at Home' orders in WI & MI, the Area 74 Winter Assembly has been POSTPONED

Area 74 is holding a **DELEGATE FEEDBACK SESSION** to discuss and help inform the Area 74 Delegate of the Group Conscience of Area 74 on the 2020 General Service Conference(GSC) Agenda Items. Area 74 is still planning on holding an Assembly but the parameters are still unfolding. The GSC has been postponed until June to allow the Fellowship and General Service structure time to organize and facilitate AA continuing to aid the groups in reaching and carrying their message to the still suffering alcoholic.

**All Area 74 Assembly AND Area 74 fellowship members are welcome and encouraged to participate in the proceedings by joining the conference call April 4, 2020 @ 9A.M. Central time**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOW TO ACCESS THE AREA 74 DELEGATE  
\*\*\*\*FEEDBACK SESSION ONLINE USING THE ZOOM.US APP\*\*\*\***

Topic: Area 74 Delegate Feedback Session

Time: April 4, 2020 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

### **---Online (with or without video)**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/818928201>

Meeting ID: 818-928-201

### **---By Phone conference call only (with or without video)**

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+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 818 928 201

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ae>

**Greetings Area 74, Below are the General Service Conference Final Agenda Items that your Delegate would really appreciate getting your Group's conscience feedback at the April 4, 2020 Delegate Feedback session. If you or your group has not received the background information from your DCM, please contact Char V. [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org)**

## **I. Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- C. Review workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Review the 2019 January conference call participant survey results.
- F. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.

## **II. Cooperation with the Professional Community**

- A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."
- B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

## **III. Corrections**

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

## **IV. Finance**

- A. Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
  - 1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
  - 2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
  - 3. Consider draft language related to the "virtual basket."
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

## **V. Grapevine**

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later.
- B. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
- D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."
- E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."
- F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.
- G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and LaViña.
- H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

## **VI. Literature**

- A. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- B. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."
- C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.
- D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."
- F. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- G. Review draft update of the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."
- H. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship."
- I. "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet:
  - 1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
  - 2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
- J. A.A.W.S. Policy:
  - 1. Review "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials" approved in January 2020.
  - 2. Review proposed "A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-

approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format.”

- K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
- L. Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
  - 1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing.
  - 2. Revise the first 164 pages.
- M. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
  - 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
  - 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
  - 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.
- N. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos.
- O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”
- P. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:
  - 1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve.”
  - 2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.”
- Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober.
- R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- S. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- T. Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”:
  - 1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
  - 2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship
- U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
- V. Review recovery literature matrix.

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference.
- B. Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections.
- C. Review G.S.O. general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- D. Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.
- E. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- F. Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference committees’ workload.
- G. Review the Floor Action process.

## **VIII. Public Information**

- A. Review 2019 annual reports from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.
- B. Discuss a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide app.
- C. Review the 2019 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- D. Review the 2019 trustees’ Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- E. Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).
- F. Review a report regarding the 2020 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.
- H. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
  - 1. Review the 2019 Report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements.”
  - 2. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA “Changes.”
  - 3. Review a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations.
  - 4. Review a progress report on the development of two PSAs.
- I. Discuss a request “to create a new form of communication” to address anonymity on social media.
- J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.
- K. Review “A.A. Triennial Membership Survey” report.
- L. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

## **IX. Report and Charter**

- A. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
- B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)

C. Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.

D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.

E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.

1. Review the draft and the agenda items that were forwarded to Publishing during the period of the redesign project.

## **X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.

B. Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.

C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."

D. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.

E. Review contents of Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.

## **XI. Trustees**

A. Review resumes of candidates for:

1. West Central Regional Trustee

2. Western Canada Regional Trustee

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

E. Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."

## **XII. Archives**

A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.

B. Review Archives Workbook.

## **XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.

B. Discuss upcoming 2020 International Convention.

C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."

F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.

G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.

H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

**Greetings, below you will find the minutes from the March 7<sup>th</sup> Delegate's Workshop. The format has been changed to fit as much info as possible into this newsletter. See the file attachment sent along with this issue to see and utilize the unedited version. None of the information of the reports from the committees at the Delegate's Workshop have been omitted. The committee findings are in Light blue in the document in this issue.**

**Meeting Type: Delegates Workshop Date: 03/07/20 Location: Reiter Center**

Meeting opened at 9:00am by Area Chair, new GSRs welcomed. New DCMs welcomed. Secretary position was discussed. Elected secretary has given notice that she is unable to fulfill commitment. Alt-secretary will be taking notes and minutes today. Confirmation will occur at Winter Assembly at which time will present an alternate. Discussion on if secretary will be confirmed or elected. Meeting turned over to Delegate. Roll call not taken for officers and chairs.

