

AREA 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY HOLIDAY ACRES RHINELANDER, WI. APRIL 13, 1996

The assembly was called to order with the usual readings and a tardy Secretary. Attendance was 95.

Roll call was taken: The absent DCM's were; 03, 06, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, and 22.

Treasurers Report: Jerry was very happy that the balances matched. Contributions will be listed by District, then by Groups. Donations vary. The complete report follows the minutes.

DCM Reports: (Using the light system.)

- 01: Ted L. reports they are working on rebuilding their Hotline. The Treatment Committee is working on Bridging The Gap. There are 5 facilities using it. Their Meeting List will be updated and they are going to take a District Inventory.
- 02: John M. reports they are very active. Treatment, Corrections, P.I. are going very well. The Grapevine Display goes to Intergroups whenever possible. The Archives is using 2 file cabinets for the materials they have. There is a new Editor for the Newsletter. John uses an Educational Topic monthly and they are also doing an Inventory.
- 03: No report.
- 04: Ed stated that they have meetings every other month and their Answering Service is back on track. The Groups put together packets for doctors offices.
- 05: Dennis mentioned that 5 Former DCM's from this District are at this Assembly. The Newsletter, Grapevine Display, P.I., Literature, and Hotline are active. Corrections holds meeting in 5 County Jails. The DCM for this District does 5 Service Workshops through the year. They are working on a Spring Conference but need more Groups to get active.
- 06: No report.
- 07: Eric reports he is finding his way but they are having problems with Treatment Facilities. There is a meeting started in the correct facilities and they hope inmate attendance picks up.
- 08: Pat (Alt. DCM) reported that there are 30 Groups in the District and they are financially solvent. Corrections is down but Treatment involvement is up. They are trying to separate A.A. from the Alano Club.
- 09: Bob W. reports that there is a new Wed. Night Group. There are people from District 09 attending meetings at the Winnebago Camp 2 times per month.
- 10: Mike gladly reports they are alive and well with 12 - 15 active GSR's. They were revived in 1988 and have been growing since then. They are grateful for their sobriety and want to pass it through local jails and a P.I. Video to T.V. stations. The Hotline is going very well.
- 11: No report.
- 12: No report.
- 13: No report.
- 14: Norm stated that the attendance is up and they are updating their meeting list. they are sending active GSR's to other meetings to give information to other Groups. Corrections has meetings in and out of facilities. P.I. is using radio spots.
- 15: No report.

16: Jeff reports there are 12 Groups. There are meetings at the Co. Jail every other month. The phone line will be changed. There are 5 separate phone companies within the District and they are using a radio spot.

17: Chuck reports they started new and it is going well.

18: Cathy reports they have rotating meetings. Meeting list were sent to law enforcement agencies and new meetings are supplied with books and information on registering the Group. They have a new editor for the newsletter and they are looking for articles. The Jail Meetings are going well, the Hotline has an answering machine and they are updating the contact list.

19: Jerry is back again. They have a Jail Meeting and Hotline and supply literature when needed.

20: No report.

21: Mike reports there are 17 meetings, 10 closed and 7 open. The GSR Meetings move monthly The phone line has a recorded message. The Meeting Minutes are mailed to GSR's. They are looking for Grapevine Reps and volunteers for committees.

22: No report.

Conference update: Spring 1996 District 02

Tony reports that if you can't find a room in Shawano, call the Chamber of Commerce. The program has been sent to the printer. Registration starts at 3:00PM with a program from 7 - 8:00PM. The Committee Sharing Sessions will start at 8:00PM. There will be an Ice Cream Run. The Alkathon will start at 10:00PM. The Delegates Report will start at 9:00AM with no panels scheduled to conflict. Panels wrap up at 5:00PM The Alanon Speaker will be at 1:00PM with no conflict. The Banquet is at 6:30PM with Speaker at 8:00PM. There will be a 9:00AM Sunday Old Timers Panel. All of the buildings are Handicap Accessible. There will be a DCM Sharing Session if they would like one.

Fall 1996 District 03 Wisconsin Rapids

No report but John and Doreen have been contacted. John will make further Contact.

Spring 1997

Ed C. reports that the Conference will be in Eau Claire on May 16, 17, 18. Chairs and Committees are working. A \$300.00 down payment and \$200.00 seed money was needed. Using a figure of 300, the registration will be \$12.00, that would include coffee.

Fall 1997 District 01 Green Bay

Sept. 19, 20, 21. 3 locations possible.

Bids for Spring 1998. No bids.

Motion made to postpone until Fall Assembly, amended to postpone until after lunch so we can postpone until Fall. Seconded and approved. Consider and give some thought to leave bidding at 2 years ahead or go back to 1 year ahead.

Due to numerous health concerns Eva K. resigned as Secretary stating the needs of the Area could best be served by holding an election for a replacement. The election will take place after the lunch break.

Delegates Report: Tom stated that he used to be organized. He is leaving on Saturday and he's not packed but does have his ticket. He will represent the Body in New York and will delegate responsibilities. Tom will be glad to attend District Meetings when invited far enough in advance. In reply to a request for back ground information on Agenda Items, Tom received a stack of material 4 inches high. He will request items earlier and delegate the information to the appropriate chairperson but will keep the information on the Trustees Committee as that is where he will serve.

New York is working on a replacement for the Pie Charts that are now being used.

Subjects on the Agenda:

Changing the first 164 pages of the Big Book, this was previously voted down.

Grapevine Gray Pages.

Rewording the Preamble to reflect the Traditions.

How would a Corrections Newsletter be mailed, would registered Corrections Groups receive it?

Stabilizing Literature Prices

Financial Reports are confusing, Prudent Reserve should reflect a time when contributions are down.

Items for Tom to take to New York:

How do we become self-supporting?

Are we living up to the 7th Tradition?

Why is the Prudent Reserve so high?

Ask for an end to the writing of the A.A. History Book?

The Bisexual Article stresses how we are different, message of A.A. has been to stress similarities.

Too many pamphlets.

As an Area, we need to look at our Traditions. Are we being remiss in not following them?

The Archivist from New York, Frank will be the main speaker at the U.P. Round Up.

Committee Chairs will each be given an opportunity to give a 15 minute presentation on their committee.

Corrections:

Tony K. stated that there will be a Sharing Session in Whitehall, May 4th, 9AM-2PM. Also a Correction Conference for Area 75 on 5/31 & 6/1 which they would like to make into a state wide event. The Moose & Venison Feed was moved to Clintonville at the last minute due to a dry well at Navarino, \$830.00 was given to the Corrections Committee. Tony reviewed his goal for the Committee as presented in the minutes from the Service Assembly. Tony would like to establish a committee at the Spring Conference with Co-Chairs, Coordinators, Secretary and 8 people on the committee.

Karl S.: the U.P. Chair read a thank you letter from one of the facilities they serve, where they started with 4 meetings and now have 5. He will continue gathering contacts. A new facility will open soon.

Treatment:

Steve H. reports that 6 Districts are active, They are each independent and have their own way to carry the message. Literature and video tapes are being taken to facilities when requested and contacts are handled differently at each facility.

Goals:

Area map listing the facilities we are in, and contact the ones we aren't in. Workshop in the future, possibly with Corrections.

Elections for Secretary:

Nominees were: Bruce E. from Eau Claire and Mary Ann G. from Oshkosh. Motion made, seconded and approved to close nominations. Who can vote was explained and the nominees were asked to leave the room. Bruce E. was elected.

Finance Committee Report:

Expenses: Archives \$100.00 for tapes and materials. \$1200.00 operating expenses for the Now & Then. \$500.00 seed money for the 1997 Spring Conference and the usual Delegate expense.

Questions for the Finance Committee:

Has the Committee addressed the issue of what would be done with an excess of funds? The Green Bay Conference paid in excess of \$500.00 in sales tax. Shouldn't we go after the non-profit status? In response to the question on non-profit status, it was stated that it would cost \$500.00 to start and it would be very time consuming. The following motion was made and seconded. The Treasurer would apply for an Employer Federal tax I.D. number using the Federal form SS-4 and use that number on the Area Checking Accounts. What do other Area's do? M.M.S. and approved to table the discussion. Motion made, seconded and approved that if the Area Treasury drops below \$3000.00, that the Finance Committee shall be called together at the earliest possible time. At that meeting it will be decided what action if any is required to assure that the Area Treasury will continue to be solvent. The following motion was made, seconded and after a lengthy discussion (Our Higher Power decided) passed. Where as we are a spiritual body, and have directed Joe S. to "put something together and present it at the Fall Conference" that we reimburse Joe S. for the deficit at the Service Assembly. The amount to be reimbursed is to be \$120.00. M.M.S. and approved to have the Finance Committee research all of the information (legal and otherwise) necessary to apply for the Federal Tax I.D. Number. Did the Finance Committee discuss the proposal to finance someone going to the Regional Forum? More discussion will held during the next meeting of the committee.

Old Business:

Is there a need for an Area Directory? How will it be completed and updated? M.M.S. and approved to table the discussion until the person that requested this as a agenda item is present. M.M.S. and approved to add Conference Guidelines to our Guidelines. the following motion was made, seconded, and approved. When agenda items are added, the persons name submitting the item will be placed on the printed agenda. If the person who submitted the item or an alternate is not present, the item will be removed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to amend the Area Guidelines as follows: Page 8 Section 4 - The Literature Chair will serve as a liaison between Area 74 and New York. The committee will review proposed literature. A panel discussion was held on: (1) Disseminating information to ourselves, groups, G.S.O., etc. (2) How can we best be connected? Bids for Spring of 1998 Conference: District 18, Marquette, District 10, Rhinelander will research the idea, other Districts may also consider the idea. Motion made, seconded and approved to table the issue until the Fall Assembly. These are the questions the body would like the Finance Committee to ask about the Federal Tax I.D. Number.

- (1) What do other Area do?
- (2) Will taxes be filed?
- (3) Are we an employer?
- (4) Are there other Alternatives?
- (5) Can interest be collected?
- (6) Is it mandatory to apply for non profit status?

The final suggestion was to ask New York.

The Assemblies will be held:

August 17, or 24th 1996

April 5 or 12TH 1997

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 4:02PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eva K.

AREA 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY
TULAH'S RESTAURANT, EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN
4/5/97

Called to Order by John C., Area Chair at 9:08 AM. Richard read the Twelve Traditions. Secretary Report given by Bruce E. and the report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report given by Jerry M. Jerry reviews a well developed Treasurer's Report stating contributions are good. Jerry notes additional contributions are always welcome. Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Past Delegates were recognized as Len D., John H., Jim S., Chuck S., and Doreen M.

Conference updates were given and all is well with the 1997 Spring Conference in Eau Claire. Updates also given on the Fall Conference of '97 in Green Bay, and the Spring Conference in 1998. The Fall of 1998 Conference tentatively scheduled for Houghton Hancock at Michigan Institute of Technology. The 1999 Spring Conference will be in May at the Paper Valley Hotel sponsored by District 02.

Finance Committee report was given by Bob M. Bob overviewed the Committee's responsibility. A discussion was held about requests of officer expenses and that issue was tabled to the Finance Committee. There were two requests for reimbursements for Area Grapevine and Area Archives. The 1997 Budget was reviewed. A request was considered from Doreen M., regarding expenses for Area Officers to attend the East Central Regional Forum. There was some discussion and the item was tabled for further discussion.

Now and Then Report was given by Kathy K. She reports the data base is now in the computer. The Now and Then now has access to a fax machine. A new column is started called "Sobriety and Beyond". This column is to recognize those who have passed on who have been past servants of Area 74. Committee summaries are welcome for publication. She notes to please keep flyers to 8½ x 11 for easy access to printing. The calendar page of the newsletter will include the current month and the next two weeks of the next month. Announcements are requested two months in advance.

At this time a 20 minute break was taken.

The Assembly reconvened at 10:50. A moment of silence was observed in memory of George ., Lucille R., and Eddy O., trusted servants who have passed on in recent months.

Chuck S. reports on the State Convention idea. Overviewed handouts containing positive responses. Most questionnaire responses were very favorable for this convention. It was recommended that the convention, if it were to happen, would be self supporting. Any

excesses of deficits would be split between Area 74 and 75. A discussion followed with questions answered satisfactorily. Bob M. moved that Area 74 authorize Tom C., John C., and Chuch S., to represent our Area in a discussion with Area 75 in April of 1997 at a meeting in Wisconsin Dells. this issue will be brought for further discussion at the next Assembly.

Next, the body discussed how the Area conducts its business. What's working and what's not. Randy D. suggests being met with more efficiency rather than more time. Conley H. expresses that if DCM's and GSR's are prepared our business moves well. Len D. states the oweness is on group discussions to prepare their group servants to do business at the Assembly. Discussion was held about finances and how this can be held to a reasonable minimum. Ted L. moves to limit the General Discussion to 15 minutes. This became a motion which was seconded by Dave R. The motion died for lack of a second.

Bob M. moves to form a committee to propose to the body the ideas of effective business routine, seconded by Jeff D. Brief discussion prior to lunch.

12:00 break for lunch.

Reconvened 1:12 PM.

Discussion on committee for business conduct resumes. Denny H. suggests area officers and perhaps area chairs are already in place to make some of these decisions. Ed B. discusses additional options to conduct business through conferences, assemblies, etc. Len D. suggests allowing trusted servants to lead as elected. Stop meaningless discussion and suit ourselves to be of service. Bob M. amends his motion to follow the service manual recommendation for Area Assemblies as charged to Area Committees. The vote was unanimously in favor of this.

Tom N., DCM Area 12, proposes to split Area 12 into thirds due to geographic constrictions. District 12 favors and has decided to do so. Len D. moves to split District 12 and Steve H. seconds it. The vote is unanimous. District 12 will now consist of three areas being, District 12, District 23, and District 24. More information specific to the new districts will be forthcoming.

Report given by Jim S. on the General Service Conference activities, explaining what the conference does. In addition he clarifies Area DCM, GSR rules and responsibilities. Jim's report was brief yet very informative. We would like to thank Jim for driving from Madison, Wisconsin to participate in our Assembly. Thank you.

Jim S., the Literature Chair, announces that he is pleased to have a committee of five people. The committee has decided its scope and goal based on guidelines. The committee is focused on using AA literature and using AA literature to educate. Jim reviews a number of literature issues that will be dealt with at the forthcoming General Service Conference in New York.

Tony K., the Wisconsin Corrections Chair, reports. He's pleased about the committee's receipt of GSO agenda items early enough to have committee discussion prior to the conference in New York. Considers more ideas on how to get involved in corrections. The Area 74 Corrections Committee supports the idea of a sample video geared toward the fellowship for corrections work. This video appears to be cost efficient. The committee also supports adding a sheet to the corrections workbook specific to small populations and specific to smaller correctional facilities. Group contributions have picked up and Tony indicates the committee could always use more. Dave R. suggests we need more feedback from corrections perhaps in the form of a panel of AA's who have been helped by AA Corrections panels while incarcerated.

Steve H. gives a Treatment Facilities report. He indicates he needs more members to be willing to participate at treatment facilities. Steve suggests more workshops and more contact people from AA are needed. In addition he encourages the use of the Treatment Facilities Workbook. He also notes that he feels the Treatment Facilities Workbook could be streamlined a little more. He recommends contact person involvement by AA members in Area 74. Steve notes that he feels that working with the wet drunk ought to be separate from the Treatment Facilities Workbook.

Ed G. gives a report on Public Information. He introduced his committee members. Gives a brief overview of the press release sent to the press. He supports the AA membership survey with some slight revisions. One wording change recommended would be from the word meeting to the name group. Committee recommends updates on videos to make them date current and current to represent younger members. Also discusses possible recommendations for adding guidelines about anonymity including Caller ID. He is looking for AA members to assist the committee with computer and electronic knowledge. AA on the internet is being used.

Bob M. gives a Finance committee Report. Bob used printouts of the '97 budget which was well explained, well received, with very little question.

Doreen M. gave a Grapevine report, opening with a discussion about the Spanish Service manual. The committee feels that this was a good adventure. She reviews number of new titles and new changes that are being reviewed and discussed by her committee. As usual Doreen was thorough and informative.

Tom C., our delegate gives an overview from Assembly information and thoughts about the upcoming General Service Conference. Tom expresses appreciation for informed feedback from committees, re: specific agenda items. He feels that this puts him in a better position to represent Area 74 at the conference. Tom covered a number of Conference issues as outlined by most of our committee chairmen in their reports. Tom again states that he feels well versed on the Area's position on these issues and this will enhance his ability to represent us. It is Tom's feeling that Area 74 participation is up and is definitely heading in the right direction.

DCM Reports were deferred to the Spring Conference in Eau Claire to be included with the Delegates Report due to time constraints at the Assembly.

Regarding New Business, there were four items discussed.

1) A revision to the language of the literature guidelines which was discussed and voted on at this Assembly. The revision was carried by a 37 to 9 vote.

2) The Finance Committee recommends that Area Officers and Chairs be allowed to attend the Forum on the years that it meets as an authorized area function. The intent of this issue is to assist Area Officers with offsetting some of the expense of the attendants. This item was returned to the committee for more discussion and to be brought to the future assembly.

3) Doreen M. moves to remove the reading of the minutes from the agenda at Assemblies. This was carried with one opposing vote.

4) A motion was made that new business items from committees be printed in the agenda prior to the assembly. This was seconded and the vote was passed in favor of this.

The Assembly was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce E.
Area 74 Secretary

**AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN
MAY 16, 17, 18, 1997**

These minutes include the delegates report from the Spring Conference in '97 as well as the DCM reports which were not heard at the Spring Assembly due to time restrictions.

DELEGATES REPORT

Tom C. gave his Delegates Report at the opening meeting on 5/17/97 at the Spring Conference in Eau Claire. The meeting was opened by John C. at 9:15 AM. The Twelve Traditions and the Declaration of Unity were read. The roll call was done. Announcements were given by John C. Past Delegates were recognized following the roll call as well as visiting Delegates from Area 75.

Tom reports that an active conference occurred in New York this year. A number of issues were looked at, some decided on, some tabled.

First topic was site review regarding the location of GSO and the conference. It was determined that New York remains the best sight for the General Service Office as well as the conference. Tom then met with the new Chairman of the Board, Gary Gylmn and felt that Gary had a strong committment to serving GSO.

Tom discussed some of the difficulties being experienced in the northwest territories, and AA's efforts to assist their unification there.

Tom also reported on the Finance Committee and its discussion regarding prudent reserve. The Finance Committee's recommendation is that local groups determine their own prudent reserves which may run anywhere from 1 - 12 months at the discretion of the local group.

There was a difficult two hour debate on subsidies in and for AA. No action was taken on this matter.

Also brought to the table was a motion about all future events not operating as a loss. No action was taken.

The delegates fee for General Service Conference has increased from \$600 to \$800. The actual cost for a delegate to attend is \$3,000.

A report on the Corrections Facility activities stated that the video for Corrections will be completed and brought to the 1988 Conference for final approval. The thrust of this video is an attempt to get volunteers to help in facilities work.

The Literature Committee is dealing with a video tape as part of the General Service Conference. The nature of this video would be to show service meeting potentials an example. The video will likely not be available for a year.

The Fourth Edition Big Book draft has begun. The conference voted to make no changes in the first 164 pages and appendixes. They will only draft new stories.

The Policy and Admissions Group determined no need for an Archives Committee at the conference level. Tom suggests from his perspective there will likely be a committee in the future.

Report and Charter decided to review the Service Manual for content. Tom suggest this will be a slow laboring process.

There was a long discussion about AA computer listings and how to do them. GSO is working with some intensity to bring online appropriate computer issues.

Public Information Committee discussed the survey of groups indicating a good survey response. The survey shows we do not appeal to some minorities. GSO promises an improved 1988 survey. There will be a new Public Service Announcement which is coming in about one year. In addition some usable service material which is not conference approved will be allowed for more rapid change. Examples of these types of literature are public information workbooks, etc.

Treatment Facilities is stream lining their workbook with the exception of some very minor changes. This remains service literature.

A Grapevine Committee reports a new pamphlet coming on the Grapevine and this will be approved as A.A.W.S. Literature. In addition Correction and Treatment Facilities will receive a mailing informing them about the Grapevine. This mailing will be a nonsolicitation type mailing.

Tom wrapped up his report with that stating the Conference Theme for 1988 will be "Our 12th Step Work".

Area 74 thanks Tom for his dedicated service to Area 74 as well as his tireless commitment to AA.

DCM REPORT

The DCM reports were held at the DCM meeting on 5/18/97. That meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM which seems to be in the middle of the night for some. Opened with a moment of silence and a Serenity Prayer and group introductions. John C. gave an over

view of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda included:

1. Discuss and plan Assembly agenda
2. Committee reports and discussion
3. DCM sharing session.

DCM Sharing Session was decided to be first. A variety of topics were discussed at this meeting amongst the DCM's. Some of the comments were to have the DCM's meet more often if possible and establish stronger contact with committee work. Some DCM's currently involved with committee work. A discussion ensued about ideas for DCM education for new DCM's and developing job description for DCM's. Group was formed including; John C., Ted L., Bob M., Ed G., Tom C. to bring to the Fall Assembly ideas for the DCM's and a description suggesting the roles for DCM committees.

Other topics discussed were splitting some committees to avoid travel. The idea of tele-conferencing was brought up which will be followed by more investigation. Another suggestion was that we may take ideas from other areas such as North Dakota and Canada in doing public information work. Ed. G., Public Information Chair has some interesting ideas regarding this and can be contacted from the mailing list if you are interested. The topic of an area map has resurfaced and District 05 volunteers its map and structure chart as a guideline idea. A suggestion to bring maps to the Fall Assembly and have DCM's outline their areas so that we know the boundary lines. John C. volunteers the maps and this will happen at the Fall Assembly. Jerry M. from Michigan reports that he's still confused by all of this. Another topic of discussion was setting the agenda by area officers, this will happen by August 1st and be mailed to appropriate people.

DCM REPORTS

District 01: Ted L. reports the district is busy and active with four or five new meetings. They also get 70 to 100 calls a month on their hotline. Bridging the Gap Committee regarding treatment facilities is doing well. He notes that the Conference Date changed to September 5, 6, and 7 to avoid conflict with Packer weekend.

District 02: Ted gave a report filling for their DCM. Corrections is doing well with a large number of active volunteers. They report 225 newsletter subscriptions providing good information to many. The District just completed a District Inventory. GSR attendance at district meetings is slightly low.

District 05: Denny H. reports that committees in District 05 are active. He also reports there have been a number of changes in AA's willing to serve as a result of some of these changes. Committees are now free standing for the district and will rely on groups directly for support. These committees will likely report at some intermittent basis to the district, helping overall coordination of the district.

District 07: Tom S. reports that District 07 is currently re-establishing. Tom reports that he's had a lot of help with this and gives his thanks to Tom C. for all his assistance as Delegate.

District 09: Bob reports the new Wednesday group is doing well. Also reports the new Sunday group is doing well. He reports the district has active corrections work going on. He also notes that the intergroup participation is very good.

District 10: Larry B. reports filling in for Mike B. District meets two times monthly in a more central location which has been helpful to many. Currently working on a phone system for helpline in the district. They are currently exploring cell phone options etc. Larry reports the district show much improvement.

District 12: Tom N. reports that District 12 which is involved in a split with our other two new districts is currently restructuring. Currently working with new GSR's and looking for GSR packets etc. Tom says the work will continue.

District 13: Terry M. reports attendance is good at district meetings. They are currently looking at beefing up the corrections work in district. He's pleased to report that old timers are resurfacing. He worked to bring more outside groups into district activities.

District 16: Mary K. reports that there are 13 groups active in district service work. She also indicates that corrections is very active in the district. Many committees are now active. She says the phone hotline is busy and being used. They have started a new open speaker meeting. She reports that all personnel from the district are now registered properly with GSO and is up to date with Now and Then.

District 17: Chuck W. reports committees are doing well and corrections is doing very well. Phone system is working well. He states the district shows great improvement after restart three years ago.

District 18: Dale reports that their district is active providing AA to the hospital in Marquette. He states the orientation for AA's regarding the conference is working good. There are 45 active volunteers in District 18 doing much work. Corrections is doing good. Currently developing a CPC Committee.

District 19: Jerry J. reports that many committees are shared by a few committed members. He states hospitals and jails are supplied with literature. They are currently working with police departments hoping to help the still suffering alcoholic. Jerry states he's feeling much more hopeful about District 19's forward progress.

District 21: Mark M. reports an active intergroup. Committees are fairly active and groups are participating. Mark reports that the lengths of sobriety seems to be improving due to active members taking AA actions.

District 24: Connely H. reports this is a newly formed district but has active groups with active members. Potlucks with open meeting is doing well and building attendance and enthusiasm. District 24 is currently considering some type of phone system. They continue to look for more increased involvement in a new district.

These were the Districts that reported at the Conference in Eau Claire. The date for the Fall Assembly was set at October 11, 1997 at Tula's and the meeting was closed with the traditional Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Everson".

Bruce Everson
Area 74 Secretary

FALL CONFERENCE
GREEN BAY , WI
SEPTEMBER 5, 1997

These minutes from the Fall Conference are primarily to cover the Area election results. In addition a brief report by our trustee, Jack O. is included, as well as brief notes from the Sunday morning DCM meeting.

John C. Area Chair opens the meeting at 9:04 AM. Steve H. reads the Traditions. Terry McK. reads from the Service Manual. There were a few brief announcements followed by the roll call. Present were as follows: Tom C. – Delegate, John C. – Area Chair, Bruce E. – Area Secretary, Jerry M. – Area Treasurer. Also represented were the following districts: 01, 02, 05, 07, 08, 10, 12, 17, 18, 21, 24. Past delegates present were Len D. – Panel 26, Dick H. – Panel 30, John H. – Panel 32, Chris H. – Panel 34, Dave R. – Panel 36, Paul H. – Panel 40, Chuck S. – Panel 42, and Doreen M. – Panel 44.

Jack O., our trustee, gave a brief overview from GSO. He identifies the theme for the 2000 International Conference is “Pass It On Into The 21st Century”. Literature sales have been good and show an increase, mostly to beat prices increases. Group contributions are down slightly, but GSO feels the trend is on budget and the nine month reserve will remain stable. Jack provided handouts to those present regarding various current status reports at GSO.

Area 74 wishes to thank Jack for being with us at our Fall Conference, and for his willingness in service to our region.

At 10:45 the election for area officers and area chairman began. Edie A. informs the group of the Third Legacy procedure. Tom C. conducts the election. Tom reviews the eligible candidates and the eligible voters. Names of those wishing not to run were removed from the roster.

John C. was elected area delegate on the first ballot. John received 37 of 51 votes.

Congratulations John.

The Alternate Delegate position went to the fifth ballot. The body voted to go to the hat rather than vote a fifth ballot. Bob M.'s Higher Power (along with a little help from regional trustee, Jack O.) was drawn from the hat.

Congratulations Bob!!!!!!!!!!!!

The next voting procedure was for Area Secretary. Eligible nominees and voters were identified. Names of those wishing not to run were removed from the roster. After five ballots Kathy K. prevailed as our new Area Secretary.

Congratulations Kathy!!!!!!

In the election for Area Treasurer there were also five ballots. The body voted to draw from the hat rather than have a fifth ballot, and Bruce E. was drawn from the hat.

Congratulations Bruce!!!!

Following were elections for Area Chairs of the Area Committees. Elected were the following: Archives – Scotty K., Correction Facilities-WI – Roland G., Literature – Steve H., Public Information – Dennis H., Treatment Facilities – Larry McF., Grapevine – Tom C., Finance – Ted L., and past delegate to Finance Committee – Dick H.

DCM MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1997

The Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. John C. reviews the agenda for the fall assembly. Some discussion followed. A motion to accept the agenda for the fall assembly was made by Doreen M. and seconded by Steve H. Vote unanimous.

Steve H. discussed Bridging the Gap workshop and Area 74 needs regarding Bridging the Gap program. He notes there is a workshop in Milwaukee in September 1997 and the Area Treatment Chair will attend that.

Next John C. led a brief discussion regarding Area Conferences, and Area guidance, versus District or host autonomy. John will present more on this conference issue at the Area Assembly, reviewing and making available conference guidelines.

There was little more discussion due to the low turnout of DCMs. The DCM meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Area 74 Secretary
Bruce Everson

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY
AT TULA'S RESTAURANT
EAGLE RIVER, WI
OCTOBER 11, 1997

Past delegates present Len D. Panel 26 and Doreen M. Panel 44.
John C. welcomed all. Peggy read Traditions.
John C. did announcements and reports as available.

Role Call was taken. Present were Tom C. – Delegate, John C. – Alternate,
Bruce E. – Secretary, Jerry M. – Treasurer.

Committee chairs present Scotty K. – Archives, Charlie S. – Correction-MI, Doreen M. –
Grapevine, Ed G. – PI, Bob M. – Finance, Tony K. – Corrections-WI, James J. –
Literature, Bill K. – Now & Then, Steve H. – Treatment Facilities.

DCM's present Districts 01, 02, 05, 07, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 21, and 23.

Conference updates – District 10 committee doing excellent job. Send registrations.

District 21 – Plans are progressing.

District 02 – Committees are elected. Fliers at Spring Conference.

Bid for the Fall '99 – District 13. Location will be Convention Center in Ashland, WI.
M/S/A to have the conference in Ashland. Dates will be forthcoming.

John overviews panels for assembly.

Tom C. speaks on history of assemblies and gives overview of them. Tom pints out that
most of our area committees came from single ideas carried by single Aas to the point of
committees,

Our committee structure has evolved slowly, but is now coming into place well creating a
more diverse approach to problem-solving.

John C. presents on Roberts Rules of Order. General overview of purpose of R.R. of O.
and how they help us conducting business. Excepts to R.R. of O. is our election system.
The request for minority to reconsider vote. R.R. of O. can be rigid or flexible. Our use
will be to help guide our business meeting.

Doreen M. presents the idea to tie committees and assemblies relative to General Service
Conference. This will provide more systematic flow of info from group to GSO and back
to group.

Secretaries report – Move to accept with addition of specific area role call.

Treasurers report – Jerry M. gives report. Len D. notes that we are in excess of prudent reserve. Moved seconded, and voted unanimously as read.

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Unity Conf. Report – Tom C. Adhoc Committee formed includes Tom C., Doreen M., John C., and two past delegates from Area 75. The committee is proposing a joint conference in conjunction with the ~~East Central Regional Conference~~. A motion was made by Len D. moving that Area 74 invite Area 75 to co-host a conference in the year 2001. That event would include the East Central Regional Conference. Motion passed. Tony K. moves that \$100.00 be advanced to the treasurer of the Unity Conference Committee. It is understood that an additional \$150.00 may be requested in the future. Motion seconded by Tom S. and unanimously passed.

Break for lunch.

Resume business meeting 1:07 PM

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Bob M. reports for the Finance Committee. Bob reviews three motions from the Finance Committee.

Motion 1 Move that the area reimburse the elected Area Officers and Committee Chairs, exception being Delegate and Alternate Delegate (they are already funded to go) to attend the East Center Regional Forum for an amount not to exceed \$75.00. Per person/per forum. Motion discussed and passed. (this motion reflects the changes made on the floor)

Motion 2 I move that the Area accept the “Reimbursement Clarification and Request Guidelines” as amended. Also that the Area adopt the use of the “Reimbursement Request” form to be used by Area Officers and Committee Chairs for their expenses. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion 3 I move that the Area accept the proposed budget for 1998 as presented to this Assembly. Motion unanimously passed.

Treatment Facilities – Steve H. reports a great change in the Treatment Facilities Committee, due to the change in treatment length of stay. Steve recommends more meetings, communication, education.

Corrections – Tony K. comes to say thank you to Area 74 and defers his report to Charlie S. Charlie discusses informational forms sent to DCMs. Charlie presents concerns of potential correction volunteers of AA. Some discussion leading this topic to an agenda item for the Spring Assembly. 1) Vote on to approve or disapprove the use of this paper in Area 74. 2) Vote on Area 74 approval or disapproval of this document for regional/GSO consideration for use throughout the region/US. Charlie introduces Roland G. new Area 74 Corrections Chairman-WI.

Public Information – Ed G. reports a loosely-knit committee. The committee is to sort through information and review conference information. Ed has received the 1998 survey as well other updated materials. Other PI materials are being updated currently. Ed and Denny H. (new incoming PI chair) want new committee members.

Literature – Jim S. reports a couple of new pamphlets 1) Introduction To The Grapevine and 2) Memo To The Group Treasurer. Jim also encourages the area to appoint willing Aas to the committee. Steve H. will be the new incoming Literature chairman.

Grapevine – Doreen M. reports that Tom C. will be the new Grapevine chairman. Points out that the Grapevine chair is responsible for the Grapevine display to and from area functions. Doreen also notes the Grapevine handbook has been revised.

Archives – Scotty K. reports he's still operates alone without volunteers for his committee. Scotty notes however he will continue to work on the Archives and keep the display available for conferences.

Now & Then – Bill K. is looking for help with submissions. The Now & Then is now online with its new computer. Current circulation is 496 copies per month. Bill thanks Tom C. and Doreen for delegate articles. Bill encourages comments from Area 74.

Delegate Report – Tom C. reports things are relatively quiet at GSO. There is a vacancy for a Class A trustee for someone in the medical field. If you know someone who may be qualified, please contact Tom. Tom thanks Area 74 for allowing him to serve.....

Area 74 is most grateful and would like to thank Tom for his undying commitment to our Area!!!!!!

DMC Panel – Mike B. began this panel designed to share experience of DCMs with a new crop of DCMs. Also participating was Ted L. Both past DCMs shared a positive message, and how they have learned through experience. Thanks to both Ted and Mike for heartfelt participation in their Districts and Area 74.

Contacts for the new secretary list and future secretary information for Area 74 should be sent to: Kathy Kallionen, 40 W. Jarvi Road, Negaunee, MI 49866, Phone 906-475-5336.

Bob M. our new incoming Area chairman gives a brief but positive report. He extends his best wishes to all new service people, and is looking forward to working with all.

Spring Assembly will be April 4, 1998. The site is to be announced.

The Delegates Workshop has been scheduled for March 14, 1998 and more information is forthcoming.

New Business – None.

On a Closing note, Pam has asked consideration for handicapped accessible site for assemblies. The area will explore options.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Everson
Area 74 Secretary

AREA 74 COMMITTEE
PRE-ASSEMBLY MINUTES
MARCH 14, 1998
RHINELANDER, WI

9:15 a.m. - Open with the Serenity Prayer. Roll taken. Present: Delegate - John C.; Alternate Delegate - Bob M.; Secretary - Kathy K.; Committee Chairs: Finance - Ted L.; Corrections MI - Charlie S.; Corrections WI - Roland G.; Grapevine - Tom C.; Literature - Steve H.; Now & Then - K. Korpi; PI - Dennis H.; Treatment - Larry M. DCM's Present: 02,03,05,10,12,16. Traditions read by Steve H.

Bob M. - Area Chairman, opened with a brief outline of the day's agenda. Committee meetings in the morning followed by discussion on area committees and setting agenda for the Spring Assembly.

John C. - Has group information forms for updating the directory.

There is a large amount of background information on GSO Conference Agenda. Delegate will have right of decision if other information is presented that Area Committee is not aware of. Committee chairs will give reports at the Spring Assembly.

1:25 p.m. - Called back to order.

We are drawing up a new area map which will be available at the Spring Assembly. Great deal of discussion followed about Area Committee. We have no Area Committee in our service structure, but is referred to in the Service Manual on pg. 59. The purpose would be to better utilize assembly time, to keep information flowing between groups, GSR's, DCM's, Area & GSO; address area problems, refer concerns & problems, go over conference agenda, etc.

Bruce E. proposed Bob & John report to the assembly on Area Committee.

Bob brought forth the following suggestions for the Spring Assembly for approval. All suggestions were approved.

- 1) Have greeters welcoming GSR's & DCM's.
- 2) A sign on the podium saying Area 74.
- 3) Statement of what kind of business Area 74 does.
- 4) There will be grapevine, literature & archives displays.
- 5) We will use microphones to address assembly along with 2 min. light system.
- 6) Clarification on who has the right to vote.
- 7) Motions to be in writing coming from committees & from the floor.
- 8) Tentative agenda set for the Spring Assembly.

Discussion followed on Area Conference guidelines. MSC to form a committee to review and reform Area Conference Guidelines.

Discussion on separating MI & WI Corrections. Not a problem to split them, election process needs to be brought to assembly.

Discussion on Area Registrar (who would gather and maintain area information, ie, groups, officers, etc.)

Discussion on seeing if we could get GSO Conference Agenda earlier so DCM's could get information back to GSR's & groups. John stated trustees meet quarterly and we may be able to get copies of hot topics.

Discussion followed on secretary getting minutes completed as soon as possible and published as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi K.,
Area 74 Secretary

**74 Spring Assembly
Community Building
Three Lakes, WI
April 4, 1998**

9:05 a.m. - Bob welcomed the assembly. Torv T. read the traditions, Chuck S. read concepts. Bob M. read preamble and statement of purpose.

Announcements: Area 74, 49th Annual Spring Conference, May 8-10, 1998. Lac du Flambeau, WI. Hosted by District 10. 45th Annual Indiana State Convention & 20th East Central Regional Conference, June 26-28, 1998. Indianapolis, IN. Area 74 42nd Annual Fall Conference, Sept. 18-20, 1998. Michigan Technological University Houghton, MI. Hosted by district 21. 50th Annual area 74 Spring Conference, May 14-16, 1999. Paper Valley Inn, Appleton, WI. Hosted by District 02.

9:15 a.m. - Roll call. Area Officers present: Delegate John C., Alt. Delegate Bob M., Secretary Kathi K., Treasurer Bruce e. DCM's: 01,02,03,05,08,09,10,12,13,16,17,18,20,21,23,24. Absent: 04,06,07,11,14,15,19,22. Minutes accepted with correction of support not approval. Past Delegates present: Len D. (26), Dick H. (30), Chuck S. (42), Doreen M. (44), & Tom C. (46).

Bruce E. gave the treasurer's report, and thanked the groups that support Area 74; We are down from the 1st quarter of last year, but are doing ok so far. Motion MSC to accept report, unanimously passed.

Bob M. went over who can vote at assemblies. All Area Officers, DCM's, GSR's or alternate if absent, Standing Committee Chairpersons, and Past Delegates. To address assembly: Please use microphones. Two minute light system will be used. If you wish to readdress, you may do so after everyone has a chance to speak. all motions that come from committee have already been seconded and just need to be voted on. He also thanked Gail for the great job in coordinating the set up for the Assembly.

9:30 a.m. - DCM reports:

01: Brenna reports there are 26 registered groups, 9 registered GSR's, and are contacting GSR's and groups. They have a District Secretary & PI Committee. If anyone could share how to get more GSR's to assembly, it would be gratefully be accepted.

02: Ted reports there are 126 registered groups with 20-30 attending District meetings. They have sent out list to schools, PI Speakers, and they use Grapevine displays and give away subscriptions at intergroups. They are also sending some GSR's to the Regional Forum.

03: Bob reports his District has been inactive but 7 of 11 GSR's attended the District meeting with a great deal of enthusiasm.

04: No report.

05: Mark reports 50 registered groups with 11 GSR's. District meetings are improving, PI, Treatment, & corrections are struggling a bit. The district would like to receive copies of other district newsletters, and if your district is not receiving a district 05 newsletter please let him know. The alternate DCM is very active and is in touch with the GSR's on a regular basis.

06: No report.

07: No report.

08: John reports 35 registered groups. They have a complete meeting list with Al-Anon listed on the reverse side. They are using the Grapevine pamphlet, have a hotline sign-up sheet, and had a group conscience discussion on what happens to funds in the basket. There was a two year lockdown at their correctional facility, but now have meetings going again.

09: Bob reports trying to get GSR's involved but is having difficulty. Meetings are few and travel between groups is long and outstretched.

10: Casey reports 22 registered groups. The district is well represented at GSR meetings. Putting aside \$10.00 monthly to send DCM & Alt DCM to regional forum. CPC is getting meeting list out in district. District meetings are growing throughout Eagle River to Antigo. Corrections presently has meetings in Oneida Co. Jail & McNaughton. All operations for the Spring Conference are going well. They are working to get a district wide phone line.

11: No report

12: Tom reports they are getting organized since the split. They now have 18 registered groups with 6-8 GSRs at the district meetings, and are growing. There is difficulty in getting these meetings organized or interest in becoming organized. They are looking for advice on getting an 800 number for the district. They have updated the phone list, and are asking for their groups to host monthly GSR meetings so that the meetings are rotated. This has helped get both GSR's and groups more active.

13: Terry reports that upcoming conference committee meetings get more interest than GSR meetings. The GSR meetings have been picking up a little and hopefully by mid summer there will be more activity. Washburn groups have been inactive with the old timer's passing.

14: No report.

15: No report.

16: Torv reports how exciting to be a DCM. Participation at District meetings is increasing. They have a grapevine rep, literature rep, and are going over the history of meetings for archives. CPC is active with schools & medical areas. Corrections is active with 12 volunteers. District meetings have 10 GSRs present. Past DCM's attending meetings have helped the participation.

17: Chuck reports 25 registered groups with 50% attendance at district meetings. They are held the last Sat of the month at the Re-Entry house in Kingsford. They have PIP, Corrections, & Treatment Committees. There is active participation in 2 jails, correction camp, VA Hospital, and Re-Entry House & half-way house facility. They are working on a temporary sponsorship in all correction & other facilities with cooperation of lower MI rather than WI, since that is where the people are ending up going. They are attempting more PI work in the community. They set before District Court in Iron Mountain for the court class program. The court was enthusiastic in the beginning to start the program, but they have yet to give the go ahead on putting the class into effect.

18: John reports 45-55 groups alive and well in Marquette Co. Most of the GSR's don't attend District meetings. Two new groups have been registered, there is a CPC liaison, a jail liaison, of which meetings are going well. CPC Manual Workbooks have been ordered from GSO.

19: No report.

20: Lyle reports a new prison meeting Monday nights at the Alger Max, and they are planning for the U.P. Round-up.

21: Mark reports the fall conference is going well. There are 18 registered groups with 15-20 at District meetings. Intergroup May 2 is in Houghton. Getting speakers into the treatment facilities. They have committee chairs in all positions. There are active home groups at several meetings. The District is sending chairpeople the Spring Conference. It's difficult to get GSR's to the assemblies.

22: No report.

23: Chris reports visiting groups instead of trying to get them to come to the District meetings.

24: No Report.

Break

10:35 a.m. - Committee Reports - 1998 Conference Agenda

Finance: Ted L. discussed self-support, using the Now & Then to supply reports from GSO, communication through sponsorship, using quarterly reports to delegate, and a workshop on how money is used. Eg. How committees use money at group, district, and area levels. Also a Financial history of self-support, why do we use literature for self-

support? Education could help change attitudes of us vs. them. Donations used for expression of gratitude & participation.

Corrections: Charlie S., MI Co-chair, discussed Item B - review of final version of video, "Behind the Walls", about working with inmates to complete the video with concerns on how will it be used, should be self-reliant. What about groups who don't have VCR' & TV's? A correctional workbook with the addition relative to youth detention & short term facilities is ok, but would like to see "concerns of correction volunteers" added. Item D- More materials to professionals. Would like to see concerns of correction volunteers included with the film. Item E - Informational letter to Warden, suggest to use letter that was in background. Comments: Could we get non - AA people to address concerns to the floor, to regional trustees. we need people to get involved one to one sponsorship in correctional facilities.

Grapevine: Tom C. Review suggestions for new Grapevine related items for productions in the year 2000. Publish 2 new books , "past letters to the editor, who would buy it?" "Stories relating development of AA", could we get a sample of the book before publishing? Should push previous publications more. Grapevine supports through subscriptions.

Literature: Steve H. reported 5 items to go over. Item B - video about GSO, use for replacing Circles of Love & Service, production cost would be \$30,000 - \$60,000, along with \$6,000 for pamphlet to go along with the video. Committee suggested We already have pamphlets that serve GSO and we could use the money somewhere else. Item C- 4th Edition of the Big Book. Only 140 stories have been submitted so far. Committee suggestion & comment from the body: There is a reason for slow process on the big book. It's difficult to decide what stories should be taken out, etc. Hold on the Editions 1, 2, & 3. Item D- AA group pamphlet (6 points of AA group), Committee suggests that research as to why they were taken out to start with. Item E - Request for conference approval of pamphlet on 12th Step call. No need for duplicating, use Chapter 7 of Alcoholics Anonymous. Item F - Changes to Living Sober. Paragraph changes to benefit alcoholics. Comments: Take out "drug" if alcohol & drugs. Discussion followed. Do we take people out when we use video's? are we losing who we are and where are we at with sponsorship? do we have representation of alcoholics today in story section of Big Book?

PI & CPC: Dennis H. discussed a review of TV P.S.A.s being developed by trustees committee will help reaching professionals during business hrs/ review pamphlets. Also discussed future PSAs radio & TV coming for final approval in May. PI - membership survey - Cancel membership survey? It can be useful. Remove #4 race 1998 Survey? Could eliminate question & pamphlet altogether. Conduct survey on area random basis as 1996 survey did? AA web site activity & use as PI tool. Not much on Web site - can be a tool if we use it properly. PI information kit & workbook. Committee agreed they are ok. Discussion - We can use more participation with PI-CPC, if interested contact Dennis.

Discussion: Need more time to go through conference agenda, to be informed group conscious.

Discussion: Are we losing newcomers, do we need to be more willing to share who we are and where we are going? Do we need to let people know we have minors?

Discussion: Open meetings are good for professional people/teaching who we are, what we do. We should check ourselves not have professionals to do surveys.

12:05 p.m. - Lunch Break

1:50 p.m. - Called to order. Continuation of Committee Reports.

Larry M. Treatment Facilities - reports creating a list of goals for treatment facilities, temporary contacts/ Bridging the gap. Area 74 hasn't been very active, but there is a little handbook available to help set up committees. A questionnaire was sent out to all committee chairpeople. We must have a committee to do treatment activities such as speakers. Policy/Admissions suggestion each Conference Committee inventory itself. Area 74 needs to inventory itself in regards to carrying the message to alcoholics in treatment. Discussion followed on having AA carry the message if we want the AA message to be carried. If there's talk of treatment & corrections coming back together? We are at the request of the institution, if they don't want us there, so be it.

Bob M. - Agenda Committee - Suggest themes for the 1999 General Service Conference. would like to go over what the past themes have been. Presentation/Discussion topics are ok & workshop ideas are ok. Conference Evaluation Questionnaire is ok, but we don't feel qualified. Policy/Admission's request each Area inventory themselves is ok.

Policy/Admission - Dates for 2001 General Service Conference April 22-28 ok. Yes to rounding up to the next whole

number in voting procedure. Review timetable for election of delegates in West Central Region ok. Yes there is a need for a Conference Archives Committee. Yes, inventory of Conference committee to do inventory of itself.

Trustees Committee - Regional trustee candidates for Eastern Canada & Pacific look good.

Regional Forums - (2000) Inviting non-AA to the convention.

Report & Charter - AA service manual clarifying text ok. Continue directories, change to meeting address format. List online intergroup serving online AA meetings on GSO' AA website, is ok.

Discussion followed on constructing a true service manual instead of revising every year. We don't utilize the experts we have, generally speaking. do groups still have gratitude month? Doesn't mean groups aren't good if they are small & contribute to GSO.

