

**Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Assembly Meeting Minutes**

May 18, 2024 | AmericInn | Ashland, WI

The meeting opened at 8:00 AM with the third step prayer and introduction of new GSRs and DCMs.

Attendance:

- 6 virtual attendees, 50 in-person attendees. Total 56 attendees.

Opening remarks:

- Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area 74 assemblies.

Roll call:

Officers

- Delegate – Nicholas S
- Chair/Alt. Delegate – Bill D
- Registrar – Katie D
- Secretary – Shane R
- Treasurer – Brent H

District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Mike N
- District 2 – Jane N
- District 3 – Allan B
- District 4 – Paul H
- District 5 – Pat T
- District 6 – Elyssa W
- District 7 – Margaret C
- District 8 – John R
- District 10 – Don K
- District 12 – Johni B
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 17 – Angie Z
- District 18 – Pat A
- District 20 – Nikki D
- District 21 – Jon J
- District 22 – Melissa P
- District 23 – Sam B

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N
- Corrections WI – Hawk M
- Finance – Bill L
- Grapevine – Bryon B
- Literature – Mike H
- Public Information – Shane S
- Structures and Guidelines – Sunny L
- Treatment & Accessibilities – Adam G
- Webmaster – Lucas M

Past Delegates

- Panel 62 – Marty L
- Panel 68 – Sara P
- Panel 70 – Char V
- Panel 72 – Bryon B

Approval of area assembly minutes from 3/30/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 3/30/2024 area assembly minutes. **Vote:** passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Corrections MI Vacancy – James H expressed interest but was not able to attend today. There was no one else in attendance at the assembly who expressed interest. Will move to next assembly.

**Appendix A – Area Officer and Standing Committee Reports
May 18, 2024, Area Assembly**

Delegate – Nicholas S

I share the list of my activities, so the Fellowship is aware of what their delegate is connected to and involved in and to also raise awareness of these activities and make myself available for questions, clarification, and hopefully invites to events in your District.

- April 1st: Ad hoc Committee Meeting
- April 2nd: General Service Conference Finance Committee Meeting & Delegate Office Hours
- April 3rd: East Central Regional Delegate Meeting and General Service Conference Delegate Only Meeting
- April 9th: General Service Conference Listening Session
- April 11th – April 21st: Brooklyn/NYC for General Service Conference
- April 25th – U.P. Workshop Planning

I also want to be transparent with your money – here are my expenses for the month of April; I booked 3 additional hotel nights for the conference this was a cost of \$970.95. I am submitting a request for \$647.30 My money spent to date is \$2098.43 leaving me remaining budget of \$501.57. The Spring Conference Committee has paid for my hotel, registration, and banquet so there will be minimal cost for this event. I know the additional nights were a significant expense and I hope you see the value in my report back with my time at the General Service Office with our staff and what I will share back at the Spring Assembly.

Chair/Alt. Delegate – Bill D

Hello to all my fellow Area 74 members of our beloved AA Fellowship!!

Here are some of my activities I have had the pleasure of attending or being involved in as I live a well-rounded life of service as well as enjoying the gifts of sobriety the fellowship of Alcoholics has given me in my Life.

On April 13th, Mary and I attended the jam-packed Moose and Goose corrections fund raiser in Seymour Wisconsin. Well, done District 02.

I had the honor of telling my story on April 19th at the 3rd Friday open speaker meeting held at Peace United Methodist church in Kaukauna WI. This was the meeting's 60th anniversary and they sent me home with the last of the cake. What more could an alcoholic ask for?

Because I am welcome these days by not only my family, and Canada, I have a week of fishing on Lake of the woods in the Ontario Canadian Providence the end of May.

I will be attending the East Central Regional Conference/Michigan State Conference June 7th to 9th.

June 22nd I will be speaking at a workshop in Oconto Regarding our Fellowship Service structure and the importance of the group service representative (GSR) sponsored by district 09.

In July, Mary and I have an Annual Picnic at our home from 11am to 4 pm. Our effort to give back to the recovery community. All are welcome! Bring your Cats, Dogs, Kids, and Better Half!!! 2pm Open meeting.

I do my best to attend all the monthly Area zoom meetings available to all the 93 Areas of the United States and Canada. As well as our 74 Area DCM monthly zoom meeting.

