### Delegate's Corner

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

I am writing this article the weekend after attending the first ever Virtual General Service Conference (GSC). It certainly was an experience with many opportunities to learn and grow. I understand I will be giving a Delegate Report Back on Saturday June 27, 2020. A few updates on my schedule in the next months. The General Service conference will be hearing the audited 2019 financials versus the unaudited version. The target date for this meeting is Saturday May 30, 2020. We will also be gathering at the end of June to discuss the Strategic Plan. The date and time to be revealed. I will let you know if this conflicts with the time of the Delegate's Report Back.

I had an opportunity to review the unapproved minutes of the Assembly held on May 16, 2020. Congratulations to the Ad-Hoc Committee on Effectiveness, Efficiency and Facilitation of Four Assemblies per year for meeting their scope of the committee. As I understand it, a recommendation coming from a committee, be it Ad-Hoc or not, is seconded and is open for discussion, debate and vote. This was an assembly action to approve the creation of the committee and survey. The Assembly then asked the committee to bring back recommendations based off the data. I was bewildered that each recommendation was not discussed and voted on individually. This is how the GSC works. Concept III is vital to the smooth progression of ideas and recommendations. The right of decision is granted to Trusteed Servants to make decisions.

To send the report and recommendations to the Area Committee to talk about it is counterproductive to keeping our groups active in General Service. To ask DCMs to take it back to their groups, when the GSR is present and has the right of decision is for lack of a polite way to say it, a slap in the face of the GSR.

The recommendations were straight forward and come directly from the membership of Area 74. In reviewing the unapproved minutes from the Area Committee Meeting that was held immediately after the Assembly. It became clear that the discussion that took place there needed to be done at the Assembly.

The Area Committee
Perhaps more important than any other group of people in AA, the Area Committee is responsible for the health of the conference structure and thus for the growth and harmony in the AA fellowship. If GSRs are lax, if there is a lack of harmony in a district, if there are difficulties in public information or some other service are, the committee member knows it can turn to the full committee for help.

An active committee deals with all kinds of service problems. Is experience being shared among groups? I the AA message getting into hospitals, prisons, jails, rehabilitation centers? Are media and professionals who deal with the suffering alcoholics well informed about AA? Are new groups and Loners being visited and helpful?

The AA Service Manual

Char V.

Panel 70 Area 74 Delegate  Northern Wisconsin/UP Michigan

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**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**
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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

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 for the most up to date info on AA and COVID19 ramifications**

June 2020

Hi, Dawn here, Area 74 Area Chair to write a little ditty for this month!  I don't have a member to introduce and let you know what keeps them in service so I thought I would share what has kept me coming around ☺.
It all started here in Grand Marais when I became the GSR for our 12*12 meeting.  That put a pretty substantial brick down on my service road. Soon became the GSR Secretary for the Upper Peninsula Traveling Intergroup, and so it continues brick by brick.  Service keeps me accountable, Keeps my head on straight more of the time than not as I grow in AA.  It makes my program stronger which means for me I continue growing – getting well from a disease I will always have.  That I am actually glad I have because I have been given a text book that explains how 100's that have gone before me have done it so I can too.
The longer I am in service the more I need it.  I also realize I need to keep a balance in my life too.  I did get sober to live happy joyous and free.  To me that is giving back what was so freely given me, suit up & show up for commitments, both AA and everyday life.  This I can do by having a Spiritual program of action!  AA gave me my Higher Power back, which is why I keep laying the bricks to my road to recovery.  Thank you again for allowing me to serve you as Area 74 Chair!
With love & service

Dawn Marie M
Area Chair/ Alternate Delegate
Panel 70, Area 74 Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan
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**The 2020 International Convention scheduled for July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan, has been cancelled.**

PLEASE FILL OUT THE AREA 74 INVENTORY
**Area 74 website (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!**

FROM THE AREA 74 FELLOWSHIP
Articles submitted from anyone in the fellowship of Area 74 are welcomed for this section of your newsletter!

# DATES TO REMEMBER 2020

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6/27/2020 | Delegate's Report | Time & Location To Be Announced May be online  Zoom meeting CANCELLED | | |
| 7/2-5/2020 | International Convention of AA | | | |
| **8/1/2020** | **Area Committee Meeting -Area Inventory** | **Reiter Center** | **1858 S. Michigan St** | **Three Lakes, WI** |
| **9/11-9/13** | **Area 74 Fall Conference** | **To Be Determined** | | **Eau Claire, WI** |
| **9/12/2020** | **Area Assembly** | **TBD** | | **Eau Claire, WI** |
| **9/13/2020** | **Area Committee Mtg** | **TBD** | | **Eau Claire, WI** |
| **10/24/2020** | **Area Assembly** | **Reiter Center** | **1858 S. Michigan St** | **Three Lakes, WI** |
| **12/12/2020** | **Area Committee Mtg** | **Reiter Center** | **1858 S. Michigan St** | **Three Lakes, WI** |

**\*\***<u>NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:</u> 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.
<u>NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS:</u> We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.
**BOLD = AREA 74 events** <u>UNBOLD</u> = General AA events in our area
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## <u>CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO</u>

### DISTRICT MEETINGS JUNE 2020 LIST

| DIST | DAY | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Thursday | 11th | 6:30 PM | Central Office, 1720 Main St.  #102 | Green Bay, WI |
| 2 | Sunday | 14th | 2:00PM | Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  2330 E Calumet | Appleton, WI |
| 3 | Thursday | 3rdThur | 5:30 PM | Alano Club   1210 E  Grand Ave. | Wisconsin Rapids, WI |
| 4 | Thursday | 4th | 7:00pm | Peace Lutheran Church      293 S Main St. | Amherst, WI |
| 5 | Weds | 10th | 6:45 | Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, | Menominee, WI |
| 6 | Thursday | 19th | 7:45 PM | Club 76 | Chippewa Falls, WI |
| 7 | Sunday | 23rd | 4:00PM | Alano Club  2111 S. Roddis Ave. | Marshfield, WI |
| 8 | Tuesday | | 7:00pm | Mount View Care Center,  2400 Marshall St.,, | Wausau, WI |
| 9 | Sunday | 2nd | 2:00pm | Alano Club 2218 13th St | Menominee, Mi |
| 10 | Saturday | 8th | 9:00AM | United Methodist Church   Arbutus st | Rhinelander, WI |
| 11 | | | | No info available | |
| 12 | Saturday | 8th | 12:30PM | Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue | Hayward, WI |
| 13 | Monday | 1st | 5:30pm | Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club  310 Stuntz Ave., | Ashland, WI |
| 14 | Sunday | 14th | 5:30pm | Amery Legion Hall  Memorial Dr | Amery, WI |
| 15 | | | | NO Information Available | |
| 16 | Saturday | | 11:00AM | Ontonagon United Methodist Church   109 Greenland | Ontonagon, MI |
| 17 | Monday | 29th | 6:00pm | 105 W. Fleishiem | Iron Mountain, MI |
| 18 | Saturday | 6th | 11:00am | First United Methodist Church  111.E. Ridge St | Marquette, MI |
| 19 | | | | NO Information Available | |
| 20 | Monday | 1st | 6:00PM | Check website at  www.district20rea74aa.org | |
| 21 | Saturday | 6th | 6:30pm | St. Francis Assisi Rectory    505 First St | Dollar Bay, MI |
| 22 | Monday | 1st | 6:00pm | Hope Church   12th Ave & Michigan St, | Sturgeon Bay, WI |
| 23 | Sunday | 7th | 6:00pm | Lakeview United Methodist Church  23980 Co. Rd. "X", | Hertel, WI |
| 24 | Weds | 6th | 8:00PM | Ladysmith Alano Club  411 E 2nd St S | Ladysmith, WI |

