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Delegate's Corner

Hello, Area 74,

Welcome to the later part of 2021. It is now September, and the new rotation of trusted servants will be elected shortly. The elections will be held in Three Lakes, WI and we will have a virtual session open for those who cannot attend but want to stay active in our third legacy of service. Please invite those who have a desire to stop drinking. Our new East Central Regional Trustee will be joining us for the election Assembly. As always patience may be warranted as a hybrid election is new for us. We will work through it.

Our October Assembly will be packed with many important items including our 2022 budget and the inventory results. Thank you to the inventory committee for taking on the task.

As I am frequently saying, you must attend a Regional Forum, you will have the opportunity this November and you will not have to leave your house and, if you wish, stay in comfy clothes all weekend. We will be having a Virtual East Central Regional Forum November 19-21, 2021. More information will be forthcoming on this event. I do know that many of the region's Delegates will be hosting workshops and presentations along with presentations and Q&A from 4 General Service Office General Managers, 4 General Service Board Trustees (including your GSB Chair and Treasurer), 4 AA Grapevine, Inc. Publishers and Staff, 4 A.A. World Services, Inc. Directors, 4 G.S.O. Staff, 4 Your Region's Delegates — presentations and workshops, 4 Past Trustees Sharing Session on Sunday morning. Wow!

Looking into next year, Area 74 will host the East Central Regional Delegate's Past and Present Conference in Appleton, WI in February. This is being coordinated by Area 74 Past Delegates. We hope you will be able to join us in this event. We will be needing a few volunteers to help through the weekend. I hope you all had a chance to review the electronic Final Conference Report that was sent out to all. Did anyone find Area 74 showcased?

I am reminded of the creepy old dude who knows the exact words to say to help me in times of need. His soon to be sponsor told him, "You don't have to live the way you're living anymore if you don't want to." We have been given a solution. It is through this solution we have meet many amazing people. Our hearts are sad that we lost a few people recently. We can, however, be grateful they shared the solution, and they made a choice to not live the way they had been living! They have been servants. May Chuck and Phil rest in peace and know they left our hearts and minds full of great wisdom.

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,

Two ideas have been running through my head the last couple of days, acceptance and living in the present. The program of recovery in AA has helped me to accept the things that I cannot change and the fact that I cannot live in the past nor can I live in the future.

Before I made it into the rooms of AA I never thought about my death, but the fact is that our time on earth is limited. I pray the Serenity Prayer every morning as part of my routine and that process has helped me to accept that my time is limited, and I will die. For me, life is to be celebrated. It is OK to be sad when someone dies, that is expected, but we do not need to let it consume us.

In our literature we are reminded that we need to be “present” in our lives. That is where we can be of maximum service to our fellow Alcoholics and the rest of the world. I can learn from my past and I can plan for the future, but today is where I need to be.

Area 74 recently lost two good servants. Both servants lived in the moment and were of service to the AA community and the world at large. Both servants accepted the end of their lives with dignity and grace. I am so very grateful to have known them.

The next time we meet as a group will be our Election Assembly on September 18th. I hope to see as many as possible in attendance, either in person or online.

Bryon B

Area 74 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

DATES TO REMEMBER 2021		
9/17-19/2021	Area 74 Fall Conf	TBD
9/18/2021	Area Election Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI Hybrid Meeting in person & zoom.us info below
9/19/2021	Area Comm Meeting	Virtual Meeting Zoom.us info below
10/30/2021	Fall Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
11/19-21/21	ECR Virtual Regional Forum	Online Information will provided later. Registration begins 10/25/21
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:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZELYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

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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 September 2021 LIST**

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	9 th	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	12 th	2:00PM	1 st United Methodist 2300 W Wisconsin Ave. Zoom Only Kaukauna, WI	
3	Thursday	16 th	5:30 PM	wiaadistrict3.org for details Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	2 nd	6:30 PM	Peace Lutheran Chrch 293 S Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	8 th	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225 Menominee, WI	
6	Thursday	16 th	7:45 PM	Club 76 Chippewa Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	19 th	5:00PM	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI	
8	Tuesday	7 th	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	Aug 29 th	2:00pm	First American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St Oconto, WI	
10	Saturday	11 th	9:00AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus St Rhinelander, WI	
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12	Saturday	11 th	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue ZoomAlso Hayward, WI	
13	Tuesday	7 th	5:00pm	PIRC Partners in Recovery Club 410 Lakeshore Dr West Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	12 th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St New Richmond, WI	
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17	Monday	27 th	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI	
18	Saturday	11 th	10:00am	106 N Main St Zoom 439 255 9096 Ishpeming, MI	
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20	Saturday	4 th	11:00 am	United Methodist Church Germfask, MI	
21	Thursday	2 nd	6:00pm	Portage Lake United Church 1400 E Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	2 nd	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Weds	8 th	6:00pm	1-712-775-7031 and the passcode is 983009	
24	Weds	1 st	8:00pm	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI	

