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Delegate's Corner

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

September is here! Back to school, football, leaves begin to change and Area 74 Fall Conference! My husband and I were able to step away for a vacation in August! We spent a few days in Vancouver – what a beautiful city to host an AA International – and then we embarked on a 7-day Northbound Cruise through the Inside Passage of Alaska. I have no words – add it to your vacation lists if you haven't already. One of my favorite things to do while on a cruise is to attend the "Friends of Bill" activity. Every cruise provides a space and time for "Friends of Bill" to meet. Whomever shows up, shows up. On this cruise there were 5 of us who came to the meeting, from all over the country. It truly is excellent watching God bring people together. As we visited these small towns that are only accessible by plane or boat, I would often check the meeting guide app and see what AA looked like in their communities and every one of them had meetings!

On Tuesday, August 19th, the General Service Conference held a sharing session – this came from a 73rd General Service Conference Advisory Action that the Conference meet outside of Conference weeks at least two times per year. It was my first time "meeting" our new General Service Board Chair – Scott H. The topic of the session was "The Group Conscious". There were 3 leads given and then the floor was open for people to share. It was nice to see faces that I hadn't seen since April and reconnect.

Registration opens for the 2025 International on September 10th!

With my two-week vacation August was a little quieter than normal but the month did get off to a busy and exciting start. On August 3rd a few of us attended a workshop held in Marquette, MI. The workshop focused on service and was done in a great way – everyone involved did a wonderful job and it was so awesome to be included but more importantly – to see the excitement in the room. The attendance was fantastic! The following day the WICYPAA bid committee in Green Bay invited the Delegate to share his story and on service and the goings-on in AA as a whole at their picnic and kickball tournament. What a fun event this was! Great to see so many enthusiastic young people with the spirit of AA burning within them. I did manage to compete in 2 games of kickball too! On Monday, the 26th of August, our Ad-Hoc committee meeting on the Area 74 Calendar Change met as well and an update will be given at the Assembly in September.

It is nice to continue to receive invitations from Districts and Groups to come be of service – please reach out. I am speaking to a group regarding the Plain Language Big Book on Friday, September 6th and part of an AA workshop in District 1 on September 7th – it is awesome to see excited and engaged groups and Districts.

You may have seen the memo but some of the work that began many years ago and we discussed at our Delegate's Workshop and March assembly is coming to life – there is an attached announcement and explanation of the pieces of literature but what we some of our approvals for new literature are ready for publication. The tool for reading Alcoholics Anonymous – The Plain Language Big Book, Black in AA, Literature Workbook, and a large print Spanish Daily Reflections are now or will soon be available.

2025 is just around the corner – and that means budget season. Committee chairs, officers, and DCMs – begin having those conversations about your work you hope to accomplish in 2025 and propose your budgets. There are great discussions to be had too, regarding how to know how much money you will have due to the uncertainty of contributions and – there are legit views on that – I am sure we will be having those conversations at the Area – a "balanced budget" vs "spiritual budget". Have the discussions – that is the important thing, talk about it, hash it out – that is where our growth comes from!

I am beginning work with our Area Webmaster on a section of our website called "Delegate's Corner". This area will be a spot where I am able to upload documents and post information pertinent to our fellowship. I vacillate with what is most effective – email, newsletter and so far, I've decided with my judgement to use both. Keep your eyes open for the Delegate's Corner on our Area Website! I look forward to seeing many of you in a couple of weeks!

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Area 74 / Panel 74 Delegate

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Delegate’s Activity: Activity: I share the list of my activities, so the Fellowship is aware of what their delegate is connected to and involved in and to also raise awareness of these activities and make myself available for questions, clarification, and hopefully invites to events in your District. My expenses for August were \$246.97. I am over budget by a few hundred dollars. I am working with the treasurer for an exact amount – we discovered an error from back in March where I was over reimbursed by approximately \$100. We will have updated numbers at the Assembly in September.

8/2 – 8/3: District 18 – Service Workshop

8/4/24: Wicipaa Bid Committee (Green Bay) – Delegate Sharing

8/19/24: General Service Conference Sharing Session

8/26/24: Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on Area 74 Schedule Change

FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Here is a brief report on my August 2024 adventures in recovery and service as your Area 74 Alt. Delegate/Chair. The pace of things is picking up. In August I had the pleasure of attending a service event sponsored by district 18 in Marquett Michigan. Pat A. the dist18 DCM and her committee put together an outstanding opportunity for our fellow AA members to interact with one another and share their experience and vision for continuing our primary purpose to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. There were speakers on all levels of our service structure from the Group, district and area levels including our beloved delegate, Nicholas. Before we were through for the day, we had several Area standing committee chairs that were present hold a listening session and in turn added several new members to their committees. Well done district 18.

Another exciting thing on my plate was to do some legwork for the 2027 ECR regional forum that will be hosted by Area 74 in 2027. There will be more to come on that down the road. Hats off to our Structures and Guidelines standing committee chair, Sunny L. He has put forward an over-the-top effort doing research on updates that need to be added to our structure and guidelines. We have had several structure and guideline meetings in the past months. The committee believes we have a finished product that can be reviewed and approved by the assembly also in the coming months.

On September 7th I will have the opportunity to participate in a workshop that is focused on Sponsorship and helping sponsees understanding the benefits of getting involved in service work . Thank you for letting me be of service.
Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

9/13-9/15/24	Area 74 Fall Conf	District 04	Holiday Inn	Stevens Point, WI
9/14/24	Area Assembly	District 04	Holiday Inn	Stevens Point, WI
9/15/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 04	Holiday Inn	Stevens Point, WI
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn	Rhineland, 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

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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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

DISTRICT MEETING September 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	Peace United Methodist 2300 W. Wisconsin	Kaukauna, 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	3rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls
7	Sunday	3rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran 511 Madison St.	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	2nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1st 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	2nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
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17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday	1st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building	Ishpeming, MI
19	Monday	3rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Drop In 1500 N 19th St	Escanaba, MI
20	Saturday	1st Sat	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1st 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
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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.

“Dear Nicholas,

I recently read your Delegate report in this months Now and Then, you talked a lot about your dogs Sage and Keira. Last month you wrote the name God with a lower case g I assumed it was just a mistake. Today when I read your report my stomach started to turn. In our Literature you'll find God is capitalized G I'm not well educated and failed English many times in school but I think god the lower case is referring to demons. When you referred your dogs names starting with capitols They seemed to get more respect then God. I know it's "God as we understood Him" and your understanding is yours, but it doesn't sound like wisdom.”

