



# August 2021 Now & Then

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### Delegate's Corner

My name is Char and I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. It feels like it has been too long since we were all together talking about how to help the still suffering alcoholic. It is good thing we have an Area Committee Meeting on Saturday August 7, 2021. This meeting will be held on a virtual platform. I really am not a fan of writing articles for the Now and Then. I have difficulty focusing in on the many thoughts that go through my head to make anything coherent. I like to share stories that have happened recently. I am not sure if this helps us get closer to a spiritual light bulb moment or not. I recently listened to an AA speaker -- live and in person. This was the first since February 2020 before we were limited in our gathering. I did not know this person and had no expectations other than how cool it was we were able to do this in a safe fashion. Anyhow, a point that the speaker made in sharing their story was asking about your priorities. They said something like carefully review the past three days and that will tell you where your priorities are. A very simple mind-altering task. My most time-consuming thing was my paid employment. The next was being a daughter and hanging with mom at the doctor's office among other things. Mom is fantastic! She had an amazing recovery from her experience. Thank you for all the prayers. I can tell I am getting older as these medical things that happen get me thinking about my own legacy. The next thing on my priority list was helping a drunk. Yes, helping a drunk. After 9.5 hours of paid employment and a service event on Zoom, I drove to pick up the last belongings of the person we helped move out of their apartment just a few days earlier. I keep telling those who helped in this person's journey, "that they will be rewarded in the kingdom of heaven". I then question my own judgement. Why are we helping a person who cannot make a decision if they want to live or die? The person asked for help. I was taught to say, yes. I am responsible when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there and for that I am responsible. Most people, I think, would agree with this reasoning in doing 12<sup>th</sup> step work. However, I am not sure the statement resonates with people regarding general service. We have heard the alibis. I am too busy. They argue about donuts. It is like a union meeting. They're going to do what they want anyway. My group's voice does not count when a single person can wipe out our group conscience. Perhaps we need to change the message that we need your help. I believe everyone should participate in general service at some point in their recovery. Service is the Secret. See you at the September Area 74 Elections.

Char V.

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

I hope and pray that everyone is doing well.

In the past I usually wrote about one of the principles or ideas that I learned in AA and how that principle or idea has been working in my life. Topics such as being of service, belief in a higher power, not being selfish, and I do not have to be right all the time.

Today I am writing about two specific items, one is an event, and the other is a procedure.

The event is the upcoming elections for Area 74. The date is 9-18-2021. The location will be Three Lakes WI and it will also be on Zoom. There will be numerous positions to be filled and we need to start talking about this now. Most of you who are reading this article are already involved in service in some form or another, and that is a great thing. As a group of servants, we can start talking about the Area elections, when it will be held, what positions are available, and how your recovery was enhanced by this type of service. For those who are already involved at the Area level it may be time to consider standing for one of the Officer positions. If you are not sure about that, talk it over with your sponsor or service sponsor.

The procedure that will need more consideration is the format of our service meetings. I have bought this idea up before and we still need to make a decision. Recently we have been meeting in “hybrid style” for the Assemblies. That means we met physically in Three Lakes and it was online via Zoom. There has been an idea floated that the hybrid style Assemblies make the meetings more accessible and that will lead to more attendance. That has not been my experience. That last Assembly on May 15th there were 30 people on Zoom and 22 in person. If we continue to meet in a hybrid style we need to consider the implications, such as do we need a new position (Audio Visual Tech), what expense will be incurred, and how does this affect the budget.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at the Area Committee meeting on 8-7-21 via Zoom.

Thank you All for letting me be of Service,

Bryon B

Alternate Delegate/ Area Chair

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**Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury**

**P.O. BOX 1191 Appleton, WI 54912-1191**

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

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

**Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org**

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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER 2021</b>		
<b>8/7/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>Virtual Only (see info below)</b>
8/20-22/2021	East Cent Reg Conf	CANCELLED
<b>9/17-19/2021</b>	<b>Area 74 Fall Conf</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>9/18/2021</b>	<b>Area Election Assembly</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>9/19/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Meeting</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting Zoom.us info below</b>
<b>10/30/2021</b>	<b>Fall Assembly</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>12/11/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Meeting</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74**

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

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,84110965882# US (New York)

+13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)