| DIST | DAY | DATE | TIME | LOCATION | |
|------|-----|------|------|----------|---|
| | | | | **DISTRICT MEETINGS JULY 2020 LIST** | |
| 1 | Thursday | 9th | 6:30 PM | Central Office, 1720 Main St.  #102 | Green Bay, WI |
| 2 | Sunday | 12th | 2:00 PM | Christus Lutheran Church  120 Main St. | Appleton, WI |
| 3 | Thursday | 16th | 5:30 PM | Alano Club   1210 E  Grand Ave. | Wisconsin Rapids, WI |
| 4 | Thursday | 2nd | 7:00 PM | Peace Lutheran Church      293 S Main St. | Amherst, WI |
| 5 | Weds | 8th | 6:45 PM | Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E | Menominee, WI |
| 6 | Thursday | 16th | 7:45 PM | Club 76, 76 East Central Street | Chippewa Falls, WI |
| 7 | Sunday | 19th | 5:00 PM | Alano Club  2111 S. Roddis Ave. | Colby, WI |
| 8 | Tuesday | 7th | 7:00 PM | Mount View Care Center,  2400 Marshall St. | Wausau, WI |
| 9 | Sunday | 12th | 2:00 PM | Faith Presbyterian Church  806 Fritzie Avenue | Crivitz, WI |
| 10 | Saturday | 11th | 10:30 AM | Conover Town Park, 4661 Highway K East | Conover, WI |
| 11 | | | | NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE | |
| 12 | Saturday | 11th | 12:30 PM | Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue | Hayward, WI |
| 13 | Monday | 6th | 5:00 PM | Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club  310 Stuntz Ave. | Ashland, WI |
| 14 | Sunday | 12th | 5:30 PM | Amery Legion Hall  Memorial Dr | Amery, WI |
| 15 | | | | NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE | |
| 16 | | | | NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE | |
| 17 | Monday | 27th | 6:00 PM | 105 W. Fleishiem | Iron Mountain, MI |
| 18 | Saturday | | | NO MEETING | Marquette, MI |
| 19 | | | | NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE | |
| 20 | Saturday | 11th | 11:00 AM | United Methodist Church  1212 Morrison St. | Germfask, MI |
| 21 | Sunday | 6th | 7:00 PM | Holy Trinity Church   Hwy 41 | Chassell, MI |
| 22 | Monday | 6th | 6:00 PM | Hope Church    12th Ave & Michigan St | Sturgeon Bay, WI |
| 23 | Weds | 8th | 6:00 PM | Spooner Health  1280 Chandler Drive | Spooner, WI |
| 24 | Weds | 8th | 8:00 PM | Ladysmith Alano Club, 411 E 2nd St. | Ladysmith, WI |

**Area 74 Spring Assembly Agenda Saturday, May 16th, 2020**

*Secretary's Note:  All reports submitted prior to the Area Event will be printed in their entirety at the end of the document under the corresponding appendix number.  The document below will capture discussion, and day of events.  Items in black and regular font are from the agenda and all items in red and italics are day of discussion.*

11:15 – 11:45 PM **CST** – New GSR and DCM **Orientation with Past Delegate Derek T.**

12:00 PM – **Welcome and Opening Remarks** -**Meeting opened at 12:00pm**

      Moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer

      Zoom **/** Housekeeping

      Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs Present:

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

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

            **DCM's:** 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23

**Past Delegates that are present today:**

39 - Karen,  42 – Chuck S, 50 – Bob M (also past ECR Trustee), 54 – Torv T, 56 – Jeff C, 62—Marty L, 64 – Mary Jo R, 66 -Derek T, 68 -Sara PApproval of
+Area Assembly minutes from October 26th, 2019    Minutes approved

**Area Officer Reports**

- Secretary            Nicholas S. – see appendix   *No questions*
- Registrar            Dean C. – see appendix 1*No questions*
- Treasurer            Barry B. – see appendix 1

    *Question asked by GSR from District 5 regarding budgeted expenses vs. checking account balance. Asked what the total budgeted expense is.*

    *Clarification on international hospitality refund.*

    *Barry shared a finance committee conversation regarding considering online/virtual financial contributions.  A straw poll was conducted.  Straw poll results, Yes-36, No-7, IDK/Need More Info-9.*

- Area Chair   Dawn M. – see appendix 1 *Clarification on when Dawn attended Delegate feedback session*

**Old Business**

- **Updates**
- o Past Grapevine Motion   Sara P. – *Sarah shared that no action was taken on the motion.*  – see appendix 2
- o Cab Reloaded    Dean C. – see appendix 2

    *Question regarding what does CAB stand for – "Conducting Area Business".*

    *Question regarding Area committee meetings happening after the assembly so that motions do not need to wait until the following assembly. – Clarification stated it was not the scope of the survey or no responses indicated that.*

    *Suggested that the Area Committee could discuss when the ACM could happen.*

*Question seeking clarification on difference between workshop and presentation. – Stated that it might be semantics and could be discussed at the assembly.*

*Clarification regarding "under the conclusion" Regarding area assemblies, 2 was the most popular and that 3 and 4 were tied.*

*Asked about the trustee coming to facilitate elections and that there are no hotels for them to stay at – that was not discussed.*

*Comment shared that it is up to the assembly and committee meetings need to act on it.*

*Question regarding the report and the data and what should be questioned. Also stated that the report should consistently use lower case c or upper-case c regarding Area Committee Meetings and the Area Committee.*

*Question seeking education on where the information came from – referred to the information in the report.*

*Follow up question regarding the how many responses – 86 was reported from the committee.*

*Comment or suggestion that when the ACM begins to discuss this that we need to be cognizant of adjust current budgets is discussed as well.*

*Additional comment that the word "group" never appears in the document.*

*Motion made "Move to add this Area Committee meeting today."*

*Seconded, Additional comment that the word "group" never appears*

- o   Area 74 Inventory                                   Gerri Ann K - see appendix 2
  *Question on who can vote at the inventory – shared that yes, any AA member.*
  *Question regarding Zoom Conference rooms – multiple rooms.*
  *Question regarding facilitator – replied that those recommended were not available.*
  **New Business**
- **Election/Confirmations**
- o   Elect Secretary Chair
  *Nicholas was nominated and accepted; the nomination was seconded. No other nominations were presented. – Vote numbers were not captured.*
- o   Present/Confirm Alt Secretary     Secretary
  *Diane D was confirmed as alternate secretary. Vote numbers were not captured. Discussion on Diane's eligibility to vote based on conflict of dual roles, Alt-Sec'y and GSR in District 07.*
  *Confirmed that the alt-positions and "co's" are not officers. Point of order that there is no provision that excludes the position and should not be up for debate or discussion.*
- o   Present/Confirm Alt Treasurer   Barry B.   *Kendra R. was presented as co-treasurer. Approved by a vote of 39 to 1.*
- o   Present/Confirm Alt Registrar                   Dean C.
  *Mike M was presented as alt-registar. Approved by a vote of 43 to 0*
- **CPC Motion**                                                Sara S.
  *"Area 74 CPC Area recommends "the Linked-In Page" of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued."*                                see appendix 3
  *Question if this motion has already been discussed at the GSC as it is happening simultaneously and if passed, to      move to inform her right away.*
  *Comment that the spirit at the conference was not have the delegate check in once at the conference.*
  *Committee member of CPC did not agree with the idea that Class-A trustees are allowed to be on public media platforms because they are not alcoholics. Follow up comment that this was regarding Class-A trustees posting their own information.*
  *Comment regarding can we forward this our delegate?*
  *Comment from GSR that a statement that saying "linked in" is not effective based on 80 clicks – we are not able to give meaning to that number. Additional comment that there was no information put forward that stated we are "depending on" Linked in" and that this is our only means and that it is replacing a different mode of carrying the message.*
  *Comment agreeing with previous comment.*
  *Vote was conducted: 42 total votes, 25-yes, 16-no.*
  *Minority Opinion:*
  *The gist of the matter is that we are online and people can see who we are, we have traditions, and that the most important part of the background information is about the breaking of the traditions and that there was a lot of background being broken by this. The committee felt that until changes are made, they stand behind how the traditions are written.*
  *Another comment with concerns about Linked-In being owned by Microsoft and that we should keep it pure.*
  *Another comment that the perception of linked-in is that it is a business environment and that was a hat that AA should be wearing.*
  *Another comment that 80 clicks on AA.org from linked-in seems very ineffective and virtually useless.*
  *Another comment that the committee put a lot of work and research into this and we should trust what they did.*
  *Another comment that the goal was to lead professionals to the website. The number of clicks is relevant to the effectiveness of linked-in guiding people to the website*
  *Another comment that this has no place for AA.*
  *Another comment people can take any post and post to someone else's pages and "put anywhere". The studies and articles they want to put on there would be a reputable source and there is no way to know who that is and have no control.*
  *Another comment that if it is violating traditions there should be no questions.*
  *Comments are vote to reconsider.*
  *Vote to reconsider passed 25-18*
  *Discussion to Resume*
  *Does not see the tradition violations listed in the background information and feels that the additional information is relevant to the motion*
  *2 things stand out as newcomer; anonymity – keep in mind that we are talking about a social media platform. Promotion is also important. Believes that anytime you begin promoting on social media you put things at risk.*
  *Another comment is that the reason I voted out was a friendly amendment was not approved by the body.*