I have prayed on whether or not to answer this email since receiving it in early August and truth be told just answered it recently. Being the sensitive alcoholic I am, I of course felt attacked, judged, and ridiculed – that is only because the email wasn't telling me how wonderful I am. The truth is there may be many readers who have the same question or thoughts and are wondering, how can someone who is representing Area 74 have such a disrespect toward god? So, here is my answer –

God is everything to me, that power has relieved me of the obsession to drink and has begun to transform my life in miraculous ways I have and continue to work on my relationship with god. I choose to write god with a lowercase “g” to be symbolic of inclusivity. This is where we can have disagreement and that is ok – a lowercase “g” to me truly means a god of your understanding where as an uppercase “G” is implicative of a religious entity. This question reminds me of a workshop I attended many years ago regarding prayer when the question was asked, “what if I am not comfortable getting on my knees and bowing my head to pray?” The workshop leader stated that he didn't really think god cared what position you were in when you prayed as long as you were praying.” It is of my belief that god is more concerned with my actions and work I do than with the capitalization of the word when I write it.

I didn't appreciate the email upon first receiving it – and I truly thank you for the email. It provided me an opportunity to truly reflect on the impact of my writings and to realize that others are probably having the same thoughts – and do to some inventory work! The other great thing is I said, “people are reading what I write!”

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

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PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

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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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Agenda for Area 74 Fall Assembly
Saturday September 14, 2024
Hybrid -zoom Meeting ID: 479 428 9816 Password 1212144
Holiday Inn & Convention center
1001 AMBER Ave. Stevens Point Wisconsin

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

8:00am - Welcome and opening remarks-Prayer
Housekeeping.
Rollcall
Introductions of new GSRs and new DCMs
Approval of Minutes from 5-18-2024

8:30am -9:30 Workshop on discussion of motions -Robert's Rule Presenter Bryon B. Past delegate

9:30 am to 9:45 Break

9:45am-11:00 Officers Reports (4 Minutes) Chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasure, Delegate

Standing committee Reports (3-Minutes)

Archives, CPC, Corrections WI., Corrections Mich. Finance, Literature, Now & Then,

Public Information

Structure & Guidelines, Webmaster

AD Hoc -Calander review Committee.

Old Business

Now & Then

Flyers from outside Area 74

Alternates for Secretary, Treasurer, registrar.

12pm-1:00 Lunch

1:00 pm New Business

Treasure-- Finances (overages)

Motion Structure and Guidelines

-Trustee Nominations

-Motion from Back-to-Basics group / District 05

Conference updates

Spring 2024 District 13

Fall 2024 District 4

2025 District 22

2026 Conference Bids?

WICYPAA

Motion to close close Assembly

Motion: The Chairperson and the Structures & Guidelines Committee recommends the Assembly Members approve: 16 (sixteen) previous passed & approved Assembly Motions that are written in this document on pages 2 through 10, and. Further, approve the amendments written into the current 24 page Guidelines & 24 page Advisory Actions as presented today.

If any questions prior to September assembly contact Sunny at lapoi013@umn.edu.

Date Presented to Assembly: Saturday September 14th 2024

Presented by: Sunny I. Chairperson of Structures & Guidelines Committee & Members of.

The Guidelines say “Structures & Guidelines, Article IV Area Standing Committees and Duties, Section 11 The Structures and Guidelines Committee is to keep and update Area 74 Guidelines, to discuss and then recommend changes of the Area 74 service structure to the Assembly for approval. A review of passed motions will be done for placement on the Area 74 Advisory Actions” (guidelines p11)_The goal here is to have all the 16 (sixteen) Assembly passed motions approved by the Assemblies to approve what was written in whole Motions or parts of the Motions into both the Draft Guidelines and Advisory Actions that will allow the documents to keep track of Area 74s Organizations Motions.

Background. On Thursday August 8th 2024 at 7:00pm the Structures & Guidelines Committee consists of the Chairperson, Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Chairperson, Past Delegate an 2 (two) GSRs or DCMs met for the 3rd (third) time to do reviews an approvals of 16 (sixteen) Area 74 Assembly passed Motions from years 2021 thru 2024 that were written into current Draft copies of the Guidelines & Advisory Actions. We use **this 10 (ten) page document as a reference guide** to see & look for what locations in those two documents the Motions informations were written.

The plan was to get all the 16 (sixteen) Motions in **chronological order alphabets (A to P)** in this Document Guide approved by the S&G Committee. The Assembly Motions, Guidelines, Advisory Actions have all been written per what the Motions say. Then all 3 (three) documents could be ready for Assembly reviews & approvals at the Fall Assembly meeting in September 14th at Stevens Point WI or in October 12th 2024, or other future Assemblies..

And this document is a written review of Area 74 Organization Assembly passed Motions that are in Area 74 Minutes that was done for placement on the Area 74 Assembly Actions List. Guidelines (p.12) Each Motion are written by date of approval in **chronological order alphabets (A to P)**. Some of the Assembly Motions written were used in whole paragraphs or in parts of them or just simple dollar amounts changes.

Please be aware that **some** of the Assembly Motions passed that are written into this motion document have already been written into the Guidelines through previous Assembly approvals 02-2023 by previous Chairperson of the Structures & Guidelines Committee.

Yellow ink color I used to show the highlights of the Assembly Motions that were written into the Drafts of Guidelines & Advisory Actions. Pages 2 thru 4 in this document are Quick Summaries of the Assembly passed Motions from 2021 to June 2024. Some of the Motions has a **duplicate alphabet** that shows the reader where to look for the Motions information that was written onto the pages of Draft Guidelines and Draft Advisory Actions. Pages 1 through 4 could be printed to follow whats written on pages 5 through 10.

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Again, The **alphabets A thru P** are 16 (sixteen) Area 74 Assembly Motions passed whose informations were written into both the 24 pages Drafts of Guidelines and 24 pages of Advisory Actions. **Alphabets A & B** were some **previous** Guideline Motion Amendments but not all changes were written into the Guidelines for 2021 & 2023 p2, The changes of informations involving **Alphabet C** are the following 16 (sixteen) Motions that are presented here are **newly written** into the **Draft** Guidelines & **Draft** Advisory Actions. We want the Assembly Members approvals at the upcoming Assemblies in September, October or future Assembly sessions.

The following Assembly motions needs to be written into the Guidelines an Advisory Actions as well.

