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Delegate's Corner

Hello, Area 74,

I hope this message finds you with a grateful heart. Area 74 held its Election for the next rotation of trusted servants on Saturday September 18, 2021, via hybrid format. Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to all those willing to serve. Congratulations! I would like to take a moment and say a special Thank you to Dave K. who has been our Zoom/Tech/Audio/Video wizard this year as we navigate the hybrid platform. Thank you to our current Alternate Delegate/Area Chair -incoming Panel 72 Delegate Bryon B. who has allowed us to use his personal equipment to make this happen. The October 30, 2021 Assembly will include a discussion on continuing with this format in 2022. Items to be discussed are the cost to purchase the necessary equipment and who exactly is going to be handling the setup, operation, and tear down of the system. Who is willing to arrive really early and stay late? We are asking the groups to have a discussion and let us know your thoughts through your elected General Service Representative.

Area 74 was represented in the most recent issue of the Grapevine. A member submitted a photo of their meeting place. This was the second photo, that I am aware of, in recent months. This feature of the Grapevine has always been one of my favorites. The photos all reflect a safe place to share our experience, strength and hope. A gathering space with a singleness of purpose. People coming together to support each other with a hug, elbow tap or a wink of an eye. There was a day when a member of my home group arrived at the meeting in tears. I walked over and gave her a hug and walked away without saying a word. She later said that this simple act meant so much because she was not ready to share what was happening yet felt supported. We do not have to do this alone.

I also want to say congratulations to Don L for 50 years of Sobriety. Perhaps we may want to carve out some space in our Newsletter to acknowledge these milestones.

As many groups and Districts are holding elections, I also wish to say thank you and congratulations to those who are willing to serve our fellowship.

Char V.

Panel 70 Area 74 Delegate Northern Wisconsin/UP Michigan

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FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR

Good Day to All,

During my recovery I have learned from our literature, and have been taught by my sponsor, that I should do the right thing without any thought of reward or recognition. I do not always live up to that ideal, but it is something that I strive for. My Sponsor told me to look for ways to be helpful to someone or do a little extra at work, then stay anonymous. As an example, I could unload the dishwasher and clean the kitchen floor without being asked, and then keep my mouth shut. Those actions early on in my recovery helped me to learn how to become unselfish and not think about myself all the time.

We recently held the hybrid version of the Area 74 Election Assembly in Three Lakes. There were a lot of AA servants who helped with the elections. None of them did it for recognition or reward, they were doing it because it was the right thing to do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service. They are Dave K, Terri B, Brent H, Char V, Gary S, Derek T, and Marty L.

And thank you to everyone who attended on Zoom or in person. You all showed up to do the next right thing.

Bryon B
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**Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury
P.O. BOX 1191 Appleton, WI 54912-1191**

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

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

Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

DATES TO REMEMBER 2021		
10/30/2021	Fall Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
11/19/21/2021	ECR Forum	Virtual Forum by GSO www.aa.org
12/11/2021	Area Comm Meeting	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI

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

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

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

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

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Passcode: 1212144

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

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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 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

DISTRICT MEETINGS October 2021 LIST					
DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	14 th	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	10 th	2:00PM	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main St. Zoom Only Kaukauna, WI	
3	Thursday	21 st	5:30 PM	wiaadistrict3.org for details Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	7 th	6:30 PM	ZOOM 824 2227 0300	
5	Weds	13 th	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225 Menominee, WI	
6	Thursday	21 st	7:45 PM	Club 76 Chippewa Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	17 th	5:00PM	First Church of Christ 111 S. 2nd St Colby, WI	
8	Tuesday	5 th	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St. Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	3 rd	2:00pm	St Augustine Catholic Church 507 Church st Oconto, WI	
10	Saturday	9 th	9:00AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus st Rhinelander, WI	
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
12	Saturday	9 th	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Zoom Also Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	4 th	5:00pm	PIRC Partners in Recovery Club 410 Lakeshore Dr West Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	10 th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St New Richmond, WI	
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16	Saturday		11:00 AM	Ontonagon United Methodist Church 109 Greenland Ontonogan, WI	
17	Monday	25 th	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI	
18	Saturday	2 nd	11:00am	106 N Main St Zoom 439 255 9096 Ishpeming, MI	
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Saturday	2 nd	11:00 am	Check website at www.district20area74aa.org Germfask, MI	
21	Thursday	7 th	6:00pm	Portage Lake United Church 1400 E Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	7 th	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th Ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Sunday	3 rd	6:30pm	1-712-775-7031 and the passcode is 983009	
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Area 74 Area Committee Meeting
Saturday August 7th, 2021
Minutes

Meeting opened at 10:03am with prayer and housekeeping.

Roll call; **Area Officers:** Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer,

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

DCM's: 1 2 4 5 6 8 10 13 20 23

Minutes approved from 5/16/21 ACM.

Reports:

DCM Reports – see appendix 1

Delegates Report – no written 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 5-16-2021)

- Secretary shared that with the uncertainty going forward hybrid seems to be the best option.
- DCM shared that would prefer to be hybrid as he is Covid positive and would not be able to attend due to quarantine and safety.
- Another comment for hybrid.
- DCM shared that hybrid is an option we should follow.
- Chair shared that we will be hybrid (if orders/ordinances allow) and continue to discuss as we go forward.

