

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda
Saturday March 6th, 2021
Hybrid Meeting
Reiter Center and Zoom

Meeting began 4:01 PM CST

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call: Area Officers; Delegate, Alt-Delegate/Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
Committee Chairs; Corrections MI, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair,
Now & Then, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, DCMs; 1, 2, 3, 4,
5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 20

Approve Minutes from 12-20-2020 Area Committee Meeting

1 amendment made regarding Dani, PI Chair, she was marked as present and was not in attendance.

Reports:

DCM Reports – see appendix 1

Delegates Report – see appendix 2

Unfinished Business:

Update from Inventory Ad Hoc Committee – see appendix 3

Update from Structures and Guidelines

The committee is proposing changes to our guidelines that incorporate **ALREADY VOTED ON MOTIONS** to fit within our guidelines.

Secretary has made an editorial decision not to include the 23 pages of guidelines in the minutes. The proposed changes can be seen by visiting www.area74.org, clicking on the guidelines tab, clicking on the link that says proposed changes and looking for anything in red.

Update on CAB motions from Area Chair – see appendix 3

- Discussion on letting the ACM know that the motion regarding elections being held in a centralized location does not fit with the guidelines and will need to consider how that fits.

New Business:

Additions to Assembly Agenda for 04-10-2021

- Approved

Hybrid or Zoom only for Assembly on 4-10-2021

- Discussion regarding pros and cons for Zoom only or Hybrid Assembly.
- 18 in favor, no opposed of hybrid on 4/10/21.

Meeting closed at 5:46pm

Appendix 1 DCM Reports

District 1

DCM District 01 report for 3-6-2021 Area 74 Committee Meeting

We held our last monthly district meeting via the zoom platform Thursday 2-11-2021. We had 18 people in attendance. We will continue to use the zoom platform to hold our district meetings. At this time all but one of our chair positions are filled (Alt DCM that is). We also had good representation by our district GSRS.

At our district meetings, we have followed the lead of the monthly DCM call and are studying the concepts as a part of the meeting agenda. We will be on concept 3 this month.

We as a district have a conference committee that is preparing a bid for the 2023 spring conference. We will submit our bid at the APRIL 10TH winter assembly.

At this time, we are holding both in person and zoom meetings in our district. Both of our clubs, as well as our central office. All meetings attendance is growing by the week and are open with social distances and masking being enforced. There are several other locations where in person meetings are being held with guidelines in place.

We have treatment centers joining in via the zoom platform. These are also growing in attendance.

Our website is up and running. It does have a current meeting list and can be reached through the area website. We do print out our newsletter and distribute it to our meetings. They contain a hard copy of current meeting lists.

Our district meetings are up to date on the meeting finder app on the internet also and working well.

District 01 has voted and approved our 2021 budget at our last district meeting. Part of this budget was a add buy on radio targeted to the still suffering Alcoholic. This will be a six week purchase. Our funds are being matched by the radio we are working with. We have run similar add schedules twice last year.

In Service, Bill D. DCM district 01

District 2

DCM report for the ACM meeting on March 6, 2021

Happy St. Patrick's to all,

Since my last report very little change has taken place. We have returned to going into Winnebago County Jail.

WE are still looking to fill positions at the District level. District 02 has scheduled a GSR Workshop for March 13th at 1 pm. Information is in the Now and Then. Hoping a number of Area 74 GSR's will attend.

We held a Big Book and Movie Trivia before the First Things First Speaker Meeting. The District looking into adding a Fun/Activities committee and the trivia was the first thing we tried. We will continue to look at what this committee looks like.

Bob H. DCM 02

District 3

District 03 serving south Wood County

Greetings!

Not much has changed since the last report. Some things that continue to progress are that we are seeing new people enter the rooms of A.A.

As we continue to navigate the circumstances of Covid-19 we have seen more people come to in person meetings. A social distance is in place and some people adhere to the mask mandate, but not all. We still have an online meeting presence and continue to hold are district meeting, every third Thursday @ 5:30, online.