John C., spoke to us about being privileged to serve Area 74. if you wish to submit a story to the big book, it needs to be in by June 1, 1998. He also would like each committee chair to send a does, duties, etc. Timeliness is not going to change as far as the Conference Agenda is concerned. we could use trustees quarterly report to get an idea as to what keeps coming up, and use those as a starting point. DCM's would have to work a little, to use them. He will be on Report & Charter Committee, which will go over final conference report. He assures us he will be quite busy. He would also like districts to send him minutes of their district meetings. He also suggested sending a letter to new GSR's & groups welcoming them to Area 74. Workshop topics would be to share collective experience of the area instead of self experience. If you have a comment or opinion to share with the body, and are shy, you can talk to John anytime or write him on any subject at all. Delegate will always have the right of decision but he will certainly tell us why he changed his mind from what we told him to vote. S.A. Regional trustee Raul Martin passed away two weeks ago, so we will need to elect another to Panel 30.

We wish John all the best as he's off to New York. Safe Journey!

Conference Reports: Spring 1998, hosted by District 10 - All is going well so far. Lodging is still available in Minoqua. There will a shuttle for those who wish, but you have to call ahead to schedule. Call someone if you can't afford a hotel. There are also camping areas. Thank you to all for your responses, serving on panels, etc. Fill in panelists are still needed. please feel free to sign up.

Fall 1998 - hosted by District 21, Sept. 18-20. All is going well. Speakers have been chosen, there are rooms available at the Super 8 in Houghton.

Spring 1999 - hosted by District 02 - May 14-16, Paper Valley Inn, Appleton, WI. \$79.00/4 per room. 119 rooms reserved. Registration is \$10.00, Banquet \$19.00, Breakfast \$10.00.

Fall 1999: hosted by District 13, Sept. 17-19, Ashland Civic Center & Presbyterian Church, Ashland, WI. No prices yet, hopeful we will have flyers at the Fall Conference.

Spring 2000: No bids at this time. Will continue at the Fall Assembly along with Fall 2000 bids.

Election for Unity Conference Co-Chair - Doreen M. & John C. were nominated for co-chair. John C. was elected by simple majority. Congratulations!! Note: In conjunction with the 5 State Conference, not the East Central Regional Conference.

Area 74 Committee was brought together to set agenda for the assembly. Members of the committee would be Area Officers, current delegate, & all DCM's & Committee Chairs. All area committees would stay as they are. The area committee would be as described as in the service manual pg. 59. Discussion followed with the motion being made for the area agenda committee to become the area committee in accordance with the service manual pg. 59. Second & passed, Minority heard.

Ted L. Finance Committee reports the Now & Then delivered a budget. Please use reimbursement as it is intended. Question on how long to keep old financial records? Could we put them on a floppy disc? Motion tabled to destroy all records previous to 1996, until finance committee reports back. Motion and second to accept Finance Committee Report. Passed.

Corrections Committee - Charlie S. - "Concerns of Potential Correction Volunteers of AA", is to help people by addressing negative feelings about doing corrections work. To reassure those who may be interested in corrections.

Motion 1 - Area 74 to support document for use in Area 74. Second & defeated 26-23.

Motion 2 - Area 74 support document for use in Regional/GSO use. Motion tabled.

Now & Then - Kathy Korpi - Mary Y. will be helping out, as Bill is taking a less active roll. Bulk rate is \$300.00 a year cheaper than using stamps. Now & Then needs to know if groups are getting the newsletter, who is replacing whom (such as GSRs, and DCMs). The newsletter does not print poems, please submit articles. The editors decide if submissions are to be printed. Area functions are not charged, but others are such as intergroups. The price is \$50.00 or you can send 500 copies of flyers.

A suggestion was made to raise subscription rate from \$6.00 per year to \$10.00 per year due to an increase in postage and printing costs. All Area Officers, Past Delegates, GSR's & DCM's, Committee Chairs, and groups do not pay for the now and then.

There is concern about full names, address & phone numbers going into correctional facilities. Maybe the names could be blacked out before they are sent. Discussion also followed as to why correctional facilities were getting the newsletter anyway. There are some members who are in facilities who have requested the Now & Then, Who knows who else we have helped? Kathy stated she would like some guidelines as to what the Area wants the Now & Then to get out, what contents, etc. since there are no guidelines. discussion followed about rotating the Now & Then. It wouldn't be easy to rotate every 2 years it would have to be a longer period. It takes time to learn what needs to be done, when, etc.

Revision of Area 74 Conference Guidelines - Motion made & second to table until the Fall Assembly.

Area 74 Registrar - Ted L. put together a description of what a registrar would do, which is to keep current GSRs, DCMs, groups, etc. current. Mailing lists for the Now & Then, area needs, develop an area meeting list, to name a few. Position would be elected Area Chair serving 2 year term with voting privileges, election at Fall conference of odd years to run from October to October (to help assure info flow). Area would not purchase computer so the person should have ready access. Motion tabled until the Fall Assembly.

Next Assembly tentatively set for August at Three Lakes Comm. Bldg.

I would like to thank those who submitted written reports to help me. It certainly has aided me and is deeply appreciated!
Thank You.

4:50 p.m. - Assembly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathi K.
Area 74 Secretary.

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY
AUGUST 22, 1998
SUGAR CAMP TOWN HALL

9:05 A.M. - BOB OPENED ASSEMBLY READING FROM THE INTRODUCTION TO THE AREA 74 GUIDELINES. A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THOSE WHO STILL SUFFER, FOLLOWED BY THE SERENITY PRAYER. THE TRADITIONS WERE READ BY MARY ANN; CONCEPTS READ BY TED P.; STATEMENT OF PURPOSE BY MARSHALL.

ROLL CALL: AREA OFFICERS PRESENT; DELEGATE JOHN C., ALT. DELEGATE BOB M., TREASURER BRUCE E., SECRETARY KATHY K. AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS: ARCHIVES SCOTTY K., FINANCE TED L., GRAPEVINE TOM C., PI DENNIS H., LITERATURE STEVE H., TREATMENT FAC. LARRY M., CORR. FAC. WI ROLAND G., NOW & THEN KATHY K. PAST DELEGATES: (26) LEN D., (44) DOREEN M., (46) TOM C. DCM's: 01,02,04,05,08,10,12,14,16,17,18,20,21,22,23,23. ABSENT: 03,06,07,09,11,13,15,15,19.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: JUST A REMINDER THAT A MOTION WAS PASSED THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT READ AT THE ASSEMBLY. THEY ARE PUBLISHED IN THE NOW & THEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE ASSEMBLY. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE MINUETS, IT WILL BE DONE AT THE NEXT ASSEMBLY. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO THE DCM LIST, SUCH AS CORRECTIONS, PLEASE DROP ME A NOTE.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BEGINNING BALANCE \$7,106.29. CONTRIBUTIONS THRU 8/21 TOTAL \$3,175.76. TOTAL RECEIPTS \$10,282.05, DISBURSEMENTS (\$736.13) THAT WILL BE CORRECTED. MSP TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT. MSP TO ACCEPT MINUTES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: AREA LITERATURE & GRAPEVINE DISPLAYS ARE SET UP, THE NEW AREA MAP IS READY. THERE ARE COPIES OF AREA 74 GUIDELINES, AND THE AGENDA FOR TODAY. COPIES OF THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING PROPOSAL OF AREA REGISTRAR, FINANCIAL REPORT, AND PROPOSED 1999 BUDGET IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. FALL CONFERENCE: AT MTU, HOUGHTON, MI, SEPT. 18-20. WORKSHOP: HOSTED BY DISTRICT 07 ON OCTOBER 10, ABBOTS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DOREEN (AUG. 21)!!! WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE - ALL AREA OFFICERS, ALL AREA STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS, ALL DCM'S OR THEIR ALTERNATES, ALL GSR'S OR THEIR ALTERNATES, ALL PAST DELEGATES. PLEASE USE MICROPHONE TO ADDRESS ASSEMBLY AND THE LIGHT SYSTEM (3 MIN.) WILL BE USED.

CONFERENCE REPORTS: DISTRICT 21 HOST - COMING ALONG FINE. THE BUILDING IS HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. FRI NIGHT THERE WILL BE A PANEL ON HOME GROUPS FOLLOWED BY AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL. SAT PANELS WILL BE AT (9:00) SERVICE, (9:30) SPONSOR, (10:00) NEWCOMER, (10:30) BIG BOOK. ALSO THE AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE PENINSULA ROOM, WITH A DELEGATE'S REPORT TO FOLLOW. THERE ARE HOTELS THAT STILL HAVE OPENINGS, BUT THERE ARE ALSO 3 OTHER FUNCTIONS ON THAT WEEKEND, SO DON'T WAIT TOO LONG. SEPT 18-20, 1998 MTU. DISTRICT 02 HOST - SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 14-16, 1999. PAPER VALLEY INN, APPLETON, WI. IT IS COMING ALONG. THE BANQUET AND AL-ANON SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN. THERE WILL BE A BREAKFAST BUFFET. THE DISTRICT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HOSTING THE CONFERENCE. DISTRICT 03 HOST - FALL 1999 NO REPORT.

BIDS FOR SPRING & FALL 2000: DISTRICT 01 BID BUT HAD NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, MSP TO ACCEPT BID FROM DISTRICT 01. DISTRICT 05 BID FOR FALL 2000 CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT RAMADA INN EAU CLAIRE, WI, SEPT. 17-19, 2000. WOULD BE COMPARABLE TO PREVIOUS CONFERENCE. MSP TO ACCEPT BID FROM DISTRICT 05.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS: FINANCE COMMITTEE MET ON MAY 8. REMINDER THAT IT IS REIMBURSEMENT, NOT PRE-PAID EXPENSES. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DOESN'T FEEL THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARATE DRAW FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR, JUST PUT IN FOR SUPPLY REIMBURSEMENTS. AREA 74 FELT THAT \$800.00 REIMBURSEMENT IS ENOUGH. SINCE GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE UP THE FINANCE COMMITTEES PROPOSED BUDGET REFLECTS 5% INCREASE IN GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS. THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING WAS ADDED TO EXPENSES. THE QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PERCENTAGE OF GROUPS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE AREA. MSP TO ACCEPT PROPOSED 1999 BUDGET, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARCHIVES: SCOTTY SENDS HIS THANKS TO ALL REGARDING GRAPEVINES & AREA HISTORY OF MEETINGS CONTRIBUTIONS. THANKS TO JAN W. FOR THE GRAPEVINE. A FIRST EDITION OF AA COMES OF AGE WILL BE READY FOR VIEWING AT HOUGHTON, FROM AREA 75 (THEY DON'T HAVE AN ARCHIVES.)

GRAPEVINE: TOM REPORTS THE GRAPEVINE CONTINUES TO LOSE MONEY AHEAD OF BUDGET. THERE WAS 10% DROP \$8,000.00 TO \$7,000.00 DURING THE SUMMER. IT IS PROBABLY SUBSCRIPTIONS RAN OUT AND WEREN'T RENEWED. \$49,000.00 PLUS \$30,000.00 FOR LA VINA. GRAPEVINE HAS LOST \$21,000, \$13,221.00 AHEAD OF BUDGET. THERE IS A SPECIAL ON HOME GROUP - HEARTBEAT OF

AA, \$2.25.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: LARRY REPORTS THE LAST TIME THE COMMITTEE MET WAS LAST SPRING. THERE IS SOME FRUSTRATION ABOUT TRYING TO GET PEOPLE TO COME TO WORKSHOPS TYPE MEETINGS. WILL TRY DURING CONFERENCE SHARING SESSIONS. WILL DO A WORKSHOP AT THE NEXT CONFERENCE. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO VOLUNTEERED TO BE TEMPORARY SPONSORS.

CORRECTIONS FAC., WI: ROLAND REPORT THAT A DONATION OF %758.00 TO AREA FROM NAVARINO FUNDRAISER. THE WORKSHOP THAT WAS HELD IN MENOMINEE WAS ATTENDED BY 20 PEOPLE. THERE WILL A CORR. SHARING SESSION ON OCT. 3, AT THE WAUSAU ALANO CLUB BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. MAY 22, 1999 - WISCONSIN CORR. CONFERENCE (HOSTED WITH AREA 75) AT WESLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH, OSHKOSH, WI. THERE WILL BE PANELS, OPEN FLOOR, AS WELL AS INMATES, EX-INMATES, SHERIFFS, CORR. OFFICERS, AND JUDGES. NOT SURE OF BEGINNING TIME.

LITERATURE: STEVE REPORTS THAT HE HAS ATTENDED 2 CONFERENCES & 2 ASSEMBLIES, AND WILL ATTEND PI WORKSHOP IN EAU CLAIRE. UPDATED INVENTORY - \$2,404.78 BOOKS & PAMPHLETS, \$272.35 MISC., \$562.00 CHECKING ACCOUNT. WE ARE DOING OK. CAN GO THRU STEVE OR ORDER THRU CATALOGUE. STEVE SELLS FOR LISTED PRICE, NO DISCOUNTS. THERE ISN'T A DIFFERENT PRICE LIST FOR PRISONS. YOU CAN GET SOME PACKAGE DEALS, IF YOU ASK. NEW ITEMS ARE VIDEOS CARRYING THE MESSAGE & PSA VIDEO. LITERATURE IS NOT INCLUDED IN TREASURER'S REPORT, MAYBE IT SHOULD BE LISTED AS AN ASSET.

NOW & THEN: KATHY REPORTS THAT MARY Y. HAS BEEN ASSISTING HER & WILL BE A CONTACT PERSON, (906) 485-6723 LEAVE A MESSAGE. THERE ARE 528 COPIES GOING OUT A MONTH, DON'T KNOW WHO SOME OF THESE PEOPLE ARE. SUBSCRIPTIONS NOT RENEWED BY OCTOBER WILL BE REMOVED. NEWSLETTER IS FREE TO ALL GSRs, DCMs, PAST DELEGATES, TRUSTEES, ALL AREA OFFICERS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND GROUPS. THE PRICE TO SUBSCRIBE HAS BEEN \$6.00 FOR 5-6 YEARS. POSTAGE & PAPER COSTS HAVE GONE UP, IT IS \$300.00 - \$350.00 PER MONTH TO PRINT 535 COPIES DEPENDING ON SIZE OF NEWSLETTER ETC. MOTION TO INCREASE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE FROM \$6.00 TO \$7.00. SECONDED. MOTION TO AMEND INCREASE TO \$7.00 AND RAISE TO \$10.00. SECONDED. MOTION DEFEATED. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED MOTION TO RECONSIDER, SECOND PASSED. MOTION TO RAISE SUBSCRIPTION FROM \$6.00 TO \$8.00 SECOND, DISCUSSION. QUESTION CALLED. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 IN MINORITY. MINORITY DIDN'T SPEAK. RATE INCREASE BEGINS JANUARY 1999.

CORRECT FAC MI: HOLDING MEETINGS MONTHLY BEFORE INTERGROUPS. 5-6 PEOPLE ATTEND. HELP IS NEEDED AT ALGER MAX. THERE ARE A FEW PROBLEMS AT BARAGA MAX. NOW SHOWS 12 VIDEOS TO 12 STEPS (NOT AA). CHAPLAIN WANTS TO RUN VIDEO FIRST (ABOUT 20 MIN), THEN HAVE THE MEETING, IT ISN'T WORKING VERY WELL. THE CHOICE OF EITHER ONE OR THE OTHER. MEETINGS FILL REGULATIONS, AND ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP GOING. MALES NEED TO WRITE THRU GSO TO CORRESPOND, ANONYMITY IS KEPT. ANY INFO NEEDED, CONTACT CHARLIE S. AT 575-3649 OR E-MAIL NW CHARLIE PORT UP.COM. A PERSON THAT GOES TO A MEETING WHEN RELEASED, 50% BETTER CHANCE OF NOT RETURNING.

WYCIPAA: LAURA & JEFF FROM AREA 75 REQUESTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO BRING TO WASHINGTON, DC, SEPT 20, 1998. TO BID FOR ICCIPAA IN AREA 75 TO BE HELD THE SECOND WEEK OF JULY. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR MONEY, BUT COULD USE SPIRITUAL HELP, ALONG WITH A SHOW OF UNITY. MOTION MADE TO DRAFT LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE, SECOND, PASSED, WITH 1 OPPOSED. IF THEY GET THE CONFERENCE, THEY WOULD NEED US TO BE INVOLVED. PANELS, GREETERS, ETC.

AREA COMMITTEE: THE AREA COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF AREA OFFICERS, AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS, & DCMs TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH & GROWTH OF THE AREA, ACCORDING TO THE SERVICE MANUAL PG. S59-S600. "IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH OF THE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE AND BY THE SAME TOKEN, FOR GROWTH & HARMONY IN OUR BELOVED FELLOWSHIP". THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO GET THE AREA CONFERENCE GUIDELINES REVISED. AN ADHOC COMMITTEE WAS FORMED. THERE HAS BEEN SOME WORKSHOPS HELD. DISTRICT O2, 14, AND O7 WILL HOST ON OCT. 10; DISTRICT 16 IN DECEMBER. THE WORKSHOPS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE, ALL THE TIME. DISTRICT O6 (NOV/DEC). THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR INFO ON REFORMING DISTRICTS. THE AREA COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING AT THE FALL CONFERENCE ON SAT. MORNING.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: JOHN EXTENDS A THANK YOU TO THE AREA FOR BEING GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU. THE WEEKEND OF SEPT 29, 1998, HE WILL BE ATTENDING THE ARCHIVES CONFERENCE IN AKRON, OH. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, SEE JOHN. (SHERIDAN, W MARKET). THE TRUSTEE REPORTS MAY HELP IN ADDRESSING ISSUES THAT MAY BE ON THE AGENDA FOR APRIL. KEEP AN EYE ON WHAT KEEPS COMING UP IN THE REPORTS. THERE WAS A PRINTING ERROR - 1996 CONTRIBUTIONS WAS MISTAKENLY PRINTED. ARCHIVES IN NEW YORK DOES NOT HAVE A SECOND PRINTING, SECOND EDITION (1956) OF THE BIG

BOOK. GSO WOULD GRATEFULLY ACCEPT A CONTRIBUTION. CONTACT JUDITH STANTON. FINANCIAL CONTROVERSY AT AA GSO SERVICES - THE PROFIT ON LITERATURE GOES TO COVER SHORT FALLS ON PERSONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. DEATHS: RAOUL MARTIN, SEATED SW REGIONAL TRUSTEE, DAVID ARNOFSKY - TRUSTEE AT LARGE 1981. NEW VIDEOS WERE DEVELOPED & APPROVED FROM GSO - INTERNAL GSO VIDEO, CORREC. INTERNAL INVOLVEMENT, PSA VIDEO. THERE ARE 2 OPENINGS AT GSO. NON-TRUSTEE APPOINTED LITERATURE COMMITTEE - EXPERIENCE IN PUBLISHING, AVAILABLE TO ATTEND QUARTERLY MEETINGS (WEEKEND), 5 YEARS SOBRIETY, ACTIVE IN LOCAL AA SERVICE, DELEGATES SHOULD BE ROTATED ONE YEAR. PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE - EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC RELATIONS. APPLY BY OCT. 1, 1998. SEVEN GROUPS FROM AREA 74 WERE MAILED MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS. FIVE ARE ACTIVE, FOUR RESPONDED. JOHN WILL SUBMIT THEM ON SEPT 1. INTERVIEW FOR REPLACEMENT OF GEORGE DORSEY WILL BE THIS WEEK. EVERY TIME A GROUP REGISTERS, JOHN IS NOTIFIED, REGISTERING A GROUP IS NOT AN ENDORSEMENT, JUST REGISTERING A GROUP OF PEOPLE. WE SHOULD POLICE OURSELVES TO SEE IF IT TRULY IS A GROUP. SUGGEST TO DO A LETTER TO WELCOME, INTRODUCING OURSELVES AS AREA 74, ETC.

ELECTION OF AREA 74 CORRECTIONS CHAIR, MI: MAJORITY VOTE. LYLE S. OF SHINGLETON WAS ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY. THANK YOU TO CHARLIE S. FOR SERVING US WELL.

OLD BUSINESS: CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE MOTION (2) AREA 74 SUPPORT DOCUMENT "CONCERNS OF POTENTIAL CORRECTION VOLUNTEERS OF AA" FOR USE IN REGIONAL/GSO USE. MOTION, SECOND, CARRIED TO EDIT/DISCRETION.

Conference Planning
REVISION OF AREA 74 GUIDELINES: DOREEN J. - THERE HASN'T BEEN A CHANGE SINCE 1990. WILL MEET WITH TED TO HAVE PRINTOUT WITH CHANGES, DISCUSS CHANGES WITH GROUPS WITH THOUGHTS TO HOUGHTON. ONE IMPORTANT CHANGE WOULD BE THERE SHOULD BE 2 SIGNATURES ON CHECK BOOK. (AREA TREASURES). QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ABOUT MOTION COMING OUT OF AREA COMMITTEE WITH A SECOND, ON REVISION OF CONFERENCE GUIDELINES TO BE VOTED ON AT FALL 1998 CONFERENCE. DCM'S NEED TO GET A GROUP CONSCIENCE, THEN BRING IT TO AREA ASSEMBLY. AREA COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT DICTATE TO ASSEMBLY, SHOULD AREA COMMITTEE VOTE ON FINAL FORMAT? CONSENSUS WAS TO VOTE ON REVISED GUIDELINES AT SPRING ASSEMBLY. AREA COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO BRING AGENDA ITEMS TO THE BODY, TO SAVE TIME DURING ASSEMBLY.

PROPOSAL FOR AREA REGISTRAR: (AS WRITTEN IN NOW & THEN) IT WOULD HELP INFORMATION FLOW. MOTION, SECONDED TO ELECT AREA REGISTRAR FOR 1 YEAR TERM. MOTION TO AMEND 1 YEAR TO 3 YEAR TERM (OCT 2001), MOTION CARRIED/ 7 OPPOSED. MOTION SECOND & CARRIED FOR AREA REGISTRAR TO BE ELECTED AS AN AREA OFFICER. NOMINATED FOR AREA REGISTRAR WERE SUE J., CASEY S., LARRY M. SUE WAS ELECTED BY 3RD LEGACY PROCEDURE, DRAWN FROM THE HAT. CONGRATULATIONS SUE!!!

PROPOSAL FROM THE FLOOR: ANONYMOUS PERSON WOULD LIKE TO SEE A ONE YEAR RESEARCH ON RETURNING MEETINGS TO THE SPRING & FALL CONFERENCES, (EX; SUCH AS AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS) - GROUP DISCUSSION & INPUT - RESEARCH. *IT WAS THE EXPERIENCE OF AREA 74 THAT PEOPLE WOULD ENTER INTO OUR MEETING & GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHTS IN OUR SERVICE STRUCTURE*. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED AS TO WHY THIS WAS SUGGESTED, TO GET RID OF ASSEMBLIES, OR STILL CONDUCT 4 SERVICE MEETINGS, DCM'S & GSR'S GATHERING MORE INFORMATION? BY HAVING BUSINESS AT CONFERENCES, MORE CHANCE OF INTRODUCING SERVICE TO MEMBERS? WHY DID WE LEAVE CONFERENCES? TO ALLOW SERVICE STRUCTURE TO THERE ONLY? BECAUSE ONE DAY IS NOT SUCH A FINANCIAL DRAIN, SO GSR'S & DCM'S AND OTHERS COULD ATTEND AND SERVE ON PANELS? HOW ATTRACTIVE ARE WE MAKING SERVICE? THESE ARE JUST SOME TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND THOUGHT. MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION, CARRIED.

MOTION FOR CORRECTIONS Co-CHAIR MI FOR TERM TO BE FOR 3 YEARS TO BE IN LINE SO CAN BE ROTATED WITH OTHER AREA ELECTIONS. MOTION WITHDRAWN. MOTION FOR MI CORRECTION CHAIR TO SERVE 1 YEAR THEN CONCUR WITH ELECTION OF AREA ELECTIONS. MOTION SECOND & CARRIED WITH 1 OPPOSED. WE VIEWED THE NEW PSA FROM GSO, VIDEO ALONG WITH GSO & CORRECTIONS. THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SEE AT THE FALL CONFERENCE IN HOUGHTON FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SEE THEM.

SPRING ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON MARCH 27, 1999 AT THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BUILDING. SEE YOU THERE!

YOURS IN SERVICE,

KATHI K., AREA 74 SECRETARY

AREA 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY
COMMUNITY BLDG., THREE LAKES, WI
MARCH 27, 1999

9:00 A.M. - BOB OPENED READING THE PURPOSE STATEMENT FOLLOWED BY THE SERENITY PRAYER. PEGGY READ THE TWELVE TRADITIONS; ED READ THE (SHORT FORM) CONCEPTS; DENNIS READ THE PREAMBLE.

PAST DELEGATES PRESENT: JOHN H. (22), DAVE R. (36), DOREEN M. (44), TOM C. (46), AND JOHN C. (48).

GRAPEVINE AND LITERATURE DISPLAYS ARE HERE. THERE ARE FLYER'S AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS: 49TH ANNUAL JUNE BANQUET - JUNE 19TH ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP HALL (NOTE PLACE CHANGE) \$7.50 PER PERSON. CONTACT DAVE R. OR JOHN B. MAY 29TH, DISTRICT 09 REDISTRICTING MEETING. 50TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 14-16, 1999, AT PAPER VALLEY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER, APPLETON, WI. 50TH ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 17-19, 1999, AT BAY AREA CIVIC CENTER/PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI. 54TH ANNUAL ROUNDUP, APRIL 23-25, 1999, CURLING CLUB, HEAD OF THE LAKES FAIRGROUNDS, SUPERIOR, WI. 21ST EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE & 47TH MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION AUGUST 6-9, 1999, HOLIDAY INN SOUTH/CONVENTION CENTER, LANSING, MI. 43RD OHIO STATE CONVENTION OCTOBER 15-17, 1999, DAYTON, OHIO. 47TH ANNUAL INDIANA STATE CONVENTION, MARCH 17-19, 2000, COLUMBUS HOLIDAY INN, COLUMBUS, OH. 4TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN CORRECTION CONFERENCE, MAY 22, 1999, WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OSHKOSH, WI. AREA 74/PUBLIC INFORMATION SEMINAR, APRIL 10, 1999, KC HALL (10:00 AM-4:00 PM, CST), KINGSFORD, MI. UP TRAVELING INTERGROUP TO FOLLOW. FALL ASSEMBLY - AUGUST 21, 1999, THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BLDG. THANK YOU TO GAIL & ED (DISTRICT 10) FOR SETTING UP FOR THE ASSEMBLY!

ROLL CALL: DELEGATE JOHN C., AREA CHAIR BOB M., TREASURER BRUCE E., REGISTRAR SUE J., SECRETARY KATHY K., CO-TREASURER MARK M., ARCHIVES SCOTTY K., FINANCE TED L., GRAPEVINE TOM C., LITERATURE STEVE H., PI DENNIS H., TREATMENT LARRY M., CORREC. WI ROLAND G., CORREC MI LYLE S.

DCM'S PRESENT: 01, 02, 05, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24.

ABSENT: NOW & THEN KATHY K., DISTRICT 03, 04, 06, 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: CORRECTION TO FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES - REVISION OF CONFERENCE GUIDELINES, NOT AREA 74 GUIDELINES. UPDATES TO AREA 74 GUIDELINES/ADDITION OF AREA COMMITTEE & AREA REGISTRAR TO GUIDELINES. THEY SHOULD BE READY BY THE SPRING CONFERENCE.

TREASURER'S REPORT: BRUCE SENDS HIS SINCEREST APOLOGIES FOR THE MISPLACED CHECKS AT HIS HOME. AREA HAD A BEGINNING BALANCE (JAN 1) OF \$10,335.05. 1ST QUARTER CONTRIBUTIONS - \$2,289.40 TOTAL RECEIPTS \$12,624.45. 1ST QUARTER DISPERSEMENT - \$1,828.75. BALANCE 3/26/99 - \$10,795.70. FINANCE REPORT 1/1/98 - 12/31/98. TOTAL RECEIPTS \$22,052.73. TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - \$11,717.68. BALANCE 12/31/98 \$10,335.05.

DCM REPORTS COMMENCED AT 9:45 A.M. (2 MIN) BEGINNING WITH DISTRICT 24: DEBBIE REPORTS THAT PI IS GOING WELL, ONCE THEY GOT GOING.. THEY WENT TO THE POLICE STATION, LIBRARY, DR. OFFICES SO AA COULD BE FOUND. THEY'RE GETTING INTO THE JAIL AND ARE USING LITERATURE (WHAT WE ARE, WHAT WE'RE NOT) TO MAKE CONTACTS. THEY WERE AN INACTIVE DISTRICT FOR A LONG TIME UNTIL THEY DECIDED THEY WANTED TO BE KNOWN & HEARD.

DISTRICT 23: CHRIS REPORTS THE NEW GROUPS ARE REGISTERING WITH GSO. THE 4 DISTRICTS ARE COORDINATING FOR A MEETING LIST. SHE STILL TRAVELS AROUND TO FIND THE BEST PLACE TO HOLD A GSR DISTRICT MTG.

DISTRICT 22: NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 21: MARCIA REPORTS HER DISTRICT IS QUITE ACTIVE. ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS IS 15-20. THEY WILL BE HOSTING INTERGROUP & WORKSHOP, HAVE CORRECTIONS & REACHING OUT TO NEWCOMERS.

DISTRICT 20: NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 19: NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 18: JOHN REPORTS DISTRICT 18 IS ALIVE & WELL. THEY ARE MAILING 250 LETTERS TO

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS: (15 MIN) EACH PERSON ADDRESSING 2 MIN PLEASE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (TED) THREE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION. A) DISCUSS SELF SUPPORT - NON AA SALES REPRESENT 21%, AA SALES ARE BELOW AT 19%. WE ARE NOT FULLY FUNCTIONING AS SELF-SUPPORTING, (DISCUSSION). B) NO CONCERN FOR INCREASING INDIVIDUAL MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TO GSO FROM \$1,000.00 TO \$2,000.00 INCLUDING BEQUESTS. C) SERVICE BOARD POLICY - IF USE TO NEGOTIATE RATE EX. CONVENTION RATE FOR HOTELS, ENDORSE AS WRITTEN. IF TOTAL BECAUSE WE ARE AA, DECLINE OFFER.

GRAPEVINE: (TOM) THREE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION. A) PRODUCE THE GRAPEVINE MAGAZINE ON AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE - DON'T THINK IT WOULD WORK EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T SOUND THAT BAD. B) GRAPEVINE RELATED ITEMS FOR PRODUCTION IN 2001 OR LATER. GRAPEVINE BOOKS GENERALLY DON'T DO WELL. THEY ARE AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP & BALANCE BUDGET. A GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWED. FEAR THAT PEOPLE WOULD NOT USE THE BIG BOOK & 12 X 12, A LOT OF MEETINGS DON'T USE CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE ALREADY, NOT ALL GRAPEVINE BOOKS DON'T LOSE MONEY. C) COMMITTEE OF AA MEMBERS REVIEW AND APPROVE ARTICLES PRIOR TO PUBLICATION - DISCUSSION FOLLOWED, DECLINE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS. HOW WOULD YOU DECIDE WHO WOULD SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE? DO NOT THINK THIS WOULD SUCCEED.

LITERATURE: (STEVE) 6 ITEMS. A) PROGRESS REPORT ON 4TH EDITION OF BIG BOOK, 1222 STORIES CAME IN TO REVIEW, DOWN TO 95 TO GO. PROGRESS IN ACTION. B) PUBLICATION DEPT. OF GSO MAINTAIN SPECIFIC EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING 4TH EDITION BIG BOOK PROJECT - PROGRESS IN ACTION. C) ANY DRAFT COPY OF 4TH EDITION BIG BOOK BE CONSIDERED A WORK IN PROGRESS - NO PROBLEM. D) REQUEST FOR AA HISTORY BOOK - GREAT DEAL OF DISCUSSION WE HAVE NOTHING FROM 1955 TO DATE, THERE MAY BE A NEED. IT WAS TRIED BEFORE, WE USED AUTHORS FROM INSIDE & OUTSIDE OF AA, THEY COULDN'T DO IT. WE SPENT 1/10 OF PRUDENT RESERVE AND COULDN'T DO IT. "AA COMES OF AGE" WAS WRITTEN TO TURN AA TO ITSELF. SENSE OF AA HISTORY BOOK 3 WERE FOR AND 20 OPPOSED AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION. E) DEVELOP PAMPHLET DIRECTED TO BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN ALCOHOLIC - DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON DEVELOPING UNITY, NOT SEPARATE BECAUSE OF RACE, GENDER, ETC. - HAS A PAMPHLET EVER HELPED ANYONE GET SOBER? SOME HAVE BEEN REACHED WITH "IS AA FOR YOU? TWELVE QUESTIONS ONLY YOU CAN ANSWER". IT WAS FELT THAT THE PAMPHLET MAY BE A GOOD IDEA. F) CONSIDER TO REPLACE OR UPDATE THE PAMPHLET "TIME TO START LIVING" - YES TO UPDATING AND TITLE CHANGE - IT IS GEARED TO OLDER ALCOHOLICS AND THE TITLE MAY BE CONFUSING. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ABOUT USING LITERATURE AND PAMPHLETS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF 12TH STEP WORK? THESE THINGS CAN HELP WHEN WE ARE NOT THERE, IN DR. OFFICE'S, ETC. WE MUST REMEMBER RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM IS OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE. DO WE PAY ATTENTION TO NEWCOMERS? OUR HOME GROUP? IF WE CAN HELP ONE PERSON WITH A PAMPHLET, THEN WHAT'S THE HARM?

PUBLIC INFORMATION: (DENNY) 6 ITEMS. A) AA FACT FILE - MOST OFTEN HIT ON WEBSITE, DO WHAT IS NECESSARY. G) REVIEW 1998 DRAFT AA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY - RACE QUESTION WAS LEFT ON SURVEY, NATIVE AMERICANS WENT FROM 4% TO 2%. C) DISCUSS ANONYMITY AT PUBLIC LEVEL ON INTERNET. - BE AWARE OF CHAT ROOMS, ETC. D) TELEVISION BIOGRAPHY WANTS PERMISSION TO USE FOOTAGE FROM BILL'S OWN STORY. - LOIS SAID BILL & BOB'S ANONYMITY IS NOT TO BE BROKEN. THE PROGRAM WILL BE DONE ANYWAY. WE COULD HAVE SOME SAY AS TO HOW IT IS USED. HOW DOES IT EFFECT AA PERSPECTIVE? DO WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BREAKING BILL & BOB'S ANONYMITY? BILL DID NOT WANT TO BE PUT ON A PEDESTAL. USE CAUTION WHEN DEALING WITH THIS PRODUCER. E) GSO'S WEBSITE ACTIVITY & WEB SITE USE AS PI TOOL. THIS HAS BEEN A TOOL, HITS HAVE DOUBLED SINCE 1997. F) REVIEW CONTENTS OF PI KIT, WORKBOOK & PI PAMPHLETS - THEY ARE GOOD TOOLS, GRAPEVINES ARE GOOD.

TREATMENT: (BRENNAN) 6 ITEMS. A) QUESTIONNAIRE (1997) REQUESTING SHARING ON CARRYING THE MESSAGE INTO PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES - DISCUSSION FOLLOWED, SUGGESTIONS TO INVITE REPS. TO DISTRICT MEETINGS, USE AA CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE, WHAT AA IS & WHAT IT IS NOT. B) QUESTIONNAIRE (1998) SHARING MESSAGE IN NONCORRECTIONAL YOUTH FACILITIES - MAKE SURE YOU CARRY AA'S MESSAGE, SINGLENESSE OF PURPOSE, YOUNG PEOPLE/YOUNG SPEAKERS. BRING IN PROPER SPEAKERS (SINGLENESSE OF PURPOSE). C) BRIDGING THE GAP/TEMPORARY CONTACT EFFORTS - SHOULD BE A CONTACT AVAILABLE BEFORE THEY GO IN, NOT JUST ONE PERSON. D) 1998 TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKBOOK/HANDBOOK - SUGGEST TO CHANGE GOALS FOR TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEES TO ACTIVITIES FOR TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEES. 2) STATEMENT OF RESOURCES IN TREATMENT FACILITIES HANDBOOK & WORKBOOK - DELETIONS OF LISTING SIMILAR TO AA, NAME TO OUTSIDE ENTERPRISES/MONEY. E) TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKBOOK/AND HANDBOOK FROM SERVICE MATERIAL TO CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE -

REQUIRE THE BODY TO MAKE CHANGES. F) CONSIDER DISCONTINUING PUBLISHING THE TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKBOOK (3 RING BINDER) IN IT'S CURRENT FORMAT - WE SAY KEEP THE BINDER, IT'S EASIER TO COPY TO SEND OUT.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS: (MIKE) 4 ITEMS. A) DATES FOR 2002 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE - WE THOUGHT OF APRIL 12-27. B) SECONDARY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE BE COMPOSED OF 9 VOTING MEMBERS WITHOUT REGARD FOR REGIONAL REPRESENTATION - RECOMMENDATION - ENABLES LARGER CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERS. C) SECONDARY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEET JOINTLY WITH CORRESPONDING TRUSTEE'S COMMITTEE & THEN MEET SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS AGENDA ITEMS & MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REACHED BY MAJORITY VOTE (IF ANY) TO THE CONFERENCE AS A WHOLE. WE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE OK. D) CONSIDER FORMING A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON BRIDGING THE GAP - WE SAY NO, LEAVE IT AS IS.

REPORT AND CHARTER: (MIKE) 3 ITEMS. A) CONSIDER REVISED DRAFT OF THE AA SERVICE MANUAL - YES, GO FORWARD. B) PROPOSAL OF FOOTNOTE TO WARRANTY FIVE, PG. 72 TWELVE CONCEPTS (AA WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF ITS REGISTERED TRADEMARKS). - NO, JOHN WILL HAVE RIGHT OF DECISION. C) PROPOSAL THAT GSO PRINT ALL LISTED GROUPS IN DIRECTORIES UNLESS A GROUP CHOOSES NOT TO BE INCLUDED - WE SUGGEST FIRST NAME, LAST INITIAL.

TRUSTEES: (MIKE) 5 ITEMS. REVIEW RESUMES OF REGIONAL AND TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE CANDIDATES. WE HAVE NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRUSTEES COMMITTEE EXCEPT FOR DIVERSITY STATEMENT ON VACANCY LETTERS - LEAVE THEM THE SAME.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION/REGIONAL FORUMS - 4 ITEMS - NO RECOMMENDATIONS.

ARCHIVES: 2 ITEMS - PROPOSED DRAFT OF COMPOSITION, SCOPE & PROCEDURE NO RECOMMENDATION, CONSIDER NEED FOR ARCHIVES WORKBOOK - YES, COULD BE HELPFUL.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: JOHN THANKS US FOR GIVING HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE AREA, GIVING HIM OUR VOICE. HE WAS ELECTED BY US TO BRING AREA GROUP CONSCIENCE, ALSO CARRIES THE RIGHT OF DECISION, IF MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE. GSO IS GOOD FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS/FINDING SOLUTIONS. THEY ARE ALSO PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL WELLNESS CONFERENCE FOR PROFESSIONALS AT STEVEN'S POINT. PROFESSIONALS CAN DROP BUSINESS CARDS INTO BOX & WE'LL MAIL THEM TO GSO SO GSO CAN SEND PACKETS TO THEM.

GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS PRINT OUTS STILL TO BE PICKED UP - DISTRICTS 03, 04, 06, 07, 11, 14, 15, 19, & 22. IF YOU KNOW YOU'LL SEE SOMEONE IN THESE DISTRICTS, FEEL FREE TO PICK THEM UP. AA MEMBERSHIP USA - 98,710, WORLDWIDE - 1,989,129 MEMBERS.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION -BOX 459-

- WHY SHOULD WE PAY TO GO TO AA EVENTS
- AA Y2K
- DOES YOUR GROUP HAVE A TAX I.D. NUMBER?
- HOW TO MAKE AN OLD FASHIONED 12 STEP CALL.

TREATMENT FACILITIES NEWSLETTER - THERE WILL BE A BRIDGING UP THE GAP CONFERENCE IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA ON SEPT 24-26, 1999. (45.1%) (44.5%) SALES OF LITERATURE (1992 4 MILLION WENT TO GSO)

GOPHER STATE ROUND-UP MAY 28-30.

N.W. ONTARIO ROUND-UP

REALLY HONORED & LOOKING FORWARD TO GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AND GIVING US A REPORT AT THE SPRING CONFERENCE IN APPLETON.

UNITY CONFERENCE REPORT - HOWARD P., (AREA 75) WAS PRESENT & SHARED THAT AREA 75 IS VERY PLEASED THAT THIS THING IS COMING TOGETHER. UNITY CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS MET AS A COMMITTEE - DISCUSSED FINDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS, SOME SORT OF PRELIMINARY COSTS & SUCH, & REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE HOTEL APRIL 10TH (OSHKOSH JULY 4, 2001). IF THIS CONFERENCE GOES WELL, WE'LL NEED TO DISCUSS IF THIS WILL BE A ON-TIME DEAL, ANNUAL EVENT.

CONFERENCE UPDATES: 1999 FALL CONFERENCE - SEPT 10-12 ASHLAND, WI. \$10.00 REGISTRATION, \$15.00 BANQUET, NEED SEED MONEY COMMITTEE IS TOGETHER. 150 ROOMS - BOOK EARLY. DJ FOR MUSIC, HOTEL INFORMATION AT SPRING CONFERENCE REMINDER NOTE: AREA ELECTIONS WILL BE AT THIS CONFERENCE!

2000 SPRING CONFERENCE - MAY 19-21 HARD AT WORK - ST. NORBERT DORM ROOMS COULD BE AVAILABLE.

2000 FALL CONFERENCE - SEPT 15-17 RAMADA INN EAU CLAIRE, WI.

CONFERENCE CHAIR HAS BEEN ELECTED. REGISTRATION \$10.00, BANQUET \$13.00.

MAKE CHANGE ON FALL 1999 CONFERENCE FLYER, IT'S 51ST ANNUAL.

BIDS FOR SPRING CONFERENCE 2001: BOB READ BIDDING FOR CONFERENCE FROM CONFERENCE GUIDELINES - FIRM DATE, LOCATION & COST. DISTRICT 10 BID - SPIRIT OF NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTER MAY 20. THREE TIME CALL FOR BIDS - MOTION 2ND & PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPT DISTRICT 10 BID.

NOW & THEN: SECRETARY KATHY K. READ RESIGNATION FROM BILL K. AS CO-EDITOR OF NOW & THEN. READ LETTER FROM KATHY K., NOW & THEN CO-EDITOR WHO WAS ABSENT DUE TO A FAMILY EMERGENCY.

AREA REGISTRAR: SUE - IN DECEMBER SHE GOT IN CONTACT WITH GSO TO SEE WHAT WAS AVAILABLE. THEY SENT A DISKETTE SOFTWARE - BROKEN DOWN WITH DISTRICTS - DAYS, TIMES, GROUP # - FEEDBACK IS GROSSLY INCORRECT - SHE CAN UPDATE WITHIN ONE WEEK WITH DISKETTE SAVES A LOT OF TIME - HER DATE BASE IS IN EXCEL - SHE IS UPDATING MEETINGS, DAYS, TIMES, ADDRESSES - IF YOU HAVE ANY CORRECTIONS PLEASE SEND THEM TO SUE. SHE HAS LIST FROM NOW & THEN TO GET STARTED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: TED - BRUCE RECEIVED OLD FINANCIAL RECORDS - \$1,419.16 CONFERENCE SEED MONEY RETURNED. OUR BUDGET IS \$10-11,000.00. PLEASE SEND IN REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS - SO YOU CAN SHOW YOUR GROUPS THE MONEY IS BEING USED.

MOTION MADE & SECONDED TO ACCEPT BILL'S RESIGNATION. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

AREA COMMITTEE: BOB READ DEFINITION OF AREA COMMITTEE, DCM'S ARE PART OF AREA COMMITTEE, WE ARE STRUGGLING TO DO WHAT WE WERE CHARGED TO DO. THERE WEREN'T MANY DCM'S AT THE DELEGATE'S WORKSHOP.

MOTION, 2ND & PASSED TO GIVE THE NOW & THEN \$1,700.00 FOR PUBLISHING COSTS APR-SEPT 1999.

REVISION OF AREA CONFERENCE GUIDELINES: DOREEN - CHANGES TO AREA CONFERENCE GUIDELINES:

BIDDING A CONFERENCE -

HELPFUL HINTS - 1) STICK TO CONFERENCE APPROVED LITERATURE. (5D)- REGISTRATION, ROOM & BANQUET FOR DELEGATE & SPOUSE.

1) THERE MUST ALWAYS BE TWO SIGNATURES FOR TREASURER'S CHECKBOOK.

HOSTING THE CONFERENCE: (PG. 3) HAVE ANONYMITY STATEMENT, A COPY OF HOW IT WORKS, THE BIG BOOK & TRADITIONS AT EACH PODIUM. (PG. 4) A FINAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO NOW & THEN AS SOON AS ALL COSTS ARE IN. NO LATER THEN 60 DAYS AFTER THE CONFERENCE. TOOK OUT VICTOR E. NAME TAGS, BECAUSE THEY ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

CONFERENCE GUIDELINES FROM COMMITTEE WITH MOTION & SECOND - 33 YES/ 5 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAIN - CONFERENCE GUIDELINES ACCEPTED AS REVISED.

NEW BUSINESS: MOTION & 2ND THAT AA WORLD SERVICES STOP USING LITERATURE TO OFFSET PRUDENT RESERVE AT AAWS. DISCUSSION - WHEN PRUDENT RESERVE GOES UP - LITERATURE GOES DOWN; WHEN PRUDENT RESERVE GOES DOWN - LITERATURE GOES UP. SET PRICES & LEAVE THEM - SUCH AS BIG BOOK, & 12 X 12.

MOTION TO TABLE MOTION SO WE CAN BRING TO GROUPS & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MOTION THAT AREA CHAIR SET UP BUILDING FOR YEAR 2000. MOTION 2ND & CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ON DCM SHARING SESSIONS - STARTED OUT AS BREAKFAST MEETING TO SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES & COMMONS ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DISTRICTS, WHAT DCM'S DO, ETC. - WOULD GSR'S LIKE TO HAVE SHARING SESSION? SOMEONE WOULD NEED TO CHAIR IT, - IF WE WANT MORE INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICE, WE NEED TO BE INCLUSIVE, ARE WE BEING OPEN? MAYBE IT WOULD HELP GSR'S BECOME MORE COMFORTABLE BEING DCM'S.

AGENDA FOR FALL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 21, 1999 AT THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BLDG.

1. CONFERENCE UPDATES
2. AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS (15 MINUTES) LUNCHEON (HERE TO SAVE TIME)
3. ONE HOUR PANEL ON ROTATION

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY K.

SECRETARY AREA 74

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY
THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BLDG.
AUGUST 21, 1999

Open at 9:05 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer. Ted G. read short form Traditions; Casey S. read concepts; Dan W. read the Preamble.