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*Another comment that the vote was not because it is not clear as to who/what this motion is going to.  If the motion is for Panel 71 we could table it.  What do we do with this vote?*
*Another comment on what traditions are being violated, tradition 4, tradition 11.*
*Another comment that perhaps we should consider tabling this for the following year as the chance for a floor actions is not likely.*
*Another comment that was looking for a button to abstain as he is not familiar with linked-in and trust his higher power the trusted servants of Area 74 are working for the good of AA and why he changes his vote to yes.*
*Vote to end discussion, passes 41 to 0*
*Vote to approve motion passes 38 – 6, vote passes with 84%.*

- **Date** for General Service Conference Delegate Report Back – see appendix 4
  *Comment that if she is willing to travel around that it would be ideal.*
  *Clarification if she can't give it at 3 lakes how can give it at district level?*
  *Comment that gathering as an entire area should be available to hear the report.*
  *Suggested that it be held at the fall conference and left up to Char decide.*
  *Comment that in favor of providing an opportunity that a report to get the information to districts and gsrs as quickly as possible.*
  *Comment that pick a date 6/27/20 that a virtual report back be given.*
  *Comment that we do not know what social distancing will look like in the future.  Perhaps we can explore setting something up if need to convert to a zoom meeting.*
  *Comment that we should have a virtual meeting and that Char expressed willingness and the delegate should go where asked.*
  *Question regarding if Sara made a motion for 6/27/20 and if so, it would be seconded.  Sara clarified she had not made a motion.*
  *Comment that motion is supported and that Char would like to meet in person.  Stated that just because "we are open for business" does not me we are able to meet.  Comments also that the need to meet soon is important due to recent financial concerns.*
  *Motion: "Delegates report back from the 70<sup>th</sup> general service conference be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> via Zoom platform."*
  *Motion passed, 37-4, passes with 90%*
  *Minority Opinion:*
  *Comment that vote was no and you can still have an in-person meeting if you invite the delegate.*
  *No revote:*
- **Fall 2020 Conference** regarding Covid-19    Bryon B – see appendix 5
  *Comment made that the unknown if the hotel is open to host a group of that size.  Personal thought is that there is too much risk to ask this many people to come together.*
  *What is the "drop dead date" – There is not one.  Brian has asked for direction in 2 weeks.*
  *Comment regarding Eau Claire County Health Department issuing order in regards to Stay-at-home*
  *Comment was that the order expires on May 28<sup>th</sup>.*
  *Comment was to want feedbacks from the groups.*
  *Area Chair stated she would email out the information from the Committee and calling an emergency meeting on Saturday morning, May 30<sup>th</sup>.*
  *Comment is overriding concern for health.*
  *Comment regarding it isn't safe to meet in person.*
  *Discussion ended, emergency meeting will be held on 5/30/20.*
  *Conversation continued.*
  *Comment regarding will 2 weeks be enough time for a decision.*
  *Comment about moving forward to agenda.*

**Area 74 will have emergency meeting Sat. May 30, 9:00 CST to vote on Fall Conf.**

*PI chair:  Motion states "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login."  This motion is being presented so it can be addressed at today's Area Committee Meeting.  It does not need a 2<sup>nd</sup> because it is coming from the PI Committee.  This will be placed at the end of the Agenda to be addressed.*
*Question – is this for Assembly or for ACM.  Danni and Chair commented that this was brought up at Assembly so it can be moved to ACM agenda for discussion and direction from them.*
*Point is to bring this through Assembly, to the ACM, so all DCM's can be informed of this at ACM, take back to groups and      come to next Assembly prepared for discussion on this motion.*
*Great job, Dani and PI committee really did*
*Past PI chair.  This motion was also brought to assembly.  Was this approved two years ago?*
*Chair - has not been approved, and this is what Dani is doing…closing gaps by presenting motion.*
  - **Conferences**
    o 2020 Spring Report - Sunny L./Marty L. - see appendix 6 *Dawn extended thanks for getting the Registration checks back so quickly.*
    o 2020 Fall Report - Bryon B.  - see appendix 6    *No discussion*
    o 2021 Spring Report - Derek T.   - see appendix 6
    o 2021 Fall open bids – *no report*
    o 2022 Spring open bids – *District 13 is interested in pursuing a bid for this conference and are in discussion with the hotel.*
  o WIYPAA Liaison Report – *Representative not available.*
*Motion to refer the CAB Reloaded report to the ACM scheduled for today.  This motion is to place on the ACM agenda.  Call question , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle, simple majority to go to vote.  35 yes.  0 no.  passed.*
*Motion:  "Move the CAB reload to the Area Committee Meeting."*
*Vote:  33 yes  0 no.  100% passed.  Now it is on the ACM agenda for today.*
*From PI committee:  Move to refer the motion "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login.", 2<sup>nd</sup> .  Call the question,  2<sup>nd</sup> .  Vote simple majority.*

**Close the Assembly with The Declaration of Unity**
Closing time:  5:44 pm CST

# Appendix 1

**Area Chair/Alt Delegate:**
Date:      5-16-2020
To:         Area 74 Spring Assembly
From:     Dawn Marx Panel 70
Subject: Area Chair/Alt Delegate Report
- Attended East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past & Present February 14-16, 2020
- Updated Area 74 Charts
  - Thank you Area 74 Webmaster Lucas M. for posting them on our website
  - Revisions will be made to the Area Map when the Printing Company is back to work
- DCM monthly meetings have gone from Conference call to Zoom, allowing us to get to know each other better.
- Attended and participated in District 02 Pre Delegates Workshop on February 29th, 2020
- Delegates Workshop March 7th, 2020
- Zoom Delegate Feedback Zoom session March 28th, 2020

Thank you,
Dawn Marx

**Area Officer Reports:**
**Secretary:**
Good Afternoon Fellow Members of Area 74,
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your alternate secretary for the past few months.  It has been exciting navigating the twists and turns the road of happy destiny has laid before us.  My goal is to get the minutes to the Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's in a timely fashion.  In doing so I ask that you take the time to read them carefully and review with your own notes to ensure our accuracy.  Much like our meeting today, it takes many people contributing to make it successful.  The same, goes for our Area Minutes as well.  We will be having an election for secretary today and pending the outcome of that election I will be assisting in transitioning to the new secretary or if I shall be elected I ask the chair for a few minutes of tie to address the body with some requests regarding sending in your reports.
Thank you for trusting me to serve,
Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider
**TREASURER:**