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

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

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

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

<b>DISTRICT MEETINGS AUGUST 2021 LIST</b>					
<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Zoom Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 PM	St. Paul's Church 410 Wallace St. Combined Locks, WI	
3	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Alano Club, 1210 E Grand Ave, Zoom info: wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Chrch 293 S Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	11 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 PM	Zoom ID 7160819669, PW 300255 Menominee, WI	
6	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 PM	Club 76, 76 East Central Street Chippewa Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	5:00 PM	First United Church of Christ 111 S. 2nd St. Colby, WI	
8	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St. Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00 PM	Peace Church 208 E. Maurer Shawano, WI	
10	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St Rhineland, WI	
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
12	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00 PM	PIRCPartners In Recovery Club,410 Lakeshore Dr West Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street New Richmond, WI	
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16	Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St. L'Anse, MI	
17	Monday	30 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI	
18	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI	
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St. Germfask, MI	
21	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th Ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 PM	Conference Call 1-712-775-7031 Passcode 983009 Spooner, WI	
24	Weds	4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 PM	Ladysmith Alano Club, 411 E 2nd St. Ladysmith, WI	
<b>DISTRICT MEETINGS September 2021 LIST</b>					
<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00PM	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist 2300 W Wisconsin Ave.Zoom Only Kaukauna, WI	
3	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	<a href="http://wiaadistrict3.org">wiaadistrict3.org</a> for details Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Chrch 293 S Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225 Menominee, WI	
6	Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:45 PM	Club 76 Chippewa Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00PM	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI	
8	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.,, Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	First American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St Oconto, WI	
10	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus St Rhineland, WI	
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12	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue ZoomAlso Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30pm	PIRC Partners in Recovery Club 410 Lakeshore Dr West Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St New Richmond, WI	
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16					
17	Monday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI	
18	Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	106 N Main St Zoom 439 255 9096 Ishpeming, MI	
19					
20	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	Check website at <a href="http://www.district20area74aa.org">www.district20area74aa.org</a> Germfask, MI	
21	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm	Portage Lake United Church 1400 E Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Weds	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	1-712-775-7031 and the passcode is 983009	
24	Weds	1 <sup>st</sup>	8:00pm	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI	

**Area 74 Assembly Minutes**

**Saturday May 15th, 2021**  
**Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI**

Meeting opened at 9:03am

Roll Call

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

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

**DCM's:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23,

**Past Delegates that are present today:** 39 - Karen, 56 - Jeff C, 62 - Marty L, 64 - Mary Jo R, 66 - Derek T, 68 - Sara P

Approval of Minutes (04/10/2021)

**Area Officer Reports – See Appendix 1**

Secretary – no questions

Registrar – no questions

Treasurer – Question on the YTD “other revenue” seed money returned and should be taken off report.

Delegate –

**Delegates report from 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference**

- Question – Who is giving people in custody the e-book?
- – The institutions are doing that; AA is ensuring AA literature is on the appropriate platforms.
- Presentation on financial – PowerPoint shown by delegate.
- Question – Cost \$7.34 per member to cover expenses, how much is Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan paying per member?
- Historically ECR is low and at or near bottom, the numbers will be coming out in final report.
- Who covers the Grapevine shortfall?
  - There is money allocated in the prudent reserve drawdown that is money specifically set aside to cover the cost in the drawdown.
- 2020 Membership is 1.5 million people – how is that determined?
  - Public Information puts out a survey that occurs triannually.
- Where do we send mail in contributions to the Area 74?
  - PO Box 1191, Appleton, WI – N&T is a source for info regarding the Area
- Was there more discussion on the power of the purse and concerns of individual contribs vs. group contribs?
  - It was not thoroughly discussed.
- Is this (increased level of individual contributions) a trend from previous years or were people just stepping up because groups were not stepping up during pandemic?
  - It has been increasing yearly for a number of years. A motion was made to discuss the mechanics of contribs.
- Comment – hard to put in perspective the idea of the power of the purse when in my group has attempted to exercise it at our Area that is not being addressed at the Area level.

**Advisory Actions – Discussion**

CPC

- Question asked on what “events” our delegate was referring to in her question to the GSC regarding on the “LinkedIn Page”.
- Events such as remote communities etc are listed.
  - How do you feel the conference body is addressing accessibility?
- It is huge. Many people working hard on inclusion and making things inclusive.

