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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Northern Wisconsin and Most of U.P. of Michigan!

Autumn is officially here and I'm still riding a spiritual high from the Fall Conference hosted by District 4. What a great weekend. Thank you all for your hard work. What began in a hot tub came to fruition with a wonderful weekend. It was extra sweet with my home group winning our game of AA Family Feud! 😊

I want to thank Char V. and Jeff C. for the willingness to serve Alcoholics Anonymous by standing for East Central Regional Trustee and congratulations to Jeff C. on being Area 74's candidate.

We will gather again in a few days for our October Assembly in Minocqua – I remember attending a conference there a number of years ago and it was a wonderful weekend.

As I'm writing this, I've just returned from 4 days in Wisconsin Dells from a work conference for Wisconsin Child Welfare – I'm a social worker that works with children, youth, and families and one of the themes of the conference was "lived experience". The state is encouraging counties and agencies to hire parent advocates with experience in CPS themselves as they can identify and make use of their past to help those that are currently struggling. This is a new and progressive idea in child welfare. I found myself chuckling a bit as this is the very foundation of our program. Using our past and experience to help others. Speaking of helping others, I am heading to Toronto for 4 days to see my sponsor and celebrate his 35-years of sobriety. This man has helped me and countless others and is the very demonstration of the man I strive to be. I am excited to be able to spend time with him.

In October the General Service Conference Finance Committee will be meeting to review some of our potential agenda items for 2025. We have a virtual meeting set for mid-October.

I am speaking at a group in Plover at the end of the month and have an invitation to a District in early November.

Not much since I last wrote to you and saw you in Stevens Point – please reach out if I can be of any service.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Area 74 / Panel 74 Delegate

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Area 74 Alt. Delegate -Chair thought for October!

Happy Fall to all you trusted servants. I hope everyone had a great summer. I know I did.

There were many opportunities to hang out with my fellow recovery friends from a meeting in a boat to picnics and workshops, to showing up at treatment centers and attending monthly zoom meetings with my peers in the United States and Canada, and just hanging around the coffee shop and continuing to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic.

I want to thank all who attended the fall conference and all the fellowship that comes when we are gathered to trudge the road of happy destiny. My favorite part of the conference is getting to know people that are first time attendees. They truly are our future as we continue to move forward in our efforts to be there for the newcomers yet to arrive at our beloved fellowship of recovery. I really appreciate the grace my fellow trusted servants give to me as I grow into being the best person I can be in my current service position. We are all in this effort to serve others and my enthusiasm for this task comes directly from all I have the pleasure to serve. To always have respect and be patient and tolerant of others must be my watch words for me as I go forward to serve area 74. There are times that my character defects like to rear their ugly heads. This does give me the opportunity to practice these principles in all my affairs. I like listening more than I talk and making amends when necessary. I look forward to seeing you all in Minocqua for our upcoming October 12th assembly. I am very excited about what is to come for area 74 in 2025.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024		
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
12/7/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual

****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 74 (Panel 74) Officers and Chairs

Effective 05/25/2024

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**DISTRICT MEETING October 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	Emmanuel Lutheran 349 N Main St Seymour, 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	St Augustine Church 507 Church St. Wausaukee, WI	
10	Saturday	OCT 19	9:00 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	
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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	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr Spooner, WI	
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Ask The Delegate:

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

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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**

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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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](tel:715-497-0650) pi@area74.org

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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

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Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous Area Assembly Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2024 | Holiday Inn | Stevens Point, WI

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

Attendance:

12 virtual attendees, 57 in-person attendees. Total 69 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

Standing Committee Chairpersons

Archives – Paul Y

Cooperation with the Professional

Community – Mike N

Corrections MI – James H

Corrections WI – Hawk M

Finance – Bill L

Grapevine – Bryon B

Literature – Mike H

Newsletter – Jeff C

Public Information – Shane S

Structures and Guidelines – Sunny L

Treatment & Accessibilities – Adam G

District Committee Members (DCMs)

District 1 – Mike N

District 2 – Jane N

District 3 – Allan B

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 18 – Pat A

District 20 – Nikki D

District 21 – Jon J

District 22 – Melissa P

Past Delegates

Panel 56 – Jeff C

Panel 62 – Marty L

Panel 70 – Char V

Panel 72 – Bryon B

Approval of area assembly minutes from 5/18/2024:

Motion (seconded): Approve 5/18/2024 area assembly minutes. Vote: passed unanimously.

Workshop – Robert's Rules of Order (presented by panel 72 past delegate Bryon B)

Reports:

Appendix A – Area officer and standing committee chair reports.

Appendix B – Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Flyers from outside of Area 74 (Newsletter Co-Editors) – neither co-editor was present to bring forward this discussion.

Motion: "Suggest area 74 purchase or provide a wireless microphone to allow accessibility for limited participants." Submitted by: Fireside Chat Group, District 8, Area 74

o Will be presented at the October assembly. GSRs and DCMs to bring motion back to their groups and districts for discussion prior to the assembly.

Area service position vacancies:

o Alternate secretary – no nominations.

o Alternate registrar – no nominations.