Year To Date 04-01-2020 - 04-30-2020

| CARRYOVER FROM 2019 | |
|---|---|
| Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019 | $32,173.28 |
| Regular Savings Minimum Deposit | $ 5.00 |
| Carryover prudent reserve | $3,000.44 |
| TTL CARRYOVER 2018 | $ 35,178.72 |

| OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES | |
|---|---|
| Delegate | $ 1,000.00 |
| Area Chair-Alt Delegate | 248.00 |
| Treasurer | 30.00 |
| Registrar | 52.00 |
| Secretary | - |
| Archives | 30.00 |
| Corrections MI | 40.00 |
| Corrections WI | 30.00 |
| CPC | 24.00 |
| Finance | 39.00 |
| Grapevine | 30.00 |
| Literature | 41.70 |
| Now &Then | 68.36 |
| Public Information | 29.00 |
| Structures & Guidelines | 15.00 |
| Treatment | - |
| YTD Chair Expenses $ | 1,677.06 |

| COMMITTEE EXPENSES | |
|---|---|
| Archives | $ - |
| Area Chair/Alt Delegate | 285.26 |
| Corrections Committee MI | 183.71 |
| Corrections Committee WI | - |
| CPC Committee | 22.00 |
| Finance Committee | 335.74 |
| Grapevine Committee | - |
| Literature Committee | 44.10 |
| Now &Then Committee | - |
| Public Information Committee | 14.95 |
| Registrar Committee | - |
| Secretary Committee | - |
| Structures & Guidelines Committee | - |
| Treatment Committee | - |
| YTD Committee Expenses $ | 885.76 |

| OTHER EXPENSES | |
|---|---|
| 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 | |

| REVENUE SUMMARY | |
|---|---|
| Group Contributions | 8,069.33 |
| * Other Revenue * | 1,488.31 |
| Anniversary & Individual Contributions | 50.00 |
| YTD Total Revenue $ | 9,607.64 |

| * OTHER REVENUE * | | |
|---|---|---|
| Interest Income | $ | 0.75 |
| Refreshment Contributions | | 77.52 |
| Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference | | - |
| Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss | | - |
| Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference | | - |
| Fall 2019 Conference Gain | | 960.04 |
| ECR International Hospitality Return | | 450.00 |
| Total Other Income $ | | 1,488.31 |

| EXPENSE SUMMARY | | |
|---|---|---|
| Chair Expenses | $ | 1,677.06 |
| Committee Expenses | | 885.76 |
| Other Expenses | | 4,396.96 |
| YTD Total Expenses $ | | 6,959.78 |

| TOTAL ASSETS | |
|---|---|
| Bal-Checking Account April 30.2020 | $34,850.58 |
| Outstanding Checks | $29.00 |
| CHECKING BALANCE April 30.2020 | $34,821.58 |
| Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit | $5.00 |
| Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020 | $3,000.00 |
| TOTAL ASSETS April 30.2020 | $37,826.58 |

| 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 | 9,607.64 |
| YTD Total Expense | 6,959.78 |
| TOTAL ASSETS April 30.2020 | $37,826.58 |

| Prudent Reserve Activity | |
|---|---|
| Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance | $3,000.00 |
| YTD Accrued Interest | |
| Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking | |
| Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve | |
| Current Prudent Reserve Balance $ | 3,000.00 |

| YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS | | |
|---|---|---|
| YTD Total Revenue | $ | 9,607.64 |
| YTD Total Expenses | | 6,959.78 |
| YTD Net Gain (or Loss) $ | | 2,647.86 |

| GROUP PARTICIPATION | |
|---|---|
| Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020 | 647 |
| Institutional Groups | 22 |
| Groups Contributing | 114 |
| | 18.24% |

**AA GRAPEVINE, Inc.**

February 20, 2020

Sara Plansky-Pecor
splansky@centurylink.net

Dear Sara-

Warmest greetings from chilly New York.

Thank you for sending the request that AA Grapevine, Inc. "develop a digital service material piece in looped audio/visual format and make available for use and download by groups, GVRs, district & amp; area Grapevine Committees and workshop presenters. This service material could be used in displays via tablet, smart phone or laptop to assist trusted servants in carrying the message of AA GV and therefore reach more alcoholics who still suffer. The looped presentation might include all things Grapevine: history, ways to subscribe, how to submit personal stories, etc." be sent to the 70th General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine.

Your request was presented at the AA Grapevine Board of Directors January 30, 2020 quarterly meeting. The Board reviewed this request with great interest and lengthy discussion and took no action as this matter is currently under management's review and will be discussed further at future AAGV Board meetings.

We at Grapevine truly appreciate your interest and suggestions. On behalf of the Grapevine Board, we extend our appreciation to the Area for their participation in the Conference process.

Yours in fellowship,

Jon Witherspoon
Secretary to the Conference Committee on Grapevine

Cc: Patrick Claymore, Conference Coordinator, Ginger Rhoades Bell, Chairperson, Grapevine Board of Directors

# Appendix 2

## CAB Reloaded Ad-Hoc Committee Summary

**Introduction** (Dean)

My name is Dean and I am an alcoholic currently serving as Area 74 registrar. Phase one of this committee was the survey that ran from May through September of 2019. Char chaired that and got the entire project rolling so a huge thank you to her. She then got kind of busy in another position and I was elected chair for Phase two. Our current committee members are Pamela O. from District 12 (Pam has now moved back to Arizona), Renae S. from District 01, and Derek T., Kathy P. and I from District 20. It has been a great committee and I want to say thank you to everyone.

In May of 2019, the Area 74 Assembly approved the creation of this Ad-Hoc Committee to study the effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee meetings per year. The Ad-Hoc Committee worked for several months to develop an Area 74 membership survey to look at the issue.

The survey was made available via email, hard copy and on the Area 74 website. There was solid participation. The committee collated the data and discussed it at length. The findings were presented to the Area Committee in September of 2019. The committee was then tasked with developing recommendations to the body based on the findings. In addition, the committee reviewed those items that received less than substantial unanimity support in the questionnaire and collated associated responses and comments. The committee's recommendations will be presented first, followed by comments on items that did not receive substantial unanimity support.

## CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Recommendations

- **The committee reviewed response data from the survey. The data indicates, with substantial unanimity, that Area 74 finds [associated questions are cross-referenced parenthetically]:** (Derek)
  - Area 74 should hold Service Meetings (Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings) at Area 74 Conferences [Q1, parts 1 and 2]
  - Area 74 Election Assemblies should be held in a central location [Q2]
  - District Committee Members (DCMs) should be giving reports at the Area Committee Meeting and that these reports should be oral reports [Q12 and Q15]
  - It is necessary that Committee Chairs give oral reports [Q14]
  - That there should be a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies [Q16]
  - Workshops at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
  - Presentations at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
  - Sharing Sessions at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
  - Workshops at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
  - Presentations at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
  - Sharing Sessions at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18
- **Therefore, the committee recommends the following** (Kathy)
  - Area 74 should continue to hold Service Meetings [Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings] at Area 74 Conferences
  - The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin
  - Area 74 Assemblies should continue to include oral reports presented by Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs
  - Area 74 Area Committee Meetings should continue to include oral reports presented by DCMs within Area 74
  - The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:
    - "Normal" Assembly
    - Election Assembly
    - Assembly post Delegate's Workshop
    - Delegate's Report Assembly, post General Service Conference
  - The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one workshop per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
  - The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
  - The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
  - The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one workshop per year, on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
  - The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
  - The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need

**CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Comments on questions that did not have substantial unanimity so we did not make a recommendation.** (Dean)

3. Should the Delegate's Report be a standalone event (no assembly attached)? Majority—**No—52.2%**
   - Very slight support for not having a stand-alone event. Basically a 50/50 split
   - From survey comment section,
     - Yes, unless there is pressing business
   - The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.
4. Should the Area Committee meeting be held the same day as the Delegate's report? Majority—**Yes—59.1%**

- Though there was about 60% support for this that means 40% did not support it.