Roll Call: (Present): All Area Officers. **Standing Committee Chairs:** Ted L., Finance; Tom C., Grapevine; Steve H., Literature; Roland G., Corrections WI; Lyle S., Corrections MI; Now & Then K.Korpi. **DCM's:** 01, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24. **Absent:** Dennis H., P.I.; Larry M., Treatment Fac.; Scotty K., Archives. **DCM's:** 03, 06, 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22. **Past Delegates Present:** Len D. (26), Doreen M. (44), Dave R. (36), John H. (32), Chuck S. (42), Tom C. (46), John C. (48).

Announcements: Deaths - Gene L. (28), Vivian C., Sue S. Grapevine and Literature displays are here today. Doreen M. is 17 years sober today!

Upcoming Events: **Area 74 Fall Conference:** Sept. 10-12, Ashland, WI. **East Central Regional Forum,** Sept. 24-26, Ann Arbor, MI. **Area 74 Assembly Dates for the year 2000:** **Spring Assembly** - April 8, 2000; **Fall Assembly** - August 26, 2000. **Area Corrections Sharing Session** - Saturday Oct. 9, 1999 9:00 a.m. - ?, Wausau Alano Club (Bus) 51.

Area Officers Reports: **Secretary:** I will be mailing out revised Area 74 Guidelines. They are revised to include Area Committee & Area Registrar. It has been a joy to serve as your secretary. I've gotten to know people, and you've helped me come out of my shell. I am very grateful to you for giving me the opportunity to serve our Area.

Treasurer: Bruce gave the **Financial Report:** 3/26-8/20 1999 beginning balance - \$10,795.70. **Group Contributions** - \$3,209.21, **Total Receipts** - \$14,004.91. **Disbursements** - \$4,219.25, **Balance as of 8/20/99** - \$9,785.65. We are working well together. There is more activity in Area 74 Committees, group contributions, and AA population. Thanks to Area 74 for giving me the opportunity to serve. It has been a Spiritual journey.

Registrar: Sue has updated information thru meeting list - there is 20% response rate. She needs help from GSR's, CM,s, and Groups for contact information, & meeting times. We need to build a data base, maybe DCM's could assist getting groups in their Districts to see if they receive the Now & Then, etc.

Area Committee Chair: The Area Committee consists of Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, & DCM's. Bringing this together has helped us work better together - things are coming along. Bob wishes to thank District 10 for helping to facilitate meetings. Thank you to Doreen for hosting new GSR meetings. Thanks to his sponsor for helping him with the lights and giving him support.

Conference Reports: **District 13 - Fall Conference** - Sept. 10-12, Ashland, WI.: Registration will be at the Presbyterian Church as well as panels, and the business meeting. Banquet, Dance & Sunday Spiritual Panel will be across the street at the Civic Center. One request came in for someone who signs for a deaf member. Had looked into hiring someone but it's quite expensive (\$400.00) minimum. Will check churches & universities, also put note in the Now & Then. Motion & 2nd for Area 74 to defray cost up to \$500.00 for signer. Motion defeated.

Spring 2000 hosted by District 01 - May 18-20, Green Bay Comfort Suites Conference Center - "Fun with Service". Registration - \$5.00; Lunch - \$10.00; Banquet - \$12.00. Room rate - \$89.95 with Continental Breakfast. Saturday Night - Bay Beach Amusement Park. One group is donating ice cream/ one group donating coffee.

Fall 2000 hosted by District 05 - Sept. 15-17, Eau Claire, WI. Ramada Inn Conference Center. Registration - \$10.00, Banquet - \$13.50.

Spring 2001 hosted by District 10 - May 20-22, third weekend, Lake of the Torches.

Unity Conference Update - John C. reports not much being done for conference yet, (July 6-8, 2002), Park Plaza, Oshkosh, WI. Area 74 has some people. Bob M. is program chair, (Torv & Jerry assist), Doreen M. is conference treasurer, Pam G. is entertainment, Ted L. is doing Flyers. The first meeting will be Sept. 18 finalize details. Rooms will be \$79.00, (can make our own coffee in the Hospitality Room (1,400 gal.).

Bids for Fall 2001 Conference: Torv T. (District 16) bid for Indian Head Resort. District 15 may cooperate. Sept. 14-16, Registration - \$12.00 - \$15.00, Banquet - \$20.00 - \$25.00. MSC to accept bid, discussion followed about Forum Date - Conference date could be revised.

Finance Committee: Ted L. brought proposed Area budget for 2000, -\$14,300.00. Increases are made by registrar & increased activity in committees, also for attendance at International Convention in 2000. Figured group contributions has been steady over past 4 years (5%). If there are correction in wrong address, etc, additional increase to Now & Then could be less. Motion & 2nd to accept proposed budget. Accepted.

Literature: Steve reports sales are good. In 1998 when he came in, there was \$3,300.00 in Literature. One half of inventory has been sold. Everything in the catalog is available - 4th Edition is coming along - publication will change cover

& design title page - redoing "Time to Start Living". Also pamphlet to Black American in works. Main duties of Literature Chair is attend 2 Conference, 2 Assemblies, Attend Workshops (Corrections too!). Supply Area 74 with Literature. A van or truck is suggested. Steve has really enjoyed doing the job. Thanks for giving him a chance to serve our Area.
Now & Then: Kathy reports the Post Office does not forward bulk mail. If there area any changes please let her know. 438 copies are going out monthly. Average cost for 8 page newsletter per month is \$300.00. (18 pages \$550.00). Kathy is checking into another printing company - costs keep increasing every year. The price will go up again in Jan to reset letterhead, as it has every year. Discussion followed if DCM's may be the missing link for getting lists of meetings/GSR's in their Districts to the Area. Their job is to be the go between.

Archives: No Report.

Corrections - MI: Lyle reports trying to start new group at Alger Max - he's been attending forums/conferences etc. so he can learn to do the job.

Corrections - WI: Roland reports there will be a Corrections Sharing Session in Wausau Saturday Oct. 9, at the Alano Club, 9:00 a.m.-?? The new tape (Behind the Walls) is ready. Principle of Sharing - the cry for help is always there, there will always be institutions. Navarino has been the main support (\$600.00- \$1,000.00) with the Moose & Goose feed - program to support correctional needs, materials, etc. Spend the committee moneys for what's needed.

P.I.: Debbie read letter from Denny - holding PI Workshops along with Area Workshops. A great and willing group of people. Have health fairs, etc. A sincere thank you!

Grapevine: Tom reports no significant changes!

Treatment: Mary Jo read letter from Larry - There is a great importance of keeping meetings, etc, current with Area Registrar for people coming out of treatment. There will be a "Bridging the Gap" Session in Eau Claire on Oct. 23 (District 05). Conference in Oklahoma Sept 24-26.

Delegate's Report: John sends his sincere apologies to not being able to do some things he promised because of tight schedules. After much investigating Y2K is a go. 1st Annual Unity Conference Area 74-Area 75 is coming up, what about a Banner? Will make copies of change of info before end of the year. There is small # registered for International Convention in Minneapolis. As soon as you can register you will receive badge & regs. number & info on Hotel reservations. Registration is \$85.00. If you register by Nov., you will go into a lottery for hotels closest near convention sights. The 4th Edition Big Book will not be ready by the International - any AA in prison willing to share, (10 years & 300 words in length) to add to "sure beats sitting in a cell." Trustee-At-Large US, will be postponed until Fall Conference if it's time for application - May have been mixed up as to when it should be. Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Delegate.

Presentation: Panel Discussion on Service Rotation - Chuck S., Jerry M., Mike B., - very good!!

Old Business: Tabled motion from Spring Assembly - "That AAWS stop increasing/decreasing literature prices to balance prudent reserve." Great deal of discussion followed - if the Big Book should be free?, All that's wanted is for the book to stay at one price!, We ought naught give away a priceless gift. Literature should be self-supporting, clarify prudent reserve. Motion & 2nd to reconsider the motion. Defeated, 11 in favor, 23 opposed. Vote stands - tabled request.

The Area meeting be returned to Spring & Fall Conferences? Discussion followed - Do other Area's conduct business at Conferences? Having business doesn't mean an increase in attendance at conferences, but could see (give it time). Could put a questionnaire in Now & Then - ask an oldtimer. Motion & 2nd to form an ad-hoc committee to look at service structures at assemblies & conferences. 26 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstain. Minority heard. Ad-Hoc Committee formed: Bruce E, Mary Jo R., Dave R., Tom C, Bob M., Peggy.

New Business: John brought up using last names at internal AA functions - just not in General Public level. The Area will give \$75.00 to attendees (Area Officers & Committee Chairs) to assist those who want to go to the Forum trying to open up service more- there is a sign up form for those interested. Motion that Area 74/75 host a Unity Conference in 2002. Discussion followed whether we could support all functions - was intent to hold yearly - make a decision to hold & then cancel if need to. Would be Fri-Sun, - \$250.00 from each Area - 1 Conference chair alt. years - no deletion of any conferences. Motion carries 19 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstain.

SPRING ASSEMBLY - APRIL 8, 2000. AGENDA ITEMS: Form standing committee for Bridging the Gap.

Assembly closed in usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy K.
Secretary, Area 74

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY
THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BUILDING
AUGUST 26, 2000

Bruce E, Area Chairperson Opened the meeting at 9:10a.m with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Chris D read the 12 Steps, Lorrie F read the 12 Traditions; Kathy K read the 12 Concepts (short form).

Roll Call: (Present): All Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs: Except for Area Archives and Public Information. **DCM's:** 01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, and 24. Absent 04, 06, 11, 13, 14,15, 20. Past Delegates Present: Len D. (26), and John C. (48). Attendance is around 70.

Announcements: Grapevine and Literature displays are here today. Handouts and flyers of upcoming events are by the literature table.

CONFERENCE REPORTS:

Fall Conference 2000-District 05; Speakers are in place, committees are active. Still need help with food and desserts for the hospitality room.

Spring Conference 2001-District 10; Everything is on track, Bob B from MN is one of the main speakers, still recruiting panel members. Registration is \$14.00, Banquet \$16.00, Rooms approx. \$70.00 a night.

Fall Conference 2001-District 16; Indian Head Resort filed bankruptcy which caused us to move the location of the conference to the Porkie Pine Mountain Ski Lodge and the Best Western in Silver City MI. When asked if additional seed money was needed? Torv replied "No". Best Western has 70 rooms available plus there are other small motels in the area along with many opportunities for camping. Prices are being estimated as \$10.00 for registration, \$15.00 to \$18.00 for the banquet.

East Central Regional Conference / Unity Conference will be held July 6,7 and 8th, 2001, in Oshkosh, WI. Registration is \$16.00 and \$18.00 after July 1, 2001. We would like to get all Districts in Area 74 involved in this Conference. Friday Night Speaker is Chuck S, Saturday Speaker is the newly elected ECR Trustee, Sunday Speaker is Greg M, General Service Manager

Past Delegates Conference is scheduled for February 9,10, 11, 2001 at the Midway Best Western in Appleton, WI. Registration is \$35.00 including 4 meals (2 Breakfasts, plus Lunch, and Dinner on Saturday.) Motel rooms are \$74.00 for 2 plus 10.00 per person.

Some of the activities of the Past Delegates Conference include: Seated Delegates presentations, rehearsal of New Delegates, Mock Conference with General Service Conference procedures.

Geographical location of the ECR Past Delegates Conference was requested by Area 74, voted and approved in Jackson at the previous conference. This change allows the conference to be held in Area 74 (Appleton, WI).

CONFERENCE BIDS:

Spring 2002; no bids.

Fall 2002; two bids (District 8, Wausau, WI and District 17, Iron Mountain MI).

District 8-September 20th to the 22nd. Registration \$25.00, banquet \$15.00, rooms \$73.00 a night at the Ramada Inn. Conference costs are lowered by the increase in motel rooms filled. Cost will be \$2,000.00 if we use 50 rooms, \$1,000.00 for 51-100 rooms, free for 151 rooms or more. 500 rooms are available.

District 17-September 13,14 and 15, 2002, at the Premier Center where seating capacity is 650 people. Registration would be \$10.00 and Banquet \$16.00.

District 17-It was asked if District 17 would consider bidding for Spring 2002 instead of Fall 2002. Larry W felt they were unable to change without approval of the District Conference Committee.

After some discussion on if we should vote, a question was called to vote. District 17 was awarded the Fall 2002 Fall Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Report presented by Mary Jo R;

MOTION #1: Due to Area's omission to conduct an election in accordance with Area 74 Guidelines, the Finance Committee moves that this circumstance be resolved by extending the term of one of the elected DCM's or GSR's by one year. That member to be selected by lot. Motion passed after clarification that this is a one time only change in procedures.

MOTION #2: The Finance Committee moves that the Area accept the "Reimbursement Clarification and Request Guidelines" as amended. There were 10 changes that were requested. A motion was made, seconded and passed (37 -14) that this motion and request be published in the Now and Then.

MOTION #3: Was not asked

MOTION #4: The Finance Committee moves that the Area accept the proposed budget for 2001 as presented to this Assembly. Discussion occurred on the fact the proposal includes a budget that is not balanced. "Are we discussing a deficit budget not a budget deficit ". We may also be underestimating group contributions. A vote was called and the 2001 Budget Proposal passed with one dissenting vote.

NOW AND THEN: Kathy Ko, Current editor proposed that Tom C and Kathy Ke publish the Now and Then as Co-Editors.

Area 74 gave a grateful applause and thank you to Kathy for serving us as editor for the past 5 years. Kathy Ke read a letter from Tom C (who was attending to his son's wedding). October issue would be the first one published by the new editors. **Kathy Ko made the motion to nominate Tom C and Kathy Ke from District 10 to take over the editorship of the Now and Then.** Len D seconded. Area 74 voted unanimously to accept the new editors.

ARCHIVES: Roland G for Steve H, Archives continues to collect and preserve Grapevines, Box 459, Area Newsletters, Now and Then and Marking, which is an Archives newsletter. We also collect District newsletters for 01, 05, 09 and 12. Steve requested \$200.00 for binders and other office supplies from Ted L, Area Treasurer. I would like to give a special thanks to Bish C from Ishpeming MI and Fran H from Marquette for the 10 Grapevine issues from 1964 they passed on to the Archives.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Our committee provided a display, literature and AA members at the National Wellness Conference, July 19, 20, 21, 2000 at Stevens Point University upon the request of Warren Stafford (GSO). Over 100 people stopped by our display with various questions about alcoholism and recovery, Approx. 30 signed up to receive literature from GSO and about 30 more signed up to receive the newsletter "About AA" for Professionals. If anyone has a request for any P.I. / C.P.C workshops please contact Mark P, P.I. Chairperson.

TREATMENT FACILITIES: We are currently working on a Directory of Treatment Facilities in Area 74. Our committee feels they do not have a need for a Bridging the Gap Committee. Appleton made a request for a Treatment Facilities Workshop.

GRAPEVINE: There is a box full of January 2000 issues of the Grapevine that you are free to have and use for your various committees. John will present a budget and inventory of the Grapevine Committee at the next Assembly (Spring 2001). District 04 contributed \$40.00 directly to the Grapevine.

CORRECTIONS U.P. MICHIGAN: The Upper Peninsula has 5 prisons, 6 prison camps and many county jails with ½ not holding AA meetings. Our committee will be working on increasing the number of meetings at the county jails and other facilities. We meet monthly prior to the U.P. Traveling Inter-groups.

CORRECTIONS WISCONSIN: Seems to be going well. Women volunteers needed for county jails and prisons.

REGISTRAR: Need January 1, 2001 group updates to GSO by May 1 in order to be published in the new directory by July 1, 2001. Please have these updates into Sue J by April 1st. Sue suggested that each district have a record keeper to help with updating group information. In most cases this responsibility of the DCM to update Group Information Sheets. Registrar provides 546 mailing labels to the Now and Then for mailing out the Area Newsletter.

LITERATURE: Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholic Anonymous is still the main focus of the Literature Committee. Other discussions include the pamphlet for the Black African American which is to include 14 stories that need additional editing. A Pamphlet for Older Alcoholics also needs further editing to be reviewed in September or October. The need for a pamphlet on Spiritual –V- Religious is inconclusive. AAWS is doing a final review on the pamphlet for Special Needs. On the Concepts Checklist the word notion is being replaced by principle. Lois Fisher, Literature Committee Secretary is to retire October 1st. Val O' Neil will be her replacement. Torv has at least one of every piece of literature, with supplies of most things that are for sale. My next objective is to have more meetings of the Area Literature Committee.

DELEGATE's REPORT: Bob asked how many new GSR's were in attendance, eight raised their hands. He then asked how many GSR's have been to an Area Assembly before, and 8-10 people responded. Our Delegate then made a 10th step to the group about his feelings and comments on "volunteering in AA", since he found the word "volunteer" used in an AA conference approved pamphlet.

Bob mentioned recent deaths of AA's that have been of service to the East Central Region:

2005 International will be held in Toronto Canada.

2010 International is searching for site locations. It was asked of Area 74, if they wanted to be considered a site location. Since we do not meet the criteria the response was no.

Daily Reflections flip books \$10.00 less with quantity discount.

Survey of International Convention-Bob will send surveys to the Districts by end of September, due back by November 15, 2000.

2000 International in Minneapolis, MN 47,000 were registered from 35 countries with 1,000 members participating on panels and speakers.

Bob would be willing to give a Delegates Report to you group or district, just call and invite him.

He also reported that many Areas in Alcoholics Anonymous are researching and considering the possibilities of having web sites.

Election to nominate East Central Regional Trustee and Trustee at Large. Only Past Delegates are eligible to be considered. John C and Len D are the only Past Delegates present. Third Legacy Procedures were used to choose our candidates.

ECR Trustee: John C name was pulled out of the hat after 3 ballots. 57 people present were eligible to vote. We had 3 people abstain from voting.

John C 33 35 36

Len D 21 19 18

ECR Trustee at Large: Len D was elected unanimously.

Upcoming Events:

*Delegates Workshop: March 10, 2001, in Rhinelander, WI. All DCM's, Area Officers and Standing Committees are needed at this workshop to review and discuss agenda items and background information from GSO that will be voted on at the General Service Conference by the Delegate.

*Spring Assembly: April 7, 2001 Three Lakes Community Building-Bring your group conscience to the Delegate.

*Fall Assembly: August 25, 2001 Three Lakes Community Building.
An overwhelming majority of the members in attendance voted to continue with catering lunches at the assemblies but would like to have hot food and more beverage choices.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes from the Spring Assembly were accepted as published in the Now and Then.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom C is to have surgery on September 28th, keep him in your prayers.

Lee Roy D a long time AA member from Wausau died on 8/22/00.

An informal question was asked of the assembly. Consider moving the spring conference from May to April to allow for an increase in the number of bids.

"There will be discussion, unless there is none."

Carl C. made a motion that was later written and presented to the Secretary. Motion states; **Can we at least reconsider allowing the Spring Conference to be held in April- thus giving further discussion to the agenda topics, relief from AI-Anons service meeting, and more freedom for bids?** The motion was seconded

Len D then moved to table the motion.

After some discussion: * Being that we are considering holding an Annual Unity Conference, would that eliminate one of our other conferences? * By holding Spring Conference in April the Delegate may be at the GSC or not have time to prepare a report for the Conference. * Another idea was to consider holding our Spring Conference in May or June. * Others statements were made to the effect that it is not necessary to have the Delegate present at the Spring Conference and the Delegates report from GSO was not necessary at the Spring Conference.

As a result of this, Area 74 formed an Ad hoc committee to look at our options to restructure our service meetings (Assemblies, Conferences, Delegate's Workshop). The Area asked for those interested to volunteer to serve on this committee. (about 10 people make up the ad hoc committee)

A point of order was made that we had more than one motion on the floor at a time.

A motion was made to table the 1st motion, seconded and passed unanimously.

ADGENDA ITEMS: Casey S (District 10) presented a motion in writing to put the following topic on the Spring 2001 Assembly Agenda: To lease computers for both the Registrar and the Now and Then.

John C (Past Delegate): Include the 12 Concept for World Services to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

We closed this meeting with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by: Jerry M, Area Secretary

AREA 74 SPRING ASSEMBLY
COMMUNITY BLDG. THREE LAKES, WI
APRIL 7, 2000

9:00 A.M. - BRUCE OPENED THE ASSEMBLY WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE PASSING OF SCOTTY K.

ROLL CALL- OFFICERS PRESENT: BOB M., AREA 74 DELEGATE; BRUCE E., ALT DEL; TED L. TREASURER; TED L. CO-TREASURER; DEB K. FILLING IN FOR SECRETARY. AREA CHAIRS: SUE J., REGISTRAR; MARK P., PI; MARK M., TREATMENT; LARRY V. CORRECTIONS WI; KATHY K, CORRECTIONS, LITERATURE; MARY JO R. FINANCE; STEVE H. ARCHIVES; TOM C & KATHY K, NOW & THEN; JOHN C, GRAPEVINE. PAST DELEGATES: JOHN H. (22), DAVE R. (36), TOM C.(46), JOHN C,(48).

DCM's PRESENT: 01, 02, 03, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.

ABSENT: 04, 06, 11, 13, 15, 16, 19.

ELECTION AREA 74 SECRETARY: KATHY K. WAS ELECTED TO FINISH OUT THE TERM.

ELECTION OF AREA 74 Co-CHAIR 2002 UNITY CONF. CHAIR/2003 CHAIR: DISCUSSION WHETHER WE SHOULD ELECT CHAIRMAN FOR 2003 NOW OR REDISCUSS IN THE AFTERNOON AS THERE WAS CONCERN AS WHY WE ARE VOTING FOR A CHAIRMAN FOR 2003 UNITY CONF WHEN IT HASN'T YET BEEN DECIDED IF WE'RE HAVING ON. QUESTION CALLED TO REDISCUSS AND ELECT IN THE AFTERNOON DURING UNITY CONF. UPDATE FOR 2003 UNITY CHAIR. PASSED 27 YES, 23 NO.

ELECTION OF AREA 74 2002 UNITY CONF. CO-CHAIR: STEVE H. WAS ELECTED FOR THIS POSITION.

TREASURER'S REPORT - TED L. - A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO EACH CONTRIBUTING GRP BEFORE THE SPRING & FALL CONFERENCES. FROM JAN-MAR 2001, THE AREA HAD \$3,884.98 IN DONATIONS; PAID OUT \$2,041.33. MMC TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - MMC TO ACCEPT MINUTES AS PUBLISHED IN THE NOW & THEN.

DCM REPORTS

DISTRICT 01 - BILL STATES DISTRICT IS ACTIVE & GROWING. THERE WILL BE A 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER APRIL 21, 2001. OLD TIMERS ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK. DISTRICT MTGS HAVE 20 IN ATTENDANCE. THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS NOW FREE TO ANYONE. MEETINGS WILL BE STARTED IN A JAIL IN GREEN BAY.

DISTRICT 02 - ROLLAND REPORTS HIS DISTRICT IS INVOLVED IN A STEERING COMMITTEE FOR A CENTRAL OFFICE. THEY ALSO PLAN TO BID ON 2002 SPRING CONFERENCE. THERE IS NOW A NEWSLETTER AND ABOUT 15-30 PEOPLE ATTENDING DISTRICT MTGS.

DISTRICT 03 - BRYAN REPORTS THERE ARE 12 GRPS WITH 6 GSR'S ATTENDING MONTHLY DISTRICT MTGS. THEY CONTINUE SUPPORTING A BEGINNER'S MTG AT THE TREATMENT FACILITY AND THEIR AA ANSWERING SERVICE. A NEW MTG IS STARTING AT THE WOOD COUNTY JAIL. THEY ALSO HOSTED A SERVICE WORKSHOP WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE AND HOPE TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THEM. CURRENTLY TRYING TO FORM A DISTRICT PI COMMITTEE, BUT HAVE FEW VOLUNTEERS.

PEOPLE TEND TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT MONETARILY RATHER THAN VOLUNTEERING TIME.

DISTRICT 04 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 05 - MIKE REPORTS THERE ARE 43 REGISTERED GRPS 26 THAT DO NOT HAVE GSR'S. ON THE AVERAGE 14 GSR'S ATTEND DISTRICT MTGS WHICH HAVE BEEN MOVED TO MENOMONIE IN HOPES OF GETTING MORE GSR'S FROM THE NORTHERN PART OF THE DISTRICT TO ATTEND. CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE IS WORKING IN FOUR OUT OF SEVEN COUNTY JAILS. TREATMENT COMMITTEE IS WORKING IN TWO FACILITIES. PI IS DOING WELL WITH KEEPING MTG INFO UPDATED AND THE HOTLINE GOING. A PHONE CARD HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE PAGER TO HELP WITH THE COST OF RETURNING CALLS.

DISTRICT 06 - KATHY A, DCM FOR DISTRICT 07 SUBMITTED A REQUEST FROM BETTY F., DCM OF DISTRICT 06, TO HAVE HER NAME REMOVED AS DCM.

DISTRICT 07 - KATHY REPORTS THEY HAVE 23 MTGS WITH 17 GSR'S. A NEW GRP HAS FORMED IN STANLEY, WI. THERE ARE TWO MTGS DAILY AT THE MARSHFIELD ALANO CLUB, 7 A.M. & 7 P.M. THE NEILSVILLE JAIL MTG IS GOING WELL, AND THEY WILL BE HAVING ANOTHER ORIENTATION MTG FOR THE JAIL SOON.

DISTRICT 08 - KARL REPORTS INCREASED PARTICIPATION AT DISTRICT MTGS, DUE TO MONTHLY MAILERS TO GSR'S. EIGHT BIG BOOKS & TWO 12X12'S WERE DONATED TO THE MARATHON COUNTY JAIL. THEY ARE PLANNING TO BID ON 2002 SPRING CONFERENCE. A BIG BOOK SEMINAR WAS GIVEN AND WILL BE AN ANNUAL EVENT. ALCOHOL AWARENESS DAY AT THE HEALTH CARE CENTER WILL BE ATTENDED. THE MONTHLY POT LUCK SPEAKER MTGS CURRENTLY HELD AT THE ALANO CLUB WILL BE NOW ROTATED THROUGH THE DISTRICT.

DISTRICT 09 - ARLISS REPORTS THERE ARE 12 GSR'S ATTENDING DISTRICT MTGS THANKS TO ALT. DCM, RON O. THERE ARE JAIL MTGS IN OCONTO, SHAWANO, & MENOMINEE. A PI/CORRECTION INTERGROUP IS PLANNED FOR MAY 26, 2001.

DISTRICT 10 - CASEY REPORTS 23 ACTIVE MTGS WITH 3 NEW ONES GROWING IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT. THERE ARE MTGS IN ALL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES EXCEPT ON THE EAST SIDE. AA HOTLINE IS GOING WELL. DISTRICT MTGS ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED WITH INCREASED ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICT 11 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 12 - SUE, GSR FROM THE MUSKEE GRP REPORTS THAT GSR MEETINGS CONTINUE TO BE SMALL BUT ACTIVE. THEY HAVE A PERSON GOING INTO THE TREATMENT CENTER AND NEW SAWYER COUNTY JAIL.

DISTRICT 13 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 14 - DALE REPORTS THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 50 MTGS PER WEEK. THE DISTRICT MTG IS THE SECOND TUES IN AMERY WITH 8-10 ATTENDING. THE JAIL MTG IS GOING WELL AND THEY ARE TRYING TO GET PKGS OF PAMPHLETS MADE UP FOR GRPS.

DISTRICT 15 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 16 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 17 - LARRY REPORTS HIS DISTRICT IS HEALTHY ALTHOUGH THEY'RE HAVING A HARD TIME GETTING GSR'S TO ATTEND ASSEMBLIES. THEY ARE HOSTING AN INTERGROUP IN IRON MOUNTAIN APRIL 21, 2001. A NEW MONDAY 8 A.M. MTG HAS STARTED AT THE ALANO CLUB WITH ATTENDANCE INCREASING. 75 LIVING SOBER BOOKS WERE PURCHASED-25 TO DICKENSON COUNTY-25 TO IRON COUNTY-AND 25 TO OTTOWA PRISON CAMP. AA PICNIC & PIG ROAST AT LAKE ANTIONE JULY 15, 2001 WILL BEGIN AT NOON.

DISTRICT 18 - PAUL REPORTS A SECOND MTG HAS STARTED AT THE MARQUETTE COUNTY JAIL ON SUNDAYS. THE THURSDAY NIGHT PRISON MTG AT THE MARQUETTE BRANCH PRISON IS GOING STRONG WITH 2 MTGS WEEKLY. THEY ARE PLANNING TO BID ON SPRING CONFERENCE 2002 OR 2003.

DISTRICT 19 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 20 - NO REPORT.

DISTRICT 21 - MARCIA REPORTS ATTENDANCE IS UP AND DOWN AT DISTRICT MTGS WITH THE SAME PEOPLE IN SERVICE. THEY WILL BE HOSTING AN INTERGROUP ON MAY 19, 2001 IN HOUGHTON. THE PI COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING WITH CLERGYMEN FROM THEIR DISTRICT. THEY HAVE A JAIL MTG AND HOSTED A BIG BOOK SEMINAR. THERE ARE 24 GRPS MOST OF WHICH HAVE GSR'S. THE ONES WITHOUT GSR'S DON'T WANT ANY.

DISTRICT 22 - JEFF REPORTS 19 CURRENT MTGS, 3 OF WHICH ARE NEWLY FORMED. THE TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITY IN STURGEON BAY HAS 1 GROUP THAT HAS 8 MTGS. THEY WILL POSSIBLY SPLIT INTO 2 GRPS. THEIR SERVICE WORKSHOP HAD 16 IN ATTENDANCE. THEY HAVE A WEBSITE WITH A MTG LIST ON THE INTERNET. KEWAUNEE COUNTY JAIL HAS NO ROOM FOR MTGS. IN THE PAST AT JAIL MTGS IN DOOR COUNTY NO ONE SHOWED INMATES TO THE MTGS.

DISTRICT 23 - JAY REPORTS "HEART OF THE NORTH" NEWSLETTER HAS MOVED ITS CENTRAL OFFICE BOOKSTORE TO SHELL LAKE, DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF PAPPY B. NEW MTG SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN DONE AND ARE ALSO ON A WEBSITE.

DISTRICT 24 - DEB K, ALT DCM REPORTS A LIST OF MTGS IS ON A WEBSITE. THE PI IS GOING STRONG DISTRIBUTING GRAPEVINES PER REQUEST TO THE LIBRARY AND SCHOOLS. THERE ARE 13 MTGS WITH APPROX 1/2 OF GSR'S ATTENDING DISTRICT MTGS. MORE GSR'S ARE NEEDED. MONEY IS NEEDED TO BUY LITERATURE FOR REQUESTS. CORRECTIONS HAS A RUDIMENTARY SYSTEM WITH COMBINED EFFORT FROM DISTRICTS 12, 14, AND 23 FOR PRISON MTGS. THERE IS ONE MTG NOW WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF BARRON COUNTY JAIL BEING MORE INTERESTED. DISTRICT 23 IS HELPING WITH THIS MTG.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: (STEVE) TWO ITEMS. 1) REVIEW NEW ARCHIVES WORKBOOK. 2) COMMITTEE AGREES TO CONSIDER PRODUCTION OF A PAMPHLET ABOUT HOW ARCHIVES CARRIES THE MESSAGE OF A.A.

LITERATURE: (TORV) NINE ITEMS. 1) SUGGESTED CHANGES TO 4TH EDITION BIG BOOK 2001 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE PROCEDURE. A) ALL CONFERENCE MEMBERS BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW A DRAFT COPY PRIOR TO APPROVAL. DISAGREE. B) OVERSEE THE PREPARATION OF THE FINAL TRANSCRIPT, CONFIDENTIAL COPY TO BE SENT TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF GSC PRIOR TO CONFERENCE FOR REVIEW. THIS SHOULD BE THE COMMITTEE'S MAIN FOCUS FOR DISCUSSION. 2) REVIEW STORIES FOR & APPROVE 4TH EDITION OF THE BIG BOOK. YES. 3) WHETHER TO INCLUDE A NEW PREFACE IN THE 4TH EDITION TO REPLACE THE PREFACE ON PAGE XI OF THE 3RD EDITION WHICH WAS NOT WRITTEN BY BILL W. YES. 4) REQUEST FROM TRUSTEE'S LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT THE PUBLICATIONS DEPT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ORDER OF PRESENTATION OF STORIES IN THE 4TH EDITION FOLLOWING PAGE 164 & "DR. BOB'S NIGHTMARE". NO. 5) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONS TO FUTURE PRINTINGS OF THE BIG BOOK: A) TWELVE CONCEPTS (SHORT FORM) B) GSO'S WEBSITE ADDRESS TO THE SECTION "HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A.A." YES. 6) PROPOSED DRAFT OF PAMPHLET FOR BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN ALCOHOLICS. TRUST TO THE COMMITTEE PROCESS. 7) PAMPHLET TO REPLACE "TIME TO START LIVING". TRUST TO THE COMMITTEE PROCESS. 8) TRUSTEE'S LITERATURE COMMITTEES PROPOSAL FOR A NEW PAMPHLET ON A VARIETY OF SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES. NO. 9) REQUEST "THAT IN THE FUTURE NO DRAFT COPY OF ANY LITERATURE BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE GSC WITHOUT ALL CONFERENCE MEMBERS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT LITERATURE." TRUST TO THE COMMITTEE PROCESS.

*BOB M. ASKED FOR AN AREA CONSENSUS ON THE AFRICAN/AMERICAN PAMPHLET. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED MMC TO APPROVE THE PAMPHLET AS AN AREA. YES- 42/ NO- 22.

TREATMENT: (MARK M.) WORKSHOP WENT WELL, DISCUSSED AND CLARIFIED TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR AREA 74 COMMITTEE. NO TO TREATMENT COMMITTEE AREA PAMPHLET - WE SHOULD USE THE ONE WE HAVE.

GRAPEVINE: (JOHN) THREE ITEMS: 1) REQUEST TO DEVELOP ANNOUNCEMENT CARD ABOUT GRAPEVINE TO BE READ AT MGTS. NO. 2) SUGGESTION THAT GRAPEVINE REFRAIN FROM SPONSORING OR HOSTING ONLINE MTGS. NO AS IT IS GOOD FOR SHUT-INS. 3) REVIEW TWO ITEMS FORWARDED BY THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD: A) LA VINA CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED (BY THE GRAPEVINE & SUPPORTED BY THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD. KEEP LA VINA AND SUPPORT BY THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD. B) LA VINA CONTINUE TO BE PUBLISHED UTILIZING GRAPEVINE RESOURCES. HAS DOUBLED SUBSCRIPTION RATE- SHOULD BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING. REDISCUSS IN FIVE YEARS.

CPC/PI: (MARK P) CPC TWO ITEMS 1) REVIEW SERVICE PIECE "WORKING WITH STUDENTS ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS." SPONSOR STUDENTS. 2) WAYS CPC COMMITTEES CAN HELP WHEN IT COMES TO INDIVIDUALS REFERRED TO AA WHO FOCUS ON PROBLEMS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL AT AA MTGS. CONTINUE TO INFORM MEDICAL COMMUNITY OF WHAT AA IS. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AA MEMBERS TO HELP INDIVIDUALS DECIDE IF THEY BELONG. PI FIVE ITEMS: 1) CONSIDER THAT A NEW TELEVISION PSA BE PRODUCED. YES. 2) REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF A TELEVISION PSA SPECIFIC TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON. NO. 3) UTILIZING CENTRALIZED DISTRIBUTION, TRACKING AND EVALUATION OF FUTURE PSA'S IN ADDITION TO THE WORK OF LOCAL COMMITTEES. QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THIS IS COST EFFECTIVE. 4) DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED TRUSTEES' PI COMMITTEE'S POLICY ON THE CO-FOUNDERS' POSTHUMOUS ANONYMITY. KEEP ANONYMITY. 5) REVIEW 2000 REPORT ON GSO'S AA WEB SITE & DISCUSS WEB SITES AS A PI TOOL. KEEP USING AS A TOOL.

CORRECTIONS: (LARRY V.) COMMITTEE REVIEWED "CARRYING THE MESSAGE BEHIND THESE WALLS" & THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES KIT/WORKBOOK AND FELT THEY COVER EVERYTHING. AGENDA COMMITTEE: (BRUCE) THEMES FOR GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCES AND TOPIC IDEAS WERE REVIEWED.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS: (BRUCE) 1) POSSIBLE REVISIONS OF THE "APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL DELEGATE AREA" TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE INFO IS PROVIDED FOR EVALUATING FUTURE APPLICATIONS. YES. 2) DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE POSSIBLE USE OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS BY CONFERENCE MEMBERS DURING SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE. NOT ENOUGH INFO AT THIS TIME TO MAKE A WELL INFORMED DECISION. NO AND PROCEED WITH CAUTION. 3) RECOMMENDATION OF THE TRUSTEES' NOMINATING COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 2000, THAT BILL W.'S "MEMORANDUM ON NEW DELEGATES," PUBLISHED IN THE 1961 *FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT*, CONTINUE TO STAND AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE FELLOWSHIP'S PHILOSOPHICAL GUIDEPPOST REGARDING ANY FUTURE GROWTH OF THE CONFERENCE. YES. 4) USE OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS DURING THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE. TIME EFFECTIVE, BUT NOT COST EFFECTIVE; RIGHT OF DECISION.

REPORT & CHARTER: (BRUCE) 1) REVIEWED FIFTH BALLOT PROCEDURE IN AA SERVICE MANUAL AND ONLY A FEW WORDS HAVE BEEN CHANGED. 2) SUGGESTION TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURES FOR REDISTRICTING BY ADDING WORDING TO THE EFFECT "WHEN REDISTRICTING, APPROVAL OF THE GROUPS WITHIN EACH DISTRICT INVOLVED IS ESSENTIAL AND THE PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN SHOULD BE APPROVED BY THE AREA ASSEMBLY" ON PAGES S30-S31 IN SECTION TITLED REDISTRICTING. YES. 3) SUGGESTION TO REINSTATE THE GROUP STRUCTURE CHART IN CHAPTER TWO: THE GROUP AND ITS GSR. YES. 4) SUGGESTION TO CHANGE THE SENTENCE ON PAGE S63, UNDER #3 "A RESUME OF THE CANDIDATE, COVERING PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS, AND AA SERVICE QUALIFICATIONS..." TO READ "A RESUME OF THE CANDIDATE. COVERING AA SERVICE, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS..." YES. 5) SUGGESTION TO DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH #3 PAGE S63 UNDER THE TITLE "TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE" AND REPLACE WITH "EACH TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE IS REQUESTED TO ATTEND REGIONAL FORUMS IN BOTH THE US AND CANADA. IF SCHEDULES PERMIT, EACH TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE COULD ATTEND ONE REGIONAL FORUM IN EACH OF THE EIGHT NORTH AMERICAN REGIONS OVER THE COURSE OF THEIR FOUR-YEAR-TERM." SHOULD BE MANDATORY. 6) SUGGESTION TO ADD A FOOTNOTE TO PAGE 61 OR TO

EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE EXISTING FOOTNOTE #9, UNDER CONCEPT XI, TO REFLECT CURRENT PRACTICES. YES. AA DIRECTORIES: A) REQUEST TO LIST A "PHONE MEETING" IN THE AA DIRECTORIES. BOB'S CALL. B) SUGGESTION THAT A COLUMN BE ADDED TO THE GROUP LISTINGS IN AA DIRECTORIES SHOWING THE DATE GROUP INFORMATION WAS LAST UPDATED. YES.

TRUSTEES: (BRUCE) 1) REVIEW RESUMES OF CANDIDATES FOR REGIONAL TRUSTEES AND TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE/US. FEEL THIS SHOULD BE THE DELEGATE'S MATTER.

FINANCE: (MARY JO) THREE ITEMS: 1) CONSIDER MATERIALS FROM TRUSTEES' FINANCE COMMITTEE IN RESPONSE TO 2000 CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST TO PREPARE EXAMPLES OF "FLOATING CAP-PLAN" TO HELP STUDY ALTERNATIVES TO PRICE REDUCTIONS. WE FELT COMFORTABLE WITH THE FLOATING CAP PLAN AND THAT THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE CONTINUED. 2) DISCUSS WAYS MANY AREAS SEPARATE AND ACCOUNT FOR LOCAL CONVENTION ACTIVITIES AND HOW THESE PRACTICES MAY APPLY TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS. WE FELT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH INFO TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION. 3) A) DISCUSS SELF-SUPPORT WITHIN THE AREA. WE DECIDED TO SEND A LETTER TO ALL DCM'S ASKING THEM TO CONTACT THE GROUPS IN THEIR DISTRICT ASKING THEM TO SUBMIT A SHORT SUMMARY OF HOW THEIR GRP FOLLOWS AND SUPPORTS THE 7TH TRADITION. B) "THAT THE 2001 CONFERENCE APPOINT AND AD HOC WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS AND PRESENT TO THE 2002 CONFERENCE THEIR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW OUR GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE MAY BECOME FULLY SELF-SUPPORTING THROUGH THE AA MEMBER AND GRP CONTRIBUTIONS." WE SUPPORT THIS SUGGESTION.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: BOB GAVE A REPORT ON THE PAST DELEGATE'S CONFERENCE. THE GRAPEVINE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S IS LOOKING FOR A GRAPEVINE EDITOR/NON-TRUSTEE APPOINTED COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAY 16, 2001.

CONFERENCE UPDATES: 2001 SPRING: MAY 4-6, 2001 LAC DE VIEUX RESORT. THE HALL OF NATIONS CONVENTION CENTER ROOMS ARE ALL GONE. A SISTER MOTEL IN MINOQUA HAS ROOMS AVAILABLE. CONCORD INN ALSO HAS ROOMS WITH A SHUTTLE SERVICE. SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED ON PANELS; HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE IN A PRIVATE MOTEL ROOM.

2001 FALL: SEPT 14-16, 2001 SILVER CITY, MI. FINAL PLANS ARE BEING MADE. PANELS, BANQUET & ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE SKI CHALET.

2002 SPRING: MAY 3-5, 2002 STONEY CREEK INN MOSINEE, WI. REGISTRATION \$14.00 BANQUET & DANCE \$15.00 ROOMS \$69.00+ TAX.

2001 EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL/UNITY CONFERENCE UPDATE JULY 6-8, 2001 PARK PLAZA HOTEL OSHKOSH, WI. FRIDAY NIGHT SPEAKER WILL BE CHUCK S. THE NEW WEST CENTRAL TRUSTEE AND GREG MUTH MANAGER OF GSO WILL SPEAK ON SATURDAY. CAROL B. OF KENOSHA WILL BE AL-ANON SPEAKER. THERE WILL BE DONATION BOXES PRESENT FOR CORRECTIONS. PRICES WILL GO UP \$2.00 AFTER JUNE 1, 2001.

2002 UNITY CONFERENCE: MMC TO HAVE 2002 UNITY CONFERENCE JULY 5-7, 2002 AT PARK PLAZA HOTEL IN OSHKOSH. 43 YES - 12 NO. MINORITY SPOKE. REQUEST TO GO BACK AND REDISCUSS THE ORIGINAL MOTION. 22 YES - 39 NO MOTION STANDS. STEVE H. WAS ELECTED TO CO-CHAIR.

2003 UNITY CONFERENCE: IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WILL NOT ELECT A CO-CHAIR UNTIL AFTER WE SEE HOW THE 2002 UNITY CONFERENCE GOES.

2003 SPRING: MAY 9-11, 2003 HILTON LIBERTY HALL KIMBERLEY, WI. REGISTRATION \$12.00 BANQUET \$16.00 BREAKFAST BUFFET \$11.00 ROOMS \$79.00 + TAX.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS: REGISTRAR: SUE REPORTS 620 CURRENTLY REGISTERED GRPS IN OUR AREA. GSO IS ACCEPTING UPDATES OF GRPS IN THE DISTRICTS. THANKS TO AREA FOR ALL YOUR COOPERATION.

Now & Then: (Tom C.) EVERY GRP SHOULD LIST WITH THE REGISTRAR ANY ADDRESS CHANGES. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE \$8.00 PER YEAR. DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. COST FOR FLIERS IS \$25.00 UNLESS IT'S AN AREA SPONSORED EVENT WHICH ARE PRINTED FREE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TOM C. OR CASH.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (MARY JO) MOTION 1: INCREASE THE REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE LIMIT FOR AREA OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS TO \$400.00 PER YEAR. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. MOTION 2: INCREASE THE REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE LIMIT FOR THE ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO \$700.00 PER YEAR. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. MOTION 3) UNITY CONFERENCE BECOME A REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE UNDER THE FINANCIAL REQUEST GUIDELINES OF AREA 74. 47 YEA - 8 NO MINORITY SPOKE.

ARCHIVES: STEVE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF A FULL-TIME ARCHIVIST AS WELL AS ARCHIVES CHAIR IN ORDER TO KEEP MORE ACCURATE RECORDS. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

*MOTION MADE TO TABLE REST OF AGENDA AND ADJOURN. 15 YES - 27 NO. MEETING TO CONTINUE.

OLD BUSINESS: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON AREA 74 STRUCTURE. THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED THEIR REPORT WHICH WILL BE TAKEN BACK TO THE GRPS AND DISCUSSED AT THE FALL ASSEMBLY.

AREA TO LEASE COMPUTERS FOR THE NOW & THEN AND REGISTRAR. CASEY S. WITHDREW HIS MOTION.

INCLUDE 12 CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE TO THE BOOK 12 STEPS/12 TRADITIONS. TABLED UNTIL FALL ASSEMBLY.

CPC PRESENTATION: MARK P. GAVE REPORT ON THE PROS & CONS OF THE QUESTION "SHOULD THE CPC BE A SEPARATE COMMITTEE FROM PI?" NO ACTION WAS TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

NEW BUSINESS: THE BODY VOTED TO HAVE A HOT MEAL AT THE FALL ASSEMBLY. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA FOR FALL ASSEMBLY AUGUST 25, 2001 AT THREE LAKES COMMUNITY BLDG.

1. AD HOC PROPOSAL- FIVE REVISIONS OF AREA GUIDELINES.
2. CPC AS SEPARATE COMMITTEE.
3. FULL-TIME ARCHIVIST.
4. DISCUSSION OF COMPUTERS IN THE AREA.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. CLOSED IN THE USUAL MANNER.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY K. AREA 74 SECRETARY

AREA 74 FALL ASSEMBLY
COMMUNITY BLDG. THREE LAKES , WI
August 25, 2001

9:05a.m: Bruce E. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Kathy K. read "How it Works"; Dave R. read the 12 Traditions.

Roll Call: Officers present: Bob M., Delegate Area 74; Bruce E., Alt-Delegate; Kathy K., Secretary; Ted L., Treasurer. **Area Chairs:** Sue J., Registrar; Mark P., PI/CPC; Larry V., Corrections - WI; Kathy K., Corrections - MI; Mark Morse Treatment; Torv T. Literature; Kathy K., & Tom C., Now & Then; John C., Grapevine; Mary Jo R. Finance. Absent: Steve H., Archives. **Past Delegates:** John H. (22), Len D. (26), Dave R., (36), Tom C. (46), John C. (48)

DCM'S Present: 01, 02, 05, 06, 08, 09, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24. **Absent:** 03, 04, 07, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20.