New Business:

Elections:

o East Central Regional Trustee Nomination:

Panel 56 delegate Jeff C and panel 70 delegate Char V presented their resumes to the assembly body for consideration.

Vote: 41 Jeff, 20 Char. Total 61 votes. Substantial unanimity = 41 votes.
o Jeff C elected by substantial unanimity.

o Trustee at Large Nomination:
 No nominations.

Motions:
o Presented by treasurer Brent H on behalf of the finance committee for budget overages:
 Motion: Cover area 74 delegate's overages.
 Vote: 34 yes, 9 no. Minority opinion spoke.
o Motion to reconsider (seconded):
 Vote: 11 yes, 38 no. Motion to reconsider failed.

Motion: Cover area 74 chair/alternate delegate's overages.
 Vote: 47 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.
 Motion: Cover area 74 corrections Wisconsin chair budget overages.
 Vote: 37 yes, 4 no. Minority opinion spoke. No motion to reconsider.
o Presented by Sunny L on behalf of the structures and guidelines committee:
 Motion: Update Area 74 guidelines with 16 previously approved motions.
 Vote: 42 yes, 0 no.

o Presented by Brian B, GSR of the Back to Basics Group, District 5, Area 74 (See Appendix D):
 Motion: "Area 74 will fully fund its delegate seat at the general service conference with an annual budget line item equal to the previous year's cost of attending the general service conference." See Appendix D for complete motion with background information.
 Motion is to be discussed by the groups and districts of area 74 prior to the October assembly, with a plan to discuss and potential vote at that time.

Finance Committee Question – Appendix C
o Discuss in groups and districts prior to October assembly.

Conference updates:

Spring 2024 – see Appendix A

2025 – verbal report presented to assembly.
 2026 – Pat T presented a bid for a combined area 74 conference and east central regional conference in 2026. Looking at middle of June, 2026.
o Vote: 42 yes, 6 no. Minority opinion spoke.
 Motion to reconsider (seconded): 39 yes, 7 no. Motion passes.
 Motion to table (seconded): 32 yes, 5 no. Motion passes.

WICYPAA – Jeffrey H provided a verbal report to the assembly.
The meeting ended at 3:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

September 15, 2024 | Holiday Inn | Stevens Point, WI

The meeting opened at 8:05 AM with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Attendance:

- 9 virtual attendees, 28 in-person attendees. Total 37 attendees.

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

- Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N
- Corrections MI – James H
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- District 10 – Don K
- District 12 – Johni B
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 20 – Nikki D
- District 21 – Jon J

District 22 – Melissa Approval of ACM minutes from 5/19/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 5/19/2024 ACM minutes.
Vote: passed unanimously.

Workshop: Presentation from Area Public Information

Committee Chair Shane S

- Presentation focused on new chat feature being explored for the area website. PI committee would like to explore this feature and then present to districts for possible inclusion on their own websites.
- Contact Shane S directly if interested in assisting with a subcommittee for development of the chat feature.

DCM Reports:

- Appendix A

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- 2025 Budget
 - Bill L and Brent H presented the draft 2025 budget on behalf of the finance committee. Draft budget will be published in Now and Then. DCMs are to bring the draft budget to their GSRs for discussion prior to the October assembly.
- 2025 Dates to Remember
 - Document presented for review prior to submission to the Now and Then.

Motion:

- Hawk's Motion – presented to ACM as the assembly ran out of time yesterday. Will be referred to the finance committee who will present their recommendations at the October Assembly.

The meeting closed at 10:00.

Agenda for Area 74 Fall Assembly
Saturday October 12th, 2024
Hybrid -Zoom Meeting ID: 479 428 9816 Password 1212144
THE WATERS OF MINOCQUA
8116 HWY 51 South Minocqua Wisconsin 54548

7:30 a.m. New GSR and New DCM Orientation conducted by Past Delegate Char V.

8:00 a.m. - Welcome and open remarks-Prayer

Housekeeping.

Rollcall

Introductions of new GSRs and new DCMs

Approval of Minutes from 9-15-2024

8:30am -9:30 Workshop from Area 74 Finance Standing Committee

Treasurer Brent and Finance Chair Bill L.

9:30 am to 9:45 Break

9:45am-11:00 Officers Reports (4 Minutes)

Chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Delegate

Standing Committee Reports (3-Minutes)

Archives, CPC, Corrections WI., Corrections Mich.

Finance, Literature, Now&then, Public Information

Structure & Guidelines, Webmaster, Treatment & Accessibility

AD Hoc -Calander review Committee.

11:00 am Sharing session for GSR feedback on financial questions.

To be clear this is a sharing session floor motions and business will not be entertained at this time.