- From survey comment section,
  - If the ACM was accomplishing something it would be great. The way things are now it doesn't matter.
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Assembly Meetings** per year and desired months.
   - Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. There is an almost 50 % drop-off in having more than two assemblies a year. Certainly, little support for the current 4 assemblies. April was the top month selected to have an assembly with October and September a close tie for second. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.
     - Months to hold Assembly---77 Responses

| | | | |
|-----|------------|-------|----|
| Apr | **53.25 %** | Votes | 41 |
| Oct | **42.86 %** | Votes | 33 |
| Sep | **40.26 %** | Votes | 31 |
| May | 28.57 % | Votes | 22 |
| Feb | 15.58 % | Votes | 12 |

   - Number of Assemblies per year

| | | | |
|---|----------|-------|----|
| 2 | **41.6%** | Votes | 32 |
| 3 | **23.4%** | Votes | 18 |
| 4 | 19.5 % | Votes | 15 |
| 1 | 13.0% | Votes | 10 |

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Committee Meetings** per year and desired months.
   - Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. Two committee meetings a year was the top vote getter with a 10 % drop-off to 3 or 4 meetings. There is virtually zero percent support for our current 5 ACMs, if we include the optional August one. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do this recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.
     - Months to hold Area Committee Meetings   71 Responses

| | | | |
|-----|----------|-------|----|
| Sep | **53.5 %** | Votes | 38 |
| Mar | **46.5 %** | Votes | 33 |
| May | **35.2 %** | Votes | 25 |
| Apr | 29.6 % | Votes | 21 |
| Jan | 23.9 % | Votes | 17 |

   - Number of Area Committee Meeting per year   71 Responses

| | | | |
|---|----------|-------|----|
| 2 | **35.2%** | Votes | 25 |
| 4 | **23.9%** | Votes | 17 |
| 3 | **23.9%** | Votes | 17 |
| 1 | 12.7% | Votes | 9 |
| 5 | 2.8 % | Votes | 2 |

6. Would Area 74 benefit from a Parliamentarian? (A Parliamentarian is an expert in meeting procedures serving as an advisor) Majority **Yes 59.4%**
   - About 60% support and 40% do not.
   - From survey comment section,
     - Do too much by letter as opposed to spirit of the law
   - The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.

7. Is there a perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority? (Kathy)
   - Majority—**No—56.4%**
   - With little over half the respondents didn't believe the perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority, The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion on the subject within a Workshop or Sharing Session would be appropriate.

8. Is the Area 74 Assembly effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work?
   - Majority—**No—56.9%**
   - With little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work, the Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion at a Sharing Session or Workshop would be appropriate.

9. Has the Area Assembly and/or Area Committee been effective at implementing sharing session feedback?
   - Majority-**No- 57.1%**

- o With a little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective in implementing sharing session feedback. The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation but maybe a Workshop would be appropriate.

10. Have Area Committees been effective at encouraging participation on their respective committees and general service as a whole? (Derek)
    - o Majority—**No—61.2%**
    - o A majority of respondents (but not a substantial unanimity) feel that Committees have not been doing their job in this respect. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session. Respondent comments included the follow recommendations:
    - o All standing committees should have monthly service calls and/or meet regularly
    - o Time could be set aside at Area Assemblies or Area Committee Meetings where in-person committee meetings could be scheduled
    - o Each standing committee should plan 2-3 annual service functions

11. Should the Area Committee be responsible for setting the Area Assembly Agenda?
    - o Majority—**Yes—61.6%**
    - o While not substantial unanimity, the majority of respondents believe the Area Committee should be responsible for setting the agenda. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation.

13. Are Committee Chairs reporting often enough to the Assembly? Majority—**Yes—59.0%**
    - o A majority of respondents feel the Area Committee Chairs are reporting often enough. However, over 40% said 'no'. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation. Respondent comments including the following feedback:
        - ▪ Committees aren't doing much, so they don't have much to report
        - ▪ Electronic reporting is sufficient

- ● **Conclusion** (Renae)

    - o One of the most significant takeaways from the data is that most respondents selected two (2) or three (3) as the ideal number of Assemblies per year. Four (4) per year was the third highest selected #. Two (2) was the most popular number of desired Area Committee meeting per year, with four (4) closely following. As this would be such an important decision, we felt this potential recommendation warranted further discussion by the Area Committee and if forwarded on, the Area Assembly.
    - o The committee recommends:
        - ▪ Service meetings should continue to be held at Area Conferences
        - ▪ Oral reporting by Committee Chairs and DCMs should continue at Area 74 Assemblies and Area committee meetings, respectively
        - ▪ **The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin**
        - ▪ **The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:**
            - ・ **"Normal" Assembly**
            - ・ **Election Assembly**
            - ・ **Assembly following Delegate's Workshop**
            - ・ **Delegate's Report Assembly following the General Service Conference**
        - ▪ **The Area 74 Assembly agenda shall include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need**
        - ▪ **The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda should include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need**
        - ▪ The Ad Hoc committee recommends that the question related to the number of Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings per year (and the months they are held) be referred to the Area Committee for further discussion

        The **bolded** recommendations above indicate a policy change in Area 74, and if adopted, associated changes to the Area 74 Guidelines. The committee respectfully requests that these items be added to Fall Assembly agenda for discussion and vote by the full body.

**Area 74 Inventory Committee Report to the Area Assembly    May 16, 2020**

The Area 74 Inventory can be found on the Area 74 website on the Home page.  That address is area74.org

We have 14 responses to the inventory at this time.  We hope to receive more prior to the August Special Assembly.

The Committee has not had much luck with finding a facilitator for this Assembly.  The members which have been contacted were not available for this timeframe.

I guess the next question would be do we need to reschedule the August Special Assembly?

The thoughts of the Committee are that doing the Inventory in person would be much more helpful.  But we are not sure how many people would attend or even if the Reiter Center will be open at that time.  If it is open – how many of you would show up in August?

I did check into Zoom Conference Rooms, it can be done, but it would cost $49.00 per room, per month.

Thank you very much,

Committee Members    Marty L          Barry M.              Brent H.              Steven S.      Jeff D.            Shannon R.          Gerri Ann K

# Appendix 3

*"Area 74 CPC Area recommends "the Linked-In Page" of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued."*

Area 74 CPC Committee **recommends** with unanimity to the Area 74 Assembly that:

"The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued." In addition, we r**ecommend** that the Area Delegate carries this Area Conscience to the 70th General Service Conference.

We recommend the following actions to carry out this recommendation:

- If a recommendation similar to this comes to the floor of the 70th GSC then our Delegate votes yes to discontinue LindkedIn or;
- If no agenda item to discontinue LindkedIn is brought to the floor, then we request our Delegate to present this as a floor action or;
- If our Delegate is unable to introduce this agenda item, then we would ask that it be sent to the GSC Coordinator as an agenda item, along with our background for the 71st General Service Conference.

# Appendix 4

Greetings Area 74,

As the Virtual General Service Conference is happening now (literally). The earliest I can have the report finalized is Monday June 2, 2020. I am available to travel to Districts to give the report when the stay at home order is lifted. I understand that it is probable there will be limitations on the size of the gathering and the Reiter Center may not be an option, that is why I am willing to travel.

If two or three or four districts combine to host an event for the Delegate's Report back keeping in mind the limited capacity of attendance per state regulations this would thrill me to be able to give the report in person.

As I was talking with a long-timer about this it was mentioned that "this is the way it was done in the past". As we entered a new dimension with the virtual conference perhaps we can bring some of the small t back to the Delegate Report Back event.

As of now I will not be available the weekend of June 19-21, 2020 unless of course Marinette, the city, can schedule something on the Saturday afternoon. I can take time from my Vacation. Please note I will have no online availability this weekend.

I also understand that many people are in love with Zoom and this could be a possibility. However please keep in mind that talking to my computer at home, the same as the conference and the same for the 3 months I have been asked to worked from home is not my ideal.

I miss all of you and look forward to when we can see each other.

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

# Appendix 5

Do we continue planning the Fall Conference 2020 in Eau Claire?

Option 1

Cancel and go virtual for the Assembly.
Cost  $124.00

Option 2

Full Steam ahead

Option 3 Limited Conference

IE: only have the assembly, Assembly and Saturday night Speaker- no food banquet.

I am not asking for a decision at this time.

The Area Chair can call an emergency Assembly in 2 weeks to give the Groups enough time to discuss and then make a decision.