Also, I am really enjoying building relationships with my peer group that serve as area Alternate delegates and chairs in the other 92 Areas of the United States and Canada, as I continue to attend monthly Zoom meetings for the respective service positions.

I do have to say my biggest passion has become having that privilege of sponsoring newcomers as well as those returning to the program after doing some more research. To have the opportunity to get to know someone one-on-one and bond with them is what I really feel is God's will for me in my life. Along with the opportunity to carry the message into several treatment centers in Green Bay, which is a great opportunity to get sponsees involved in outreach. I have been quite busy and that's a good thing for this Alcoholic.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Registrar – Katie D

Here are the numbers for Area 74 as of May 17, 2024. We have 24 active districts in the area. Our current numbers compared to the numbers in my March report are as follows:

- 1,498 groups in the district – 1,493 in March
- 596 are active – 606 in March
- 650 inactive – 633 in March
- 10 virtual – 9 in March
- 116 unknown – 115 in March
- 3 incomplete – 2 in March

There are far too many groups still missing either a GSR, mail contact, a location, or an e-mail address. If groups are no longer active, then we need to get them moved to the inactive group. E-mail addresses are a must to reduce the number of duplicate accounts created in Fellowship Connection. I created new forms in February that hopefully have made things easier for everyone to get the correct information to me. Please make sure your groups are using the new forms. Our Webmaster Lucas has loaded them on the Area 74 website. New Group and Group Information change forms are under the "Keep your meeting information up to date" section. The DCM change form is located on the DCM page. Please don't send change forms to Member Services. All changes should come directly to me. If changes are sent to Member Services, there's no way to track what changes were submitted. By sending them directly to me, I can make sure we have complete and accurate information for our area. Also, when sending in change forms, please use the group ID number which is 9 digits, not the old FNB number which is being phased out.

I know we all have busy lives, but one district is doing something I thought was rather interesting. They have what they call an information administrator/coordinator. This person is responsible for getting the listings from the DCM of all the groups and contact people in their district and then verifying all that information. It took her a some to get through everything, and it took me a couple of hours to get all her changes input, but they now have much cleaner and more organized reports regarding their district. I really need you, as DCM's, to become more actively involved in getting your districts' information cleaned up in Fellowship Connection. I will be more than happy to work with you and get you comfortable with pulling reports and getting information corrected. You don't have to do it all at once. You can break it down into workable tasks.

Thanks for all you do. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me either by email or phone.

Treasurer – Brent H

See attached.

Archives – Paul Y

The goal of the Archives committee is to follow Bill W.'s vision of "...trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian..."

We are hereby announcing an impromptu committee meeting today following this Assembly. Time and place are posted in the Archives display room. We are open to all interested parties. Perhaps your district does not have an active Archives committee, even though your district may have an archive. Again, all are welcome.

We have several members ready to put their time into bringing Area 74 history up to date. It needs significant updating from 2021 through the present.

The 27th National AA Archives Workshop is in Des Moines from Sept. 26-29, 2024. So far, 3 committee members have committed to attending. We have room for several more in the vehicle.

CPC – Mike N

The CPC Committee of Area 74 met for the first time this rotation during the Assembly of the Spring Conference in Ashland. All assigned committee members were present including Sam B (DCM23), Nikki W (DCM20), Melissa P (DCM22) and Mike N DCM01. 8 other trusted servants and volunteers were present.

Much was accomplished during this initial session, not the least of which is establishing a monthly Committee meeting to be held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, the first of which is to be held June 18th at 6pm CDT via Zoom. Excellent ideas were exchanged and all left the meeting energized and enthused to carry the message of recovery to the professional communities within Area 74.

I am asking all Area 74 DCMs to encourage their CPC committee chairs to attend these meetings, so please forward their email info to me at nvyflyguy@gmail.com for the meeting invite. Also, if your district would like to host an informational meeting with Area representation, please forward you interest to.

Grapevine – Bryon B

I am available for a workshop and presentation to talk about the new Grapevine App and now have a PDF presentation from the National Grapevine Workshop.

The Grapevine Display is set up in the literature room.

