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### Delegate's Corner

Hello Members of Area 74,

The 12-step work never stops.

For many years, I have made a trip to Three Lakes, WI for the Area Committee Meeting in December. We have stopped in Wittenberg at a gas station where they sell pewter ornaments and other gift items and then I proceed to spend money. I love easy shopping. Well, this year is different in that we will not be making the trip and the calendar is getting full. December 5, 2020 is the first ever virtual eastern US and Canada forum. The following week is the Area Committee Meeting via Zoom. In my desire to take care of business, we planned a trip to Wittenberg before Thanksgiving. The plan was to wake up early and head out. The phone rang that morning, and the caller was coming off a relapse and wanting to go back to the bottle to end the shakes. Within the hour we had the caller in the van and headed north. My words to the person were, I was happy to mess up the plans to go back and drink. The conversation was like so many others who have relapsed this year. They have isolated due to Covid exposure. They did not make it to meetings. They stopped actively working the steps. They stopped communication with other recovering people. They got the idea that somehow, they could control the drinking. I am happy to say I did get my shopping done at the gas station. We stopped at several more stores in the journey. The day ended with a meeting. The 12-step work never stops.

My other experience with 12-step work this month left my world a bit shaken. Finding the acceptance that I am powerless over alcohol. The words from my mouth were not the words where the person could hear the message of God with hope. Acceptance that the obsession was so great that the person was willing to die and was well on their way. The only thing I could do was pray they could hear the message of their higher power and accept help.

I hope to see many of you soon on the Virtual Forum. Stay close, we need you.

Char V.

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**FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR**

Greetings,

The Holiday season is beginning as I write this article. My wife and I are currently prepping for our SMALL family Thanksgiving dinner. Then we will be planning what to do for our Christmas celebration. The standard way we would celebrate the Holidays has been put on hold. Which starting me thinking about how my standard AA life has changed over the last 9 months.

One of those changes has been how to communicate with and meet with the newcomers. I still attend two meetings a week that are in person and one meeting that is online. The attendance for both live meetings has been down and the frequency when a newcomer comes walking thru the door has been pretty low. With the online meeting there are some new faces once in a while, but it seems to be hard to engage them in a conversation. It was easier when we were face to face and I could back them into a corner or slyly block the door.

This experience has me asking myself, am I doing all that I can to carry the message of recovery. I am not sure I have the answer for that question right now. We, as the members and servants of AA, should be asking ourselves, our groups, our Districts, and our Area, that same question. We are in a unique and challenging situation and it will take some unique ways to carry the message. For now, I will be continuing to look for answers this this dilemma.

Stay safe over the Holiday season.

In Service,

Bryon B

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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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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER 2020</b>		
12/5/2020	Eastern Regional Forum	VIRTUAL through aa.org Pre-Register on aa.org
12/12/2020	Area Committee Mtg	To Be Determined
<b>DATES TO REMEMBER 2021</b>		
2/12 -14/2021	Conf of Delegates Past & Present	POSTPONED UNTIL 2021
3/6/2021	Delegate's Workshop	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
4/10/2021	Winter Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
4\18-24/2021	Gen Serv Conference	71 <sup>st</sup> General Service Conference New York, NY
5/14-16/2021	Area 74 Sprg Conf	CANCELLED May be Virtual announcement pending
5/15/2021	Area Assembly	Virtual Details pending
5/16/2021	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual Details pending
8/7/2021	Area Comm Mtg	(Optional) Location TBD
8/20-22/2021	East Cent Reg Conf	CANCELLED
9/17-19/2021	Area 74 Fall Conf	TBD
9/18/2021	Area Assembly	At Fall Conference
9/19/2021	Area Comm Meeting	At Fall Conference
10/30/2021	Fall Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
12/11/2021	Area Comm Meeting	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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**\*\*\*\*\*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**

**CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**

<b>DISTRICT MEETINGS DECEMBER 2020 LIST</b>					
<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	ZOOM	
2	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	ZOOM	
3	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 PM	ZOOM 824 2227 0300	
5	Weds	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 PM	ZOOM 716 081 9669 PASSCODE 300255	
6	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 PM	Club 76, 76 East Central Street	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	First United Church of Christ, 111 S. 2nd St.	Colby, WI
8	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Avenue	Crivitz, WI
10	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus St.	Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
12	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave.	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Amery Legion Hall Memorial Dr.	Amery, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16	Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St.	L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	First United Methodist Church 111.E. Ridge St.	Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St.	Germfask, MI
21	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church Rockland St.	Calumet, MI
22	Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	ZOOM	
23	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Spooner Health 1280 Chandler Drive	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 PM	Ladysmith Alano Club, 411 E 2nd St.	Ladysmith, WI

**DISTRICT MEETINGS JANUARY 2021 LIST**

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13	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave.	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Amery Legion Hall Memorial Dr.	Amery, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St.	L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	25 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI	Zoom 439 255 9096
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St.	Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Portage Lake Church 1400 E Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Monday	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	ZOOM	
23	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 PM	Conference call 1-712-775-7031 passcode 983009	
24	Weds	6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	Ladysmith Alano Club, 411 E 2nd St.	Ladysmith, WI

**Minutes for Area 74 Assembly  
Saturday October 24, 2020  
Via Zoom**

**9:00 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks – Bryon B area chair/alt delegate**

Open at 9:01 AM with 57 participants; Functional rules of the ZOOM app were reviewed.