## Expenses

| | |
|---|---|
| Hotel/Facilities | $3,500 |
| Airfare  2 speaker | $600 |
| Fuel  expense 1 speaker | $150 |
| 10 Hotel rooms at $100 each | $1,000 |
| Entertaimnet/DJ for dance | $800 |
| Misc Expense | $600 |
| Estimated Expenses | $6,650 |

## Registrations

| | |
|---|---|
| 100 | $2,500 |
| 150 | $3,750 |
| 200 | $5,000 |
| 250 | $6,250 |
| 300 | $7,500 |

# Appendix 6

**Spring Conference Report May 2020**
District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin.    The district was to host the
      Area 74 AA Organizations Spring Conference for Friday May 15th thru Sunday 17th 2020 .  The conference has been
      cancelled because of maximum capacity of attendance limitations by the State of Wisconsin.
Marty L. had been coordinating and do the needed efforts for the agenda of speakers, panels and hospitality room etc.    The Treasurer
      was keeping the finances of the conference debits and credits.
The Americinn motel was place selected for the conference, a contract for $ 395.00 was signed and a $250.00 deposit was paid and
      will be returned to the district.
The entertainer was selected and a $200.00 dollar non refundable fee was paid and that vendor will provide a discount on the next
      event the district has a need for his services.
The other fees were miscellaneous cost such as post office box, name tags, envelopes and stamps to provide refunds for the 38
      registrants as of May 4th.
The estimated balance of the $1,000 seed money to be returned to Area 74 is about $629.00
End of report

# Fall Conference 2020 Planning Committee Report
# 05/16/2020
Since my last report:
1)   The registration flyer was completed, approved, and distributed.
2)   The on-line registration is up and running with Eventzilla.
3)   Three speakers have been confirmed for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning.
4)   A draft agenda has been distributed among the committee members and we are working on finalizing the details.
5)   We have received the $1000 seed money from Area 74 and there is $976.00 in the checking account.
6)   There are 3 registrations
On Friday the 8th of May, Marybeth S, Jackie P, Pam S (representing Best Western), and myself met at the Hotel to discuss the physical layout of the conference. During the initial discussion, the idea was brought up that the conference may have to be cancelled even though it is in September.  For the moment, the planning committee is on hold until we get some direction from Area 74. One of the Agenda Items for the Area 74 on-line Assembly will be a discussion on the Fall 2020 Conference as it relates to the COVID19 situation.
Thank you for letting me be of service
Bryon B        Fall Conference 2020 Planning Committee Chair


# Spring 2021 Area 74 Conference Update
# Presented at Area 74 Assembly   05/16/2020
The planning committee has met several times since we last reported
One of our planning meetings was held onsite at the Ramada by Wyndham, Marquette. The entire committee did a walkthrough with
      the special events director. The space is great and the director is very accommodating
The committee has completed a budget based on due diligence with the hotel and all other anticipated costs; we are coming in at $35
      for the banquet and $25 for registration
Our dates are reserved for May 14-16, 2021. We have not received the final contract from the hotel or the guaranteed room rate. The
      flyer is complete except for the room rate info. We will distribute the flyer appropriately as soon we have those items nailed
      down and the contract signed
Respectfully submitted,
Derek T. And Kathy P.



<div align="center"><strong>Area 74Committee Meeting Minutes</strong>                        <strong>Saturday, May 16th, 2020</strong></div>

**Welcome and Opening Remarks –** Dawn - same as Assembly.
Opened meeting at 6:00 pm
      **Moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer**
      Zoom / Housekeeping
      Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs Present:
      **Area Officers:** Area Chair, Alt-Sec, Registrar, Treasurer
      **Committee Chairs:** Archives, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then,
      Public Information, Treatment
      **DCM's:** 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 20, 21, 23
Approval of Area Committee Meeting minutes from March 7th, 2020
Motion to accept ACM minutes from March 7th, 2020; 2nd
Need to vote:  by simple majority.  22 yes  0 no    motion carried.
- **DCM Reports – See appendix 1**
D03 Daniel:  Still dealing with COVID-19; congregating at limited capacity.  Still pursuing summer picnic, Wis Rapids.  Trying to resume speaker meetings and regular meetings.
D17  Larry – Phone connection:  difficulty with audio connection.  Will submit in writing.
- **Old Business None**

- **New Business**
  CAB Reloaded:  Referred to ACM today from May 16, 2020 Assembly.

Motion:  Move the CAB reload to the Area Committee Meeting.
Discuss this information so DCM's can take it back to their groups, in preparation  for next Assembly's discussion and voting.
        Not intending to re-read the CAB report.  What is expected of his committee?
        Does this simply go onto the next Assembly Agenda?
        DCMs have questions about this report.  So we need clarification for DCMs, who will be reporting to their groups.  Need info
                before next Assembly.
Dawn opens floor up for questions/comments.
        RE:  setting the Agenda.  Area chair format for Assembly is different than setting the agenda.  Election assembly have been at
                conference so all fellowship can be present.  Now it has dwindled down to much fewer people.  If we do elections at
        Three Lakes, this is a smaller fellowship.  We need to remember there are positions which can be filled by people who are not
        presently members of the Assembly committees, etc. but simply part of the fellowship, and they do have opportunity to be
        elected.  We need to make our election process open to them.
        Also, are we talking about locking in the agenda format, e.g. lunch at noon, can't throw in a last minute piece of information.
        That means we must have lunch at noon and can't deviate.  Just pointing out some items to discuss, and give to DCMs.
        Phil assumed position as timer for the 2 min. limit at microphone.
Concurs with Jeff.  Couple points to consider also.  Elections at the Three Lakes location does become like a closed meeting.  Also
        folks have questioned the extreme geographical area which prevents attendance. These are just a couple points to consider.
What is the most important thing that came out of the CAB report?  What can we accomplish today?  We talked about lots of
        things that can be accomplished quickly, which helps move things along.  Short events like sharing sessions, or chair report.
These things could be put into an agenda.  What can we do to get the ball rolling.
Good report, detailed. Wonder are we trying to accomplish too much all at one time.  Are we trying to be everything to everyone.
        Two Assemblies is great and we should be able to get the work done.  Seems reasonable.  We can get business done if we
        are not everything to everyone.  The larger the assembly, the better.  Keep it simple.
Chair of the CAB committee:  Responding to questions.  Per Jeff, the committee did not interpret, just reporting data.
        These items reported need to go to sub committees, for example, to work on.  There should be different agendas for different types of
        assemblies.  That was not a question.
Where do we go from here.  Seems frustration is that we don't get anything done.  Not that we're in a rush,
        but consider motion of moving to 2 assemblies…who brings that forth?  Perhaps we should break topics down to educate and
        do workshops; maybe this should be done at a conference, without other activities at the same time.  Get people involved.
Great job.  Easy to understand.  First, doing a little interpreting is not a crime.  I like that.  My understanding, is that a
        recommendation is rather like a motion.  I caution to do them one by one, and not all under one umbrella.
        There are some things in report that are best suited for workshops and sharing sessions;  and other things that should come
        before ACM and make way to Assembly.      The report did give directions.  The committee shares the same concerns…what
        do we do with this now and we cannot tackle it all at    once?
Great job.  Very thorough.  Apologize.  Did not think interpretation was done…just reporting.  Jeff D. is right on.  It would be great
        to discuss and get five (for example) different motions out of this large report.  Now our job needs to be done as Area
        Committee.
Great work.  Sheer size of this report can be overwhelming to groups.  What do we do with this nice tabulated document?
        What can we take back to our groups?  What are the top four most important things?   It will be the assembly who decides how
        many assemblies there will be, and it will be the Area Committee who decides how many Area Committee meetings there will
        be.  What scares me is a year and half down the road being told we don't seem to do anything.
So much information, how best get this back to the groups and give them the power to tell us what they want?  Hate to lose any of
        this because is such great stuff.
Multiple DCM's in this ACM today.  They have DCM calls, they can use to discuss.  They then take to groups, and bring back   to the
        ACM.  This committee has done their job, and I would turn it over to DCMs, and the district and groups take this info and
        bring back what they want done with this.
Do it in piece meal.  I like Nicholas' comments.  Concerns with workshops, presentations, etc. per year.  A concern is,
        can we even accomplish that?  We have has awesome sharing session.
Wonderful work done by this committee, direct and clear. Take back to groups for direction.
 Agree with Nicholas, but right now we don't have an ACM scheduled until after the next Assembly.  I'd be OK with 2 Assemblies, but
        we need to have lots of ACM to hash things out, and then DCMs could take back to groups.
Committee member- The Report is long. We clearly stated the recommendations at end of report, and gave direction. If DCMs are
        confused as to what to take back, the recommendations are at the end of the report.  It would be logical that some things go to
        ACM and some things go to Assembly.  We've been kicking some form of this discussion around for 4 or 5 years.  Now we
        have a clear document.
Suggested to propose GSRs/DCMs take this info back to their districts and GSRs, and have some group conversations…even one-on-
        ones.  Ask them…"When I go back to the Area meetings, what do you want me to vote?".
Good suggestion, Dawn.  We are lacking an ACM meeting.  Could we tack on an ACM to the August inventory meeting, just to have
        something prepared for Assembly.  It gives us time to reach groups, and also helps us prepare for Assembly.
        Can we add on the ACM to the inventory scheduled day.
The only thing Gerri Ann recalls is using extra time to do Delegates Report, which we already have scheduled.  The Inventory won't
        take all day.  So time is available to use for ACM.
In the scope of Chair, Dawn should be able to schedule an ACM meeting, especially with the ease of this technology.  At this time we
        might also consider applying this technology as a better resource to meet in the future, not just now.
Chair scheduled this: ZOOM Inventory meeting from 8:00 – 12 and special ACM at 1:00  pm.  We will use this same ZOOM connection