New Business:

Approve Agenda Election Assembly 9-18-21

- There was a question of if reports are given at the election assembly or not – should the reports be after?
 - o Motion made to have area officer reports be after election if time allows – motion was seconded.
 - Suggestion that written reports be given to be included in minutes.
 - Motion passed 15 – 1
 - Minority stated that reports are not necessary, and the election should just be the election.
 - Vote to reconsider
 - o Do we need to be voting on this? Seems like an oversight for the chair.
 - o Chair stated we will move forward with the process
 - o Vote to reconsider passes 16 – 0
- Motion withdrawn
- Chair put forth a new agenda
 - Agenda passed 17 – 0

Question on ECR Trustee participating in our election

- o She is not traveling and may appear virtually.

Review timeline response to a letter sent from District 18

- Chair shared a written response based on the minutes.
- Question on did we answer the question put forward.
 - o Chair stated that many answers are in the minutes.

- Comment about excess money in our funds may have led to the motion being put forward.
- Comment in favor of Brian's response and that the answer may not satisfy them, and we decided to send them money.
- Right of participation and they could have participated in the discussion.
- Response will be sent with vote totals added.

Discussion points from District 07

Will masks be required at election assembly in three lakes?

- Chair stated he is unsure of what policies will be at the time of the election.

Will there be Covid testing?

- Chair stated this is outside the scope of the committee.

Will there be vaccination validation checks?

- Chair stated this is outside the scope of the committee.
- Statement made that our obligation is to comply with any local laws and ordinances.

Next ACM meeting on 9-19-2021. Live or Zoom?

- Motion made to have ACM meeting on 9/19/21 to be Zoom
 - 2nded
 - Motion passed 20 – 0

Inventory Committee sent a report and raw data which can be freely distributed to GSRs, members, etc. Please distribute so when time to discuss it occurs, members are informed.

Structures and Guideline update: changes from Finance Committee

- A change in the finance committee needs to be brought to the Assembly to vote.
INSERT change!!!!

Now and Then Co-Chair

- Request to put Recovery on the River Flyer in the Now & Then
 - Question on if it is appropriate to print in the Now & Then
 - Question on what is a round-up?
 - Chair shared what his experience with roundups are.
 - Question on is it an AA event?
 - Put this is on for discussion for AA assembly.
 - Comment made that this should be included already from previous discussions.
 - Comment made regarding the Guidelines on our Area website in what should be posted or not.
 - Will be put on new business for upcoming Assembly.

Chair brought forward idea on how to begin to study the 12 Concepts as a workshop or presentation

- DCM commented that they have been going over the concepts on the DCM call

Finance Chair mentioned it is budget season

Meeting closed with responsibility statement at 12:21pm

Area 74 Election Assembly
Saturday September 18th, 2021
Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI -Hybrid
Minutes

Meeting opened at 9:01

Roll Call: **Area Officers:** Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, **Committee Chairs:** CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Treatment

DCM's: 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 12 13 17 18 20 21 23

Past Delegates that are present today:

54 - Torv T, 62 - Marty L, 66 - Derek T, 68 - Sara P

Leadership of AA read from ECR trustee

Voting body eligibility read from Area 74 Guidelines

Elections:

Delegate, 2 nominations – Bryon B and Nicholas S

1st ballot: Bryon - 25, Nicholas – 16, Bryon received 61%, move to 2nd ballot

2nd ballot: Bryon – 27 Nicholas – 11, Bryon received 71% and is elected to delegate

Question on vote totals and motion made to redo the 2nd vote, 2nded, Nicholas withdrew his nomination for Delegate.

Alt-Delegate / Chair, 1 nomination – Nicholas

1st ballot: Nicholas elected by acclamation

Treasurer, 3 nomination – Brent H, Dean C, Mike H

1st ballot: Brent H – 15, Dean C – 18, Mike H - 9 – Nobody received 2/3, move to 2nd ballot

2nd ballot: Brent H – 15, Dean C – 20, Mike H – 7 – Mike did not receive 20% and is removed from ballot – move to 3rd ballot

3rd ballot: Brent H - 15, Dean C – 26 – nobody receives 2/3 vote, move to 4th ballot

4th ballot: Brent H - 10, Dean C – 33 – which is 76.7% and is elected

Secretary, 1 nomination – Terri B,

1st ballot: Terri elected by acclamation

Registrar, 1 nomination – Kathy P

1st ballot: Kathy elected by acclamation

Archives Chair, 1 nomination – Bob H

Vote Results: Bob elected by acclamation

Correctional Institutions Chair MI, 1 nomination – Bill L

Vote Results: Bill elected by acclamation

Correctional Institutions Chair WI – 1 nomination – Dani M

Vote Results: Dani elected by acclamation

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair – 1 nomination – Kevin W