Old Business

Motion from Back-to-Basics District 05

Floor motion on wireless Microphone

Confirm Dates to rRmember 2025

12pm-1 pm Lunch

1:00 pm New Business

Confirm Alt-Registrar

Conference Updates /Bids

Fall 2024 District 4

2025 District 22

2026 Conference Bids?

ECR Conference

WICYPAA

Motion to Close

Close Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER 2025 AREA 74 PROPOSED

January 18th Area 74 Committee Meeting Three Lakes, WI

February CDDP 7 to 9 Holiday Inn Trade Center Champaign IL

March 8th Delegate's Workshop Wausau WI

April 11th Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop Rhinelander WI

April 12th Area 74 Assembly Rhinelander WI

May 16-18th Area 74 Spring Conf. Sturgeon Bay WI

July 12th Area Committee Meeting Three Lakes, WI

August 22 - 24 space East Central Regional Conf. Indianapolis IN

October 17th Area 74 Standing Comm Workshop Rhinelander, WI

October 18th Area 74 Election Assembly Rhinelander WI

AREA 74 2025 BUDGET PROJ

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	4,213.33	\$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	24,395.43	\$29,700.00
King 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	\$5,207.29	\$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 *	347.06	\$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	-	\$1,000.00
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	\$1,863.00
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	\$200.00
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	\$27,883.00

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 (Election Assembly)	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	-
East Central Regional Forum (EOY)	-	-	-	-	\$1,000.00	-	-	-	-
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
International Convention Hospitality	450.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer OTE	-	808.11	-	\$3,518.77	\$200.00	\$529.58	\$200.00	-	\$1,200.00
Prudent Reserve Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	400.00	-
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	4,021.72	\$9,220.00
Total Expenses	\$7,787.25	\$10,634.99	\$34,011.00	\$29,258.21	\$49,461.00	\$26,465.83	\$50,851.00	\$21,175.91	\$55,403.00
Total Revenue	\$13,248.76	\$17,093.36	\$34,808.00	\$25,663.17	\$30,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	\$24,395.43	\$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	(\$25,703.00)
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

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	\$ 2,737.62
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,104.99
Treasurer	474.00
Registrar	532.21
Secretary	568.18
Archives	-
Corrections MI	52.24
Corrections WI	533.88
CPC	608.00
Finance	583.18
Grapevine	323.00
Literature	700.18
Now & Then	132.00
Public Information	561.34
Structures & Guide lines	-
Treatment/Accessibilities	224.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 9,134.82

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	-
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	732.72
Corrections Committee MI	251.10
Corrections Committee WI	443.74
CPC Committee	135.42
Finance Committee	319.90
Grapevine Committee	-
Literature Committee	-
Now & Then Committee	800.00
Public Information Committee	4,794.98
Registrar Committee	60.12
Secretary Committee	-
Structures & Guide lines Committee	210.47
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	841.60
YTD Committee Expenses	\$ 8,590.05

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	2200.00
Registrar Internet	0.00
Rent - ACM / Assembly	550.00
Treats - ACM / Assembly	261.72
Conference Seed Money	0.00
Other Misc Expenses	110.00
ECR Conference	500.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	981.89
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	400.00
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 5,403.61

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	19,856.77
* Other Revenue *	5,195.22
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	325.33
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 25,377.32

*OTHER REVENUE *	
Interest Income	1.13
Refreshment Contributions	156.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2024 Conference	3,526.65
Seed Money Return Fall 2023 Conference	1,511.44
Total Other Income	\$ 5,195.22

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 9,134.82
Committee Expenses	\$ 8,590.05
Other Expenses	\$ 5,403.61
Spring 2024 Conference Gain/Loss	526.65
Fall 2023 Conference Gain/Loss	\$ (1,488.56)
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 23,128.48

TOTAL ASSETS	
Bal-Checking Account August 31, 2024	\$33,264.70
Outstanding Checks	\$204.00
CHECKING BALANCE July 31, 2024	\$33,060.70
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2024	\$3,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS August 31, 2024	\$36,065.70

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	25,377.32
YTD Total Expense	23,128.48
	\$36,065.70

Prudent Reserve Activity	
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,000.75
YTD Accrued Interest	0.75
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking	0.75
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve	-
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,000.00

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 25,377.32
YTD Total Expenses	23,128.48
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$2,248.84

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

GREEN BAY BID FOR WICYPAA & WI BID FOR CAMPYPAA PRESENT:

FALL Field Day!

SAT. OCT 5TH | 11AM-4PM

PINEWOOD PARK - 1013 HARWOOD AVE. HOWARD, WI

SPEAKER PANEL [AT] 12
TOPIC: THE 4 HORSEMEN



CORNHOLE
&
TEAM RACES



FALL FOODS POTLUCK

BRING A DISH TO PASS
& A LAWN CHAIR



CHILI, PIE, WATER,
HOT COCO,
& APPLE CIDER
PROVIDED



\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION | 50/50 RAFFLE



Alcoholics Anonymous Step Workshop

Hosted by District 22

Saturday, October 26th, 2024
9:30 am-2:00 pm

Soup Social for Lunch

Hope United Church of Christ
141 S 12th Ave,
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

For any questions please contact:

Penny G at 715-896-3413
or
Melissa P at 920-536-0848

AA DISTRICT 23

Let's get together for food, fellowship and fun!?