Corrections

- What was said to sway the body in the minority opinion?
- Frothy, emotional appeal
  - I love that the minority opinion changed the vote, it is a sign of a higher power and as an active member in corrections I am really happy that this passed.

Finance No discussion

Grape Vine & La Vina No discussion

Policy and Admin No discussion

Public Information No discussion

## Report & Charter No discussion

### Treatment & Accessibilities

- Did you have a chance to ask why you didn't get to listen to all 3 recordings?
- o It was asked by another conference member.

### Trustees

- I noticed in the first round of trustees, you voted no. Can you talk about how the slate comes into existence and why you voted no.
- o Copy and paste error. Delegate reports she voted in favor of the slate and not no as reflective in the report.
- o The class B regional trustees are voted on. Class A trustees are friends of AA; judges, lawyers, clergy, accountants – people who have been impacted by AA. Class A trustees are able to choose their own replacements and after review the slate of people are brought forward to the conference body.
  - Our new chair rotated off of the board and rotated back on?
- o Yes, it does happen.

### Literature

- Clarification – Delegate voted in favor of changing the pamphlet for the black and African American pamphlet
- Clarification on committee and floor votes on the issue of sponsorship and same sex.
- o Delegate stated she voted no both in committee and on the floor.
  - Clarification on the no vote – did you want to stick with the original wording or more information acquired?
- o Delegate preferred to keep the original wording and reminded people that it is just a suggestion.
  - Has there been a title suggested? – No
  - How does this not “change” the first 164 pages?
- o I don't know
  - Can you explain what moved you to vote in opposition to the will of Area 74?
- o In review of notes Area 74 was not overwhelmingly in favor of it.
  - Can you explain who is doing the translating of the book into simplified language?
- o I do not know who is qualified to do the translation or who will be doing it.
  - Can you clarify some floor actions – the Grapevine Committee wanted more work done on these – can you explain the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor action moving it to the board.
- o Many of us were confused and that this was clarifying for the board on which way the conference felt about which version of the preamble should be used.
  - Do you feel the Zoom platform made it things worse or amplified voices?
- o I don't have anything to compare it to. The number of “point of orders” seemed excessive.

### **Old Business – See appendix 2**

#### Area 74 Inventory Follow Up

- o Question from Delegate regarding what happens with the results of the inventory.
  - Committee will bring forward “next steps” based on results from survey.

#### How we do Business Motion

- o Request to withdraw the motion from originator

#### Presentation on updated Guidelines

- o Will the wording regarding treatment/accessibilities and ASL be brought forward to conference planning committees?
  - On-going document and those changes can come out of specific committees.
- o In 2.06 – does transferring \$100 per month allow for more than \$100 to be transferred?
  - A motion could be made if the money was available to transfer more otherwise \$100 per month
- o Is it necessary for us to vote on these since they have already been voted on and passed?
  - The guidelines state changes to the document need to be voted on.
- o MOTION: Motion from Structures and Guidelines:
  - “We make a motion to approve the changes to the Area 74 Guidelines as recommended by the Structures and Guidelines Committee.”
  - Passed 29 – yes, 2 – no
    - Minority
      - o Observation in the finance area of more and more to micromanagement.
      - o Numerical numbering of pages also show “2”

#### Follow up on CAB Passed Motions - Present formats for Agendas.

- o This is being worked on, nothing to vote on yet.

## New Business

- Fall 2021 Election Assembly Update
- o ECR trustee has been contacted and is holding a date and question regarding in person vs. virtual
- o What do we do with our elections?
  - Support the Chair's prerogative and moving forward.
  - If the trustee can attend via Zoom – great if not move forward
  - When we take roll call we are either present or absent – regardless of in person or in Zoom
  - Polling question in Zoom anonymous or public
- Chair made decision to hold election in Three Lakes/Hybrid on 9/18/21.

## Conference Updates / Including Bids

Spring 2021 Conference Cancelled. Virtual Speakers on Zoom

- o Self-supporting via virtual basket

Fall 2021 (Open)

Spring 2022 (District 13)

District 13 is hosting the Area 74 Spring Conference on the dates of May 20-22, 2022 at the AmericInn in Ashland Wisconsin. A new updated flyer with the registration form will be on the Area 74 website within a month or so. We have no hard copies here today.

