

Area 74 Winter Assembly
Saturday April 9, 2022
Quality Inn-Rhineland, WI
MINUTES

Meeting opened at 9:05 am. New GSR's & DCM's introduced themselves.

Roll Call:

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

Committee Chairs: Archives, CPC, Corrections MI, Finance, Grapevine, Now & Then, Literature, PI

DCM's: 1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,13,20

Area Chair, Nicholas recognized past Delegates at the Assembly: Panel 59-Torv T, 56-Jeff C, 62-Marty L, 68-Sara P, 70-Char V.

Attendance: 43 in person, 21 Zoom = 64

Minutes from Area 74 Assembly 10/30/21 approved unanimously.

Workshop Presentation-DCM 02 Kendra. "Concept II; A 1,000 Foot View"
Slideshow with historical aspects.

Area Officer Reports- *(See Appendix I)*

Secretary

Registrar

Treasurer-Dean indicated that the new NetSuite numbers are being issued to new groups in AA. Legacy numbers are still being used by the older groups along with the new assigned NetSuite numbers.

Alt Delegate/Area Chair

Delegate

Standing Committee Reports- *(See Appendix II)*

Archives

CPC

Literature

PI

Corrections MI

Finance-question from the body: Which line items are used for reimbursement expenses & what are the working budgets? Area chair indicated that there is expense for Travel & Committee engagements to reach out and carry the message. They all have budgets that are posted in the Now and Then. Budget requests are made at the end of the year for the following year.

Now and Then- Contact the N&T at email address: area74newsletter@gmail.com
Let us know if you're receiving 2 Newsletters so we can drop one.

Reimbursement for IT for 04/09/22

"Reimbursement for IT volunteers for lodging, travel and food for 04/09/22 Assembly. This reimbursement will be either a line item expense or added to Assembly expense cost."

Barb S. made a motion to reimburse the IT people today for \$157.00

All in favor. Motion passes.

Discussion GSC Agenda Items and Delegates Workshop Reports-

Delegate Bryon B. leaves for the General Service Conference (GSC) on April 23rd. and chose 18 Agenda Items to discuss with the Assembly and bring the Group Conscience to the GSC. Bryon wants to take the Body's opinion. It was decided that minority opinions would not be heard because the 'sense of the body' does not call for the minority opinion. Bryon wants a sense of the body, for and against. He made it clear that if you feel strongly, express it at the microphone.
Question: Is the body in favor of changing the outcome of 2 Agenda items that were passed @ the 71st GSC in 2021 with a Floor Motion at the 72nd GSC? There have been requests to do so as participation was down in 2021 because of Covid & that could have affected the votes.

1. Does the Body support the rescission of: "to find a partner with whom the fullest union can be made..." from the original, "a compelling desire to find a mate of the opposite sex..." VOTE: 17 Yes & 27 No *keep vote as is.
2. Does the Body support the rescission of: "No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony..." from the original, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape..." VOTE: 19 Yes & 26 No *keep vote as is.

3. Does the Body support the rescission of the Preamble: The rescission replaced the words “men and women” with the word “people” in the first sentence of the Preamble.

Shane, 05 spoke about an LGBTQ Group in his district that feels thankful about the language change and that it has helped the group. Bryon asked if the General Service Board (GSB) who oversees the Grapevine, brought this motion? Char, Grapevine Chair, indicated that the GSB received many requests to make the change from ‘men & women’ to ‘people’. This was a floor action and not introduced by the GSB. VOTE: 8 YES & 41 NO

Corrections - Agenda Items C & D-Consider requests to limit changes to *Alcoholics Anonymous* & Discuss request to make AA literature changes slowly and with AA’s primary purpose in mind. Marty L. spoke of AA’s primary purpose and doesn’t know what direction we’re going? He stated that we have pamphlets for everything. Is there a need to change the literature?

Literature-Item K, *Review progress report regarding the formation of the translation of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (fourth edition), to simple language.* Carla 02 indicated that workbooks are not necessary; Sponsors take us thru the Big Book. Barb S. said this will help those who don’t read well. Marty L. wondered who will write the plain language book and thinks there will be a lot of different opinions. Tom District 12 discussed this with his group. They want to respect the original writings, but historical footnotes would be fine. Pat GSR 05 feels that pamphlets can be written but to have original literature alone. Bethany GSR would like to have AA approved workbooks. Barb S. hoped there could be AA workbooks for the Big Book and the 12 and 12. Bryon indicated he would make a motion for workbooks applicable to the Big Book & 12 and 12. Char indicated that two different workbooks are being discussed and will most probably be aimed at Sponsorship and the Big Book and/or the 12 and 12. Call VOTE: 40-Yes & 11-No

Public Information- Agenda Item K “Review request to create a new form of communication to address Anonymity on social media”. Bryon thinks this may be a video about Anonymity. Michelle, GSR asked who the communication would be directed to? Bryon answered that they will collect information on people who use social media.