Vote Results: Kevin elected by acclamation

Literature Chair – 2 nominations – Bill D and Mike H

Vote Results: Bill - 27, Mike – 15 – Bill is elected

Public Information Chair – 1 nomination, Mike H

Vote Results: Mike H elected by acclamation

Treatment/Accessibilities Chair – 1 nomination, Dan S

Vote Results: Dan elected by acclamation

Grapevine Chair – 1 nomination and appointed Char V

Now and Then Editors – current editors confirmed

Finance Committee Member – 1 nomination, Shane S

Vote Results: Shane elected by acclamation

Finance Committee Member – no nominations

Structures and Guidelines Committee Members (2-year rotation) – 2 nominations, Sunny L and

Marybeth S

Vote Results: Sunny & Marybeth elected to the 2 2-year positions

Structures and Guidelines Committee Members (1-year rotation) – no nomination

Conference Updates

Spring 2022

District 13, hosting the Area 74 Spring Conference on May 20-22, 2022 has all the planning in place to provide a great gathering for the Area. The only variable will be attendance, so plan on being there for the event. We have our new Panel 72 Delegate speaking Friday night, our Saturday speaker is a dual resident of Texas and Washburn, WI and a great local Sunday speaker.

Our only financial concern is the banquet and fulfilling our obligations on numbers participating, therefore, it is a possibility that pre-registered banquet seats that don't attend may not be reimbursed. Full participation by AA and Alanon members will eliminate that concern.

We look forward to seeing you all in person in Ashland in May. The registration form can be printed from the Area74.org website. See you that in May! Thank you for allowing us to serve the Area. Marty L. Conference planning chair.

Fall 2022 Open

Spring 2023 Occurring May 19-21, 2023

Fall 2023 open

Spring 2024 open

Meeting closed at 1:42pm

**Agenda for Area 74 Fall Assembly
Saturday October 30th, 2021
Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI
Zoom Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882
Passcode: 1212144**

8:30 a.m. – **Orientation conducted by Past Delegate**

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome, Opening Remarks, and Housekeeping**

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

Area Officer Reports

Secretary

Registrar

Treasurer

Delegate

Standing Committee reports

Lunch 1 hour or as determined by Chair

Old Business

Inventory Report from Ad Hoc Committee

Elections for Vacant Area 74 positions

Where do we go from here. Hybrid , live ,Zoom

New Business

2022 Dates to Remember

Budget for 2022

Structures and Guidelines - vote on changes to Guidelines

Now and Then Request to discuss Flyers of AA related events

Assembly Confirmation for Co-Treasurer and Alternate Secretary

Conference Updates / Including Bids

WICYPAA Report

Spring 2021 Report

Spring 2022 District 13

Fall 2022 Open

Spring 2023 District 01

Fall 2023 Open

Spring 2024 Open

4:00– Closing & Wrap up

Year To Date 08-01-2021 - 08-31-2021

CARRYOVER FROM 2020	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2020	\$35,710.70
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$ 5.00
Carryover prudent reserve	\$3,000.00
TTL CARRYOVER 2020	\$ 38,715.70

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	
Delegate	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	426.00
Treasurer	180.00
Registrar	-
Secretary	-
Archives	-
Corrections MI	95.00
Corrections WI	-
CPC	-
Finance	281.43
Grapevine	45.00
Literature	79.40
Now & Then	20.00
Public Information	15.00
Structures & Guidelines	-
Treatment	20.00
YTD Chair Expenses \$	2,161.83

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	\$ 89.66
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	10.00
Corrections Committee MI	-
Corrections Committee WI	-
CPC Committee	100.96
Finance Committee	258.81
Grapevine Committee	-
Literature Committee	68.00
Now & Then Committee	500.00
Public Information Committee	25.74
Registrar Committee	-
Secretary Committee	-
Structures & Guidelines Committee	-
Treatment Committee	340.00
YTD Committee Expenses \$	1,393.17

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	\$ 1,800.00
Registrar Internet	
Rent - ACM / Assembly	
Treats - ACM / Assembly	71.54
Conferece Seed Money	2000.00
Other Misc Expenses	450.00
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

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	9,760.88
* Other Revenue *	1,180.25
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	108.00
YTD Total Revenue \$	11,049.13

* OTHER REVENUE *	
Interest Income	\$ 1.12
Refreshment Contributions	119.65
Seed Money Return Spring 2021 Conference	1,059.48
Spring 2020 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Seed Money Return Fall 2021 Conference	-
Fall 2020 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Total Other Income \$	1,180.25

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 2,161.83
Committee Expenses	1,393.17
Other Expenses	5,129.65
YTD Total Expenses \$	8,684.65

TOTAL ASSETS	
Bal-Checking Account August 31, 2021	\$38,075.18
Outstanding Checks	
CHECKING BALANCE August 31, 2021	\$38,075.18
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 1, 2021	\$3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS August 31, 2021	\$41,080.18

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2020	\$35,710.70
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	3,000.00
YTD Total Revenue	11,049.13
YTD Total Expense	8,684.65
YTD Total Assets - Bank Proof	\$41,080.18

Prudent Reserve Activity	
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,000.00
YTD Accrued Interest	1.12
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking	1.12
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve	
Current Prudent Reserve Balance \$	3,000.00