The registration, banquet and hotel costs are all the same as we had planned for the spring 2020 conference which was cancelled. We have secured our speakers, entertainment, banquet meals and logistics for the Area needs as well as the pleasure of our AA and Alanon participants.

Our budget is based on 200 registrations so we are counting on all of you coming to Ashland to celebrate the return of Area 74 conferences. We did accept \$2,000.00 seed money from the Area 74 treasurer for our cash flow needs. Thank you in advance for early registrations and participation in this event next year.

Marty L Conference Planning Chair District 13

Fall 2022 (Open)

Spring 2023(District 01)

Fall 2023 (Open)

Meeting closed at 3:14pm

## Appendix 1

### Secretary's Report:

More will be revealed – and this week – that seems to be our faces! I am excited and optimistic that the next time gather it will be entirely in person – with handshakes, hugs, laughter, and smiles! This warms my heart. My apologies to the CPC Committee for omitting part of their report in the April Assembly.

It is not too early to start thinking about the upcoming elections and any of you DCM's, committee chairs or other would like to be of service by serving as secretary please reach out to me so I can tell you more about it. I will also be recruiting.

Thank you for trusting me as your servant.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Area 74 – Secretary

### Registrar Report

- Not a lot new to report, since we just did this last month.
- Follow-up session with GSO on May 11 to answer questions/concerns now that registrars have had a few months to use the Fellowship Connection software package. Not much earth shaking out of that.
- Still trying to figure out the best way to handle online meetings.
- Still random delays between when I change data and when it actually appears, sometimes instantaneously, sometimes weeks later. There are also delays if GSO needs to approve certain items.
- I continue to try and keep Area contact list up to date, BASED ON WHAT I KNOW.
- Please fill out the "Group Change Form" for any new GSRs and send to me.



- Phil asked me to do a write up for archives about being a registrar in these crazy times with the pandemic and the software changeover.

I have not forgotten and will get him that soon.

- Thanks for allowing me to be of service.
- Treasurer Report

Main Menu		Year To Date 04-01-2021 - 04-30-2021	
<b>CARRYOVER FROM 2020</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2020		\$35,710.70	
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$	5.00	
Carryover prudent reserve		\$3,000.00	
<b>TTL CARRYOVER 2020</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>38,715.70</b>	
<b>REVENUE SUMMARY</b>			
Group Contributions			3,977.20
* Other Revenue *			79.75
Anniversary & Individual Contributions			58.00
<b>YTD Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>4,114.95</b>
<b>* OTHER REVENUE *</b>			
Interest Income	\$		0.75
Refreshment Contributions			79.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference			-
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss			-
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference			-
Fall 2019 Conference Gain			-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>79.75</b>
<b>EXPENSE SUMMARY</b>			
Chair Expenses	\$		1,787.43
Committee Expenses			603.71
Other Expenses			4,946.68
<b>YTD Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>7,337.82</b>
<b>OFFICER &amp; CHAIR EXPENSES</b>			
Delegate	\$		1,000.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate			316.00
Treasurer			140.00
Registrar			-
Secretary			-
Archives			-
Corrections MI			60.00
Corrections WI			-
CPC			-
Finance			206.43
Grapevine			45.00
Literature			-
Now & Then			-
Public Information			-
Structures & Guidelines			-
Treatment			20.00
<b>YTD Chair Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>1,787.43</b>
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>			
Archives	\$		-
Area Chair/Alt Delegate			-
Corrections Committee MI			-
Corrections Committee WI			-
CPC Committee			59.90
Finance Committee			203.81
Grapevine Committee			-
Literature Committee			-
Now & Then Committee			-
Public Information Committee			-
Registrar Committee			-
Secretary Committee			-
Structures & Guidelines Committee			-
Treatment Committee			340.00
<b>YTD Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>603.71</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			
Bal-Checking Account April 30, 2021			\$34,569.83
Outstanding Checks			\$2,082.00
<b>CHECKING BALANCE April 30, 2021</b>			<b>\$32,487.83</b>
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit			\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 1, 2021			\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS April 30, 2021</b>			<b>\$35,492.83</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF</b>			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2020			\$35,710.70
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit			5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve			3,000.00
YTD Total Revenue			4,114.95
YTD Total Expense			7,337.82
			<b>\$35,492.83</b>
<b>Prudent Reserve Activity</b>			
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance			\$3,000.00
YTD Accrued Interest			0.38
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking			0.38
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve			-
<b>Current Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS</b>			
YTD Total Revenue	\$		4,114.95
YTD Total Expenses			7,337.82
<b>YTD Net Gain (or Loss)</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>(3,222.87)</b>
<b>GROUP PARTICIPATION</b>			
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2021			644
Institutional Groups			23
Groups Contributing			50
			<b>8.05%</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>			
Seat Delegate	\$		1,800.00
Registrar Internet			-
Rent - ACM / Assembly			-
Treats - ACM / Assembly			38.57
Conference Seed Money			2000.00
Other Misc Expenses			300.00
ECR Conference			-
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)			-
ECR Forum			-
CDPP - Trustee Election			-
International Convention			-
International Hospitality Room			-
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense			808.11