Policy/Admissions-Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) process. EDW is a 3-year pilot program. The report was complicated but we have to try to 'keep it simple'. Most of the Agenda Items each year are given to the Literature Committee while other committees like Corrections see very few Agenda Items. Therefore, all committees will be subject to being assigned Agenda Items that may have nothing to do with their committees. The body was very supportive of the EDW process. If anyone wants to submit an Agenda Item to the General Service Office (GSO), submissions need to be in their office by September 15th. Marty is concerned about the time frame for submission. He thought a date in October would be better. Delegates can voice their concerns...why 9/15? We are discussing this now so GSR's and Districts can discuss this with their groups, come to the May Assembly with a motion so we can forward the Agenda Item on time to the GSO. There are formal submission forms on the aa.org website. Jeff C. want to remind us that it takes almost 4 years before a decision is made about motions that are submitted. Just make an informed decision and then stay informed. The submission form doesn't allow for information about how the motion evolved. Sara P. indicated that conference materials are spoken about all year long. Char shared that Delegates go out to the different locales/Districts and the various committees should try to be well versed on motions that are submitted, even if they have nothing to do with their committees. This goes along with EDW.

OLD BUSINESS-

District 13 Motion Rebuild (See Appendix III)

Marty indicated that the motion has not been seconded. Barb S. 2nd

Marty explained that the committees would decide where to go but groups in the Districts could make requests of specific committees through their DCM. This will be reviewed in 2024 so it's a work in progress. We share our experience and every Area Committee will be involved. CPC chair Kevin likes the idea of being proactive. Jeff C. asked what will happen if certain committees are being asked to go to multiple districts. Marty indicated that each committee will go to one district per year. Area Chair read the motion and called for the VOTE:
41-YES & 2 NO *Passes.

Motion for Hybrid Meetings: Area 74 will purchase equipment which allows for hybrid Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Furthermore Area 74 will create 2 non-rotating appointed positions to facilitate, maintain, and store the equipment.

Discussion ensued. Char noted that the wrong motion was being displayed. The Secretary, Terri had the correct version (after sharing the wrong version in the minutes) and read it at the Mic. The tech person conducting the Zoom portion of the meeting & working the equipment had an electronic version that he displayed on the screen. Shane DCM is for the motion because he's a member of a distant District. GSR Weaver stated that a vast amount of people in his group need to have this accessibility. There were several questions about cost. Bryon indicated that the cost would be between \$3,000-\$4,000.00. Barb S. stated that people with accessibilities can utilize Zoom & is in favor of Hybrid Area meetings. Marty prefers in-person for real personal engagement. Aaron dist. 08 said that this is good for those who cannot drive. Call the VOTE: 36 YES & 6 NO *passed

Archivist Vacancy-The Area needs to fill this position in order to keep and store the Area 74 Archives. Q: how much is currently stored? A: 1 ½ mini vans of information.

NEW BUSINESS:

Area 74 Corrections Chair Vacant.

Hawk Mahoney nominated by Margaret for Corrections Chair-WI. Hawk does outreach at the Dodge County Jail & his sobriety date is 09/20/82. Vote taken, all in favor. Mr. Mahoney voted unanimously in acclamation.

District 13 Travel Motion (See Appendix 3)

Adam wants to get people back to being more involved and wants Area 74 to give an incentive of up to \$35.00. He believes that many groups can't afford to attend Area meetings. Sara opposed. Area 74 already states what the reimbursements

are and the Districts and groups should reimburse. Treasurer Dean said we have a lot of money right now because of low travel during Covid but we may not have the funds at a later date. Motion was read by Nicholas and a vote of the Body taken. VOTE: Yes-26 & No-23. Substantial Unanimity is 2/3 and the result of the vote did not meet that threshold. Vote did not pass. Nicholas asked if anyone wished to change their vote. Someone voted Yes and the body voted to reopen the discussion with 25-Yes & 12-No. Q. Why or how was the amount of \$35.00 chosen? Adam indicated that \$35.00 is just an amount. Jeff said that we trust our trusted servants & the process. Sara thought that the Groups that send money to the Area could keep that money to send their GSR's & DCM's to the Area Meetings. Vote to retake the vote passed. Call the re-vote for the motion to reimburse vehicles: Yes-33 & No-14. *Passes

Treasurer Dean & Finance Chair Dave came to the Mic and indicated that they received a check for \$1,072.00 from Washington Island Retreat in Door County that has met for many years. They decided to shut down the retreat and had extra money left in their fund. Dean deposited the check in the Area 74 bank account. This retreat isn't affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous although they have had participation by Alcoholics at their retreat. The Assembly made the decision not to accept the check. Dean will send it back.

WICYPAA XXX Conference update via video: The Conference Co-Chair, Nicole, spoke. The WICYPAA Conference will take place at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire in 2023.

Conference Updates:

Area 74 Spring Conference 2022, Ashland. District 13 hosts May 19, 20, 21. Marty asked attendees to send their Registration fees. Appears in the Now and Then.

Area 74 Spring Conference 2023, Green Bay. District 01 hosts May 19, 20, 21. Lauren estimated that Registration will be between \$12-\$15 & hybrid event.