Sunday, November 10th, 2024

11:00am – 3:00pm

**Knights of Columbus
1121 Nunn Avenue
Rice Lake, WI**

*Nicholas S, our Area 74 Delegate,
will be joining us to talk about the NEW*
Plain Language Big Book
and answer any questions you might have!!



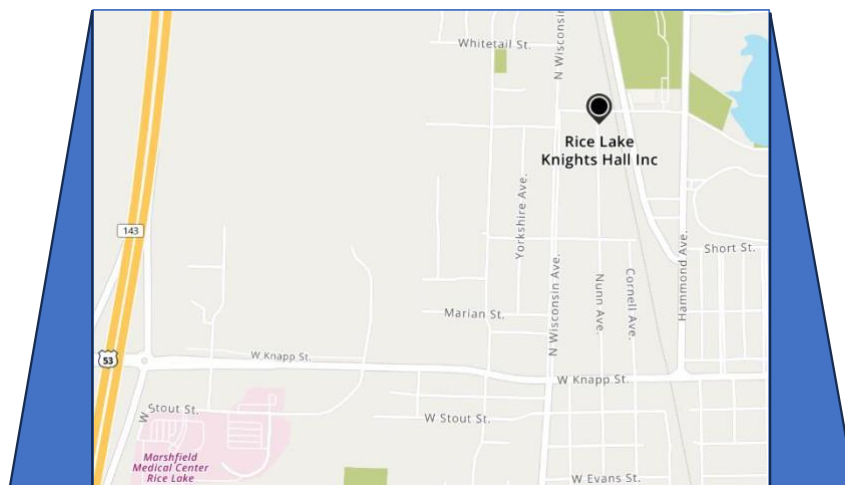
Pulled Pork, Buns, Cole Slaw, Water & Dinnerware
will be furnished by District 23



Please bring to share:

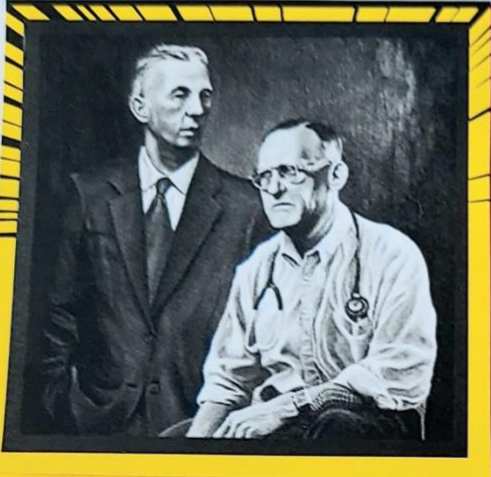
Side dishes, Snacks, Desserts, Soft Beverages

Questions? Email AADistrict23WI@gmail.com



GSR & GENERAL SERVICE

WORKSHOP // PLAYSHOP!



**ACTION IS THE
MAGIC WORD!**

- Study Service Manual and Pamphlets
- Surprises!
- Look at AA Structure
- Prizes!
- Talk with Committee Peeps
- Lunch Provided

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 02

9AM - 3PM

Saturday

NOV 16



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN

140 S Green Bay Rd - Neenah 54956

AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



Hosted By:
One Day, One Step Women's Meeting

Friday, November 15th, 2024

Food starts at 6:00 pm
Speakers start at 7:00 pm

Speakers:
Moe M. & Danielle M.

Holy Trinity Church Basement
510 Church Ave.
Casco, WI 54205

For any questions please contact:

Penny G at 715-896-3413
or
Melissa P at 920-536-0848



AA and Al-Anon
"WOMEN IN RECOVERY" RETREAT
Always Room to Grow

JUNE 13, 14 & 15, 2025

At the

St Norbert Abbey
1016 North Broadway

De Pere WI 54115

(Near Green Bay)

Use the Webster entrance

\$245. Per person

Includes 2 nights and 5 meals

(\$140. Down payment before January 15, 2025)

Hurry as rooms are limited!

Hear speakers and panels
And join in group discussions

Rest and relax at the
Beautiful grounds of the Abbey

Join with friends and make new ones

For more information

Contact retreat coordinator, Mary Bray 920-771-0124, no text

braymary827@gmail.com

Send \$140. Down payment, or \$245. in full to:

Mary Bray

3905 Tamarack Dr

Green Bay WI 54313

Make checks payable to:

Mary Bray/Women in Recovery Retreat

(Balance due on April 4, 2025)

Came to Believe Group

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

JOIN US!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
512 McClellan St.
Wausau, WI, 54403

MAIN DISH PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS

 5:30 PM: DINNER 

—**SPEAKERS**—

7:00 PM: AREA 74 SERVICE SPEAKER (TBA)

7:30 PM: DEBBIE D. (CONCORD, CA)



