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Delegate's Corner

Greetings My Fellow Members of Area 74,

Here we are, the end of the year – half way through our service rotations. I don't know about you, for me, 2024 went by in a blink. It was a jam packed year and I think many of us do some reflection at the end of the year – one might say an inventory of the past year and I'll share some of mine with you.

In traveling and crisscrossing our Area I've experienced the vibrancy of Alcoholics Anonymous – from small church basement meetings in Whitehall to Young Person's Kickball Picnics in Green Bay and traveling inter-groups in Upper Peninsula of Michigan Area 74 has active members of Alcoholics Anonymous spanning our vast land. Each AA entity and member all practicing AA with autonomy. Some are more connected to the service structure than others, each with their own version of a primary purpose and audience they are intensively working with – but all of them carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. I realized and continue to realize that there are a variety of ways to practice Alcoholics Anonymous. In terms of meetings, districts, and areas – all with their own way, and all of them “right”.

This lead me back to reflecting upon the Assembly in Minocqua in October. I left frustrated and I know that many others did too – so now that some time has passed and I can look back more objectively than I could during the moment or a few days following it I can ask myself, “why?”

Being involved in service has been a staple for my 15+ years and it has shown me how the work we do in service carry's the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We often don't get to know the results of our service work - “for fun and for free” was shared with me early on and a principle I attempt to live by. I had contact through my profession with someone recently who shared with me this story.

“A number of years ago I was a new counselor and attended an event in Menomonie, Wisconsin and was introduced to Alcoholics Anonymous at a booth that was at the event. I honestly didn't know anything about it – just that alcoholics got together and did something with 12 steps. Through that booth I learned a bit more about it and when appropriate in my practice I made referrals for people to go to AA and I can report that there are a number of successes.”

So, how did that booth come about? It took all 3 levels of service. The institute putting the event on contacted the Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office CPC Chair, they in-turn coordinated with our Area 74 CPC Chair who in-turn worked with the District 5 CPC Chair. Incredible huh?

I want those experiences to exist for everyone and I want people drawn and attracted to service and I want carrying the message to be our collective aim and when I “feel” and I, like most alcoholics I think, can become very singular on how that happens so when I feel that things are happening that turn people away from service I get protective, I get snippy, I get self-righteous. I don't allow space for other points of view. I shift from spiritual discussion and seeking to understand to spiritual declarations and seeking to be understood and I think as the Delegate I failed in Minocqua. I felt like others' actions were turning people away from being involved in service. I failed to pause, pray, and try to bring the conversation and understanding together in unity and rather tried to be right. We will never fully agree on approaches to service and how to handle money but we can and I think should agree on how to approach the conversation and I need to do better.

As a member of the finance committee we are taking a look at how we operate and doing our own work – it was clear that the Assembly wanted us to do some work as a committee and we are. We have a ways to go – we have some different views and we will get there. We will use our concepts and traditions to guide us. God will CONSTANTLY disclose more to us and we take opportunities to learn from and I think this is a great example. I also think our schedule in 2025 will allow for some of this to worked on. Having day long Area Committee Meetings I think will help our committees to function more efficiently and with better continuity.

I invite you, if like me, you left Minocqua frustrated join us and help us to the solution. Share with your DCMs, committee chairs, Area Chair, Delegate your point of view, share your solutions, let us hear your voice and help us continue to move Area 74 forward in unity.

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

A74/P74 Delegate

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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

