

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

April 12, 2025 | Quality Inn | Rhinelander, WI

The meeting opened at 8:29 AM with a prayer from Shane S followed by an introduction of new area assembly attendees.

Attendance:

- 16 virtual attendees, 54 in-person attendees. Total 60 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

District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Mike N
- District 2 – Jane M
- District 3 – Allan B
- District 4 – Paul H
- District 5 – Pat T
- District 6 – Elyssa W
- District 7 – Justin H
- District 9 – Jim H
- District 10 – Don K
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 18 – Pat A
- District 21 – Jon J
- District 22 – Melissa P

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N
- Corrections MI – James H
- Finance – Bill L
- Grapevine – Bryon B
- Literature – Mike H
- Newsletter – Jeff C and Michelle Z
- Public Information – Shane S
- Structures and Guidelines – Sunny L
- Treatment and Accessibilities – Adam G

Approval of assembly minutes from 10/12/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 12/07/2024 ACM minutes. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Reports:

- Appendix A – area officers and committee chairs
- Appendix B – treasurer

Old Business:

- Corrections Wisconsin vacancy:
 - **Nomination (seconded):** Kerry H. **Vote:** 54 yes, 1 no. Passed by substantial unanimity.
 - No other nominations.
- **District 13 Motion (see Appendix C for full motion)**
 - Discussion: The discussion revealed mixed opinions about the motion. Some groups supported it in principle but suggested setting an annual budget cap. One group unanimously supported it for this year only, while others opposed it, believing past delegates should fund themselves if they choose to attend. DCM feedback also varied—some supported funding all or at least the most recent past

delegate, valuing their continued service. Others felt support should depend on delegates' willingness to contribute. Several districts backed the motion to help ensure delegates are well-prepared for the conference. A past delegate clarified that they only have a voice and vote during Sunday business meetings at the event, with no official role otherwise.

- **Vote:** 46 yes, 12 no. Vote passes by substantial unanimity.
 - **Minority opinion:**
 - The discussion focused on prioritizing financial support for the current delegate over past delegates. Concerns were raised about the motion's ambiguity, especially regarding retroactive payments, and a suggestion was made to set a specific budget for such expenses. Overall, there was a preference for limiting funding to current delegates.
 - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 35 yes, 25 no. Motion passes by simple majority.
- Discussion: The discussion highlighted differing views on the value of funding past delegates to attend the conference. Some felt the entire event—not just the Sunday business meeting—helps prepare the delegate. Others, including a past delegate, opposed the motion, suggesting that past delegates should be engaging year-round to support the delegate role. Concerns were raised about the motion's ambiguity, with a call for clarification, though there was some general support for the idea of financial assistance. One GSR questioned the overall benefit of the area having representation at the event.
- **Vote:** 18 yes, 37 no. Motion fails.
- Comment from delegate: general sense of body seems to be supporting past delegates attending this function, but we were unable to get the motion changed to reflect that during the assembly today. Hoping that

- **Now and Then Motion (see appendix C)**

- Discussion: Several members expressed support for the motion, noting concerns about personal information being shared publicly. There was discussion around whether the issue lies in how information is submitted to or published in the newsletter. Some supported the idea of protecting anonymity, especially in sensitive areas like corrections, while others questioned allowing individuals to opt in to having their information published. It was noted that the newsletter used to be on a protected section of the website but is now publicly accessible, raising further privacy concerns. The delegate clarified that the motion only addresses the area registrar's roster and suggested simply not publishing it in the newsletter.
- **Motion to amend (seconded):** Area 74 now and then will not publish the area roster.
 - Discussion: The discussion reflected concern that the amended motion could allow personal information to be published. A GSR expressed opposition to the amendment for this reason.
 - **Vote:** 35 yes, 13 no. Motion passes by substantial unanimity.
 - **Minority opinion:**
 - GSR does not feel roster should be completely removed from the newsletter.
 - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 14 yes, 37 no. Motion fails.
- **Call to question:** 50 yes, 2 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
- **Amended motion vote:** 45 yes, 12 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
 - **Minority opinion:**
 - Newsletter editor shared that the motion creates more problems for them.
 - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 24 yes, 27 no. Motion fails.