A. On May 15, 2021 the Assembly recommended that: We make a motion to vote to approve the provided changes to the Area 74 Guideline as recommended by Structures & Guidelines Chairperson. The paragraphs words are not in either document. This document p5

B. On October 30, 2021 the Assembly recommended that: the Structures & Guidelines Chairperson wanted a Vote on the provided changes to the Guidelines, the paragraphs words are not in either document. This document p5

This is to start ongoing chronological dates of changes written into the Guidelines. (Amendments to the Guidelines p.14) and Advisory Actions p15). All 3 written

D. District 13 Motion Rebuild: Section12 The Standing Committee Chairs will plan and facilitate a workshop or sharing session. See This document p5
(**D. In Guidelines** (section 12. p11), (**D. Not in advisory actions. (I recommended** we write the whole paragraph into the Advisory Actions put into General Category p20.) was inserted

E. Hybrid Meetings adding 2 two tech persons . this document p6
(**E. Not in Guidelines (I recommended** we put **the whole** yellow paragraph of the motion in the Guidelines. **Adding a New Section 6** to Article V Area Meetings (p. 12) And **insert** whole paragraph into the Advisory Actions, General Category p. 20.) was inserted in guidelines p 12 and to Advisory Actions General Category p 20. See p6. this document p6. Both were done

F. \$35.00 paid per person basically who drives to Service Meetings.
(**F. I recommended** we Add the motion in yellow **money amount of \$35** into 1] **New Section** 13 be added to the Financial Request in the Guidelines) (p22) **and insert** motion in to Advisory Actions Area Finance Committee.p12) see this document p6. both were done

G. Finance Committee MOTION re: **Adding verbiage to the current Area 74 Guidelines** and also that **a new section** be added to the Area 74 Guidelines regarding the Area 74 Annual Budget.. This guide p6
(**G. In Guidelines** (Financial Request Guidelines) (pp. 20-22). (I recommended we insert the Motion paragraph into the Area Finance Committee p12 of Advisory Actions) was inserted

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H. Vote on 2 Structures & Guidelines Motions **Vote 1.** S&G implementation of **Motion already passed is in the Area Guidelines:** Section 8.00 Treatment/Accessibilities, add verbiage. All requests for an **ASL interpreter.** See This document p7

H. In Guidelines already in the previous guidelines update 04-2021 (Article IV Area Standing Committees and Duties (Section 8.00 p.10), (**I recommended** we write the whole paragraph into the Advisory Actions Area Treatment/Accessibilities Facilities Committee **p.19**) was done

I. Raise reimbursement for attendance at ECR to \$100 .this document p7

Motion to amend the Financial Request Guidelines **Section 10 p.25** Motion District 13 (see Motion, attached) “Increase amount of reimbursement to **\$100.** (Right now its \$75) Marty L moved to amend the Area 74 financial guidelines for items #10 an #12 with an increase in the amount of reimbursement to \$100.00.

Item # 10 reads: Area 74 treasury [will offer **up to \$75** travel reimbursement]

Amended to read: “Area 74 treasury will offer up to **\$100** travel reimbursement for up to (10) current and/or incoming Area 74 Officers and/or Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional Forums when scheduled in our region. Nicholas opened it up for discussion. Nicholas called the Motion. 43-YES & 0-NO. Passed. *Page 4 of the minutes.*

(I. Is already in guidelines (Financial Request Guidelines (item 10 & 12 p.22), **I recommended** we **change the dollar amounts to \$100** in Guidelines, and add **amended to read paragraph** and the district 13 motion **and insert** paragraph into the Advisory Actions Area Finance Committee p11) Amount in Guidelines was changed an motion inserted to finance committee p11.see p.7 this document

J. Increase Alternate Delegate/Area Chair budget **to \$1,700** . this document p8
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K. Conference seed money increase to **\$3,000.** This document p8
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L. Is in Guidelines (Guidelines, Introduction, Preamble Fellowship of People p.3. **Inserted** the paragraph into the Advisory Actions Introduction **p.3.** both has been done.

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M. Motion 4; ASL budget increase from \$ 2,000 to \$ 6,000.this document p9.
(**M. I recommended** we Add the motion in yellow into **New section 14. L. Motion 4**. ASL services for Area Meetings & Conferences can be budgeted from **\$2,000 to \$6,000** and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

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N. Prudent Reserve changed to 3 month averaged assemble expenditures. P9.
The prudent reserve will be adjusted automatically according to the following procedure: The adjustment to the prudent reserve will be included in the odd year budgets. The amount of the prudent reserve will be the average monthly expenses for the last two complete fiscal years multiplied by 3. This will produce an approximate 3-month reserve. The Prudent Reserve will be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution. If we use the prudent reserve, we can pay it back \$100/month **but we can use it all if we need to**. CALL THE QUESTION-94 in favor, 3 against MOTION PASSES *Page 2 of the minutes*.

(**N.Not in guidelines. (I recommended** we use the whole motion's wording an insert new wordings into the Guidelines Article VII Section 2.1 Prudent Reserve p13 leaving the current Section 2.1 sentence [**Section 2.1 The Area 74 Prudent Reserve is \$3,000 deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution.**] and adding the **whole yellow** paragraph to section 2.1. **Insert the Yellow paragraph into** advisory actions p10 Area Finance Committee. see p9 of this document

O. Increase Standing Committee Chairs budgeted from \$ 700 to \$ 1,000 .

P. Waive Area 74 Guidelines in years 2025/2026. .

(**P. Not in Guidelines (I recommended** we **add a New Section** to the front cover page number 0 (zero) of the Guidelines **and insert** the yellow paragraph into Advisory Actions cover page p.1.) see p. 10 of this document. was done

HERE ARE THE ASSEMBLY MOTIONS PASSED in the following pages.

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Pages 3 and 4 of the minutes. Not in guidelines nor advisory actions

B. On October 30, 2021 the Assembly recommended that: the Structures & Guidelines Chairperson wanted a Vote on the provided changes to the Guidelines (Changes are in red) see appendix 5. (**no appendix 5 in the minutes**). Vote Passes Yes 24 No 1, 96% yes
Page 5 of the minutes. Not in guidelines, not in advisory actions.

Page 0 of the minutes.

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D| On April 9, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: Article IV **Area Standing Committees** and Duties of the Guidelines be changed.

District 13 Motion Rebuild: Section12 The Standing Committee Chairs will plan and facilitate a workshop or sharing session each year with a different District beginning in calendar year 2023. The Standing Committees and District will coordinate these visits based on the need and desire of the District. The topic (which will be pertinent to the scope of the Standing Committee) will be selected by agreement between the District and the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee need only visit one different District per year. The Standing Committee costs for these workshops/sharing sessions will be included in the Standing Committee annual budget requests. The Area Committee will review the process and results of these workshops/sharing sessions at an Area Committee Meeting in 2023 and make any recommendations or change to the Area Assembly.

Vote Passes Yes 41 No 2
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(D. In Guidelines (p.11 section 12. p11), (D. **Not in advisory actions.** (**I recommended** we write **the whole paragraph** into the Advisory Actions & put into General Category p20.) was inserted.