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	1210 E Grand Ave Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org 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	
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Agenda for Area 74 Election Assembly
Hybrid style
Saturday September 18th, 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

Note: lunch will be determined by the Chair

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs

Delegate

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair

Secretary

Registrar

Treasurer

Archives Chair

Correctional Institutions Chair MI

Correctional Institutions Chair WI

Grapevine Chair (outgoing Delegate accepts or declines)

Literature Chair

Public Information Chair

Now and Then Editors (confirmed by voting membership)

Treatment/Accessibilities Chair

Finance Committee member (two, past GSR or DCM)

Cooperation with Professional Community Chair

Structures and Guidelines Committee member(two, past GSR or past DCM)

Conference Updates / Including Bids

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 07-01-2021 - 07-31-2021

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	7,881.93
* Other Revenue *	1,180.25
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	108.00
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 9,170.18

* 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 July 31, 2021	\$36,196.23
Outstanding Checks	
CHECKING BALANCE July 31, 2021	\$36,196.23
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 1, 2021	\$3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS July 31, 2021	\$39,201.23

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	9,170.18
YTD Total Expense	8,684.65
	\$39,201.23

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	\$ 9,170.18
YTD Total Expenses	8,684.65
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$ 485.53

GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2021	644
Institutional Groups	23
Groups Contributing	95
	15.30%

Area Inventory Teaser

The Area 74 Inventory has been completed, and the committee is hoping to present the results to the Area at the October Area Assembly. The committee would like to thank everyone for their participation.

However, the committee would like to throw out some teaser questions for the next couple of issues of the Now and Then. If you would like to know the answer, what can I say—we will plan on seeing you at the assembly when the committee makes its report.

1st teaser question:

There were 73 respondents to this inventory. What is the average length of Sobriety for the respondents?

- a. 1-5 years
- b. 6-10 years
- c. 11-15 years
- d. 16-20 years
- e. Over 20 years

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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or

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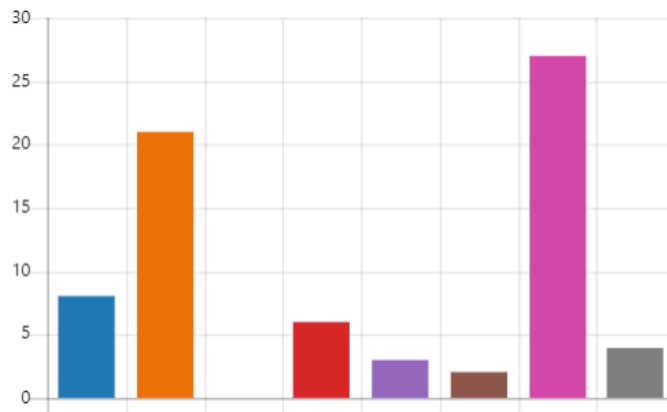
AREA 74 INVENTORY REPORT 7.14.21

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.

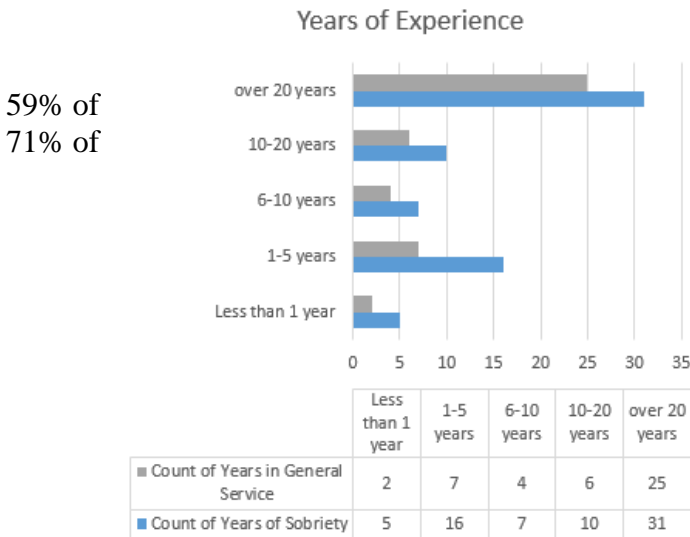
The AA Group pamphlet describes a group inventory as an opportunity for members to work toward understanding how well the group is fulfilling its primary purpose. Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics 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?