- **Archives Committee Motion (see appendix C)**

- Discussion: The discussion centered on the proposal to establish a permanent location for archival materials. The Archives Chair and Archivist emphasized that the move would improve accessibility and reduce the burden of personal storage. While many GSRs shared that their groups supported the motion—seeing value in a centralized location—concerns were raised about future accessibility for archivists who may not live nearby. There were also questions about the display's

public access, which will be a hybrid of storage and active display. Some concern was expressed about the site being a religious location, though not all districts saw this as an issue. The contract details are still pending but intended to be long-term. Overall, the move was seen by many as beneficial, despite some logistical and contextual concerns.

- **Vote:** 53 yes, 8 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
 - **Minority opinion:**
 - GSR shared they are in favor of the idea but would like to see the actual contract.
 - There was no motion to reconsider.

New Business:

- District 13 withdrew their two motions.
- Hospitality room motion (see Appendix C):
 - **Vote:** 60 yes, 1 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.

Conference Updates/Bids:

- Appendix D
- Area 74 Conference Bid:
 - District 13 expressed interest in a bid for this conference.
 - District 2 also expressed interest in a bid for this conference.
 - Will table discussion until the October assembly to allow both districts time to put a full bid together for review by the body.

GSR/DCM Report Back to Delegate:

- Appendix E
- Discussion prior to report back:
 - A GSR expressed concern that there was only about three weeks for groups to review and discuss agenda items before needing to provide feedback.
 - Another GSR also questioned the recent format change at the delegate's workshop, where groups no longer vote on agenda items.
 - The delegate responded:
 - There are no set guidelines for how the delegate's workshop should be conducted.
 - The current format was developed based on input from others and the delegate's own experience.
 - The delegate believes simple yes/no votes limit the ability to consider broader perspectives and make informed decisions for the good of AA as a whole.
 - The delegate emphasized that it is up to the area to establish expectations for how group feedback should be gathered—any changes to the process should be proposed through a formal motion and discussion.

Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

Appendix A – Reports
April 12, 2025, Area Assembly

Delegate – Nicholas S:

As we prepare for the 75th General Service Conference, beginning on April 26, I want to share some updates and ongoing activities:

Conference Participation

On the opening day of the General Service Conference, I will be serving on the **Conference Inventory Committee**. This committee plays a vital role in evaluating how the conference functions and identifying opportunities for improvement.

Pre-Conference Meeting

A **pre-conference meeting** is scheduled for **April 21**. At this meeting, we will discuss significant updates, including:

- Changes to how the General Service Conference operates.
- The resignation of the non-trustee Grapevine Director.
- The upcoming resignation of the AA Class A Trustee Treasurer, who will be stepping down at the close of the 75th General Service Conference.

Recent Service Engagements

I have actively participated in the following service events and activities:

- Several **district pre-conference workshops**.
- District 10 **12 Step workshop**.
- A **service talk for a group in Wausau**.

Upcoming Events

- I will be hosting **Virtual Delegate Hours** this **Monday**, providing a space for members to connect and ask questions.
- My **Conference Report** will be presented on **Sunday morning at our Area Conference in May**.

International Convention – Hospitality Committee

I am serving on the **Hospitality Committee for the East Central Region's (ECR) Hospitality Room** at the upcoming **International Convention**. We are currently seeking **volunteers** to help staff the room. This is a wonderful service opportunity—please reach out to me directly if you're interested, and share this invitation with members in your districts and groups.

Additionally, the ECR Hospitality Committee is looking for a **volunteer to create a poster board** that will represent **Area 74** in the hospitality room.

Availability

I am available to visit any **district, group, or workshop** to discuss or answer questions regarding the upcoming **75th General Service Conference**. Please feel free to reach out if you would like me to attend an event in your area.

In Love and Service,
Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider
A74/P74 Delegate

Alt. Delegate/Area Chair – Bill D:

Good morning everyone. Welcome to our spring Area 74 assembly. We have several motions to vote on today. One of our members is interested in the vacant Wisconsin Correction Chair position and will speak later this morning.