E] On April 9, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: Financial Request Guidelines in the Guidelines be changed:

Motion for Hybrid Meetings: **Area 74 will purchase equipment** which allows for hybrid Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Furthermore Area 74 will create 2 non-rotating positions to facilitate, maintain and store the equipment. **The cost would be between \$ 3,000-\$ 4,000.**

Vote Passes Yes 36 No 6

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(E. Not in Guidelines (I recommended we put the whole yellow paragraph of the motion in the Guidelines. **Adding a Guidelines New Section 6** to Article V Area Meetings (p. 12) **And insert** whole paragraph into the Advisory Actions, General Category p. 19.) was inserted in guidelines p 12 and to Advisory Actions General Category p 19.

F] On April 9, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: Financial Request Guidelines be changed. **Motion that would give an incentive of \$35.00 to people who can't afford to attend** Area meetings.

Travel Expenses for In Person Area Stand-Alone Meetings: Area 74 reimburse one person from each vehicle **\$35.00** fuel/travel expenses for attending Area 74 stand-alone business meetings in person.

Supporting Information This would help defray travel expenses for any A.A. member driving to an in person business meeting not held in conjunction with other events i.e. Area 74 Conferences. This expense will help promote in person attendance by AA members regardless of service position, membership, or status of hybrid . This expense would be reviewed by the finance committee and sent to the treasurer to pay to these members. It would not be limited by position, but payable per vehicle.

Examples of Area 74 service/business meetings are [but not limited to] stand-alone Assemblies, elections, Delegate report and special **meetings called by the Area Chairperson.** Call the re-vote for the motion to reimburse vehicles: **Vote Passes Yes 33 NO 14** Page 5 & 6 of the minutes.

(F. Not in guidelines (I recommended we Add the motion in yellow into 1] New Section 13 be added to the Financial Request Guidelines) (p22) **and insert into into Advisory Actions Area Finance Committee.p12)** both were done

G] On September 17, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: the Finance Committee MOTION re: Adding verbiage to the current Area 74 Guidelines and also **that a new section be added** to the Area 74 Guidelines regarding the Area 74 Annual Budget. (see Motion, attached) Finance Chair Dave indicated that if we add the verbiage to the Guidelines, everyone can read them and know what to expect.

Page 3 of the minutes. Call the vote 44-YES & 0-NO passes unanimously.

(G. In Guidelines (Financial Request Guidelines) (pp. 20-22). (I recommended we insert the Motion paragraph **into the Area Finance Committee p12** of Advisory Actions) was inserted

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Vote Passes Yes 41 No 2
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H) On September 17, 2022 it was recommended by Assembly that a Vote on 2 Structures & Guidelines Motions (see Motion, attached)

Vote 1. S&G implementation of **Motion already passed in the Area Guidelines: Section 8.00 Treatment/Accessibilities**, add verbiage. All requests for an **ASL interpreter** for any Area 74 event must be made 45 days prior to the event. If the interpreter has been requested and is no longer needed that Treatment Committee shall cancel the interpreter **no less than 48 hours prior to the event**. CALL THE VOTE: 41-YES & 1-NO passed. Page 3 of the minutes. and no motion attached.

(H. In Guidelines already in the previous guidelines update 04-2021 (Article IV Area Standing Committees and Duties (Section 8.00 p.10), (I recommended we **write the whole paragraph into the** Advisory Actions Area Treatment/Accessibilities Facilities Committee p19) was inserted p.19)

I) On September 17, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: **Motion to amend the Financial Request Guidelines Section 10 p.25.** Motion District 13 (see Motion, attached) “Increase amount of reimbursement to **\$100**.”

(Right now its \$75) Marty L moved to amend the Area 74 financial guidelines for items #10 and #12 with an increase in the amount of reimbursement to \$100.00.

Item # 10 reads: Area 74 treasury [will offer **up to \$75** travel reimbursement] for up to (10) current and/or incoming Area 74 Officers and/or Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional forums when scheduled in our region.

Amended to read: “Area 74 treasury will offer up to **\$100** travel reimbursement for up to (10) current and/or incoming Area 74 Officers and/or Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional Forums when scheduled in our region. Nicholas opened it up for discussion. Nicholas called the Motion. 43-YES & 0-NO. Passed
Page 4 of the minutes.

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J| Alt Delegate On September 17, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: **Financial Request Guidelines** a Floor MOTION by Char V. (see Motion attached) “Increase Area Chair/Alternate Delegate travel expense to \$1,700”. Current budget is \$1,300. Call the vote: 42 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSTAIN.

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Financial Request Guidelines (p.22) **Alternate Delegate Up to \$1,300** reimbursement payable upon request with supporting documentation.

Financial Request Guidelines (p.22) The \$1,600 to the Delegate, **\$1,300 to the Alternate Delegate/Area Chair** and the \$700 to the other Officers & Standing Committee Chairs will be reimbursed upon request to the Area Treasurer with reasonable documentation of expenses.

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K| On September 17, 2022 the Assembly recommended that: Planning a Conference, Seed Money MOTION: (see Motion, attached) **Amend amount of ‘seed money’ from \$1,000 to \$2,000..** GSR Felicia offered a Friendly amendment to change the amount of the “Ask” **to \$3,000**. Sunny accepted. We need a 2/3 majority in order to change wording of a Motion. Call for Vote: 44 YES & 0-NO Passed

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“The Area shall cover seed monies (up to **\$1,000.00** dollars) to defray costs incurred before registration monies come in.”

(In the Guidelines needs to be changed to \$3,000, (Guidelines, Planning a Conference 6) p.16),

(K. I recommended we change the dollar amount to **\$3,000** in the Guidelines Planning a Conference p16 and **add some of the text in yellow up to** Sunny accepted **into the** Advisory Actions Area Finance Committee p11) **Both done** seed money amount changed to 3,000 and **motion inserted** into Advisory Actions, Area Finance Committee p11.

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(Is in Guidelines (Guidelines, Introduction, **Preamble** p.3. **Inserted** the paragraph into the Advisory Actions Introduction **p.3.) both has been done.**

M On October 29, 2022 the Assembly recommended that:

A motion could change Financial Request Guidelines (pp23-25): MOTION 4: **Increase amount for ASL from \$2,000 to \$6,400** CALL THE QUESTION: Yes-42 & No-3 There was a Motion to accept the 2023 Budget: 43-Yes & 0-No Passes unanimously.

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(M, ASL is in the Guidelines (The Treatment/Accessibilities Committee shall arrange for ASL interpreters at Area 74 service events.) Section 8 (p.11) There is no budget language in Guidelines.

(I recommended we add a New section 14 to Financial Request Guideline, p22. ASL services for Area Meetings & Conferences can be budgeted from \$2,000 to \$6,000 and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement.)p22. and insert that yellow motion sentence into Advisory Actions p11.) both were done.

N. On May 20, 2023 the Assembly recommended: Article VII Financial Structure Section 2.01 Prudent Reserve Motion coming out of Committee & 2nd by the Committee.