**DCM's:** 01(Alt), 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23

**Past Delegates that are present today:** 39 - Karen K 54 - Torv T 56 - Jeff C 62 - Marty L 66 - Derek T 68 - Sara P

## **2020 General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items**

### **I. Agenda**

**COMMITTEE:** Shane S, Karren K, Vickie, Pamela, Michelle

**A,B,C,D, and E were not Discussed.**

**F) Discuss report on the conference agenda process from the trustees committee on the general service conference.**

We discuss background information demonstrates that the conference agenda process is useful and effective on coming up with conference agenda items based on the questionnaire the overall comments were very thorough and resulting in positive John B- Mental health professionals may use the existing pamphlets as a resource.



## **G) Discuss the general service conference schedule.**

We are in agreement with the front load proposal with using #1 and #2, however day 1 of GSC we are recommending option 2 to which states shift and share.

We are making an amendment to the remainder of the GSC schedule, in that we are recommending the removal of the oral presentation of the area highlights, however we are recommending that the area highlights are published in the final conference report, moreover we would like to recommend that the presentations should be limited to presentations on matters impacting alcoholics anonymous as a whole.

## **II. Cooperation with the Professional Community**

### **A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community. Without Replacement?**

#### Background

Originally for public information committee Used, discontinued, and used  
Same content used in other literature

#### Group review

Terri- Current language is redundant. Letters have been brought forward stating the pamphlet is not cost-efficient

Laura- This content needs to address its audience of professionals and is written at a fifth grade level, which is typical of manuals not professionals.

Recommendation: To discontinue the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.

### **B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.**

#### Background

C.P.C Committee from area 11, Connecticut submitted the agenda item to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals

#### Group Review

Sara- there are three pamphlets for professionals which cover a majority of the points Presented in the background material.

#### Existing Pamphlets mentioned:

A.A. For Professionals

The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs Problems other than alcohol

Sara- we respect a physicians decision

Bob – So we do need a professional pamphlet?

John S- Does the pamphlet address the pro or the alcoholic professional? Craig- we need a pamphlet for the professional psychologist

John S- Lets narrow down the number of pamphlets

Craig - Are area doctors offended? Med professional should be restricted to current plan.

Pieces of Current pamphlets were reviewed.

Recommendation: not to create a pamphlet for Mental Health Professionals.

### **C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.**

Discussion: Question was asked about cost of Linked-In – believed to have not cost. Question was asked about other organizations and their “click-through” rate of going to Linked-In and clicking through to website – answer was unknown.

#### Background Reviewed

#### Group Review

Breaks several Traditions – 6,10,11, and 12 ----- We do not advertise ----- We do not affiliate

Laura-how are we involved in social media? /Content is shared to the public globally /Comments can be made by outsiders Craig- some recovery pages solicit

Sara- we are not Professionals ---It takes away from face to face CPC----Breaks traditions 6,10,11

Concern with protecting Class A trustee Anonymity – Tradition 12 They suggest various disclaimers yet what about “implied”

How does it help the groups?

80 hits in month of Nov not effective

Recommend- Not efficient, breaks Traditions, discontinue LinkedIn, possible floor action

Bring the following to ACM so that it may be taken back to the groups then brought forward to Assembly.

The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.

### **D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook**

Found an error on pg.15. The directions for the aa.org Website and how to get to “For Professional” and “ About AA” needs to be updated

## **III. Corrections**

*COMMITTEE: Shane S. Karen K, Vickie, Pamela, Michelle*

### **A: Review corrections kit and workbook**

- the contents of the correction kit in the book does not agree with the contents online from gso
- DVD (In Packet) “A New Freedom” did not come with a correction kit.
- AA for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsored them out of date
- Publications F-13, F-36, and F-97 not updated.

## **IV. Finance**

COMMITTEE: Brent H, Barry B, Steve S. & Assorted Past Delegates

**A. Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”**

1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12. *No revision. Use Education and Group Autonomy.*
2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities. *No revision. Use Education and Group Autonomy.*
3. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket.” *While being useful to add, is cost of reprint a concern. Use Education and Group Autonomy.*

**B. Review Self-Support Packet. HAPPY, HAPPY.**

**V. Grapevine**

**A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later.**

*The committee reviewed the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later and we were in agreement with all of them. There are none listed that we are not in agreement with.*

**B. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.**

*The committee reviewed the progress report on the AA Grapevine Workbook revisions and will look forward to seeing the work that the freelancer is doing on this project. We are glad the Grapevine is putting the historical information on the AA Grapevine website from the AA Grapevine Workbook.*

**C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship**

*The committee reviewed the progress report on actions taken from the finding of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey. We are pleased they conducted this survey and are now making changes based on the information that was gathered from this survey. We look forward to hearing what the Conference Committee on Grapevine has to say about the AA Grapevine Survey Summary that was only mailed to their Conference. Committee for review.*

**D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."**

*Discussion: 1986 advisory staff continue to “de-gender” the literature with the exception of Bill W’s writings.*