Last night, we held our first committee workshop, which was well attended for a first-time event. As we are in the midst of a two-year trial, it was our initial attempt at having standing committee chairs conduct group discussions. I thought it went well.

I look forward to the conference in May in Sturgeon Bay, WI, and encourage everyone to attend. Let's keep this brief as we don't have much business to cover.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Bill D.

Secretary – Shane R:

The alternate secretary position for area 74 remains open. Please continue to announce this vacancy in your districts and home groups. The area secretary position has turned out to be an easy gig so I would highly recommend considering serving for anyone who is interested in taking a position at the area level. Assisting as the alternate secretary may be a good shoe-in for the secretary position at the end of this rotation.

The secretary's laptop stopped working, so I purchased a new one this morning and will be submitting reimbursement to the area today for this expense.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Registrar – Katie D

- 1,517 total groups in the Area – up slightly from 1,504 in September
- 604 active groups – compared to 606 in September
- 657 inactive groups – up from 652 in September
- 12 virtual groups – up from 11 in September
- 114 unknown status – up from 110 in September
- 3 incomplete entries – same as September

A few updates and gentle reminders I'd like to share with you:

To our DCMs –

- Please ensure that all GSRs, Alternate GSRs, Mail Contacts, and Alternate DCMs are registered in Fellowship Connection. According to Member Services, if someone isn't registered there, they unfortunately won't be able to vote on Area matters. Your help with this is appreciated.
- When submitting forms for new individuals, please double-check that the person's full first name is used, not a nickname. For example, a form was submitted with the name "Tom," but the system couldn't process it until I tried "Thomas." These small details really help streamline the process and avoid delays. I recently learned that phone numbers that were input as mobile phone numbers do not show up Fellowship Connection. If you go through your reports and find contacts that are missing phone numbers, please let me know. I can go in and move their phone numbers from mobile to home. Hopefully GSO will get this glitch corrected soon.
- One more thing to note: I've been receiving a growing number of requests for district group listings directly from members, bypassing DCMs. To keep our communication smooth and aligned with structure, I'll be redirecting these requests to you moving forward. If you need help accessing this information in Fellowship Connection, I'm more than happy to walk you through it—just reach out!
- Additionally, I've received some requests about adding meetings to the Meeting App. While that's not something I handle directly, I've done my best to assist. Please help by ensuring your district websites—or the Area site—are updated with new group info. GSO uses these websites as their source. If you're

adjacent to a dark district (without a DCM), consider including their meetings on your site temporarily until they're back up and running.

- As a helpful suggestion: download your district's group contact list and sending a quick email to confirm accuracy can be a great way to clean up the data. If any of the responses include updates, feel free to forward them to me—I'll gladly help get everything corrected.
- Just a reminder, there are several district positions that can be listed in Fellowship Connection. Please check to make sure your people are listed. As we don't have a form for these district positions yet, please use the Group Change Form that's available on the Area website and make a note next to the name. I will work on creating a District Position Change form. The district chair positions are as follows: Accessibilities, Archivist, CPC, Grapevine, H&I, Literature, PI, Treatment
- Lastly, the **Alternate Registrar** position is currently open again. If you're interested or just curious about the role, I'd love to chat with you about it!

Thank you all for everything you do. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Archives – Paul Y

The Committee continues to hold monthly Zoom meetings on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. Currently we are engaged in three activities:

1. Planning our presentation for the Spring Conference
2. Planning another presentation for the Hayward Founders Day Celebration
3. Preparing for the results of our motion that would move our Archives collection to a permanent home

The Spring Conference Presentation will be on Saturday in the 2:00-3:30pm timeslot. Early AA history and how it spread to and through Wisconsin and Michigan's UP into what is now Area 74 will be discussed.

The Hayward Founders Day Celebration will focus on Area 74 and how the districts developed and came to be as they are today.

AA Archives isn't just about past events and people from years gone by. Today we are the people making AA history. Each alcoholic at each meeting or in each group is contributing something.

Groups and Districts need to collect information that will be lost to future generations if we don't record and contribute stories of recent happenings.