2024 was another one for books. I turned 71 years old, God willing I will be sober 32 years December 5th and my lovely lady Mary B., and I celebrated 102 months on November 15th of our first date. My opportunities to practice these principles in all my affairs amazes me at times. Learning To rely on God, my sponsor and other members of the fellowship on a daily basis not only to remain joyous happy and free but to handle the struggles that come along from time to time. Having the privilege to serve as the area 74 chair and alternate delegate it's been an honor. Enough about me looking forward to 2025 I would encourage members of the fellowship especially those new to and or not yet involved in service work to inquire about how you can contribute to helping our fellowship reach the still suffering alcoholic specifically by serving at the group or district and connecting with one of our standing committees at the area level. This would be a great opportunity to stick your toes into the water of service work and expand your life in our great fellowship. This opportunity is open to all, and the timing is great as our delegates' workshop is coming up in March and to have contact with a committee prior to this event will help you understand the importance of what we do at such a function. Also coming up in 2025, area 74 officers and standing committee chairs, we're going to work towards having a stronger connection with all the districts and those that serve at the district level to share ideas and build more unity in our efforts to serve the still suffering alcoholic. What Committee would possibly interest you? Maybe corrections or CPC which is communicating with the professional community or the literature committee. If you're a history buff the archives committee would welcome you, and don't forget about public information or PI if you will, just how important it is to let people know that there is a solution for their alcohol problem and where to find help. These are not all of the things that the fellowship and area 74 have to offer. Please see the total list of standing committees that exist in area 74 on the website.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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Send Area 74 Contributions To:

Area 74 Treasury

813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915

**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 2024-25

12/7/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual
1/18/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
2/7-2/9/2025	Conference of Delegates Past/Prsent	Holiday Inn Trade Center, Champaign, IL
3/8/25	Delegate's Workshop	Wausau, WI
4/11/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
4/12/25	Area 74 Assembly	Rhineland, WI
5/16-5/18/25	Area 74 Spring Conference	Sturgeon Bay, WI
7/3-7/6/2025	AA International Convention	Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada
7/12/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
8/22-8/24/25	East Central Regional Conference	Indianapolis, IN
10/17/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
10/18/25	Area 74 Election Assembly	Rhineland, 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

Ask The Delegate:

During my term as Delegate, I will share with you, the Fellowship of Area 74, questions that I get asked each month and my reply. I believe that if one person, group, committee has that question, others will as well.

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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Hello Area Grapevine Chairs,

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast needs your help!

We're seeking recommendations for guests on the AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast.

We're looking for members who...

- are **lively**;
- are **good storytellers or communicators**; and
- have a good Internet connection.

We're hoping to interview "garden-variety drunks" who have been sober at least a year. No special AA skills, service positions, or attributes necessary!

If you know someone you think would be a good speaker on the podcast, send us their contact info. And ask your GVRs to help! (We do not accept self-recommendations.)

Please write podcastscheduling@aagrapevine.org with your ideas, and please pass it on. We appreciate you!

In gratitude, The Podcast Team

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DISTRICT MEETING December 2024 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4 Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	First United Methodist 325 E Franklin St. Appleton, WI	
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St Amherst, WI	
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05 Eau Claire, WI	
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 Chippewa Falls	
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD Marshfield, WI	
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	No Meeting	
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	10:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom Rhinelander, WI	
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	Mon 9th	6:00 PM	Northern Lakes Alano 68600 Riverview Ct Iron River, WI	
14	Sunday	2 nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street New Richmond, WI	
15				No information Available	
16				No information Available	
17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly Iron Mountain, WI	
18	Saturday	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building Ishpeming, MI	
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Drop In 1500 N 19 th St Escanaba, MI	
20	Saturday	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI	
21	Tuesday	1 st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115 Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spoooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr Spooner, WI	
24	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI	

DISTRICT MEETING January 2025 LIST

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Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda - Hybrid
Date & Time December 7th, 2024
Location Hybrid only.

Zoom Meeting ID:479 428 9816 Passcode: 1212144

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call sectary

Past Delegates Introductions Chair

Approve Minutes

9-15-2024

Reports:

DCM Reports 2 minutes please be timely

Delegate vision for 2025 for standing committee chairs

Workshop Report – Area Chair committee building my thoughts

Unfinished Business:

No past business from last ACM

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New Business:

Planning for ACM January 18th 2025

Finance committee Bill L.

Discussion on inviting all members of Area 74 to join standing .

Monthly zoom meetings ?

Close with Responsibility Statement

Area 74 Public information monthly meeting

Zoom ID: 830 3370 6846

Password: PI

The District PI Chairs are invited to the Monthly Area 74 PI meeting.