We have limited participation at our district meeting with a few wonderful men and women. A treasurer, a P.I. committee chair, a G.S.R., and myself.

We have had some change over in meetings regarding service positions and I am hopeful of some participation to increase.

We have been working on revitalizing the summer picnic. We have a planning committee and chair and hope to fine tune the details in the coming months.

We have also ordered big books with the help of district 7 upon request for Wood County Jail.

I have been involved with some wonderful people on the public information committee in putting together the Meeting Guide App tutorial and we have that coming up on March 20th.

As a district we are continuing to pursue future items such as speaker meetings, events, and ways to engage alcoholics in the best, safest way possible for what the future might present.

We have a delegate's workshop coming up, the winter assembly is just around the corner, and in May the spring conference.

Thank you and God bless,

Daniel S.

District 4

Hello Area 74,

Not a lot has changed since my last report. We have removed a few more inactive meetings from our meeting list, and some meeting locations have changed. Meetings are continuing in person, on zoom, and hybrid both on zoom and in person.

We are active in the treatment center again. Doing an intro to AA on the 1st Saturday of month, and also hosting AA meetings for the residents in house. Meaning one member of AA goes in and Chairs a meeting.

Unfortunately we still are not able to go into the jail. However some members are doing Bridge the Gap with members in jail using an online platform.

Thank you, DCM District 4, Greg Geeslin

District 5

Hello and welcome from District 05!

District 05 covers seven counties including Eau Claire, Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Pierce, and part of St. Croix. Currently District 05 has 110+ meetings in which 40+ meetings are in the greater Eau Claire area. Because of the pandemic, the number of meetings has dropped. Our monthly GSR meeting is held via Zoom on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 6:45 p.m. We would love for you to attend our meeting. You can check out our District 05 website at www.district05.org.

During this part year's pandemic our district has been busy carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. Many groups of in our district started Zoom meetings right in the beginning of the pandemic and many followed their example. Our GSRs, committee chairs, and officers have embraced change over this part year with grace.

Our PI Committee has set up a Facebook page for the public with approved AA literature. They have done many PSA announcements and are currently working with District 06 for a booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. Our Treatment and Corrections committees have done an amazing job staying connected and developing relationships which is vital for carrying the message of hope into the centers.

If you do not already know, Area 74 has a delegate's workshop coming up on March 6th. For the first time, our district hosted a pre-delegate's workshop. The purpose of the workshop was informational and to go through the material provided by the General Services Conference. We had 15 participants that day including a past delegate, the current delegate, and members of District 05. Looking back at when I attended my first delegates workshop as a GSR I was lost, dazed, and confused being a newly elected GSR for my group and not knowing what the purpose was for the delegates workshop. The purpose of the workshop is for our delegates to be well informed about how our fellowship of Area 74 feels on certain agenda items from the General Service Conference that is held this year in

April. I have been told from our District 05 GSRs and members that we need to continue having the workshop going forward.

In closing, we look forward to working with our homegroups, districts, and Area 74. As well as attending assemblies and conferences throughout this year with the main purpose on how we carry the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic in and out of the rooms. May the loving arms of God protect you each day, working our program one day at a time.

In love and service, District 05

District 6

Greetings from District 6, Chippewa

We have now passed the holidays when things were pretty quiet and are starting to get back to work.

Several months ago, we were finally able to link our meetings to the Meeting Guide App. However, we needed to make a change to one of our meetings and noticed that it was not updating in the Meeting Guide. I emailed GSO and was told that the Meeting Guide updates every 12 hours. Since then, I have emailed them 4 times with no response and no update to the meeting guide. Very Frustrating.

We will be teaming with District 5 to man an AA Informational booth at the Western Wisconsin State Fair in July, assuming it is not cancelled. Unfortunately, our PI chair has moved from the Chippewa District to the Eau Claire District and has moved into a new home group in that district. We are in the process of looking for a new PI Chair. Shane S., and I are now in negotiations for the number of draft picks district 6 will be given from District 5 for this trade.