We are discussing the creation of an ongoing plan to interview long-timers and document their journey. GSO has provided all the prompts so there are no special skills needed. Please get on board this project so AA can continue its bright future based on documentation of its sound past.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Paul Y. Archives Chair A74

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N

The Area 74 CPC Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm Central/7pm Eastern Time. Attendance has fluctuated from as many as 15 to as few as 3, with recent attendance steadying out at 10-12. We have named our little band of warriors "The 252 Group" after the story of Archie T, The Man Who Mastered Fear, on page 252 of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.

With positive results we have gone to guest speakers, with a group conscience to allow non-AA professionals the opportunity to share their experience, knowledge of the Spiritual Malady, and effective methods of literature and communication. Our first speaker was Warren G, current panel 74, Area 56 Delegate, followed by Cynthia B of Area 33 as well as members of the medical and legal communities. This coming Tuesday the 15th, the former Clinical Director of Libertas Treatment Centers will be featured. Our emphasis in building CPC Committees has focused on simplicity and manageability.

Speaking opportunities have presented themselves at a District 02 Workshop earlier this year, a District 05 Service Workshop on the 26th of this month, and a national opportunity supplied by GSO to have a booth at the Rural Institute on Alcoholism Convention in Menomonie, Wisconsin, June 8-12, with District 05 and Jim P (D05 CPC Chair) stepping up to help man the table. Additional opportunity present in August in Marquette (D18) and later this fall when D23 turns on the lights.

Yours in service,
Mike N-A74 CPC Chair
920-228-2019
nvyflyguy@gmail.com

Corrections Michigan – James H

Outreach to DCMs

- Committee members assigned Districts to contact.
- Pat T - Districts 1-7
- Don K - Districts 8-11, 13
- Johni B - Districts 12, 14, 22, 23, 24
- James H - Districts in UP (MI) 15,16,17, 18, 19, 20, 21

Connecting Persons in Custody with AA on the Outside

- CCS, Corrections Correspondence Service (F-73, AAWS) - Persons in custody fill out the form six months prior to release date
- Corrections Correspondence Services (F-26, AAWS) goes to GSO and then forwarded to current outside AA member in the CCS program
- Prerelease Program - Persons in custody fill out AA Corrections Prerelease Contact Information (F-163, AAWS) before release date (mailed to Area Corrections Chair via P.O. Box forwarding)
- Prerelease Program – Persons on the outside - AA member (F-162, AAWS)
- Suggestion: Area 74 Districts can adopt a type of mail forwarding system.

Area 75 and Area 74 Conference Corrections Update

- **Resuming the WI State Corrections Conference**
 - Area 75 Corrections Chair wants to resume the WI State Corrections Conference, which stopped during the pandemic. Maybe start with a 1-day (Saturday) event somewhere central between Areas 74 & 75
 - Area 74 and Area 75 to start discussing putting in a bid for the International Corrections Conference in a couple years.

Reports and Discussions

- The Corrections committee reviewed reports from DCMs assigned to various districts. Discussion covered the findings of these districts, and additional information will be obtained from districts that have not yet responded. If you have not sent a report yet, please email James H. at correctionmi@area74.org

Nominations

- The committee discussed nominations for the Area Corrections Chair positions for both Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as alternates to be voted on in October. James H is interested in Michigan and Kerry is interested in Wisconsin

Literature

- The Area 74 Chairs have committee funds allocated for literature. Also, they can receive donations from Moose and Goose and special discounts from GSO for Corrections literature that can be sent directly to

facilities requiring it. The forms discussed on a regular basis include CCS (F-26) and (F-73), Pre-Release (F-163) and (F-163)

Other Items to Mention

- District 19: AA started at Bay Pines and Delta County Jail
- Oneida County Starting meetings
- Alma Buffalo County Started meetings
- Trempalo County Started meetings
- There are only 3 Districts in our Area that do not have some type of AA meeting in their facilities (Districts 15, 21 they help 16, 20 has green light but no start date) we are working on it though, one day at a time
- Assistance in Districts, please reach out if any assistance is needed
- App to communicate with incarcerated by Chat on Kiosk. Good questions to ask facilities

Thank you all, I am honored to be of service.

James H.