- DCM / Alt DCM 8
- GSR / Alt GSR 21
- Intergroup Rep 0
- Standing Committee Chair (PI,... 6
- Area Officer 3
- Delegate / Alt Delegate / Past ... 2
- AA Member 27
- Other 4



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



59% of
71% of

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 Are 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?

67

Responses



3.63 Average Rating

“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”

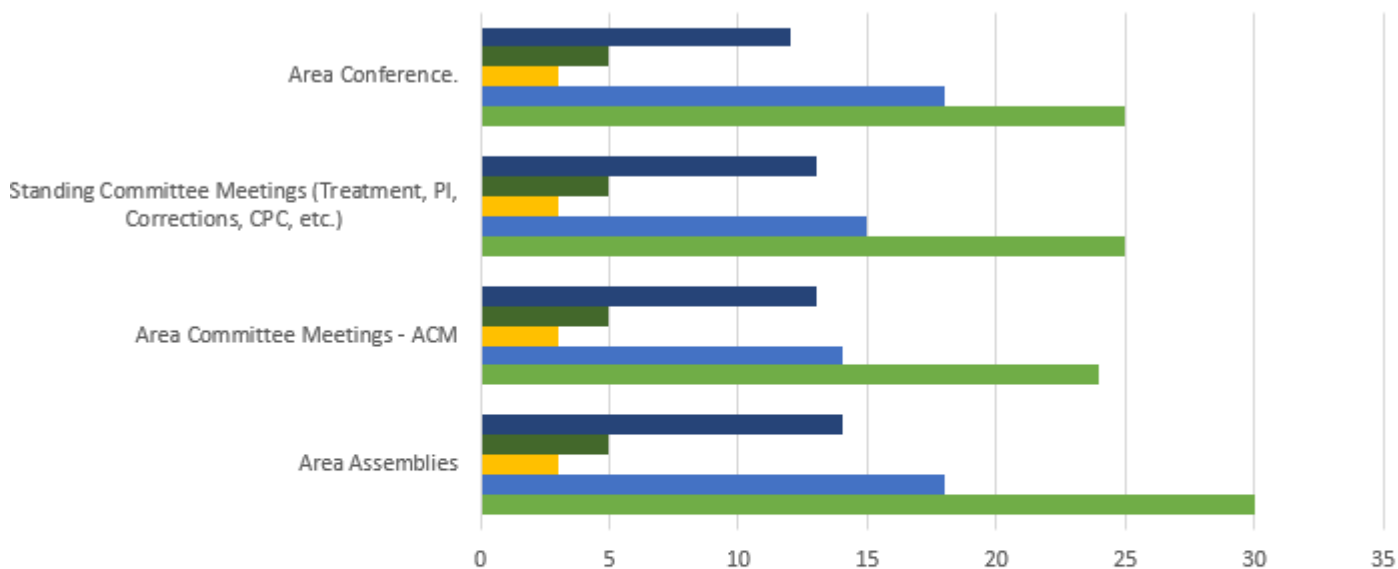
“greatly improved.....constantly improving in last year or two. More communication with group now.”

“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.