We now have an Intergroup rep and are represented at the Chippewa Valley Intergroup. We will be working with them to get a better presence on their website. Our 1st service act was to take the phones for 2 weeks during February. This went off without a hitch, however, we did receive several calls telling us that our Automobile warranty was about to expire.

I always keep in mind page 132 of the Big Book—15 lines up, 15 lines down, dead center of the page “We absolutely insist on enjoying life”. Today I do.

District 7

Greetings from District 07! We reside just west of Wausau, in the counties of Wood, Clark, Marathon and Taylor. We have 26 registered groups within Marshfield, Colby, Neillsville and Medford. We're home to El Grupo, a Spanish speaking group that meets in Abbotsford. The District is helping a new meeting get started in Medford.

Our District meetings alternate between Marshfield and Colby. Last month we reviewed the GSO's agenda items, we made very little changes to what we had voted on last year. We're looking into fellowship activities after Covid restrictions are lifted, we are exploring workshops and outdoor events.

We've purchased Grapevine subscriptions for the Taylor, Wood and Clark county jails as well as the Stanley prison. The magazines, however, were not shipped to the institutions. One arrived at our Secretary's home, and the eight subscriptions ordered are hanging in GSO limbo somewhere. It's currently under investigation. The jail meetings are still shut down and are not available for Zoom, as Officer Simcakowski of the Wood County jail told me "we don't have the capabilities for that." She did like the idea though. We were informed by Daniel S. from District 03 that the Wood county jail was in need of some big books, a couple of our members agreed to look for soft covers that we could deliver. We are also implementing a plan to reopen a women's jail meeting in Wood county as soon as Covid restrictions are lifted, headed by three volunteers in two Districts.

Our district is looking into how we can reach younger folks and teens, to help in the alcohol addiction part of their lives. The idea is to talk with some church youth groups who work in detention centers with several counties around us.

We are on the Meeting Guide app, again I want to thank Dani and Lucas for all your service that made it happen. We are very much looking forward to their presentation at the Meeting Guide workshop on March 20th.

We have been busy with newcomers and returning AA's during the last year. Always we see a need for good sponsors. As Bob Darrell says, "the best way to change the culture of AA is through sponsorship."

A lot of our meetings have gone back to in person, we have no Zoom meetings that I know of. I've been reluctant to visit but I may reconsider soon. I continue to send out information via email to GSR's I have on file, there's rarely a response. I don't take it personal for I've seen our past two DCM's struggle to encourage participation at the District level.

I just know that I've benefited from service work, it's kept me accountable to something other than myself. Sandy Beach said "the highest position we can hold in AA is that of a servant," so I'll just keep trudging forward.

In love and service, Mike Holland DCM 07

District 8

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

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

We currently have 13 meetings listed on our District Website being held on a weekly basis with 9 in person meetings. At least 7 of which are doing online or hybrid meetings to allow members to attend if they are unable to attend in person. We also have another handful of Zoom meeting's throughout the week that meeting info is passed around via messenger and text messages. On a weekly/sometime's daily basis more meeting info is being updated on website as more meetings are opening, for info see our website @ aawausauwi.org

I hope all is well within your Districts

Yours in service, Steve S., Alt DCM 08

District 9

District 09 is made up of most of Marinette County, Wisconsin, as well as parts of Forest, Oconto, Shawano, and Menominee counties--as well as Menominee County, Michigan. To give you an idea of the size of our district--it is as far for me to drive here to Three Lakes as it is to attend my district meeting in Shawano.

We have, at last count, 37 meetings per week. Our district meeting is held the second Sunday of the month and we rotate from Crivitz to Shawano to Oconto to Wausaukee to Suring to Menominee, Michigan with each location hosting twice per year.