Treasurer's Report: Ted L. gave report January 2001- July 31, 2001. **Beginning balance:** \$9,818.89. **Total Income:** \$7,503.61. **Total Expenses:** \$7,914.24. **Ending Balance \$9,408.26.** *****Balance Forward from 12/31/2000 Report was incorrect- grp deposits over reported by \$343.35 & Fall Assembly expenses under reported by \$51.48. We now have a correct balance. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. It has been a great growing experience. **MMC to accept treasure's report. Passed Unanimously.**

CONFERENCE UPDATES:

Fall 2001: Hosted by District 16. September 14-16, 2001 Silver City, MI. Torv reports there are approximately 100 registrations in at this time. Elections will be Sat A.M. with Young People's Speaker and Al-Anon speaker in the afternoon. Sat Eve speaker will be Greg Muth from NY. Sunday speaker will be East Central Regional Trustee Dorthy M. who may also help with elections. Best Western is all filled up but other places are still available. Flyers available if you want to register you can do so today with Torv.

Spring 2002: Hosted by District 08. May 3-5, 2002 Story Creek Inn, Mosinee, WI. Laurie reports things are going well. Speakers will be Mikey B, and Peggy M. There will be a round table discussion with Committee Chairs and Area Officers to lead discussions. Housing for Special & Financial Needs are also being put into place there will also be camping info. DCM's will be requested to participate, and will be contacted by the program chair in the near future. Flyers available.

Fall 2002 : Hosted by District 17. September 13-15, 2002 Pine Mountain Resort, Iron Mountain, MI. Larry W. reports the Al-Anon speaker will be the widow of the founder of Iron Mountain AA. No AA speaker has been selected as of yet. There will be 37 rooms available at the Resort \$50.00-\$68.00. There are also a few condos available which will hold 8-12 people. Like to say that I am very grateful for being here after a close brush with death recently. Early bird flyers available.

Spring 2003: Hosted by District 02. May 9-11, 2003. Liberty Hall & Hilton Hotel, Kimberly, WI. Rollie reports Banquet \$15.00, Registration \$10.00. Need to lock in prices by September 19, 2001. Liberty Hall wants \$1,500.00 up front and Hilton Hotel wants \$1,050 security. This will be brought up in the afternoon under New Business.

Unity Conference 2002: July 5-7 Park Plaza Hotel Oshkosh, WI. Bob B, Committee Chair from Area 75 reported that room rates will increase \$5.00 but a negotiation with the Hotel will all each guest a \$3.00 food coupon per day to help offset the increase. Flyers will be coming out soon after the planning committee meets next week. Everyone is invited to participate this year's turnout was excellent.

** Bob M. spoke for Steve H. who is Area 74 Committee Chair. Our duties this year with the Conference will be Secretary, Decorations, Greeters, and Hospitality Chairs. The committee meets every other month up to six months prior to the Conference, then every month until the conference. A Secretary and Greeter have already volunteered so we still need Decorations and Hospitality chairs if you'd be interested contact Bob today or Steve H.

2001 Unity Conference Report: John C. gave report that the Conference came out \$1,119.22 in the black. There were 281 registered with 138 walk ins. Area 74 had 156 present which includes 31 from Michigan.

Area 75 had 157 in attendance. Ohio - 21 present, IN - 78 present, NY - 1 present, FL - 2 present. A final report will be published in the Now & Then. Proposed guidelines will be discussed this afternoon.

Bids for Fall Conference 2003: No bids at this time.

Delegate's Workshop has been tentatively for March 9, 2002 in Rhinelander, WI.

Secretary's Report: Kathy K. asked for any corrections to Spring Assembly Meeting minutes. One correction was made to change date from April 7, 200 to April 7, 2001. Correction noted and made. Suggestion was made to have motions bolded or italicized so they can be found easier. **MMC to accept minutes. Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

∴ Bob M., Area 74 Delegate gave report on behalf of Archives Chair Steve H. Archives committee presents the following proposals for assembly approval:

Motion 1: Area Assembly approve \$225.00 to send Mark M. to the 6th Annual National Archives Workshop in Clarksville, In at the end of September 2001. This workshop is hosted by six different Delegate Areas and is a forum sharing, learning, and fellowship. Discussion followed.

Motion 2: Area Assembly approve an Area Archivist position for the Area. The Archivist will be appointed by the Area Archives Committee and will be a standing member of that committee. The Archives Committee using the Archives Workbook as a guide will determine the selection process roles, and rotation of the position. After the Archives Committee selects the Archivist the Area Assembly will approve the recommendation of the Committee. The Archivist will be a voting member of the Assembly and the Area Committee. Much discussion. Friendly amendment proposed to take out "appointed", and replace with "recommended", and delete the last sentence of the motion "The Archivist will be a voting member of the Assembly and the Area Committee."

Motion 3: Assembly approve a proposed budget to be used for mailings phone calls, copies of the Area 74 History Book, and other expenses. After much discussion was made to suspend these motions until this afternoon under New Business. ***

Literature: Torv T. says the 4th Edition Order Form will be out Oct. 1, 2001. You can expect to receive your order mid November. The Black African Pamphlet will be available the end of Sept. as will "A Time to Start Living. Literature committee is requesting \$225.00 for a projected budget. The committee has and will give literature to conferences when requested. Budget was passed unanimously.

****** At this time a motion was made to pass the Archives Budget motion 3 for \$200.00. Unanimously passed.**

Finance Committee: Suggestion to put off finance report until all committees have made requests for budgets.

Grapevine: John C. would like to thank Kay C. and her sponsee for the new Grapevine Display we have here today. Grapevine is self supporting at this time. **Balance:** \$37.00 plus sales from today. Am requesting a budget of \$150.00. Treatment & Correction Facilities can receive at ½ price but must go through the chairman to do this.

PI/CPC: Mark P. requests a budget for his committee of \$300.00. His committee Presented a World Services Display at the National Wellness Conference. Will become more active with DCM's. DCM's need to contact me to get communications going between PI/PCP Committee and Districts. Thank you for allowing me to serve our Area.

Treatment: Mark M. reports that the Treatment Facilities Directories are available. He represented Area 74 Treatment on a panel at the Unity Conference with Bill B. in Oshkosh along with Area 75. Treatment is requesting \$200.00 budget for 2002.

Corrections - MI : Kathy K. reports jail mtgs. are doing well. Gratitude to all the dedicated persons that work hard to make meetings possible. Continue to have meetings before the Traveling Intergroups with good discussion and sharing ideas. Proposed budget of \$200.00. Minutes from committee meetings will be passed on to new Corrections Chair. Suggestion that the next corrections chair be of the male gender as Michigan Prisons don't work well with women. Suggestion from floor that budget be increased to \$400.00 to allow purchase of 4th Edition Big Books for jails and prisons. Budget request increased to \$400.00. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Corrections - WI: Larry V. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. Also request a budget of \$400.00 for Wisconsin Corrections. There will be a corrections workshop in October in Wausau, WI. Wisconsin corrections chair receives all correspondence from GSO. They need to be made aware that Michigan also has a chair.

Area 74 Secretary Kathy K. would like to submit a proposed budget for the secretary of \$200.00 for 2001.

Now & Then: Tom C. is requesting \$4,800.00 budget based on the last 11 publications which have averaged \$400.00 per month. One copy per group is sent if the group has an address change please let Area Registrar know so we can keep addresses updated. If you have events for the Area Calendar please submit them by the 15th of the month prior to printing. Appreciate all articles from Area Chairs as well as Delegate's Corner and general membership. Discussion on distribution of Now & Then. **MMC for Area Registrar, Now & Then, and interested parties to get together and bring back recommendations to the Spring Assembly ways to better distribute the newsletter to GSR's. 2 opposed. Minority spoke. Ad Hoc Committee formed of Now & Then Staff, Area Registrar, John C, Jan, Laurie F.**

Area Registrar: Sue J. proposed budget of \$156.00 for mailing costs, etc. Thank you for allowing me to serve. I'd also like to thank the Alt DCM's and DCM's for helping keep Now & Then address changes as current as possible.

Finance Committee: Mary Jo thanks the area for allowing her to serve and has been selected from the hat from the Finance Committee to serve on the committee for two more years.

Delegate's Report

Bob M. - The East Central Regional Forum will be October 12-14, 2001 at the Hilton Toledo Hotel. All GSR's will be receiving registrations forms from GSO. He will be doing a presentation at that forum. The 4th Edition Big Book will be \$5.00 hard cover, \$4.50 portable. Oct/Nov Box 459 will be a special edition celebrating publishing the new 4th Edition. The pamphlet "Can AA Help Me Too, Black Africans Share Their Stories" will be available from GSO for .40 cents. The revised pamphlet, "Never Too Late" will be available the end of Sept. He has also been sent a Spanish Edition of "Living Sober" so if you know someone that can read it they are welcome to it. Also new directories for 2001-2002 are also available. New flyers with order forms will be available. A new GSO staff member Julio E. has been elected. He is active in his home grp and brings to us the ability to speak Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese as well as English. He was selected from 50 applicants. J. Desmond Towelle is the newly elected Grapevine Inc., Editor and will begin Sept 5, 2001. He served as 1984 -1992 as Non Trustee Director and General Service Trustee.

The 2010 International Conventions continuing onward with site possibilities of Detroit, Indianapolis, & San Antonio in the running. They will give their report at their October 2001 meeting. Regional Forums will be taking place in Austin, TX in December. Other forums are being planned. Grapevine Calendar 7 Pocket planner forms will be delivered to subscribers.

Circulation of Grapevine showed an increase in Wisconsin and a decrease in Michigan for the month of Sept. GSO staff rotation takes place on Sept. 10 which occurs every two years. A 2001 membership survey has been sent out. Eight groups from Area 74 were contacted. Four groups responded which is 50% from our Area.

AA World Service Highlights will be coming out of the Aug 3-5 meeting of four members skilled in registrar procedure to utilize and try to get a better data base.

Service Committee reports website is continuing to work well. They have a new ability to be able to register forums on line. Agreed to request by National Corrections to place link to pamphlet "Message to Institute of Correctional Professions on their site. Will be available through the National Corrections personnel. Finance Committee will be sending complimentary copies of the 4th Edition Big Book to each registered group.

Publication: Book distribution 4.7% in first six months of last year. In six month ending June 3, contributions from Area 74 down 4% from last year. The last Regional Forum in Green Bay was in the 80's. Area Committee has \$75.00 reimbursement for Forum set aside for 10 people if you are an Area Officer or Chair and would like to attend.

I've been to three districts and two groups in the last two months to give Delegate's Report. I also have tapes of the Delegate's Report from the Spring Conference available to any DCM that would like one. Conference Reports are here please pick up the one for your district, I also have extra if anyone would like one.

I have really enjoyed talking to the GSR's and groups. I hope the next Delegate will be able to continue doing this. Groups should consider having your Delegate come and talk.

Having GSR meetings in places that are handicapped accessible need to be considered so we are better able to carry the message to all those who still suffer. We should also try to get our three Spanish speaking groups more active.

Our committee process has come a long way in a short amount of time, we are making progress and I hope to see us continue in that direction. Please plan to attend our Fall Conference Elections, and thank you for the opportunity you've given me to serve these last two years.

Budget Requests from A.M. : All budget requests from Committee Chairs were passed unanimously after much discussion.

Motions Suspended from A.M.:

Archives Motion 1 (See page 2 of minutes) **MMC to send Mark M. to the 6th Annual National Archives workshop..... Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

Archives Motion 2 (See page 2 of Minutes) **MMC to approve and Area Archivist with friendly motion to replace the word appointed with recommended, and delete the last sentence of recommendation. Discussion. MMC to table and residues at the Spring Assembly 2002. 32 yea/23 nay. Tabled until Spring Assembly.**

Motion from Floor that the area start numbering Spring and Fall Conferences the same number each year. The number of each conference to be determined by the year we elected our first area Delegate, 1952.(Spring & Fall Conference 2002 would be our 50th Annual). If this motion passed the Area 74 Conference planning guidelines would be amended to reflect this action. Also when the conference is bid at the assemblies the number for the conference would be given at that item and recorded in the minutes. Friendly amendment to change year to 1948 . Discussion. Vote taken with 31 yea for 1948 & 21 against. Minority spoke. Majority asked to reconsider vote 37 yes/10 no. Discussion. MMC to table until the Spring 2002 Assembly. Unanimously passed.

Finance Committee: Motion 1: The Finance Committee moves to implement a cap on Conference Seed money of \$1,000.00 per conference. Discussion. Question called passed 3 opposed. Minority spoke. Motion stands.

Motion 2: The Finance Committee moves that Area 74 increase the fee for the Delegate to attend the General Service Conference in New York to \$1,200.00. Motion was made to table vote taken failed motion will stand. Vote taken on committee motion. Motion failed.

MMC from Finance Committee to accept proposed 2002 Budget with new proposed committee expenses of \$2,581.00 for an amount of Total Expenses of \$15,831.00. Discussion vote taken 37 yes/ 4 no. Minority opinion expressed. Motion passed.

Unity Conference Guidelines: Bob M.- I move that our assembly support and give authority to the current Area 74 Delegate, Alternate Delegate, and Area 74 Past Unity Conference Chair to develop and bring to the Assembly for approval at the next Spring Assembly (2002), for consideration the guidelines for the Unity Conference. Discussion. Passed by majority vote.

Rotation of Area Assemblies: MMC to rotate assemblies. Discussion. Vote taken - 9 yea / 33 no. Assemblies will remain centrally located. A special thanks to Pam, Debbie, Steve, Todd & Ed for doing a great job with today's assembly.

Area Assembly/Conference Restructuring: *MMC Proposal 5: the ad hoc committee moves that Area 74 accept proposal 5 as follows; as a revision to our current Area 74 Structure and Guidelines. The proposal is two weekend Area Conferences Spring & Fall no area business.... Three assemblies, delegate's Report & an election year the Fall Assembly will be a two day assembly. Delegate's Workshop & Four Area Committee Meetings. Question called as to whether we should vote on this. 30 yes / 13 no. Motion stands. ***Committee needed to caucus to discuss a friendly amendment to change motion to state assemblies will stay centrally located. Short break taken to meet and discuss.*

MMC from committee to come back with another proposal at the Spring Conference. Discussion. Question called voted on proposal for committee to reconvene and make recommendation at Spring Conference passed by majority.

Spring Assembly April 6, 2002: Fall Assembly August 24, 2002 at Community Bldg., Three Lakes, WI.

2003 Spring Conference: *District 02 requests \$2,650 seed money to reserve Liberty Hall & Hilton Hotel. Discussion. Vote taken 29 yes/ 21 no motion passed. Minority spoke. Majority made motion to reconsider. Vote taken 32 yes/ 13 no. Motion back on Floor. Discussion on District 02's request for seed money of \$2,650. Vote taken 17 yes / 24 no motion fails.*

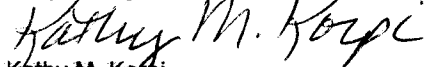
2001 Unity Conference: Need to decide what we are going to do with surplus of \$4,119.22. Committee will meet soon but has no recommendation at this time. Discussion. MMC to continue this discussion at the Fall Conference in Silver City 2001. Motion passed.

MMC to discuss rest of business items.... Corrections Chair MI/WI whether they should combined , and CPC/PI as separate committees and Agenda Items for ~~Spring Assembly 2002~~. Passed unanimously.
Fall Conference 2001.

Bruce would like to thank Area for opportunity to serve as Area Chair.

Closed with the Our Father.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy M. Koppi
Secretary Area 74

**AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE
SILVER CITY, MI
SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

9:15 a.m. - Bruce E. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Sharon W., read the 12 Traditions.

Roll Call: Area Officers: Bob M., Delegate; Bruce E., Alt Delegate; Kathy K., Secretary; Ted L., Treasurer; Bill L., Co-Treasurer; Sue J., Registrar.

Committee Chairs: Steve H., Archives; Mary Jo R., Finance; John C., Grapevine; Torv T., Literature; Mark P., PI/CPC; Mark M., Treatment; Larry V., Corrections WI; Kathy K., Corrections MI; Tom C. & Kathy K., Now & Then.

Past Delegates: Len D., (26); John H., (32); Dave R., (36); Chuck S., (42); Tom C., (42); Tom C., (46); John C., (48).

East Central Regional Trustee: Dorothy M. (Panel 40).

DCM's: Present: 01, 02, 03, 05, 06, 08, 09, 12, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24.

Absent: 04, 07, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21.

Len D. requested to speak to the body.

Agenda Items Tabled from the Fall Assembly

AREA CORRECTIONS: *Motion that the UP Corrections Chair & WI Corrections chair become one position was withdrawn.*

PI/CPC: *MMC to separate the PI & CPC and make them two separate committees in the Area. Discussion. Passed Unanimously.*

AREA ELECTIONS

Third Legacy Procedure was explained and voting eligibility was explained. Eligible voters include Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM or Alt, GSR's. Total voters for this Conference was 65 people.

AREA 74 OFFICERS

DELEGATE: After the 4th Ballot, MMC to go to the hat. Passed 59 yes/ 6 no. Dorothy M., drew Ted L., from the hat as our new Area 74 Delegate.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: After the 4th Ballot, MMC to go to the hat. Passed. Dorothy M., drew Torv T., from the hat as our new Alternate Delegate.

TREASURER: After the 3rd Ballot, Sue J., was elected as Area Treasurer with 44 votes.

SECRETARY: After the 4th Ballot, MMC to go to the hat. Passed. Dorothy M., drew Debbie K., from the hat as our new Area Secretary.

REGISTRAR: After the 4th Ballot, MMC to go to the hat. Passed. Dorothy M., drew Sharon W., from the hat as our new Area Registrar.

Minutes of Area Elections continued:

AREA 74 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee Chairs were elected by a simple majority.

ARCHIVES: Mark M. was elected with 43 votes.

LITERATURE: Mike G. was elected with 30 votes.

GRAPEVINE: Bob M. rotated into this position unanimously.

TREATMENT: Bill B. was elected with 29 votes.

CORRECTIONS - WI: Ted G. was elected with 19 votes.

CORRECTIONS - MI: Jerry J. was elected unanimously.

P/I: Larry W. was elected with 43 votes.

CPC: Mark P. was elected with 33 votes.

FINANCE: DCM (District 18) Paul P., was elected with 30 votes. DCM (District 22) Jeff C., was elected with 23 votes. Past Delegate John C., (Panel 48) was elected unanimously. Mary Jo R., stayed in her position for one more year as passed at the Fall Assembly. Jeff C. was elected by the committee to be the Chair Person.

2001 Unity Conference Committee recommends that the proceeds from the 2001 East Central Regional / 1st Annual Unity Conference be distributed as follows: \$ 2,000 be forwarded to the 2002 Unity Conference Committee. The remainder to be distributed equally between Area 74 & Area 75. The current balance is \$4,119.22, which would result in a distribution of \$1, 59.61 to each area. MMC to cast a unanimous vote for this motion. Discussion. Question called. Passed Unanimously.

The meeting closed with the Our Father.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Area 74 for allowing me to serve as your Secretary for the past year. Congratulations and good luck to our new Area 74 Officers and Committee Chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy M. Korpi, Secretary Area 74

**Area 74 Spring Assembly 2002
April 6, 2002
Three Lakes, Wisconsin**

Meeting was called to order at 8:30AM by Chairperson Torv T. With a welcome to all attending

Tronons were read Karl C.-- Concepts were read by Randy O.--Area74 guidelines were read by Erica--

Roll call by Secretary Deb K. Officers present were Delegate Ted L.-Area Chair Torv T.-- Secretary Deb K., Registrar Sharon W.- Treasures Sue J.-- Committee Chairpersons present were --Archives Mark M.--Finance-Jeff C.--Grapevine-Bob M. --Literature -Mike G.--Public Info.-Larry W.-- Treatment Facilities-Bill B.--CPC-Mark P. Correctional Chair(WI)-Ted G.--Correctional Chair (MI)-Jerry J.--Now and then co-editors-Tom C. and Kathy K.-- Districts present were-District 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,17,18, 20,21,22,23,24

Treasurers Report--given by Sue J. --Beginning balance \$10,774.35, Total area income \$4,062, Total expenses \$5,692.37, Ending balance \$9,114.39 --There was a Barb B./Mark P. motion to accept the Treasurers report-motion carried

Chairperson Torv T. recognized past delegates present at this meeting--represented were delegates from panels 32, 36, 46, 48, 50

Structure for reports and discussions was brought up--DCM reports-2 minutes each district--Discussion time limits of 2 minutes with timer and bell-- suggestion of using Roberts Rule of Order--Each individual will have one opportunity to speak per conference agenda item--and no returns to the microphone until all who wish to speak have spoken--a lively discussion followed. An area committee MOTION was read by Mary JO R. Motion-- "committee moved that any member that would like to voice an opinion "for" or "against" any agenda item will have one opportunity to go to the microphone to address the body for a maximum time of two minutes" --Motion carried--

Motion consideration from area committee-- MOTION-is that" Area 74 co-hosts an annual unity conference with Area 75, all financial responsibilities will be shared equally between the two Areas. In 2003 the conference will be held in Oshkosh, with guidelines to be developed for future years covering specific location, purpose, and frequency" --motion carried with a with a vote of 53 yes and 10 no--Those speaking in the minority opinion wanted more clarity as to where and when unity conference guide lines would be developed and thought that guide lines needed to be in place before voting-there also concern on the number of conferences and assemblies --MOTION--by Ken D. to reconsider the previous motion --motion was withdrawn

OLD BUSSINESS--Archivist position- Motion came from committee and was read by Steve H.-MOTION-"We move that the Area Assembly approve an Area Archivist position in the area. The Archivist will be on the Area Archives Committee and will be a standing member of that committee. The Archives Committee using the Archives workbook as a guide will determine the selection process, roles and rotation of the position. After the Archive Committee selects the Archivist the Area Assembly will approve the recommendation of the Committee"- there was a second from Barb M.--Motion carried unanimously

Numbering Area conferences-tabled from the last assembly-MOTION- by Bob M./John A. " I move that the Area start numbering spring and fall conferences the same number each year. The number of each conference to be determined by the year 1948 (spring and Fall conference would be our 54th Annual). If this motion passes the Area 74 conference planning guidelines would be amended to reflect this action. Also when the conference is bid at the assemblies the number for the conference would be given at that time and recorded in the minutes".--Motion was defeated by voice vote

Conference Restructuring-motion tabled from the fall Assembly-Laurie F withdrew motion --

Unity Conference guidelines--Bob M. reports that the guidelines are being worked on and that hope fully will be some thing developed by the fall assembly Conference Updates--Fall2001 Conf.-Final Report-The was a loss of \$130 which was absorbed by the District and the \$170 seed money that was provided by the Area was returned to the area--Spring 2002 (Dist8) Things are going well with only a few rooms left at Stoney Creek--Fall2002 (Dist17) Larry W. reports that Don L. from LA will be the AA speaker and that panel topics are set-- Spring2003-(Dist.02) Rolland G. reports that it will be held at the Hilton Park plaza in Appleton and that there will be more info at the fall conf.--

Bids for the fall 2003 conference were requested by Torv T--Dist.05-bid with the dates of Sept 26-28th at the Ramada Inn in Eau Claire-\$13 registration and \$17 banquet with room rates not to exceed \$78--Dist 21 bid with the dates of September 13-15th--at Michigan Tech in Houghton --\$10-15 registration-\$20 banquet -\$10 Sun Breakfast --This was voted upon with a result of 30 votes for Dist05 and 40 votes for Dist21 --Dist21 will be hosting the 2003 spring Conference

Bids were requested for the Spring 2004 Conference--Dist.05 bid with the dates of May 14-16th--Bob M./Steve ? motion to accept--motion unanimously carried

Unity Conference Update--By Steve H.--the permanent theme will be "Unity-Recovery-Service"--Friday will be (registration, speaker, and alcathon).-- Saturday (panels, committee sharing sessions, etc.) Main Alanon Speaker will be Bob Smith JR. - Friday Speaker will be John Mc., Main AA Speaker will be Dave Roberts--Sunday Speaker will be John Heidelman

DCM Reports--Dist.1-communication between groups and district committees is a priority-Treatment and Corrections Committee is seeking a group in the district to sponsor a service workshop - Dist.2- very active with over 100 mtgs.-over 40 attendance at the last District Mtg.-committee system is active- Corrections has a presence in 8 facilities- Treatment meets monthly- "Bridging the Gap" active-Web site is (www.dist02.AA.org)-- Dist.03-District has been active only 4 years-has excellent GSR representation at all mtgs.-24 hour answering service-Corrections presence at the Wood County Jail-Treatment Facilities is active- there will be an upcoming Sponsorship Workshop--Dist.05-monthly Dist. Mtgs. Of 20-25 people-50 regular meeting in the district,2 new ones as of last month- Standing Committees have monthly meetings--Dist.06-Dist. Has been non-existent since 1996-elections were in December with monthly meetings in Chippewa Falls- with New Treatment and Correction Comm.- a successful service workshop was held there.--Dist.07-District has 29 groups with 25 elected GSR's--Dist.8-District mtgs. Are attended by 12 to 15 GSR's , three years ago only 3 came regularly-meetings are followed by a pot luck and a speaker-individual groups sponsor the speaker meeting--Dist.9- re-activated in 1999- publishes a district news letter-active committees- Dist. mtgs. Average10-15 GSR's--Dist.10- about 15 attend monthly meetings-District cover a big geographic area-in the process of forming District Committees-there are 4 county jails and 1 state facility and they could use some help at the Crandon jail- they hold 4 Intergroups a year-- Dist.17- they are hosting the fall Conference-reprinting their meeting list- they have 40 groups with 30 GSR's and move meetings. Around the District to get more participation-- Dist.18-groups carry the ball for service-meeting lists are out to hotels and motels--Dist.20- Intergroup will be Aug.10 at the American Legion.--Dist.21-

District mtgs are attended by 6-12 GSR's-they have a presence in 2 correctional facilities-has voice mail- the DCM plans to attend all home groups within the district--Dist.22- there are 29 mtgs. And 19 groups in the District .-they have lots of literature out there for treatment facilities but not in the correctional facilities yet-they split off as a dist. 9 years ago-Dist. Mtg's have attendance of 6-8 GSR's-the district is growing in the service area--Dist.23- Low meeting attendance was improved by holding an Area Service Workshop-all is going well--Dist.24- District mtg's are attended by 8 committed GSR's and other interested AA's-a contact list has been given and is being used by local hospitals-and there is AA at one prison and one county jail in the district

Area Committee Reports--Archives (Mark M.)-presented a committee recommendation that the area clarify guidelines on the role of the Area Archives Committee, the Role of the Area Archivist , and the membership of the area Archives Committee. Guidelines would then reflect the newly created posit. of Archivist -MOTION-coming from Committee-We move that the Assembly approve a proposed budget for the 2002 calendar year of \$200, This budget will be used for mailings, phone calls, copies of the Area74 History Book, and other expenses- motion carried- ** Committee Recommendations from the delegates workshop were reported on. --Finance (Jeff C.)-The following motion came from committee that the Guidelines of Area74 Be amended to state as follows -MOTION-we move that the Area Committee receives and reviews any money requests from the Area Committees and compares them to the Area Budget. After the Committee compares the requests and finds them to be within the parameters of the allotment in the budget, the committee presents the requests to the Area Treasurer for payment. If the Committee determines the requests outside the guidelines Intention but finds the request valid, the Committee presents the request with their recommendations to the body at the Area business meetings for consideration. The Committee will study and make recommendations for Area finances as directed and address other matters as directed-motion carried by voice vote--The committee also reported "We also made a decision in the committee that we felt was our responsibility to make without approval from the Area Assembly. That was that the Delegates workshop fell under the intentions of the Financial Request Guidelines Item 4, which states that Officers and Chairs will only be reimbursed for expenses incurred at functions which the Area expects the Officer/Chair to attend." --the Committee came forward with a request for input from the Assembly body due the fact that the reimbursement that was requested was above the amount allotted by Area guidelines. The reimbursement request is for fall assembly expenses. The Committee would like to know if the body considers this a legitimate over expenditure of funds-there was discussion followed by a MOTION by John A. /Bob D. " I make a motion to reimburse Bruce Everson" motion carried by voice vote--MOTION to " reconsider previous vote" by Ron O. /Ken D. -motion defeated with a vote of "yes -28 votes and no-36 votes-- **Committee recommendations from Delegates Workshop were reported on -- Grapevine (Bob M.)--The Committee recommended a motion to the Assembly body to clarify the duties of the Committee in the Area Guidelines-MOTION-"we move that the "Grapevine" Committee relays information about "Grapevine" materials to the individual groups in Area74 via their respective "Grapevine" Representatives (GVR's). The Grapevine Committee shall request funds from the Finance Committee as needed and submits reasonable documentation to the Treasurer or reimbursement. The out going Delegate has the option of accepting or declining this position at the time of Area elections" -- motion carried--**Committee recommendations from the Delegates Workshop were reported on. -- Literature (Mike G.)--The committee came forward with a recommendation in the form of a motion -MOTION-"The Literature Committee moves that we divide the old Big Books we have left with Treatment and Corrections and deduct the cost from the Literature inventory"- motion carried-It was reported that there were 17 hard cover, 6 portable, and 8 big print Big Books as a quantity involved with the previous motion--**Committee recommendations from the Delegates Workshop were reported on (***) . -- Public Information (Larry W.)-- **Committee recommendations from Delegates workshop were reported on. -- Treatment Facilities (Bill B.)-- Committee reported that they had a discussion about setting up a "Bridging the Gap" form for Treatment Facilities that would be similar to the one used by Corrections--**Committee recommendations from the Delegates Workshop were reported on. -- CPC (Mark P.)-- A booth with AA literature has been requested at a wellness conference in Wausau and the committee will be co-coordinating volunteers to cover this event. --**Committee recommendations from the Delegate Workshop were reported on. --Correctional Facilities (Ted G.)--Reported that the 7th Annual Wisconsin/UP Michigan AA Corrections Conference will be held in Wisconsin Rapids at the Hotel Mead. It will be on June8, 2002 It will be a one-day event and the cost is \$8.00. The Area74 Corrections Committee will host it. -There is also going to be corrections sharing session and workshop in Wausau in October. --**Committee recommendations from the Delegate Workshop were reported on. --

Now and Then (Kathy K.)-- Reports that there are sufficient funds in the budget to see us through this budget year--If you are going to subscribe to the "Now and Then" make your check out to Area 74 or to cash, but not to "Now and Then" as they can't be cashed if written that way--Submitting articles to the "Now and Then" is encouraged

Delegates Report (Ted L.)--Reports that there were workshops in Escanaba and in Green Bay and there is a service workshop coming up in Appleton. -- There is interest in web site activity and the Area has a list of Area's with Web Sites, and that AA website visitation as a whole is on an upward trend--Ted also explained that purpose of the Assembly is to help learn how to "Carry the Message"--

Registrar Report (Sharon W.)--Reports that she is receiving lots of information from GSR's and DCM's around the Area and that thanks all for the opportunity to serve--

NEW BUSSINESS-- - Proposed Assembly dates are Spring Assembly April5, 2003 and Fall Assembly August23, 2003 -- Dates were approved by group conscience.

MOTION-"motion not to number the Area Conferences, go with the Calendar year of the Conference Spring and Fall" motion carried
MOTION-by Lorrie F./Bob M. "To form a new Ad Hoc committee on Assemblies and Conferences" motion carried--Those who volunteered for this committee are Ron Oliver,Lorrie Ferguson, John Carroll, Deb Klein, Bob Mayer, Bill Boerschinger, John Shimon, Dale Rasmussen, and Steve Wendland
MOTION-by Mike M./Mark M. "To enable the smooth and rapid transactions of the assemblies business, I propose that the Area Guidelines be amended to create a position of parliamentarian, to aid in the process of running the Assemblies to advise on points and rules of order. This would entail the creation of section10 under article III of the guidelines for Area74 as follows: Proposed Article III Section 10 The Parliamentarian will be familiar with Robert Rules of Order and Area74 guidelines, to advise Area Officers on the points and rules of order, to facilitate the smooth and rapid running of the Area business and to document and advise on the appropriate times of suspension of Roberts Rules of Order. This should be a non- voting position but the individual should be present at all area committee meetings"--There was a Bob M./John C. motion to table this until the fall assembly motion carried

Motion to adjourn-motion carried

Please Note: in the minutes of Committee Reports (**) indicates that I have the full Committee report Available if you would like a copy of it .--(***) indicates that District7 also submitted a written recommendation to the committee

Respectfully Submitted by Deb Klein Area74 SecretaryMinutes

Area 74 Fall Assembly

August 24, 2002

Three Lakes Community Center, Three Lakes, Wi.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00AM by Area Chair Torv T. with a welcome to all attending. The 12 Traditions were read by Keith V., The Concepts by Bill D., and Statement of Purpose by Bob M.

Past Area Delegates Tom C (panel 46), Bob M. (panel 50) and John C. (panel 48) were recognized. All GSR's were recognized also. There was a thank you given to District 10 for their help at the Pre-Assembly. Sharing session.

Roll Call- Districts 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,12,17,18,20,21,22,23,24 present.—All Area Officers and committee chairs present

Secretary Report (minutes) Motion by Bob S./ Ken D. to accept minutes as presented-motion carried

Archives Committee Report- by Laurie F. with an update on the recently created Area position of Area Archivist. The Committee distributed a hand out as to the role of the archivist, Qualifications for this position, and the Financing, Housing of the Archives, Displaying of the Archives, Rotation and Voting of the Archivist, and Election of the Archivist. MOTION-by Bob M./ John C...I would like to make a motion to nominate Mark Morse as Area 74 Archivist. In following with a motion from the spring assembly Archives Committee recommends the Candidate. The Ad Hoc Committee appointed by Ted L. has caucused and agreed with this nomination. Voting on Archivist would occur during new business. Area Archives Committee will develop guidelines for the Archivist and update current archive committee guidelines and present them at the Spring 2003 Assembly. Ad-Hoc Committee members are Laurie F., Tom C., Torv T., John C., Bob M., Mary Jo R., and Steve H.

Conference Updates- 2nd Annual Unity Conference 2002 —by Conference Chair Bob T. Area 75--held at Park Plaza in Oshkosh there was a total of 302 registered with 169 of the total as walk ins. The conference Committee finds that the Conference met its objectives by covering the three legacies of service

Spring Conference 2002 by Laurie F. -There was 320 total registrants and 300 for Dinner. \$401.66 of the \$500 original seed money was returned to the Area. -There were 225 comments on the survey -mostly very positive- the District gave the Area a guideline of what worked for them.

Fall Conference 2002- By Larry W. -Thing is preceding well. Any questions can be directed to Larry W. ()

Spring Conference 2003-by Keith V.—Hilton Liberty Hall, Kimberly, Wi--May9,10,11th-web site is (conf.)-- The cost will be \$31 for the Conf. And Banquet—

Fall Conference 2003—by George F.—Houghton Mi.—September 12,13,14th—contact numbers are 906-483-0536 and 906-482-4153

Spring Conference 2004-By Chris D. Dist05-Eau Claire Wi.—Ramada Inn

52nd General Service—Reports are in

Bids were requested for the 2004 Fall Conference and the Spring 2005 Conference- No bids at this time—bidding would be open again for these at the Spring Conference.

Corrections Sharing Sessions- October 12 at the Wausau Alano and June 14, 2003 at the Lutheran Church in Oconto

Election- Rotating Finance Committee member-Nominations were Gail K., Eric L., Dodi A., and Erica G.- Eric L. declined the nomination. Motion- to close the nominations by Bill D. / John A.-- Election result --Gail K. as our new Finance Committee member-

Election-2004 Unity Conference Co-Chair Position--Bob M. gave an overview of the responsibilities and qualifications for the position- this is a long term- 3year commitment-Rotation of locations will start in 2006- Nominations were Bob M. and Ron O.—Election result-Bob M will be our new Co-Chair

Area 74 Delegated Ted L. reported on the General Service Conference---PI will review information on a toll free number for AA on PSA's—Corrections-Immediate link is available for corrections correspondence line---all AA groups in correctional facilities will be sent the flyer Sharing Behind these Walls—PI is considering a pamphlet directed toward Pre-Teens- Alcohol for the very young—The AA pamphlet for the Armed Services needs stories the membership (800 words—no more than 3 pages-double spaced)—Info on Loners/Internationalists—There will be a letter coming out of General Service concerning Web Sites—There are four categories of literature pamphlets—Unity, Recovery, service, and Professional Pamphlets-all are designed differently---New PSA's are out to the 800 TV station Regions---26% of groups in Area74 sent contributions to GSO---Big Books have now been translated to Chinese and have been sent there, this is a new place that the message is reaching---International Conference-July 2-5th 2003-Bidding for this will take place in 2003(this is a change from a 10 year out bid to a 12 year)—Grapevine and La Vinia-\$3.00 increase to cover postage---Process being looked at as to how literature is being reviewed---

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2005 Forum—Those locations interested in hosting the Forum were EauClaire, GreenBay, Houghton, and Appleton—It will take place the first weekend in November of 2005—after a draw from the hat Houghton will host the Forum
East Central Regional will be July 18-20th, 2003—Past Delegate Conference will be February 14-16th, 2003—General Service Conference—April 27 thru May 3, 2003

OLD BUSINESS—Parliamentarian MOTION was brought back to the table—after a spirited discussion the motion was unanimously defeated—Assembly and Conference Ad-hoc Committee—no report—Unity Conference Guidelines—report by Bob M.—Bob M. read the guidelines draft.—discussion followed—MOTION by committee to approve the guidelines as presented—motion carried—Web Site—by Larry W.—An Area web site proposal with information was presented to the assembly—MOTION from the PI Committee—PI Committee moves that Area 74 initiate and maintain a presence on the world wide web. The PI Committee Will be responsible for the web content, and the PI Chair shall designate a member of the committee as site manager.—motion carried—

NEW BUSINESS—MOTION -By Bob M./ John C.-for assembly to approve Mark Morse as Area 74 Archivist—motion carried—Mark M. is now Area 74 Archivist an election will be held to elect a new Archive committee chair—Nominated were Eric L. and Mary Jo R.—Election result—Mary Jo R. is our new Archives Chair—

Finance Committee—Budget proposal—MOTION—from committee to accept the 2003 Area 74 Budget Proposal—motion carried—MOTION- by Committee—An additional \$600 be disbursed to the Now and Then to cover expenses for publication during the remainder of 2002. This amount is in addition to the budgeted allotment—Area 74 financial report was also presented—

NEW BUSINESS—MOTION-by Dodi A. /Mark—To form an Ad hoc Committee. To develop a rule of order using past accepted customary parliamentary procedures in Area 74. The Area Committee will set these guidelines up—Motion Carried—MOTION-by Deb K. /John A to instruct committee to develop proposed guidelines for Area 74 presence on the web for approval by the Area—Motion Defeated

Motion to Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deb Klein (Area 74 Secretary)

Area 74 Spring Assembly Minutes

April 5, 2003

Three Lakes Community Senior Center, Three Lakes, Wisconsin

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Torv T (Alternate Delegate) opened the assembly at 9:03 AM with a “Moment of Silence followed by The Serenity Prayer”.

Ted LaP (Delegate) was not able to attend Assembly due to serious illness in his family. Prayers are requested for a speedy recovery. Due to this illness Ted will also not be able to attend the Delegates Conference in New York and has asked Torv to attend as the Area 74 Delegate. Torv has accepted the position and as a result will not be able to lead the Assembly.

Torv T proposed that Bob M (Past Delegate) serve as the Assembly Chair for this meeting. A Motion was Made and Seconded (MM&S) to appoint Bob M interim assembly chairperson. Motion carried.

This activity was then followed by the reading of the 12 Traditions by Keith, the 12 Concepts by Ed and the Preamble and Purpose by Tiffany.

Bob then read a list of the members that are sick, hurt, or have died during the past year. Then three past delegates were introduced- Tom C, John C, and Bob M.

This was followed by the introduction of the GSR’s in attendance. There were a number of first time attendees.

Roll Call/Secretaries Report:

Two Area 74 Officers absent-the Delegate and the Secretary.

One Area Committee Chairperson absent-Correctional Facility Co-Chair for MI.

Of the 24 District Committee Members (DCM) 12 were present.

Minutes from the Fall Assembly were briefly reviewed. MM&S to approved minutes as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

Submitted by Sue J. (Abbreviated form presented)

Balance as of 01/01/2002		\$10,774.35
Contributions	\$13,018.85	
Other Income	\$2,593.72	
Total Income		\$15,612.57
Total Expenses		(\$16,650.57)
Balance as of 12/31/2002		\$9736.35

MM&S to accept treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.

Nomination and Election of CPC Chairperson:

Mark P has moved and is no longer able to perform duties. Dave Z has been filling in. Nominated and accepting this position was Dave Z (Dist. 5) and Dodie (Dist 24). Nominations were then closed and a vote held. Dave Z was elected as the Area 74 CPC Chairperson.

AdHoc Committee recommendations on Area Business Structure:

Bob M introduced the committee members, presented the recommendations and opened the floor to questions. A lively debate followed. During this debate a motion was made and seconded to allow the non-voting members of the assembly (visitors) to address the assembly. The motion carried. An amendment to the recommendations was presented. MM&S to accept the amendment. Motion was defeated. Discussion was then ended. A MM&S was made to approve the AdHoc Committee recommendations. Motion was carried.

DCM Reports:

Dist.2- Steve H- District is alive and well. It encompasses 5 counties and over 100 groups. They have a full compliment of standing committees except for CPC. The district is hosting the Spring 2003 conference in May and the Unity conference in July. Their web site is up and running and the newsletter is going well thanks to the large number of AA's willing to become involved in service work.

Dist.3- Bob- District is basically the Wisconsin Rapids area. There is a general awareness between AA's that their purpose is to serve AA as a whole and not just at the group level. This also includes an awareness that carrying the message doesn't mean waiting for a drunk to show up at your meeting but that we tell the world that we are here and can help. We all have been there!

Dist.5- Dave Z- There has been an increase in the number of people attending the district meetings. They have most of the standing committees filled. The district newsletter and web site are up and running well. The district recently sponsored a Service Workshop.

Dist.6- Tina K- District meetings are very lightly attended. They sponsored 2 workshops last year and are planning one more this year. The district is experiencing a re-birth of activity. They have published 5 newsletters recently. They are also looking at getting a District Pager for the Hot Line.

Dist.7- Diane- Latest efforts are focused on getting more group GSR's involved and working for "AA as a whole".

Dist.8- Lorrie- District hosted the Spring 2002 Conference and sponsored with the Came to Believe Group the Annual Big Book Seminar. They are planning a Service Workshop on May 17th. They also have a breakfast Meeting in Merrill planned for early April. The monthly district Pot Luck Speaker Meetings are well attended. Standing committees are running well. The literature committee is running again. The most recent controversies are about Tee Shirt sales and checks from the Alano Club.

Dist.10- Ed H- This is a large district with a number of towns. They routinely have 10-15 people at the district meeting. The intergroup meetings are booming. They have a Hot Line and a web site up and running. They have been working with the local correction camps and facilities to get AA into them. The district is also involved in a Health Awareness Day in April.

Dist.17- Larry V- The district Corrections Meetings are going well. GSR participation is picking up. They are planning an Intergroup Meeting next month.

Dist.20- Lyle S- The district is trying to start a new meeting at the local Substance Abuse Center. The other meetings in the Correctional Facility are going well.

Dist.21- George- This district is at the top of the state. This also where the 2003 Fall Conference will be held. With the help of several AA members and their computers, the district was able to publish a new meeting list at a very low cost.

Dist.22- Russ D- This is a very long narrow district with 22 groups and 30 meetings. They opened an area web site last year. The district recently conducted a History of AA in the area, which was very well attended.

Dist.23- Jay- The district has about 20 semi-active meetings. They are looking to bid on an area conference.

Dist.24- Dodie- The district has 18 active meetings and a very active corrections meeting. Their district meeting is very lightly attended. They are also looking at restructuring and conducting a service workshop.

Registrar Update:

Sharon W prepared and distributed group meeting lists for all the districts. GSO has updated the group listings from DOS to Windows format. There are 653 active groups in Area 74 according to the GSO records. A discussion of the group change forms and the confusion around where to send them resulted in this topic being tabled and placed on the agenda for the Fall Assembly. Changes will need to be made to the Area 74 Guidelines as a result of these discussions.

GSO PSA Video Viewing:

During the lunch break several old and new Public Service Announcements (PSA) were viewed. It was the first time most of us had seen these announcements. Very interesting!

Area Website Update:

Dave R from Dist.5 has been very instrumental in getting the Area 74 website up and running. The address is www.area74.org. The cost is about \$108.00/year to maintain the website. Ted LaP wrote a letter to GSO requesting a link to www.aa.org. This will happen soon. Presently the following districts have websites with links to the Area website and meeting lists, Dist.2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 18, 22, 24. The area website currently lists conferences and assemblies. Other links could be added to the website but a more pressing need is the formation of a website committee & chairperson, web master, and guidelines. If district have meeting lists in MS Word format they can convert them to HTML and put them on the area website. So there you go, it can be done!

Area 74 Panel 52 Delegate Address:

Torv T began his address by telling everyone present how thankful he is for all their help as he assumes the delegate responsibilities. In just 3 short weeks he will be in New York at the delegates conference. He is also looking forward to the East Central Regional Forum in August. He plans to talk to our trustee while at the conference. This year the Area 74 Delegate will serve on the Treatment Facilities Committee at GSO.

Standing Committee Reports:

The following committees presented reports to the delegate in response to proposed changes from GSO. These changes are to be presented at the General Service Conference (Delegate Conference) in April.

Archives- Mary Jo R

Finance- Jeff C

Grapevine- Bob M

Literature- Mike G

Public Information (PI)- Larry W

Treatment Facilities- Bill B

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)- Dave Z

Correctional Facilities-WI- Ted G

Policy & Admissions Committee- Tom C

Conference Updates:

Fall 2002- Larry W- Conference was a success and made a small profit (\$1172) to be shared with the Area.

Spring 2003- Steve H- Need people to get registered and to be volunteers. Everything else is progressing smoothly.

3rd Annual Unity Conference- July 2003- Steve H- All necessary reservations are made at the Park Plaza Hotel in Oshkosh. Speakers are arranged. They need volunteers for the Alcohothons.

Fall 2003- George- Will be in the Houghton/Hancock area Sept 12,13,14 on MTU Campus. Panels are arranged.

Spring 2004- Dave Z- Preliminary fliers are out. Planning committee at work already. Initial planning looking very good.

4th Annual Unity Conference- July 2004- Need to put together Area 74 conference committee. Guidelines were approved by Area 75. They are in need of chairpersons for Hospitality, Secretary, and Decorations. Randy O volunteered to chair the Greeter Committee.

Bid for Fall 2004 Conference- No takers yet. Maybe Dist. 23- Rice Lake or Dist. 06- Chippawa Falls. MM&S to put off the selection until after the Delegates Report at the Spring Conference. This is to be the sole agenda item at that time. Motion carried.

Bid for Spring 2005 Conference- Paul E from Rhinelander presented a bid for the conference. MM&S to accept the bid as presented. Motion Carried.

New Business:

2 Proposals from Grapevine Committee

We recommend the Assembly approve a motion that our Area Delegate send two letters to the Grapevine editor and Grapevine Board informing them of our Area concerns.

Letter #1: That "Carrying the message of the Grapevine has become lost in the marketing techniques of the Grapevine Staff." We recommend that the Grapevine staff and Grapevine Board review "all" promotional material and cover contents of upcoming Grapevine's. This review would be looking for adherence to our spiritual principles and that the material follows the intentions of the paragraph found on page 389 of the book, Language of the Heart. - MM&S to approve. Discussion followed centering on outside issues. Motion carried.