Quite an overwhelming amount of information, so talk with folks ahead of time to focus only on recommendations, rather than present the whole report and overwhelm.  This was found to be better received by GSRs, to avoid overload of information.

Concerning the area inventory, make sure inventory meeting has timed sharing and discussion, and set an amount of time.

Agrees with putting limit on timing.  Please add some of the new meetings onto Dates to Remember List and distribute.

Keep lunch shorter on Inventory/ACM meeting day in August.

Can any information be sent out through the Now and Then's email list?  e.g. sending out a new 'Dates to Remember' to lots of folks.  They have not heard any objections.  Co-editors are willing to do this.

There is no direction which would stop Now and Then from utilizing their mailing list to send pertinent emails.  Thank you for offering your service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE MOTION:

PI chair :  Motion:  "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login."  Background report information was submitted in writing, and is attached.

Great job, Dani and PI committee on this investigation.  This motion is already coming out of committee, so just put the information in the Now and Then and simply bring it to Assembly to vote on.  It does not need to go through Area Committee.

This will be on the September Agenda for Assembly to vote on.  A great job on this investigation and motion, Dani.

Side note from CAP reloaded committee chair:  The items addressed in the report were also separated between those with substantial unanimity and those without substantial unanimity.  That might help differentiate what is important and not.

This is how to get to protected service page on Area74.org.
Area74.org and click on Service.
Username =  area74user     Pwd =  Area74Service12Daily

Area Secretary ----Three requests regarding reports for Area Meetings – much appreciated:

1. If you are scheduled to give a report, have it sent in by the Sunday of the weekend prior to whatever the event might be.  (For example, if your report will be given at the ACM meeting on Sat May 16, your report should be sent by Sun May 10.)  This gives the Sec'y a week to prepare for the meeting.
2. Send the document as a Microsoft word doc.  pdf's are very difficult/impossible to work into a cohesive document with the rest of the minutes.
3. Subject line:  Place **Area 74 report** in the subject line of the email.  The email can be sent to the sec'y address on Area74.org website or my personal email.

How to get an item on ACM agenda.  Per Dawn…send it to Dawn.

- **Dates to remember**
  - May 30, 2020 Saturday 9 am CST  (10 am EST) Emergency assembly to vote on Fall 2020 Conference.
  - June 27, 2020 Saturday Time TBD,  Delegates report
  - August 1, 2020 Saturday 8:00 am – 12 noon CST (9:00 am -1 pm EST) Area 74 Inventory;   Special ACM 1:00 – 5:00 pm (2:00 – 6:00 pm EST) or earlier.
    Motion:  Close ACM meeting;  2nd.
    Meeting Closed at 7:48 pm
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## AREA 74 2020 FALL CONFERENCE NOTIFICATION

At the Special Assembly held May 30, 2020 the Assembly voted that the Fall Conference to be held in Eau Claire, WI September 11-13, 2020 ***not be held with personal, face-to-face interaction.*** The conference planning committee will be meeting to decide how to proceed and will notify Area 74 with updated information as soon as determination is made.

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My name is Pamela Osborne and I am an alcoholic. I presently serve as the District Committee Member of District 12. Currently our District has 22 meetings that are held in Birchwood, Cable, Hayward, Ladysmith, Minong, Stone Lake, and Winter along with our five virtual meetings. Our District had been inactive for about ten years so members began meeting informally to determine interest in reviving District 12 in late April 2018. We emailed the Area 74 Delegate to gain more understanding on how to proceed within AA guidelines and two months later, we had our first official organizational meeting. Various members began contacting and attending near-by town meetings to ascertain if these groups wanted to be part of the District. We helped members to see the importance of electing General Service Representatives, that the position connected the group conscience to the whole of A.A. and gave them a voice. We elected our first GSRs and by September 27th, we had submitted an updated District 12 Meeting List to the new Webmaster of Area 74. During the December 1, 2018 District meeting, I was nominated and elected the DCM and we also elected our District Secretary and District Corrections Chair. As understanding grew of the service structure, the groups began to contribute to G.S.O. and also began to contribute to the Area and to the District. The District has mainly focused on seeking ways to create service opportunities that give our members and groups the ability to "carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers" fulfilling Tradition 5, including service that would serve both the community and those "in the rooms". In achieving this, the District hosted a panel discussion presenting various outreach opportunities. One of these opportunities was volunteering to man the District Helpline which was created so anyone needing help with their drinking could reach an A.A. member immediately, 24-hours a day. One of our GSRs created a business card with our Helpline number to be distributed to A.A. members and community members. Another outreach activity that the District created was taking the message of A.A. to the Sawyer County Jail. Before COVID-19 quarantine, we were going to the Sawyer County jail every Tuesday from 6-8:30 p.m. to carry the message of A.A. We had ten men and four women who rotated each week. Two people who called the Helpline are sober now as a result of calling and six young women were being sponsored in the jail until the shut down. The last Tuesday before we had to stop our jail meetings, two of the young women told me that they were now holding their own A.A. meetings in their dorm, which brought me to tears. I am always amazed at the miracles our Higher Power creates!

The District had volunteered to help in hosting the hospitality room at the Spring Conference this May in Ashland, but that was canceled due to the quarantine in the state. As we carried the A.A. message to the Sawyer County jail, Native American inmates encouraged us to start an A.A. meeting on the reservation again so the District started to investigate how to go about this respectfully. One of our Native American A.A. members with long-term sobriety also saw the need, so we supported his effort and a new meeting began on the reservation about two weeks prior to the COVID-19 shut down. Prior to the quarantine, we created a web page, with extraordinary assistance from a non-alcoholic in the community that links us to the Area and the meeting app. Our new address is: www.haywardwiareaaa.org. With the quarantine, most of the meetings were held on-line, but a core of A.A. members faithfully kept meeting in small groups face to face also. Higher Power is very powerful and has been guiding us; providing experienced AA members at the Area and the District level, as well as other outside Districts assistance to facilitate the revival of District 12 as we serve our group members, as well as to strengthen our own relationship with our Higher Power daily on this exciting journey to help those who are still suffering from this fatal disease of alcoholism. At the end of March, I moved to Arizona so we will be electing a new DCM and hopefully, a new alternate DCM to continue serving the District. It has been such an honor to serve A.A. as the District Committee Member of District 12, in conjunction with our Tradition to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics, both inside and outside the rooms.