New GSRs introduced from the following Districts:

Barb D10, Sandy D06, Kathy D23, Carol D04, Alyssa D06, Clint D04, Michael D04, Jeff D08, Linnea D10.

New DCM's: none

Voice and vote includes: GSRs, DCMs, Area Chairs, Officers, and Past Delegates.

ZOOM operator is Kendra – chat to her to get attention of chair or to speak to an issue.

Voting options: 1. polling system - demonstrated. 2. vote thru chat box; this will be used if you cannot use polling OR if the chair requests to use the chat box to vote.

**9:15 AM – Open meeting with silence and prayer.**

**Roll Call –**

Area Officers: Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Alt sec'y, Registrar, Treasurer

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

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24

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

**Approval of Minutes (September 12,2020)**

Discussion

Q: SaraS CPC - Whose name goes with the motion as written on 9/12/2020 minutes? Response: A: DianeD-Alt Sec'y - no name has been assigned to motions, seconds, or comments.

This is being reviewed by the Secretaries with a plan to adjust minute-taking to best serve the Assemblies and ACMs and Special Meetings.

Q: MartyL – What was the exact motion on ASL? Marty suggested adding the exact wording of this motion to the September 12 minutes.

A: Exact **motion** to be added to Sept. minutes - *The Committee recommends that a request for an ASL interpreter for an Area 74 event must be made 45 days prior to the event. It is further recommended that if the individual making the request no longer has need for this service they must notify the appropriate entity/person no less than 48 hours prior to the event.*

Poll to accept amended minutes of Sept 12, 2020

Results: 46 yes 0 no; passed by 100% ; The amended minutes accepted.

Secretary will add the above motion to Sept. 12, 2020 minutes.

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

Appendix 1

Secretary – Nicholas S – Report was read by Alt Sec'y, with no questions.

Registrar – Dean C

**Note from Dean:** Any changes you see on the GSO spreadsheet, make the change on a change form and get it to Dean. Also, send forms to our own Registrar; do not send to New York. Dean's email address is: registrar@area74.org

Discussion:

- Changes on GSO spreadsheet appear very old, out dated by far.
- Complements to Registrar for excellent work with monumental task.

Treasurer – Barry B

**Reminder from Barry:** Put your group numbers on donation checks. Also, to request a copy of the treasure's report, send your request to Barry: treasurer@area74.org

Delegate – Char

**Note from Char:** There are two items presented, requesting feedback. Refer to the written report in appendix 1 for the feedback items.

## Old Business

**Inventory Follow Up:** From last assembly, committee members were to be appointed to this ad hoc committee. Presenting today is Chairperson Jim M D06. Members of the Inventory ad hoc committee are Marty L, Brent H, Shane R, Kevin W. The first meeting was held with discussion around “What should we do next?”. Decided was to seek an outside facilitator to guide us through this process, taking one step at a time. The first step is to get a facilitator.

### Discussion on Inventory Comm:

- Diversity of this committee is questioned; there are no women on committee.
- What are the specific tasks of the facilitator; will one help create the inventory and also participate in it?

**Break 10:04 – 10:09**

## 10:10 PM - New Business

### **Finance Follow up to straw poll May 16, 2020**

Based on positive support from straw poll, Finance committee will move forward investigating a Venmo account. The Straw Poll results from 5/16/2020 are: Yes-36, No-7, IDK/Need More Info-9.

### Discussion on Venmo Account:

- Be aware that a phone number is needed for Venmo account.
- Barry B is looking for information that the committee needs to be aware of.
- Barry will investigate if there is a place to identify where the contribution comes from.

**Floor Motion** by Michelle Z: I move that the Area 74 Finance Committee launch a Venmo account for Area 74 to receive contributions from Area 74 AA groups and AA members.

2<sup>nd</sup> by JohnBB. [This motion is moved to the end of New Business for today.]

**Finance Discussion-** this will be addressed under 2021 Budget.

### **How we do business Motion from D06 (Conference-how we do business)**

Appendix 2

Motion and History in Appendix.

Jim M from D06 stated that his district discussed all the CAB reloaded suggestions and recommendations which were brought to Area 74.

Discussion:

- Last paragraph seems confusing, with ACM meeting Fri night and deciding on agenda for Sat.
- How can we get through assembly in four hours?
- Who sets topics for workshops?
- ACM would determine selection of topic from Group suggestions.
- Groups are responsible for supporting DCM and covering expenses, same as now.
- Avoid confusion by using the term standing committees for our group of 11 committees (rather than area committees - with a small ‘c’). This clearly separates the term from Area Committee Meeting (ACM).
- This motion does not need a second, coming from ACM.
- The total motion is contained in numbers 1, 2, & 3 as listed in Appendix 2. The rest is history and clarification or suggestion.
- Would special meetings be removed? Yes, but guidelines state that Assemblies can be called at any time.
- This motion is the was result of the CAB recommendations, which supported going to two assemblies a year. Details need to be worked out.
- The standing committees meeting on Fri night, face to face, working together is an idea that I (Char) like. Our outreach is not what it could be. This Friday night could give us opportunity to do better. Having this work time would be phenomenal.
- Summary of the genesis of this...what is the group who compiled this motion? Ten folks in D06/05 threw out ideas; we put this together two weeks before ACM. Comment:
- This seems to be a big jump to make major changes prior to Area Inventory.
- Did your group have GSRs join ACM? No.
- Will taking assembly out of conference reduce attendance?
- How is the delegates workshop addressed?
- Could we incorporate this into the inventory?