Letter #2: We would like clarification in the Grapevine budget with a separate line item to reflect postage income and expenditures for the subscriptions to the Grapevine. There appears to be no reflection of the increased postage for Grapevine subscriptions or costs associated with the mailings of these subscriptions. We also would like to know the cost of printing one issue of the Grapevine. That the Grapevine staff resumes the monthly accounting of the Grapevine circulation numbers by Area. This information would be sent to the Area Delegates and Area Grapevine Representatives each month. - MM&S to approve. No discussion needed. Motion carried.

2 Proposals from PI Committee

#1- MM&S to put Area 74 website address at top of Now & Then. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

#2- MM&S to create position of Area 74 Webmaster to administer and maintain web site. Discussion that followed centered on this position. It was decided that Dave R be selected as a permanent web master similar to the permanent Archivist position and that the web site activities remain under the PI Committee. Motion carried.

1 Proposal from Corrections Committee

MM&S to approve the use of the current "Bridging the Gap" pamphlet with reference to Area 74 removed. Lengthy discussions followed. GSO is already working on a general pamphlet for the fellowship. Stickers could be applied for the specific area. Several (3) votes were taken on this motion. The final vote was to table until the Fall Assembly and to keep using the existing pamphlet as is. Motion carried.

Motions from the Floor

#1- MM&S to give the DCM's the option of declining an Area 784 committee assignment after being "Officially Notified" of the selection. Discussion followed. Another motion was then proposed to move this discussion to the area committee for resolution and reconsideration at the Fall Assembly. This motion carried.

#2- MM&S to put the registrar in charge of all group changes and then to forward the changes to GSO. Motion carried.

#3- MM&S to put all area AA happenings and DCM activities on the Area 74 Website. This motion was tabled until the PI Committee has time to get the guidelines for the website together.

#4- MM&S to have the Finance Committee pay a member \$49.00 for AA expenses. Discussion followed on exceeding spending caps. Motion carried.

#5- MM&S to have the Area Standing committee reports published in the Now & Then a month before the Area Assemblies. Discussion followed on using the Now & Then and on putting them on the Area website. Motion was defeated.

The Assembly was adjourned at 5:05PM with the Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,

Karl Chaney, Acting Secretary

Area 74 Spring 2003 Conference Business Meeting

May 10, 2003,

Hilton Liberty Hall, Kimberly, WI

Opening and Delegates report:

Ted LaPine (Delegate) opened the meeting at 9:00 AM with a "Moment of Silence followed by The Serenity Prayer".

This was followed by the introduction of Torv Thiesen (Alternate Delegate) who gave a report on the GSO Conference that he attended as Area74 Delegate in New York.

Some interesting news items were:

- Voluntary contributions are up for the 5th year in a row.
- In the United States 20% of the Spanish speaking members subscribe to the LaVinia while just 10% of the English speaking members subscribe to the Grapevine.
- Torv was selected to sit on the Treatment Facilities Committee at the Conference. The committee worked with and approved changes to the workbook and binder used by the rest of AA.

A Motion was Made and Seconded (MM&S) to approve the Delegates report as presented. The Motion carried. Next a Motion was Made and Seconded (MM&S) to Adjourn the Business Meeting and to open the Continuation of the Spring Assembly. The Motion Carried.

Continuation of the Spring Assembly:

One Agenda Item – To entertain bids for the Fall 2004 Conference and to select a site. Districts 6 and 24, DCM's Tina K and Dodi respectively, offered to host the Fall 2004 Conference at the Park Inn in Chippewa Falls on September 24, 25, and 26, 2004.

Tentative costs are \$15 for Registration and \$17 for the Banquet.

Since there were no other bids to be presented at this time a Motion was Made and Seconded (MM&S) to accept the bid from Districts 6 and 24. The Motion carried.

At this time Ted LaPine rose and officially resigned as Area 74 Delegate. Torv accepted Ted's resignation and is now officially the Area 74 Delegate. Recess was called to collect our thoughts. Torv reconvened the assembly and presented his decision.

He presented a New Agenda Item – The selection and election of a new Alternate Delegate. As expected there was a very lively debate over just how to handle this. The debate ended when Bob D moved to nominate Bob M (Past Delegate) to the empty Area Chairperson position for the remainder of this current term. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Then a MM&S to finish out the remainder of this current term without an Alternate Delegate. The Motion carried.

Next a resolution was presented to formally thank Ted LaPine for all his hard work and dedication as Area 74 Delegate. A true example of service and love to the fellowship. A motion was made and seconded (MM&S) to present Ted with a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Area Assembly and to publish it in the next Now & Then. The Motion carried. Torv will put it together.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM with the saying of The Lords Prayer.

Respectfully submitted in love and service,

Karl Chaney, Acting Secretary

Area 74 Fall Assembly
April 3, 2004
Three Lakes Community Center
Three Lakes, Wi.

Area Chair Jeff C. called assembly to order at 9:00AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a welcome to all attending. The 12 Traditions were read by Dave Z. The Concepts short version by Joe D. Jeff made announcements of upcoming events, and went through the process for the day, read the Assembly guide and explained Roberts Rules of Order. Jeff paused for all to remember Doreen M., Past Delegate who passed away.

Recognized Area Past Delegates and all 1st time and returning GSR's were also recognized. There was a thank you given to District 10 for again hosting the Area Assembly.

Roll Call and Secretary Report: By Kathy K. Motion by Bob D./Dave Z. to approve Fall 2003 Assembly minutes as presented-motion carried.

Roll Call- Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18,20,22,23,24 present. All Area Officers and Committee Chairs present.

Treasurers Report: By Tiffany C. Area 74 Financial Report for January 1st through December 31st, 2003 presented in detail. Motion by Tom J/Jess Z. to accept financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report summary is as follows:

Balance Forward and Income =	\$26,898.62
Total Expenses	(19,601.82)
Ending Balance	\$ 7,296.80

Jeff went over who can vote – GSR's only one vote, there was discussion about whether or not non-voting members could address the body, it was the sense of the assembly that they would be allowed to address the body.

Tabled Motion: From PI Committee regarding Webmaster reimbursement for expenses. Motion was tabled briefly and then brought back to the floor. Larry W, previous PI chair explained the reason for the motion was that the Webmaster is asked to go to Area 74 functions and demonstrate the web site and answer questions. There was discussion and it was suggested that these expenses be budgeted by the PI Committee and included in that committees expenses. Larry W withdrew motion.

Final report from 2003 Spring Conference: Steve H. made report for Rollie. \$700.00 was given back to Area.

Final report from 2003 Unity Conference: Steve H. reported that the 2003 Unity Conference lost \$1090.13 This is primarily because attendance was so low (only 212). Prudent reserve for 2004 conference is therefore only \$1909.87 instead of the \$2000.00 per guidelines.

Delegates Workshop Standing Area Committee Reports:

Archives: Committee Chair Mary Jo R. reports that the committee reviewed the workbook.

Report and Charter & Policy/Admissions: Jeff C. reported that this was mainly overview of information from GSC.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Workbook was reviewed and there was discussion about ways CPC can help when individuals with problems other than Alcohol come to AA meetings and how to reach a wider variety of professionals.

WI Corrections: Report by Daryl, "After a short discussion on the revision of the AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate. The Area 74 CF Committee is in agreement with the Trustees suggestion of new stories to which today's inmates better identify with. The committee in area 74 readily accepts the trustee's judgment as to what generic AA pre-release brochures are to be printed. The one presently being used in a number of institutions is (Sample #1) Our committee discussed the possibility of working with training programs for correctional facilities personal. The possibilities of this happening however many institutions are understaffed and getting professionals to take on additional meetings is not realistic. The Area 74 CF Committee has no problem with the CF kit and workbook nor the pending changes to it. Upon review of the Singleness of Purpose statement, the committee is in favor of its inclusion into the Correctional Facilities Workbook.

Finance: Report by Gail – no specific recommendations for Torv.

Grapevine: Ted provided written report/recommendations to Torv.

Public Information: Sharon provided written report/recommendations to Torv.

Treatment Facilities: Dodie reported that the committee discussed the contents of the Kit and Workbook. No specific recommendations for Torv.

Literature: Bob D. provided the following recommendations for Torv.

Literature Agenda Items on General Service Conference Agenda 2004

Discussion and Acceptance of trustees' Committee report. OK

Unanimous rejection of proposed draft because: 1) It is unclear in giving the impression that Dr. Bob co-wrote the 12 & 12 with Bill. 2) It misleads the reader by misrepresenting Bill's intention in writing the book, as he states it in his own Foreward to it. 3) It is unnecessary, since Bill's Foreward already directs the readers attention to his emphasis on the spiritual principles of the steps and traditions; and since specific questions about language, idioms, and historical references can be answered by sponsors and old-timers. 4) In short, this draft is an apology for what the fellowship unanimously affirmed at the 2002 General Service Conference needs no apology whatsoever. A.A. is not about "modern image;" it is about the substance of timeless spiritual principles. It is therefore recommended that, in accordance with the action this Area 74 Assembly and Delegate took a year ago, the whole idea of adding a new introduction to the 12& 12 be dropped by the 2004 General Service Conference.

1. Yes- rewrite pamphlet Too Young

2. Yes to updating and shortening existing stories in pamphlet Young People and AA

3. Comic books are not suitable as literature for conveying the AA message

4 Yes to seeing a draft of booklet for teenagers

1. Yes simply reflects the fact.

2. Yes Encourages contributions of art and articles by all AA members

Yes, staff was never authorized to change punctuation to Dr Bobs Nightmare

Yes, but would have been best to drop it from the literature in the first place

Yes but do not delete "What is an informed Group Conscience" on PG 34

Yes to discussion of third edition Spanish big book

Yes see proposed draft in background material. Current wording encourages sponsees to shop around until told what they want to hear

Yes to consideration of conference approved service sponsorship pamphlet

Yes to intergroup/central office pamphlet consideration

Above recommendations reached unanimously by Literature Committee

Respectfully submitted by Bob Davis; Literature Committee Chairman

DCM Reports:

Dist. 01 – Bill L. Grapevines in 11 branches of the libraries in 01. All committee chairs in place.

Dist 02 – Keith V. Committees in place. Rotate GSR meetings. 40 members in attendance. Have a district newsletter and website (www.dist02AA.org) and have provided workshops with Area officers Jeff and Ted. They had a Treatment workshop and have the Moose and Goose fundraiser in 02. Unity Conference is in 02 and they have a central office and hotline.

Dist 03 – Ted L. Smallest district in 74. Only 14 meetings. Active PI committee. Telephone answering service with 15-30 calls per month. Sponsor intergroups.

Dist 04 – Joe D. District has been dormant for 6 years. Newly active. 20 meetings per week. 10-20 at monthly GSR meetings. Active PI/CPC committee. Hotline running and new and updated contact list. Meeting with HR representatives in August. Website up and running.

Dist 05 – Chris D. 20-25 showing up at GSR meetings. PI, CPC and Treatment committees active. website (aainwestwis.org)

Dist 06 – Teena reported. DCM voted in not able to fulfill responsibilities. Brenda I. is stepping in. Currently 15 meetings with 10 registered. Corrections active – at open house for new AODA facility this weekend. Meetings at county jail and Stanley Prison. New group one year anniversary this weekend. 3-5 groups represented at District meetings.

Dist 07 – Ken K. reported. 6-8 attendees at District meetings. Corrections work being done and Big Books brought in.

DCM Reports continued:

- Dist 08 – Steve W. Good group contributions 40 meetings. Good attendance at GSR meetings. CPC demo at last potluck. DCM working on visiting all groups. PI, Literature and Grapevine committees working well. Dist 08 hosted Big Book Seminar. 5-year anniversary for Came to Believe group. Have an annual Corrections workshop. Spanish answering service. Working on re-starting Merrill meetings.
- Dist 09 – Terry S. 40 ongoing meetings. Active committees include Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Newsletter and PI. Financially solvent with \$600 prudent reserve. Tape library for members to check out tapes. Working on an 800 number for district and website.
- Dist 10 – Paul E. Hosting the Assembly in 10 – Welcome. Recently had to relocate 2 meetings. Lost women's meeting. New jail meeting in Forest County. Lots of innergroups. GSR meetings have 25-30 attendees. Hosting 2005 Spring Conference. Have website and hotline. Very active committees.
- Dist 11 – Dave W. (appointed not elected) 9 meetings. Have PI, Literature and Grapevine chairs. No treasurer – “no money anyway”.
- Dist 12 – Mainard B. Doing well.
- Dist 13 – Marty L. First meeting after 4 years. 10 people at meeting. Filled chair positions. \$200 in treasury. “Visit us on Lake Superior”.
- Dist 14 – Dana S. 40 meetings in district. Setting up website. Stocking libraries, sponsor service events. 8-12 at GSR meetings.
- Dist 15 – No report
- Dist 16 – Barb B. “We spawned people like Torv” Working on website. 16 meetings. Discussion of central office.
- Dist 17 – Larry W. Innergroup on 4/17 in Iron Mt. GSR workshops 38 registered groups.
- Dist 18 – Dale E. Have website. 51 meetings. AA hotline, speaker meeting last Saturday of Month. Corrections (jail and prison) meetings, NMU meetings – discussion of UP intergroup office. Bidding for fall 2006 conference.
- Dist 19 – No report
- Dist 20 – Lyle S. 18 meetings. Jail meetings going.
- Dist 21 – No report.
- Dist 22 – Ram R. 20 meetings. Phone line and website. (www.aadoorcounty.org) Have held the retreat for 8 years – started with 8 people and 190 last year.
- Dist 23 – Mark K. 2nd term as DCM. Hosting Fall 2005 conference. Jail meeting shared with Dist 24. District meetings have 7-10 attendees. Contributions a problem –getting the self-supporting message out.
- Dist 24 – Dodie A. 16 meetings. District meetings have 3-7 people and have a potluck with speaker after. Conference is sparking an interest in service in the district.

Delegates Report: Torv T. commented on the “incredible attendance” at this Assembly. Approximately 105 people in attendance including 21 district representatives, all committee chairs and officers, and 35 new GSR's.

Torv read a letter from Tim H Area 38 offering an invitation to display our archives information in St.Louis. We can visit the website at www.stl2005.org for information. The East Central Regional Conference is August 1st, for reservations call 1-800-444-2328. Do not register via the web, as you will not receive the conference rate. The 2004 Grapevine subscription information for Area 74 shows 911 subscriptions or 8.4% of all AA members. “Get yourself a subscription”. Torv gave an update on the 2005 International. It is advised that you should get a passport – it will be easier to get in. If you have a felony conviction or DWI or DUI get your documents on when and where to present for entry into Canada. Registration for the International will be on GSO's website in August. – fees have not been established yet. Housing forms will be sent once registered – probably in September. Torv is on the PI committee for the 54th General Service conference. Anonymity is a major focus. Torv reminded us that the Box 459 contains a wealth of information and hopes that all of us are receiving it. Torv is going to NY on 4/16 and the “tremors are getting better due to all of the AA support he receives”.

Elections: Nomination of Ted L. and Bill L from Dist 01 for Now and Then co-editors. Unanimous vote for Ted and Bill. Nomination of Bill D. in absentia for MI corrections chair. Guidelines require that nominated person must be present to be elected. Nomination withdrawn. Nomination of Tom G for MI corrections chair. Nomination declined. Motion by Bob D/Ted L. to “*table the election of MI Corrections Co-Chair to the next Assembly*”. Motion carried unanimously.

Conference Updates:

Spring 2004: District 5 Dave Z reports. Need reservations for banquet and breakfast by 5/7. Going good.
Unity Conference 2004: Bob M. reports that they need participation – remember unity. Eva Sanchez from GSO will be the main speaker – “she is awesome”. Bob introduced the committee members from Area 74
Fall 2004: Teena and Dodie report. Dates are 9/24-26, 04 Lottery meeting instead of call-up meeting. There will be a DCM sharing session and they will receive a free lunch. Must reserve a room by Aug 30. Greeters are needed.
Spring 2005: District 10 Joanne D. Dates are 5/13-15,05 Committees are going strong. Flyers available.
Fall 2005: District 23 Mark K. said that it would be at WITC in Rice Lake.
International: Torv T. Toronto 6/30/05 through 7/3/05. Theme is “I am Responsible”.
East Central Regional Forum: November 4,5, &6 2005 in Houghton, MI at the Memorial Union Building.
Bid for Spring 2006: District 01 – Kelly said it would be May 19, 20 and 21. Motion to accept carried.
Bid for Fall 2006: District 18 – will solidify dates. Motion to accept carried.

Area Registrar Report: Kathy K, Registrar, passed out the group updates received by GSO to the DCM’s and reminded them that they needed to be sent back to GSO by 5/3/04. Group update forms were made available.

Now and Then Co-Chairs: Kathy and Tom said thank you for being allowed to serve.

Area Archivist Report: Motion from Archive Committee that “*AA members with 30 years or more of Sobriety would be candidates for oral history interviews. Exceptions may be make for persons in ill health, or prominence of service within Area 74. The Archives Committee may exercise the authority to consider other reasons for interview*”. Motion carried.

Webmaster: Approximate cost of website is \$115.00/year. Site is www.area74.org Statistics of site were passed out.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Remember: October 23, 2004 Fall Assembly – Three Lakes

Motion to Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy K.

Area 74 Fall Assembly
October 23, 2004
Three Lakes Community Center
Three Lakes, Wi.

Area Chair Jeff C. called assembly to order at 9:00AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a welcome to all attending. The 12 Traditions were read by Ted G. The Concepts short version by Dave W. Jeff made announcements of upcoming events, and went through the process for the day, read the Assembly guide and explained Roberts Rules of Order. Jeff outlined the voting procedure: DCM's and GSR's have one vote each. If they hold dual rolls, they still have only one vote. Motions must be submitted in writing to the Area Secretary.

Recognized Area Past Delegates and all 1st time and returning GSR's were also recognized. There was a thank you given to District 10 for again hosting the Area Assembly.

Roll Call and Secretary/Registrar Report: By Kathy K. There was one change to the Spring Assembly minutes in that they read "Fall" and should say Spring. MM and 2nd to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Roll Call- Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24 present. All Area Officers and Committee Chairs present except Now and Then co-editor Bill L.

Treasurers Report: By Tiffany C. Area 74 Financial Report for January 1st to October 2004 presented in detail with a full report handed out. MM and 2nd to accept financial report. Motion carried.

Financial Report summary is as follows:

Total Income	\$13,034.41
Beginning Balance	<u>7,296.80</u>
Balance Forward and Income =	\$20,331.21
Total Expenses	<u>(11,927.27)</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 8,403.94</u>

Report from 2004 Spring Conference: Les reported that the final report is not available as yet. He will email it out to area officers. The conference went well.

Report from 2004 Unity Conference: Bob M. reported that the final figures are not in on the Unity Conference. He will submit the information to the Now and Then when it is available. Bob indicated that the attendance at the Unity Conference is low. He discussed the history of the Unity Conference and there was discussion about Area 74's support for the Unity Conference. The next Unity Conference is scheduled for July 2006.

Report from 2004 Fall Conference: Teena reported that Districts 06 and 04 co-hosted the Conference and that she recommended that arrangement for small Districts that could not host a conference on their own. She reminded us that if attendees want to hear the speakers they should pay the registration. They had a free DCM luncheon, which went over well. The conference financial report indicated a positive balance of \$1106.64 after the seed money was returned to the Area. They will split the proceeds from the conference as follows: ½ to the Area and ½ split between districts 04 and 06. (A written summary was provided).

Finance Committee Report: Gail K presented the Finance Committee's 2005 proposed budget. There was much discussion about the budgeted dollars for area officers and committee chairs and concern that the budget indicates a negative balance if all expenses end up being paid. A summary is as follows:

Total Income:	\$ 18,372.00
Total Expenses:	<u>22,550.00</u>
Projected Balance:	(4,178.00)

It was emphasized that it is important for these people in service positions to submit the expenses that they have so as to accurately budget expenses for Area 74. Additionally, GSR's could encourage their groups to contribute to the area if they wish to help with these expenses to continue the service work done by these individuals. MM and 2nd to approve budget. 6 apposed. Minority speaks. No change in vote. Motion carried.

Archives: Committee Chair Mary Jo R. reports that the committee has 11 active members. Our Archivist has attended a workshop in Tennessee and they are considering co-hosting with Area 75 a similar workshop in Area 74. There will be information in the Now and Then about this. They have conducted a number of Old-timer (30 years + sobriety) interviews.

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WI Corrections: Report by Daryl U. There are 2 DCM's on the committee. They have recommended that there be "singleness of purpose" information in the workshop kit. On 10-9-04 they had their annual Corrections Workshop. There was a recommendation to update information to institutions to educate them on the differences between AA and NA etc.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Report by Dave Z. There have been some activities; in July they participated in the National Wellness conference in Stevens Point. Illinois used the CPC display that we won from GSO for their conference and that was a positive collaboration.

Treatment Committee: Dodi A. reported that there will be a Treatment Workshop in Rhinelander on November 13th at St. Joseph's Church. Flyers are available. All interested are encouraged to attend.

Public Information: Report by Sharon W. A draft of the guidelines for the Area Website was presented.

Literature Committee: Report by Bob D. There are three committee members. The following financial report was submitted.

Beginning Balance: 2/24/04 reported 4/2/04	Ending Balance: 10/23/04
2048.43 Literature Inventory	1679.46 Literature Inventory
+400.00 For Bank Acct.	+879.71 In Bank Acct.
2448.43 Total Assets	2559.17 Total Assets
+110.02 Credits AAWS Acct	
\$2558.45 Adjusted Total Assets	
\$844.27 Total Literature Sales	\$475.30 Total Literature Purchased

Additionally, Bob reported that the committee looked in to the issue of a secure website (shopping card) to purchase literature on the Web. The answer from AAWS was that Central Intergroup Offices are encouraged to sell this literature, as it is income for them It was then asked why the Grapevine has this option and the answer was that they need the ability to serve. The Literature Committee presented the following motion:

Motion from the Literature Committee to the Area 74 Fall Assembly on 10-23-04

Be it resolved that the Area 74 members of Alcoholics Anonymous recommend that the 2005 General Service conference approve the following revisions in the book Daily Reflections:

1. Change, wherever pertinent, the citations of secondary sources of the passages quoted at the beginning of the entries to citations of the original sources and page numbers where they appear in our Conference Approved Literature.
2. Continue to give the secondary sources, but do so after the original sources are indicated. Cite the original source in bold print, followed by the secondary source in regular print. Thus, for examples: The entry for January 3 quotes Step One. The source cited is the "Twelve and Twelve", p.21. This would be changed so the source cited in bold is Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 59, and below it, in regular print, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.21 is cited. Another example is the entry for February 13. The passage quoted is about "the intellectually self-sufficient man or woman". The source cited is As Bill Sees It, p.60. This would be changed to the original source, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p 29-30 in bold, and below in regular print As Bill Sees It, p60.
3. Change, where appropriate, the citations in Daily Reflections so that the pages of quotations from the Big are compatible with the pages on which they now appear in the 4th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. For example: The January 15 quotation on "an unsuspected inner resource" needs to be changed from pages 569-570 to pages 567-568.

Note: The purpose of these changes is to enable the reader to study the quotation in the context of its primary source, as well as subsequent citations, the better to comprehend it's meaning and understand the reflection on it, which follows.

Be it further resolved that the Area 74 Delegate shall, as soon as possible, send a copy of this motion, along with relevant background material, to the GSO in New York so it can be placed on the Agenda of the 2005 General Service Conference.

There was discussion on the motions and MM and 2nd to pass the motion. 4 voted against. Minority heard. No changed votes. Motion carried.

Grapevine Report: Ted L. reported that the Grapevine display has been given a face-lift, updated, painted and refreshed. Ted introduced Mary B. from District 09 who told us how excited she was to be the District 09 Grapevine representative. She had made a display for the district, had a vest made out of material with grapes on it, grape earrings (a gift from her husband) and all kinds of ideas on how to make the Grapevine visible in District 09. How incredible to see that type of enthusiasm.

DCM Reports:

- Dist. 01 – **Kelly J.** reports that Corrections is going well. There is GSR involvement on all committees and all committee chairs are in place.
- Dist 02 – **Keith V.** reports that there is a Dist website is (www.dist02AA.org). There are monthly GSR meetings. Active committees except CPC. They have a newsletter. They have a central office in Menasha. There will be a fundraiser in November. The district recently approved the District guidelines. There are 110 groups. They have Intergroups and potluck dinners. A GSR workshop in June and a Treatment workshop in March.
- Dist 03 – **Ted L.** There are 12 meetings. CW Traveling Intergroup. A telephone answering service that averages 10-50 call a month. PI/CPC committee has contacted Libraries and schools and is very active.
- Dist 04 – **Joe D.** There is a phone line and website. dist04.tige.net They presented to 40 Human Resources representatives and over 200 meeting schedules were taken. They have a district picnic and New Years Alkathon.
- Dist 05 – **Chris D.** There are 40 groups and approximately 8 GSR's at district meetings. They have active committees and a website. They have a pager system and it is very successful. They have made contact with District 01 of Area 75 and are working together on their CPC committees. They are focusing on meetings being separate from clubhouses.
- Dist 06 – **Brenda I.** There is a district meeting monthly with 3-5 people in attendance. They co-hosted the Fall conference and that went very well thanks to the committee. They presented a workshop on the difference between AA and clubs. The local Treatment Facility will not let AA in. The prison had a Big Book drive.
- Dist 07 – No report.
- Dist 08 – **Steve W.** reported that there are 40 groups in the district. They host the Central Wisconsin traveling Intergroup. They had a Corrections Workshop in October (an annual event). They have active committees and a Hot line. They are working on getting a cell phone.
- Dist 09 – **Terry S.** reports that there are 35-40 active groups. The Committees are all active also. There is an audio/visual library. Corrections is doing well. "We have fun". Newsletter is doing well. They have tabled the website discussion for 6 months. Their Grapevine display which was shown earlier, may be featured in the Box 459 or Grapevine workbook or both.
- Dist 10 – **Steve(Alt DCM)** reports that there is good participation at GSR meetings. There is a website: northwoodsaa.org They will host a treatment workshop in November.
- Dist. 11- **Dave W** reports that he is the first DCM in 15 years. They will host a Sponsorship workshop in Park Falls on November 6th.
- Dist 12 – **Mainard B** They have 29 meetings. PI and Corrections committees are active. They are looking for a GV representative.
- Dist 13 – **Marty L.** They have 25 meetings and 18 groups. They have reorganized . Some meetings are 70 miles away. The September meeting was on Madeline Island. Their committees are doing well, they are "active and unified"
- Dist 14 – **Dick(Alt DCM)** They have had a workshop honoring "our most trusted servants". They have supplied Big Books to libraries. Are currently updating the meeting lists.
- Dist 15 – **Pauline S.** They are working on rejuvenating the District. Bob M and Torv T came to help out. They have 11 meetings and 8 groups. Corrections is getting organized into a committee. Grapevine can be brought to the jail if they have no staples so they have a person who sews them on a sewing machine. Archives is beginning to collect data on the history of the District.
- Dist 16 – **Barb B.** They have a phone number to leave messages and return calls. 16 meetings. They have a 25-30 percent attendance by GSR's. They recently hosted an intergroup and will be having a Halloween party with the Treatment centers.
- Dist 17 – **Larry W.** District 17 has three GSR's present at the Assembly today. They have their District meeting at the "chicken Church" near KFC on the last Saturday of the month at 6PM. They had 15 GSR's at the last meeting.
- Dist 18 – **Dale E.** They have 50 meetings. There are traveling intergroups, an AA hotline and they will be hosting the Fall Conference. They recently had 3 old-timers speak.

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- Dist 19 – **Joe(Alt DCM)** They have updated meeting cards which include 5 district 20 meetings. In March they will host the UP traveling intergroup.
- Dist 20 – **Lyle S.** They have a new women’s meeting in the district. There are 13 meetings over all and they are doing good.
- Dist 21 – No report.
- Dist 22 – **Hugh (Alt DCM)** They have an active hotline. www.doorcounty.org There is a new prison being built and corrections has established a presence there – they will have one room for AA/NA etc.
- Dist 23 – **Mark K.** There are 24 meetings in the district with 12 registered groups. They will be hosting the Fall 2005 Conference. Corrections is very active.
- Dist 24 – **Dodie A.** There are 17 meetings and about 2/3 are groups. They brought 25 Big Books and Twelve Twelve’s to the Baron County jail. There is a telephone number and answering machine.

Delegates Report: Torv T. commented on the “incredible attendance” at this Assembly with 22 of 24 districts represented and all committee chairs and area officers in attendance. He recognized the GSR’s in attendance. Torv talked about Tradition 7 and indicated that maybe we need to “dig a little deeper”. He distributed conference reports to DCM’s for their districts and birthday donation envelopes. Up to \$2000.00 per year may be donated. Torv outlined that the Area would have an Area Inventory in Ashland on December 4th.

Elections: Trustee(s) Past Delegate Len D. requested to address the assembly and presented his thoughts about the vote for trustee(s). Jeff C. then presented the procedure that will be followed for the vote for Regional Trustee and Trustee at Large. A balloted vote by 3rd legacy procedure. Past Delegates in the room were asked to stand and indicate if they would stand for the Regional Trustee nomination. Ted L. declined. Tom C. declined. Len D. declined. Bob M. stands. MM and 2nd for unanimous ballot for Bob.M. Bob spoke and indicated his interest in service in this position that he had talked with his sponsor, home group and employer about serving. He indicated that he was honored to be nominated. Jeff read the Trustee information from the service manual. Motion carried. Nomination for Trustee at Large. Len D. Stands. Jeff again read the trustee information from the service manual. MM and 2nd for unanimous ballot for Len D. for Trustee at Large. Motion carried.

UP Michigan Corrections Chair: Larry W. nominated. There was discussion about how Larry’s role on the finance committee would be affected by his serving in this role. Larry resigned from the finance committee. MM and 2nd for unanimous ballot for Larry W. for UP MI Corrections Chair. Motion carried.

Finance committee members(2 positions) One is one year and one a two year role. First vote was for 2-year position. Nominees : Marty L, Russ C., Ron O., Mark K., Dick P. Ballots counted, Marty L is elected. Second vote for one-year position. Nominees: Joe E., Keith V., and Roger W. Ballots counted. Joe E. is elected.

Conference updates:

- Spring 2005 – Joanne says things are going well and thank you for the opportunity to serve.
- International July 2005 – Torv has registration information. See him if you have questions.
- East Central Regional – November, 2005. Houghton MI.
- Fall 2005. Rice Lake – Flyer available. Requested \$500. 00 seed money.
- Unity Conference July 2006. Site committee will determine where it will be held. Need volunteers for committees. Program chair, Registration Chair and printing chair. Dodi A. has volunteered to be Treasurer.
- Spring 2006 – Dist 01 Kelly reports that it will be held May 19, 20, and 21st at the Comfort Suites.
- Fall 2006 – Dist 16 Dale reports that it will be held September 8,9, and 10 at the Holiday Inn in Marquette MI.

Reports:

Area Archivist: no report

Now and Then: Ted L. reports that they print 700 N&T each month and mail about 627. They are coming in under budget. They send out the N&T early in the month so as to get it to everyone by the 1st. The 10th of the month is the deadline for submitting articles. They hope to post the N&T on the Area 74 website within the next couple months.

Webmaster: Dave R. provided a written summary of the web activities and proposed guidelines for review.

Old Business: Motion out of Finance Committee to pay a committee chair an overage of \$283.00. Discussion and MM and 2nd to pay overage. Motion passed.

New Business: Motion: “That the Area Inventory to be held on Dec 4th be an area-wide event in which all AA members from Area 74 come and provide input”. Motion carried

Motion: “That the Area 74 website not post any meetings lists which contain other non-AA meetings as this implies affiliation and violates the spirit of Tradition Six. Also we believe this violates Tradition 4 because it effects other groups and ultimately effects AA as a whole. No Second. MM and 2nd to table. Motion tabled.

Motion to adjourn carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy KS. Area 74 Secretary/Registrar

**Area 74 Fall Assembly Minutes
October 22, 2005
Three Lakes Community Center
Three Lakes, WI
Minutes**

Area Chair Jeff C. called the assembly to order at 9:10 AM with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer and a welcome to all attending. The twelve traditions were read by Tina M. Jeff made announcements of events and went through the process for the day. He read the Assembly procedures and voting guidelines. Jeff asked for a sense of the assembly as to whether non-voting members could address the assembly at the mike as they have been allowed to in the past. There was agreement that non-voting members could address the assembly at the mike.

Jeff recognized past delegates, Bob M, Ted L and Tom C and recognized Bob M. as our East Central Regional Trustee. Jeff recognized new and returning GSR's.

Roll Call – Districts 2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24 present. All Area Officers and Committee Chairs present excluding the Archives Chair.

Secretary/Registrar report: By Kathy K. Copies of the minutes of the Area Committee meeting at the Fall Conference and the results of the Election Assembly were available at the front table. MMS to approve the Minutes of the Spring Assembly as printed in the Now and Then. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Tiffany provided a copy of the Area 74 financial report – January 05 through September 05 – to the Assembly. She reported that previously she had reported that the beginning balance was \$10,550 however; there was a \$425 error that changed the beginning balance to \$10,125.15. MMS to accept Treasurer's report – motion carried. A summary of the report is as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$10,125.15
Group Contributions	8,131.52
Other Income	2,867.08
Total Balance + Income	21,123.75
Total Expenses	<u>11,962.71</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,161.04

Tabled Motion from Spring 05 Assembly: Motion read: "This is to request that the General Service Office give consideration to publishing and selling the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) in eBook format in both Windows Reader and Palm OS Reader formats. This would allow those who utilize pocket computers and Palm PDA's to carry the Big Book with them at all times and should prove to be very profitable to GSO." The following background to support the motion was also presented "The cost to produce the Big Book in both eBook formats should be minimal. The fourth edition was surely compiled on word processors and is therefore currently available in digital format. Converting it to Windows Reader and Palm OS Reader formats will cost next to nothing. Once converted, these versions could be sold over the internet for downloading onto a user's computer, and then installed on the portable devices. The downloadable versions of the eBook could be sold for the same price as the hard copy book, \$6.00, and once the cost of conversion is recouped, the only further cost to GSO would be the processing fee associated with accepting credit card payment, usually 1% to 1.5% of the transaction value. In this market where novels and books of every description are available in eBook format, it makes sense to offer the same to AA members who wish to avail themselves of this format. It also would be a new source of revenue for the GSO."

An explanation of this motion was submitted to the Now and Then for publication in the October issue. After some discussion, it was clarified that the motion simply asks that the General Service Conference consider making the Big Book available in eBook format. MMS to approve motion. Motion carried.

Conference Reports:

- **Spring 05** – The final financial report was provided to the Assembly. Conference net income was \$3408.15 and was dispersed as follows: \$1704.08 to Area 74. \$852.04 to GSO. \$8521.03 to District 10.

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- **06 Unity Conference** – Dodie reported that things were progressing well. It will be July 7-9, 06 at the Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.
- **Fall 05** – Mark reported that the Fall Conference went well. The DCM sharing session was especially good and Mark wrote an article for the Now and Then published in October about it.
- **Spring 07** – District 11 bid on the conference. May 15, 16 and 17th in Phillips, WI. MMS to accept District 11's bid. Motion carried.
- **Fall 07** – District 13 bid on this conference. Ashland, WI. MMS to accept District 13's bid. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Finance Committee** – Steve presented the Area Officers and Standing committees Budget. The 2006 budget was listed as \$12, 876.00. The 2005 Budget was listed as \$12,900.00 and the total paid out Jan. through Aug. of 05 was \$7482.22. The Finance Committee presented the 2006 proposed budget. There was much discussion about the budget, what is a prudent reserve?, and the carry over balance. MMS to change Budget from a calendar year to an October 1st, through September 30th fiscal year. Motion withdrawn. MM from Finance Committee as follows: “1. The Finance committee reviewed the 2006 budget based on the Financial Report January 2005 thru August 2005. The committee also looked at the financial Request Guidelines for Officers and Committee Chair expenses. These expenses are reimbursement for gas, lodging, meals and registration for attending assemblies and conferences. The committee moved to increase the Officers/Committee Chairs expenses from \$400 to \$500 due to the increase in gasoline and lodging costs. This would reflect a \$1400.00 dollar increase to the 2006 budget. The committee reviewed the standing committee budgeted expenses for 2006. The committee's budgets were adjusted to offset the \$1400.00 dollar increase in officers and committee chair expenses. The 2005 committee expenses used year to date were significantly lower than budgeted. 2. Regarding Conference advisory actions of the 55th General Service conference it was recommended that in the interest of self support, Area contributions for Delegate expenses be increased from \$800 to \$1200 effective with the 2006 Conference. This would reflect a \$400 increase in our 2006 budget. Yours in service, Steve H. Area 74 Finance Chair”. Motion Carried. MMS to approve Budget. Discussion. Motion failed. MMS to table budget discussion until reported in the Now and Then. Motion failed. Discussion and adjustments made to 2006 proposed Budget. MMS to accept 2006 Budget as adjusted (see last page of minutes for adjusted budget). Motion carried.
- **Archivist** – Mark reported that they are doing interviews of Old-timers. Randy O. and Tom C. are interviewing and taping them. GSO requested Area 74 history for the International and it was sent to Toronto. Mark volunteered at the booth at the International. The GSO Archivist has left. Area 74 history needs to be updated. There is a need for an access to archives policy.
- **Corrections Wisconsin** – Daryl reports that there was a workshop in Wausau. They hope to attract more people to taking the message of AA into institutions. There was twice the normal attendance and three great panelists. Very Good Workshop!!! Daryl says thanks for allowing him to serve.
- **Corrections Michigan** – Larry W. reports that correctional facilities in the UP have had budget cuts and staff that had been receptive to AA is now worried about their jobs and have things on hold. Larry receives 4-6 emails weekly on questions and referrals. He has some contact names for the new UP MI Chair position.
- **CPC** – Dave Z. reports that in July Area 74 again participated in the National Wellness Conference in Stevens Point. There was a Workshop in Phillips with PI and CPC combined. Approximately 40 attended. There will be a workshop in Chippewa Falls on November 12th.
- **Grapevine** – Ted L. reports that the Grapevine has developed a “GrapeBall meeting. These meetings were held at several regional forums over the last year. A GrapeBall meeting has been arranged to take place at the East Central Regional Forum on Friday, November 4th from 5-6pm. It works like this: A purple ball is tossed into the group and who ever catches it shares how the Grapevine or a particular story in the Grapevine aided them in their recovery. After the person speaks, he or she tosses the ball into the group again.
- **Now and Then:** - Ted provided a financial report and an activity report on the Now and Then to the Assembly. He stated that the total cost each is \$.59 now versus the last report period which was \$.69 each. They have updated the mailing list and can sort by GSR, DCM and zip code. They have requested that the PI committee review the possibility of posting the N&T on the Area website with no response as yet. They

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hope to produce the N&T in Word so that it can be emailed. He reminded Area Committee chairs to please supply an article annually.

- **Literature** – Bob D. gave the following financial report for the Literature Committee.

Beginning Balance:	Ending Balance:
10/23/04	10/22/05
1679.46 Literature Inventory	\$2155.90 Literature Inventory
<u>879.71</u> In Bank Account	<u>409.35</u> In Bank
2559.17 Total Assets	2565.25 Total Assets

Activity - \$817.70 Total Literature Sales \$1292.14 Total Literature Purchased.

- **Public Information and Webmaster** – Combined report provided to all at the Assembly and will be published in the N&T and on the Area Website.
- **Treatment** - Dodie reports that committees at the District levels have been great! Congratulations to Keith on being new Chair.

DCM Reports:

District 01 – no report

District 02 - Keith reports that there are approximately 35-40 in attendance at District meetings. They have a newsletter, monthly intergroups, a central office, and are looking at the size of the District to determine if it should be split.

District 03 – Cindy reports that there are 11 registered groups. they had a workshop/seminar on Sponsorship and over 60 were in attendance. Committees are small but active. They share intergroups with adjacent districts.

District 04 – no report

District 05 – Chris reports that there 40-45 registered groups. 8-10 at district meetings. Mary Jo R. is new DCM. PI committee is very active. Corrections and Treatment are doing a lot of good work. CPC is doing well getting the message to Professionals who work with the Alcoholic.

District 06 – Brenda says that there are 14 meetings and 8 at district meetings. They had a service dance and there were 40 in attendance. They use the pink can plan for corrections. They have purchased literature for the prison. They are very thankful that they have finally gotten a pager after a 3 year discussion.

District 07 – Ken reports that they have members going in to the jails and treatment centers to spread the message. 6-8 GSR's at monthly meetings.

District 08 – Steve says that they have 41 active groups. There are usually 15 at district meetings. The Cell phone is getting going. They again hosted the Corrections Workshop. The pot luck speaker meetings are monthly. The weekend big book seminar will be Feb 10-12, 2006. Randy O., Robin O., and Jeff are contacts for that. Steve introduced the new district officers.

District 09 – Terrance introduced the new district Officers. There are 40 meetings in the district. Corrections is doing well and they are in 4 jails and have them well stocked with literature. PI/CPC is doing well... They have a tape library and are working on getting CD's. Archives have a good collection of information. All volunteers are doing well in these positions.

District 10 – Paul expressed that District 10 is blessed to host the Assemblies. There are 20-30 in attendance at District 10 meetings. There is a new Women's meeting in Three Lakes. Paul introduced the newly elected officers in District 10. They also hosted the Spring Conference. Corrections is doing well.

District 11 – Cliff reports that they have AA literature racks in libraries and clinics etc. They are hosting the 2006 Delegates Workshop and the 07 Spring Conference.

District 12 – Maynard reported that there are 22 active meetings and 2 at the jail. They are doing well.

District 13 – Marty reports that they are continuing the work of putting the district back together that they have done over the last two years. They have 24 meetings – 18 groups - and 10-13 in attendance at District meetings. All committee positions are filled. They have formatted their budget to match the Area's. They are scheduling a couple of workshops. The Ashland inpatient facility is empty right now.

District 14 – Jim reports that they are struggling to get GSR's for their groups. He asks "how do we light a spark under them?" There were no flyers sent out for the speaker (Torv) that they had scheduled so it didn't happen.

District 15 – no report

District 16 – no report

District 17 - Larry reports that there are 34 meetings in the District. Their election meeting is next week. He has served 4 out of 5 of the last DCM terms. He wants to concentrate on sponsorship. In district 17 they have "three county jails, a VA Hospital, two treatment facilities, a prison farm, an Alano club and a few drunks".

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District 18 – Dale indicates that there are 50 meetings in the district and they have 15-20 in attendance at their District meetings. They have a maximum security prison, a treatment facility, a VA Hospital and a county jail with meetings in them. They have a traveling intergroup monthly with 100-200 in attendance. They will host the Fall 06 Conference. Three old-timers have shared their stories for the archives. They have a speaker meeting the 3rd Saturday of every month.

District 19 - Vicky states that GSR participation at District meetings is a challenge. No one showed last month. Vicky is the incoming DCM. They have 17 meetings in the district and have had a Big Book Study and are planning a workshop on the importance of homegroup membership.

District 20 – Lyle reports that there is no corrections meeting in Munising but there is one in Newberry. There are 16 meetings in the district and they have 2 new hotels so there is the possibility of hosting a conference.

District 21 – Mike indicates that there are 15-18 meetings in the district and one GSR at the last district meeting. He hopes to see more in the future. They have grapevine materials on tape and CD available. Prison and jail meetings are happening and they are providing coffee and literature.

District 22 – Ram says they have a lot of room for growth. They have great attendance at district meetings, an intergroup every March and the Washington Island retreat annually. They now have their first Delegate from their district – Jeff C. The corrections office/jail in Sturgeon Bay will have two meetings in it.

District 23 – Mark said the Fall Conference that they hosted was great. Mark put an article in the Now and Then about the DCM sharing session. They use the Box 459 and Now and Then at District Meetings to give updates. They have 23 groups in the district. They share a jail meeting with Dist 24. They are struggling to get GSR participation.

District 24 – Ed is the newly elected DCM. He introduced the new officers. They are working on two workshops talking about the difference between AA and Alano Clubs. They participated in a wellness fair and work with the Ladysmith and Baron county jails. There are 15 groups in the district.

Delegates Report: Torv expressed thanks to outgoing service representatives and a welcome to the newly elected ones. He indicated that this has been a tremendous experience for him to serve. Torv talked about the Regional Forum and asked if the Area would pay the bill for the coffee. Assembly OK'd this. Torv gave some statistics on our seventh Tradition. In 2002 25% of Groups contributed to GSO. Now 22% contribute. It is the DCM's responsibility to educate GSR's about this Tradition. Torv had information vial letter from Greg Muth that the feedback on the International was positive. Financial results seem to be positive. GSO Rotation of staff assignments has been completed. "The spirit of rotation is very important." Torv is moving to Grapevine Chair and is looking forward to it. Torv gave an overview of the planned activities for the Regional Forum in Houghton, MI in November.

Report of Fall Elections: Jeff introduced the newly elected officers and committee chairs and indicated that the list will be published in the January Now and Then.

Conference Updates: Since much information was previously given and due to time constraints the Assembly was notified that flyers for upcoming conferences were on the table at the entrance to the room.

Old Business: No old business presented.

New Business:

- Jeff took nominations from the floor for Unity Conference Co-Chair for 2007. Bob D. nominated and declined. Ron O. nominated and elected by unanimous vote.
- Jeff took nominations from the floor for Corrections Co-Chair UP MI. There were no nominations - this service position remains open.
- MMS to begin the term of office for a newly elected Area 74 Secretary/Registrar on November 1st following the Fall Election Assembly. Motion carried.
- MMS that Area 74 change the financial Guidelines to reimburse both corrections chair persons for their travel expenses at the same rate as other standing committee chairs. Motion withdrawn
- MMS from the Area finance committee that \$750.00 be set aside for Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to reimburse them for attendance at the East Central Regional Forum held November 4, 5 and 6, 05. Motion carried.
- There was a letter submitted entitled "Area 74 Conferences, Service or Fun?" This was not in the form of a motion and was tabled for discussion at the Spring Assembly.

MMS and seconded to adjourn at 4:50 PM

Respectfully submitted Kathy K. Area 74 Secretary/Registrar

Area 74 Budget 2006

(includes adjustments made at Fall Assembly 2005)

Income:	
Balance Forward	\$ 822.00
Group Contributions	13,500.00
Conference Seed Returned	2,000.00
Conference contributions	750.00
Assembly/Other	1,500.00
Total Income:	\$18,572.00

Expenses:		
Delegates Expense	\$2,600.00	
GSO Delegate Expense	1,200.00	
Conference Seed	2,000.00	
Assembly Expense	1,500.00	
Now & Then	4,826.00	
Delegates Service Workshop	150.00	
Officers/Committee Chairs	6,800.00	
Committee Expenses	3,200.00	
• Archives		800.00
• Finance		200.00
• Grapevine		100.00
• Literature		100.00
• Public Information		500.00
• Treatment		200.00
• Corrections		500.00
• Secy/Registrar		200.00
• Area Chair		350.00
• CPC		250.00
Total Expenses:	22,276.00	
BUDGET DEFICIT		(\$3704.00)

Area 74 Spring Assembly April, 01, 2006

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dodie called the Assembly to order at 9:03 and welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Tom G. read the Traditions. Tammy C. read the Concepts. Dodie reviewed the Area guidelines for the Assembly and then recognized past delegates who were present. The group recognized Area 74 AA's who had serious illnesses or who had died the past year, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Assistant Secretary/Registrar Ellen P. took roll call. All districts except for Districts 01, 12 and 23 had DCMs or Alternate DCMs present. Jeff asked that all DCMs/Alternate DCMs please check the master list that Ellen had to verify that their contact information is correct. Dodie made a motion to accept the roll call. The motion was seconded and carried. No one opposed the motion or abstained from voting.