Current [Section 2.1 The Area 74 Prudent Reserve is \$3,000 deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution.

“The prudent reserve will be adjusted automatically according to the following procedure: The adjustment to the prudent reserve will be included in the odd year budgets.

The amount of the prudent reserve will be the average monthly expenses for the last two complete fiscal years multiplied by 3. This will produce an approximate 3-month reserve. The Prudent Reserve will be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution.” **If we use the prudent reserve, we can pay it back \$100/month but we can use it all if we need to.**

Background Q. What is a Prudent Reserve and what is it currently? \$3,000 It's math. Set aside for extra cash in case we need it. The prudent reserve is in the Area Guidelines. **If we use the prudent reserve, we can pay it back \$100/month but we can use it all if we need to.** CALL THE QUESTION-94 in favor, 3 against MOTION PASSES
Page 2 of the minutes.

(Is In guidelines \$3,000 (Article VII Financial Structure, Section 2.01 Prudent Reserve, The Area 74 Prudent Reserve is \$3,000 deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution. (p.15)

(N.new language Not in guidelines. (I recommended we use the whole motion's wording an insert new wordings into the Guidelines Article VII Section 2.1 Prudent Reserve leaving the current Section 2.1 sentence [Section 2.1 p13. The Area 74 Prudent Reserve is \$3,000 deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution.] and adding the whole yellow paragraph to section 2.1. Insert the Yellow paragraph into advisory actions Area Finance Committee p.10

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O. On October 14, 2023 the Assembly recommended that: Financial Request Guidelines,

District 13 MOTION: **Area 74 Standing Committee Chair Budgets for 2024 be increased from the current proposed \$700.00 to \$1,000.**

The Area 74 Standing committee chair budget has not increased in many years. Almost every year one or more committee chairs exceed the \$700 limit resulting in the assembly needing to approved the budget overages for service provided. We encourage the Area Committee Chairs and their respective committee members to engage in Group and District support of the 12 step work. Rising costs and their efforts need to be considered in this and future budgets. Budget overages can be minimized with this adjustment to the 2024 budget proposed. This motion as been discussed and supported by substantial unanimity of District 13. Respectfully submitted, Sunny L. District 13 DCM

MOTION passed 36 YES, 2 NO

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a. Officer/Standing Committee Chairs expenses up to \$700 each reimbursed payable upon request with supporting documentation. p.20

3. The \$1,600 to the Delegate, \$1,300 to the Alternate Delegate/Area Chair and \$ 700 to the other Officers & Standing Committee Chairs will be reimbursed upon request to the Area Treasurer with reasonable documentation of expenses. (p.21)

In Guidelines, (Financial Request Guidelines: Officers and Committee Chairs expenses up to \$700 each reimbursed payable upon request with supporting documentation., p.23)

(O. I recommended we change all the \$ 700 to the increase of \$1,000 in Guidelines the Financial Request Guidelines on both a. & 3 numbers on both pages 20&21. and insert motion and paragraph into the Advisory Actions Area Finance Committee p10. both done

P| On October 19, 2023 the Assembly recommended that:

Motion: Waive Area 74 Guidelines for 2025//2026 and work with the Dates to Remember Calendar. It pertains to the yearly Area 74 events calendar.

Motion was 2nd and there must be substantial unanimity for its passage. Passed Unanimously 41-0

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(P. Not in Guidelines (I recommended we add a New Section to the front cover page p0 of the Guidelines and insert the yellow paragraph into Advisory Actions cover page p.1.) both done

End of Assembly Motions

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Motion for Area 74
Started by Back to Basics, Eau Claire, District 05
Group # 000021507

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.

Passed unanimously Back to Basics group 6/27/2024

Background information:

This motion is based on the spiritual principle of our 7th tradition.

7. The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Pg 1. Area 74 Guidelines

The Area shall continually be guided by the General warranties contained in Concept XII of the Twelve Concepts, namely that the Area shall observe the spirit of the AA Traditions, taking great care that the Area never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle;

Pg. c50 The AA Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W.

Warranty Two: "Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle." But when it comes to the actual spending of cash, particularly for A.A. service overhead, many of us are apt to turn a bit reluctant. We think of the loss of all that earning power in our drinking years, of those sums we might have laid by for emergencies or for education of the kids. We find, too, that when we drop money in the meeting hat there is no such bang as when we talk for hours to a newcomer. There is not much romance in paying the landlord. Sometimes we hold off when we are asked to meet area or Intergroup service expenses. As to world services, we may remark, "Well, those activities are a long way off, and our group does not really need them. Maybe nobody needs them." These are very natural and understandable reactions, easy to justify. We can say, "Let's not spoil A.A. with money and service organization. Let's separate the material from the spiritual. That will really keep things simple."

Remarks:

Every year the General Service Office has covered Area 74's shortfall in the cost of the area's delegate to attend the General Service Conference. This essentially amounts to other groups supporting our Area.

Wisconsin Alcoholics Anonymous District 04, Area 74, is excited to announce their hosting of the 2024 Fall Conference on September 13-15. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI.

In addition to speakers, meetings and topical panels, the conference will include a Family Feud game night, the airing of recovery-focused movies, a comedy show, a dessert social and an open mic. In accordance with the central conference theme of "Action is the Magic Word," the planning committee has put a great deal into the activities of the conference, and are excited for you to join them

Registration – including lodging and banquet dinner information – is available on the District 04 website, along with the program of events. Please visit the following link for more information.
<https://www.aawidistrict04.org/event/area-74-2024-fall-conference/>

The Deadline for mail in registrations will be August 28th 2024. If you cannot get your registration mailed by then, you can still bring the paper registration filled out to register at the conference on the day of.



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.