- Create a flow chart that can differentiate between ACM and standing committees, i.e. big C, little c.
- Maybe we should table this?
- Table means move to next assembly, no more work on it; more discussion next Assembly.
- This is not well informed group conscience.

**Floor Motion** by Nicholas S: Refer this Motion back to ACM for clarification.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff C.

Discussion:

- Good decision to move back to ACM.
- Direct to CAB, or ad hoc committee or another standing committee.
- I would like to see it go back to ACM, so it can be researched by ad hoc committee.

Poll: **Motion:** Refer this Motion on How we do business [Listed in Appendix 2] back to ACM for clarification.

45 Yes 1 No Motion passes with 97%.

**Add line item to the Area 74 2020 Budget for a distribution to GSO in the amount of \$5,000**

Shane withdrew this motion, referenced in the Agenda item above. He is presenting new motion today.

**Motion:** Area 74 makes a one-time contribution to GSO in the amount of \$5000.00. Appendix 3

Discussion:

- Save money for items like ASL.
- Use this extra money to switch to a budgeting system which utilizes real money and not budgeted for next year on what we plan on receiving.
- We have lost control of NY/GSO and we need to return to primary purpose helping the suffering alcoholic.
- We have responsibility to help GSO; finance committee did discuss this.
- Do we have other areas which need financial support?
- Are we looking at other ways to spend the money?
- I appreciate this motion, a no brainer. This pandemic isn't over yet.
- In favor of motion. Where can we serve AA best.
- Referring to comment on ASL...we did do a budget for ASL expenditures, and we feel we are safe for covering ASL this year and for 2021. We will be OK.
- Area 74 has excess each year...Find ways to use our excess monies here in Area 74. Our normal structure is not to distribute monies from groups. New York has always had excess funds.
- There is a sense of fear of economic stress in this area. We have means of supporting Area if need be; and why do we have excess money?
- This came out of a group; I am supporting excellent thinking from this group.
- Few years ago, Area 74 used prudent reserve, so a large yearly carry over is not accurate. Also, finance committee did make comment that committees were not doing services and spending money as they should.
- Pamphlet – money and spirituality: we are not a business, we are here to form a group conscious regarding monies; use God as our understanding to guide. This is not issue of GSO, this is a spiritual issue in Area 74. Do we as area have what the pamphlet states...do we have a specific contribution plan to GSO? We need specific action.

Jeff C P56: **Call the question.**

2<sup>nd</sup> by Gerry D18

Poll: 2/3 majority vote required to call the question. 37 yes 8 no This passes by a 2/3 majority vote at 82.2%.

Poll for Motion: Area 74 makes a one-time contribution to GSO in the amount of \$5000.00.

2/3 majority vote is required to pass. 38 yes 13 no Motion passes with 2/3 majority vote (substantial unanimity) of 74.5%.

Minority discussion:

- Voted in opposition. I understand that groups send money for purpose of having these entities; there is more that Area 74 can do with money and should not pass it on. Also, NY was out of stock of big book and could not help during COVID crisis.
- GSO has flipped our triangle upside down; And the GSO has taken the agenda from conference and has not been honest with us. It is alarming what is going on in NY.
- We are passing the buck. We need to work as an Area 74 to get info out to suffering alcoholic.

- Since it was a new motion, I would like to have time to ponder the motion.
- Our group donates to each separate area; this is redundant.
- People aren't contributing to Area; we aren't necessarily going to have an excess.
- Finance committees spreadsheet will show group contributions; these are not profits. We have failed to get full group conscience. This is the groups' monies that we are spending, and we haven't their input.
- Power of the purse is the only control we have over GSO.

BobH D02: changes his vote.

This requires a vote to reconsider the passed motion.. 2nd by Greg D04

A simple majority required; vote yes to reconsider this motion and no to not reconsider this motion.

28 yes, 22 no Reconsideration of this motion passes with a 55% simple majority.

Discussion:

- This was presented at last Assembly so time to discuss with groups was available to groups and districts.
- The specific statement of Motion was not taken back to groups.
- GSO has infrastructure that needs support. I don't believe these are mismanaged. We can support care of Area and GSO both.
- Needs more time to examine this, since our monies are less with COVID dilemma.
- Bryon: breaking for lunch at 12:15
- Response to breaking for lunch 15 min. earlier than Agenda: we are having robust discussion; why stop now? Go on per agenda to 12:30.

12:15 PM – Lunch, per Bryon

12:45 PM – New Business (continued)

Discussion (continued):

- I favor motion; our responsibility. Because of pandemic, GSO is need of money.
- I am supporting contribution to GSO.
- Making the point that this was on the agenda and it's our responsibilities to get the info to the groups. Consider COVID, which can get worse, and GSO provides nationally, so a onetime contribution now is important.
- Frustrated. Third assembly I've attended, and much discussion. The basic motion has not changed and ample time has been provided since September. My group is in favor of the motion.
- BobH 02: I changed my vote because of his group/District.

We are starting all over with voting.

**Motion** by Sara CPC: Table this motion. Mike D07: 2<sup>nd</sup> this motion to table.

Majority Vote. 9 yes 40 no Motion failed by majority vote of 82%. Motion will NOT be tabled.