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 11,049.13
YTD Total Expenses	8,684.65
YTD Net Gain (or Loss) \$	2,364.48

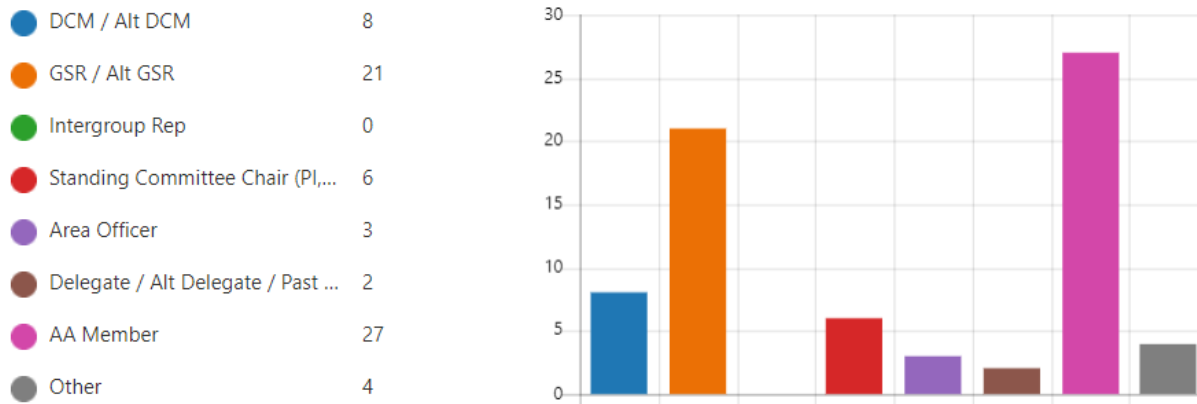
GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2021	644
Institutional Groups	23
Groups Contributing	101
Total Active Groups	16.26%

AREA 74 INVENTORY REPORT 7.14.21

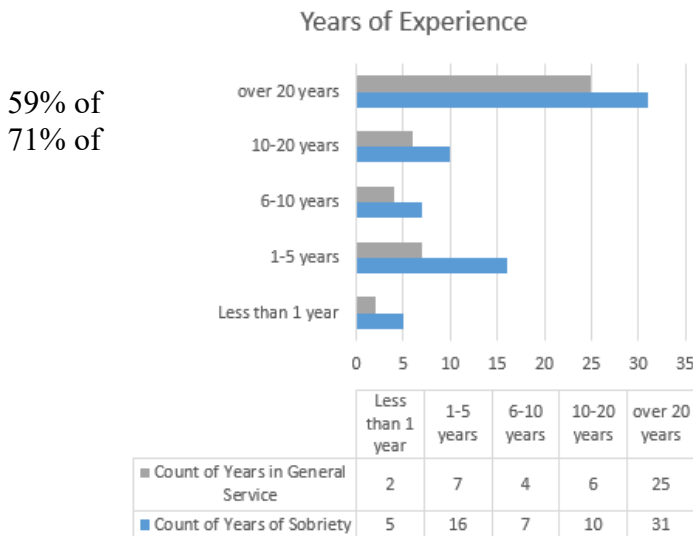
The Area 74 inventory process began with the appointment of an ad hoc Area Inventory Committee. The survey has been developed and is available for all members of AA within Area 74. The survey was available to the Area members from April 10 through April 30, 2021. The results have been compiled and below is the report from that ad hoc Area Inventory Committee.

The AA Group pamphlet describes a group inventory as an opportunity for members to work toward understanding how well the group is fulfilling its primary purpose. Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through A.A.’s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Many Areas conduct Area inventories on a regular basis to keep the focus on their primary purpose. The following questions, compiled by the subcommittee, were developed with Area 74 in mind.

1. What is your current service position?



2. How long has it been? (Years of Sobriety and Years of Service)



the respondents had over 10 years of sobriety
respondents have over 10 years of experience in General Service.

3. What is the primary purpose of Area 74?

“Area 74 is a resource to help Districts and their Groups reach the still suffering alcoholic.”

“To provide support and information to all groups and to be of service to the recovering community in helpful and informative ways.”

“Support the districts and liaise with the GSO....”

“elect a delegate”

“reminder we are part of a larger whole”

4. In your opinion, is Area 74 fulfilling its primary purpose?

*“Area 74 is doing an outstanding job at present and will continue to do so “
“I’m not sure”*

“Insist on the spirit of rotation, I feel there are some that overstay and force their agenda instead of listening and adapting. Spend the damn money on helping others.”