Area 74 Corrections Chair MI

Correctionmi@area74.org

906-284-7406

Finance – Bill L

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74. The committee has been looking for ways to upgrade the policy/processes of the committee. After months of discussion, we have decided to just go forward with the process that is in place. We will have ongoing discussion on changes that can be made to the guidelines that will help clear up some of the questions we have run up against. We should be able to present those at the fall assembly. We will also be monitoring the cost considerations of having only one conference per year in conjunction with having the Friday night committee workshops twice a year before the assemblies, along with the rising costs of hotels, meals, and even gasoline. There will be enough information for us in the coming months to make what will be needed adjustments to next year's budget. Going forward, we will use our time during the Friday night committee workshops to meet with all the committee chairs and talk about their budget and help them in any way we can in preparing them.

Yours and Service, Bill L., Your Finance Committee chair.

Grapevine – Bryon B

There were 2 requests to have a workshop from the fellowship, but after some consideration both groups cancelled. If any group, meeting, district, or conference would like a presentation on the new Grapevine App, please contact me. We now have a working committee of 3 AA members after the workshop held on 4-11-25. Currently we have approximately \$300 dollars in book inventory that is available for sale at conventions and workshops.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Bryon B

Area 74 Grapevine Chair

715-579-5820

Literature – Mike H

Sales of the Plain Language Big Book have started to drop, there were far more fourth editions sold over the weekend.

More members are starting to purchase literature via our new chip reader. Using their debit card, they can simply hold it over my phone and the transaction is complete. There's still a 3% charge to the literature account, but I feel this cost is offset by the bulk purchase savings we get from aa.org.

One Spanish Big Book was sold during the Assembly, but there's still a tote full of Spanish literature that's not moving. I'm going to consult the Literature Committee on what to do with it.

GSO released the new Literature Workbook and I got a copy this weekend, I ordered 10 and plan to get one to all the committee members. If you'd like to join the Literature Committee please email me at mikeholland600@gmail.com.

Newsletter – Jeff C and Michelle Z

Currently 1006 email subscribers
 13 Hard Copy
 2 Individual subscriptions \$50

Expenses for past year through March 31	\$661.10
Postage	\$113.88
Mail Chimp 27.96 /mo	\$335.52
PO Box	\$102.00
Office Exp	<u>\$109.70</u>
TOTAL	\$661.10

The Now & Then policy is publishing items submitted by members of Area 74 that pertinent to Area 74 General Service issues & events, publish minutes & documents submitted by Area 74 Officers and Area Committee members, Groups and individuals in Area 74. The Editors do some re-formatting to fit the newsletter pages, and if something is submitted that does not make sense the way it is written, will reach out to the author and clarify the intent and help with editing grammar etc. The N&T does not alter any information submitted, just publishes what is presented. Occasionally, the Editors are not certain of the intent or if a document is appropriate for publication and the process is to consult with the area Committee (usually the Area Chair, Delegate, or appropriate Officer or Area Committee member. When there is no real clarity, the Area Committee is then consulted, and when indicated, the issue is brought to the Assembly and Groups.

A Committee is in the process of being formed to establish guidelines for the Now & Then so current and future Editors and /or Committees have clear cut directions approved by the Groups of Area 74 on how to publish the Area 74 Newsletter. Currently, what has been followed has been tradition and processes developed by the Editors for the past 66 years We hope to codify it better for future servants of Area 74.

Electronic delivery has been established for over 5 years now and that process is getting easier and more efficient for the current Co-Editors and saved at least \$7000 per year for the Groups of Area 74. We are continuing to try and improve and utilize the newsletter and electronic processing of it to be an excellent communication link for the Area Committee and the Groups and members of Area 74.