HYBRID EVENT ZOOM ID: 892 1155 4684 PASSWORD: 740147

This is a Disabled Accessible Facility

CONTACT PERSON: Lindsey S. 715-370-1431

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. ■



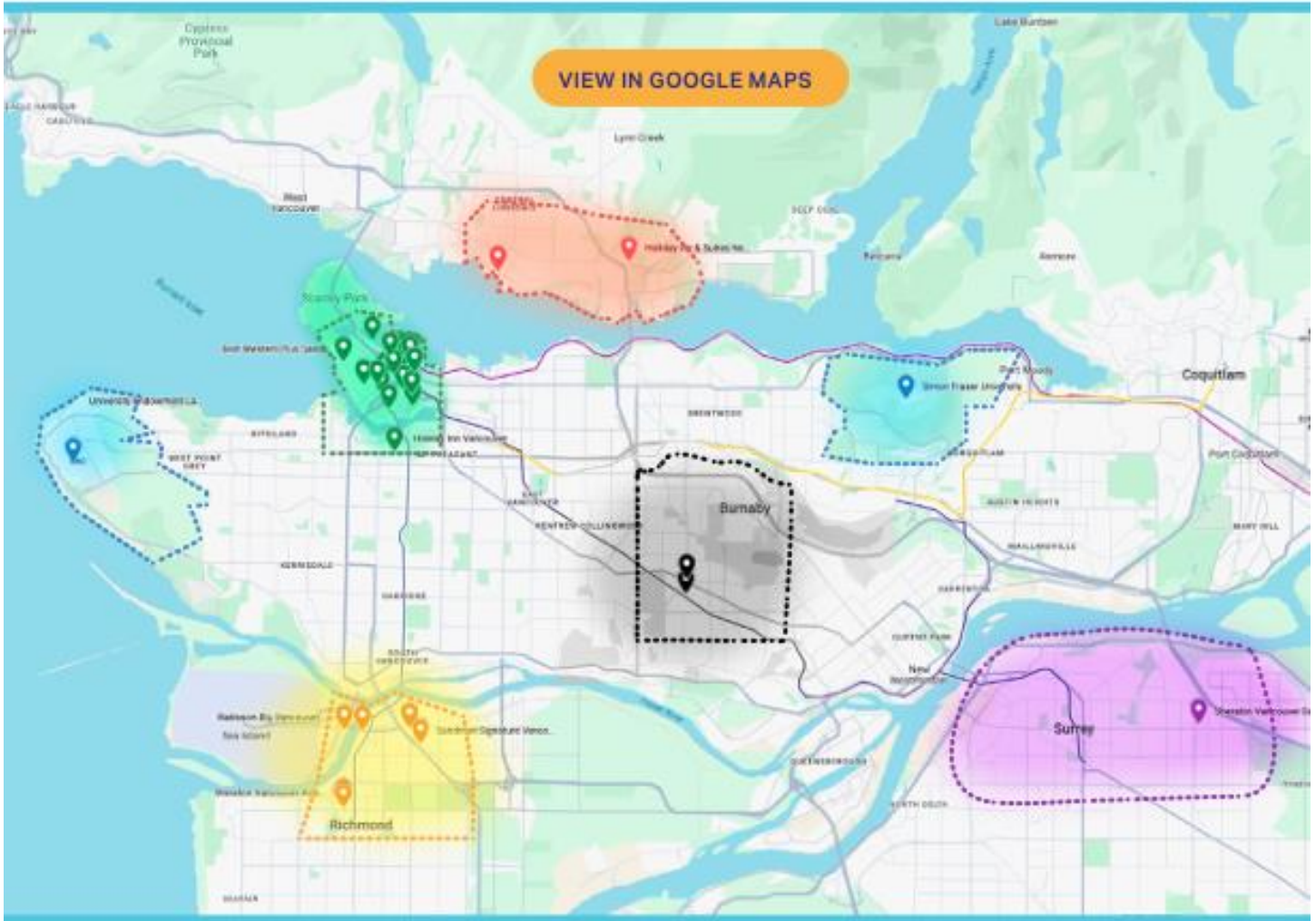
Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur



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2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Vancouver Housing



Downtown Area
\$221–\$549 CAD

Burnaby
\$360–\$422 CAD

North Vancouver
\$224–\$355 CAD

Richmond
\$200–\$309 CAD

Surrey
\$245 CAD

Dormitories
\$71–\$191 CAD

Metro Vancouver Transit Map



[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)



Downtown Area

\$221–\$549 CAD

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Best Western Plus	21 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Century Plaza Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Coast Coal Harbour	8 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Delta Hotels Vancouver Downtown Suites	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver	14 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Pacific Rim	3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Waterfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Georgian Court Hotel	18 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Downtown (formerly Westin Grand)	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown	19 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre	24 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hyatt Regency Vancouver	10 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
JW Marriott Parq Vancouver	23 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Opus Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pan Pacific Vancouver	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown	16 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Suites on Davie	19 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver	16 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
The DOUGLAS, Autograph	22 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
The Westin Bayshore Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel	5 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
YWCA Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



Burnaby

\$360–\$422 CAD

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Element Vancouver Metrotown	37 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn Express Vancouver-Metrotown	31 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



North Vancouver

\$224–\$355 CAD

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites North Vancouver	47 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier	25 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



Richmond

\$200–\$309 CAD

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Airport Marriott Hotel	46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport Hotel & Marina <i>(formerly Delta Vancouver Airport)</i>	45 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Airport	46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport	42 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



Surrey

\$245

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel	1 hour 3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



Dormitories

\$71–\$191 CAD

	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Simon Fraser University	1 hour	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
University of British Columbia	41 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE

AAWS Highlights

Business of the Board



Meeting of the AAWS, Inc., Board of Directors

July 25, 2024

AAWS Board of Directors

Carolyn W., AAWS Chairperson, Vera F., Reilly K.,
Deborah K., Clint M., Racy J., Ken T., John W., Bob W.

