

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

May 19, 2024 | AmericInn | Ashland, WI

The meeting opened at 8:02 AM with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Opening remarks:

- Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area committee meetings.

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 8 – John R
- District 10 – Don K
- District 12 – Johni B
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 20 – Nikki D
- District 21 – Jon J
- District 22 – Melissa P

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

Past Delegates

- Panel 72 – Bryon

Approval of ACM minutes from 3/2/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 3/2/2024 ACM minutes. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Reports:

- DCM and Delegate Report – Appendix A

Old Business:

- Corrections MI Vacancy – will have special election in June via Zoom.

New Business:

- Virtual ACM date change from 8/3/2024 to 7/27/2024. Question raised if we even need to have this optional meeting.
 - **Vote (cancel 8/3/2024 ACM):** passed unanimously.

GSO Update from East Central Regional Trustee Cathi C:

- Cathi offered a Q&A session and gave an oral report to the committee about her job as a trustee.

The meeting closed at 9:58.

Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

Appendix A – DCM Reports
May 19, 2024, Area Committee Meeting

District 1 – Mike N:

Greetings to all traveling along the Broad Highway. District 1 covers all of Brown County as well as very small sections of Outagamie, Kewaunee and Oconto counties. Our district has approximately 35 active groups and holds 85 meetings per week in person and on Zoom platforms. Our District meeting is held in-person, the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:30pm.

As the weather heats up, so are the activities within District 1. Our last Officer position was filled last month with William W. stepping up to the Alt DCM position.

All Chair positions are filled and active, with our Events Committee bringing back the Brewer Bus as well as other fellowship opportunities. We've teamed with District 02 to bring fellowship and baseball to Timber Rattlers Stadium on June 29th. We've also teamed with District 22 to bring a Sponsorship/Service Workshop to fruition, to take place September 7th, 8-4pm at Nativity of Our Lord Church. Some in this room have been tapped (volunteered) as facilitators even though you may not be aware of it. Corrections is busy in bringing meetings into 2 of the 3 facilities within our boundaries, with Green Bay Correctional being the lone holdout with hopes of starting meetings up again for the first time in 4 years, by late summer/early fall. Our newly formed Literature Chair remains busy, our CPC chair just got done sponsoring a table at a high school mental health fair yesterday. District 1 is considering adding a the chair position of Group Information to better track and inform the groups within our district.

District 2 – Jane M:

All is well in our District.

We are teaming up with District 01 for an event at a Timber Rattlers baseball game in Appleton. Watch for flyers! It will be Sat. June 29.

ASL is the main topic now for Treatment and Accessabilities.

We are in need of an Alternate DCM and several LCM's.

PI is handing out hotline cards to police stations, fire stations, hotels, etc.

Corrections is going strong.

District 4 – Paul H:

District 04 has 28 different meetings taking place Sunday through Saturday in Stevens Point, Waupaca, Iola, Plover and Amherst in Portage and Waupaca Counties located in the center of the state, the Southern portion of Area 74. Monthly District meetings held on the first Thursday of every month.

We have an active recovery community with a club in Stevens Point where there are often special AA events and speaker meetings.

A website, <https://www.aawidistrict04.org/>, with a dedicated webmaster, on which we experience over 300 visits per month.

A hotline 24/7 phone service. Freedom Voice

Busy with planning for the Area 74 Fall Conference 2024 on September 13-15, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center in Stevens Point.

District 5 – Pat T:

District 05 is doing well. We have had excellent participation at our monthly District GSR meeting. We moved the in-person portion of the meeting to Eau Claire. We have had 20-25 in attendance at each meeting. Close to pre-covid levels. All our committee positions are filled. The committees remain very active. We will be forming a committee to do a scheduled 5-year review of our guidelines. Groups have hosted and are signed up to host

travelling pot-luck dinners. The hope is to have one per month to encourage fellowship. All are welcome. Our corrections and special-accessibilities committees have been working to expand access to online meetings in jails. Multiple counties have participated. Look forward to attending the Michigan State Convention East Central Regional Conference in June.

District 8 – John R:

District 8 location and meetings: District 8 is in Marathon County and holds meetings at the Alamo Club on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

District 8 officers and finances: District 8 has filled all its officer positions and committee members' chairs and is financially in good standing.

District 8 corrections committee: In a significant stride towards progress and inclusivity, District 8 has added a female Co-chair to its corrections committee. This role is crucial as it helps in carrying the message of AA to incarcerated alcoholics. We are proud to have taken this step forward, demonstrating our commitment to inclusivity and our mission.

District 8 speaker meeting: The Keep-It-Simple group hosted a speaker meeting. The main speaker and the DCM discussed AA's service structure. The meeting had about 70 attendees.

District 8 upcoming events: We look forward to representing AA at the Alamo Club's 50th anniversary on September 21st. We also plan to invite the area delegate to speak at a function that is currently in the exciting planning stages. These events present beautiful opportunities to further our mission and strengthen our community.

District 12 – Johni B:

DISTRICT 12

Location: Hayward, Cable, Minong, (Ladysmith?)

Groups

- Active – 23
- Seasonal – 1
- Hybrid – 1
- New - 1

GSRs - 6 (all present at Assembly!)