Discussion continues:

- In the Delegates report, GSO was receiving above average contributions. Loss was from literature. Today's discussion, has been around surplus of cash in Area 74. A solution is to simply to stop accepting contributions from groups.

Jim M: **Call the question** 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela

Poll to call the question. 2/3 majority vote is required to call the question.

43 yes 5 no Passes with 90% by 2/3 majority vote

**Motion.** Area 74 makes a one-time contribution to GSO in the amount of \$5000.00.

Poll to vote on the motion, requires a 2/3 majority to pass.

36 yes 14 no The motion passes with 73.5%, a 2/3 majority (substantian unanimity).

Minority opinion at this level of voting is not allowed. **The Motion passed.**

**We move that the Area assist District 6 with a onetime start-up assistance of \$1200.00.**

Jim D06 speaks on this motion: We have modified this motion to \$750 rather than \$1200. The big change is that the web site now up and running. Our current needs are literature for jails, corrections facilities and rehab center; planning workshops and deciding who does the workshops, etc.

**Motion:** We move that the Area assist District 6 with a onetime start up assistance of \$750.00 Appendix 4

Discussion:

- Make this a line item in the budget for all groups.
- Isn't this where they would go to corrections committee to get help?



- They did that, with little response.
- Our group went to groups in the District for help, and that's where they found financial support to get up and running. Groups may be opposed to their donated monies going to other groups in other districts.
- Where is the report that accounts for the sum of money donated?
- D06 responds via Jim: That sounds like micromanagement. D06 feels they have right of decision.
- We should use our budgeted funds from standing committees rather than a onetime expenditure.
- Jim D06: every attempt we have made seeking help, has been stonewalled.
- We are undecided on this motion. the groups in our district help us do what we do. We make budget requirements for books etc., for jails, institutions, etc. Why is a website a no. 1 priority?
- Reminder from the Chair to keep motion on track.
- Can't separate this one motion from guidelines...if we donate to one, it sets a precedence.
- If D06 wants a district then they will fund it. Receiving money from Area is a break in tradition.
- All arguments have a lot of weight to it. But this sets a precedent.

### **Jim M 06: Our district withdraws the motion.**

#### Discussion:

- Reminder from Secretary: Standing committees, please stand up and offer help to District 06.
- Sara P: Grapevine will support D06 however you can.
- James-Literature Chair: Willing to give to D06 literature.
- Sara CPC: Lots of literature available for D06 if you want it.
- Natalie-question: how are districts formed, not to turn lights back on, but to form a brand new district? A side conversation can be used to answer this.
- Bryon: This is good discussion for ACM.

### **Approve 2021 Budget**

### Appendix 5

#### Discussion on seating the delegate:

- Clarification by JeffC - Budget sets the limit/parameters for finance and the treasurer can write checks without Assembly approval.
- What is minimum amount to seat the delegate?
- Minimum required is 1800; we can increase to fully seat the delegate. We now contribute \$3600. GSO makes up for any costs to seat a delegate, beyond what Areas support.
- On the past conference reports, it shows that Area 74 has never fully seated their own delegate.
- In 2017 we voted to send additional monies to support delegate. At that time, it was \$8700, or something close to that. It is clarified in the final reports.

#### Discussion on other line items:

- WI corrections discussion over \$35 budget. Finance Committee will increase it from \$35 to \$700, same as MI corrections.
- Question from groups. \$3000 for prudent reserve is too low. 50% of operating costs would be prudent. That would be about \$15,000.
- Comment by the Chair-Bryon: changing our prudent reserve, amending it should be brought up at ACM that can be brought to groups for discussion, then voted on at Assembly. Jeff C agrees with Bryon.
- Shane 05: What does operating expense refer to? Answer: In general, it includes everything.
- Finance could take a whole bunch of money and put a hold on it, discuss it, put an increase through the process, at sometime in the future. Right now, don't nit-pick the budget, which can change next term.
- Was the \$3000 representing the ¼ of year's annual budget and we should have been adding to the prudent reserve, to keep up with the quarter expense increases?
- We should be keeping up with our own prudent reserve guideline in the motion.
- 2012 Motion (which created the prudent reserve): In order to establish a prudent operating reserve, the Finance Committee is making the following motion; 1. That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$3000, which would represents one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses. 2. That these monies be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution as the checking account managed by the Area 74 Treasurer. 3. That the reserve be established as follows: a. Deposit....

- Suggest that finance committee move needed monies over and then make a motion to ACM and take to groups to increase this hard number.
- Finance Chair: This is a budget vote. Put something in the budget, and vote on it.
- Use the 2012 motion as a template, make an informed decision and move forward with a change in the prudent reserve.
- Discuss the whole topic of prudent reserve, at Assembly, to determine how to handle it.
- Treasurer-Barry: finance should look at this and bring back suggestions.

GerriAnn: **call the question.**

**2:43 pm Break for 10 min.**

**2:53 pm**

2<sup>nd</sup> (to the question called) by Nicholas S

Poll to call the question to approve the budget vote:

2/3 majority vote is required to pass. Yes = vote on budget No = continue discussion.

Poll 35 yes 0 no passes by 2/3 majority at 100%

**Motion** to approve the amended 2021 budget Now voting on amended budget (\$700 added to Wis Corrections):

Poll on this motion is Yes = approve budget No = do not approve

2/3 majority is required to pass. 42 yes 1 no Budget approval passes by 2/3 majority of 97.7%.

