

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Sunday May 16th, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Meeting opened at 10:00am

Roll call

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

Committee Chairs: Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guideline, Treatment

DCM's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 20, 23

Minutes approved from 03-06-2021 Area Committee Meeting

A change in schedule due to DCM 6 needing to leave early

Update on Inventory:

Our Area Inventory Survey was open 4/10 thru 4/30.

I would like to thank our committee, and our facilitator for the hard work everyone did to get this survey prepared and out to the area.

We received 73 responses. These have been forwarded to Cindy F, our Facilitator. She will be summarizing the results and forwarding back to the Committee.

Once we receive the summary, the committee will review, and bring forward the results to the Area.

During District 6's report information was given regarding an informational booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair

Question was asked if the Area PI chair had been contacted. District 5 PI Chair happened to be present and answered a few questions.

DCM Reports – See appendix 1

New Business:

Proposed short ACM meeting on 8-7-2021 and Inventory Review

- Comment that reports from DCM and Delegate should be heard.
- Will there be an ACM on 9/17 as well as the one on 8/7?
 - o Yes – there will be one on the 17th or 18th
 - Comment then that the DCM reports and Delegate report may not be necessary
- What will the time be used for?
 - o To distribute the information to DCM and then see what to do with the inventory results.
- The inventory was originally an assembly action that the inventory results should be presented to our GSRs

- Presenting to ACM does not preclude the information from being presented to assembly.
- Reminder that the fall assembly will be entirely used for elections and will not have much time for additional information
- Inventory information could be presented at October assembly.
- Motion:
 - **Have a full ACM meeting and inventory review on 8/7/21 at Three Lakes and hybrid format.**
 - **Motion passed, Yes – 16, No – 5**
 - Minority spoke
 - The information should be presented to GSRs at assembly.
 - What is the reasoning for the ACM to review the information prior to the assembly?
 - Feels it could be done in one meeting and no need for an extra one.
 - **Vote to Reconsider passed**
 - **Yes – 16, No – 5**
 - What is the reasoning for the ACM to review the information prior to the assembly – are we trying to change the structure?
 - Then intent was to review the information with the DCMs and help distribute to the GSRs
 - The ACM is the appropriate place for the for the committee
 - **Motion Withdrawn**
- **Motion “Inventory results be presented at next available assembly”**
 - Coordinate time with facilitator is within the scope of the ACM.
 - Can the information be sent out prior to the assembly and is this body getting in the way of the ad hoc committees work with the inventory? This process was shut down previously due to Area 74 getting in its own way. Lets trust the committee
 - The information can be sent out electronically ahead of time.
 - Is there a recommendation from the facilitator on next steps?
 - That is unknown
 - Conversation from delegate with ad hoc committee chair is facilitator and committee are ready to present and make recommendations.
 - **Motion passed**
 - **Yes – 18, No - 0**
- Election will be held in September at Reiter Center and hybrid, ECR trustee will be invited in person or via Zoom.

How long do we continue to have Hybrid meetings?

- Do we need to create another position (Audio Visual Tech).
- Where do we go from here?

- Positive side is that Zoom makes it more affordable for people to attend and worry that it makes us lazy
- A combination of Zoom and in person allows us to be prudent with our money
- Cost of technical equipment to continue to do hybrid?
- Technical equipment is expensive and is available for the rest of the year.
- Money should not be an issue. Would like to see Delegate reach out to other delegates to see what their Areas are doing.
- Unless a group or district brings forward a motion on continuing Zoom or hybrid that we should resume our normal gathering schedule.
- Please have discussions at your Districts and groups.
- Response to a letter from District 18
 - Chair will propose
- Virtual ACM meeting on 8/7/21 passed with majority.

12:00 PM Close Meeting

Appendix 1

District 2

Good morning,

Here is the area that District 02 covers. It covers all of 3 Counties Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago and parts of Brown, Shawano and Waupaca counties.

We are still short Chair positions and 2 LCM positions for this 2 year cycle. Our District Elections will be held in August at our monthly District Meeting.