DISTRICT MEETING

- 1st Saturdays @ 9am
- Serenity Club in Hayward, WI
- 8am fellowship (games + snacks) → belly laughter before business!

CORRECTIONS

- 6 volunteers
- Weekly AA meetings for both men & women at Sawyer County Jail
- Need volunteers

CPC

- AA booths at local fairs
 - 4/9 Substance Use Prevention Coalition
 - 8/15-8/18 Sawyer County Fair

EVENTS

- Enjoyed assisting D-13 w/ Spring Conference in Ashland
- Planning to start bid packet to host conference in 2026

HELPLINE

- 5 volunteers
- Jail residents can call Helpline when released to get connected with volunteers they met at AA meetings in Jail

LITERATURE

- Working with Corrections to get literature into jail

STRUCTURES & GUIDELINES

- Don't have bylaws or guidelines
- Committed to writing them

District 13 – Sunny L:

District 13 is located in Ashland and Bayfield Counties of North Wisconsin. The District Committee meeting convenes at various days and various locations through-out the year. The alternative meeting location is at the PIRC Partners In Recovery Club.

Meetings List Schedule: There are 25 Monday thru Sunday meetings. 1 seasonal meeting that meets in the warm season. Some meetings meet and still meet by zoom or hybrid. The meetings list hardcopy schedule is updated as needed and current update date is 4/30/2024. It was submitted to Area 74 org's webmaster for uploading on their website and was uploaded.

The AA Meeting Guide App spreadsheet was again updated 4/30/2024 and submitted to Area 74 org's webmaster for uploading and then be available on cellphones. That was uploaded.

Website: The district has been making learning how to develop and have its own website. And has put in operation its own website. It's a work in progress.

Financial: Financial situation is that the district is maintaining a positive financial balance.

Phone "Hot Line" (715) 682-4460: The phone company provider is Freedom Voice and with the Meeting App. running now we get a few calls.

Corrections: There has been no meetings at either Ashland or Bayfield County jails.

Bayfield County Jail: The men's and woman's meeting are inactive.

Ashland County Jail: The men's and women's meetings are inactive.

Elections: The District held elections October 2023 and mentions each month about open committee positions. Current filled positions are: District Committee Member, Treasurer, Secretary. Some of the positions are filled by same person and positions are continuous as the district committee is small in members.

Area 74 AA Organization: The district members advise of the agenda items that occurs and does an overview of the agenda items as needed. Currently it's the General Service Conference agenda and supporting background information. The Delegates workshop was Saturday March 2nd in Wausau WI. The Assembly was Mar 30, 2024 in Rhinelander WI. Attendance at Area 74 functions were attended by district members.

May 2024 Conference: Conference is being held at Americinn Ashland WI May 2024. The committee cochair booked the motel for the three days needed for the conference of May 17, 18, 19 in 2024. The registration form now has included a QR (Quick Response Code) that will allow for immediate registrations. The caterer was selected. The event program was completed. District 12 located in Hayward WI, will again as they did in our 2022 conference is helping.

District 22 – Melissa P

April 2024 to May 2024

1st Thursday in person/Zoom @ 5:30pm

June 6th District meeting Nicholas will attend to share his experience in New York.

- ID Zoom Code: 399 417 5176 Passcode: 115
- 115 Club, 115 N 5th St., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

~28 meetings

~18 Active Groups

- Archives Chair OPEN
- Archivist OPEN
- CPC / PI / Webmaster - Combined
Cooperation w/Professional Community

Webmaster (Member of PI)

Public Information

- Have updated our Information Hot Line on the website.
- Are now able to add flyers to our website.
- Corrections Wisconsin
 - Currently have access to both male and female facilities.
 - Meetings are well attended.
 - Still looking for additional volunteers for the female facility
- Grapevine Chair
 - Distributed bulk back issues to the jails
 - Has a display that we use at District / group events and is very well received.
- Literature
 - Actively participates in District events with literature options for groups.
- Treatment & Accessibilities
 - Is involved with community outreach programs to help facilitate what individuals may need to access meetings.

EVENTS 2024-2025

- **March 2024**
 - District Meet and Greet
 - ~25 participants
 - We were able to share what is going on in the District as well as the Area.
 - Very well received.
- **Fall Event 2024**
 - District will host a workshop.
 - Still to be determined
- **2025 Conference**
 - Collecting information to begin the planning of the conference.

Delegate – Nicholas S

Box 459 no longer printed in hard copy effective as of March 2024, this is a cost savings of \$35,000. Those who have paid subscriptions will be refunded.

DCM job to share the work of the Area and General Service Board and Office at your District Meeting and with groups.

Encourage your webmasters and helplines to look at online chat features.

Encourage conversations regarding financial support of District, Area, and General Service Board.

Grapevine utilization. Encourage to have your conversations regarding groups using the grapevines to for treatment centers, jails, etc. Districts and groups can purchase subscriptions. Additionally think about carrying the message to Hispanic speaking populations by sending La Vina subscriptions, or AA literature to large places of employment, resources centers, etc. – Issue an informal challenge that I am asking DCMs to report back on at our Fall Conference is Grapevine and La Vina activity within your districts.

Come to your district and answer any questions regarding the conference.