AAWS Internal Audit Committee

The Internal Audit Committee examines significant documents, including guidelines, policies, and bylaws.

Policy, Standard, and Procedures Definitions

Document: The committee continued work on this and reviewed the "Technology Services Policy, Standard, Procedure Definitions" document, which outlines a hierarchical framework for guiding decision-making and ensuring organizational consistency in technology services. Input was gathered from the board and various departments to establish policies, define standards, and outline operational procedures. The committee recommended that the AAWS Board adopt the Policy, Standard, and Procedures Definition Document.

Form 990: Form 990 is an annual information return that tax-exempt organizations, including charities and nonprofits, must file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the United States. The Chief Financial Officer of GSO reviewed the approval and submission processes and timelines for Form 990. The Internal Audit Committee reviews the 990 forms, addresses any questions, and makes necessary changes before the AAWS Finance Committee completes their review and forwards the forms with any recommended amendments to the Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee. Once approved by the GSB, the 990 forms are submitted to the IRS by the November 15th deadline.

Recommendations forwarded to and approved by the AAWS Board.

1. *The IAC recommends that the AAWS Board adopt the Policy, Standards, and Procedure Definitions document.*

AAWS Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is tasked with filling vacancies on the board of directors for A.A. World Services, Inc.

Nontrustee Directors Search: The committee received 97 applications for the two upcoming nontrustee director positions and is actively reviewing them, with interviews to be scheduled shortly. The AAWS Nominating Committee will make recommendations to the AAWS Board, and these will be forwarded to the Trustees Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee had no recommendations to the AAWS Board.

AAWS Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviews and approves AAWS financial reports, the annual budget, and the mid-year reforecast budget. Additionally, the committee approves literature price changes and discusses self-support matters.

Budget Reforecast: The committee reviewed and approved a 2024 budget reforecast, which aimed to adjust the original budget to reflect changes since the year's start (including all Conference actions) without proposing new initiatives. The revised budget remains largely similar, with minor adjustments. Operating revenue and gross literature sales stay at \$16.81 million. Contributions are still budgeted at \$10.5 million despite trending higher. World Service Meeting delegate fees increased by \$14,000 due to expecting 70 delegates instead of 60. The reforecast bottom line is \$113,334, an improvement of about \$64,900 over the original 2024 budget. The committee made a recommendation to accept the revised budget and forward it to the AAWS Board for submission to the General Service Board Finance Committee.

AAWS/GSB June 2024 Financial Report: For the six months ended June 30, 2024, total operating revenue is \$9,708,502 which is 5% more than the year to date (YTD) budget of \$9,254,313. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$9,179,004, which is 5% less than the YTD budget of \$9,642,506. Operating surplus before depreciation is \$529,497 compared to a budgeted YTD deficit of \$388,192. The reserve fund remains at 6.33 months of 2024 operating expenses versus a target range of 9 to 12 months.

Mail address: Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

AAWS Finance Committee Continued...

Self-Support Subcommittee Update: The Chair of the Self Support Committee highlighted two key points from their recent report. First, the committee recommended that the Finance Committee consider a pilot project to develop infographics for the self-support section in Box 459, which would illustrate the impact of contributions and include hyperlinks to related services. Second, a working group reviewed the self-support page on the website. A recommendation was made to provide quarterly updates to the self-support page on the website, considering suggestions from the subcommittee. Both recommendations were approved and will be forwarded to the AAWS Board.

Accounts Receivable Policy: An introductory paragraph has been added to the draft Accounts Receivable Policy, highlighting its alignment with our spiritual principles. The feedback on this addition was positive, leading to the policy's acceptance and recommendation for forwarding to the AAWS Board for approval. A significant decrease in accounts receivable, from \$1.2 million to \$400,000, was attributed to improved practices. A recommendation was made for the policy to be approved by the AAWS Board.

International Literature Fund and World Service Meeting Fund Quarterly Reports: The International Literature Fund (ILF) and World Service Meeting (WSM) fund reports were reviewed. After addressing questions, the committee recommended the AAWS Board forward both reports to the Trustees International Committee.

Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors.