*The committee considered revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. We had a lively discussion regarding this agenda item. One GSR said their group said leave the A.A. Preamble as is and another GSR said their group said change the A.A. Preamble so that it is all inclusive. One committee member said follow rule #62 and don’t take yourself so seriously. This member said if a person is feeling like they are different then they need to talk to their sponsor. A committee member said A.A. is trying to be politically correct. Discussion included adding the word alcoholics in place of men and women to the A.A. Preamble and just leaving “of men and women” out of the A.A. Preamble completely. A committee member asked if changing the wording to use gender neutral pronouns is going to harm an alcoholic. We talked about both sides of this including causing harm as far as an old timer and a newcomer. In the end, our committee took a vote and 3 members were in favor of this agenda item and 6 were opposed.*

**E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."**

*Discussion: Question was asked to “tell me about E”. Your committee voted 8-1 to change? Why? After a lengthy discussion and reading the background information that 8 of the 9 agreed that changing it to people would be ok. Sara can you clarify that in “D” there was additional pronoun changes and that is why you didn’t support “D”. The discussion at length was the committee came to the conclusion that the one sentence was ok as opposed to the possibility of all pronouns being changed.*

*The committee considered a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share...” We had a lively discussion regarding this agenda item simultaneously with Agenda Item D. In the end, our committee took a vote and 8 members were in favor of this agenda item and 1 was opposed.*

**F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.**

*The committee considered a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. We reviewed the pamphlet P-52 which already explains the Grapevine and LaVina. We do not feel another pamphlet is needed. We believe Grapevine and LaVina Group Reps, District Grapevine Chairs, and Area Grapevine Chairs need to do the “eye to eye” service work of how our meeting in print can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.*

**G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and La Viña.**

*The committee considered a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and LaVina. The committee was in full agreement for this name change of the GSC Committee to include the LaVina in the name.*

**H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.**

*The committee considered a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions and we were all in favor of this agenda item.*

**VI. Literature**

*Literature Committee Report A., B., Noting to report*

**C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies.**

*There is a revised pamphlet, The 12 Traditions Illustrated, so the Conference Literature committee here after referred to as CLC decided to wait until the 12 traditions pamphlet is approved and use that format to draft the other 3 pamphlets.*

**D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?"**

At the November 2019 meeting of the trustees' Literature Committee an update was provided by ACM Katie H. and General Service Trustee Beau B. on gathering shared experience from A.A. members at Young People in A.A. Conferences regarding these two pamphlets. The update provided a number of options to explore for ongoing development of text and integration of artwork, as well as suggestions for development of podcast versions of the pamphlets. Since the meeting, the Publishing Department has continued work on revision of the pamphlets, reaching out to some graphic designers who have done work within the YPAA service community, and look toward providing updated progress reports, draft pamphlets and/or samples of other potential formats of the pamphlet to the trustees' Literature Committee at subsequent meetings in 2020. The background information supplied a lot of what the CLC wants to do, our committee agreed the changes are good and should be pursued.

**E: Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A."**

*We reviewed the background material and the CLC should continue work on the revisions.*

**F: Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.**

*We reviewed the background material and agreed the CLC should continue development on this pamphlet.*

**G: Review draft update of the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure"**

*We could not view the video, however the information supplied in the background material they should continue development of the video*

**H: Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and "Questions and Answers on Sponsors"**

*We agreed the paragraphs should be inserted.*

**I: "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated" pamphlet**

*We had a long discussion about this pamphlet the group consensus was to complete the new pamphlet but keep the old one available.*

**J: A.A.W.S. Policy**

*1: Review "A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials" approved in January 2020*

**Discussion: Clarification on if this would allow AAWS to make changes without conference approval. Stated that the background material was unclear. Barry stated that this WOULD allow that to happen.**

**Our current delegate is serving on the literature committee and is seeking specific group direction on changes in the 12 & 12 and publication freedom. There is already "permission" to change graphics, colors, etc and it appears that this would allow for a wider range of controls and that the communication audit is that our literature is very outdated and that this is an effort to update it.**

**Our current delegate wants to know does the fellowship want the right to approve our pamphlets.**

**Question on was this approved or not approved. Believed to be approved by the trustees and waiting to be approved by the conference.**

**Derek stated that there is another proposal that states that delegates are actively reviewing pamphlets throughout the year as an option.**

**Derek suggested that Char ask the question right away in committee regarding "what does this really mean?"**

**2. Review**

*The background material was very confusing to most of us, the best we could come up with is the A.A.W.S. Wants to make policy changes to pamphlets without conference approval, the group consensus was they can do minor tweaks but not wholesale changes without conference approval.*

*2: Review "A.A.W.S. Inc., Policy on Conversion of Written Literature and Service Material into Video Format"*

*We had a lot on discussion how this could be done to carry the message to all the diverse groups of people out there. The group consensus was to have at it .*

**K: Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous can be addressed with a common solution.**

**Discussion: Request for the delegate to review that background material carefully.**

*Lots of discussion on can this be done. How much literature would be turned into plain language?*

*Many needs to cover not answer. Not 1 common solution.*

*Plain language book first the rest can wait.*

**L: Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous.**

*The 1995 conference decided not to change the first 165 this must be revised first. We did not discuss this.*

**No action taken on items L M N**

**P: Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.**

**Discussion: Comment made that lust has nothing to do with rape, it is a powerful statement.**

*Background:*

1. To remove the phrase "opposite sex" from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter "Step Twelve." After a lot of discussion we voted 12 to reconsider 1 not.