Treasurer's Report:

MMS to accept the Minutes of the fall assembly and the Delegates Workshop as printed in the Now and Then. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented and a discussion followed about why a budget needed to be submitted for each committee. The Finance chair explained that the reason would become clear during the Finance committee report. Jeff C. requested that the item in the quarterly report under Other Income be changed from Mary Jo R. to DCM 05. MMS to accept the report as corrected. Motion carried

Nominations/Elections

- **Corrections Chair, MI:** Nominations were opened for the Corrections Chair, Michigan. Eric L. nominated Dylan N. from District 02, who accepted the nomination. Tina moved to close the nominations. Eric seconded and the motion carried. Dylan spoke about his AA service experience. The majority voted in favor of electing Dylan to the position. One member was opposed, and no one abstained. The minority chose not to speak.
- **Finance Committee Member:** Tina nominated Theresa M. from District 02, and Theresa accepted the nomination. Dan L. from District 18 was nominated but declined the nomination. Jeff O. from District 08 was nominated and accepted. Torv nominated Tom G. from District 18, who declined the nomination. Eric L. moved to close the nominations, and Roger W. seconded the motion, which was carried. Theresa and Jeff both spoke about their service experience in AA and then left the room. By simple majority voting, Theresa M. won the election.

Area 74 Standing Committee Reports

(See the March issue of the Now & Then for the minutes of the Delegates workshop)

- **CPC**
- **Corrections**
- **Finance**
- **Grapevine**
- **Literature**
- **Public Information**
- **Treatment**
- **Archives**
- **Ad Hoc**
 - **Agenda**
 - **Policy/Admissions**
 - **Report and Charter**

- Trustees
- International Conventions/Regional Forums

DCM Reports

- **District 01** – no representative
- **District 02 by Roger W.:** District 02 has approximately 120 groups. All chair and officer positions are filled, including DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Alternate Treasurer, Archives chair, Corrections chair, Grapevine Chair, Newsletter Chair, Public Information Chair and Treatment Chair. The district has a website. Recently, it hosted a Treatment Workshop. In April, it's hosting a Corrections Workshop on April 21. The Moose and Goose Annual Corrections Literature Fundraiser will be on April 29. The District is currently looking into redistricting.
- **District 03 by Jack:** The district has 11 groups; the biggest difficulty is finding those willing to do service work, even at the group level. Out of 11 groups, 5 don't have GSRs. The district has no alt. DCM or Treasurer and Only one committee chairperson (PI Committee). Without those willing to do service, not much gets accomplished.
- **District 04 by John S. (alt)** – District 03 has 20+ meetings. They do have a website, which has contributed to them receiving hotline phone calls outside the area. This raises the question: is that costing the district more money? The district GSRs meets monthly. They also just have one committee chair (PI). Although the creation of these committee positions would create many service opportunities, they are not getting a response. The attendance at GSR mtgs has been improving. The main issue/concern the District has is blog report that certain practices by GSO go against traditions (practices resulting in copyright lawsuits, etc).
- **District 05 by Mary Jo:** The District is still trying to figure out the precise number of registered groups; it's between 40-60 groups. The district's active committees include Treatment, Public Information, Corrections, and CPC. PI/CPC workshops are scheduled for the weekend of April 8th. Although they are being driven by individuals, not committees, Literature, Grapevine and Archives are all active. The district has a website, which has been beneficial; they receive many hits on their meeting list. About 20 people attend the monthly district meeting. The district's biggest concern is how to get more people active in the district and in service in general.
- **District 06 by Scott:** District 06 has active chairs for its committees. The Public Information committee has been sending out info to clergies. The district is trying to provide literature to groups to help with costs. In terms of corrections service, the district has a tin can plan to raise money for corrections literature and does have members bring meetings to the jail. They do have a need for people to speak in facilities. On April 22nd, the Search Group is hosting a workshop from 1-4 PM.
- **District 07 by Doug:** The District currently has active meetings in eight towns, all of which are smoke-free and 50% of which are wheelchair-accessible. At the last monthly GSR meeting, the district finalized an up-to-date meeting list, which will be forwarded to Area 74 for posting on the Area website. Although there are no committee chairs, district members have been doing Treatment and Corrections work. Members of the district, along with members of the neighboring district, District 03, have been holding treatment center and jail meetings on a regular basis. The use of Joe and Charlie tapes at the Friday night Big Book meeting in Marshfield at the Alano Club has sparked a new interest in recovery through the Big Book. The GSR attendance at monthly meeting in has improved.
- **District 08 by Jessi Z.:** The district has approximately 40 meetings, about ¾ of the meetings are represented. The GSRs meet monthly, and all committees have chairs and co-chairs except for the Treatment Committee. Alano Club newsletters are emailed. The district switched from answering service to a cellphone. There have been growing pains, but the switch is working well and has saved money. Jessi tries to be approachable at the grassroots level and urges members who have a problem to come to the GSR meeting; each meeting has about 20 people in attendance. Jessi has been distributing

folders with group information and Area information at meetings. The district maintains literature racks at the University, Tech school and hospitals. On April 29th, there will be a Pot Luck speaker meeting at 6 pm, which will include mini-speakers on sponsorship, home groups, and 12 Step work. The district is getting back into the Central Wisconsin traveling Intergroup and will be hosting it on Saturday, August 12th.

- **District 09 by Terry:** The district has 43 registered groups. GSR meetings are once a month; an average of over 20 people attend. Active committees and chairs include: Public Information, Corrections, Newsletter, Archives and Grapevine. The district's website is www.district09aa.org. Currently, the district is working to come up with guidelines for the district and is working off of the Area 74 guidelines. Bridging the gap volunteers are needed. At district meetings, the groups covers one concept a month. Tammy the DCM is hoping to see a comic section in the Chronicle (the Newsletter).
- **District 10 by Joann:** The district covers 9 counties. At the district meeting, the group voted in new committee chairs for Public Information, Cooperation with Professional Communities, Treatment and Corrections. The district has a hotline and a website (www.northwoodsaa.org), which have been instrumental in carrying the message. Members are working on new bylaws for the district based on the Traditions, Concepts and General Service Manual. The next GSR meeting is on April 8 at 8:30 am.
- **District 11 by Jug:** District members recently started going into the jail about 6 months ago and are open to tips, suggestions, etc. The district is hosting the Spring Conference next year and so far has 6 chairs for the conference. The last GSR meeting didn't have a good turn out. There are only about 7 or 8 active meetings. The district has a voice mail hotline in the Phillips area, which is going well. Cliff is planning an outing for all the Public Information and CPC members: a pontoon boat ride. The district is happy to be hosting the Spring Conference and hopes to get enough workers.
- **District 12:** No representative
- **District 13 by Marty:** located at the top of the state, District 13 stretches from Minnesota to Michigan and includes 17-groups with 25 meetings. The last couple of years, the district has been growing and has a core group of people who do service work. The district is short on funds, but this is because members of the groups need to be educated on contributions. The meetings are relatively small and can be 20 to 80 miles away from each other. The district is working in 2 jails, and groups sponsor the different jails – support is growing slowly but surely. Leroy has been promoting Bridging the Gap in the district, which has been working wonders and is a great example of how the Area is working in the districts. The district provides meetings for one inpatient treatment facility, as well as outpatient facilities. The 2007 Fall Conference is in Ashland and will provide an opportunity for the district to grow and to unite.
- **District 14:** No representative
- **District 15 by Dick:** District 15 is in the process of doing a district inventory. Attendance at GSR meetings is improving. Two committee chair positions are filled, and the district expects to fill the rest. The district will be having booths at two county fairs, and members are currently planning an old-timer recognition event, which they've had in the past and which has been successful.
- **District 16 by John S.:** District 16 has around 13 groups with 15 mtgs and 5-6 active GSRs. Meetings are pretty small and average about 5 or 6 people per meeting (larger meetings tend to be made up of people from treatment centers). The district just started an open meeting, and members have been going to jails. One challenge for the district is that quite a few treatment center people come from elsewhere than the U.P., but the district works hard to get them connected to A.A.s on the outside. The district is trying to get more organized, which is a challenge with so few people;
- **District 17 by Steve S.:** When the DCM got elected, a member of the district asked, "How did you get screwed into that?" He discovered that that's the attitude in the district. It's been 8-10 years since a DCM had been to meetings in Iron Mountain. He made a commitment to visit each group, and, by so doing, has tripled/quadrupled active GSRs. Additionally, contributions to the district have tripled. Ultimately, the groups didn't have

direction, and, now that they do, things are getting done. Specifically, the district has a website with meetings listed, a newsletter; and, as of recently, a corrections committee. The district also currently has a Public Information committee and is working to form CPC, Literature and Finance committees. The DCM is willing to spend time to meet with group members, and things going great. GSR meetings have been renamed District meetings so everyone knows they're welcome, and they've begun rotating them. The district is still having problems with commitments to service work. The DCM has encountered unwillingness to change but is working on placing principles before personalities and gaining trust at the group level. Additionally, he has encountered many members with no home groups or sponsors.

- **District 18 by Andy:** District 18 includes Marquette County and has approximately 50 meetings. The average attendance at district meetings is about 15-20 people. The district has a website and a hotline with voicemail. District members are bringing meetings into jails and the prisons, as well as into the hospital, although the hospital is going to be shutting down its treatment center. Three old timers contributed to the archives. The district has a new CPC chair. At GSR meetings, they've begun to do a concept each month. The meetings have been getting new membership, and the district is coming alive, thanks in part to the members with district service positions dividing all of the district's meetings amongst themselves and attending all 50 groups. They asked for contacts or representatives at every meeting. The district still struggles to get people involved, but, as Andy concluded, "If you want what I have, do what I do."
- **District 19 by Vickie:** District 19 has 10 registered groups and a total of 20 meetings each week in Delta County, but there may be more groups in the northern part of the district of which the DCM is unaware. Jail meetings have been hindered by jail keepers not letting inmates attend the meetings. The GSR meetings have about 2-3 people attending, but minutes are sent to each group's treasurer. The district is sponsoring a June 10 Workshop on Sponsorship and Home groups in Escanaba/Gladstone area. The Gladstone area Tuesday night meeting and Escanaba morning group have been going strong, but the other groups are rather weak because of people leaving for the winter. Vickie will report on the northern part of the district at the fall assembly. Currently, the district has CPC, Public Information and Grapevine chairs, as well as a treasurer and secretary. The Delta Alano club in Gladstone has educational series every several months. Lastly, District 19 has an AA hotline answering machine that provides contact phone numbers.
- **District 20 by Lyle:** A Big Book study started in the district at 2 pm on Saturdays. A Friday meeting returned to a 12&12 format. Young people in the district are really getting into Big Book. The district has 7 groups with 15 meetings and 6 active GSRs, all of whom are involved and informed. GSR meetings have had low attendance, but, hopefully with a change in time, attendance will improve.
- **District 21 by Mike:** Since the last GSR meeting, a new group has been started. District 21 has 16 groups with 19 meetings. Many groups in the district are struggling financially and not able to support service structure. The district has had 3 different secretaries in past year/year in a half. The positions of secretary & treasurer were combined but there haven't been any reports lately. One member in the district kept corrections going, but he recently resigned to support his group. The Grapevine chair is out of commission. The district had a new PI/CPC chair, to whom the district gave a stack of literature to 5 months ago, but they haven't heard from him sense. Dorothy from District 21 is interested in Treatment work and getting speakers to go into recovery centers. The district meets monthly and alternates between the north and south end of district for meeting locations. Presently, the district is working at getting meeting lists printed and maintaining the phone line.
- **District 22 by Jim:** District 22 has 19 groups with 28 meetings. A new group meets in Luxembourg. GSR meetings are rotated and are held bi-monthly. District 22 brings meetings to the jail, and a women's group is about to start in jail. There has been lots of cooperation from the lieutenants. The fourth annual intergroup was held this past week: "Spring into Sobriety." The district has a website. A new public information chair was

elected, and the district's meetings listed in local paper. The district is planning a "Keep it Simple" retreat focusing on 3rd and 11 steps.

- **District 23:** No representative
- **District 24 by Ed B.:** The number of meetings in District 24 has dwindled from about 27 meetings to about 12 meetings for which the district has up-to-date information. The district currently has a corrections chair, and two men's meetings and one women's meeting are being brought into the jail. Two groups within the district moved to other districts, and five just don't know what they want to do. The district has begun collecting information for a workshop it hopes to sponsor later in the year to define difference between AA and Alano clubs.

Conference Updates

- **Fall Conference 2005:** no report
- **East Central Regional Forum 2005.** no report
- **Unity Conference 2006:** The Conference will be on July 7- 9. Support is there for this year's conference, but no one knows what's happening next year. Currently guidelines say that East Central Regional be in conjunction with Unity; Area 75 has moved that from Unity Conference to Fall Conference; has stepped out of guidelines; East Central Regional 2007; motion; withdraw proposal to hold it in spring
- **Spring Conference 2006:** District 01 is hosting the Conference, which will be in Green Bay on May 19-21. One of the speakers dropped out, but Micheline Flowers will be speaking (she's on the "speakers' circuit" and uses her full name to identify herself). The prices for the hotel rooms are only good until mid April.
- **Fall Conference 2006:** At the last planning committee, over 30 people showed up. There will be a Young People's Panel, and the conference committee is currently looking for people from outside District 18, the hosting district, to be on the panel. Please talk with Dan for more information. Speakers include Keith and Sue Drum and Bob Mayer as a spiritual speaker. Allison G. and Matt H. are serving as treasurer-and co-treasurer. The committee is currently working on getting people involved.

Reports

- **Area Archivist:** He attended a conference in November 2005 in St. Louis; the emphasis was on history. He provided Area 74 history. Currently, the he doesn't have much in way of display materials. Joe and Charlie had a display at the conference, and both spoke about the history of their Big Book seminars;
- **Now and Then:** Greg, the co-editor, reported that for the last issue 650 were printed and about 600 were mailed out. Income from subscriptions was \$67 and from flyers was \$50. Dodie asked if he was starting to receive articles from standing chairs, to which he replied no.
- **Webmaster:** Leroy presented the Area 74 activity report and it will be posted on the Area 74 website for all to see.
- **Registrar:** no report

Bids

- **Delegate's Workshop 2007:** The following districts submitted a bid:
 - District 17 and 19 cohost (Iron Mountain or Escanaba)
 - District 13 in Ashland Area
 - District 02 in Fox Valley Area
 - District 18 in Marquette AreaBy simple majority, District 02 won the bid to have the workshop in the Fox Valley area.
- **Spring Conference 2008:** District 02 submitted, and won, the only bid.

Old Business

- At the last assembly, a member of District 14 had asked if area conferences are for business or fun. A lengthy discussion followed in which several points were brought up,

including the fact that the last business meeting held at a conference was in Fall of 1991, but, lately, the Area seems to be conducting more and more business at Conferences.

- Dodie presented the Area Guidelines as revised by the Ad Hoc committee. No major changes were made; wording was just slightly altered. No one had any opposition to the changes.

New Business

- District 18 made a request from the Finance Committee for \$1000 for 2006 Fall Conference seed money. Disbursement of this \$1000 would put the Area's checking account below the prudent reserve of \$3000 (the balance would be approximately \$2700). All but one finance committee member supported disbursement in full; the other supported disbursement of \$500 now and a mailing of \$500 when it becomes available. Tina, on behalf of the Finance Committee, made the following motion: "Finance Committee would like to make a motion to disburse the \$1000 in full to allow District 18 to have the seed money for Fall Conference – even though we would temporarily be below our prudent reserve (with this body's approval." There was no discussion on the motion. The motion was seconded. All were in favor; no one opposed or abstained.
- Torv made the following motion: "We propose opening up bids to host the Spring Assembly (first Saturday in April) and the Fall Assembly (second Saturday in October) after [other] commitments [are] already in place." The motion was seconded. By simple majority, the motion carried. When the minority was given the opportunity to speak, Tina McG. pointed out that April 2007 may be a bit too soon to plan something and the fact that Three Lakes is centrally located. A couple voting members changed their vote, so discussion was reopened. After further discussion, the motion failed to carry, and the Assemblies will remain at their current locations.
- Dodie brought up that the Area has been asked if it would like to invite a Class A Trustee from the Chicago area to the next Assembly. Dodie needed to get a sense of the meeting, since Class A Trustees are non-alcoholic and the Assembly is considered a closed meeting. The sense of the meeting was that the Area is in favor of inviting the Trustee. Torv pointed out that there might be some expense in inviting a Class A trustee, and Tina confirmed that the budget doesn't account for that expense.
- The donations for the Assembly totaled \$850.90, which covered all expenses but the rent.
- Tina suggested donating money to the Area on your sobriety birthday as well as to the GSO.
- Don asked that any districts with bulk orders please let him know.
- Keith has Wisconsin Substance Abuse Directories available if anyone would like one.

We closed the meeting shortly after 4:30 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Terry Mckay
Ellen Peters
Area Secretary & Registrar

**Area 74 Fall Assembly
Three Lakes, WI
10/21/2006**

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dodie called the Assembly to order at 9:06 and welcomed everyone. The meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jackie read the Traditions. Theresa read the Concepts. Dodie reviewed the Area guidelines for the Assembly. The group recognized Area 74 AA's who had serious illnesses or who had died the past year, followed by a moment of silence. Past Delegates-Leonard D, Pnl 26; John H, Pnl 32; Dave R, Pnl 36; Chuck S, Pnl 42; Tom C, Pnl 46; John C, Pnl 48; Bob M, Pnl 50; Ted L, Pnl 52; Torv T, Pnl 54.

Roll Call

Secretary/Registrar Terry M. took roll call. All districts except for Districts 12 and 19 had DCMs or Alternate DCMs present. All Officers and Area Chairpersons except Dylan N, Correction- MI were present. Dodie made a motion to accept the roll call. The motion was seconded and carried. No one opposed the motion or abstained from voting.

Secretary's Report:

MMS to accept the Minutes of the Fall Conference as printed in the Now and Then.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The report was presented and a MMS to accept the report as presented. Motion carried

Conference reports:

Fall Conference 2005 – no report

Spring Conference 2006- 418 registered, 100 Lunches, 310 Dinners, 120 Breakfasts with a profit of \$409.84 after the seed money was returned.

Unity Conference 2006- 206 registered, this is the final Unity Conference so all monies were dispersed with a profit of \$589.46.

Fall Conference 2006- 273 registered, 234 Dinners, 107 breakfasts with a profit of \$595.87 after the seed money was returned.

Bids for the Fall Conference 2008- District 04 Stevens Point, submitted a bid, but did not have any details as to date, price and room costs. A discussion ensued as to what we required in a bid. MMS to the bid as presented. Further discussion followed and when the question was called, the motion failed. The chairperson asked Dist 04 to bring back more details to the spring assembly.

Bids for the Delegate's workshop 2008- District 06 presented a bid to host the workshop at the Methodist Church in Chippewa Falls on March 8, 2008. District 24 presented a bid to host the workshop at the Alano Club in Chetek on March 8, 2008. The club will seat 160 people. District 13 submitted a bid to host the workshop at the Presbyterian Church on March 8, 2008. After a very close vote District 24 will host the workshop.

Area 74 Standing Committee Reports

- **Finance**- Tina M presented the 2007 Area proposed budget. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was suggested that the treasures report and the proposed budget use the same terms so that it would be easier to compare them. Several people stated that in business a deficit budget like this would not be accepted. Tina stated that the Finance committee would work with the Treasurer to try and have the terms the same. It was stated that this was just a projected budget, to give the groups an idea as to what was needed in the way of support. The projected income is based on six months income and based on the actual income this year the total will probably be higher. It was stated that unless the groups provide more financial support the proposed budget would not be seen as balanced and

some of the services would have to be cut. Further discussion ensued after a short break and the question was called as the proposed budget came out of the committee as a motion. A vote was taken to call the question, which passed. The motion to accept the proposed budget passed with substantial unanimity.

- **Archives** - Eric L. reported that archives was working to establish guidelines for the oral histories and explained that the proposed budget was high since additional software and a scanner is required to save the information in the best manner. Eric stated that a room for taping old timers at conferences is a must if we are to gather these histories.
- **Corrections**- Leroy O. stated that he attended the Area 74&75 corrections conference in Madison and made contacts fore bridging the gap. He received Grapevines that were prepared for correctional institutions. He attended the Unity conference and the Health and safety Fair in Lady Smith. The annual corrections conference was held in Wausau and they had Four speakers and time for questions. There is a great need for people to correspond with inmates. He received contributions form the annual Moose and Goose feed. Area 74 will host the Area 74&75 corrections conference in 2007. He is working on getting volunteers for the Stanley prison as presently the volunteers travel from Green Bay. A question was raised as to why the correction chair for Michigan was from Wisconsin. Several people stated that there were no volunteers from Michigan at the time of the elections and stated that Dylan was doing an excellent job and is helping to get the corrections going.
- **Literature**- Don D. stated that the books are sold at cost and the monies used to reorder books. He showed the new catalog and stated that the material contained in the pamphlets is the same, only the covers are different.
- **CPC**- Chris D. stated that he attended a notional Wellness Conference at Stevens Point, the booth was displayed for four days and approximately 120 people stopped at the booth.
- **Treatment**- Keith V. Stated that there is going to be a Treatment and PI workshop in District 02, In Appleton , St Joseph Church, 404 W Lawrence St Time 9:00am to 2:00pm. He has been in contact with Area 75 for bridging the gap. He has an active committee and they are willing to put on workshops, just contact him. If you have a request for bridging the gap, just contact him and he will forward it. His phone number is 920-7667000 or cell 470-4314.
- **Lunch @12:05pm**
- **Panel Discussion**-By Vince K. Class "A" Trustee and Bob M. Class "B" Trustee
Vince K. started the presentation with his presentation from the GSO Conference in spring, showing the key aspects of our financial position. He used a power point slide presentation. The purpose of the presentation is to show where we are and where we are going. The first slide showed that the cost to operate the General Service office in 2005 was about 2.3 % less that in 2004. The second slide showed that Functional operating expenses were about \$5.92 per member or \$132.51 per group and in 2005 the costs decreased to \$5.75 per member or \$128.18 per group and the projected costs will increase to \$6.25 per member or \$139.42 per group. The group services followed the same pattern. The next slide showed a bar chart of the group contribution history which indicates that the percentage of increases is slowing down. The total dollars seems to be higher with the number of groups contributing is lower. He noted that of all the GSO offices only Ireland is the totally self supporting office. The AAWS publishing continues to be the source of substantial support for our service work. A part of the increased profits came from better operating since we saved a substantial amount on paper in 2005. LA VINA continues to grow, but is not yet a profitable entity. The International convention was within 1% of the budget, which is excellent. The Financial overview showed that we should be continuing to be financially stable with the support of our publishing entity. The Reserve Fund slide shows that we are on the low end of acceptable operating balance at 8.7 months. Several factors affecting the Reserve Fund balance were the reduction of the "Big Book" cost with the publication of the 4th edition, restoration "BIG Book" price inn July 2004, increasing certain book prices in July 2005 and accomplishing cost reductions at

GSO to lower annual operating costs. Some of the pleasant surprises included literature sales exceeded the budget, manufacturing costs saving exceeded the budget and group contributions exceeded the budget even though the number of groups contributing was down. Some things to think about are- Higher prices will result in fewer pieces of literature being purchased and fewer alcoholics being reached, higher prices will create more opportunities for outside enterprises to print A.A. literature which could mean that services may have to be cut in the future. If we raise our contributions our service structure will remain stable and we will be able to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

Bob M. Class "B" Trustee- He talked about the "Delaria " program which will replace the "Delegate Area Program" as new way of doing business. It will be an internet accessible program to update the data base records. It will be ready in December of 2006 with training for the areas in March of 2007. It has a 4 factor security factor. Bob stated that we have lost the copyrights to the First edition of the 'Big Book", the second edition of the "Big Book" and the "12X12". When we talk our financial status it should be viewed as a spiritual event, not as our bottom line, but when each of us contributes in the basket. As a region our contributions to GSO are up 2% with 26% of the groups contributing. This begs the question "why are we not contributing". The Grapevine is doing well, both the English and LA VINA versions. The Grapevine is using the internet for Audio grapevines and Digital archives. There will be a Grapevine workshop in FonDuLac on November 10. The question was asked about a class A or Class B trustee being Chairman of the Board. The Bylaws state that either a class A or a class B trustee can be the chairman. One of the pro's for using a class B would be that it would provide a wider pool of candidates. The con's are that the chairman must possess certain skills, and that if a class B trustee was chairman it would change the composition of the board as a class A usually rotate to be the new chairman.

- **Committee reports continued**
- **Grapevine-** Torve T. News release will be publishing a new book titled "Emotional sobriety" the next frontier. The October issue has a story about the international WIAUPIAA convention in New Orleans and a story about Group Inventories.
- **PI-** Steve H. The committee worked on revising the Website guidelines at the Spring Conference. There will be a PI workshop in Chippewa Falls at the Alano Club 76 Hosted by District 06 on Nov 6 from 1-4pm. His committee will be willing to do workshops for any Districts who want to get started in PI. The PSA announcements have been sent to the TV stations all across the nation.
- **Tina M.** – She sent out a letter from the Finance Committee and that Finance committee would provide a workshop at the Area level.

Delegates Report-Jeff C. stated how fortunate we were to have the Trustees and so many of the Past Delegates to share their experience strength and hope with us. After checking with the Treasurer he reported that 18 to 19% of the groups contribute to the Area. He stated that there will be a Hispanic Forum on Nov. 4 in Kenosha, WI. And he pasted out Flyers for it. He talked about writing an article in the Now and Then about the need for a conference advisory board, even though the area committee is responsible for advising the conference committees of the area needs. He talked about some of the problems that have been brought to his attention, and he reminded us that we need to remember that we elect the people to serve and are responsible to help and guide them so that we can trust our servants. There are 95 people attending the assemble.

WIAUPIAA-Sara the Area 74 liaison reported that the next conference would be in Madison on Jan 18-19-20, 2007 She also stated that they were hoping to host a future conference in Green Bay again.

Break

Election- Finance committee member-Nominated were :

Dale A- district 18
Pam T.- Dist 16
Roger W.-Dist 02

Motion made and seconded to close the nominations. The motion carried. Each nominee was given time to state their credentials. A vote was taken and Pam T was elected.

DCM Reports

- **District 01** – John stated that finances were better, they had a Web master and were going into the Brown County jail.
- **District 02-Roger W-** the district has 124 groups and 2 hot lines. The district recently divided into 6 sub districts each with a LCM serving approximately 17 groups.
- **District 03 by Jack:** The district has 12 groups. Still having problems with service work, but they have 2 GSR's and an active PI committee. They are getting better. They are working with Wood County with a Drug court which has mandatory attendance at 3 AA meeting per week.
- **District 04 – Keith** – They had a picnic with over 100 people attending. They will be holding a service workshop on December 9. Their website is working. They have and answering service for 12 step calls, and interestingly they receive a lot of calls from out side of the Area. They are working on a bid for the 2008 Fall Conference.
- **District 05 by Mary Jo:** All standing committees active. They hold monthly district meetings. They will be holding a corrections workshop in January of 2007.
- **District 06 by Rhonda:** They meet the last Thursday of the month. They will be holding a PI workshop at the Alano Club 76. They have a pink can for corrections and have raised \$200.00. They have 3 to 4 GSR's at the District meeting. They have a pager for the Hot Line. They are going in the LA Phillips treatment center.
- **District 07 by Larry:** 26 Groups in the district. They have 6 or 7 GSR's for the district meetings. Planning a 4 step workshop in February.
- **District 08 by Randy O.:** they have 43 groups in the district. Recently registered 7 new groups. They hosted a corrections workshop that was well attended. Some of the groups are confused about were to send the contributions. All of the positions are filled. They recently hosted an intergroup where 4 past delegates spoke. .
- **District 09 by Karl:** The district has 47 meetings. They hold monthly district meeting the 1st Sunday of the month, with approximately 18 GSRs attending. They have 8 correctional meetings. They started a website and it seems to be working well.
- **District 10 by Dave:** They have 25 GSR's that attend the district meetings. The last year they had an adhoc committee that developed District guidelines. All The committees are active.
- **District 11 by Cliff:** Very small district so we have to ware many different hats, but it does not matter as long as we get the message out. Got into the county jail 1 year ago and now they are allowing more people into the jail. They have started a book fund so that anyone who needs a book can receive it.
- **District 12:** No representative
- **District 13 by Marty:** They have 24 groups in the district. They restarted the district 3 years ago and the offices ran for 3 years. They are working in treatment and corrections, but things are progressing.
- **District 14 by Jim R:** They hold district meetings the second Sunday of the month with about 4or 5 GSR's attending. They have 16 groups in the District. They are trying to get into Polk County Jail.
- **District 15 by Bruce:** They have a medallion store and a book store from GSO They have active PI and CPC chairs. They have a court advocate who is able to take inmates out to meetings.
- **District 16 by Pam T.:** District 16 has around 14 groups. They alternate the district meeting at different sites around the district. The hot line is working well. They held a n intergroup in October with a workshop. They have 3 active GSR's and are going into 2 county jails.
- **District 17 by Steve S.:** They have 38 meetings and 6 jail or prison meeting. . The district income is up from a year ago. They have a website working. This has been very good for Steve.

- **District 18 by Dale:** District 18 includes Marquette County and has approximately 50 meetings. They are going into 2 prisons and 1 county jail. The AA hotline is active. They have a volunteer list to go into detox and sit with patients. The CPC committee just started. They hosted the Fall Conference. They have a monthly speaker meeting as apart of the UP intergroup circuit. They have a website and a webmaster.
- **District 19:** None
- **District 20 by Lyle:** The district has 20 meetings and is taking meetings into The Newberry and Manistic jails. The district has 2 new meetings. They are also able to pick up people for meeting from the jail.
- **District 21 by Mike:** The district has 16 groups with 19 meetings. More of the meeting are using the Big Book. They have a treatment chair. They take meeting into one prison and 1 county jail. They keep their meeting lists updated.
- **District 22 by Hugh:** District 22 has 20 meetings. They have men and women going into the county jail. They have a website working. They are having and intergroup in March. July 13-14-15 they will have a spiritual weekend on Washington Island.
- **District 23:** No representative
- **District 24 by Ed B.:** They have 5 GSR's attending the district meeting which is about 30%. The district meeting is held the 3rd Saturday of the month and it rotates from Lady Smith and Chetek. They go into the Rusk County Jail. And have collected about \$500 for corrections material. They provide PI packets for health fairs. They provided business cards to the professionals with contact numbers for meetings.

Conference Updates

- **Delegates Workshop 2007:** The workshop will be on March 10, at the First Congregational Church at 724 East South River St., Appleton beginning at 9:00am.
- **Spring Conference 2007:** The Conference will be on May 18-19-20, 2007. It will be held at the Municipal Building in Phillips. Because they are a small district they will accept any help that people are willing to give
- **Fall Conference 2007:** The conference will be help at the Presbyterian Church in Ashland. Part of the conference will be at the American Inn. on September 14-15-16.
- **Spring Conference 2008:** The conference will be held on May 16-17-18 at the Best Western in Neenah. They have a theme picked out with all the committee chairs in place. The Hotel does not require any seed money.

Reports

- **Finance Committee:** Tina reported that the committee has received and reviewed three requests from committees that are outside the budget amounts and recommends that the following requests be approved: Literature- \$62.96; Corrections- \$182.63; and PI- \$17.00. The motion out of Committee was voted on and passed.
- **Now and Then:** Greg, the co-editor, reported that for the last issue 600 were mailed out at a cost of \$268.83. To date the cost is \$4162.14 and should be about \$4800.00 by the end of December. If the projections hold true the costs for 2007 should be about \$4800. They are trying to get the Now &Then available on e-mail, and if 100 copies were sent out by E-mail it would save the area about \$800per year. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month. You can contact the Now & Then at now&then@excite.com.
- **Webmaster:** Dave stated that the recently changed hosting services as there was a problem. The E-mail addresses on the site need to be typed in rather than being clicked on. The Site address is www.Area74.org. He submitted a bill for \$116.98 for 1 year of hosting service and 2 years of domain service

Old Business

- Jim R stated that when he first went to conferences he thought that they were just for fun, but as he was around he found that the Area business was being conducted and that we need to have the business meeting out in the open so that the new people learn about service. Dodie stated that the Area Guidelines state that there will be a place provided for the Area business meeting. .

- Dodie presented the Area Guidelines as revised by the Ad Hoc committee. No major changes were made; wording was just slightly altered. A lengthily discussion followed. No one had any opposition to the changes.
- The proposed guidelines for the website were presented. There was no discussion. A vote to accept the Website Guidelines was taken and It Carried. The minority opinion was heard and after discussion there was no request for a revote.

New Business

A motion was made that” The Area 74 Committee can/shall meet in Mid Summer 2007 at a date and place to be determined by the Area Committee. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

- Torv made the following motion: “We motion that all proceeds from the Area conferences go to the General Service Conference in addition to the \$1200.00 that we already send.” There was no second, so the motion died.
- The Spring Assembly will be March 31, 2007

We closed the meeting at 4:47pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Terry Mckay
Area Secretary & Registrar

Spring Assembly 3-312007
Three lakes, WI

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Dodie A. with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Phil read the traditions and Jackie read the Concepts. Dodie welcomed everyone. She asked the new GSR's who were attending for the first time to stand and be recognized and welcomed everyone. She introduced the past Delegates- Leonard D- pnl 26, Chuck S.- pnl 42, Tom C.-pnl46, Ted L.-pnl52 and Torv T.-pnl 54. Poll call was taken with Districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,16,17,18,20,21,22,&24 present. Area chairpersons present were Finance, Grapevine, Literature, PI, CPC, Corrections-WI, & Now and Then. Area officers present were Area Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report as presented in the Now and Then. Motion carried. Bill L. presented the Treasurer's report. There was a comment on the increase in contributions from September until the end of the year. The question was asked, how did the active committee expenses compare with the budget? Bill stated that all the committee's were below the budget. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Conference Reports:

Fall Conference 2005 – Dodie stated that the conference in Rice Lake had no representatives, but the conference had shown a loss of approximately \$1140.00.

Fall Conference 2006- Dan W. reported that the conference in Marquette had gone well.

Delegates' workshop 2007- Roger reported that the workshop in Appleton went well and was self supporting so there was no cost to the Area.

Bid for fall Conference 2008- Keith I. presented a bid from Dist. 04, The conference would be held in Stevens Point at the Country Spring Hotel the weekend of Oct 3-5. Approximate costs rooms-\$89.00, registration-\$15.00, Banquet- \$19.00, Sunday breakfast- \$11.00. Motion made and seconded to accept the bid based on the dates of Oct 3-5 as presented. Leonard asked that the agenda for the Fall assembly contain a discussion item as to how we determine what a conference is and what an assembly is .

Bid for the Spring conference 2009- Hugh M. presented a bid from Dist. 22 in Door county. The information was sketchy, so the proposal was tabled until further information could be provided.

Delegate's Report: Jeff expressed his appreciation to all the GSR's attending today. He said that he had several packets of information from GSO showing the current information as shown in the GSO data base. He asked that each DCM check the information and get the updated information to the Area registrar so that the data can be updated. The information can be sent back in either hard copy or by E-mail. The New Vision data program has been delayed until May when all the Area's will be placed on line at the same time. He stated that he was disappointed that only 10 DCM's were in attendance at the Delegates workshop. Jeff is looking at his part in the low attendance.

Jeff discussed his concern about the proposed changes by the Report and Charter committee to the use of Regional Trustees. They are proposing that the Regional Trustee's be eliminated and there be the same number of Trustee's only they would all be

Trustee's at large. This means that we could lose the Regional Trustee who is our voice. This seems to be an attempt by the general Service board to circumvent the Service structure. Concept I states that we the fellowship share the control of the conference. The concern is that if the General Service Board finds a way to bypass the service structure they could change AA. One of the problems seems to be that the General Manager is viewed as a hired position, but he seems to have gotten control of himself. He was hired for a 7 year term, and he is now at 8 years and they are not looking for a replacement for him. He sent out a survey to DCM's about eliminating the regional Trustee's in lieu of the trustee's at large, bypassing the Delegates.

Leonard D.- He will attempt to show the importance of the Regional Trustee's. He stated that his last service position was in 1977. For over 30 years he has heard from the groups that everything is wonderful, but he feels that everything is not that wonderful. In 1992 the circle and triangle debate ensued and the General Service Board began to think that they could bypass the conference by giving tighter control to the Grapevine Board and AAWS. We can regain control through the power of the purse. The grapevine uses the money they get from selling magazines and trinkets to do with as they want. The General Service Office controls the money we give. If we don't give they will need to find out why we aren't giving, thus returning the power to us. We need to understand Tradition II, that this is a spiritual program expressed through the group conscience and that our leaders are but trusted servants. Are we informed and familiar with the background. Bypassing the Delegate is wrong. In the November report you can see how far away from the voice we have gotten. Bill Wilson's idea's in the Concepts references the GSR's and their power. The Manager of the Grapevine and the Manager of AAWS have to make money. You and I are served by the chairman of the General Service board. If we have lost the power and authority we need to ask the hard questions. The proposal to eliminate the Regional trustee's was made by either an employee or the Chairman of the board and could destroy the service structure.

Jeff O. asked if it is time to replace the manager of General Service Office.

Torv T.- He has privileged info that he can't divulge. He feels that we should be looking for a new manager for the general Service Office. He feels that we do need the Regional Trustee's. He also feels that we are at a place where a class "B" Trustee could be the Chairman of the Board.

Ted L.- He Feels that we are letting AA go. We need to make the changes ourselves, not let others do it for us. We need to take ownership. He is concerned that the conference report does not reflect what is actually happening at the conference, because of how the report is written.

Tom C.- He is concerned about the reports and what is actually happening. He feels that we do need the regional Trustee's to be a voice for us.

Chuck S.- He feels that the GSO people are not taking anything away from us, we are giving it away, because we don't care.

Leonard D.- He said that because of what has happened behind the scenes, we do not have control of the Manager of the General service Office. He feels that there has become a seat of perilous power created in the AAWS office and the grapevine. He is looking at the background on whether a class "B" Trustee can be Chairman of the Board.

The question was raised as to what Jeff needs today to keep these things from happening in the future. Jeff stated that he is going to try to keep anything from happening at the conference on the Regional Trustee's.

We broke for lunch at 12:00pm.

Committee Reports

Archives- A) Reviewed Workbook- The committee reviewed the revised statement adopted Oct 30, 2006 and commented. There were many changes and additions for the workbook. Page 22- the committee approved the "Deed of Gift" form. Page 23-28: In the insertion of oral history collection guidelines, the committee felt that the wording was a little strong, referring to the "interrogator" and "informant, perhaps something more like "interviewer" or researcher or long term member. Page 32 They reviewed the scope and purpose addition and felt it was OK. Page 33- They reviewed the attached new paragraph and Okayed. Page 38- reviewed the researched record and card and Okayed. The committee felt that the change of historic to historical throughout the book was fine. Page 13- They felt that is was good to remove the term "high school". They reviewed the final report of the Archives recording and sound and Video policies.

Corrections:

1. We agree with the 5-10min. media presentation CD on AA for Corrections Personnel.
 - A. what AA is and is not
 - B. how to contact AA
 - C. an inmate's chances of maintaining sobriety on the outside are improved by participation in the AA program of recovery
 - D. correctional facilities usually regard AA as contributing to the objectives of their institution
2. Reviewed contents of kit and workbook
(No changes)
3. Stimulating interest in corrections twelfth step work
(Along with special meetings, workshops, ECT...) we recommend better sponsorship individually to get more AA people into service
4. Other subjects
(No other subjects discussed)

CPC:

The Area 74 Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Report from the 2007 Area 74 Delegate's Workshop

Robyn A., Alternate DCM District 03, Larry V., and Chris D., Area 74 CPC Committee Chair participated.

Agenda Item A: Review "Progress Report on Video Segments Directed to Professionals" from the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment Facilities.

Starting in April 2005, the committee considered a request to create a video for professionals in the employment/human relations, legal/criminal justice, and medical

fields with a cost not to exceed \$60,000. At this point, the thought was to stream these videos on GSO's AA website. As time has moved along, the Conference CPC Committee also made other considerations including how professionals can use AA as a resource and putting these segments on DVD to be used by local CPC committees for presentations and exhibits. By July 2006, the committee reviewed seven initial production proposals for these three segments.

At this time, three current trustees and one former trustee have been taped speaking spontaneously about their professional experiences with AA. These 'testimonials' will be the backbone of these videos along with an interweaving of scenes and voiceovers from fictional problem drinkers who went to AA due to a professional referral.

Scripts and rough drafts of the videos will be presented at the trustees' Committee July 29, 2007 meeting.

We also went over the CPC kit and workbook without finding any need for changes and discussed ways of stimulating interest in CPC service.

Finance Committee:

- A. **Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one time bequest) that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$2,000 to \$3,000.**
 - **The finance committee was in support of this request. This conclusion was made largely due to the fact that this amount has been reviewed historically every 7 years, and has been doubled on nearly every occasion that it was reviewed. The last time this amount was increased was in 1999 when it was increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The committee felt that the increase was in alignment with inflation since 1999.**

- B. **Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for G.S.R. (general service representative) travel expenses from group funds to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."**
 - **The finance committee was in support of this request, however we would suggest removing the word "travel" from the suggested verbiage. It would then read, "G.S.R. expenses" to include any/all expenses that a GSR may incur while representing their group. The committee felt that this should be included in the two paragraphs in the pamphlet to encourage the idea of GSR's AND that the group is responsible for reimbursing their trusted servant.**

- C. Discuss a request to "Develop a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference structure."

- **The finance committee was NOT in support of this request as it reads, as we felt that the motion would be defeated, as we already provide pamphlets as a communication plan for these topics. We felt that the background material presented a much stronger case and feeling about what needs to be transmitted to the groups. We felt that the motion would stand a better chance of being heard if it read, "*Develop a communication plan for the purpose of increasing the level of group participation and self-support within the Conference Structure. The function of the plan would be to invite or challenge the Fellowship to increase our level of participation and become fully self supporting on contributions alone.*" The committee felt that it was important to give emphasis on the "fully self supporting on contributions alone", as it seems that is the part that most AA groups are unaware of. We need to not rely on our Literature sales to support our service structure.**

D. Discuss a request "to eliminate volume discounts on literature orders."

- **The finance committee was in support of this request. After reading the background information that was submitted by several Areas, and recalling that our Area had discussed this topic at length last year, we felt that this is a welling up from the fellowship as a whole to pint AAs back to the GSO for literature sales instead of going to the Treatment Centers, Bookstores, and Central/Intergroup Offices for cheaper literature. The AA Grapevine has a standard pricing, regardless of who is purchasing it or in what volume, and we believe that all AA literature should follow that practice. When the decision was made to allow volume discounting, we wondered if that was a solely business decision.... and should it be? The committee concluded that eliminating the volume discounts would be more equitable and more indicative of a spiritual entity (not a business).**

E. Discuss a request "to incorporate shipping costs into literature pricing."

- **The finance committee was NOT in support of this request. This would mean confusing prices, and variable prices to include shipping costs. Also, we were confused about how this would be instituted exactly. We felt that it would be a better idea to just charge the actual freight costs of each individual shipment (like when using UPS - a larger shipment would cost more than a smaller one).**

Grapevine:

- A. Consider suggestions for new AA Grapevine Inc. Items for production in the year 2008 or later.

- Old-Timers' Corner (working title) A collection of Grapevine stories by people with 40+ years of sobriety.

Our committee from Area 74 felt that unit cost and production run of 10,000 copies would not be a problem. (Affordable and with our idea of the history buffs in our society 10,000 printings will sell.) This item would be a helpful tool to recall and remember our history. It could be used as text for groups and individuals as development resource. (3 legacies of recovery, unity, and service.) The production and sale of booklet would certainly help in Grapevine self-support status. Our committee voted unanimously to approve this item.

- Rule #62 (working title) Classic cartoons and jokes from the AA Grapevine

The cost and production should not be a problem. (Affordable) We need to lighten up and learn to laugh at ourselves. Laughter is important and gives us Hope. Cartoons are easier for us with lack of reading skills to see that there is humor in our (Happy, Joyous and Free) way of living given to us today. Our committee voted unanimously to approve this item.

- B. Consider requests to reinstate a section on the subject of alcoholism in the AA Grapevine.

- After much discussion we voted to not approve this agenda item. (Substantial unanimity) We felt that the information on alcoholism section in the past Grapevines (gray section) was vital at the time, but now with the widespread information that can be found on alcoholism in many magazines, books, and the internet is confusing enough. We felt that the Big Book is sufficient. We also know that we cannot make everybody happy all the time.

- C. Review contents of workbook (yes)

Literature:

- A. Review trustees' Literature Committee progress report on the "A.A. for the Native North American" pamphlet.

A-74; "We reviewed progress/background information. No action is required."

- B Consider a suggestion to add the following text from the A.A. Service Manual, "Financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their general service representatives to attend service functions", be added to "The A.A. Group" pamphlet and the "G.S.R." pamphlet.

A-74; "After review we agree, this statement should be inserted in both pamphlets."

- C. Discuss requests to develop an intergroup/central office pamphlet.

A-74; Our consensus is that this can best be addressed locally by each of the Central Offices/Intergroups. We agree with the Trustees' report.

D. Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet “Can A.A. Help Me Too?” subtitled “Black/African Americans Share Their Stories” to a new title “A.A. and the Black/African American Alcoholic.”

A-74; After review we agree, the title should reflect who the target group is.

E. Discuss a suggestion to revise the pamphlet, “The A.A. member—Medications and other Drugs.”

A-74; We were unable to reach a decision. We could see that the two stories mentioned (Fran’s & Julie’s Stories) are the result of some A.A. members giving unqualified advice to fellow members who are under the care of Physicians prescription drugs and medications. We do feel that item #3 on page 5 should be further amplified. Something to read like this; “No A.A. members should play doctor nor give unqualified advice to any other member regarding discontinuing or stopping the use of prescription drug.” “A.A. has no opinion on outside issues.”

(It now reads, “No A.A. Member Plays Doctor.”)

F. Review trustees’ Literature Committee report on the Spanish-Language Third Edition Big Book, Alcoholicos Anonimos.

A-74; Progress reviewed, no action is required.

G. Consider a request to produce a pamphlet to replace the discontinued “Letter to a Woman Alcoholic.”

A-74; We do not support this request. This item was voted to be eliminated last year and the item be put into archives. We already have a fine pamphlet titled “A.A. for the Woman” which is A.A. approved literature.

H. No other subjects

PI:

A. Consider 2006 annual report from the trustees Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.

Area 74 Public Information Committee approves the 2006 annual report from the trustees Committee on P.I. regarding GSO’s AA Web site. The addition of pamphlets, PSA’s, DCM subsection and video submissions from young AA members would be a big benefit in informing the public and AA members worldwide.