Meeting starts at 700 pm CST

The Meeting is always on the last Wednesday of the month.

The focus of the meeting is to come together to share ideas on how to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and how the Area can be of service to your District.

Any question contact

Shane S – Area 74 PI Chair

715-497-0650 pi@area74.org

AGENDA FOR SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

December 9th at 6:00 pm central time

Zoom only

Meeting ID 479 428 9816 Password 1212144

Business of assembly

Purpose to this to assembly was called to nominate and vote in someone to be the Area 74 person to fill the ECR trustee Position coming available to be filled.

The requirements and or description of the position were sent out in a email by our delegate Nicholas.

Thank you, Bill D. area 74 chair.

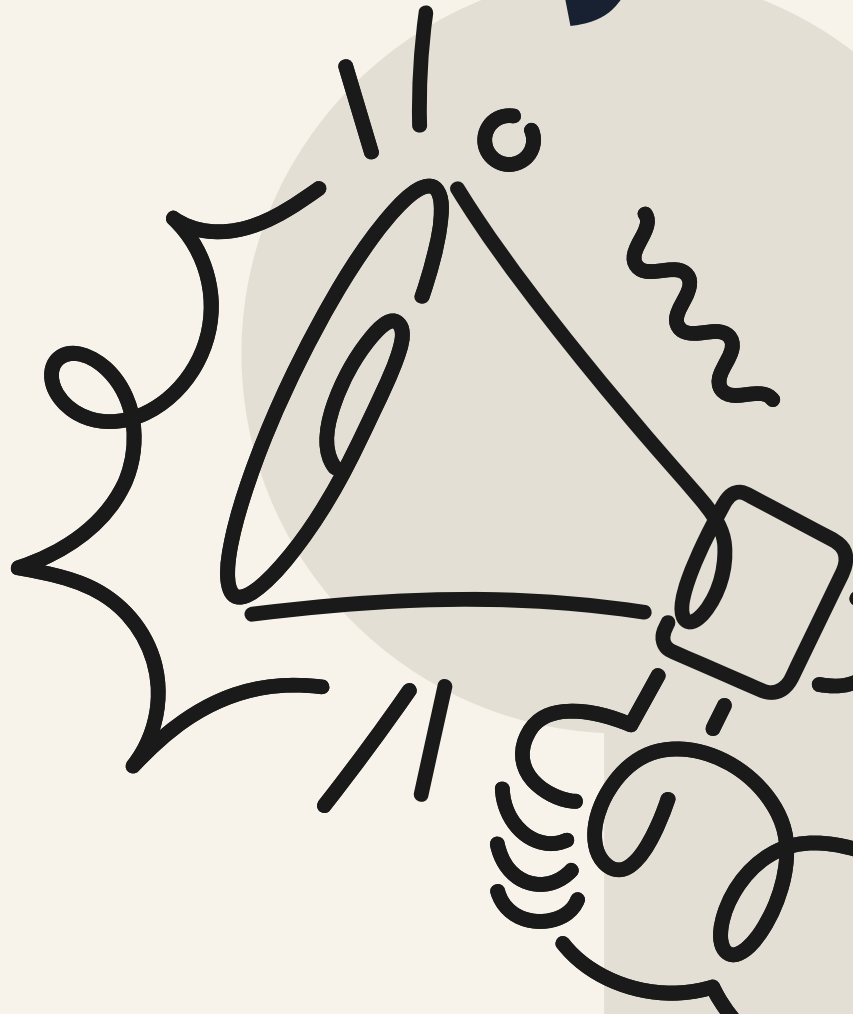
Service Opportunity

Area 74
Alternate
Secretary

Eligibility:

Substantial sobriety
Service experience at
group and district
levels

Contact Shane R
secretary@area74.org
715-379-3688



Area 74 - 2024 YTD Budget Report

Year To Date 01-01-2024 - 10-31-2024

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 3,524.93	\$ (924.93)
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,700.00	2,014.37	(314.37)
Treasurer	1,000.00	719.00	281.00
Registrar	1,000.00	1,291.33	(291.33)
Secretary	1,000.00	1,117.53	(117.53)
Archives	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Corrections MI	1,000.00	679.47	320.53
Corrections WI	1,000.00	1,099.76	(99.76)
CPC	1,000.00	1,213.39	(213.39)
Finance Expenses	1,000.00	1,028.94	(28.94)
Grapevine	1,000.00	664.00	336.00
Literature	1,000.00	1,173.18	(173.18)
Now & Then	1,000.00	426.00	574.00
Public Information	1,000.00	1,134.22	(134.22)
Structures & Guidelines	1,000.00	297.72	702.28
Treatment	1,000.00	755.24	244.76
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 17,139.08	\$ 1,160.92

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Group Contributions	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 25,671.39	\$ (1,671.39)
* Other Revenue *	6,500.00	4,264.06	2,235.94
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	200.00	325.33	(125.33)
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 30,260.78	\$ 439.22

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Archives	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	715.00	748.04	(33.04)
Corrections Committee MI	1,000.00	370.10	629.90
Corrections Committee WI	800.00	443.74	356.26
CPC Committee	1,040.00	146.32	893.68
Finance Committee Expenses	1,950.00	507.90	1,442.10
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	4,794.98	205.02
Registrar Committee	106.00	60.12	45.88
Secretary Committee	120.00	54.62	65.38
Structures & Guidelines Committee	800.00	436.49	363.51
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	6,400.00	841.60	5,558.40
YTD Committee Expenses	21,331.00	9,203.91	12,127.09

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget
Interest Revenue		1.88	
Refreshment Contributions		186.00	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		3,526.65	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		526.65	
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	\$ 4,264.06	\$ (2,264.06)

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Seat Delegate	2,600.00	2,600.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	600.00	776.32	(176.32)
Assembly & ACM Expenses	1,750.00	371.64	1,378.36
Conference Seed Money	6,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	110.00	(10.00)
ECR Conference	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	-	981.89	(981.89)
East Central Regional Forum	-	-	-
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-
International Convention Hospitality Room	-	-	-
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer/onetime expens	-	-	-
Car/Group Reimbursement	200.00	600.00	(400.00)
Prudent Reserve	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 15,370.00	\$ 8,939.85	\$ 6,430.15

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Chair Expenses	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 17,139.08	\$ 1,160.92
Committee Expenses	21,331.00	9,203.91	12,127.09
Other Expenses	15,370.00	8,939.85	6,430.15
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 55,001.00	\$ 35,282.84	\$ 19,718.16

5 Year Budget									
7th Tradition - Revenue	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual) YTD	2025 (Budget)
Group Contributions	\$10,939.03	\$15,741.73	\$31,958.00	\$22,887.86	\$24,000.00	\$22,026.35	\$23,000.00	19,856.77	\$23,000.00
Other Revenue	\$2,137.73	\$1,243.63	\$2,500.00	\$2,643.31	\$6,500.00	\$12.28	\$6,500.00	5,195.22	\$6,500.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	\$172.00	\$108.00	\$350.00	\$132.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	325.33	\$200.00
Total Revenue	\$13,248.76	\$17,093.36	\$34,808.00	\$25,663.17	\$30,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	25,377.32	\$29,700.00
Clng Yearly Beginning Balance	\$32,173.28	\$35,710.70	\$13,000.00	\$42,174.40	\$35,000.00	\$38,589.61	\$35,000.00	30,811.86	\$30,000.00
Ttl Rev + Yrly Beginning Bal	\$45,422.04	\$52,804.06	\$47,808.00	\$67,837.57	\$65,700.00	\$60,728.24	\$64,700.00	56,189.18	\$59,700.00

Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses

Officer Expenses	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual) YTD	2025 (Budget)
Delegate	\$2,737.62	\$1,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,649.34	\$2,600.00	\$1,777.12	\$2,600.00	2,737.62	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$248.00	\$724.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,298.35	\$1,700.00	2,251.17	\$1,700.00	1,104.99	\$1,700.00
Treasurer	\$30.00	\$180.00	\$700.00	\$892.78	\$700.00	1,302.09	\$1,000.00	474.00	\$1,000.00
Registrar	\$52.00	\$177.22	\$700.00	\$965.24	\$700.00	649.15	\$1,000.00	532.21	\$1,000.00
Secretary	\$0.00	\$93.00	\$700.00	\$208.78	\$700.00	709.70	\$1,000.00	568.18	\$1,000.00
Committee Chairs *	\$47.06	\$1,090.08	\$7,700.00	\$5,543.02	\$7,700.00	\$3,201.96	\$11,000.00	5,417.00	\$11,000.00
Officer / Chair Expense Sub-Total	\$3,414.68	\$3,264.30	\$13,700.00	\$10,557.51	\$14,100.00	\$9,891.19	\$18,300.00	9,134.82	\$18,300.00

Committee Expenses

Committee Expenses	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)
Archives	\$0.00	\$89.66	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$55.45	\$1,000.00	-	\$2,200.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$285.26	\$121.24	\$715.00	\$55.00	\$715.00	\$65.00	\$715.00	732.72	\$950.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$183.71	\$180.00	\$720.00	714.40	\$1,600.00	\$195.00	\$1,000.00	52.24	\$1,000.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	533.88	\$1,050.00
CPC Committee	\$22.00	\$100.96	\$1,040.00	247.51	\$1,040.00	\$499.96	\$1,040.00	135.42	\$3,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$445.74	\$328.35	\$1,230.00	\$456.42	\$1,950.00	\$578.36	\$1,950.00	319.90	\$1,950.00
Grapevine Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	16.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	323.00	\$400.00
Literature Committee	\$44.10	\$80.75	\$400.00	75.00	\$860.00	\$531.47	\$1,000.00	-	\$700.00
Now & Then Committee	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$650.00	500.00	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	800.00	\$863.00
Public Information Committee	\$66.43	\$43.73	\$950.00	\$283.14	\$5,000.00	\$4,859.94	\$5,000.00	4,794.98	\$8,200.00
Registrar Committee	\$105.99	\$105.99	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$105.49	\$106.00	60.12	\$300.00
Secretary Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	-	\$170.00
Struc & Guide Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$140.84	\$800.00	210.47	\$1,000.00
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	\$560.00	\$340.00	\$4,400.00	481.25	\$6,400.00	\$1,234.15	\$6,400.00	841.60	\$6,400.00
Committee Expenses Sub-Total	\$1,713.23	\$1,890.68	\$11,816.00	\$2,828.72	\$21,191.00	\$8,315.66	\$21,331.00	8,019.37	\$28,183.00

Other Expenses

Other Expenses	2020 (Actual)	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Budget)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)
Seat Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	2,200.00	\$2,600.00
Registrar Internet	-	-	\$120.00	\$105.99	\$120.00	\$73.84	\$120.00	-	\$120.00
Assembly & ACM rent	100.00	-	\$600.00	\$1,051.50	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	550.00	\$600.00
Assembly & ACM expenses	46.97	121.90	\$275.00	\$268.00	\$1,750.00	\$812.26	\$600.00	261.72	\$600.00
Conference seed money	2,000.00	2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	-	\$3,000.00
Other Fee's/Misc Expenses	5,000.00	750.00	\$100.00	\$1,052.72	\$100.00	\$643.30	\$100.00	110.00	\$100.00
ECR Conference	-	-	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	500.00	\$1,000.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Hection Assembly)	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	981.89	\$1,000.00
East Central Regional Forum (EOY)	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	\$1,000.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$400.00
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$750.00
International Convention Hospitality	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$500.00
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer OTE	-	808.11	-	\$3,518.77	\$200.00	\$529.58	\$200.00	-	\$1,200.00
Seat Delegate - Additional Amount	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses Sub-Total	\$4,396.96	\$5,480.01	\$8,495.00	\$15,871.98	\$14,170.00	\$8,258.98	\$11,220.00	5,003.61	\$12,870.00
Total Expenses	\$7,787.25	\$10,634.99	\$34,011.00	\$29,258.21	\$49,461.00	\$26,465.83	\$50,851.00	\$22,157.80	\$59,353.00
Total Revenue	\$13,248.76	\$17,093.36	\$34,808.00	\$25,663.17	\$30,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	\$25,377.32	\$29,700.00
End of Year Gain / Loss	\$5,461.51	\$6,458.37	\$797.00	(\$3,595.04)	(\$18,761.00)	(\$4,327.20)	(\$21,151.00)	\$3,219.52	(\$29,653.00)
Prudent Reserve	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	3,000.00	\$3,000.00