Minority speaking? None

2021 budget is approved as amended.

**Elect two Structure and Guidelines members**

Guidelines, Article 6 describes replacement of area officers:

Bryon: Is anyone willing to stand for structures and guidelines, positions of chair or committee member.

Everyone in this Assembly needs to start seeking nominees (we need to go shopping).

**Elect one Finance Committee Member**

One person, two year committment:

Char nominates Dave K.

Dave K accepts the nomination.

Nominations are called for three times.

Nominations close.

Vote for Dave K as Finance Committee Member: 36 yes 0 no

Congrats Dave K. Finance committee member.

**Approve 2021 Dates to Remember**

Vote to approve as modified during Assembly:

Majority vote required to pass: 39 yes 0 no Dates to Remember passed

Misc Discussion:

- MaryBeth: Reminder of Treatment Ctr workshop, Nov 7. Presentation demo.
- Housekeeping idea: in a document, a summary of who can attend and who has voice and vote. Bryon shared the rules of the above questions at the beginning of this Assembly.
- We are lacking an Archives chair. Jeff D has stepped down due to personal reasons. DCMs need to go shopping for Archives chair.
- East Central Trustee nominee, JeffC, announced that he has to step down due to employee restrictions. He will not be able to stand for that position in the upcoming term.

**Floor motion:** Michelle: I move that the Area 74 Finance comm. launch a Venmo Account for Area 74 to receive contributions from Area 74 from Area 74 AA groups and AA members.

Discussion:

- Michelle: Our meeting using Venmo is working out very well.; District 6 is using it and it's working well.
- Is a monthly statement sent? Answer: Can log in anytime, get a report, and person's name and amount is contained in report.
- Refraining from voting since she is new and wasn't able to share with her groups.
- Personal venom account is very easy to use. .
- This motion is a tool for groups to use. If they are not comfortable, then they don't need to use it.

**Motion** to table the motion by Nicholas. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John (BB?). This requires a majority vote to table.

Poll 28 yes 6 no Motion passes to table with an 82.4% majority vote.

This discussion on the Venmo account will be brought back at next assembly.

### **Conference Updates / Including Bids**

ECR CDPP 2021

Appendix 6

SaraP scheduled for Feb, recommends a cancellation; Requested was for our Area 74 be granted permission to host 2022. This was granted, as the matrix will be pushed down...so areas don't lose opportunity to host.

Fall 2020 (District 05)

Appendix 7

Planning chair was Bryon; report attached. Decision was a virtual conference which was recently held; Zoom format, speakers presented experience, strength and hope.

Shane question: Amot, did they charge anything? Bryon: Go to their website to learn more.

Spring 2021 (District 20)

Appendix 8

KathyP and Derek serving; voted to cancel in person event in May. They discussed common welfare, AA as a whole, etc. They will explore teleconference option.

Fall 2021 (Open) no bids

Spring 2022 (Open)

Appendix 9

Marty – D13: bidding for this conference:

We will do same as the 2021 venue, Americinn in Ashland. \$20 registration and \$25 banquet. Bid is for in-person only. John question: was facility complying with covid status restrictions? Marty answer: We don't have financial deposit; they will work with us and comply with state as best they can.

Vote on D13 bid. Requires simple majority: 32 yes 0 no.

100% majority D13 has bid for 2022 spring conference.

**Motion to close, 2<sup>nd</sup>, carried.**

**4:27– Assembly closed.**

### **Appendix 1 [Insert add'l officer reports]**

Officer Reports Secretary's Report:

Happy Autumn fellow Area 74ers. As you can see and hear I will be joining you a bit later this morning at 11:30, thank you so much to Diane for her willingness to serve in my absence.

In my report last month I shared I would be meeting with Diane to create a format for the minutes that is a summary of the minutes rather than the detailed minutes I have been doing, I have failed in doing so. I have received some feedback from the body and in true Alcoholic fashion, everybody wants a little something different. I promise to work with Diane on creating minutes that best serve the whole of our body.

I wanted to express my appreciation to the finance committee and treasure for their work in creating a line item for a replacement laptop in the year 2021 which will allow any member of Area 74 to fulfill the role of secretary. The amount in the budget is \$900, my goal is to purchase a laptop, Microsoft office and an extended warranty from Wal-Mart that will best allow for any member to have access to repairs if necessary.

It was 1 year-ago when I was asked to help out as co-secretary "to help gather papers and such at the assemblies". God had other plans and I am humbled to have been asked to serve in this capacity and serve you.

The group of us gathered today are my heroes in Area 74, you are the ones doing the work, working for your groups, your districts and your Area. Regardless if it is your first time at an Assembly or you have been serving for years, you inspire me, and I am humbled to among you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and I will see you at 11:30. ☺