**Q:** Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober.

**R:** Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet "The A.A. Group." "The A.A. Group", Page 13, concerning open meetings be revised to omit the text. "Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers" After much discussion vote was 7 for removal 5 against.

**S:, T:, U:, V:, No notes on discussion**

## **VII. Policy/Admissions**

Participants: Brent H, Barry B, Steve S. & Assorted Past Delegates.

**A.** Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference. **Accept as proposed.**

**B.** Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections. **Accept as proposed.**

**C.** Review G.S.O. general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection. **No Comment or Opinion/ Consider cost.**

**D.** Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager. **Let Pros do it.**

**E.** Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.

**Continue the process of developing a method of proposed agenda items forwarded to a conference committee. Consider a revision to workflow process chart allowing for a right of appeal granted to us in Concept 5.**

**F.** Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference committees' workload.

After reviewing background material, there does not appear to be a clear consensus on a process to move forward on. **Trustees conference committee continue to explore methods to make the workload more equitable.**

**G.** Review the Floor Action process.

Since change, current process appears to be working.

## **VIII. Public Information**

Committee: Dani M., Mary C., Lil, Ken P., Dan S., Amy B.

**A.** Review 2019 annual reports from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org We very briefly looked over- nothing to add or discuss

**B.** Discuss a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide app.

Prior experience of getting a district recently on the app, the directions could be better laid out and more concise for the untrained user. The question was raised as to how this will help a newcomer or is the intent of the app just for those of us AA's who travel.

**C.** Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account. **Committee did not go over this info**

**D.** Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. Message.

Concern was brought to the committee before the committee commenced to discuss agenda items. The concern with the grant from district 7 was that we are not in self support in using a grant, however background material says we can use in kind donations when other entities are provided the same opportunity. This would only be breaking 7<sup>th</sup> tradition if we were given this grant just because we are AA. The other concern was that if we do use this grant for ad words, there would be other entities that will be advertised at the same time. Those entities will not follow our same guidelines.

I have included the following submission from District 7. This concern arose from having to accept privacy pop up as a google user. Our committee discussed this and present it as part of our report, however we as a committee was not totally understanding what the concern was.

2. Your Warranties

2.1 You represent and warrant that:

2.1.1 The information submitted in your organization's Google for Nonprofits request is true and correct.

2.1.2 Your organization does not discriminate against any person or group of people in either hiring/employment practices or in the administration of programs and services, including on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

2.1.3 Your organization may use the G4NP Program under its own policies and applicable laws and regulations, and your organization's use of the G4NP program will not negatively impact Google's current or future ability to do business with your organization.

2.1.4 Your and your organization will comply with all applicable laws, including all applicable export laws and trade sanctions programs, and all anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, in connection with its use of the G4NP Program, and the G4NP program will not be used to (i) corruptly influence any government official to obtain or retain business or any improper advantage, (ii) gain or retain business,

(iii) cause a government official to do or not do something in their official capacity or (iv) to gain any other improper advantage.

Note by District 07.: We may not be using the exact G4NP program, however, if we are operating under a Not-for-profit organization, then this may surely apply to AAWS. Because using grant money, and publicizing AA on information on a site that set side-by-side with outside entity ads, then the organization of AAWS is breaking traditions, and based on that, violates its own policies and laws and regulation, thus negatively impact Google's ability to do business with AAWS. We must be honest about this, regarding our tradition breaking.

E., F. G., We as a committee did not discuss.

H. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): We as a committee did not discuss the PSAs

I. Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.

Committee discussed at length regarding how anonymity gets broken by posting pictures, example taking a selfie at and AA function and posting on Facebook and not realizing or noticing there are other members in the background and their faces are included. Posting pictures of anniversary coins. Some suggestions on a new form of communication is an announcement that is read, it could be included in the open/closed meeting statement. The background material included the line "Principals before Posts". We felt a pamphlet is great to dig deeper into the subject, however there should be a reminder at meetings as well this could be a short notice included on the other side of the card that is in the PI Workbook kit, A.A. Anonymity card F-20 has a blank side, we could include text on the other side of this card that is "Principals before Posts, beware of what you Share"

J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an AA podcast.