B. Consider that the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2004 A.A. Membership Survey.

Area 74 Public Information Committee approves the 2007 A.A. Survey and recommends distribution of surveys by random basis using the Area Delegate. Have the Conference Committee on P.I. to consider a membership survey conducted every 12 years by using group records from Area Registrars and GSO group records.

C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):

1. Consider approving the proposed television PSA “ A Force of Nature “ developed by the trustees’ Committee on Public Information.

Area 74 Public Information Committee approves the proposed television P.S.A. “ A Force of Nature” for development. Have the Conference Committee on P.I. to consider producing P.S.A.’s in DVD format to be used as a service piece for PI chairs in each delegate area. This DVD and or a compilation of all PSA’s be included in the P.I kit.

2. Review information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the television P.S.A. “ Testimonials.”

Area 74 Public Information Committee reviewed the distribution, tracking and evaluation information on the PSA Testimonials.

3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. “A Force of Nature “ at a cost not to exceed \$30,000, in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.

Area 74 Public Information Committee approves the distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed television P.S.A. “A Force of Nature” at a cost not to exceed \$30,000 in addition to the work of local P.I. committees.

4. Discuss the 2002 – 2006 Conference Advisory Actions regarding replacement and production of P.S.A.s.

Area 74 Public Information Committee reviewed the 2002 – 2006 Conference Advisory Actions and agrees with the 2002 – 2006 recommendations.

- D. Consider a suggestion from the trustee’s Committee on Public Information for the development of a video for young people.

Area 74 Public Information Committee approves the suggestion for the development of a video for young people.

- E. Consider a suggested list of early symptoms of alcoholism forwarded by the

trustee's Committee on Public Information, and derived from A.A. literature, to replace the list of early symptoms in item 19 on page 17 in the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings."

Area 74 Public Information Committee agrees that the list of early symptoms of alcoholism needs to be replaced. The symptoms should derive from past experience (recovering alcoholics) and not from a National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence.

- F. Consider a request to include " more information regarding the topic of Anonymity of deceased members (posthumous anonymity) in A.A. literature.

Area 74 Public Information Committee agrees with the request to include more information of anonymity of deceased members in A.A. literature. The pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity " P-47 page 10 covers this topic. This paragraph could be incorporated into other pamphlets.

- G. Consider a request to change language in the flyer " A Message to Teenagers."

Area 74 Public Information Committee agrees with language change to reflect a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.

- H. Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

Consider adding a compilation of P.S.A.'s on DVD format to be used as service material for workshops etc

Treatment:

- A. Review summary of local sharing regarding the use of video "Hope".

- Nearly unanimous opinion that video is still useful- maybe some updates

- B. Work Book (review contents)

- Many useful, effective ideas and material

- Need to use it to be effective!

- C. Ways of stimulating interest in treatment-12 Step work

- Experience of people grateful and effective in their 12 step work EX: H&I chair of Northern California, Marcel A. @750 mtgs/week in 23 institutions. Her joy, enthusiasm is catching and spreads. H&I combine 12step work of treatment and corrections. Macel had been pegged as a lifelong taker.

- Giving beats taking. "Today through service, I have a way to give back what has been given to me," she adds thoughtfully "Every morning I wake up knowing there is something to give to someone. What a beautiful gift to be able to celebrate another day of Life."

_We love hanging around others that like giving.

- I. Agenda 32pgs.
- A) Theme for 2008 conference.
 - 1. #20. Back to basics our primary purpose
 - 2. #29 Unity through service
- B) Presentation /discussion topics
 - 1. #13 Experience – pass it on
 - 2. #22 Conforming to spiritual Principals (see first tradition)
 - 3. #57 Do we do gods work or his job?
 - 4. #58 Pass it on don't Make it up as we go.
- C) Workshop Topics
 - 1 #4 how is Each Area Combating Apathy
 - 2 #9 We Equals No Big I's And No Little You's
 - 3 #53 Do we take responsibility for the future of AA or what is best for us now
- D) Evaluation Form
 - 1 pg. 25 of 32 at their Oct. 06 meeting the trustees committee for the GSC requested that the committee secretary gather information on the Evaluation Form. Bac. Doc. 1 pg. 26 shows this form we felt it to be ok.

VII Policy/Admissions 71pgs.

- A) Dates for 2010 General Service Conference. P.2 of 71
 - 1. Each year the committee considers dates for the conference three years hence, taking into consideration the importance of avoiding religious holidays with the help of John Kirwin, our events consultant and hotel liaison.
First choice April 18-24
Second choice April 25 – May 1
- B) Review final report p.6 of 71.
 - 1. Looking to make a change in the service manual in chapter 9. This topic will be brought up again in Report and Charter A)3. After careful review we did not see any need for the change. In fact the change seemed to have alternative motive.

IX. Report and Charter 131pgs.

- A) The AA service manual 06-07 edition; Changes.
 - 1. D.C.M.C. p.5 of 131. This new position we felt would help maximize the information back to the groups, by relieving some of the Delegates work load.
 - 2. p.13 of 131. The sentence now reads "In metropolitan districts the number of groups is generally 15 to 20." We found this to be out dated.

3. p. 15-37 of 131. The same change in chapter 9 of the service manual that was brought up in VII B) is being slid in. The wording is an unnecessary change.
4. p.38-39 of 131. Another attempt at the chapter 9 change.
5. p.40-49 of 131. Just one more shot at the chapter 9 changes.
6. p.52-56 of 131. We did not see the need for this information to be moved. We felt that any group interested in the production of news letters and other AA material would not search Logos and Copyrights for this information.
7. p.57-69 of 131. p.60 and p. 65 showed these forms I personally had never seen them and we felt that their inclusion would be beneficial.
8. p. 70-77 of 131. The form to be added is on p. 73 and we thought it would be useful.
9. 79-120 of 131. There is a list of language changes in consideration on p.79 all seem to be legal litigation or PC rewording we felt that the committee assigned would have more knowledge about these.

B) AA Directories p.121-127 of 131.

1. The AA directories are one of the most important tools for traveling AA members to discontinue them over fear of legal responsibility would be a disservice to its members. A disclaimer in the front of the book we felt would eliminate this problem.
2. p.128-130 of 131. A special subsection would make finding websites easier and could be beneficial for home bound members.

C) p.131 of 131. No background.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums 53pgs.

- A) 2020 convention site procedures p.2-30 of 53. Seemed to be in order we don't think Area 74 can meet the requirements to hold such an event. It takes 4000 volunteers and a building with a 50,000 person capacity.
- B) p. 31-48 of 53. On p.34-37 there is a Q and A on what is trying to be accomplished. We gathered that they want to reduce cost of special forums by reducing the number of people that the GSO would send from 4-6 down to 1-2. GSO will still fund the forums and would like to see the local groups set them up.
- C) p. 46-53 of 53. Our group was stumped as to how to get one of these in our Area and still be cost effective.

Corrections- LeRoy O. report

March 31, 2007

To: A.A. Members of Area 74 - Spring Conference

In February 2007 I attended a Correctional Workshop in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. I was on a panel and shared some ideas of what I have been doing at the Rusk County Jail. For example, I suggested using video tapes in conjunction with A.A. meetings. I received an e-mail from an A. A. member who conducts meetings in his area jail asking what tapes I used. I replied with a list of the video tapes that are A. A. approved.

I have received several Bridging the Gap e-mail requests from Area 75. I have forwarded these requests and talked on the phone to A. A. members who live in the area where the inmate will be released. I have had positive responses from the A. A. members I have contacted.

On March 22, 2007 John J. and I visited Stanley Correctional Center and met with the Corrections Program Supervisor and the Chaplain. I had called ahead to make arrangements for this meeting. We discussed having A. A. members come in to the Center for A. A. meetings. We received a positive response from both the Program Supervisor and the Chaplain. The center is located just outside of Stanley, Wisconsin. Their A. A. meetings are on Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. At present they have a few A. A. members come in sporadically. They would like very much to have A. A. members come in on a regular basis. I am hoping to find A. A. members from that area who would be willing to come to the center on a regular rotation basis of at least once a month. I have all of the information and forms that would be needed to participate. I am willing to go once a month myself and would appreciate other volunteers who would be willing to do the same. I would appreciate this information passed to groups in that area.

I received a case of A. A. Correctional Facility workbooks donated by the participants of the Annual Moose and Goose feed held at Navarino last spring. Most of them have been passed out but I have a few left.

The elections for new Chairpersons will be held at the Fall Conference. If you are interested in becoming a Corrections Co-Chair for N. Wisconsin it is not too early to start considering yourself or someone else for the position.

Sincerely yours,

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DCM Reports:

Dist 1-

- 1) Corrections is working through changes in the intuitions that say no literature is to be brought into the jails. Working to get more volunteers for corrections.

- 2) Both Grapevine and CPC chairs have held informational meetings
- 3) They have a Webmaster who is keeping the website updated and informational.
- 4) Contributions have been better. More support from the groups and more GSR's attending the district meetings.
- 5) Central office group. District involvement is limited to dovetailing functions to the central office that are currently being done at the district level, such as The hotline, CPC, literature purchases and the newsletter.

Dist 2- The district recently hosted the Delegates workshop and held a GSR workshop for PI and treatment. We have a website and 2 hotlines active, and all the service committees are active. The GSR meetings are usually the second Sunday of the month with the location rotating throughout the district. There are approximately 40 GSR's in attendance. The Moose & Goose corrections fundraiser will be held in Naverino on April 20. The district has 6 Local committee members and all the meetings have been contacted and know who their LCM is. We have new meetings starting and are planning on a corrections workshop in June.

District 3- They have 11 groups and 3 active GSR's. The hotline is going well. They have an active PI committee and hospital and corrections meetings are going well.

District 5- They have 40-50 groups and met monthly, with approximately 20 GSR's attending. The PI committee is active, and they have a website and a pager system for their hotline. CPC has an active committee system and the district has Archives, Literature and Grapevine displays. They will be holding a PI and CPC workshop. They have an intergroup starting up.

District 6- They have a pager for the hotline and have the contact number in the paper. They have a corrections Literature can at the meetings. LE Phillips treatment center has meeting now and they are going well. They hold monthly District meeting and have a lending library.

District 7- The district held 2 workshops on service. They have 12 active GSR's for 27 groups. The meeting attendance is strong and group participation is strong.

District 8- They have 10 People at the assembly. They have 40 groups and 2 new meetings. They have a cell phone for the hotline. All the committees have a chairperson or one or more active members serving in that capacity. The came to believe group has an extensive & excellent archives collection. Lots of AFGO due to inquisitive individuals. No complacency in the District.

District 9- They have district meetings the 1st Sunday of the month. Archives and Grapevine are not chaired.

District 10- The district will be hosting a corrections workshop in June.

District 11- We are working on the Spring Conference. Their book fund is going well. The district purchased window shades with the steps, traditions and concepts on them.

District 13- Our district extends across N. Wisconsin from just east of Superior to Bark River & south to Cable. There are 16 groups & 27 Meetings, including 2 new meetings in Ashland. It also looks like a meeting will be starting in Mellen soon. In September we held elections and I'm happy to report that we have filled

all of our officer positions and committee chairs. We decided to make these one year positions so our elections will be in sync with the Area. During the last rotation we set up a "District information Committee". Its purpose is to visit every meeting in the district and tell the groups about the services that the district offers. They also tell the groups how they can participate by electing a GSR and attending district and area meetings. The district corrections & treatment committees are active. We bring meetings to the Ashland & Bayfield county jails and to inpatient & out patient at the Ashland treatment centers. The PI committee is also busy. We are updating the meeting lists as well as getting them out to the public places in our communities. The PI committee is also discussing getting a cell phone with an answering machine that lists all the meetings in the district. The thought is that people would volunteer to take the cell phone for a period of time so that anyone calling would get a real person, rather than a machine. It would also be cheaper. We have 5 people here from the district today. Our secretary has created a mail and E-mail list to send out the district meeting minutes and to advertise upcoming events. Our last district meeting had 11 people in attendance.

District 16- The district is working on getting the district better. There are 13 groups and 2 active GSR's. District meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month in Mass City. There is an intergroup in Baraga to be held in July. The district has updated the meeting lists. The AA hotline is working and they have a list of women and men contact persons with phone numbers. The Alt. DCM goes into the jails in Baraga.

District 17- They have a website up and running, they are publishing a newsletter each month. The corrections committee is meeting each month. AA hotline is up and running. They hold the District meetings at different locations in the district. They are looking at starting a central office. The meeting list has AA meetings and will add Alanon in the future. They will be having an intergroup in April.

District 18- They have 50 meetings and two prison meetings and a county jail meeting. Their AA hotline is going well. They have a detox volunteer list. The CPC committee is active and has printed the meeting schedules. The CPC committee has pastors asking what they can do to help. They held the Fall 2006 Conference in Marquette. There will be an intergroup in Naganie in July. They are sending Big Books and 12X12 to Africa in the native language.

District 21- They have 16 active groups. They have an active women meeting. The district meetings are monthly and rotate around the district. Less than half the groups have GSR's. They are hosting the May 5 Intergroup.

District 22- The Jail meetings are going strong. The website is up to date. They are trying to get a Spanish speaking meeting going. They are holding an intergroup once a month. The district voted to host the Spring Conference in 2009.

District 24- They have two new GSR's. They are collecting corrections material for the jails. The CPC committee is getting the meeting list cards to Professionals. They are giving out newcomer packets at meetings.

Conference Updates:

Spring Conference 2007 – May 18,19&20 All is going well. The rooms are blocked until May 1.

Fall Conference 2007- September 14,15&16 – They have 5 of 6 panels filled. They have selected and confirmed the main AA speaker. All is proceeding as planed.

Spring 2008 – May 16,17,&18 – The planning is going well , all the chairpersons are in place.

Delegates’ workshop- March 8- Chetek Alanon club is reserved. All is a go.

Reports:

Now & Then- they are printing 600 copies/month. They could save \$150.00/month for every 100 copies sent out on E-mail. To date the cost is \$1472.58. They will include fliers at \$125.0/face page. The deadline for inclusion is the 10th of the month.

Area 74 Webmaster Report
March 31, 2007
www.area74.org

1. Overview of website activity: January 1 – March 30, 2007
 - A) Visits, Pageviews, Hits, and Bandwidth

January, 2007

Total Sessions	936.00
Total Pageviews	2,558.00
Total Hits	3,837.00
Total Bytes Transferred	54.41 MB

February, 2007

Total Sessions	1,340.00
Total Pageviews	3,465.00
Total Hits	5,210.00
Total Bytes Transferred	88.83 MB

March, 2007

Total Sessions	1,592.00
Total Pageviews	3,985.00
Total Hits	5,945.00
Total Bytes Transferred	88.91 MB

B) Pages

Visits

1. Area 74 map	1487
2. Area 74 calendar	731
3. Officers & Committee Chairs	399
4. Is AA for You?	236
5. District 3 mtg list	204
6. Spring Conf Flyer	196
7. Came to Believe Flyer	169
8. Dist 8 mtg list	156
9. Dist 11 mtg list	149
10. Dist 13 mtg list	147
11. Dist 20 mtg list	135
12. Step into Recovery Grp chili feed	124
13. Dist 16 mtg list	124
14. Dist 6 mtg list	106
15. Dist 21 mtg list	102
16. Dist 15 mtg list	101
17. Big Book Study flyer	88
18. Club 12 Banquet flyer	80
19. Dist 22 Intergroup pub.	64
20. Corrections Workshop Flyer	62

C) Referrals

1. No referral (bookmark)	2669
2. aa.org	369
3. google search	196
4. wmaa34.com	70
5. theagapecenter,wis	67
6. msn.com search	47
7. district 05 redirect	32
8. yahoo.com search	47
9. greenbayaa.org redirect	28
10. users.spacestar.net	27

D) New Hosting service – Gate.com

Hosting has been reliable to date, no difficulty accessing the website for changes or for viewing.

E) District Representation on Website

23 of the 24 Districts in Area 74 have either their own website or their meeting list link on the Area 74 website. This is unchanged from last fall.

F) Updates of Meeting Lists

<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>
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3	6/06
6	2/07
7	2/06
8	2/07
11	9/06
13	03/04
15	4/04
16	2005
20	9/05
21	5/05

G) Now and Then on the Web

Ted, Greg, and I have been having conversations about posting the Now and Then. The big issue is removing last names, addresses, and phone numbers from the version of the publication that is mailed out.

H) Website Guidelines were approved at the Fall 2006 Assembly.

Old Business

Dodie stated that she had thought that the area business meetings were to be held in Rhinelander, but found that they could be held in other locations. After some discussion District 03 stated that they would like to host the summer meeting on July 28 and District 06 would like to host the meeting on June 30, both meetings would be held in conjunction with other events in the districts. It was decided to table the discussion until the Spring Conference.

The Dates for the future Assemblies were announced:

Fall 2007- October 28

Spring 2008- April 5

The question was asked about the Area Guidelines. Was the adhoc committee still in place? It was determined that the guidelines need to be updated further. This discussion was tabled.

New Business

Chuck S. thanked Jeff for his service, and stated that he felt that Jeff had an informed group conscience of the area.

The meeting was closed at 4:55pm with the Lords' Prayer

Area Assembly
October 20, 2007
Three Lakes, Wis.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Dodie A. with a moment of silence and the serenity prayer. Debbie T. read the 12 Traditions and Mara read the 12 Concepts, Dodie read the preamble. Role call was taken with districts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15,16,17,18,20,22,23 and 24 present. The committee chairs present were Archives, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Public Information, Treatment, Cooperation with the professional community, Corrections-Wisconsin, Now & Then. The Area officers present were Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Secretary, treasurer, Co-treasurer. Past delegates present were Len D. pnl 26, John H. pnl 32, Dave R. pnl 36, Chuck S. pnl 42, Tom C. pnl 46, and Torve T. pnl 54. Dodie welcomed everyone and read the purpose of the assembly. Dodie stated that the voting membership would be the Area officers, Area chairpersons, Past Delegates, DCM's and GSR's. Dodie asked if everyone had read the minutes from the last committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as printed. The motion carried. Bill L. presented the Treasures report and went over the numbers. Len D. asked if we gave money to WICYPAA. Bill stated that as far as he knew, we had not given any money to them. Jeff C. stated that although we support them, we have not supported them financially, and he feels that we should send the money back to them. Len D made a motion to send the money back to WICYPAA, with an explanation of why we cannot accept the money. The motion was seconded. Anna P explained why WICYPAA sent the money to Area 74. Jeff C. explained that if we decide to send the money back, the Finance committee should handle writing the letter explaining why we are sending the money back to them. Ben stated that he supported sending the funds back. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The minority opinion was heard. Jane stated that it was their option to send the money. Ann P stated that that was their option to send the money. Marty L asked that a hand vote be done on re-voting on the motion. The vote was 45 yea and 26 Nay and 1 abstain. Since the vote did not pass by 2/3 majority, the vote to return the money did not pass by the 2/3 majority. The people who voted to send the money back are the minority. And have the right to express the minority opinion. Michelle asked what does WICYPAA stand for. Wisconsin Conference on Young People in AA. Are they registered? Jeff stated that they are not a registered part of AA as far as GSO is concerned; they are a very important part of AA as a whole. . Jeff O. read the 7th Tradition and stated that he felt that we should send the money back. Ricky stated that he wished to reconsider his vote. A vote to reconsider was taken and the motion to reconsider passed. The vote passed and we will return the money. Dave R stated that WICYPAA was working on a group conscience and he does not like the word obligation when stating that we should send the money back. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasures report as amended. The next order of business was the Tabled motion from the Voting session. The Motion was: "that the Area Secretary and Registrar position be separated into two positions." Terry M addressed the issue and stated that at the present time it took about one hour per week to input the data I receive. If all 632 groups sent in their information it would be easily handled and done in about 2 hours per week. As of this time I have received three requests for information on districts and this information can be gathered in about 15

minutes. I feel that the positions do not need to be separated at this time. Tom C. stated that he supported the registrar. Tina M stated that after talking with Terry, she did not see any problem in doing the job as it stands now. Len D. withdrew the motion.

Break:

Conference Reports:

Fall 2005- Dist 23- Wayne W. stated that they lost \$100 dollars, but that he left the full report on his desk and would try to retrieve it for later in the day.

Spring 2007- Cliff P. stated that he was thankful to everyone who attended the conference. Everyone created good and lasting impressions on the city and surrounding area. He thanked all the groups and districts who helped. He explained why they had so much money left over. The city reduced the cost for the hall from \$300 to \$100 and then one of the speakers could not make it so they did not have to fly the speaker in. Leonard stated that he enjoyed the conference, but he questioned paying the travel expenses for the taper, since they make their money from the tapes they sell. Cliff stated that he was working on the information he received and that is what they required.

Fall 2007- District 13- Marty L stated that they had 214 attending and 175 at the banquet. They had a profit of \$218.44 which was split between the Area and the District. He gave the treasurer the check plus the seed money.

Conference Bids-

Spring 2009- Steve S- District 17 Iron Mountain, Hosted at the Pine Mountain Resort on May 16-17-18 with costs of approximately \$25 Banquet , registration \$20.

Jeff C – Stated that we need to decide on the location to be able to plan reasonably. John H. asked why we were in Conflict with the Alanon conference. Jeff C stated that the first weekend in May is the General Service Conference. Dodie stated that 1 ½ years is not a lot of time to plan a conference. A discussion about the other weekends in May ensued and it was determined that the weekend of May 23,24&25 was Labor Day weekend. A motion was made and seconded to have Dist 17 host the conference on May 16,17& 18 in 2009. The motion carried.

Fall 2009- Dist 07 – Sept 18-19&20 at the Clearwater Hotel and Convention Center in Marshfield. Registration would be \$15 and Banquet would be \$20. Rooms would be blocked at \$79/night and there are 11 other motels in the area with prices ranging from \$30-480/ night. The convention center has rooms for all the meeting and banquets we would require.

- District 07- Sept 18, 19 &20 at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire. They have a block of 100rooms reserved at \$82/night. Registration would be \$15, Banquet would be \$20 and Breakfast would be \$9. It would be held at the same place that they hosted the 2004 conference. There is a verity of hotels in the vicinity. Terry R. stated they have hosted a number of conferences and would like to host a voting conference. Heather stated that Marshfield was centrally located so that more people might be able to attend. Torv T stated that he has been attending conferences for several years and has not been to one in Marshfield, and since this is a voting conference he supports Marshfield. The vote was taken using a simple majority. Marshfield will host the fall 2009 conference.

Delegates Workshop 2009- District 08- Wausau – Jessie Z would like to host the workshop on March 7, 2009. Jeff explained why the 7 would be the better date for the workshop. A motion was made and seconded to have District 08 host the workshop.

Financial Projections-

Tina M. serving as the Finance Chairperson explained the expense review and the Income review. The corrected projection was published in the Now & Then so everyone should have seen the report. The group contributions were a projection based on the state of the year. The projection for the future year is based on an average from the previous years. Tina explained what the expenses were based on. Tina stated that the report was approved by the total finance committee. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial projection report as amended. The motion passed.

Break:

DCM Reports:

Dist 02- Roger W reported that they had 120 groups, a news letter, and they were using the LCM's. They held the local elections and filled all the committee chairs. They are planning a corrections workshop for the next year.

Dist 03- Robin A. from Wisconsin Rapids stated that service activity is low, she is hopeful that they will have more GSR's active in the near future. She hosted a service sharing session with Jeff C, Dodie A and Bob M. sharing on the service structure and our responsibility to participate.

Dist 04- John S. from Stevens Point stated that there were 30 meetings with 12 registered. They are working on getting more registered. They have a website and a couple of intergroups per year. The 2617 club has been active for a couple of years and there are a lot of meetings there. The hotline is working and they are hosting the Fall conference in 2008.

Dist 05- Mary Jo R. Eau Claire stated that they had held their elections and had filled all the officers and the committee chairs. They are active in corrections and treatment facilities. They have an intergroup started and they hosted a treatment and corrections workshop. They have a website. She is getting the Final reports distributed to the groups.

Dist 06- Rhonda S Chippewa Falls stated that they have 12 meetings with 3 active GSR's. They have meetings at LA Phillips Treatment Facility. They are active in the corrections with men's and women's meetings. They have a pink can for corrections literature. They will have elections this month. They are working to get the PI committee going. They host an intergroup with Dist 05. They use a cell phone for the hotline and that is working well.

Dist 07- Nate Marshfield stated that they had 29 groups represented. They have 2 members elected to Area chairs. They will be hosting the fall conference in 2009. They held workshops on the service structure and the fourth step and it seemed to boost participation from the GSR's.

Dist 08- Jessie Z Wausau said they had 41 groups and they use a cell phone for the hot line.

Dist 09 – Karl S. said that they have 46 groups with 12-20 people at the district meetings. They held elections and filled all the positions. They have a website that is updated. They hold discussion panels once each quarter.

Dist 10- Steve S. They had 30 people for the nominations. Elections will be next month.

Dist 11- Cliff P not much going on since the conference. They will hold elections this month.

Dist 12- Karl G said that things are going well. They have 12 groups with about ½ in attendance at the district meetings. They held elections and filled all the positions. The conference helped to get people interested in service.

Dist 14- Jim R. said that they had 47 groups in the district with 10-15 GSR's at the District meetings. All the committee chairs are filled. The jail meetings are going strong. They had an information booth at the St Croix and Polk County fairs. They will be holding elections next month.

Dist 15- Bruce P reported they have 9 groups with 12 meetings. They have 40 active AA members. They have an active Saturday night speaker meeting at the end of each month.

Dist 16- Pam T reported that they have 14 meetings in the district. They hold district meetings once a month and have 3 GSR's at the district meetings. They held elections. They have 2 people going into the Ontonagon County jail. They host an intergroup every July.

Dist 17- Steve S said that they have 38 meetings hosted by 12 groups. They have a web site operating for two years. The website address is "dist17.org". The corrections committee is active in Dickinson County jail. They have a hot line working District contributions are steady. They sent out dist update forms to registrar. They have a central office working. They list Alanon and Alateen meeting on their meeting cards. They held a service workshop last month.

Dist 18- Larry said they are continuing to support the hotline. The website is up and running and the 12step work is going on.

Dist 20- Lyle S. stated they have 21 meetings active. They are trying to get corrections going. No district meeting yet.

Dist 22- Jim W. stated that they have active jail meetings. They have 21 groups with an intergroup in June. They have new officers elected and members going into correctional facilities. The website is working along with an active hotline.

Dist 23- Wayne W said they have 4 new meetings and the change forms are sent in. They have between 4 and 13 people at the district meeting. They have a good mix of old and new members. Their new PI chairperson is a go getter. The corrections program has 14 volunteers, holding 2 meetings per week and is using Bridging the Gap program. They are able to work 1on1 in the jails. They held a workshop on the concepts. They are working hard on the unity concept and working in conjunction with Dist 24.

Dist 24- Ed B stated that they elected new officers with Tom as the DCM. They have a district meeting on Dec 17 just before the gratitude Banquet. They have 15 meetings in the district. They worked with dist 23 on workshop. They traveled to the assembly in a bus.

Lunch Break

Now & Then Report- Typically it costs about \$4000/year to produce the Now&Then. This includes printing and mailing the newsletter. This year it has cost \$3314 to date, so we will be very close to the typical amount. The more copies that are sent out by E-mail will reduce the cost to the Area. The question has been asked why we ask for \$4800/year when the actual cost is about \$4000/year? The reason is that we don't know when the cost may increase. The question was asked how we can establish a larger e-mail base.

Greg suggested that the DCM's urge the GSR's in their districts to sign up for E-mail access. The E-mail address is on the back page of the Now & Then. Delegates Report- Jeff C panel 56 Area 74 delegate said that he has been very proud to have served the Area. The Now & Then costs approximately 66 to 75 cents per copy, so we could save that much by getting it by E-mail. The Final conference Report is on the Back table, if you are having a hard time understanding it, you may have picked up a copy that is in Spanish or French and may want to exchange it. Jeff then introduced the current Area Officers and committee chairs and thanked them for their service. He then introduced the incoming Area committee. He noted that there are seven new members on the area committee. Jeff said that we should have about 600 GSR's at the assemblies, since there are that many groups in the area and we should encourage them to come along when we come to the assemblies. The reason we are at the assembly is to serve the members. Jeff said that since we are here to serve the membership, if you don't like what is happening at the district or area level you need to go to the meetings and speak up. He is happy to see that group contributions are up for 2007, which means that we can be of better service to the groups. If our committees used their entire budgeted amount we could reach more people. Our East Central regional trustee filed a minority opinion about the change in rotation of the Grapevine Chair. The Trustee's met with the General Service Manager, Head of AA world Service and the Chair of the Trustee's nominating committee and have discussed the plans of the GSC Manager. They have forwarded the guidelines to the conference to clarify the hiring guidelines; this matter will probably not be resolved until next year. The wording change to have the service manual say that the Trustee's should have worldwide view rather than a regional point of view on AA as a whole did not happen. According to the Final report the population of AA has not grown significantly in the last few years. There are many factors causing this, but it appears that we are not reaching out through service. Jeff Discussed ICCPAA and the General service Conference and how they decided not to be associated with AA. We fully support them even though they are not a part of AA. Jeff discussed the importance of "Roberts Rules of Order" and we can see from today's proceedings that they really work if we follow them. He stated that he learned from a Past Delegate that he is not done with service until God is done with him. If we stick to the principals of "AA" it will be OK.

Break

Conference Updates-

Spring 2008- Dist 02- The conference will be held May 16-18 at the Best western Bridgewood. Roger said that they have an AA speaker from Montana, and an Alanon speaker from Minnesota. Registrations are slow, but picking up. All is going well.

Delegate's workshop-2008- Ed said that all is set for the workshop at the Chetek Alano club on 3/8/2008 at 8:00am. Any and all GSR's are welcome. The Alano club is located at: 216 Stout St, Chetek WI.

Fall 2008- Stevens Point Oct 4-6, At The Country Springs Hotel. The speakers are set and the have 8 panels set.

Reports-

Literature- Don D. gave out a financial summary and reviewed it. He thanked all the people who had helped him. He will reorder before giving the material to Keith. Don asked for a motion to give away the pamphlets "It happened to Alice" and "What

Happened to Joe" to the membership. The motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

AD Hoc committee- Marty L chairman of the committee said they meet at the Fall conference and once by phone on a conference call. The committee is charged with reviewing the Area Guidelines and recommending any changes. We will be meeting once per month for about the next year. We are looking at section 3.0 since that section covers the Unity Conference which is not in existence. He asked what the body wants us to do. Look at past practices, future practices or what. We will be talking about the different verbiage in the document. The guidelines say that the Delegates workshop should be held in March, should we be giving more specific directions so that we don't spend valuable time rehashing these items at the assembly's or area committee meetings. Should we be more specific on all the meetings, since the guidelines indicate that the area officers are making the decision as to where and when to hold them, when the GSR's should be doing this? Should all the guidelines be included in this review? The GSR's and DCM's can e-mail Marty at "maplemiracles@cheqnet.net," with their thoughts on this. Mary Jo asked if the Guidelines are available on the website. Terry said that he has a copy that he can e-mail to any GSR's and DCM's at their request. It was explained that the AD Hoc committee was looking for direction from the area committee, and that they would bring their recommendations back to the assembly for approval.

Old Business-

Tina M. chairperson of the finance committee stated that a motion was made to purchase a laptop for the Registrar. After some discussion it was determined that the finance committee should look at this. They determined that in order to do the job of registrar, the person needed to have a computer at their disposal. A laptop computer would have the advantage of being portable and could be brought to the assemblies, to provide access to the information from the data base. A laptop with these capabilities would cost approximately \$400-\$500. They discussed the issue of the Area owning property. The finance committee is leaning towards supporting purchasing a laptop. The internet access for a laptop will run anywhere from \$9.95 to \$39.95 per month. Brett asked about the security of the internet and the information in the data base. Jeff stated that the data base has seven levels of security and is as secure a system out there. Jeff O asked if this program is a web based program and therefore can be accessed from anywhere there is internet access. He also asked who decided to go to this program. Jeff C stated that GSO was charged with finding a better program and this is what they developed. Jim S stated that we should provide whatever is required to do the job. Scott stated that we should what is required. Missy said that she felt that the system was more secure than a bank system. Wayne W asked if we could lease a computer. Heather it's not so much the security as the way the system works. Shouldn't GSO give us guidelines as to how we should work the program? Vickie said that program is wonderful, but should not own property. Eric L was looking at the budget projections and we do have the money, so we could purchase the computer. Anna P feels that we should not purchase the computer. Leonard feels that we could a whole lot of "I thinks" and we have a committee looking at the costs and making a recommendation. We might want to look at making the registrar's position more of a long term position. Bruce P said that he disagrees with Leonard. He felt that there are two problems with security. He felt that

GSO has the security nailed down on their end. The second security issue is on the local level, which can be solved with a simple security program. How many groups have a coffee pot and how many groups lease the coffee pots. He fills that the area should provide the laptop and internet access. Ed B said that he had the directory and it was not updated. We have the opportunity to get some of this straightened up. Tina stated that the recommendation from Finance committee is. A motion was made and seconded from the Finance committee: "to have the Area purchase a laptop for the use by the secretary/registrar". Leonard called the question. A vote was taken to vote on the motion. The question passed. A vote was taken on the motion and the motion passed. The minority opinion was asked for. Torv T stated that the motion was too vague. Are we going to get a \$10,000 laptop, we need to have a price stipulation. Jeff feels that we need to look into matter, and where we are going to get the money. Jeff I agree with Torv that we need to look a little more as to what the cost would be and what the annual costs for internet access would be. I believe that we should get the laptop, but need to investigate it more and decide where we are going to get the money from. Vickie said that she didn't understand the need for the laptop and how the program got transferred. Dodie stated that for a revote to be taken, someone from the majority must state that they wish to change their vote. Jeff O said that he wished to change his vote. Jeff C stated that all that was needed was a simple majority to reconsider. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider. The vote to reconsider passed. Robin made a motion to amend the motion to read "purchase a laptop not to exceed \$1200 and to include a firewall and warranty extensions and looking into open office from Southern Micro. Debbie stated that she understood that the finance committee recommended that we buy the laptop for a certain amount, and then all the other consideration came into play and she didn't understand this. Bill stated he could get a refurbished laptop for about \$250. Tina stated that she thought \$1200 was too much, and internet access could be \$250, and maybe we needed to have two numbers one for the laptop and another for annual upkeep. Since she has a computer, maybe we should delay the vote till the spring assembly. Torv made a motion to table this discussion and vote until the spring assembly. It was seconded. Dodie stated that a simple majority was required to pass. The tabling motion passed. Chuck said that he felt that with all this delay we were shooting ourselves in the foot. We need to do our business and get on with the other business and stick to it. Ben believes that we did what we are charged with from our groups. Leonard stated that the committee who brought forth the motion should have had more information and that is their job. Tina M answered the statement that they did not do their job.

New Business: The PI committee brought forth a motion with a second. The motion was "That GSO considers taking a full membership survey using the group records every 12 years, starting in the year 2012. The membership survey would be conducted by our General Service Office staff." Steve said that survey is now done on a random basis and his committee felt that a full survey should be done. Leonard addressed why the survey was started and who it was for. Steve stated that the survey would be taken every 4 years on a random basis and every 12 years that it is taken on a full membership basis. The motion was voted upon. The motion carried.

District 8 brought forth the motion "To have all future assemblies CD or Tape recorded for historical as well as accuracy records." It has a second since it came from a district.

Leonard stated that because this is a closed meeting and therefore it can't be recorded. Dodie stated that it could be recorded as long as it was not for public dissemination. Tina asked that more information on how and what costs would be involved. Diane stated that it is our responsibility to pay attention and read a correct the minutes as they are recorded. The vote on the motion was taken and it did not pass by a simple majority. Tina said as was done for the last East Central regional Forum, I'd like to make a motion, "that the assembly body approve a \$75 flat reimbursement to any Area 74 Officer or committee chair who attends the next East Central regional Forum, November 9-11 in Chicago, Ill." The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Tina said that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as the Finance chair. The committee was great to work with. The treasurers were great to work with. We need to continue to practice our principles, especially when working in service. Eric L Was very humbled when he was elected as archives chair and he has learned a lot. He had the opportunity to set in on the taping of the old timers, and that was very interesting.

Steve H. thanked the body for the privilege to serve for 17 years.

Keith V said that he had good support from Steve H. He hopes that the districts will use the workshops, they are fun to do they can help the districts get some of the committees going. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Bill L. said that it was great to know everybody and the friendships he developed are better than anything. Thanks to the body.

Leonard stated that he thought Dodie did her job with dignity and honor.

Dodie thanked the body for the opportunity to serve and said that she will serve to the best of her ability. She reminded everyone of the Area committee meeting on January 9, 2008 at the 218 club in Green Bay.

The meeting was closed with the lord's prayer at 4:50pm.

Respectively submitted

Terry McK

Secretary/registrar

AREA 74 ASSEMBLY

Three Lakes, WI

April 5, 2008

New GSR/DCM Orientation was held by Torv T (Past Delegate)

Called to Order at 9:05am Welcome & Opening Remarks by Terry M.

Opening Readings: Preamble, Long Form Traditions, Short Form Concepts

Past Delegates Recognized: Len D Panel 26, Ted L Panel 50, Dave R Panel 38, Bob M Panel 50, Torv T Panel 54, Jeff C Panel 56

New GSRs and DCMs were recognized and welcomed.

Roll Call: DCMs present from Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24

Area Officers: Delegate (Dodi A.), Area Chair/Alt Delegate (Terry M), Secretary/Registrar (Tina M), Treasurer (Mary Jo R), and Co-Treasurer (Natalie A.) all present.

All Area Chairs present, except Literature. There was, however, someone sent in place of the Literature Chair (Steve H) who brought the literature to the Assembly. Now & Then was not present at the time of Roll Call, but showed later. Webmaster and Archivist were present.

AREA 74 Officers Reports

Secretary/Registrar: Tina M

- * Fall Assembly minutes were published in the November Now and Then
- * District 13 was omitted from the DCM Reports in the minutes, and would like it reconciled in the archival minutes.
- * Motion made & seconded – approved with the above mentioned change

Treasurer: Mary Jo R

- * Final 2007 (Jan 1 – Dec 31) Report published in March Now & Then seeking approval; ending checking balance = \$10,788.16
- * Len D. was questioning if the money has been repaid to WICYPAA – it had been, but not before the end of the year.
- * There was a small discrepancy between the checkbooks of \$106.05 to our good. Next year's beginning balance will reflect that. The balance on the Bank Statement will be used.
- * The facility has a new policy of a \$200 one-time security deposit – Motion was made and seconded to pay the facility the one time security deposit. The security deposit would be repaid at such time that the Assembly ceased to use the facility, as long as the bills were paid and no damage was done. Motion carried
- * Motion was made and seconded to approve the report – Motion carried
- * 2 overages by Delegate need Assembly body approval to reimburse which will be discussed later

Question was asked to clarify who can vote and who can come to the microphone. GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers, and Area Chairs can vote – Alt GSRs can vote in the absence of the GSR. Any alcoholic can approach the microphone. Generally this is all done at the beginning as housekeeping items and just a sense of the body is usually asked for. This body made a motion and voted that any AA can approach the microphone. Terry reminded the body about the 2 min limit on approaching the microphone and not to repeat things that have already been discussed in the interest of time.

Dan L. District 22 presented a new motion for consideration, however it was decided to discuss under new business.

TABLED MOTION (Laptop for Secretary/Registrar Position):

- * Terry explained that when a motion is tabled, it is to go back to the originator of that motion for reconsideration. The originator of the laptop Motion was the previous Finance Committee, and was presented by Tina M. at Fall 2007 Assembly. The current finance committee has reconsidered, and has new motions under New Business for consideration.
- * The original motion was withdrawn

MINORITY REPORT (WICYPAA Contribution Returned):

- * Terry mentioned that the minority report was published in the February Now & Then, and read a letter submitted from Ian Brown, WICYPAA Advisory Council

East Central Regional Trustee Report

- * Bob M welcomed those who are new to the service structure. He serves on the Board of Alcoholics and the Grapevine Board in New York, which is significantly different than the 4-5 home group members of his home group in Area 74 in Ontonagon. He is the first ECR trustee from Area 74, and credits that to Alcoholics Anonymous.
- * He talked about the importance of leadership and service. Recovery is essential, and we all work that if we are here, buy the other two legs of the triangle can get fuzzier – Unity and Service. We can get content with what we have on our plate already, and we lose the connection with the old-timers and the ability to guide the movement and direction of AA as a whole through the service structure. It is an opportunity to share information – flyers, announcements, places they have been, and what is going on in AA as a whole. The reports by the Delegates allow for the concepts

to come alive for those listening. He remembered about the controversy around the circle/triangle symbol controversy and the power of the guidance that was given by the past delegates surrounding that issue.

- * The structure gives the opportunity to have voices heard at all levels of service and will ensure the future of AA.
- * If the founders of the fellowship felt that service wasn't important, there would not have been the Three Legacies – they would have advised all of us to just not drink, go to meetings, and work the steps. He talked about sponsoring people into service and supporting the incoming person during their first few months in their service positions.
- * Grapevine is about 1,000 subscriptions behind being self-supporting. The magazine has made some changes both in appearance and content. Encouraged everyone to write articles or write to the Grapevine about changes. La Vina is struggling – needs to sell 40,000 copies a year to be self-supporting, and it is struggling at about 11,000 copies.
- * General Manager is retiring December 31, 2008. He has guided us through a lot of technical changes and budget restraints, and he will be missed. The announcement has been posted regarding the vacancies. The search committee has been assembled – made up of six Trustees – they will get together and review resumes and hopefully have a recommendation at October Board meeting.
- * Bob will rotate as ECR trustee next year, so Area 74 will want to consider a nominee from the Area for ECR trustee. There is also a vacancy for a general trustee.
- * Contributions to GSO have gone up, however the percentage of the groups donating has not. He thanked those contributing
- * A question was raised about the composition of the search committee for the GM - How many regions are NOT represented on that search committee.
 - The entire mid-section of the country had been eliminated – 2 from the Pacific Region, Three from the East Coast, and One from the Canadian Region. The guidelines don't address the geographical considerations in selecting the search committee. 54% of the groups will not be represented by the search committee and 56% of the fellowship is not going to be represented. However, the current search committee is being stood behind, as it was selected following the current guidelines for assembling the search committee. In the future, there may be something done differently.
- * There is something inherently wrong with the process. What should we do as individual members of AA?
 - There is no latitude for rebuttal for board members on the selection process. If the fellowship doesn't like that, the conference CAN have a say in future selection processes. Would like to have those who are not happy with it talk to your groups/districts and talk to our Delegate and have the Conference tell the Board what they would like to have done. He felt uninformed as the Delegate when he served, and feels that it is important to sponsor in and inform incoming service leaders.
- * Does the search committee have the final say in hiring the General Manager, or do they just make a recommendation that the Conference has the final say on.
 - Currently debating on what the process actually is. His understanding was that the search committee would pick the top candidates, and then the Board would review those for final consideration. However, he has heard that the search committee will submit two names for the Board to consider and decide on and he has also heard that the AAWS committee will submit ONE name for consideration. General Manager is a very vocal position and it is important to consider this carefully.
- * Can you share what State the ECR consists of?
 - MI, IN, WI, OH, IL – 14 Areas. There are 8 regions in the service structure
 - Class A chairperson rotates out next year and the GM will start at the beginning of next year, and the Board will be selecting those positions – the conference/fellowship really doesn't have a say.
 - Will the General Service Board make the decision on the new GM? We will probably have a presentation from the search committee of a short list, and then the Board will meet in an Executive session, and will have probably one name for the Board to consider and will most likely be approved on that Monday morning of the Board Weekend. Bob feels that as a Board member, he should have tried to get a staggering of the replacement of the GM and the Chairman of the Board. If there are members not happy with this process, and are not able to be heard via the Conference structure, they are welcomed to contact the GSO directly.
 - The class A trustee currently rotating out, and the new Chairman of the Board MAY be a class B trustee. So, it is possible that the fellowship will have two people in the "top/bottom" positions in AA that we don't like. Thanks to Bob for his continued service and diligence with the GM position and recognition that he was instrumental in that coming to light.

Committee Reports (from Delegates Workshop)

Please refer to the Delegates Workshop minutes in the April Now & Then for full details and reports from each committee.

Archives – (Joel D)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop and encouraged others to join the committee

CPC – (Pam T)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Pam Submitted the following written report that was read to the assembly body:
 - "I received from our immediate past CPC chair all the literature he had left over from his term of office. I went out and bought carry containers and inventoried, so I know what I am starting with. I have lots and lots of pamphlets, so I am starting with a good inventory. I participated in the Delegate's Workshop. That was very educational and informative. My committee helped in the process of sorting out the agenda items. I gave my first workshop in Barron, WI on March 15th (hosted by Districts 23 & 24). I was very anxious, but it turned out great. Our PI Chair, Adam, also was presenting and he did an awesome job. There were 4 professionals from the community that were invited. When it was my turn to present it turned into almost a round table discussion on what we could do for them and they informed us on their roles in helping the suffering alcoholic get sober and guide them in the right direction. I think all of us – me included – learned lots that day. I encourage all districts to host workshops and also like to encourage when you do so to invite professionals. It is a great way to share our experience, strength, and hope" -Submitted by Pam Theisen"

Corrections WI- (Nate S.) -

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop and invited others to join the committee
- * Moose and Goose Correctional event coming up in April
- * Question: Will the "AA in Prison Inmate to Inmate" be added to the kit and workbook?
 - It is suggested those going to correctional facilities purchase that publication, but it is not currently provided.
- * Question: Agenda item B – to review a piece, why is the note that "no action taken" in the minutes?
 - There is a publication that is currently NOT in circulation. It is being sent to correctional facility meetings. There was no background information provided on this prior the delegate's workshop.

Corrections MI – (Larry T)

- * Larry Submitted the following written report that was read to the assembly body:
 - "I attended District 18 Annual Jail meeting. I provided a corrections kit to new chairman of corrections for the county. I offered any help that I could provide. I received a request from District 17 corrections chair for financial help for purchasing literature. NOTE: I don't know the procedure for accessing committee budget to meet costs of travel or literature, for self or district chairs. I chaired the corrections committee that meets before each of our traveling intergroups through out central and western UP of Michigan. Have made several purchases from GSO for corrections related literature." -Larry Thornton (Co-Chair for Area Corrections – Committee for MI)

Finance – (Jeff O)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Comment/Question: Commending the finance committee for an understandable finance report. If we don't know where we have been, we don't know where we are going, especially in fiduciary process. Do we have all of the previous income/expenses over the course of the 45 years – in archives? *Can the committee please review that?*

Grapevine - (Jeff C)

- * Pointed out the Grapevine display in the back of the room, and suggested that folks submit subscriptions.
- * A grapevine display was at the WICYPAA conference
- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Question: Does La Vina have staple free copies to take into the correctional facilities?
 - Not sure – deferred to Bob M (on the Grapevine Board) – this was actually an item that was up, but didn't make the agenda. Steve H: There have been efforts in the past to have staple-free copies, but it was decided that this endeavor was too expensive. Bob M: IF our literature is "correctional friendly" is a matter of Policy. If you want an institutional friendly Grapevine, then voice that to the Conference. Bob believes that it should have been an agenda item; however it should have been under Policy instead of under Grapevine.
- * Question: Are you planning on having any seminars?
 - I serve the Area, so if your group/district wants that, ask and we will come. I don't have one scheduled, because no one has asked.
- * Hundreds of subscriptions with postage paid responses – encouraged everyone to take one with them.