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider Area 74 – Secretary

# Treasurer Report:

Main Menu		Year To Date 09-01-2020 - 09-30-2020	
<b>CARRYOVER FROM 2019</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$	5.00	
Carryover prudent reserve		\$3,000.44	
<b>TTL CARRYOVER 2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>35,178.72</b>	
<b>REVENUE SUMMARY</b>			
Group Contributions			10,939.03
* Other Revenue *			2,137.73
Anniversary & Individual Contributions			172.00
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>13,248.76</b>
<b>* OTHER REVENUE *</b>			
Interest Income	\$	1.48	
Refreshment Contributions		77.52	
Seed Money Return Spring 2020 Conference		648.69	
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference		-	
Fall 2019 Conference Gain		960.04	
ECR International Hospitality Return		450.00	
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>2,137.73</b>
<b>EXPENSE SUMMARY</b>			
Chair Expenses	\$	1,677.06	
Committee Expenses		1,713.23	
Other Expenses		4,396.96	
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>7,787.25</b>
<b>OFFICER &amp; CHAIR EXPENSES</b>			
Delegate	\$	1,000.00	
Area Chair-Alt Delegate		248.00	
Treasurer		30.00	
Registrar		52.00	
Secretary		-	
Archives		30.00	
Corrections MI		40.00	
Corrections WI		30.00	
CPC		24.00	
Finance		39.00	
Grapevine		30.00	
Literature		41.70	
Now & Then		68.36	
Public Information		29.00	
Structures & Guidelines		15.00	
Treatment		-	
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>1,677.06</b>
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>			
Archives	\$	-	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		285.26	
Corrections Committee MI		183.71	
Corrections Committee WI		-	
CPC Committee		22.00	
Finance Committee		445.74	
Grapevine Committee		-	
Literature Committee		44.10	
Now & Then Committee		-	
Public Information Committee		66.43	
Registrar Committee		105.99	
Secretary Committee		-	
Structures & Guidelines Committee		-	
Treatment Committee		560.00	
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>1,713.23</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Seat Delegate	\$	1,800.00	
Registrar Internet		-	
Rent - ACM / Assembly		100.00	
Treats - ACM / Assembly		46.97	
Conferece Seed Money		2000.00	
Other Misc Expenses		-0.01	
ECR Conference		-	
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)		-	
ECR Forum		-	
CDPP - Trustee Election		-	
International Convention		-	
International Hospitality Room		450.00	
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense		-	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
Bal-Checking Account September 30, 2020		\$37,715.23	
Outstanding Checks		\$80.00	
<b>CHECKING BALANCE September 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$37,635.23</b>	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		\$5.00	
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020		\$3,000.00	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS September 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$40,640.23</b>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		5.00	
Carry Over Prudent Reserve		3,000.44	
YTD Total Revenue		13,248.76	
YTD Total Expense		7,787.25	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS September 30, 2020</b>		<b>\$40,640.23</b>	
<b>Prudent Reserve Activity</b>			
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>\$</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS</b>			
YTD Total Revenue	\$	13,248.76	
YTD Total Expenses		7,787.25	
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss)</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>5,461.51</b>
<b>GROUP PARTICIPATION</b>			
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020		647	
Institutional Groups		22	
Groups Contributing		134	
			<b>21.44%</b>

## Registrar Report

Registrar report October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 assembly

- I just sent out the latest from the GSO database with some edits of mine. These edits represent the items I have documentation for. Most of these have been sent to GSO. This will be the working document going forward.
- I have added two columns to that spreadsheet that indicates when I sent items to GSO and if they have recorded it. You will see that next time I distribute. I know nothing about items that are sent directly to GSO but without a copy to me.
- It does look like they are adding items that I have sent in, though somewhat erratically. There are things from early in the year that are there and some not. There are also a few more recent items. I don't quite understand the progression.
- I still am only able to look at things online, not change anything. The goal is that when I receive something from you, either new or a change, that I can just go in and do it. Not sure when we will get there.
- I have volunteered to be part of the Portal testing process moving forward.
- I just sent in a new group form to register a Zoom only group from District 4. I made several calls and sent several emails to GSO to ask them about this and never heard anything back. I do know that their offices are shut down and everyone is working from home. We will see how they deal with this. I suspect there may be more Zoom only requests.

- It is very important that I get a copy of any forms that you send to GSO. This allows me to keep our local records straight. GSO does not notify me when they get something. And they are not quick or consistent in entering the data. I cannot correct things that I am not aware of.
- My focus is to keep our records accurate so I can be sure GSO gets the proper data.

Dean C. Area 74 Registrar

## Appendix 2

How we do business Motion from D06 (Conference-how we do business)

### HISTORY

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

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

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

### MOTION

We make the Following motion

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

### REVIEW

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

The Area Assembly would consist of a 2 day meeting.

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

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

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

## Appendix 3

Motion: Area 74 makes a one-time contribution to GSO in the amount of \$5000.00.

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**Background Material:**

- i. Excerpt from pamphlet F-96 - A.A. Group Treasurer: "Our experience shows than an accumulation of A.A. funds for unspecified purposes beyond a prudent level may divert a group's attention from carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Groups with excess funds are encouraged to support other service entities."
- ii. Area 74 - 2020 YTD Budget Report, Year To Date 08-01-2020 - 08-31-2020. Prudent Reserve is \$3,000.00. YTD Budgeted Expenses remaining is \$27,556.74. Checking account balance \$37,015.16. *With just over two months left in the year 2020 and no clear plan to spend this money in carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, there appears to be "...an accumulation of A.A. funds for unspecified purposes beyond a prudent level."*
- iii. Letter from the General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous General Manager dated October 7, 2020 regarding a drawdown from the Reserve Fund to cover cash flow requirements in the 4th quarter of 2020. *Area 74 can afford to send excess funds to GSO to help with their "cash flow requirements."*

**Appendix 4**

Motion: We move that the Area assist District 6 with a onetime start up assistance of \$750.00