In service,
Pamela O.  Dist 12 DCM

# AREA 74 ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds you all well and sober in these strange times we are living in. I am writing this article on behalf of the Archives committee to give you an update on Archives activity and to ask for some help from you all. First off, I would like to say a special thank you to our previous Archivist Pete W. for his years of service and commitment. It is no small job to keep our history alive and Pete was dedicated to it for many years, so if you see him please thank him for his years of service. I would also like to thank our new Archivist Phil D., thus far he has been doing a great deal and coming up with many wonderful ideas for the committee to act on, and he has inspired me to get off my lazy butt and get going on some of these things. We are currently in the process of finding a time for a committee conference call and I hope to have future articles on our activities. The main reason for this article though, is to ask the help of the fellowship in Area 74. Phil has found many gaps in our Assembly and Area Committee minutes throughout the years. Below this article you will find a couple of spreadsheets listing all that we are missing. If anyone has access to, or knows any information on how to procure them, please contact our Archivist asap. You can mail him through a link on our Area 74 website. That is all for now, God bless you all.

Jeff D. Area 74 Archives Chair

**AREA COMMITTEE Information needed**

| Minutes | Date Range of Event | Hard Copy Pages | Event Location | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2013 Spring Conference ACM Minutes and Reports | 8/10/13 | 9 | Three Lakes | need DCM Reports |
| 2013 Delegates Workshop ACM Minutes | 4/6/13 | 28 | Eagle River | need Del Workshop minutes & ACM Minutes |
| 2012 December ACM Minutes | 12/15/12 | 1 | Three Lakes | need hard copy of minutes and pdf |
| 2007 December ACM Minutes | 12/2/07 | 1 | Rhinelander | need minutes and reports |
| 2005 December ACM apparently not held | 5-Dec | | | ? Was this meeting held? |
| 2005 Fall Conference Minutes | 10/22/05 | 4 | Rice Lake | need reports |
| 2005 Spring Conference ACM Minutes | 5/13-15/05 | 4 | Rhinelander | need Delegate's Report, minutes and reports |
| 2005 3 12 Delegates Workshop/ACM | 3/12/05 | 4 | Rhinelander | need Del Workshop minutes & ACM Minutes |
| 2004 ACM Area Inventory | 12/4/04 | 2 | Ashland | need minutes, reports, Area Inventory |
| 2004 Fall Conference ACM | 10/2/04 | 4 | Chippewa Falls | need minutes-reports |
| 2004 ACM Unity Conf | 7/10/04 | 2 | Appleton | need minutes-reports |
| 2004 Spring Conference ACM | 5/15/04 | 4 | Eau Claire | need minutes-reports |
| 2004 Delegate's Workshop & ACM | 3/13/04 | 8 | Rhinelander | need Del Workshop minutes & ACM Minutes |
| 2004 Area Committee Meeting | 1/10/04 | 10 | Green Bay | need pre 2:30 actions, and ACM minutes |
| 2003 Fall Assembly Minutes | 9/13/03 | 3 | Houghton | need minutes and reports |
| 2003 ACM Minutes at Unity Conference | 7/10/03 | 2 | Oshkosh | need minutes-reports |
| 2003 Spring Conference ACM Minutes | 5/10/03 | 1 | Kimberly | need minutes and reports |
| 2003 Delegate's Workshop-ACM | 3/8/03 | 3 | Boulder Junction | need GSC Agenda, Workshop minutes, ACM min |
| 2002 Fall Conference ACM | 9/13/15 | 1 | Iron Mountain | need all |
| 2002 Unity Conference ACM | 7/5-7/02 | 1 | Oshkosh | need all |
| 2002 Spring Conference ACM | 5/3-5/02 | 1 | Mosinee | need all |
| 2002 Delegate Workshop & ACM | 5/9/02 | 1 | Rhinelander | need all |
| 2002 Area 74 Workshop | 1/19/02 | 2 | Wausau | need all |
| 2001 Fall Conference & Election Assembly | 9/14-16/01 | 6 | Silver City | letter mentions ACM 9/14 - no minutes or flyer |
| 2001 Fall Assembly Minutes & Area 74 Sharing Session | 8/25/01 | 9 | Three Lakes | proposed 3 assemblies & Del Wrkshp & FOUR ACMs |
| No formal Area Committee Meeting (flyer or minutes) before this time to the best of my knowledge | | | | |
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| Minutes | Date Range of Event | Event Location | NOTES |
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| 2019 Fall Assembly Minutes | 10/26/19 | Three Lakes | needs Delegate's Report & final Approval |
| 2013 Spring Assembly Minutes | 4/7/13 | Eagle River | need Delegate's Report & Del Workshop Committee Reports |
| 2010 Fall Conference | 9/11/10 | Gladstone, MI | need Minutes |
| 2010 Spring Conference & Area Inventory | 5/7-8/10 | Rothschild | need Assembly Minutes |
| 2009 Fall Conference | 9/18-20/09 | Marshfield | need everything |
| 2009 Spring Conference Delegate's Report | 5/15/09 | Iron Mountain | need Minutes & other reports |
| 2008 Fall Conference ? | | | |
| 2008  Spring Conf Area Comm Mtg Minutes | 5/16-18/08 | Neenah | ?Minutes, Delegate's Report? |
| 2007 Spring Conference | 5/18,19/07 | Phillips | need Minutes & Reports |
| 2006 Fall Conference | 9/8-10/06 | Marquette | need Minutes and Reports |
| 2006 Spring Conference & Delegate's Report | 5/19-20/06 | Green Bay | need Minutes and Chair Reports |
| 2005 Fall Conference | 9/9-12/05 | Rice Lake | need Minutes and Reports |
| 2005 Spring Conference Minutes | 5/13-15/05 | Rhinelander | need Delegate's Report, Minutes and Reports |
| 2004 Fall Conference Minutes | 10/2/04 | Eau Claire | need minutes – reports |
| 2004 Spring Conference Minutes | 5/15/04 | Eau Claire | need Delegates Report & Minutes |
| 2004 Spring Assembly Minutes | 4/3/04 | Three Lakes | need reports |
| 2003 Fall Assembly Minutes | 9/12-14/03 | Houghton | need Minutes and Reports |
| 2003 Spring Conference Assembly Minutes | 5/10/03 | Kimberly | need reports |
| 2002 Fall Conference Assembly | 9/13-15/02 | Iron Mountain | need all |
| 2002 Fall Assembly Minutes | 8/24/02 | Three Lakes | need reports |
| 2002 Spring Conference Assembly | 5/3-5/02 | Mosinee | need all |
| 2002 Spring Assembly Minutes | 4/6/02 | Three Lakes | need reports |
| 2002 Delegate's Workshop | 3/9/02 | Rhinelander | no minutes |
| 2001 Fall Conference & Election Assembly | 9/14-16/01 | Silver City | letter mentions ACM 9/14 - no minutes or flyer |
| 2001 Spring Conference | 5/4-6/01 | c DeFlambeau | Minutes |
| 2001 Pre-Assembly/Deligate's Workshop | 3/10/01 | Rhinelander | no minutes-1 1/2 hour Meeting of officers/chairs/DCM |
| 2000 Fall Conference | 9/15-17/00 | Eau Claire | no minutes |
| 2000 Spring Conference | 5/19-21/00 | Green Bay | no minutes |
| 2000 Delegate Workshop and Pre-Assembly Meeting | 3/11/00 | Rhinelander | no minutes |
| 1999 Fall Conference | 9/10/12/99 | Ashland, Wi | no minutes |
| 1999 Spring Conference | 5/14-16/99 | Appleton | no minutes |
| 1998 Fall Conference | 6/18-20/98 | Houghton | no minutes |
| 1998 Spring Conference | 5/8-10/98 | Lac DeFlambeau | no Assembly minutes -only Committee meeting Minutes |
| 1997 Delegate's Workshop on Committee and Service | 3/15/97 | Rhinelander | no minutes |
| 1996 Fall Conference | 9/20-22/96 | Wisconsin Rapids | no minutes |
| 1991 Spring Conference Minutes | 4/13/91 | ? | |
| 1988 Fall Assembly Minutes and published Minutes | 8/20/88 | ? | |
| 1967 Spring Conference Minutes | 4/8/67 | ? | |

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