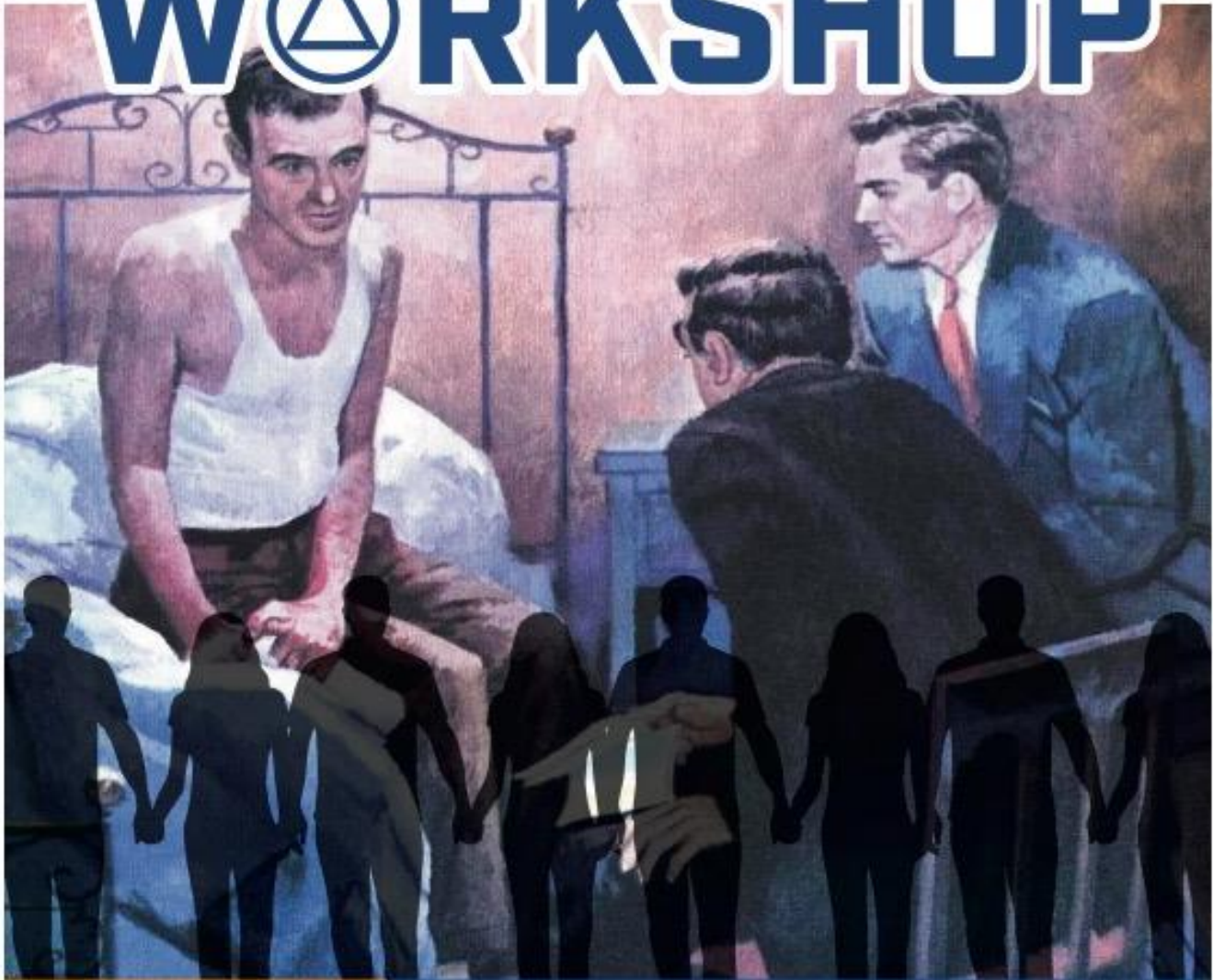
Any question contact

Shane S – Area 74 PI Chair

715-497-0650 pi@area74.org

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District 16 Harbortown
Alcoholics Anonymous Inter-Group
Saturday, September 21, 2024
100 Cane Court, Ontonagon, MI

4pm - Corrections Meeting

5pm - GSR Meeting

6pm - Pot Luck Dinner

7pm – Speakers

Come one, come all, to the beautiful
Harbor Town of Ontonagon
Enjoy a wonderful Pot Luck Dinner!
Bring a dish to share!

DIRECTIONS:

Drive through town on River Street; turn R onto Houghton Street.

Follow Houghton St six blocks to the Ontonagon
Housing Commission sign. Turn R on Prehnite Street.

Follow Prehnite three blocks to Cane Court.

Park in lot to the north.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: General Service Conference Members
FROM: Bob W., General Manager
DATE: 8/15/24
RE: alcoholicsanonymous.com

I have great news to share with you. The ownership transfer of the domain name alcoholicsanonymous.com to AAWS, is now complete! You may recall that it was announced at the General Service Conference in April, that an agreement had been reached and executed with the previous owners of the website/domain.

We successfully negotiated the ownership transfer without cost, with an agreed effective date of July 31st. Shortly after I executed the agreement in April, the prior owners redirected the domain name to Sober.com. Our council immediately addressed this with them, but they were unwilling to cease the redirection. Our council advised us it was best to be patient and wait until the transfer of ownership was complete.

The office coordinated closely with our council to ensure a smooth and timely transfer, although we did experience a slight delay. Within a few short days, the issue was resolved and alcoholicsanonymous.com is now redirected to AA.org.

This has been a long journey dating back to the year 2000. Over the years there have been several unsuccessful attempts to acquire the site and numerous interactions to discontinue the use of our name. Since assuming my role as General Manager, monitoring intellectual property and copyright issues has been a very important priority. The creation of the Legal, Licensing and IP Department has allowed for more organization, oversight and focus regarding IP and copyright matters. The department is now reporting regularly to the AAWS and General Service Boards allowing for proper oversight.

As reported at the General Service Conference, although we were able to successfully negotiate the transfer of ownership without any fees or costs paid to the prior owners, we did, however, incur legal costs along the way. Because the timeline dates back so many years, it's difficult to know the total amount of legal costs incurred. The recent pursuit of alcoholicsanonymous.com began in December 2022. Since that time, legal fees to complete transfer of ownership were approximately \$85,000.

I appreciate and am grateful for the support and patience of all three Boards and all General Service Conference members. Thank you so much for all you do for AA.

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Corrections Desk Activity Update

April 2024

To: Area and District Corrections Chairs
cc: Regional Trustees, Area Delegates
From: Nick S., Corrections Coordinator
(212) 870-3085
corrections@aa.org

Warm greetings from the Corrections Desk here at the General Service Office (GSO) US/Canada. It is so nice to be in touch with you all again.

If you are a new Corrections Chair – welcome aboard! As many of you know, your Area Registrar can update information in our Fellowship Connection database for new committee chairpersons; although some new committee chairs contact us directly to provide their contact information. In any event, please continue to reach out when changes are made so we can continue to have the most up to date information to send you current information from the office.

National Corrections Conference:

For those who may be interested in attending, the 7th Annual National Corrections Conference will be held November 8-10th, 2024 in Charlotte, NC

Here is the link to their website - <https://nationalcorrectionsconference.org/>

I will be attending and look forward to meeting you all in Charlotte!

I am pleased to share the following **highlights** that I hope you find useful as you carry the message to those inside the walls.

74th General Service Conference

A corrections committee of the 2024 Conference Committee on Corrections requested that the staff member on the Corrections desk gather shared experience on how local corrections committees encourage and engage members in corrections service. The collected shared experience would be available upon request from the Corrections desk. We are developing a brief survey which incorporates various areas of interest related to members doing service work on the inside of correctional facilities.

The committee also suggested that AA Grapevine consider including shared experiences on how to encourage and engage A.A. members in Corrections service within their July prison issue.

Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS)

We are still seeking A.A. members to correspond with persons in custody who:

- Spanish speaking men from the eastern US to correspond with persons in custody.
- Women participants in the U.S. who are persons in custody.
To expand our participant list in Canada, both inside and outside.
- We also need participants who identify as Transgender and Non-binary to correspond with participants on the inside.

How can you help? Please share the CCS sign up forms with your home group, at the various correctional settings you visit and any other A.A. event you attend. Sign-up forms and pre-stamped envelopes are available at GSO at no cost due to your Seventh Tradition contributions to the A.A. General Service Board.

Here are the *revised* sign-up forms:

- <https://www.aa.org/corrections-correspondent-sign-form>
- <https://www.aa.org/corrections-correspondence-service-insider-request-form>

Mail and Processing Centers

With the implementation of Third-Party Mailing Processing Centers, we have received additional feedback that has allowed us to explore new logistical operations for sending mail. When carrying the message on the inside of Correctional Facilities, we ask of you to survey those who write to the General Service Office Corrections Desk. We ask this so we can get some additional information regarding facilities and our level of consistency when sending and receiving mail. If there are any variables or hardships, we prefer to know. Please email the corrections desk with all related information: corrections@aa.org

Digital Literature Behind the Walls

Conference-approved AAWS and AA Grapevine copyrighted eBooks and audiobooks are available on tablets and desktops in the various correctional settings in the U.S. and can now be accessed by people who are incarcerated and by the professionals who serve them. Thanks to the Seventh Tradition contributions of members, we have contracts with several vendors so we can provide literature at no cost to people behind the walls.

February 2022 – April 2024 (26 months) Highlights:

- 451 facilities throughout the US have accessed A.A.W.S. digital literature.
- 25,094 unique starts total
- 11,769 unique completes total

What can you do? Let corrections professionals know that we have contracts with many major tablet vendors including ViaPath, Edovo/GTL, Securus-Jpay or Ingram CoreSource – OverDrive that provide A.A. and AA Grapevine literature. Literature is available in the “Recovery” section of the tablet.

Please contact corrections@aa.org for additional information.

Corrections Kit Contents & Other Service Material Available Online

Please visit the “Corrections-Committees” <https://www.aa.org/corrections-committees> section of GSO’s A.A. web site where corrections literature and service material is available.

Corrections Kit (M-45I)

The Corrections workbook has been updated and is available for purchase at the online bookstore <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/>

Sharing From Behind the Walls Newsletter

The Spring issue of the newsletter <https://www.aa.org/sharing-from-behind-the-walls> is available on the aa.org website for those who want to make extra copies for people in custody (Area and District Corrections Chairs automatically receive this) The newsletter is published three times a year and contains excerpts of sharing from letters from persons in custody that are sent to this desk. If you need a reminder about how valuable your A.A. service is, please read these sharing.

Please take advantage of the previous editions available in English, French, and Spanish. They can continue to be effectively used

Corrections Assignment Travel

I will be visiting Area 81 New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island Canada to attend the **June 21st Dorchester Intramural Group 75th group anniversary** (*Dorchester Medium*).

The corrections coordinator will also visit other correctional facilities conducting meetings on the inside while visiting Area 81, including:

Friday, June 21st Hilltop Group (*Dorchester Minimum*)

Saturday, June 22nd Faithful Group (*Springhill Medium*)

To further understand corrections in Canada, the corrections assignment has developed a questionnaire which will be published in a future issue of Box-459.

International Weekly Corrections Online Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to share experience in *carrying the message* to the inside members. Trusted servants meet to discuss best practices and learn how to implement

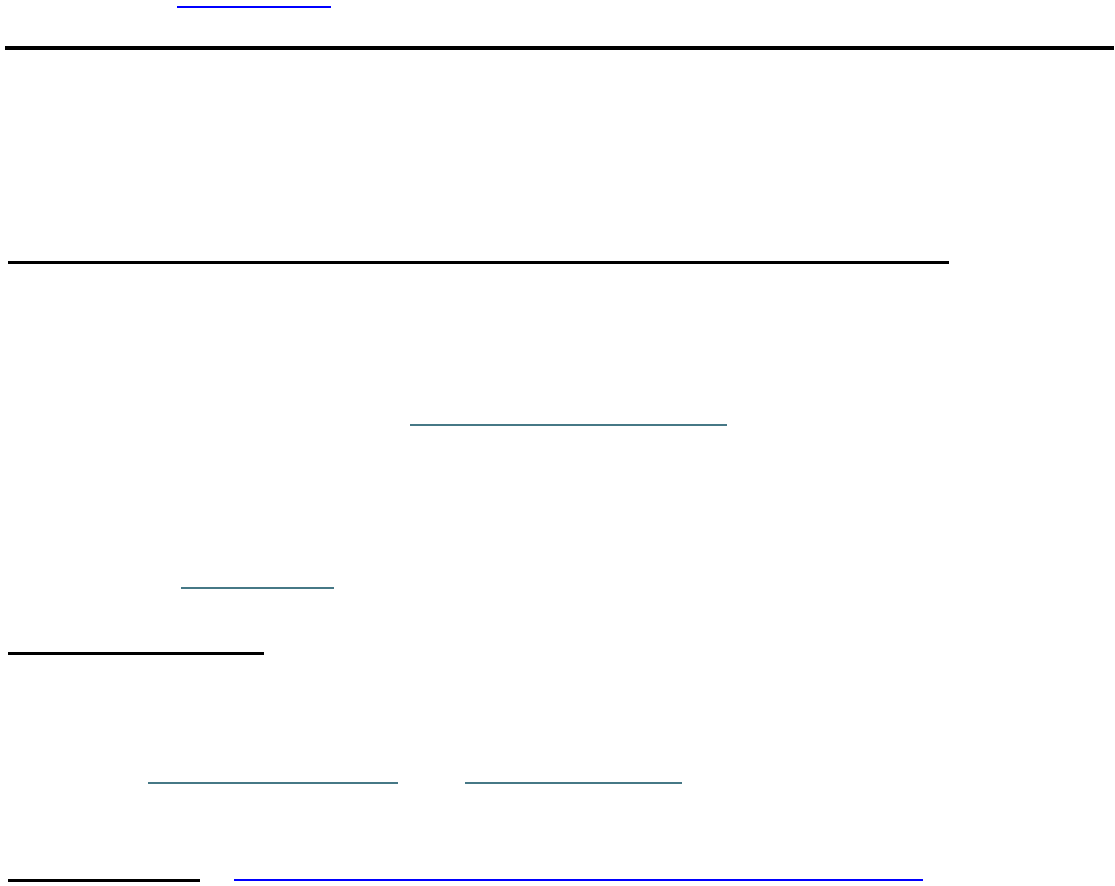
them in their own Areas. **Everyone is welcome** at this meeting, especially present and past correction chairs, and anyone who is interested in A.A. corrections service.