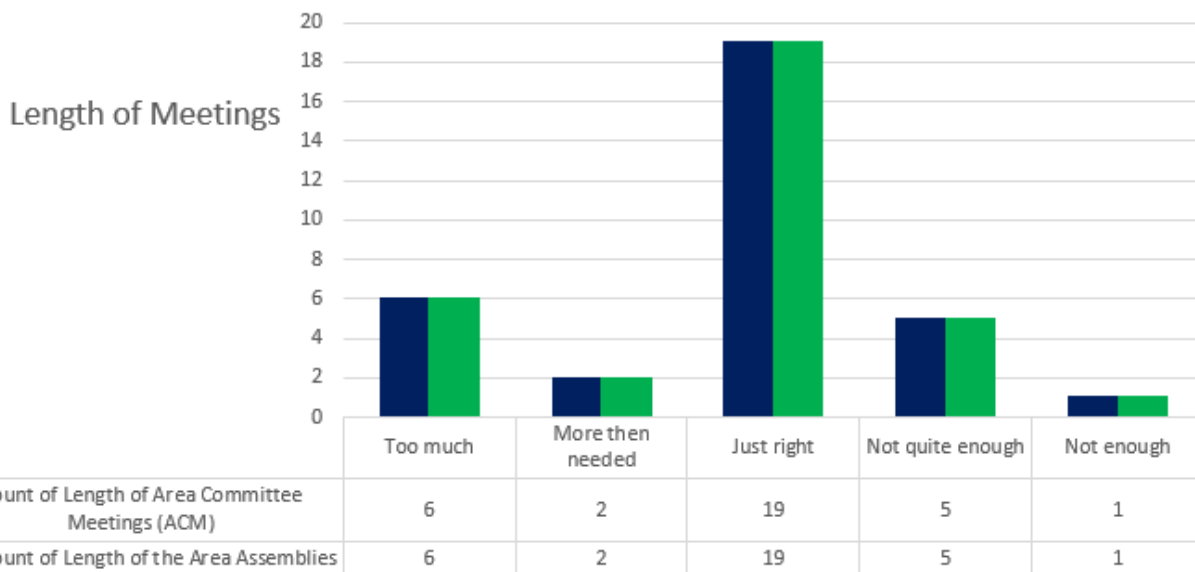
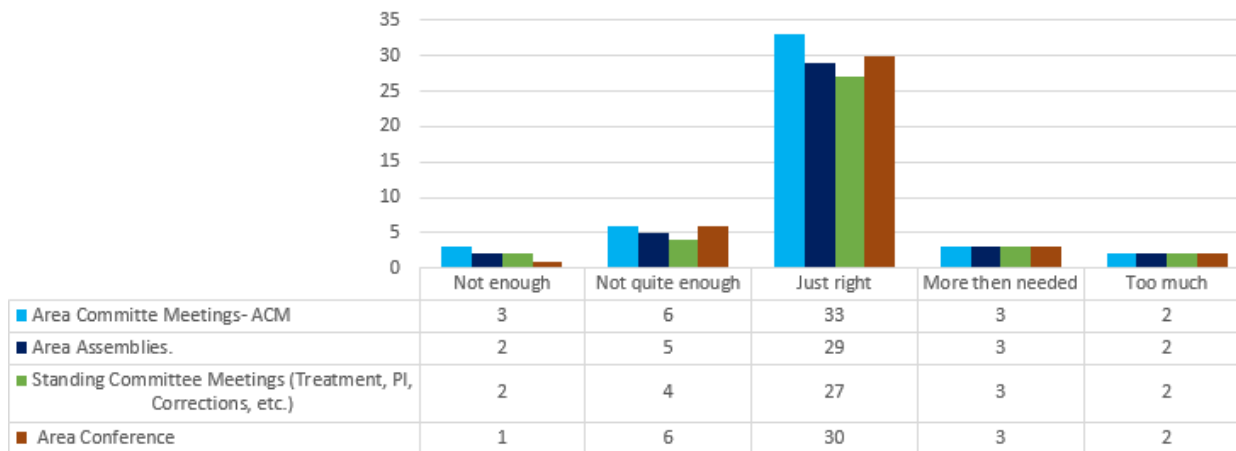
“I attend the service events that I am required to as a GSR. I have no interest in attending ACMs because the assemblies are plenty long and often disorganized and unable to follow a simple agenda.”

“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



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





District 08 Home Group Workshop
Saturday, October 16th, 2021 11:30-4:00
COME LEARN HOW IT WORKS!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Where:

**Alano Club
711 McClellan St
Wausau, WI 54403**

**Potluck
Bring YOUR Favorite Dish to pass!
Main Dish is provided**

Fellowship from 11:30-12, Meal will be 12:00 till 1:00. Followed by a main speaker, then a panel of speakers sharing on our Traditions and the Home Group experience!

For questions, contact Barb H. at 715-297-0818

EAST CENTRAL

G.S.O. VIRTUAL REGIONAL FORUM

November 19-21, 2021

You are invited to the East Central Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and “open” to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.

Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine. The East Central Regional Forum offers a virtual meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

PROGRAM

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the East Central Region to share their experience, strength, and hope. Over the weekend your Regional Trustee Cathi C. will moderate the event. You will also hear from:

- ▶ General Service Office General Manager
- ▶ General Service Board Trustees (including your GSB Chair and Treasurer)
- ▶ AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff
- ▶ A.A. World Services, Inc. Director
- ▶ G.S.O. Staff
- ▶ Your Region’s Delegates — presentations and workshops
- ▶ Past Trustees Sharing Session on Sunday morning

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Several sharing sessions will allow you to comment and ask questions of the Board and Staff. A sample program is posted on www.aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.