**Appendix 5 [See attached Budget Excel Sheet]**

2021 Budget

**Appendix 6**

ECR CDPP 2021

Hi, my name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I was serving as Co-Chair of the 2021 Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) as Area 74 was the host Area for next year's CDPP. The 2021 CDPP was scheduled to be held the weekend of February 12 – 14, 2021, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The 2021 CDPP Planning Committee was made up of our current Area 74 Delegate, Char V., as well as six Past Area 74 Delegates including Bob M., Torv T., Jeff C., Marty L., Derek T., and Sara P.-P. The Planning Committee recently met on October 1, 2020, to discuss the 2021 CDPP given the current pandemic. It was agreed during this recent Planning Committee Conference Call that we bring the following recommendation to the East Central Trustee, Mark E. and the current ECR Chair, Kelly L. The Area 74 2021 Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) Planning Committee recommends the 2021 CDPP be cancelled. We are requesting Area 74 be allowed to host the 2022 CDPP. On October 7, 2020, Mark E. notified us that both functions, the 2021 CDPP and the 2021 ECR Conference, are being postponed for a year.

I have since went ahead and cancelled the 2021 CDPP with the Double Tree by Hilton in Appleton.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

In Love and Service,

Sara Plansky-Pecor

Co-Chair 2021 CDPP

Panel 68 Area 74 Past Delegate

**Appendix 7**

Fall 2020 (District 05) Area 74 District 05 Fall Conference 2020 Report to the Assembly 09/24/2020

Good Day to All,

Based on the best guidance of health officials and for the safety of the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, the decision was made by the Assembly to make this a virtual conference.

I would like to thank the planning Committee from District 05 for all their work, even though a lot of their effort did not come to fruition.

Once the decision was made to not meet in person the Planning Committee decided to keep it simple. The format was to be on Zoom and there were to be 3 speakers that would share their experience, strength, and hope.

The Zoom account used was provided by Amot Audio at no charge. The talks were recorded and are available on their web site.

The first Friday night speaker was an AI Anon and with 56 attendees. The second Friday night speaker was an AA with 85 attendees. The last speaker was an AA on Sunday morning with 59 attendees.

It was decided not to have any events on Saturday as it could possibly conflict with the Assembly and the attendees may have Zoom fatigue.

The only expenses were the post office box and the rent for our first set of planning meetings, for a total of \$124. A check for \$876 was mailed to the Area 74 Treasurer on 10-21-2020. That is the remainder of the original \$1000 seed money. We had no income from registrations

Thank you All for letting me be of service,  
Bryon B District 05 Fall Conference 2020 Planning Committee Chair

## Appendix 8

Spring 2021 Conference (District 20) District 20 Area 74 Spring 2021 Conference Planning Committee Update To the Area 74 Assembly October 24, 2020

The committee has met several times since we last reported to Area 74

At our last committee meeting, the planning committee members voted unanimously to cancel the in-person conference that was slated to meet at the Ramada in Marquette, MI on May 14-16, 2021

This decision was made after much discussion around Traditions and Concepts, including (but not limited to):

- Our Common Welfare in Tradition 1
- Tradition 4 and the potential to affect AA as a whole
- Tradition 7 and the potential inability to be self-supporting due to lack of attendance
- Potential for public controversy in Tradition 10
- Concepts 10 and 12

The committee will continue to explore the teleconference platform as an option for the Spring 2021 Conference. We are open to feedback and suggestions from the body and look forward to hearing from you over the next months.

Respectfully submitted by Derek T., Kathy P., Dean C., Rich Mc., Nikki D. and Dawn M.

## Appendix 9

Spring 2022 Conference

Area 74 Spring 2022 Conference Bid Proposed by Area 74 District 13

With our Area 74 Spring 2020 Conference canceled due to the pandemic restrictions on group events, we are offering to you an “Area 74 Spring 2022 Conference Reloaded“ bid.

District 13 is prepared to host the Area 74 Spring 2022 Conference with all the same parameters of our 2020 proposal: That would again be held at the AmericInn in Ashland, Wisconsin the third weekend of May 2022 which is May 20,21,22 of 2022. Rooms at the AmericInn would be the same as 2020, \$114.99 plus tax per room night which includes the hot breakfast and indoor water park admission. We have no minimum number of rooms to commit to although the number of rooms available is limited.

Registration and banquet pricing also would be the same as 2020 with Registration at \$ 20.00 and the banquet at \$ 25.00. Our budgeting is based on 200 attendees at the conference. We have retained the DJ from our canceled conference to provide entertainment on Saturday night, Friday night is open to our committee discussion, but will offer the locally famous Tetzner’s farm made ice cream for the Friday night ice cream social. We will also provide meeting rooms for Area Assembly, Area Committee Meeting if needed.

We thank you for considering our bid to serve Area 74 and the members of A.A.