- 1. The A.A.W.S. Finance committee recommended to the AAWS board accepting the proposed budget reforecast 1.1 and forwarding it to the Trustees Finance & Budgetary Committee.*
- 2. The A.A.W.S. Finance committee recommended to the AAWS board to consider a pilot project to develop infographics to be placed in the designated section for Self-Support in Box 459. The infographics would focus on the impact of contributions and can include specific hyperlinks to items that provide members with information about services provided through self-support.*
- 3. The A.A.W.S. Finance committee recommended to the AAWS board that the Communication Services Department develop a strategy to update the Self-Support page quarterly, incorporating requested content from the Self-Support Subcommittee.*
- 4. The A.A.W.S. Finance committee recommended the AAWS board approve the Accounts Receivable Policy.*
- 5. The A.A.W.S. Finance Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board that the International Literature Fund activity report, ending June 30, 2024, be forwarded to the trustees' International Committee.*
- 6. The A.A.W.S. Finance committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board that the World Service Meeting Fund activity report ending June 30, 2024, be forwarded to the trustees' International Committee.*

AAWS Publishing Committee

The Publishing Committee oversees AAWS's licensing and publishing activities, including recommending initial pricing for all A.A. literature. They also track the progress of international translations and literature production.

Review the Pricing Matrix and further evaluate pricing for: Committee Workbooks, Literature Committee Workbook, large-print formatting of Reflexiones Diarias, and the "Black in AA" pamphlet: The committee addressed the significant increases in unit costs for the new literature workbook, especially for smaller runs and translations. They approved a list price of \$6 for the new workbook, emphasizing the need to consider its overall service purpose. Additionally, the committee agreed to review the pricing strategy for all workbooks in future discussions to ensure a more strategic approach. The committee recommended to the AAWS Board to move forward with a list price of \$6.00 for the Literature Committee Workbook, \$12.50 for Reflexiones Diarias in large print format and \$0.75 for the pamphlet "Black in AA."

Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous: At its' June meeting the committee recommended an initial print run of 70,000 units, and a list price of \$11. Additionally, the committee recommended the e-book be listed at the price of \$11.99

At its' July meeting the committee considered three cover designs. The committee reviewed the production timeline milestones for a November 1, 2024, on-sale date. The committee recommended that the A.A.W.S. Board proceed with the light blue bordered cover sample and suggested incorporating a reversal of italics in the subtitles and reducing the spacing between letters. The committee also recommended to move forward with the revised (cost) pricing sheet (to include French flaps) for Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous.

Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors.

- 1. The Publishing Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board to move forward with a list price of \$12.50 for Reflexiones Diarias in large print format.*
- 2. The Publishing Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board to move forward with a list price of \$6.00 for the Literature Committee Workbook.*
- 3. The Publishing Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board to move forward with a list price of \$0.75 for the pamphlet "Black in AA."*
- 4. The Publishing Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board to move forward with the light blue bordered cover sample (#1) for Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous with a reversal of italics within "A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous" and less spacing between letters.*
- 5. The Publishing Committee recommended to the A.A.W.S. Board to move forward with the revised (cost) pricing sheet (to include French flaps) for Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous.*

AAWS TCS Committee

The TCS committee works to improve services, enhance communication with the AAWS Board and Fellowship, and use modern technology to spread their message. They collaborate with the G.S.O. Website Committee to find innovative ways to support those struggling with alcoholism and communicate effectively within the Fellowship, proposing new policies and changes as needed.

Analytics Working Group Progress Report: The committee received a report on the progress of the Analytics Working Group which is looking at how to modernize the reporting on analytics for various platforms such as the website (aa.org), Meeting Guide app, YouTube, and LinkedIn to support informed discussions about the use of these platforms. On July 19th, a presentation was conducted by the proposed vendor to provide further insights. The committee recommended that the progress report be forwarded to the Trustees PI Committee.

Contributions Reports and Data Integrity: Communication was sent to Conference Members and District Committee Members on July 8, 2024, from the CFO and Senior Director of Technology Services regarding issues with reporting groups contributions vs individual contributions. There is another letter to follow providing an update. The committee learned at our meeting that the actual accounting and allocation are now correct, but the reports generated are not capturing the allocation to a group by an individual and continue to be erroneous. The fix for this, along with the implementation of a web portal to improve access to information for DCMs and Delegates was approved with a budget of \$70K. Concurrently we are working to improve email lists and communication processes by addressing invalid email addresses and suppressed contacts.

2024 Second Quarter Reports:

- 1. LinkedIn Report:** The committee received an update on the 2024 2nd quarter LinkedIn engagement rate, noting a typical summer decline and challenges in comparing industry standards. Plans include tracking reposts and coordinating with HR strategies for private profiles. The committee recommended that the report be forwarded to the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.
- 2. Online Business Profiles Report:** The committee recommended that the Online Business Profiles Report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information with no updates or feedback noted.
- 3. Website Report:** The committee recommended that the Q2 website report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information with no updates or feedback noted.
- 4. Meeting Guide App Report:** The committee recommended that the Q2 Meeting Guide App report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information with no updates or feedback noted.
- 5. YouTube Report:** The committee recommended that the Q2 YouTube report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information. The channel reached 10,000 subscribers, and there is a proposal to feature certain channels in playlists, which the committee generally supported.
- 6. Google Ads Report:** The committee recommended that the Q2 Google Ads report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information pending a correction with no other updates or feedback noted.
- 7. Podcast Report:** The committee recommended that the 2024 Q2 podcast report be forwarded to the Trustees' Committee on Public Information. A new Multimedia Production Coordinator joined the team on July 15, 2024, and will focus on launching the podcast and serving as its host.