We as a committee discussed this at length, we feel it would be nice to see a podcast that follows our steps, and keeps our traditions at the forefront, a suggestion that these podcasts must follow AA Guidelines, and approved prior to releasing, but there is a possibility that this could be endless, there could be a deeper dive into sponsorship, our steps, traditions, service and safety as a few examples. Several of the committee members indicated that they enjoy podcasts and use them often, it would be nice if something came out that was directly from GSO instead of the water down or mis-information that is out there.

K. Review "AA Triennial Membership Survey" report. nothing came about to discuss further.

L. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook. We as a committee thumbed through pamphlets and papers that were included in the kit, there wasn't a deep dive into the content other than the suggestion of adding information on the anonymity statement card- regarding social media. One suggestion was to have the guidelines 3 hole punched to be able to transfer those documents to a binder.

## **IX. Report and Charter** Committee: Terry W., Bryon B., Diane D.

A. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*. Electronic version is anonymity protected, it has been name- scrubbed for anonymity. Paper copy is not anonymity protected, where full names can be printed. Reviewed and **no issues, no changes**.

B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) - The printed copy serves a very limited purpose in limited society; benefit of printing is not worth cost and is out-dated on the day it is printed.

**Consider to stop printing the paper copy of Canada, E. US and W. US directories.**

C. Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference. **Should not restore the two paragraphs and footnote in Concept Eleven essay.** The paragraphs do not support Concept Eleven; The introduction also prepares the reader of Concepts for potential changes because of culture, operations and flaws, for example The concept itself is not changing, simply a description of its application.

D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.

**Yes, amend the sentence in Article 4 as presented in Background Material.**

### **E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.**

1. Review the draft and the agenda items that were forwarded to Publishing during the period of the redesign project.

Item 3) On page S50, Chapter Six, The Delegate Duties: Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions'. Keep the same...do not remove. On page S31-S32, Chapter Three, The District and the D.C.M Duties: remove bullet point Brings Tradition problems to Delegate.

**Keep the same...do not remove.**

Item 33) Define an agenda item: **OK, put it in the glossary.**

Item 34) Define an agenda item: **Yes. Create a path and flow chart to define the process on how to get an agenda item to GSC.**

A.C., E., **No Discussion**

**B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.)**

**Discussion: Question was asked if an electronic version was considered. "It was not"**

**D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.**

**Discussion: Question if there is an attempt to reorganize the charter? The committee chair was unsure.**

**E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.** 1. **No Discussion**

## **X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

We agree that the current service materials as outlined in the conference background material should be deleted and consolidated into the two new forms.

We also agree with the Question and Answer style.

We reviewed the Treatment and Accessibilities Kit. We had no suggestions on Treatment.

We do believe the checklist in Accessibilities could be expanded.

**XI. Trustees**

COMMITTEE TORV. T, JEFF C., MARTY L., DAVE M.

- 1. Reviewed the General Service Board Strategic Plan Report  
Basically, we were in agreement with the ideas but the question that continually arose was “ Why is the General Service Board telling the General Service Conference what to do?  
Also, We often questioned the vagueness of such terms as “ inclusivity focus” “Underrepresented” “Publisher” ( since when do we have a Publisher of the Grapevine instead of an Editor)  
The findings of each item will be sent as the minutes of this report for the Delegate and the Groups to use as a reference.
- 2. Nothing to discuss about slates and other agenda Items

**XII. Archives**

COMMITTEE: Jeff D., Phil D., Greg G., Kurt., Larry

- A: Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.  
Committee response: Yes, we think they should consider doing a fully objective history from 1955 to the present.  
We feel this book should be fact based and not subjective or editorialized or watered down to be made politically correct. If a working title for this proposed book becomes part of the discussion, we would not like to see a title that implies an ending to AA history as we anticipate that there will be a need to continue to publish more books on our history in the distant future. A possible suggestion for a working title would be “AA Continues to Grow”.
- B: Review Archives workbook. Committee response: Looks good no changes.

**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.  
We discussed the methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention and our committee agreed unanimously to keep it the same as it has been where the Chair has the option to say the Lord’s Prayer as a closing at the Big Meetings.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first- time attendees.  
We briefly discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. We suggested Districts setting up carpools to attend a Regional Forums. Those on the committee who have participated in any such events further down the triangle strongly encouraged others to check out Regional Forums and other such regional events.

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DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
01	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	First Congregational Church 724 E. South River St.	Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St.	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E,	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central St	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	First United Church of Christ 111 S 2 <sup>nd</sup> St	Colby WI
8	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	St Augustine Catholic Church 507 Church St	Wausaukee WI
10	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St	Rhineland, WI
11				<i>No information Available</i>	
12	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz	Ashland WI
14	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	American Legion Hall Memorial Dr.	Amery, WI
15				<i>No information Available</i>	
16	Saturday		11:00AM	United Lutheran Church 304 Main St.	L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Alano Club 105 W Fleishiem St	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	First United Methodist Church 111 E. Ridge sT	Marquette, MI
19				<i>No information Available</i>	
20				Check website at <a href="http://www.district20rea74aa.org">www.district20rea74aa.org</a>	
21	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	St. Francis Assisi Rectory 505 First St	Dollar Bay, MI
22	Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Hope Church 141 N 12th Ave & Michigan St,	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Spooner Health Ctr 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