Literature – Mike H

Sales are good, Bill spoke with me about connecting with District committee chairs to see if I can supply them with any literature they can use. So, I'm planning on reaching out to some of y'all soon. If anyone would like to contact me my email is mikeholland600@gmail.com

I have workbooks for all committees, I currently have a Public Information kit on hand, and I can get kits for any committee. Someone bought the Corrections kit and the last Assembly.

I was invited to the workshop in Marquette on August 3rd, at first, I declined since it was 3 hours away. Bill peer pressured me last night, so I just emailed Patricia and told her I'll be there.

Structures & Guidelines – Sunny L

Brief Summary:

Hi, you all, I'm Sunny L, the Chairperson of Structures & Guidelines, I've continued doing some reviews of the minutes almost leading up to 2023 and is time consuming. I been physically limited since December 2023 as I had some neck procedures done that really didn't work and I suffer from headaches and neck flexibility painings. That is better and have another appointment on Tuesday June 28th for pain relieving neck injections. After that I should be reread to continue doing the reviews of minutes.

My ongoing plans is to continue to the look for the past Area 74 Secretary's emailed minutes and other related documents. I will document them in word format. And when I come across potential guidelines amending Motions, I'll document them in word and shall update the committee as needed. The updating documents will be the Structures & Guidelines and Advisory actions of Area 74.

For this next May 18th 30th assembly, I've had a local printer shop make 50 copies of the Area 74 Guidelines and will be available for Assembly and Area Committee Meetings Saturday May 18th & Sunday May 19th, 2024.

I have picked the date of Thursday June 20th at 7pm to hold a zoom meeting with the committee.

Committee Reminders for Reference:

The Structures & Guidelines Committee is to keep and update the Area 74 Guidelines, to discuss and then recommend changes of the Area 74 service structure to the Assembly for Approval. A review of passed motions will be done for placement on the Area 74 Assembly Actions list.

The Committee is Sara P. Past Delegate, Lil R Past DCM or GSR., James M. Past DCM or GAR, Bill D. Area Chair, and Nicholas S.S, Delegate.

Article VIII Amendments to the Guidelines: Section 1: The Guidelines maybe amended at any Area Assembly, by a vote of two thirds of the voting membership voting on each ballot.

Webmaster – Lucas

I've continued supporting districts by listing their meetings on our site and meeting guide app. I'm helping districts 7, 10, 13, 19, and 20 with this service. Helping alcoholics find meetings through this app in Area 74 is one of the highlights of my service as webmaster.

I have been keeping the delegate section of our site up to date as we got background information for the conference.

You may have noticed there's no longer a password to access the service section of our site. Instead, a pop-up box appears asking if you're a member of alcoholics anonymous and will only share this information with other AA members.

I continue keeping our site up to date with events and other documents as they come my way.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the site or technology in AA reach out to me!

WICYPAA – Natalie W (report was not presented to body at the assembly but was sent electronically for inclusion in the minutes)

What is WICYPAA?

The Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous meets annually. Everyone is welcome. We define Young People as anyone with room to grow. There are no age restrictions. In the past we have had people in their teens and in their seventies involved. The conference provides an opportunity for AA members from all over Wisconsin and the rest of the world to come together to share their experiences, strength, and hope. Like any other conference, it is an opportunity to learn more about the program and sobriety.

Why do we have to pay? Conferences are self-supporting. The costs of the event are paid through ticket sales (registration). No baskets are passed during the conference. Ideally, the event is planned as break-even; therefore, the registration cost is nominal compared to a weekend worth of entertainment elsewhere. Attendance is voluntary and as responsible A.A. members we pay our own way - in keeping with A.A.'s Seventh Tradition. We would like to invite any group that would like to host WICYPAA in the future to email us at advisory@wicypaa.org for more information on the requirements to host a WICYPAA conference. (source: Wicypaa.org)

The upcoming WICYPAA XXXII!!

This upcoming year's conference (January 2025) will be held in Waukesha, WI. Plenty of service opportunities are available on this year's host committee! The next host committee meeting will be held at the Waukesha Alano Club on Sunday, April 14th at 2:00PM. There are several different co-chair positions available, as well as Webmaster and transportation chair.

Their first event will be held at the Lake Area Club in Oconomowoc on May 11th, please see me for details.

WICYPAA Advisory will be present at the official hotel walkthrough on April 20th at 9AM, where we will also hold our quarterly advisory meeting.