- ▶ Registration is free. That’s right — *FREE!*
- ▶ Registration opens: October 25, 2021
- ▶ Registration will be available the same day as the event.
- ▶ You can register online at www.aa.org.
- ▶ Starting October 25, 2021, click on the “Regional Forums Information” on the main webpage, scroll down to the Schedule, and click on the “Registration is open” link.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.

For more information, please contact James H., Regional Forums Staff Coordinator, at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120.

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

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.

Please direct all
communications to:

P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

Announcement

Date: July 20, 2021

To: Prospective Applicants – A.A. G.S.O. Staff

From: Sandra W., G.S.O. Director of Staff Services

Dear Friends,

Applications are once again being sought for a G.S.O. Staff Member. G.S.O. Staff are members of Alcoholics Anonymous who rotate through the various assignments such as Corrections, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Literature, Conference, etc. They also correspond with A.A.s on all aspects of recovery and service. Additionally, they represent the General Service Office at A.A. functions throughout the U.S. and Canada and provide the primary staff support for the General Service Board and the annual General Service Conference.

Desirable qualifications include excellent communication and organizational skills, good computer skills, as well as the ability to work independently and as a team member. A.A. service experience will also be taken into consideration in addition to a willingness to relocate to New York City, if necessary. Fluency in French and/or Spanish (written and verbal) is preferred. A minimum of six years sobriety is required. This opening is currently available.

A.A.W.S. is committed to creating a diverse work environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. We will welcome applications up to September 30, 2021 and will review them on a rolling basis. Interested members may apply at <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/620691/Alcoholics-Anonymous-World-Services-Inc/GSO-Staff-Member>

Please address any questions regarding the nature of the job to Jeff W., Staff Coordinator at staffcoord@aa.org. Questions regarding benefits and related matters should be directed to Sareen Pearl, Human Resources Director, at pearls@aa.org.

For additional information regarding the General Service Office staff member position, please see the Feb/March 2005 Box 4-5-9 article, "G.S.O. Staff Member – A Job Like No Other" (page 3) at http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/box-4-5-9-news-and-notes-from-gso.

We hope you will share this notice with members who are interested in serving on our staff and meet the requirements outlined above.

Your friends here join me in sending love and gratitude to you, along with our warmest good wishes.

GRAPEVINE News

Pass
It
Along!

What's New For September 2021

**COMING
SOON!**

New Book – September 2021!
Prayer & Meditation

To learn more please visit:
aagrapevine.org/prayer-and-meditation-book

IMPORTANT

Announcement
New AAGV, Inc. Publisher

To learn more please visit:
aagrapevine.org/New-Publisher-AAGV



2021 Carry The Message Project

Want To Help Another Alcoholic?
Grapevine and La Viña are Great Twelfth Step Tools!

Learn three easy ways to give [here!](#)
Or visit our YouTube channel at youtube.com/aagrapevine.

Follow Grapevine and La Viña on Instagram!

AA Grapevine, Inc. launched Instagram accounts on July 7 for both the AA Grapevine and La Viña magazines.

To follow us use these addresses:
[@alcoholicsanonymous_gv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicsanonymous_gv) [@alcoholicosanonimos_lv](https://www.instagram.com/alcoholicosanonimos_lv)



We have changed printers, so watch for your Grapevine and La Viña magazines in a white mailer. aagrapevine.org/important-updates



Sign up to receive Grapevine newsletters and special announcements.
To learn more [Click here!](#)



Download GVR service resources, tools, forms, postcards, and much more! Please visit aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources

AREA 74 ELECTIONS

Are you looking for a way to be of service?

There is plenty of opportunity in Area 74, the elections are on
Saturday, 9-18-2021.

The following positions are open!

Delegate Alternate Delegate/Area Chair Secretary Registrar
Treasurer Archives Chair Archivist
Correctional Institutions Chair MI
Correctional Institutions Chair WI Literature Chair
Public Information Chair Treatment/Accessibilities Chair
Finance Committee member (two, past GSR or DCM)
Cooperation with Professional Community Chair
Structures and Guidelines Committee member(past GSR or past DCM)

Talk it over with your Sponsor or Service Sponsor, it is a great way to
enhance your recovery.

Hybrid style meeting

Saturday September 18th, 2021

Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144