We are still looking for articles etc. for publication and appreciate that the timeliness of information to be published is becoming less and less last minute. Please try and get information to us one week prior to the end of the month. WE send the 13 hard copies out by snail mail (Costs approximately \$1.60 per copy currently = \$21 per year per issue but that does not include cost of printing – that currently is done with costs of materials on personal computers)

Thank you for allowing us to be of service, Michelle Z and Jeff C

Public Information – Shane S

1. Our P.I committee meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. 6846/Password: PI. All are welcome, Next meeting April 30th, 2025. Zoom ID: 830 3370
2. At our monthly P.I meeting we encourage all Public Information chairs from Districts and Groups of Area 74. The purpose is to come together and share ideas on how we can reach out to the alcoholic that still suffers. Our Flyer is posted in the Now & Then Newsletter Monthly.
3. What is going on in the PI committee
 - a. Online Chat
 - b. Started working on PI workshop for the conference in Sturgeon Bay
 - c. Jane M from district 02 DCM is working on a PI skit for the conference for our workshop.
 - d. After the conference in May of 2025, we will be full speed ahead for Radio campaign in upper Michigan, Bathroom stale tactics, and Billboard advertising, and other avenues to reach out to the still suffering alcoholic.
 - e. Continue to push PSA's
 - f. Sense it's election year we will be reaching Area74 servants to replace PI Chair and get new committee members to continue the amazing work that our current PI committee is doing.
4. Online Chat:
 - a. We have a subcommittee of 12 Area74 servants that has met monthly sense September 2025.
 - b. We meet on the last Monday of each month @ 7pm central Time. Zoom ID: 850-6721-4005, PW: chat all lower case
 - c. Looking for more volunteers to join our online chat committee
 - d. Our next Online chat meeting will be April 28th, 2025
 - e. In our first online chat meeting held on September 25th,2024. Here's what happened.
 - i. Lucas M our webmaster is heading up the online chat committee.
 - ii. We went live with online chat back in October of 2024 of last year, typically in a month's time we get between 5 to 15 chats per month.
 - iii. Each monthly meeting we have questions and answer sessions about online chat responses and training.
 - iv. We also created a flyer to put into the now and then newsletter to be distributed to the districts and down to the groups. Purpose to get more visibility to our Area 74 website online chat button.

Webmaster – Lucas M

1. I've been working closely with the PI committee implementing the Area 74 online chat. The feature has been getting incredible use. Since we turned it on, we've answered more than 30 questions!
2. I continue to answer requests coming into webmaster@area74.org. Keeping the email aliases up-to-date, uploading new meetings to the meeting guide app, and adding events to our website calendar are just a few examples.
3. I'm making plans to attend the Spring Conference in Sturgeon Bay. Pamela asked me yesterday to facilitate a technology committee session, which I'm super excited about.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Appendix B - Treasurer's Report

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Appendix C – Motions
April 12, 2025, Area Assembly

District 13 Motion: Area 74 treasury will offer up to \$250.00 to all Area 74 Past Delegates to attend the East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present to participate in the annual East Central Regional service business meeting.

Now and Then Motion: All submissions for publication in the Area 74 newsletter should only include first names, last initials, and other non-personal identifying information. Any item submitted for publication that includes such information will be returned to the submitting party for editing. The Now & Then will publish no information that identifies anyone.

Archives Committee Motion: The Area 74 Archives Committee recommends that we contract with St Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI to house the Area Archives and develop a system for display. This contract and incidental costs shall not exceed \$1000.00 annually.

Hospitality Room Motion: Fund the hospitality room at the international conference in Vancouver.

Appendix D – Conference Updates

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2025 Conference – District 22:

May 16-18 2025 in Sturgeon Bay WI -Stone Harbor Resort

Deadline Reminders

Hotel block reservations end April 15th, the rate will be honored after that date provided rooms are available however your room after that date may not be in the original block area. We held 165

Registration \$45. Banquet \$40 with food choice

You may register for the conference even the same day Saturday \$45 however you will not be included in the banquet meal.

Banquet deadline is April 30th, so we may provide a head count to the resort.

Hospitality Room Contributions are going very nicely and we appreciate everyone's efforts. Flyer on the table with QR code or the address to send contributions. April 30th Deadline

Friday-Evening happenings GSO Speaker Bernie – Intergroup not pot lucks

Stone harbor will have their own live entertainment so we are tapping into that. We will be having a campfire Friday night at our local 115 Club which is a nice 4-5 block "stretch your legs" walk from the resort. This is being hosted by the As Bill Sees it Woman's meeting from Sturgeon Bay.