5. Based on your response to #4, what other actions can the Area take to better fulfill the Area's primary purpose?

“Better and more consistent information and contacts with groups and the recovering communities”

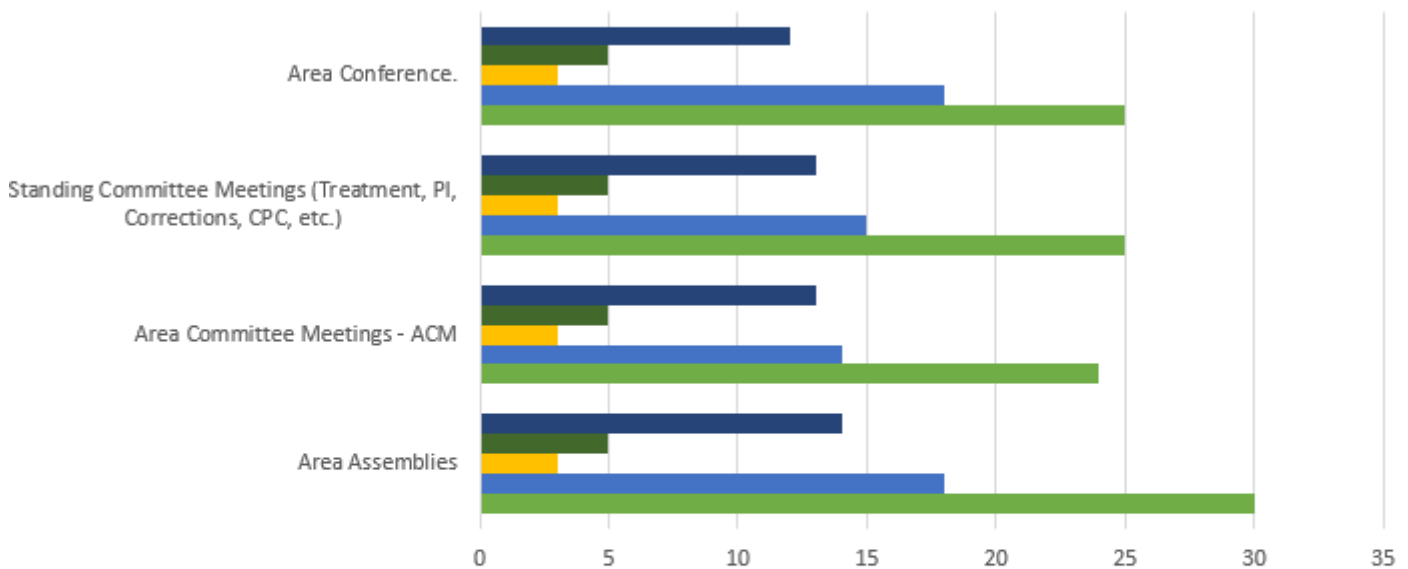
“greatly improved.....constantly improving in last year or two. More communication with group now.”

“Reverse the dialogue, find out what groups need by listening to GSR, DCM, rather than talking to those people”

“Too much time is lost through running 'business' meetings/gatherings/sessions, rather than focusing on helping the alcoholic. In everything we do, how does our work, our service help the alcoholic? Right now, I am eagerly waiting to end my service terms, exhausted from attending for years, assemblies ending in..."what exactly did we accomplish today?" We are losing basic principles which I 'grew up with'....perhaps I'm just too old to keep up with social changes.”

6. Tell us about your attendance over the past 2 years

Attendance at Area



	Area Assemblies	Area Committee Meetings - ACM	Standing Committee Meetings (Treatment, PI, Corrections, CPC, etc.)	Area Conference.
All	14	13	13	12
More than half, not all	5	5	5	5
About 1/2	3	3	3	3
1 or 2	18	14	15	18
I haven't attended	30	24	25	25

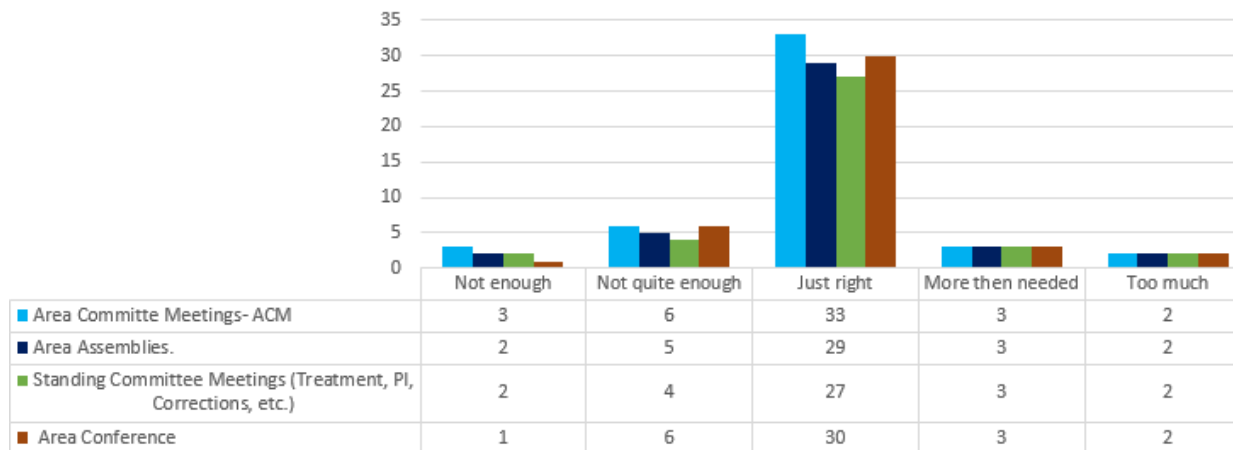
7. Based on your response above, please provide insight to your responses.