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DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102	Green Bay, WI
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14	Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street,	New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16				DIST 16 MEETINGS HELD Bi-MONTHLY	
17	Monday	No mtg		105 W. Fleishiem	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11:00AM	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St	Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St,	Sturgeon Bay, WI
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## SPOTLIGHT ON DISTRICT 07

1. Wood, Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties. Most meetings are in Marshfield; Neillsville, Colby and Medford also have some.
  2. 50 meetings, 21 active.
  3. Along with the Alano Club, Marshfield has meetings in 3 local churches. Neillsville, Colby and Medford each have a meeting at a local church as well.
  4. Marshfield Clinic, Central Wisconsin State Fair and the world's largest round barn! Home of Governor Upham.
  5. I held last months district meeting in Colby.
  6. There's two groups of men regularly taking meetings into the Wood and Clark county jails. Taylor county has a group of men and women attending their jail meetings.
  7. Gene Loomis, former delegate of Area 74, was from Marshfield.
  8. I don't know when the district was founded
  9. No upcoming events
  10. Our GSR meetings are pretty basic, we do read the first part of "A.A.'s Legacy of Service" from the Service Manual.
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Greetings Area 74,

I received a communication from Greg T., General Manger, of the General Service Office today via our GSC Secretary.

The following is an excerpt from the letter.

The General Service Office (G.S.O.) and the General Service Board have been intently following developments of the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and considering the impact it will have on our 70th General Service Conference. We have heard from many of you with questions and concerns. Our General Service Board met Thursday, March 12, 2020 in a special board meeting (via Zoom).

The following recommendations were discussed, voted on and approved: 1. Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the onsite meeting of the 70th General Service Conference, scheduled at the Hilton Westchester in Rye Brook, New York (Westchester County) April 19-25, 2020, be canceled. Notice of this cancellation will be communicated to all Conference members as soon as possible.

**2. Following a motion and second, the Board approved a recommendation that the 70th General Service Conference be conducted under a modified schedule during the week of April 19-25, 2020 via remote meeting technology, to include Conference committee meetings and reports, board reports, trustee elections, possibly some additional presentations, and debate and voting on Conference committee recommendations. In keeping with Tradition One and with similar safety protocols being implemented in outside organizations, we will begin plans to transition to a "virtual" 70th General Service Conference and conduct all sessions via digital platform.**

This is exciting to be part of a first ever General Service Conference being held via a digital platform. Next year I shall also be in the rotation to be at a conference in a new location.

The General Service Office ((What's new section) has a statement on the COVID-19 Virus that is helpful for groups.

**It is more important than ever that I have a good feedback from all of Area 74 on the items. I look forward to seeing you in Beautiful Three Lakes, WI on Saturday April 4, 2020. Please be mindful that we no longer live in fear.**

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



**Area Committee Meeting**  
**March 7, 2020 3:00pm**  
**Minutes**  
**Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI**

**The meeting opened at 3:00 pm.**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Committee Chairs present:** Archives, Corrections WI, Corrections MI, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, Public Information, Finance

**Minutes from the 12/14/19 Area Committee Meeting were approved. 2<sup>nd</sup>. No one opposed. Minutes approved.**

**The follow districts had DCMs present:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20 , 21 ,23

**DCM Reports:** Please see DCM Reports below.

**Delegate's Report:** Please see Delegates Report section below.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

1. Approve April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Winter Assembly Agenda – Dawn M. (Area Chair)
    - Discussion of not approving the ACM meeting minutes at the 04/04/20 assembly
    - Clarification that we normally end at 5 at non-conference assemblies
    - Concern about 1 hour of allowed for reports for conference items
    - Request to add to new business for ECR hospitality sign-up for the international – suggested that be placed on old business
    - Question if Now & Then will give report at Assembly? – Committee chairs do not give reports at the Conference Reports request
    - Question about Wicypaa Report – suggested at end of day under conference reports
    - Clarification on approval of minutes will be for the October 26, 2019 assembly
    - Voting on secretary, confirmation of alt-secretary, confirmation of co-treasurer
  
    - Motion to accept agenda for 4/4 assembly with proposed changes, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Passed unanimously
  2. Approve May 16, 2020, Spring Assembly Agenda – Dawn M. (Area Chair)
    - Approve minutes for assembly April 4<sup>th</sup>
    - Update language for orientation to say GSR and DCM
    - Remove “new business” from the before lunch section
    - Add Wicypaa to conference updates/bids
    - Motion to accept agenda for 5/16 assembly with proposed changes, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
    - Passed unanimously
  3. Approve May 17, 2020, Spring ACM Agenda – Dawn M. (Area Chair)
    - Approve minutes from ACM on 03.07.20
    - Idea for sharing session – “How can we improve Area 74 committees”
    - Motion to accept agenda for 5/17 ACM with proposed changes, 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Passed unanimously
  4. Motion from CPC committee “Area 74 CPC Area recommends “the Linked-In Page” of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.” This will be discussed on 4/4/20. This will be a debatable motion requiring 2/3 vote.
- Motion to close, seconded.