Current Bids + Their Events

- Green Bay, WI; They meet the first Sunday of every month (TODAY!!) at 5pm at The Bridge of Green Bay, that address is 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay WI. They currently don't have any events that I am aware of.
- Madison, WI; They met today at 9:30am at the Monona Serenity Club for their bid meeting. They have a super cool event coming up - Trivia! With a speaker, food, fellowship, and more! That's going to be at the East Side Alano Club at 1017 Northport Dr in Madison. Please see the attached flier or find me after for more information.

That is all I must report for this quarter, thank you for letting me be of service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

WICYPAA advisory council - Area 75 Liaison, Natalie Wojdac, mlanderson098@gmail.com, 262-227-5271

Old Business:

- Confirmation of structures and guidelines chair Sunny L. Structures and guidelines committee member Lil introduced Sunny to committee. **Nomination:** Sunny L. **Vote:** passed unanimously.
- Now & Then editors wanted to discuss adding flyers from outside area 74 to the newsletter, however, neither were in attendance to present this agenda item.
- Alternate secretary and registrar vacancies – no one was brought forward for confirmation by assembly.

Conference updates:

- Fall 2024 – oral report presented to assembly.
- 2025 – oral report presented to assembly.

Reports:

- Appendix A – Area officer and standing committee chair reports.
- Appendix B – Treasurer’s report.

Delegate Report from Conference:

- Nicholas presented on his experience at the general service conference. Please contact Nicholas directly if you are interested in having him travel to your district for further discussion.

Q&A Session with Cathie C, East Central Regional Trustee:

- Cathie answered questions regarding:
 - Linda C’s resignation from the general service board.
 - Self-support for the international conference.

Motions:

- Covering expenses for Nicholas from general service conference. **Vote:** 36 in favor, 11 opposed.
 - Minority opinion:
 - Finance committee asked to clarify why this is outside of their scope when the request was still within the delegate’s budget.
 - Past delegate shared that the guidelines speak to reimbursement within area 74 and so this expense would fall outside of the guidelines. Also, that there are implications for future reimbursement requests.
 - Past delegate shared that the general service board purposefully removed reimbursement for these two extra nights as it was not a necessary expense. This additional expense will result in the delegate being over-budget for the year. Also shared that they didn’t get to go to New York during their rotation and the area never offered to cover expenses to go there for the experience.
 - Motion to reconsider: **Vote:** 18 in favor, 23 opposed. Motion fails. Original motion passes.
- Finance committee: “The following changes to the Area Guidelines on page 15 Line 4} Delete “incurred by the area” Line 4 subsection d} delete ASL interpreter fees as needed”
 - **Motion (seconded):** table motion. **Vote:** passed unanimously.
- Area 74 shall purchase on dual wireless microphone set at a cost not exceeding \$200.00 landed for the purpose of improving accessibility for those unable to approach the microphone stand at Area 74 assemblies and events. The specific product shall be determined by the Area 74 Information and Technology Staff. **Moved to new business for next assembly.**

The meeting closed at 12:30 PM with the serenity prayer.

Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary



Year To Date 01-01-2024 - 04-29-2024

CARRYOVER FROM 2023	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2023	\$30,811.86
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$ 5.00
Carryover prudent reserve	\$3,000.00
TTL CARRYOVER 2023	\$33,816.86

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	
Delegate	\$ 1,685.91
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	628.99
Treasurer	89.00
Registrar	109.31
Secretary	205.00
Archives	-
Corrections MI	-
Corrections WI	85.00
CPC	228.00
Finance	126.00
Grapevine	20.00
Literature	115.00
Now & Then	132.00
Public Information	240.00
Structures & Guidelines	-
Treatment/Accessibilities	224.00
YTD Chair Expenses \$	3,888.21

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	-
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	657.72
Corrections Committee MI	-
Corrections Committee WI	243.28
CPC Committee	40.00
Finance Committee	319.90
Grapevine Committee	-
Literature Committee	-
Now & Then Committee	800.00
Public Information Committee	-
Registrar Committee	22.54
Secretary Committee	-
Structures & Guidelines Committee	105.50
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	420.38
YTD Committee Expenses \$	2,609.32