The Eye Opener Group has a scheduled virtual intergroup on June 12th

Bob H. DCM 02

District 3

Greetings from District 03, Serving South Wood County, Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Port Edwards area

I hope this message finds everyone well! In our district we have recently been planning a summer picnic. This on much needed and we have missed the last two years due to weather and a pandemic, so we are looking forward to it. We will have more accurate information coming out shortly, but it will be scheduled for July 17th. Tentatively speaking we will eat around 5pm with fellowship and speaker will begin at 7pm. We will be at Robinson Park in Wisconsin Rapids will be out at the venue most of the day. We are looking forward to it.

In other news, we have transitioned back into in person meetings with the district meeting again going back to the Alano Club on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30pm and the only online meeting which was held on Tuesday at 7pm is back in house. Some still adhere to mask wearing, but the majority do not. I am not sure on the level of vaccinations that people have received.

Attendance is doing well with the influx of new faces. We have held our own in terms of contributions, enough to still have money for a picnic, we are seeing some fellowship begin to grow through the picnic planning committee. All-in-all we are looking forward to summer and hope to see everyone. I would like to thank our treasurer Dani M., our P.I. chair Stephen W., and our picnic planning chair Mike D., our groups and people for support and growth through this whole process of trying to get back to some consistency.

Thank you and yours in service,

Daniel S. DCM 03

District 4

DCM Report - <https://www.aawidistrict04.org>

District 4 is in Portage and Waupaca County. We have meetings in Stevens Point, Plover, Waupaca, and Iola.

We have meetings In-person, some Hybrid, and some on Zoom.

We had our last District Meeting on May 6th via Zoom. We have voted to start having our District Meeting In-Person and also offering the Hybrid option starting in June.

We are still active in the Treatment.

There has been some talk about getting back into the Portage County Jail, but for right now we are only able to do "Bridge the Gap" via WebEx.

We are doing pretty good financially.

We have all of our service positions filled within the District and have been discussing the upcoming rotation along with having nominations for upcoming elections.

We have our Annual Picnic coming up August 14th at Jordan Park East in Stevens Point starting at 2:30pm. Barb K. from Custer, WI will be our speaker.

Thank You,

Greg Geeslin

DCM District 4

District 5

Dear Area 74,

Greetings From District 05! We hope all is well with you and your families. We'd like to give a huge shout out to district 20 for hosting the 2021 spring conference via zoom. What a year it has been! CDC guidelines are moving towards lifting mask requirements which is really exciting. Our monthly GSR is held the second Wednesday via zoom and starts at 6:45 pm. We welcome you to attend our meeting which typically have about 15 to 20 people in attendance.

There was discussion in our GSR meeting last week about what meetings are going to look like moving forward as they open up to in person or hybrid. There are many unknowns on how each group in District 05 is going to open up, but about a year ago there was also many unknowns on how meetings were going to go on and yet we survived! We kept the message going through zoom to the alcoholic that suffers. As the DCM of District 05 I've been inspired and moved from the work individuals have done through this pandemic.

What's going on in our district? Lots! Our public information committee has been extremely busy carrying the message to the public. In July they are working in conjunction with District 06 to display a booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair. If you would like to participate in the event please email PI@district05.org for more information. It will be a blast! Our annual "Recovery on the River Jamboree" will be held in October. There will be supporting events held prior to the October event with the first one being held on June 26. For more information visit recoveryontheriver.org. As contributions continue to come into our district it's uplifting to see the money put to good use carrying the message into treatment centers and jails, to the public, and hosting various events throughout the year.

In closing we are looking forward to holding in-person meetings for the first time in about a year. With the return to in-person meetings please be mindful and courteous. Consider that others may have a different level of comfort than

yourself think about others when it comes to handshakes and hugs. Our purpose is to be of maximum service to God and our fellow man. Until then may God protect you in his loving arms.

In love and service,

District 05

District 6

Hello Everyone:

Not much has happened since our last get together.

District 6 will be hosting a district 6 picnic on July 31. Details are still being put together.

We have been bringing in speakers to the local rehab, LE Phillips, on a weekly basis.

We have had 1 meeting close down due to lack of participation. We are hoping this is only temporary.

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 as North Central Health Care has yet to open the facility to in person GSR meetings.