“If I commit to serving, I will do so to the best of my ability, and for more than 20 years I have tried to do that. At the same time, it has been hard for me to urge sponsees to engage in service work by attending Assemblies, etc. when, at the end of the day, we say... “what did we accomplish?” It is true that AA has helped save our lives through the Grace of God, but does that mean we should spend time doing things which accomplish little at the end of the day? This is a difficult area of contention.

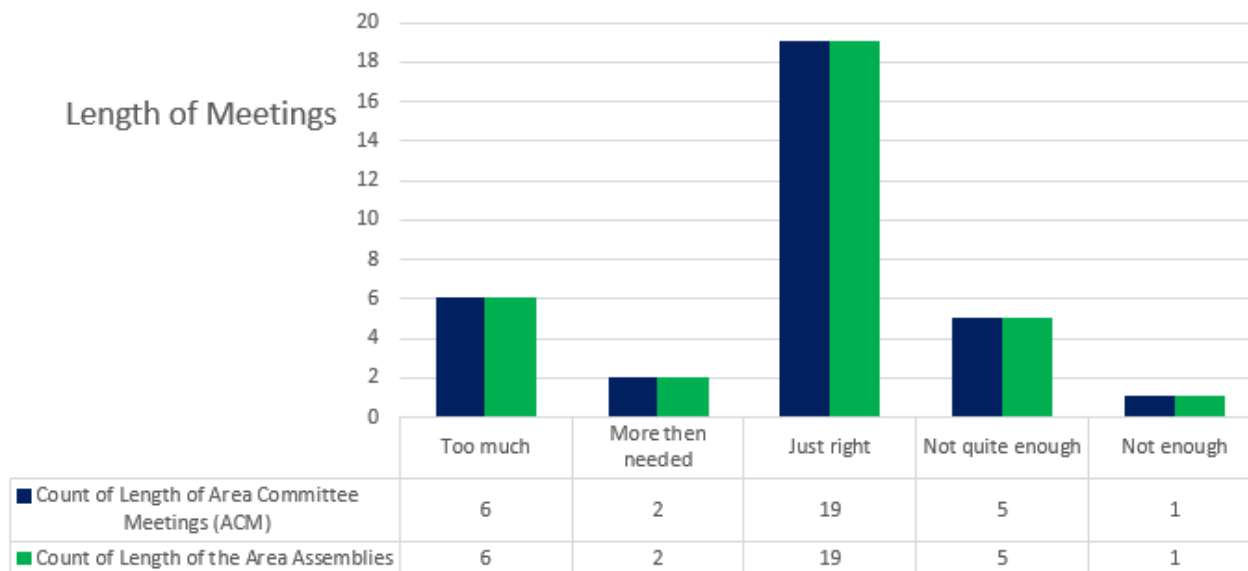
“I attend the service events that I am required to as a GSR. I have no interest in attending ACMs because the assemblies are plenty long and often disorganized and unable to follow a simple agenda.”
“My attendance has been limited. As a GSR I feel more need to focus on our district and supporting meetings.”
“It's is my responsibility to attend.”

8. Does Area 74 meet enough to provide services to the Area?

How Often We Meet



Length of Meetings



9. Based on your response above, please provide insight to your responses.

“We are unable to ever get all of our business done at a typical assembly, and I don't think it's an issue on how much time we have available to us so much as it is what we think is important business and how well we are at staying on topic and moving through our business.”

“When and where standing committees meet is a mystery to me so I really have no idea how to even respond to that.”

“Most recent experience was improvement in getting business conducted at the ACM in less time than previously experienced, not exactly sure why. It appeared to be less wasted time at the mic. Not has much redundancy.”

“The Area Process seems to function fine. I am aware of some issues from time to time but they always find good solutions and stay within AA principals etc.”

10. Is Area 74 responsive to the needs of the districts and groups?

60
Responses


3.18 Average Rating

11. Please explain your response in Question 10.

“It is pretty obvious that the average AA member is not even aware of the existence of the Area 74”

“When Area chairs are asked for help I think they are responsive.”

“To much over kill on guidelines.... There's no room for God's will.”

“Area 74 is doing an exceptional job in maintaining its connection area wide as well as to each individual AA group within.”

12. Is our Area 74 newsletter helpful for you in performing your service commitments?

59
Responses


3.85 Average Rating

13. Based on your response to question 12, what else would you like to see in the Now and Then?

“The best tool we have. I'd like to read past stories or comments. Local or otherwise.”

“The revision has been good”

“Not sure. I no longer receive the newsletter.”

“I feel more connected to the Area74 to pass it into the Groups”

14. In general, what is the purpose of the Area Standing Committees (PI, Treatment and Accessibilities, Finance, Public Information, Corrections, Archives, Structure and Guidelines, CPC, Literature, Grapevine)?

“I have no idea what our area standing committees do. If the purpose of our Area is to serve the district and groups, then I should think the standing committees would do so within the scope of their respective committee. I don't see this happening.”

“To work with Districts and their groups on providing 'service' specific to the committees' purpose. Meet, find out what needs are present, work on something. Get it done. Don't keep meeting just to 'hash' things out and keep doing that without accomplishing anything. Do something.”