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	2200.00
Registrar Internet	0.00
Rent - ACM / Assembly	550.00
Treats - ACM / Assembly	285.69
Conference Seed Money	0.00
Other Misc Expenses	110.00
ECR Conference	0.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	0.00
ECR Forum	0.00
CDPP - Trustee Election	0.00
International Convention	0.00
International Hospitality Room	0.00
Sec / Reg / Zoom Computer One-time expense	0.00
Seat Delegate - Additional Amount	400.00
Car/Group Reimbursement	170.00
YTD Other Expenses \$	3,715.69

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	10,644.72
* Other Revenue *	1,667.44
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	150.00
YTD Total Revenue \$	12,462.16

* OTHER REVENUE *	
Interest Income	-
Refreshment Contributions	156.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2024 Conference	-
Seed Money Return Fall 2023 Conference	1,511.44
Total Other Income \$	1,667.44

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 3,888.21
Committee Expenses	\$ 2,609.32
Other Expenses	\$ 3,715.69
Spring 2024 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Fall 2023 Conference Gain/Loss	(1,488.56)
YTD Total Expenses \$	10,213.22

TOTAL ASSETS	
Bal-Checking Account April 29, 2024	\$33,290.77
Outstanding Checks	\$180.97
CHECKING BALANCE April 29, 2024	\$33,109.80
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2024	\$3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS April 29, 2024	\$36,114.80

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2023	\$30,811.86
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	\$3,000.00
YTD Total Revenue	12,462.16
YTD Total Expense	10,213.22
TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF	\$36,065.80

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

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 12,462.16
YTD Total Expenses	10,213.22
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$2,248.94

GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of January 31, 2024	632
Institutional Groups	-
Groups Contributing	55
GROUP PARTICIPATION	8.70%

Area 74 - 2024 YTD Budget Report

Year To Date 01-01-2024 - 04-29-2024

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 1,685.91	\$ 914.09
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,700.00	628.99	1,071.01
Treasurer	1,000.00	89.00	911.00
Registrar	1,000.00	109.31	890.69
Secretary	1,000.00	205.00	795.00
Archives	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Corrections MI	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Corrections WI	1,000.00	85.00	915.00
CPC	1,000.00	228.00	772.00
Finance Expenses	1,000.00	126.00	874.00
Grapevine	1,000.00	20.00	980.00
Literature	1,000.00	115.00	885.00
Now & Then	1,000.00	132.00	868.00
Public Information	1,000.00	240.00	760.00
Structures & Guidelines	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Treatment	1,000.00	224.00	776.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 3,888.21	\$ 14,411.79

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Group Contributions	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 10,644.72	\$ 13,355.28
* Other Revenue *	6,500.00	178.88	6,321.12
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	200.00	150.00	50.00
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 10,973.60	\$ 19,726.40

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	715.00	657.72	57.28
Corrections Committee MI	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Corrections Committee WI	800.00	243.28	556.72
CPC Committee	1,040.00	40.00	1,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	1,950.00	319.90	1,630.10
Grapevine Committee	400.00	-	400.00
Literature Committee	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Now & Then Committee	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Public Information Committee	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Registrar Committee	106.00	22.54	83.46
Secretary Committee	120.00	-	120.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee	800.00	105.50	694.50
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	6,400.00	420.38	5,979.62
YTD Committee Expenses	21,331.00	2,609.32	18,721.68

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget
Interest Revenue		-	
Refreshment Contributions		156.00	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		-	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		1,511.44	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		(1,488.56)	
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		-	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 178.88	\$ 1,821.12

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Seat Delegate	2,600.00	2,600.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	600.00	550.00	50.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	1,750.00	285.69	1,464.31
Conference Seed Money	6,000.00	-	6,000.00
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	110.00	(10.00)
ECR Conference	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	-	-	-
East Central Regional Forum	-	-	-
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-
International Convention Hospitality Room	-	-	-
Sec/Req/Zoom computer/onetimeexpens	-	-	-
Car/Group Reimbursement	200.00	170.00	30.00
Prudent Reserve	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 15,370.00	\$ 3,715.69	\$ 11,654.31

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Chair Expenses	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 3,888.21	\$ 14,411.79
Committee Expenses	21,331.00	2,609.32	18,721.68
Other Expenses	15,370.00	3,715.69	11,654.31
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 55,001.00	\$ 10,213.22	\$ 44,787.78