## NOW & THEN 12.31.2019 YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
Adjusted balance forward 12.31.19		968.83
printing costs for 2019 Zander JAN & FEB ISSUES	1060.73	
printing costs Heyrman after Mar 1,2019	270.72	
Postage	322.10	
Return Postage Paid	37.30	
Copies	144.54	
Misc Supplies	128.60	
PO Box	70.00	
Gmail Business Suite Subscription	91.80	
Deposits \$2000 PLUS 5 \$25 SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID		2125.00
	2125.79	3093.83
FINAL Balance Forward		968.04

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Year To Date 02-01-2020 - 02-29-2020

CARRYOVER FROM 2018	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2018	\$32,173.28
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carryover prudent reserve	\$3,000.44
<b>TTL CARRYOVER 2018</b>	<b>\$ 35,178.72</b>

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	
Delegate	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	-
Treasurer	-
Registrar	-
Secretary	-
Archives	-
Corrections MI	-
Corrections WI	-
CPC	-
Finance	-
Grapevine	-
Literature	-
Now & Then	-
Public Information	-
Structures & Guidelines	-
Treatment	-
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	\$ -
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	-
Corrections Committee MI	-
Corrections Committee WI	-
CPC Committee	-
Finance Committee	154.00
Grapevine Committee	-
Literature Committee	-
Now & Then Committee	-
Public Information Committee	-
Registrar Committee	-
Secretary Committee	-
Structures & Guidelines Committee	-
Treatment Committee	-
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 154.00</b>

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	\$ 1,800.00
Registrar Internet	-
Rent - ACM / Assembly	-
Treats - ACM / Assembly	-
Conferece Seed Money	2000.00
Other Misc Expenses	-
ECR Conference	-
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	-
ECR Forum	-
CDPP - Trustee Election	-
International Convention	-
International Hospitality Room	-
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense	-

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	5,508.49
* Other Revenue *	-
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	-
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 5,508.49</b>

* OTHER REVENUE *	
Interest Income	\$ -
Refreshment Contributions	-
Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference	-
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference	-
Fall 2019 Conference Gain	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Committee Expenses	154.00
Other Expenses	3,800.00
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,954.00</b>

TOTAL ASSETS	
Bal-Checking Account January 31, 2020	\$32,728.21
Outstanding Checks	-
<b>CHECKING BALANCE February 29, 2020</b>	<b>\$32,728.21</b>
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS February 29, 2020</b>	<b>\$35,733.21</b>

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	5,508.49
YTD Total Expense	4,954.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS February 29, 2020</b>	<b>\$35,733.21</b>

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	-
<b>Current Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$ 3,000.00</b>

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 5,508.49
YTD Total Expenses	4,954.00
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 554.49</b>

GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020	647
Institutional Groups	22
Groups Contributing	75
	<b>12.00%</b>

**Area 74** Winter Assembly Agenda (April 4, 2020) ***POSTPONED***  
**FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING**

8:30 AM – New GSR and DCM Orientation with Past Delegate Derek T.

9:00 AM – **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Housekeeping

Roll Call

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

9:30 AM - **Area Officer Reports**

- Secretary
- Registrar
- Treasurer
- Area Chair

10:00 AM – **Delegates Report**

11:00 AM – **Old Business**

- **Updates**
  - Grapevine Motion Sara P.
  - Cab Reloaded Dean C.
  - Area 74 Inventory Gerri Ann K.
  - International Conference ECR Hospitality Room Derek T.

Noon – **Lunch**

1:00 PM –

- **Reports from Committee Chairs for Conference agenda Topics**
  - Discussion and voting on General Service Conference Agenda Topics
  
- **Elect Secretary**
- **Present/Confirm Alt Secretary**
- **Present/Confirm Alt Treasurer**
- **Conference Updates / Including Bids**
- **WICYPAA**
- **New Business**