“To provide all they can to be of help to everyone in need of information and help”

“To serve the committees of the districts with information about the specific topic/type of each committee to help them Carry the msg. “

15. In your opinion, are the standing committees fulfilling their purpose?

50

Responses



3.06 Average Rating

16. Based on your response to #15, what other actions can the Standing Committees take to better fulfill their purpose?

“It's doing an excellent job as.”

“Become active committees that meet regularly and not in secret. Be open to membership beyond those who are assigned a membership as a DCM or however that process works. Actively engage the districts, particularly dark or less active districts. Do write-ups for the newsletter. Hold workshops.”

“Have a person 'lead' the incoming standing committee chair. A new committee is formed and they may not know what to do. How do they start? Maybe we don't need some of the committees. Maybe some could be combined? Some committees have alternate rotations so there is never a totally new group making up a committee. Perhaps all should be like that. Major issue...lack of interest. Too many meetings. Life in general has an increase of meetings/gatherings to accomplish anything. Perhaps we have Over Dosed on meetings.”

“Focus on finding out what local needs are , rather than meeting and reporting on an agenda that is mostly not relevant to groups “

17. What do 7th Tradition contribution dollars mean in Area 74?

“Nothing. Contributions sit in a checking account where they accrue interest and accumulate over time. Districts and groups continue to send money to area because they do not understand the principle of self-support. Area does not need to be supported financially because it is not doing anything that requires support. It has plenty of money to support itself.”

“We simply need funds to conduct business these days. It is our life line. Would we exist if donations did not come in? I don't know that answer.”

“Very important. Skin in the game. Support the Area, that supports you.”

“They should provide basic support and a prudent reserve, all other dollars should flow back down to districts.”

18. Is Area 74 prudent with 7th Tradition contributions it receives?

59

Responses



3.42 Average Rating

19. Please provide some context for your answer to Question 18.

"I don't have any. Money right now is not an issue or a problem."

"Area 74 does not use funds casually, but I do wonder what percentage actually goes to support groups or Districts in 12th step efforts"

"Yes, by in large I think we do a pretty good job of being principled with the purse."

20. Do you think your input in this Area inventory will bring change?

● Yes	5
● Maybe	49
● No	16



21. Please provide context for your answer to #20.

"I don't feel that I am that helpful since I don't know much about Area things."

"I hope that Area 74 receives enough responses to be useful regarding any changes it considers making."

"I like what is going on; is there room for improvement? Yes, but as a whole I think it is fine"