Saturday- GSO- James Nominating Committee NYC will have a question / answer session on Sunday morning..

Saturday Lunch break will be 1 ½ hours

We will be hosting a light lunch at the 115 Club, no charge. Or you are welcome to explore some local restaurants, which many are within walking distance. I believe we will have a walking distance list available.

Saturday Movies games the resort will be having live entertainment stone harbor Door County evening by the water.

Panelists-we are looking for 1-2 individuals that are working with the Plain Language Big Book, we are looking for men as we have several women already and we are trying to balance this out.

Conference theme!

Our theme is Navigating the Waters of Recovery Together

I have had many questions with regard to how we are doing this conference considering there is no business. With this being a year of rotation we are focusing on concept 9. And our vision is to show others how we get involved. We are asking that you all encourage the newcomer, sponsees, GSRs or anyone who just wants to learn how things work to attend. Many of us came into our position not

knowing anything and we are hoping to ease some fears of service work and to start the process within your district and groups to mentor the next trusted servant.

2026 Area 74/ECR Conference:

- Conference Date 6/26/26-6/28/26
- Full committee meets monthly
- Seed money: \$3000 ECR and \$3000 Area 74
- UWEC is confirmed. A \$4500 deposit is required and will be delivered.
- Contact Randy D, Conference Chairman, dusslegonut@gmail.com with questions

WICYPAA:

WICYPAA will take place from January 2–4, 2026, at The Madison Concourse Hotel. Current bidding cities include Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, and Oshkosh.

As of January 2025, advisory members will complete a site selection form for the bids during the conference. This form will outline the assets and liabilities of each bid. Every advisory member attending the conference in person will fill out the form, which will be given to the bidding cities.

Thank you,
Brittany K
WICYPAA Area 74 Liaison

**Appendix E – GSR/DCM Report Back to Delegate
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Agenda — Item G

Discuss plan to print and distribute the comprehensive summary of the 2025 General Service Conference Inventory.

- GSR shared they aren't sure that it should be printed because of cost but could be emailed to delegates, but they feel individuals are interested in this. Also concern about public controversy if published online. Trust delegate to figure that out.
- Past delegate asked why they wouldn't want to distribute a summary to everyone in a format they enjoy.
- GSR shared they want an electronic copy because this is more efficient and more cost-effective.

Agenda — Item I

Consider the request to suspend oral presentations of all Area Service Highlights and continue printing highlights in the final report.

- No discussion

Agenda — Item J

Consider a proposed pilot for a Harmony and Effectiveness Session to discuss Grievances about General Service Board Actions.

- Past delegate shared that there is time already allocated in the conference to allow for expressing grievances.
- GSR feels that this is not necessary. They feel it is important to have discussions and different perspectives.
- DCM shared that one group said yes and one individual member said there is already an avenue for this at the conference.
- DCM shared that their district does not feel this is necessary.
- Past delegate feels it is logical to have a process for sharing concerns with the Board.

Finance — Item A

Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollar and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [Floor Action from the 74th General Service Conference].

- No discussion.

Finance — Item B

Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

- GSR shared that their group wonders why the Conference doesn't just ask for the full amount, rather than a partial amount.
- DCM shared they have one group that said "no."

Finance— Item C

Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members.

- No discussion.

Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.

- Area officer shared concern that they are wanting to increase contributions to get more money in.
- GSR shared suggestion that they index the amount to inflation based on a reputable source.
- GSR shared their group has no concern with amounts changing based on the changing value of the dollar.

Finance— Item F

Consider a request to remove the phrase, “A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all” from page 10 in *The A.A. Service Manual*.

- GSR shared their group is in favor of removing this but wants to know the history of why this statement is even in the Service Manual.
- DCM shared that this might keep a new GSR right sized, that they are in a position of service and not a position of power.

Grapevine and La Viña — Item C

Review the five-year financial plan for La Viña.