We currently have 22 meetings listed on our District Website being held on a weekly basis with 14 in person meetings. 5 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 8 online only meeting's that can be accessed via the District website. There are also several Zoom online meetings being held throughout the week that meeting info is passed around via messenger and text messages. On a weekly/sometimes 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 10

Good morning. My name is Terri and I'm an alcoholic & the DCM of District 10. The District has the largest land base of all the Districts in Area 74. We have 40 meetings throughout District 10 that are either in person, Zoom or hybrid of both. We have an Alternate DCM and are still looking to fill vacancies for: Treasurer, Phone chair, PI/CPC Chair, Archives & Secretary.

We have a Corrections Committee who is actively pursuing getting back into the jails in several of the counties in our District. We have jail meetings in Vilas County because of a grant that is being used. Our District Accessibility Committee

is actively bringing AA meetings to those in need, on Zoom. We are not yet able to get back into facilities for the elderly and disabled so this has helped immensely.

We are renewing our subscription to Zoom for another year and allowing the district meetings to use the account for their hybrid meetings if they so choose. We have been running our district meeting via Zoom but this month, we attempted an in-person & hybrid District meeting which was successful and will continue to do that.

We have a very active Website that can be found at northwoodsaa.org that lists all of our meetings in a meeting list format. We also post monthly events on the website & other AA information.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Terri 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 22 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season. Since March 2021 some groups and meetings are inactive. Some meetings met by zoom. The Chequamegan Bay Serenty Club is no longer, and the district moved to PIRC Partners In Recovery Club.

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. The district now has a new GSR.

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 has been secured for entertainment. Seed money \$ 2,000 has been received.

End of report

District 20

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

We are back in person! We had our first District meeting in person on May 1st in Germfask. We had a small turnout, but nonetheless it was wonderful to see peoples faces. We held our Area 74 Conference Speaker Meetings this weekend! Thank you all that attended, we truly are grateful that we were able to be able to have some sort of conference. It was hard to make the decision to cancel in person, but we really didn't have a choice.

We are looking into buying some Big Books and Grapevine subscriptions from our district budget for our jail. The Alger County jail that houses three counties is still not allowing anyone in for AA Meetings. I'm guessing they will keep it under lockdown for the next month or so.

Our district has 2 online Zoom meetings and it most meetings are back in person. Some meetings are still closed at the this, but its slowly coming back.

We are on the Meeting Guide App and also have a great website that has all our meetings and all of our Area functions on it. Our webmaster does a great job keeping it updated.

Thank you to the Area and also my District for allowing me to serve!

Yours in Service,

Kathy P. DCM District 20

District 21

A very good Spring to all!

Here in District 21, which covers Houghton and Keweenaw counties in Upper Michigan, we are welcoming the return of many things. Our District is large geographically and rural, but the largest city, Houghton, is home to two universities. Tourism also plays a large role in the yearly economy.

We have a very diverse membership and the challenge and goal throughout the past year has been to adapt and keep meetings and resources available to anyone seeking information or help from AA. To this end, we have had a tremendous effort by four of our members to form a tech team, and as a result we have an active, accurate website and a number of Zoom meetings.

Our CPC committee has continued outreach to medical facilities and businesses. Our PI committee has worked with local radio stations to provide PSA's and interviews to keep information about meetings and contact information reaching people.

At present, we are grateful to those local churches that have been supportive for in-person meetings, and we have received permission to reinstate more. Additionally, we have recently resumed an in-person meeting at the local Salvation Army building, which is our oldest meeting in the Copper Country.

We have an informal District picnic scheduled for June 19th, and our Intergroup is tentatively scheduled for mid-August. It is with much gratitude that I'm able to report this gradual return to a more balanced and 'normal' recovery environment.

Lil Ryckman, DCM District 21

District 23

District 23 covers two counties, Washburn and Burnett, a part of Polk. From Rice Lake in the east to the Minnesota border on the western front. We had our 1st GSR meeting this month. There was energy in the room and the conversation was definitely more upbeat.

We have contacted local libraries and donated big books, we urge members to use our district calling card. These cards are given to Drs., police or anyone we think may be of help or need help. The card has our helpline number and the area 74 website.

District 23's meeting list is updated monthly.

Attendance at zoom meetings is on the decline and in-person meetings are gaining ground.

The construction of a website is underway.

As always, it is a pleasure to be of service.

Kevin Wear
Dcm district 23