22. Should we consider doing an inventory on a bi-annual basis?

● Yes	44
● No	25



7th Tradition - Revenue								
	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Budget)	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Budget)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)
Group Contributions	\$27,789.33	\$25,447.41	\$28,572.64	\$31,958.00	\$10,939.03	\$31,958.00	\$9,760.88	\$31,958.00
Other Revenue	\$3,622.62	\$4,372.68	\$5,053.21	\$2,500.00	\$2,137.73	\$2,500.00	\$1,213.25	\$2,500.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	\$874.00	\$251.00	\$352.40	\$350.00	\$172.00	\$350.00	\$108.00	\$350.00
Total Revenue	\$32,285.95	\$30,071.09	\$33,978.25	\$34,808.00	\$13,248.76	\$34,808.00	\$11,082.13	\$34,808.00
Clking Yearly Beginning Balance	\$8,958.03	\$8,635.60	\$14,463.06	\$13,000.00	\$32,173.28	\$13,000.00	\$35,710.70	\$13,000.00
Ttl Rev + Yrly Beginning Bal	\$41,243.98	\$38,706.69	\$48,441.31	\$47,808.00	\$45,422.04	\$47,808.00	\$46,792.83	\$47,808.00
Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses								
Officer Expenses	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Budget)	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Budget)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)
Delegate	\$2,373.37	\$1,664.00	\$1,840.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$1,297.50	\$878.00	\$655.00	\$1,300.00	\$248.00	\$1,300.00	\$603.00	\$1,300.00
Treasurer	\$567.47	\$364.00	\$200.00	\$700.00	\$30.00	\$700.00	\$180.00	\$700.00
Registrar	\$565.87	\$364.00	\$524.21	\$700.00	\$52.00	\$700.00	\$100.00	\$700.00
Secretary	\$851.30	\$360.50	\$370.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$63.00	\$700.00
Committee Chairs *	\$5,695.26	\$5,692.00	4,223.83	\$7,700.00	\$47.06	\$7,700.00	700.08	\$7,700.00
Officer / Chair Expense Sub-Total	\$11,350.77	\$8,958.50	\$7,813.04	\$13,700.00	\$1,677.06	\$13,700.00	\$2,646.08	\$13,700.00
Committee Expenses								
Committee Expenses	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Budget)	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Budget)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)
Archives	\$906.80	\$319.00	\$508.81	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$89.66	\$1,000.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$177.60	\$297.50	\$290.00	\$400.00	\$285.26	\$400.00	\$86.24	\$400.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$178.00	\$147.87	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$183.71	\$720.00	\$180.00	\$720.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$0.00	\$43.33	\$2.50	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
CPC Committee	\$1,025.98	\$568.76	\$366.16	\$1,070.00	\$22.00	\$1,070.00	\$100.96	\$1,070.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$1,081.89	\$638.15	\$821.65	\$1,190.00	\$445.74	\$1,190.00	\$258.81	\$1,190.00
Grapevine Committee	\$500.00	\$10.00	\$380.36	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Literature Committee	\$185.00	\$155.97	\$56.95	\$162.00	\$44.10	\$162.00	\$80.75	\$162.00
Now & Then Committee	\$6,060.32	\$6,950.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Public Information Committee	\$167.72	\$163.67	\$110.05	\$385.00	\$66.43	\$385.00	\$25.74	\$385.00
Registrar Committee	\$0.00	\$105.99	\$221.74	\$251.00	\$105.99	\$251.00	\$0.00	\$251.00
Secretary Committee	\$188.86	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$185.00
Struc & Guide Committee	\$599.87	\$207.82	\$279.59	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Treatment Committee	\$15.00	\$171.40	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$560.00	\$4,800.00	\$340.00	\$4,800.00
Committee Expenses Sub-Total	\$11,087.04	\$9,793.46	\$5,037.81	\$12,613.00	\$1,713.23	\$12,613.00	\$1,662.16	\$12,613.00
Other Expenses								
Other Expenses	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Budget)	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Budget)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)
Seat Delegate	4,600.00	\$1,800.00	1,800.00	\$1,800.00	1,800.00	\$1,800.00	1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Registrar Internet	-	-	-	\$120.00	-	-	-	\$120.00
Assembly & ACM rent	552.00	\$550.00	500.00	\$600.00	100.00	\$600.00	600.00	\$600.00
Assembly & ACM expenses	389.84	\$394.98	356.18	\$275.00	46.97	\$275.00	71.54	\$275.00
Conference seed money	3,000.00	\$2,000.00	-	\$2,000.00	2,000.00	\$2,000.00	2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Other Fee's/Misc Expenses	-	-	8.00	\$100.00	(0.01)	\$100.00	450.00	\$100.00
ECR Conference	225.00	\$150.00	375.00	\$750.00	-	\$750.00	-	\$750.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	746.05	-	378.00	-	-	-	-	-
East Central Regional Forum (EOY)	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years	150.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-	\$750.00	-	-	-	-
International Convention Hospitality	-	-	-	\$400.00	450.00	-	-	-
Room donation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sec/Reg computer/one time expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	808.11	-
Prudent Reserve Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses Sub-Total	\$9,962.89	\$4,894.98	\$3,417.18	\$8,495.00	\$4,396.96	\$8,495.00	\$5,729.65	\$8,495.00
Total Expenses	\$32,400.70	\$23,646.94	\$16,268.03	\$34,808.00	\$7,787.25	\$34,808.00	\$10,037.89	\$34,808.00
Total Revenue	\$32,285.95	\$30,071.09	\$33,978.25	\$34,808.00	\$13,248.76	\$34,808.00	\$11,082.13	\$34,808.00
End of Year Gain / Loss	(\$114.75)	\$6,424.15	\$17,710.22	-	\$5,461.51	-	\$1,044.24	-
Prudent Reserve	\$2,102.14	\$3,000.68	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

AREA 74 ARCHIVIST POSITION OPENING

DUE TO THE UNTIMELY AND UNFORTUNATE PASSING OF OUR AREA 74 ARCHIVIST, PHIL D. OF MARSHFIELD, WI, AREA 74 HAS AN OPENING FOR A DEDICATED MEMBER TO SERVE AS AREA 74 ARCHIVIST.

Section 10.00 The Area Archivist will be a non-rotating member of the Area Archives Committee; will be responsible for the collection, the documents, and artifactual items of Area 74; takes care of and maintains the physical integrity or condition of the collection; develops finding aids, so as to add to the collection; is responsible for ensuring the protection of members and the confidentiality of all AA records. An AA Archivist is the “keeper of the past.” The Archives Committee using the Archives workbook as a guide will select the Archivist and recommend to the Area Assembly for approval.



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Speaker

**Kris K. Area 75 Panel 69 Past Delegate – currently
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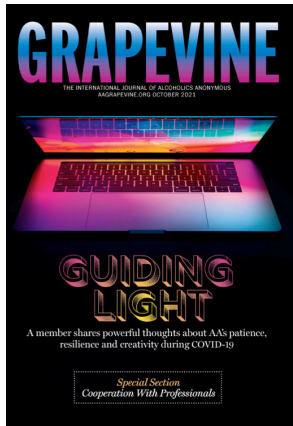
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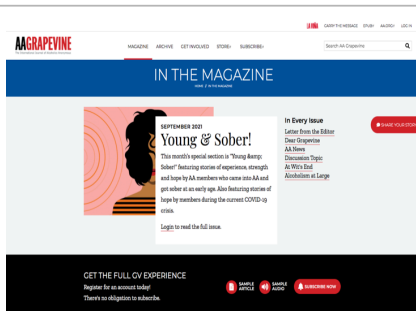
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