District 13 Conference Planning Committee

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda  
Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Via Zoom 8:00 to 12:00 pm CST

8:00 AM CST

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call

Approve Minutes from 09-13-2020 Area Committee Meeting

Draft minutes were sent out via email by the Secretary

Reports:

DCM Reports

Delegates Report

Meeting Guide update from PI Chair

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

Update from Inventory Ad Hoc Committee

Appoint a Female member to the Committee

New Business:

Approve Assembly Agenda for 04-10-2021

Discussion - Open Positions in the Area 74 Service Structure

Discussion on the implementation of the CAB RELOADED motions that passed

See Assembly minutes from 09-12-2020 pages 3 thru 8



Area 74 Zoom Numbers 2020/2021

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

Use this information for all Assemblies, Area Committee Meetings, and special events.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICTS  
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](http://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](http://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

# GRAPEVINE News



## What's New For December 2020

### Holiday Gifts and Free Shipping

This is a great time to carry the message with, Grapevine. There are many ways to pass it on. Here's what's available:

**Free shipping 11/1 – 12/31/2020**

2021 Wall Calendar; 2021 Pocket Planner; Books and other items; Gift certificates, subscriptions & eBooks

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Mobile-friendly; a beautiful and new look; secure platform; new archive page, features to help encourage members to share their stories, and much accessible.

Try it out today at: [www.aalavina.org](http://www.aalavina.org)



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## What's New in Print and Online



### Grapevine

#### Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Featured Section is "**Remote Communities & Sober Holidays.**" Members share hopeful stories about helping alcoholics having trouble reaching us. Plus sober holiday stories! Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current **COVID-19** crisis.

#### Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **Dating & Relationships** — Share your experiences learning to date in sobriety. How did it go? What were your challenges? Any tips? Share what you've learned about having sober relationships. How have you changed? (Stories due Dec 15, 2020)
- **Annual Prison Issue** — Looking for hopeful stories by members who found AA in prison or those who take meetings inside. (stories due Jan. 15, 2020)
- More upcoming topics: **Sober Seniors, Young & Sober, Cooperation With Professionals (CPC)** and more!



### La Viña

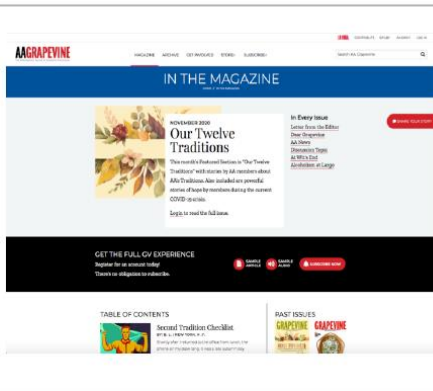
#### Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Special Section is "Accessibilities and Remote Communities."

#### Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **La Viña 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** — (Stories due December 30, 2020)
- **The Annual Prison Issue** — (Stories due March 30, 2021)
- **The family and AA** — (Stories due May 30, 2021)
- We are always looking for stories on individual steps and traditions!

Visit La Viña online store, [click here!](#)



### AAGrapevine.org

Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar at [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share)

Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations. Please visit [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share) to learn more about how you can participate with Grapevine.

To listen to a free La Viña audio story (in Spanish), visit: [www.aalavinia.org](http://www.aalavinia.org).

## Area Chair/GVR Corner



Please let us know at [outreachcoord@aagrapevine.org](mailto:outreachcoord@aagrapevine.org) if your Area is planning any online virtual events.



If you attend area events we'd like to know!  
Also, if you take anonymity-protected photos at events, we'd love to post them on the

### **GV Display Gallery**

Please send the information and photos to  
[outreachcoord@aagrapevine.org](mailto:outreachcoord@aagrapevine.org)

## Grapevine On The Road

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all staff and board travel have been suspended until further notice.

## Did You Know?

In 1987, the Grapevine Conference Committee recommended: "Delegates focus their efforts on the district service structure as a means of reaching individual groups, in order to make every group aware of the value of the Grapevine as a recovery tool."

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We are pleased to be of assistance.

# Alcoholics Anonymous®

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the General Service Office (G.S.O.) of Alcoholics Anonymous!

We are happy to announce a Virtual Eastern U.S./Canada Forum on December 5, 2020: “2020: Experience, Strength & Hope - what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now.”

The one-day event will feature participation from the Northeast, Southeast, East Central and Eastern Canada Regions. As with traditional Regional Forums, the day will include workshops, presentations, Q&A’s, General Sharing, and much, much more!

Registration will open on November 6, 2020 and can be accessed on our website at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

All members are invited, so get on the virtual bus! Bring a newcomer!

In fellowship,

Sandra W.  
Regional Forums



## Regional Forums

# The A.A. Service Manual

## A Study Of The First 12 Chapters

— UNLOCK THE MYSTERY



**Thursdays Jan 7- Feb 11**  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm ET

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### ***A.A.s Legacy & Introduction***

Terry H.~ Nikki O.~ Cynthia T.

Panel 70 Delegates

12, 28 & 29

### ***The Group and its GSR***

Deb D. Past Delegate Area 48

### ***The District and the DCM***

Billy N. Past General Service Trustee

### ***The Area Assembly and Activities***

Monica F. Panel 71 Area 19 Delegate

### ***The Area Committee***

Lori M. Area 29 Chair

### ***The Delegate***

Bob W. Past Trustee At Large

### ***The Annual Conference Meeting***

Elaine McDowell, Trustee Emeritus, GSB

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### ***The AA Grapevine***

Cindy F.

Past Delegate Area 71

Current Non-Trustee Director Grapevine

Board

Join us in this collaborative rendition of unlocking the mystery of  
The A.A. Service Manual.

Areas 12, 28 & 29 are pleased to invite you to join us on Thursday evenings  
from 7 pm – 8:30 pm (ET)  
Beginning January 7 – February 11 2021

Come be part of the informative presentations and lively discussion