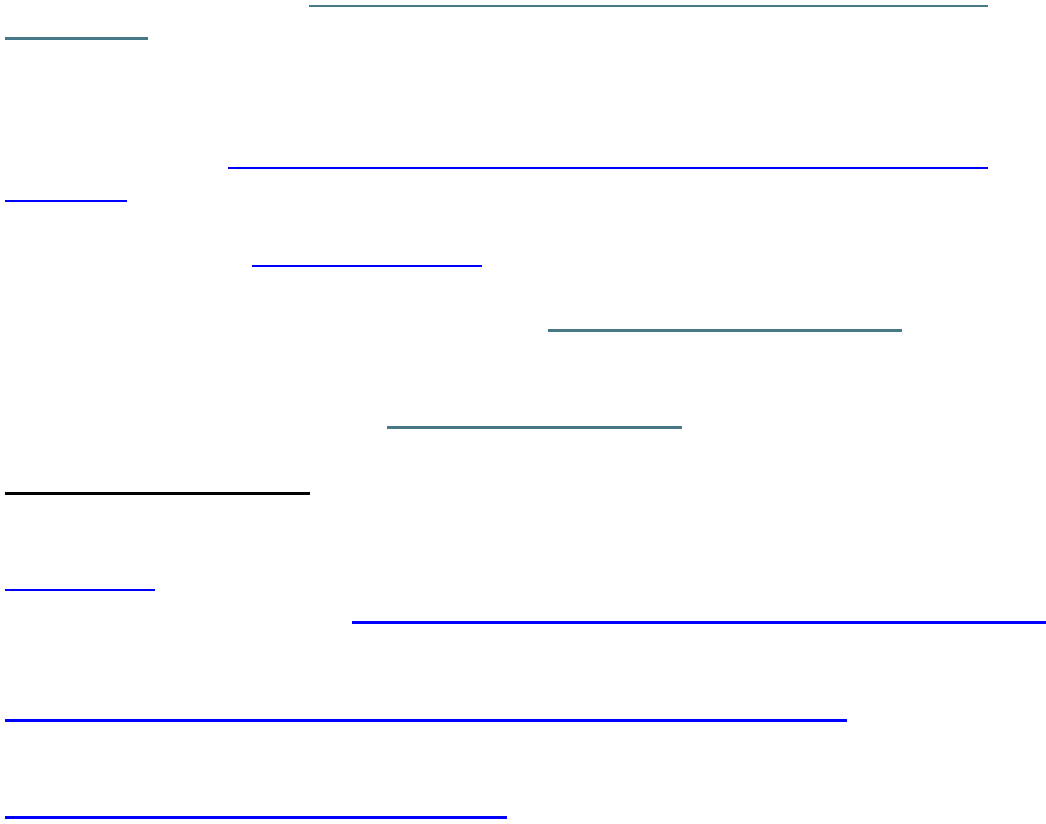
Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604 (no password needed). The first and last Sunday of the month meets at 6pm (EST) all other Sundays meet at 11am (EST).

Thank you for your service.

Nick S.
Corrections Coordinator
GSO Staff

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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!

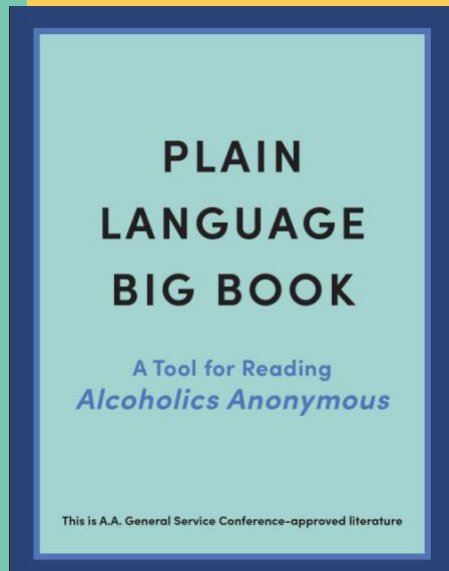
Over the years, many nonalcoholic professionals have addressed the Convention as guest speakers on a wide range of important topics, and hundreds of other meetings will share the diverse experience, strength and hope of A.A. members from around the world.

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.

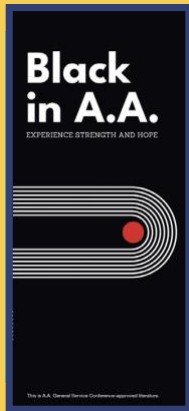
Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

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

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- **Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024**
- **List Price \$11.**
- **Item B-90**
- **192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"**
- **Softcover format with flaps**

Announcing: NEW items from AAWS!

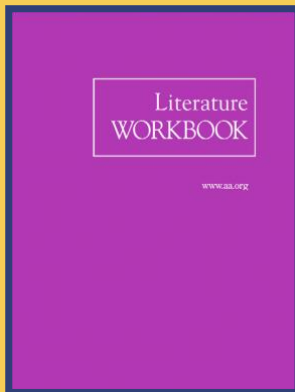


"Black in AA – Experience Strength and Hope"
(P-51) List price \$.75

New completely revised pamphlet

Now available in a completely updated and rewritten pamphlet — “Black in A.A. – Experience, Strength and Hope” replaces the pamphlet titled “A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic.” With an illuminating new Introduction and contemporary sharing by 12 A.A. members from the United States and Canada, the new pamphlet will be published in English, with French and Spanish translations to follow.

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER

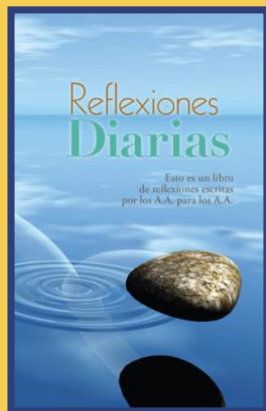


Literature Workbook
(M-52i) List price \$6.00

New Literature service tool

Several years in the making, this brand-new Workbook was compiled from practical shared experience of A.A. members in the Literature service area. Literature committees at the District and Area levels help educate the Fellowship about General Service Conference-approved literature and related service material. All of their efforts work to insure we protect and maintain the integrity of the A.A. message. Helpful sections of the workbook include: “Samples of Planned Service Activities,” and “Growing Literature Committees in Districts.”

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER



Reflexiones Diarias
(SB-19) List Price \$12.50

in a new Large Print edition

A.A.'s popular book of daily meditations that features quotations from A.A. literature paired with members' responses to them for every day of the year is now being made available in Spanish in a Large Print edition, for the first time. This edition will help make this inspirational text more accessible to our Spanish-speaking members, and it is published as a direct result of responding to the expressed need of the Fellowship.

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