- GSR shared their group finds great value in Grapevine. Felt that if La Vina had to go to make Grapevine sustainable it is worth it.
- GSR shared their group feels we have a responsibility to carry the message to people of all cultures. Hard to provide guidance on this due to demographics, would be good to hear more from the people who are using it. Feels losses are trending in the right direction.
- GSR shared their group feels both are important. Serves our primary purpose. Look at using digital technology to decrease costs. Value in seeing how we can make this feasible so that we don't continue operating at a loss.
- GSR shared their group has subscribed to La Vina in the past due to large Spanish population in their area. They felt that there was lack of interest in their area. Feel that it could be discontinued. Would help if groups subscribed and if it was allowed in jails.
- GSR shared their group feels La Vina is important due to prevalence of Spanish speaking people in our country. Find out what is working for Grapevine and replicate that in La Vina. Add Spanish content to Grapevine.
- GSR shared their group suggested decreasing the frequency and number of printings to help decrease costs.
- DCM shared they have 3-4 Spanish speaking groups in their district. Groups overall are split on this.
- Area Chair asked if there is a publication coming out of Mexico that La Vina might be competing with and maybe they can collaborate with La Vina. Delegate shared that Mexico is not part of our service structure and a separate entity, unsure of what cooperation could look like.
- GSR shared that their group feels the two could be combined.

Grapevine and La Viña — Item F

Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print.”

- No discussion

Literature — Item J

Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on the Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

- GSR shared that their group feels that greater exposure to the concepts would increase participation in service. Strengthen long term viability of AA.
- GSR shared that it's already in the back of the Big Book. Would increase costs so are against it.
- GSR shared that their group is in support of this as it would increase exposure. Essays should be included.
- GSR shared that their group is not in support of this, feels Concepts should have their own publication.
- DCM shared 5 groups said yes, 2 groups said no.
- DCM shared that their district is in favor of this, likes the idea of early exposure, no concerns regarding cost or size of book.

Literature — Item K

Consider request to update the book *Living Sober*.

- Past delegate requests that the delegate ask about inclusion of service meetings.
- GSR shared that the last update was in 2012, and they feel the world has changed a lot since then so needs an update.
- GSR shared they are in favor of this and could include things like online meetings.
- DCM shared 5 groups voted yes to update, 2 groups voted no to update, 1 not sure.

Policy/Admissions — Item E

Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature.

- GSR shared that we have a process in place already and didn't feel this was necessary, feels it is driven by fear.
- GSR shared yes from their group to promote more unity.
- DCM shared their groups are concerned that these motions mean there are going to be changes and they are afraid of this happening. Wants Founder's writings preserved as are forever.
- GSR echoes previous sentiments. Why fix something that isn't broken. Feels retaliatory against decisions of previous conferences. Understand idea of preserving writings but this feels like it being politicized. Taking ourselves too seriously.
- DCM shared their groups were unanimous in support of this, want it to be as difficult as possible to change anything.
- DCM shared 6 groups were in support, 1 group said no.
- GSR shared their group said no because they feel it would be almost impossible to get but some people don't want it to be that difficult.

PI — Item F

Review report on "Meeting Guide app."

- GSR shared that we aren't very high on search results and that could improve. Great app.
- GSR shared that Meeting Guide app could be improved more like the Everyday AA app.

PI — Item G

Review report on GSO's A.A. website.

- GSR shared that we aren't very high on search results and that could improve. Great website.
- GSR suggested reorganizing website so that resources and how to find AA are more at the top of the page.
- GSR shared it's difficult to search for literature, hard to navigate, not very intuitive. Focus more on newcomer, easier, more attractive.

PI — Item M

Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials.

- No discussion.

Report & Charter — Item A3

Discuss The A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition: Consider a request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay.

- GSR shared that this statement is no longer true so change it.
- Area officer shared they are opposed to it because (I didn't really follow what Michelle was saying).

Report & Charter — Item B

Consider a request to expand Article Three in the Conference Charter to protect the Co-Founders' writings.

- GSR shared that a footnote to explain the change would be best.
- DCM shared their groups were unanimous in support of this, want it to be as difficult as possible to change anything.

Trustees — Item F

Review Censure Process Proposal.

- No discussion.

Trustees — Item G

Consider the request to include the version of A.A. Comes of Age, Lasker Award text in the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- GSR suggests a reference to where it can be found and read without including in the book.

IC/RF — Item D

Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.

- No discussion.