District 09 has not met as a district for the past year for a myriad of reasons, but that is about to change. We will attempt to meet and catch up with our district at our next district meeting which will be tomorrow afternoon. I am confident our team will be ready to go.

Many of our meetings have been meeting in person for some time. I will discover more specifics tomorrow.

I started back to in-person meetings in August and have been since then. I also attend meetings in neighboring districts, all of which are currently in-person. It is definitely a source of strength for me to spend time with my AA family. I am happy that I can share this day with all of you.

I wish you and your groups all the best and hope that all our meetings are flourishing.

Thank you!

Gloria O., DCM District 09

District 10

Our District meetings are still on Zoom the second Saturday of the month at 9 am. We continue to have low attendance, approximately 5-8 people.

In January 2021, we added a Traditions Study of the month that meets at 8:30 am, ½ hour before the District meeting. We study 1 Tradition per month through December 2021.

We continue to have in-person and Zoom AA meetings throughout the district. Some of the meetings are hybrid meetings. Find the meetings at the District 10 Website at <https://northwoodsaa.org/events/> We have many open service positions at the District: Treasurer, Secretary, PI/CPC Chair, Phone Chair and Archives Chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Terri B. DCM District 10

District 13

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

Meeting Schedule: There are 26 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season. Since March 2021 most groups and meetings are inactive. Some meetings met by zoom. The Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club is still closed for the time being because of the Covid 19 virus.

Financial: Financial situation is that the district is maintaining a positive financial balance.

Phone "Hot Line" (715) 682-4460: There has calls about what and where meetings are meeting and how to use zoom.

Corrections: There has been no meetings at either Ashland or Bayfield County jails.

Bayfield County Jail: The woman's meeting is held on Thursdays. Has been meeting thru November.

The mens meeting was held on Thursdays. Is now inactive meeting. Is needing of men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Ashland County Jail: The women's meetings are active. Is in need of women to go to the jail and help get meetings started on an ongoing basis.

The mens meeting is active and held on Wednesdays 3:30pm and is in need of additional men to help with going to the jail and chairing the weekly meeting.

Elections: The District held elections October 2017 and mentions each month about open committee positions. Current filled positions are: District Committee Member, Alternate Committee Member, Treasurer, Secretary and Corrections. Some of the positions are filled by same person as the district committee is small in numbers.

Area 74 AA Organization: The district members advise of the agenda items that occurs and does an overview of the agenda items as needed. Also reviewed and some items were discussed in the GSC agenda items for the upcoming months.

May 2022 Conference: The District 13 planned to put a bid in to host the May 2022 spring conference and was approved by the Area 74 Assembly. We have booked the motel for the three days needed for the conference. The chairperson is also in talks with the caterer. The Disc Jockey will also be contacted soon. Area 74 seed money will be asked for in the coming months.

End of report

District 20

Hello! I'm Kathy an alcoholic, DCM for District 20. All the way up here in the U.P

We have 20 meetings across the district. Some of our meetings are meeting in person, but we still have a handful that meet on Zoom for those of us who are immune compromised or just wish to attend on Zoom.

We hold our District Meetings on Zoom at this time. It works for everyone right now. We will be reviewing it in April to decide if we want to continue on Zoom or in person. Our next District meeting is next Saturday at 11 AM on our District Zoom account.

We still have no access to the jail. I have been in contact with them, they will let me know when it will be open again for AA meetings. We have a hotline that is utilized. We also have a great website that is run by Dean C and its updated frequently.

A quick update, we will be holding a virtual form of the Spring conference with a AA Speaker Friday night and a AA Speaker Saturday night. We will have a flyer that will come out soon and I will email that to all DCM's and Area Officers.

I am grateful for my district and proud of our small but mighty district!

Kathy P, DCM District 20

District 23

Literature sales this past year, We have a \$600.00 cap this committee uses as needed. This was established in 2014 and is a self funding committee. Every couple years we add some money to offset the books and pamphlets that were given away. Why is this important now, in 2020 1 book was purchased, a Daily Reflection.