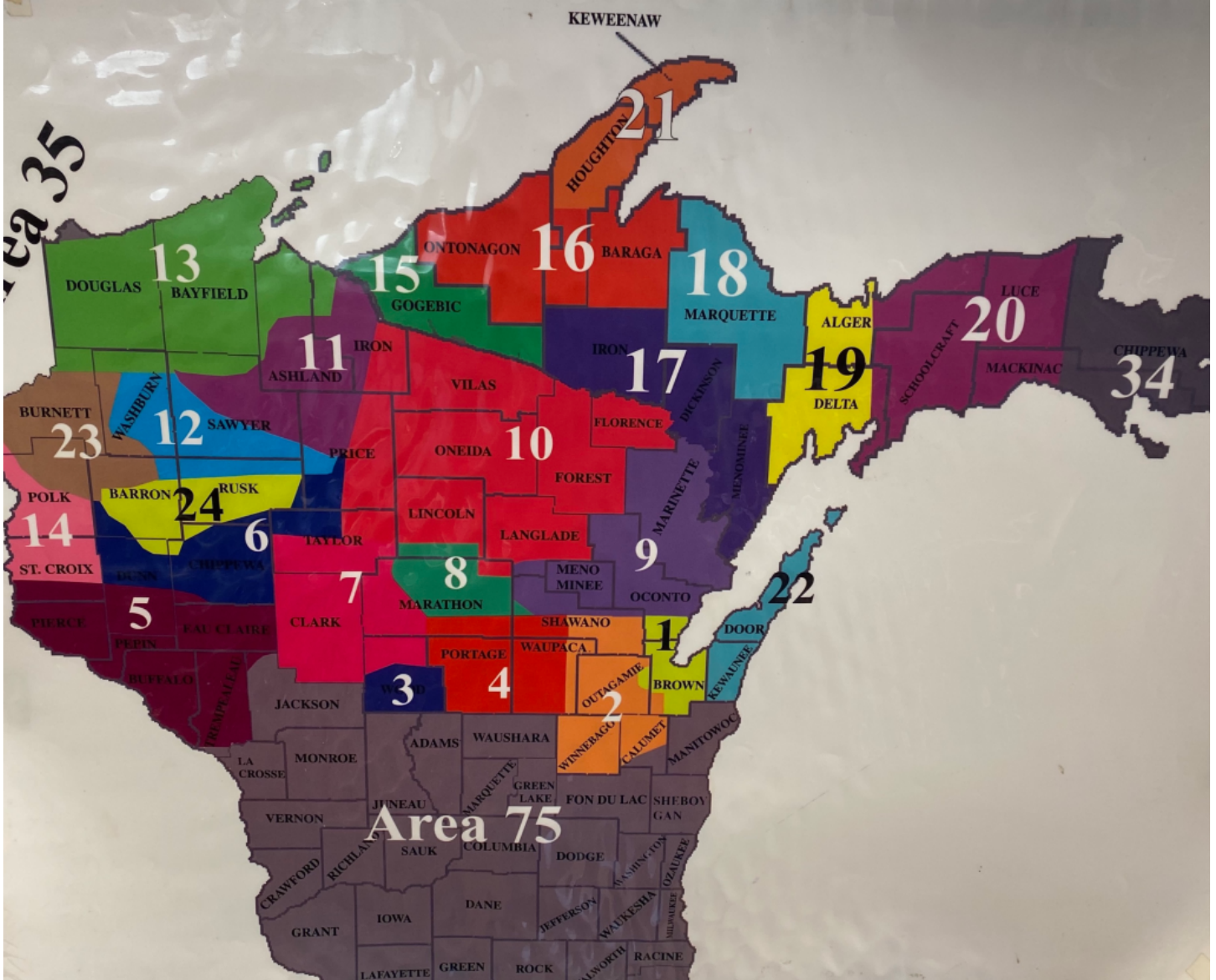
5:00PM – **Closing & Wrap-up**

FROM THE NOW & THEN CO-EDITORS  
PERTAINING TO UPDATING THE ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

ALL members and groups, Please send your updated email addresses to

[area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com) or [nowandthen@area74.org](http://nowandthen@area74.org)

as the newsletter is using the mailing list from Oct 2019 (the last available list from the GSO database) plus any updates we have been able to include from you in our mailing list. Until the Registrar has access to the database at GSO we have no other comprehensive list to access. Both the registrar and the Co-Editors are diligently working to get the information as up-to-date as possible but some of this is out of our control. Any help (patience & tolerance too please!!) you and your groups can provide is, and will be, greatly appreciated.



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## AREA 74 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE May 15-17, 2020

AmericInn, 3009 Lake Shore Dr. Ashland Wi

Phone: 715.682.9950

Rooms are \$115 plus tax, per night, double occupancy.

(hotel reservation deadline for price guarantee is April 15, 2020)

Friday Evening: AA Speaker-Panel 70 Delegate  
Saturday: Area Assembly, topic panels, Al-Anon & AA speakers  
Sunday Morning: Area Assembly & AA speakers

The Area 74 Alcoholics Anonymous Conference will include speakers and panels, Area 74 Assembly and Area 74 Committee meetings, a dinner banquet, DJ and dancing, ice cream social and alkathon.

### AREA 74 2020 Spring Conference REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Only \_\_\_\_\_\$20\_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Add Banquet \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about service opportunities Special accommodations \_\_\_\_\_

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For more information contact Marty L. (715)363-2418. Make checks payable to Area 74 Conference 2020, P.O. Box 996, Ashland, WI 54806

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