AREA 74 ARCHIVES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area 74 Archives Committee invites all interested parties to participate in our next Archives Committee meeting to be held virtually on the third Wednesday (Nov. 20) of each month at 7:00 PM.

Zoom ID is 817 3019 4808 and password is 737159

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The response to the release of the *Plain Language Big Book* has been heartwarming. The initial print run of just over 70,000 copies sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's recommendation (Advisory Action) to move ahead with the printing of the book.

Prior to the first printing, the General Service Board made adjustments to align with the Conference's direction. However, the Board now realizes the adjustments that were made fell short. A regrettable and unintentional mistake had been made. We have worked together to correct those mistakes quickly.

The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

In addition to the changes to the text of the *Plain Language Big Book* outlined below, the language on the back flap will be amended to better reflect the progress of this project. The third sentence will now read, "The 72nd GSC reviewed a progress report, and sample chapters were reviewed at the 73rd GSC."

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of our members, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. The order for the second printing has been placed to include the changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Thank you again for your understanding. I hope you find the *Plain Language Big Book* a useful tool for reading the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and helpful with carrying our life saving message.

Scott H.
Chair, General Service Board

HIGHLIGHT

90th Anniversary International Convention — *Vancouver 2025!*

Next year over the Fourth of July weekend (July 3–6, 2024), A.A. members from around the world will be converging on Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to celebrate A.A.'s 90th birthday with a broad spectrum of sobriety-related meetings, panels, and workshops on what we are calling the 2025 Vancouver Convention Campus, that includes the Vancouver Convention Centre, the BC Place stadium and other locations throughout the city of Vancouver.

Held in different locations every five years, A.A.'s International Conventions have been hosted in U.S. and Canadian cities with cultures and personalities as varied as the alcoholics who travel to them for the celebration, and in Vancouver some 50,000 attendees will celebrate not only their own sobriety and newfound lives, but also their great desire to pass on the message of recovery to another alcoholic who may not yet have heard that there is hope.

The theme of the 2025 International Convention will be “Language of the Heart” — a phrase from A.A.'s basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, recognizing the importance of our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics!

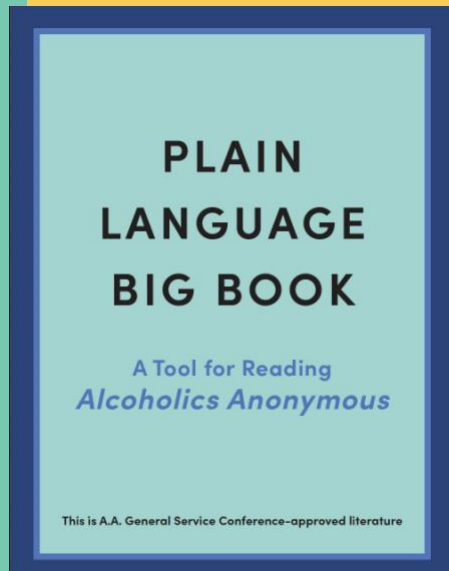
Over the years, many nonalcoholic professionals have addressed the Convention as guest speakers on a wide range of important topics, and hundreds of other meetings will share the diverse experience, strength and hope of A.A. members from around the world.

Professionals who would like to find out more about the Convention may contact the International Convention Desk at the General Service Office of A.A.: (212) 870-2025, or access G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org/international-convention. Members of the media may contact the Public Information Desk at (212) 870-3119. ■



Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur

Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* “the Big Book.” It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.’s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the “abridged version” (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

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