It has been a year of change, in how we do and don't do business. How we communicate and how we have gotten back, in some ways, to not communicating.

It has been a difficult year for our GSR. A couple have dropped out, one went back out and the other said she has zero contact with what is left of her homegroup. We also gained a GSR from another group. In total this gives us 4 GSRs out of 40 meetings. Bottom line, district 23 is still here doing what we can for the alcoholic who is still suffering

As is suggested in the Service Manual we hope to reach out to groups in person, see how they are doing. Understand how they are feeling and to encourage those who wish to enhance their sobriety.

Sincerely, Kevin Wear DCM, District 23

Appendix 2

Delegate's Report

Hello Area 74,

It is so good to be here today with all. It is an honor and a privilege to be serving in this historic time.

The Northern landscape of Wisconsin is still a beautiful sight in the Winter, for those traveling through Antigo, the Refuge turned to Luige's is now called Michaels. I was assured they are serving ribs. I will give a follow up report in April on the ribs.

My last report was in December. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday. The seems to have been a break for awhile in the communications from New York. It has now changed to daily communications with updated background information and doodle polls for meeting times for the Conference Committee on Literature. It is getting busy. I was able to participate in the East Central Regional Abbreviated Conference of Delegate's past and present. It was a nice opportunity to meet Panel 71 Delegates from our region. We also had an opportunity to meet the candidates for incoming ECR Trustee who will be elected at the GSC this year. This also provided an opportunity for the Delegate's to introduce the candidate from their Area or state. The candidates also had an opportunity to share the experience. I continue to serve as the 2021 mail lady for the delegates of the GSC. If you have questions on this, I would be happy to know.

I continue to attend the Area 74 monthly Finance call. I also participated in the Structures and Guidelines meetings. There has been progress in updating the Advisory Actions booklet and the committee will be presenting updates to the guidelines based on Advisory actions of Area 74 in the last few years along with a recommendation from Finance on adding verbiage as it relates to the Area 74 prudent reserve. I continue to attend meetings on a regular basis, call my sponsor, read new and old literature, meet with sponsees and work with those in the grips of Alcoholism. Let us take a moment to pray for those individuals that left our meetings in favor of the booze.

Finance -All good-the fellowship continues to step up support our movement in lieu of declining literature sales.

We have a new interim GSO manager and Grapevine editor. Have been two polls sent to conference delegates- the first was to admit an observer from the service office in India.

The second was a vote on admitting appointed committee meetings to the GSC in case they are needed to bring a point of information (voice-no vote). The TC on GSC and the conference on P&A support this motion. I personally gave this some prayer. And was about to take a poll of the area. Then there was an email from the ECR delegate that said no need to call your service sponsor or poll your area, treat this as you would if it came up on the floor of the conference. My first thought was it is not happening on the floor of the conference. I submitted a NO vote to admit the Appointed Committee Members to the 71st GSC for two reasons. Maintaining the integrity of the GSC and unintentional influence.

One of the things that keeps happening in my mind is something that was brought up when Sara P served as delegate, she gave her delegate report back and someone questioned the high number of majority votes and the term bobbleheads was said. Let us please not become bobbleheads. It is our responsibility per Concept One.

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Appendix 3

Ad-Hoc Inventory Committee

Our Committee has been very busy. We put the final touches on our questioner this past Wednesday 3/3. Cindy F (our facilitator) will be making a few tweaks to the questioner.

Our plan is to release it the weekend of the Area Assembly on 4/10. Folks will have until 4/30 to respond to the questioner. We will be publishing the link in the Now and Then, and we will be asking Lucas to put the link on our website. We will also be forwarding the link to all the DCM's and asking them to publish the link on their websites. Controls are in place so that everyone can only respond once.

All responses are forwarded to Cindy F anonymously. Once the period for responding has been closed, all responses will be summarized by Cindy, and forwarded back to the committee.