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, N&T, Lit., PI, 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 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>
  - 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
  - o 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**
  - o 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.
  - o **Vote to Reconsider passed Yes – 16, No – 5**
- o What is the reasoning for the ACM to review the information prior to the assembly – are we trying to change the structure?
  - The 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
- o **Motion Withdrawn**
- **Motion “Inventory results be presented at next available assembly”**
  - o Coordinate time with facilitator is within the scope of the ACM.
  - o 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 12<sup>th</sup>

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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 meeting 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](mailto: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](http://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 meetings 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 of 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Chequamegon 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

# Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda

Saturday August 7th, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Zoom **Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144** 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM CST

10:00 AM CST

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call

**Approve Minutes** from 05-16-2021 Area Committee Meeting

Draft minutes were sent out via email by the Secretary

## **Reports:**

DCM Reports

Delegates Report

## **Unfinished Business:**

Further discussion on “where we go from here” as it relates to our meeting format. (see page 2 and 3 of the draft ACM Minutes from 5-6-2021)

## **New Business:**

Approve Agenda Election Assembly 9-18-21

Review timeline response to a letter sent from District 18

Discussion points from District 07

Will masks be required at election assembly in Three Lakes? Will there be Covid testing?

Will there be vaccination validation checks?

Next ACM meeting on 9-19-2021. Live or Zoom? **Workshop or Presentation** (TBD and if time allows)



# Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Conference

## Area 74 A.A. Organization

With locations in Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Dates: May 20 – 22, 2022

Hosted by District 13 with AA meetings in Ashland and Bayfield Counties

**Held At:** AmericInn  
3009 Lake Shore Drive E.  
Ashland, WI 54806

Room Reservations: (715) 682-9950  
Room Rate: \$ 114.99 + tax per night  
Website: [www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland)

### Friday

Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker- Panel 72 Delegate evening event To Be Determined, and ice cream social.

### Saturday

Area 74 Assembly Meeting: 9:00am -3:30pm  
A.A and Alanon panels during the day.

Afternoon: Al-Anon Speaker -

Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –  
DJ entertainment after the speaker.

### Sunday

Area 74 Committee Meeting: 8:00am to 10:00am  
Morning after committee meeting: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –

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

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Only (\$ 20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet (\$ 25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about service opportunities

\_\_\_\_\_ Special room/banquet accommodations (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Makes checks payable to: Area 74 Spring Conference, mail to: 11090 E. Lund Road Maple, WI 54854.  
For more information, contact Marty L. at (715) -363-2418.



# Alcoholics Anonymous

District 21, Area 74 Intergroup

**Saturday August 21, 2021**  
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
56512 Rockland Street  
Calumet, Michigan

**Welcome to the Keweenaw!**



**★ Great food & fellowship!**

**★ Door prizes!**

**★ Book & literature sale!**

**Schedule:**

4:00 pm Corrections  
5:00 pm GSR  
6:00 pm Potluck Supper – bring a dish to pass  
7:00 pm Speakers

**Directions from Hancock, Michigan:**

1. Head North on Highway 41 to Calumet
2. Turn right on Rockland Street (just before River Valley Bank)
3. The church and parking lot will be on your right
4. If you get to the traffic light, you've gone too far!  
(Turn right at the light and then right on Rockland.)

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