Recommendations forwarded and approved by the AAWS Board of Directors

- 1. The TCS committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the Analytics Working Group Progress Report be forwarded by AAWS to the trustees' Committee on Public Information.**
- 2. The TCS committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2024 second quarter LinkedIn report be forwarded by AAWS to the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.**
- 3. The TCS committee recommended to the AAWS Board that the 2024 second quarter reports on Website, Meeting Guide App, YouTube, Google Ads, Online Business Listings and Podcast be forwarded by AAWS to the trustees' Committee on Public Information.**

Interim Language Services Committee

The Interim Language Services committee provides guidance and oversight to the Language Services Department, with a priority of policy development.

There is a working group in the General Service Office developing procedures and proposed policies pertaining to Language Services. They have just begun this cross-departmental effort. The AAWS Board formed an Interim Language Services committee which aims to provide governance to the policy development, support to the department, and foster communication with the GSB on needs and opportunities. While the Language Services Department has proactively sought board input in decision-making, we have not had a formal structure in place for that until now. As we do on other AAWS Committees that touch on Trustees Committees, we will forward reports and seek consultation where needed – particularly in relation to the General Service Conference.



AAWS Calendar 2024

January 25	AAWS Board Meeting
March 7	AAWS Strategic Planning
March 8	AAWS Board Meeting
April 18	Corporate Board Meeting
April 20	Corporate Board Meetings
June 20	Orientation & Strat. Planning
June 21	AAWS Board Meeting
July 25	AAWS Board Meeting
September 6	AAWS Strategic Planning
November 1	AAWS Board Meeting
December 12	AAWS Strategic Planning
December 13	AAWS Board Meeting

AAWS Highlights

What's Happening at GSO



Bob W., General Manager

July 25, 2024

General

Much of the office has been focused on preparations for the July General Service Board Weekend and the General Service Board Orientation for trustees, directors, and Appointed Committee Members. The orientation was held in two sessions: one virtual session, which took place on July 16, and an in-person session held at the New York Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge on Friday, July 26. In addition, the office will participate in a preliminary orientation and “meet and greet” between Conference Committee Delegate Chairpersons and trustees’ committees. The focus will be on the role of conference committee chairs throughout the year leading up to the January General Service Board Weekend. The usual annual orientation will take place in January, focusing more on their observation and participation in the January General Service Board Weekend and their responsibilities for chairing their respective Conference committee meetings during the General Service Conference Week.

Administration

The Administration Department continues to serve as a focal point of all activities within the General Service Office about the AAWS Board and General Service Board, with a commitment to supporting the members of both boards and committee secretaries as they prepared for the July AAWS & General Service Board meetings. A few preliminary meetings have been held with an architect initiating the process for the upcoming renovations to the 11th-floor office space.

Operations

The Operations department recently hosted an online sharing session with Area registrars regarding the Fellowship Connection platform. These regular sessions continue to provide “on-demand” training as needed and have proven very effective for many local trusted servants. The operations team also continues the critical work of the data integrity project, with a focus on the integrity of our mailing lists.

Human Resources

Since the June AAWS meeting, the Human Resources department has embarked on its annual Summer Wellness program at GSO. From delicious and healthy smoothies to relaxing mindfulness sessions, these activities have been designed to promote a healthy, balanced lifestyle that keeps employees feeling their best, both at work and beyond. The department also coordinated the annual Employee Recognition Awards on July 19, in which employees nominate their co-workers who have displayed exemplary service and significantly impacted GSO. This is a wonderful opportunity for the office to say thank you and openly acknowledge their contributions and hard work.

Travel

- 25 International Convention Site Visit – Held in Vancouver, BC on June 26 – July 2
- Pacific Regional Forum – Held in Las Vegas, NV, on July 11 – 15

The Next 90 Days

The General Manager will attend the 50th anniversary celebration of AA in Poland. In addition to participating in the celebration, he will work directly with the General Manager of Poland’s GSO to license their structure to print and distribute our literature written in Russian. He will also be working with the International Assignment on the final preparations for the upcoming World Service Meeting.

Travel Commitments

- Poland GSO 50th Anniversary - Poznan, Poland, August 14th – 19th
- Eastern Canada Regional Forum - Ottawa, ON, Canada, August 22nd – 26th
- 2030 International Convention Preliminary Site Visit - St. Louis, MO, September 9th -12th





Meeting Guide



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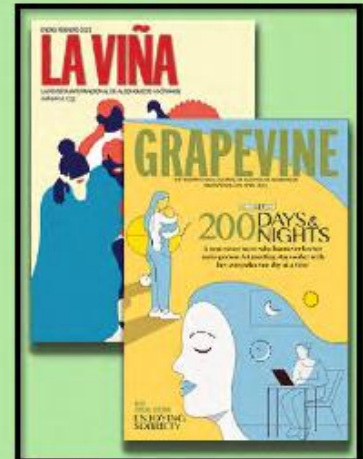
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