Literature – (Eric L filling in for Keith V)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Comment/Question– Red flag – if the Trustees committee that convenes – if they are not sending out the proper background information and pamphlets for review, then isn't the conference structure failing us? Dodie is the one person that can get the answers directly to you.
 - Answer: our committee came up with a suggested motion to give to Dodie – we will have to look for that motion, as we cannot find it in writing at this moment.
 - Answer – most of the time that we don't get literature that is being considered is because of copyright issues. The reason behind info not being available to us when they are new and under consideration is because it shouldn't be distributed until it has been completely developed. If there is a progress report, then the report should be reviewed, not the actual piece of literature.
- * Comment: our district is purchasing the "Inmate to Inmate" for 25 cents a piece directly from GSO. If you are looking for cheap literature – check it out.

Policy/Admissions (Tina M)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Terry clarified that the hotel that the Conference is currently being held at is proposing a 35% increase in costs.
- * Bob M – International Guest Observers – glad to hear that the committee came up with not a clear recommendation. Not one to shrug the conference process, a few years ago, there was not enough information to even make it an agenda item. There is no number for how many requests are coming in. Are we paying their travel expenses – it is vague in the background information. More importantly, when we have a guest, we go all out in providing courtesy in hosting. The conference is not a fishbowl for others to view. The Delegates need to have full access to the Chairman of the board and the trustees – not fighting for time with observers being entertained. Remember what you are delegating away in location of the conference. Maybe the Areas need to pick up more of the tab rather than moving the location of the conference....right now the conference has that say. Moving the conference didn't work before.

PI – (Adam K)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * We would like to recommend that our PSAs be a little less focused on fads/trends, thus eliminating the need to update so frequently – make them more timeless.
- * Since the delegate's workshop, he was able to help with a workshop (with CPC).
- * We will try to meet at the Spring Conference – everyone is welcomed to become a part of the committee. Also, please ask if you would like a workshop.
- * Question: Past Advisory Actions 2002 – 2006; I thought they were going to run a set of PSAs, stop and then run the set from 2002 – not necessarily creating new PSAs?
 - Bob M: My recollection is that every 4 years, we would run them, then go back and look at the oldest one – to see if we needed to update, not necessarily to rerun those, but to review them on a regular basis.

Report and Charter (Tina M)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Question: Isn't the Directory for AA groups? Is the Online intergroup really an AA group? Why will it be listed?
 - Terry M: It will be listed along with physical intergroups in the directory.
- * Comment: The final conference report is helpful to the Delegates as well. Most of the book is a transcript of what was said, instead of what actually happened. He likes the idea of chopping it up.

Treatment Facilities – (Dianne R)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Would like to know all of her current DCMs that are assigned to Treatment Committee.
- * People have been coming to Diane regarding ideas, which she encourages – especially the Bridging the Gap Program (similar to the Corrections mentioned earlier). Would like people who volunteer for Bridging the Gap not necessarily sponsor the people coming out.
- * Comment: Isn't the Bridging the Gap system already in place? If we are creating something new – maybe we should give it a different name.

Trustees - (Tina M)

- * Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop
- * Question: Would having a term specified for the GM eliminate the GM and the Chairman of the Board both rotating out at the same time? Does the COB have a term?
 - Bob M: Chairman of the Board has a max term of four years; renewable yearly. Approximately 50 items have been rejected by the Trustee Board to be Agenda items. If a group comes up with an idea, and the District approves, and then the Area stamped it, but then the Trustees say it doesn't belong on the Agenda item.... Why is that? Someone asked that in Bob's opinion should have been answered, but wasn't. To his understanding, there are no guidelines or standards per se other than the by-laws to refer to make these decisions. PG S53 in the Service Manual states how the agenda items are routed – the last sentence specifically pertains "Usually the trustees' committee determines the most appropriate way of programming it – as a workshop or presentation subject, a proposal, or a committee concern." It makes no reference to "inaction items". Are there any plans to revise the Service Manual to include inaction items? He was told no. If your agenda item is made into an inaction item, let your Delegate know or find out about changing the service manual.
- * Question: This whole topic of the structure of the triangle (groups, area, conference, etc). How should DCMs proceed – how long does this process take?
 - Answer from Dodie: Whatever this body decides they want me to express when I'm in New York, I will carry that information. An inaction item from Area 74 was in the Now and Then so that everyone knew that it was not going to be on the Agenda.
- * Past Delegate comment: When he went to NY it was with kind of a sense of a conspiracy theory – There had been firings and a staff member quit. It became an "us and them" thing. So, maybe, there is the same thing going on. There is an "US" and "Them" type of attitude with GSO and the Board. Would it really make a difference if someone from the Midwest was on the search committee for the GM? A Suggestion for Dodie – if an item is flat out rejected, you have a Delegate's meeting and review what the items are that are rejected, and have all of the Delegates send in

the same Agenda item – show the Board that it is a good item. With that much response from different Areas, the Board would have to pay attention.

International Conventions/Regional Forums (Eric L)

Gave the verbal report from Delegates Workshop

Agenda (not discussed at Delegate's Workshop)

Terry M. read through the agenda items that were not reviewed, however asked for comments. The Theme for the next Conference in New York is: Communication and Participation; the Key to Unity and Self-Support. There about 20 – 25 different Themes that will be considered for 2009

Delegates Report/Questions:

Welcome to the new trusted servants and thanks for everyone's input so far. In Feb we had elections for Regional Officers. Delegates past and present workshop was on Feb 6 in Arlington, IL. It was well attended. There has been some discussion about a regional inventory and assisting past Delegates financially to spur greater participation. Feb 13 – 15, 2009 is the next Route 66 Hotel. At Fall Assembly we will be recommending someone for the Regional Trustee and Trustee at Large – will be sending the necessary forms to past Delegates so that they can fill that out. Also mentioned was the General Manager Position vacancy. Also, the Young People's video submission date has been extended to September 1, 2008. On the radio, someone was talking about the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and the person speaking identified himself as a member of AA and shared his first step over the radio waves. We must remember to maintain our anonymity at the level of press, radio, TV, and films. This particular radio station will be doing the 12 steps over the next 12 months – a letter will be sent to the radio station. Dodie has attended two mini-conferences so far this year and was able to sit on a few committees and give her input. The Delegates workshop had 71 attendees, and the attendance here today is great. April 25 – May 4 she will be gone in New York. Spring Conference in Neenah – the Delegates workshop will be Sat afternoon and a Trustees report will also be given. New 3rd Edition of the Spanish Big Book is ready for circulation. Regarding the Agenda items – we didn't really vote on anything at the Delegates workshop – it was basically discussion and a sense of the body. Is there anything that is disagreeable to anyone, or is there anyone who has a strong opinion for a particular item? There was no response, so it is understood that we have the same opinions as we did in March.

DCM Reports

- 01: Not present; but sent in this report via email:** 89 Meetings and 52 registered. CPC and Grapevine Chairs are vacant; Secretary was filled at March District Meeting. 14-20 GSRs and Chairs present at District Meeting. Budgets for 2008 due at April Meeting. Approx \$160 has been spent in the last year for literature for Treatment Centers. Need volunteers for Corrections meetings. Central Office informed District that they now have a board of directors.
- 02: Theresa M DCM:** Moose and Goose this Friday night which includes Green Bay and Navarino. We are sub-districted with 6 LCMs. All committee chairs filled, but no CPC. We have 35 members at District meetings. We have a website, a hotline, four cell phones rotate, during the week – 9:00 to 4:30 the central office mans that hotline. We are struggling to get men to go into correctional facilities. Had a book drive – asked groups to donate a book a month...Actively trying to get all of the meeting information corrected. We are hosting the Spring Conference in May - Corrections workshop April 19 in Oshkosh.
- 03: Robyn A DCM:** Wisconsin Rapids – 11 active groups. Number of GSRs is 3 now! We also have an Alt DCM. Main goal is growing enthusiasm and involvement. Only have PI committee – on hiatus, but hopes to start up if a need. Continue to provide an answering service (20-50 calls per month)– thanks to volunteers and financial contributions.
- 04: John S DCM:** There are 16 groups registered/29 meetings total. Hosting the 2008 Fall Conference is likely inspiring increased participation. 2617 Club hosts most of the meetings in District 04. Tele-serve vs. cell phone for hotline is a hot topic. We have been trying to get committees established-suggested to combine CPC, PI, Grapevine, Corrections, and Treatment. Support for the hand of AA recovery is built upon a solid foundation dating back to early 1950's.
- 05: Mike M DCM:** over 50 Meetings – about 20% active in the District today have 5 GSRs at Assembly. Active district – all service positions are filled. CPC and PI committees meet together. Treatment published a form to fill out to speak at Treatment Centers. There is a CPC/PI workshop April 12 in Eleva and a pot-luck/speaker meeting to follow. CVIG (Chippewa Valley Intergroup) has formed, with an active cell phone hotline. CVIG will be hosting a workshop on May 10 in conjunction with a pot-luck/speaker meeting. Flyers are posted on the Area and District Websites.
- 07: Nate S (DCM):** Participation has doubled and then some. From 4 to 12 – we have had to change the format of the District Meeting. Corrections chair secured. We will be hosting the 2009 Fall Conference. We are all working toward the same goal. Taylor Co jail has been provided with 10 new Big Books
- 08: Jeff O (DCM):** Revived 12 step efforts with Treatment and Hospitals – they have opened up opportunities. Have switched from hotline to cell phone. Found that each has their own unique difficulties. Very excited about August 16

Intergroup at St. Stephens Church 512 McClellan St in Wausau. The Area Committee meeting will be held prior at 2:00 pm. We will be hosting the 2009 Delegates Workshop, location and more information to come.

09: Karl S (DCM): Menominee MI and Marinette, WI – as far north as White Lake. PI, Corrections, Newsletter, Alt DCM, treasurer, secretary, and archives positions filled. Grapevine and Webmaster vacant. 48 meetings, 22 registered, and seven corrections meeting. District website: district09aa.org. Newsletter & Meeting lists are online.

10: Joan R (DCM): **** Will email me****Rotating committee chairs into new positions – which are all filled, Nicolet Technical College 2nd Sat monthly is the DCM meeting – been seeing lots of new faces. New meeting in Crandon on Wednesdays. Turning Point group in Minocqua has an open meeting the 3rd Fri monthly. YMCA in Rhinelander also has an open meeting. Busy with corrections and

11: Cliff P (DCM) – new Corrections jail meeting chair, and have another new person willing to do CPC and PI work. In the last few weeks, an active member of AA had an accident and ended up going to the Nursing Home, and many other AAs took an AA meeting to these Gentlemen, and Thursdays have now become a permanent meeting at that Nursing Home. Although the Nursing Home offered no rent and to make the coffee, Cliff had a talk with them about being self-supporting. It has opened his eyes about the alcoholism problem in Nursing Homes. They will be putting literature throughout the Nursing Home.

13: Greg (DCM): All committees are active, but no CPC. 29 groups active – 2 new ones that have formed. Outreach with Treatment center being formed. Bayfield jail is doing well – group of regular volunteers. The facility in Ashland is a little more difficult to carry the message into, but there is a group currently doing so. Carrying literature and information into the schools.

14: Jim R (DCM): District 14 has an up coming workshop on April 19 at the New Richmond Alano Club. The potluck starts at noon and there will be speakers until 4 pm. We are also getting ready for the St. Croix and Polk County fairs which are in July. One of our GSR's suggested we have a banner made to look like the cover of the 4th edition of the Big Book. He called GSO to get approval that took about six to eight weeks all they asked was we have the circled R for registered trade mark put on it. There's also a trusted servants workshop in the works. Still having troubles getting jail volunteers.

16: Deb J (DCM): 13 groups now, March District meeting there were 8 people. Our goal is to bring people back into the district. We wonder hot to get people interested in the District – meeting lists are published on the Area website.

17: Steve S (DCM) – Website with a webmaster. 42 meetings hosted by 24 groups. Corrections committee is doing well – 4 men and 4 women going into correctional facilities. PI, CPC, grapevine vacant. Treasurer and Webmaster are filled. There is an online financial monitoring system. We have an AA hotline in service. District contributions have been stable, but the groups that don't like the computer don't contribute. Started a central office. Meetings held in Iron Mountain for the District in the winter, but do travel around to show support. We are working to have the meeting info updated by April deadline. Each group needs to be responsible for their own finances. Hosting the Spring 2009 Conference. A woman called the hotline to get someone to sit with her while after he passed away.

18: Larry T (DCM) – 44 registered groups; 55 AA meetings in Marquette area. Some groups want to remain not registered. District meets once a month, alternating between the two cities – hotline is active – about 70 calls per month. There are 40 people that volunteer to continue to carry that phone and help others. Discussion regarding budgeting and updating the website. Getting reports from GSRs about how much it will cost to update the website. There is some resistance about deleting inactive groups from the database.

19: Neil H (Alt DCM): Was just elected a few days ago. Working on a website. 30 meetings – about 1/2 registered. 8 new groups. Active group that goes to the jail meetings. Five new GSRs. District meetings – 3 meetings last year that no officers came. Hotline and 2 club houses. We are making progress – few more subscriptions to the Grapevine and literature.

20: Ken (Alt DCM) - 6 meetings. First time here. Glad to be here

22: Dan L (DCM): Approx 21 groups – Door County & Kewaunee County?. Sturgeon Bay has 115 Club. 18 people at the last District meeting. CPC and county jail involvement. Keeping Literature stocked. We are becoming more able to get back into the Hospital. Recently had Intergroup in March – LOTS of attendance from all over the Area.

23: Wayne W (DCM): Progress in the last year – 17 GSRs showing for District meeting; 4 new chairs; rotation finally taking place. Five new meetings – have been registered. New system is working well getting meetings registered. New GSR workshop held. PI/CPC workshop held in conjunction with District 24. Been able to get in Hospitals and other areas that otherwise we have been unable to. 10 of approx 40 groups are contributing. Corrections is funded through a separate contribution in meetings – have been able to continuously provide literature to the correctional facilities. AA has a good standing in the community and we are starting to talk to the correctional facilities about outreach efforts

24: Tom (DCM): Ladysmith/Chetek – 11 registered groups – 8 active GSRs – 8-10 people at District meetings. PI work taking place, but not as a district function. Have worked together with 23 quite a bit in sharing resources. Workshop was really a success with District 23. Held Delegates workshop in Chetek.

Conference Updates:
2005 Fall Conference (District 23) Final Report:

- * Wayne W (DCM) – had a loss of \$300 – Motion was made and seconded to reimburse the \$300 to District 23.
- * Discussion: Asked about seed money – Area had given \$500 seed money originally. It was a loss of that seed money plus an additional \$300. Motion was voted on and carried to reimburse the \$300

2008 Delegates Workshop

- * March 8, 2008 8:00 am at Chetek Alano Club. 71 Attendees. Cost of the food was covered by donations given.

2008 Spring Conference (District 2) Update:

- * Roger W (Chairperson) 87 registered so far. Agenda has been made, however a few changes will be made. The ECR Trustee will be attending. Rooms will be released after April 16, so please call and get your rooms reserved.

2008 Fall Conference (District 4) Update:

- * Please with the amount of work and the committee chairs stepping up (about 20 people). Workload has been spread out amongst groups. Working on issues for budget for speakers, etc. Facility has changed franchises, so there has been a reprint, but it is the same building.

2009 Spring Conference (District 17) Update:

- * Steve S (DCM) – Pine Mountain Resort 15 – 17 May, 2009. Room Rate is \$60 per night. Banquet - \$16 – 18; Registration \$13 - \$16 Still forming committees. Do have the seed money and have set up a checking account.

2009 Fall Conference (District 7) Update:

- * Dianne R (DCM) – speaker in place. Marshfield – still working on details, but facility is secured.

BIDS:

2010 Spring Conference

- * District 8; May 7-9 Stony Creek Inn in Rothschild, WI - \$16 Registration, \$22 Banquet, \$81/night rooms – 4 person occupancy includes continental breakfast. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

2010 Delegates Workshop

- Larry T (DCM) Marquette would like to host – District 18
- Ben K (DCM) District 22 – March 6 at Hope United Church. \$80 or less for a room for those staying the night.
- Simple Majority Vote: 36 for Marquette and 35 for Door County. Delegates Workshop will be held in Marquette.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Area Archivist

- * Mark M. - Follow up report on staples and staple removal from the National Archives Workshop. Arkansas has a group that removes staples for correctional literature (involves sewing) – let Mark know if you have in interest in learning, he will be happy to help. Archives were last updated in the 1970's, digitization, better display of Archives, place to keep the Archives, access to Archives (permissions), policies on what we collect and don't collect. Those are the issues coming up on the Horizon.

Now & Then

- * Greg S. – Still working on problem about back issues not being available on the web. Have to block out full names and contact information to post on the web. Emailed about 75 copies via email last month. If you are receiving my mail, and would like to receive it via email, let Greg know. Still printing around 500 copies. Still looking for articles
- * Estimated cost for the year is around \$3,800 to include PO Box, Labels, Permit, printing, and postage. Some question/discussion/concerns about email being/not being secure.
- * Maybe we need to think about deleting personal information from the digital format being emailed.
- * Question: Is there anything that is in place to ensure the validity of minutes published in the Now and Then, as GSO staff and trustees receive the Now & Then.
- * Past Delegate comment – "Editor" means that you correct spelling and grammar and punctuation before it is sent out. We start to look uneducated if that isn't done. If the issue is cost – if that is the reason that we want to email it, then let's pay for it. We don't want to jeopardize anonymity just for easy access and fiscal issues.

Webmaster

Discussion about Anonymity is really important. A co-chair for a Spring Conference in District 5 did a Google on his name, and it came up with Alcoholics Anonymous. No full names or contact information on flyers to be posted on web.

- * Increased traffic on the Web-site; meeting lists and calendar are the most frequently visited sites.
- * Our web address for Area is listed incorrectly on the AA website – District 04 is linked there instead.
- * Made a change to the meeting list page listing links under the map in numerical order.
- * Have been trying to find a better map – a little more detailed with cities, etc – no luck to date. Some Districts that haven't updated their meeting list – DCMs – please check your meeting lists and update.

- * If you are holding an event, please send your flyer – personal information deleted. Will post within a week.
- * Currently guidelines limit links to Area District sites, Grapevine and GSO – **would like to add Area 75 and MN Area 34 and 35. Asking the body and the groups to consider this. Also, consider adding a link to the Al-anon world service web-site. Planning to bring a motion to that effect to the Fall Assembly.**
- * Comment: A hard copy of anything can be scanned and made into a digital copy and be posted, so maybe it is more of an individual responsibility.
- * Bob M (past delegate) – GSO is going to be compiling information and making a yellow sheet (Guideline) – maybe wait until the guidelines come out to see what they say before making a motion.

Registrar

- * Meeting updates take a long time, so please get in ASAP. Whatever is in the Fellowship New Vision Database as of April 30 will be what goes into the Regional Directories for 2008-2009.

Ad-Hoc (Area Guidelines)

- * Marty L, Len D, Terry M, Eric L, Roger W are on the committee, meeting once a month. Hand outs were given about what changes are being suggested – please take to your groups to discuss. How much latitude does the Ad Hoc committee have with creativity regarding the Article V. Feel free to contact individuals on the committee with questions
- * Question: Where can we get a copy of the Current Area 74 Guidelines?
- * **Terry M: has a copy of the 2006 Draft, and he can email those.**
- * Bob M (past delegate): One of the things that Bob ran into on similar committees was not having knowledge on certain events (i.e. State Convention, Mini Conference, Service Weekend, a two-day Assembly, etc.) Have a budget for them so that this committee can get some experience before suggesting any changes to the structure.
- * Question: Are we dropping the ball by not making a motion to financially support travel expenses for this committee
- * Question: doesn't the ad-hoc committee have the purpose of bringing a proposal to the Assembly body for approval? Not actually make the changes?
- * Eric has been to state conventions, but not to do research.
- * Comment: What direction is the Assembly body wants to give the ad-hoc committee; lets keep the State Convention out of it, and stick to conducting Area Business.
- * Comment: Have heard comments about "fun" at Conferences and the fact that some cannot afford that. There are other issues behind restructuring our current service structure. Beseeched the body to give the ad-hoc committee to have the latitude to decide the structure. Nothing will be written in stone.
- * Comment: Ad-Hoc Committee was formed out of the Area Committee. It was discussed for two years, and then was disbanded last time. The DCMs and GSRs need to be prepared to have the discussion at Assembly. We are the only state that doesn't have a state convention.
- * Comment: went to a conference in Marquette, MI when there was another event going on during panels, etc, and she didn't like the feeling of being separated.
- * Comment: Other lines of communication need to be opened; just talking about this twice a year isn't working. Let's email our ideas to the committee for them to look through and come up with possible solutions
- * Comment: Eclectic bunch in the Ad-Hoc committee. Maybe the ad-hoc committee could come to the Area Committee to pound that out piece meal rather than bringing it before the Assembly Body.
- * Terry M: Part of the Ad-Hoc committee. If you talk to your groups – email the ad-hoc committee with your suggestions. That would be very helpful.
- * Question: Can we have a deadline for the Ad-Hoc committee to have a proposal?
- * Comment/Suggestion from Ad-Hoc Committee: Anyone who does not have a copy of the 2006 Guidelines (amended). The sheets that were handed out today give the old wording and the new wording. Would like to bring back four or five proposals for the body to consider. Throw out some suggestions to the Ad-Hoc Committee. Show of hands was asked for who wanted a Conference.
- * Comment: Ten years ago a motion was made and passed that all Guidelines and the minutes should be made available in writing at every Assembly, and we have gotten away from that.
- * Comment: As a committee we gave a goal of 12 months. Please give the comments to the committee and they have a goal of presenting the proposal on the guidelines at Fall Assembly.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Committee Motions:

- **Motion: To reimburse the webmaster \$99.50 for web hosting expenses for 2007**
- Vote – 1 opposed – Minority opinion heard; should be part of the PI committee expenses – not an individual.
- No motion to reconsider, Vote carries to reimburse.
- **Motion: To Reimburse \$316.84 exceeding 2007 Chair expenses.** Motion made, seconded; Vote – motion carried.
- **Request submitted for \$99 from Grapevine to display at WICYPAA at GSO's request. Finance committee doesn't know how to handle that reimbursement request.**
- One week prior the WICYPAA conference, GSO called Area 74 Grapevine Chair. He contacted the Grapevine committee and they agreed that he should go. Each chair has a cap of \$500 for travel expenses for Area events.
- Some question/concerns around who should pay for the reimbursement ... is it an Area event?
- Bob M: Should the Grapevine pay for it? The emphasis of the Grapevine has been to attract new people. If the Grapevine calls and asked it is assumed that the Area would pick up the costs.
- **Motion was made to reimburse \$99 to Grapevine Chair -seconded.** Open for Discussion....
- We are getting stuck in the process. Do we reimburse committees for services provided to the alcoholic who still suffers. A service was done for Area 74 and the reimbursement should be made.
- Called the question. Vote made to reimburse the monies– minority opinion heard. It was stated that the committee may have too much power. It could lead to a precedent.
- No motion made to reconsider – motion carried.
- **Motion: That the area will provide the necessary tools at a cost not to exceed \$425 for the registrar to access the new vision program from the general service office.**
- Comments: Our district thinks that laptops need to be replaced every four years – is this something that should be leased rather than purchased. Comment: Our district discussed this at length, and because of the low cost and ease we decided it was better to own it and secure it. Comment: Discussed this in my group – not opposed to having a laptop, but opposed to the mechanics – should be a part of the Registrar's budget. Still believe that we need to have a laptop.
- Bob M (Past Delegate): Kind of leery on the wording "tools". What does that mean? In 2001 we voted not to buy a recorder to record the Assemblies. It is not a clear motion.
- Some confusion/comparison with Webmaster and Archivist positions. It was suggested that this expense should be part of the Registrar Expenses. When this job was done by paper, pen, stamps, and envelopes – didn't we reimburse?
- Question/Comment – How much are we willing to spend to do service for Area 74? Another Area has 2 laptops. Tried to make a motion to increase the Registrar budget to \$425 to include that expense, but motion already on floor.
- Someone called the question. Vote carried to vote.
- Voted on the original motion - Yes: 46 No: 11. Minority Report was heard: The "tools" need to be defined. It is a poorly worded motion – are we moving too quickly. It is property and should be stated as such.
- Motion to reconsider – seconded – more discussion. Dodie stated that only a simple majority was necessary – YES: 20 NO: 36. Motion carries.
- **Motion: "to provide a stipend of \$20 per month for Internet access to the Area Registrar".**
- "Stipend" was defined, and then the finance committee decided to reword their motion to read: "to provide \$20 per month for Internet access to the Area Registrar".
- Amendment of "with documentation" was suggested and accepted by the finance committee.
- Motion made to table – seconded – VOTE: Yes: 24 NO: 28; motion not tabled.
- More discussion about what kind of documentation would be needed – reimbursement form would suffice.
- Called the question – passed
- Vote taken YES: 40 NO: 15; Minority opinion was asked for – Does the \$20 come out of the \$425 or is it separate? Are we just voting to be done for the day?
- Motion to reconsider. Seconded. Vote defeated. Motion stands.

Floor Motion: Area 74 establish guidelines for the Treasurer to accept contributions from groups, individuals or other entities, and that the Treasurer compare each contribution to see that they conform to those guidelines before acknowledging the contribution by cashing or depositing the contribution. If the contribution does not been the Group Contribution Guidelines established, the Treasurer forwards the contribution to the Finance committee for review and the Finance Committee sends their recommendation to the Assembly for a decision.

Motion to table – seconded. Vote to table carried. Groups to discuss this and be ready for discussion and vote at Fall Assembly.

Meeting Closed at: 6:03 pm with the Lord's Prayer

**Fall Assembly Minutes
Three Lakes, WI
October 18, 2008**

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 9:04 am.

Traditions Read

Concepts read

Recognized new GSR's and DCM's – 12 people stood up; there were a handful of non-voting members.

Set guidelines for the meeting – agreeing to allow non-voting members to participate in discussion portions of the day.

Recognized past delegates

Role call

OFFICERS:

Delegate
Alt Delegate
Secretary/Registrar
Treasurer

DCMs:

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
District 5
~~District 6~~
District 7
District 8
District 9
District 10
District 11
District 12

Non-Voting POSITIONS:

~~Archivist~~
Asst Secretary
Co-Treasurer
~~Web Master~~

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Archives
Corrections – MI
Corrections – WI
CPC
Finance
Grapevine
Literature

Now & Then (not present at Role Call, but came later)

Public Information

~~Treatment Facilities~~

Announcement: Area Committee Meeting on December 13, 2008, will be at 325 Franklin St in Appleton.

Treasures Report

MJ presented the Financial Report – no questions

Secretary/Registrar's Report

File was sent around to update Officer, Chair, and DCM information.

Tina said her good-byes to the Assembly Body as Secretary/Registrar

Minutes were approved from Spring Assembly as they were printed in the Now & Then.

Finance committee's financial projections and committee report

Chair presented a report from the Finance committee – who they are and what they do. There will be nominations for two committee members this afternoon.

After consulting with the Archivist, the Finance committee found that most things are being archived. The only things that are not are bank statements and items such as that – that would typically be on hand with the treasurer.

The committee discussed at length increasing the established expenses by \$200 – there will be a motion in New Business.

Chair presented in writing and verbally the proposed 2009 Financial Projections as published in the Now & Then. He also had a projected outcome in writing if the proposed Finance Committee motions were passed, contributions vs. expenses since 2004 (showing a loss every year)

Several overages from Officers will be given to the Assembly body for approval during new business.

Total Contributions and Expenses – are these JUST group contributions? Or does it cover TOTAL contributions? Chair stated that the numbers that he used were the numbers that were on the final report each year from previous Treasures.

How many groups meet or exceed that \$167 amount? (The average yearly contribution per group) Treasurer stated that 12 groups have met or exceeded that amount.

Is the \$425 allotment for Secretary's tools a one time or ongoing expense? Was meant to be a one time expense that would last for awhile, however we needed to keep that \$425 in the projections in case.

Motion made to accept the projections as outlined (for \$24,495).

Should we pass the projected changed document instead? NO.

Vote to accept (2/3 majority needed – 47 votes)

70 total voting members; 56 yes; 12 no; 2 abstained

Minority opinion was heard.

Finance committee hasn't shown how they are going to prudently spend group contributions. Voted against, because not sure what voting on. Under the expenses, I question how we do business and why committee chairs are spending what they are spending? What are they doing at the conferences? After discussion in home group, but the amount of money being spent on gas is not acceptable.

Someone in the majority wished to change their vote 30 were for reconsidering; 34 voted against. Someone asked why there was no discussion. However, the past Delegate addressed the body and asked if only the majority originally should have voted or if all voting members should have voted.

Much discussion about the reconsideration and what is stated at the bottom of the Parliamentary Guidelines.

Financial Projection PASSED.

Past Delegate addressed the body. (the following is a summary of what was said, and is not to be taken as a direct quote)

Welcomed the new person to assembly, and encouraged them to come back regardless of what happens here today. Are we trying to think our way into good living? One of the past delegates said that he would never stand for Trustee, as he didn't have enough money. Is this a requirement? Another past delegate told him that a lack of education would prevent him from ever being considered. Who is making these requirements- Real or perceived? We have become thinkers in the fellowship and paying less attention to matters of the heart – spiritual matters. He wants to nominate someone for Trustee at Large that is out of the country from the Area. We are regulating each other in the name of "good service" with intellect. The recovery rate is dropping in our fellowship. We need to think about these things as we go into nominating for the Trustee positions this afternoon.

East Central Regional Trustee (the following is a summary of what was said, and is not meant to be taken as a direct quote)

As a GSR and DCM, he wondered what a Delegate's report was let alone a Trustee report – just like a GSR report, just a bigger geographical area. Four years ago, this body voted to put his name forward as a nomination for the East Central Regional (ECR) Trustee position, so now here he is before us to report on what is going on at General Service Board and what he has been up to. Andy, non-trustee director on the Grapevine board passed away very suddenly – a very good trusted servant who brought enthusiasm wherever he went & he will be missed. New "Beginners" book that the "Grapevine" has printed – aimed at the newcomers. Also, there is a new "Service Manual" out that matches the color of our current Final Conference Report. He Chairs CPC Facilities committee for the second year, and Secretary for the General Service Board, just rotated from the Grapevine Board, chairs sub-committee on unexpected vacancies (i.e. Regional Trustee passed away 3 months into his 4 year commitment, and has not been replaced, as the Region refuses to submit a name for that). There is an opening for General Manager, "GM" – retiring on Dec 1. GM Search committee appointed in Jan to look for new GM; the

selection will be made in two weeks, and we thought that the entire board would be interviewing these candidates, however only one name is going to be submitted to date, and ECR Trustee is very concerned about that. Five Trustees (including him) have written and signed a letter expressing that concern. In April, there will be a new chair of the GSB, – now open to Class B Trustee – received about 12 resumes. We have been busy! At the board meeting immediately after the 58th General Service Conference (GSC), due to the by-laws of New York, there was a resolution presented to have the GM and the Chair of the Board be ex-officio voting members of all Trustee committees (GM is not a member voted in – they are a paid employee). This issue has been heavily debated, and it will be back on the agenda at the next board meeting. There is a definite split on the board. Seven (1/3) of the Trustees are rotating out in April – he has been going around talking to the areas in the region about taking great care in their selections to assist in making a change. Whoever gets the Regional Trustee will be in for an exciting time. In the financial situation – we are in the black! Group participation fiscally – Area 74 is 6th in our region. He covered some financial numbers – all fiscal reports can be found in the Final Conference report. Grapevine circulation is up, however there is still a loss fiscally. “LaVina”, Spanish Grapevine magazine, needs more support in WI. AAWS report – is looking at increasing the Big Book pricing and shipping charges. International Conventions & Regional Forums – thought it would be a good idea to have a local forum and do away with the Special Forums. Only one area has submitted an idea so far. In 2012 we will have an opportunity to have another Forum – if you would like to host that, let Dodie know what your idea is and she will help you formulate your ideas (i.e. Native American emphasis). Will be considering those at the Luncheon at the GSC next year. 2020 International Convention being talked about – Detroit, MI being considered, and there will be a decision made on that at the Fall GSB meeting. One of the thrills as ECR Trustee is that he gets to travel to different elections and see the reactions of those being elected – serving through their humility. Shared about his experience going “down in the ranks” and the humility that it offered. It’s really all about principles, and we learn those in these rooms; we need to carry those in all of our affairs as servants/leaders. These principles are far more important than any other “corporate” principles. Corporate poverty is not just about money, but we need to continually stay in “poverty” as a corporation – that at any moment anything could happen. If we lose sight of this we will falter. He believes more than ever that we need spiritual leaders at the level of the General Service Board. Service in Area 74 has taught him to always gather a sense of the body on important issues – this truly being the ultimate authority of the fellowship.

ELECTIONS

- Third Legacy Procedure will be used for Regional Trustee, Trustee at Large, and Secretary/Registrar, and the Corrections Chair – WI, Finance Committee member, and Area Treatment Chair will be by simple majority.
- Do not have to be a past delegate to be nominated for Trustee positions.
- Do you need to be present to be nominated here today? Whatever we decide, we should have that in writing somewhere. We have set a precedent in the past, which would infer that if there is an interested person not present, that they could stand for the position. How would we know that the person in question is qualified, and is aware of the qualifications necessary and if they are willing and able? With all the joking around that we do about persons being absent from a business meeting and being elected, are we subjecting a Trustees position to this kind of poor light? This is a position (Trustees) that should be entered with great care – I wonder how electing someone who is not present what kind of message that we are sending. Bill often talked about the good being the enemy of the best, and just because we have elected someone not present before, doesn’t make it the best practice. There was an interested person in the Secretary’s position that was unable to be here as well. Would like to see the person here to be considered for a position. Elections will take place in another venue for the Trustee positions
- Motion made **“To suspend the requirement that the person be present for Trustee at Large or Regional Trustee; however this would not apply to the other chair positions.”** Seconded. Discussion ensued. We are not the only ones who are responsible for putting names forth – we may not be able to do

that today. There are 14 areas from our region; we may or may not have 14 names, however this is decided at the General Service Conference and those candidates will not be present at the time of election either. In the service manual a portion was read about how the qualifications should be carefully reviewed – how can we do that if they are not present – if there is nothing in writing. The issue is not so much about nomination as being voted in – won't probably vote for someone not here. There is nothing in writing for us. New person to AA (4 mo sober) asked – if this is such an important position shouldn't they be present?

- Called the question. There was a vote to consider voting on the motion, and a simple majority existed, however it should have been 2/3 majority. However, only one was opposed. It was decided to break for lunch and vote after.
- Question was asked if we needed a new count of voting members – NO.
- Clarification was asked on the motion. Yes – 19; No – 36 ; motion defeated; Minority opinion heard. No one in the majority wanted to change their vote, so motion carried.

Nomination of Trustee at large

Nominees:

Leonard D - Yes

Chuck S - Yes

Bob M - No

Torv T – No

John H- No

Jeff C - Yes

Jim S - Yes

Mark M – absent (nominee was accepted via Chuck S)

Nominations closed. Len D., Jeff C., Chuck S., and Jim S. took the podium to share their individual backgrounds and qualifications.

Third Legacy procedure was used.

Jeff C. was drawn from the hat after 5 ballots presented no winner.

Nomination of Regional trustee

Nominees:

Leonard D - Yes

Chuck S - Yes

Bob M - No

Torv T – Yes

John H- No

Jim S - Yes

Nominations closed. Torv T. took the podium to share his background and qualifications.

Third Legacy procedure was used.

Len D. was drawn from the hat after 5 ballots presented no winner.

Election of Secretary/registrar

- Some Clarification was made on the position
- Nominations from the floor – Jackie C.– Yes; Kathy – No; Allison – No; Joanne – No; Robin – No
- Motion on the floor to close nominations and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Jackie C. Voted – majority = Yes, however minority opinion heard. Are there any volunteers? Are we rushing the vote? We are not following Third Legacy Procedure – Point of order.
- Nominations opened again. Alison G – YES; Joanne R – Yes ; Ellen P – unable to accept (against the guidelines); Kevin K– Not able to; Phil B – YES;

- Nominations closed. Jackie C., Alison G., Joanne R, and Phil B., shared their backgrounds and experience. Third Legacies Procedures used.
- **Jackie was elected after 2nd Ballot with 2/3 majority.**

Election of Finance committee members

- Nominations for the 2 year position: Steve S – YES; Joel S.– YES; John S– YES; Roger W – YES. Each nominee gave shared their background and experience in service.
- **Roger W had a simple majority and will begin his term immediately.**
- Nominations for a one year position: Joel S – YES, Steve S – YES
- **Joel S had a simple majority and will begin serving immediately.**

Election of Area Treatment Chair

- One year position to complete the term of the Chair that is stepping down. Nominations: David J– Yes; Marty L. – Yes; Eric L– Yes
- Each nominee gave shared their background and experience in service.
 - **Marty L. had a simple majority and will begin his term immediately.**

Election of Area Corrections Chair – WI

- Area Committee had appointed Paul S at the summer Area Committee meeting, and we need to get Assembly approval. Motion made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot forward for Paul S. Motion Seconded. Motion failed – Nominations still open. Paul S – yes, Wayne W– Yes, Eric L.– Yes. Paul S. and Wayne W. came up to share background & experience. Eric withdrew his name.
- **Paul had a simple majority and will continue to serve in this capacity for the next year.**

Motion made “**Continue to table two tabled motions under old business until Spring Assembly.**”

Question was called. 2/3 carried to vote on the original motion.

33 for; 30 against – Minority opinion heard. Motion to reconsider – passed with simple majority.

One of the motions that is being tabled is that of an Area Inventory, which points to the fact that we need to revisit the way that we do business. We need longer Assemblies.

There is an Area Committee meeting slated for December.

Redirected to discussion on motion on the floor.

Motion failed by simple majority.

Motion was made and seconded “**To change the Dec 13 Area Committee meeting to an Area Assembly to address the 2 tabled items under new business**”.

Shouldn't just the Area Committee vote on this?

The Area Committee reports directly to the Assembly body, so really the assembly would have say.

The Area Committee is scheduled for 2 – can we get the church earlier? YES & we would have enough room for the meeting.

We just aren't getting our business done with the structure that we have.

We have spent 30 min on discussing this and we probably could have gotten our old business done by now.

A concern was raised about the distance that GSRs would need to travel to Appleton on such short notice. This facility is available every Saturday in November and December.

Can a friendly amendment be made? YES.

Friendly amendment to the current motion to “**change the time of the meeting in Appleton from 2:00 pm to 10:00 am.**” The friendly amendment was accepted.

“To change the Dec 13 Area Committee meeting to an Area Assembly to address the 2 tabled items under old business and to change the time of the meeting in Appleton from 2:00 pm to 10:00 am.”

Question called.

Voted to Vote. Passed

5 for; motion NOT carried. No minority opinion.

Motion: **“We hold a special assembly meeting to continue the agenda of the Oct 18, 2008 Assembly; meeting location to be at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI on November 1, 2008 at 9:00 am.”.**

44 for; 10 opposed; motion passed – minority opinion:

Expecting all those who are not here to be ready in 2 weeks, and to have a brand new Secretary notify all of the GSRs.

We have now spent 45 minutes discussing this and we could have taken care of the tabled business.

Some have schedules and are not able to make it on that date.

Vote to Vote.

27 for; 18 against. Motion carries to rediscuss.

Let’s have discussion about the date – decide on that and we can come up with a date, and then make a friendly amendment.

Should we wait until AFTER the area committee meeting?

November 15th and November 29th were offered up as potential dates.

November 8th was suggested as well.

December 13 was revisited – the same motion that had just been voted down.

*****Now & Then Chair showed up*****

Communication would not be able to be made in the Now & Then for November, it would have to be published in the December issue.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN & SECONDED

Motion: **“We hold a special assembly meeting to continue the agenda of the Oct 18, 2008 Assembly; meeting location to be at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI keeping in mind the Conscience of this body , the Area Chair, Delegate, Treasurer & Secretary to choose the date.”** Seconded.

Only three opposed – no minority opinion. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

There were written reports handed to the Secretary prior verbal reports being made from Committee Chairs and DCMS. Please have those reports in writing for the new secretary at the next Assembly. The following is what was on the Agenda that was postponed until a special assembly can be scheduled:

Old Business

- **Tabled motion** “ Area 74 shall establish guidelines for the Treasurer to accept contributions from groups, individuals or other entities, and that the Treasurer compare each contribution to see that they conform to those guidelines before acknowledging the contribution by cashing or depositing the contribution. If the contribution does not meet the Group Contribution Guidelines established, the Treasurer forwards the contribution to the Finance committee for review and the Finance Committee sends their recommendation to the Assembly for a decision.”
- **Tabled motion** “That the Area do an inventory”

Conference updates

Spring Conference 2008-Dist 02

Fall conference 2008 - Dist 04

Delegate’s workshop 2009- Dist 08

Spring Conference 2009 - Dist 17

Fall Conference 2009 - Dist 07

Bids for Fall Conference 2010

New Business

- **Finance committee two motions:**
 - “to increase offices and committee chair expense reimbursement amount \$200; Delegate from \$1600 to \$1800; Alt Delegate \$800 to \$1000; Officers and committee chairs \$500 to \$700
 - “When established by Area 74, each ad hoc committee to receive a budget not to exceed \$100, to be approved by the finance committee with reasonable documentation.
- **Area committee motion**
 - “The area ask the Ad Hoc committee to suspend activity in revising the area structure/ guidelines until such time as the Area can complete an Area inventory.”
- **PI committee motion**
 - “To separate Area 74 Website and Webmaster expenses from the Area 74 P.I. Committee budget, and establish a budget solely for website and webmaster proposes an annual budget of \$350. This will cover such expenses as web hosting \$100 every 2 years, domain name \$20 every two years, travel lodging, meals, registration for assemblies and conferences.”
- **Agenda Item for General Service Conference**
 - Whereas the AA Grapevine Inc. mission statement is” The purpose of the Grapevine is to carry the AA message to as many people as possible, both inside and outside the Fellowship, through publication of its magazines and related items, which reflect the experience, strength, and hope of its members and friends on topics related to recovery, unity, and service. Further, our purpose is to provide such service in a manner consistent with the Twelve Traditions, and without soliciting monetary contributions from AA members or groups to fund operating expenses.”, Area 74 requests the General Service Conference to approve a policy that the AA Grapevine Inc. publishes the “AA Grapevine” and “LaVina” as “institutionally friendly”* literature.
At the present time, some correctional facilities will not allow copies of the “Grapevine” to be distributed within the institution due to the fact that the issues are bound together with staples. Contrary to the mission statement, this makes a valuable recovery tool unavailable to a large number of recovering alcoholics.
*- “Institutionally friendly” – is understood to mean the binding of the pages of the literature are such that it would be allowed in institutional type facilities (i.e.: correctional facilities, treatment centers, etc).

Committee Reports

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Corrections – WI

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January 3, 2009

Special Assembly

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Terry opened the meeting at 9:05 am, with a moment of silence and the Serenity prayer. The traditions and The 12 Concepts were read. There was a vote to decide if none voting members would be allowed to participate and have their voice heard. It was passed by majority vote.

Role Call (those present include):

Officers: Delegate, Alt Delegate, Secretary, and Treasurer. Committee Chairs: Archives, CPC, Corrections WI, Corrections MI, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment.

DCM's from Districts: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 22, and 24.

Secretary/Registrar's and Treasurer's Reports:

See Now and Then- Correction to the Minutes made by Mary Jo R. "under the financial projection it should be listed as Jeff O. instead of Jeff C."

See attachment

Tabled Motion:

"Area 74 shall establish guidelines for the Treasurer to accept contributions from groups, individuals or other entities, and that the Treasurer compare each contribution to see that they conform to those guidelines before acknowledging the contribution by cashing or depositing the contribution. If the contribution does not meet the Group Contribution Guidelines established, the Treasurer forwards the contribution to the Finance committee for review and the Finance Committee sends their recommendation to the Assembly for a decision"

Friendly amendment one: To remove the word "Group" at the end of the motion was passed.

Friendly Amendment two: To add "Area 74 Finance Committee" to the beginning of the motion was passed.

Friendly Amendment three: To add "Subsequent to approval by the Area 74 assembly" was passed.

New Motion to Read:

"The Area 74 Finance Committee shall establish guidelines, subsequent to approval by the Area 74 assembly for the Treasurer to accept contributions from groups, individuals or other entities, and that the Treasurer compare each contribution to see that they conform to those guidelines before acknowledging the contribution by cashing or depositing the contribution. If the contribution does not meet the Contribution Guidelines established, the Treasurer forwards the contribution to the Finance committee for review and the Finance Committee sends their recommendation to the Assembly for a decision"

A motion was made to call the question "Voting to Vote". The motion was carried. The Motion was passed by 48 for and 5 opposed. Motion Carries and the Minority were given a chance to give their opinion. There were those that wished to change their vote and there was a vote to reconsider and the motion failed by simple majority vote.

Finance Committee Motion:

The Finance Committee made a motion to Reimburse the overages of 948.06 to the Area Chair, \$465.92; Archives Chair, \$131.00; Grapevine, \$3.00; and CPC Chair \$308.50.

After some discussion, the Question was called and seconded and the motioned carried by majority vote. The Finance Committee's motion was voted on and carried by Majority vote.

Tabled Motion: "That the Area do an inventory"

There was much discussion about why we may need to take an inventory. The question was called and seconded. It was accepted my majority vote.

The motion was accepted 44 for 9 opposed.

Minority Opinion was given the opportunity to share. There was a motion to reconsider, and that motion failed.

Conference updates:

Spring Conference 2008- District 02

354 people attended. The income was \$815.14. The district self supported this event. (See attachment)

Fall Conference 2008- District 04

Participation at District level grew after the Conference. Conference income helped finance some committees. (see attachment)

Delegate's Workshop 2009- District 08

March 14, at 8am. (See Flyer)

Spring Conference 2009- District 17

May 15-17, in Iron Mountain. (See Flyer) www.District17a74.org

Registration \$20 w/ banquet \$35

Fall Conference 2009- District 07

Not present

Delegate's Workshop 2010- District 18

No planning until March

Spring Conference 2010- District 08

Working on the finer points but going along fine. More info to come and flyers will be at Spring Assembly.

Bid for Fall Conference 2010: No Bids – tabled until Spring Assembly will also be looking for bids for Spring Assembly 2011.

Finance Committee Two Motions:

One: "To increase officer and Committee chair expense reimbursement amount \$200; Delegate from \$2600 to \$2800; Alt Delegate \$800 to \$1000; Officers and committee chairs \$500 to \$700."

After some and discussion and clarification given by the Finance Chair, the question was called and passed with a majority vote. The Finance Committee's motion failed 25 for and 19 opposed due to lack of 2/3 majority vote. The minority was given the chance to speak. There was a motion and a second to reconsider 26 for and 12 opposed, which opened this motion up for further discussion. The question was called again with a second and passed. The motion was voted on again; motion fails.

Two: “When established by Area 74, each ad hoc committee to receive a budget not to exceed \$100, to be approved by the finance committee with reasonable documentation.”

After having discussion, the finance committee withdrew their motion.

Area Committee Motion:

“The area asks the Ad Hoc committee to suspend activity in revising the area structure/guidelines until such time as the Area can complete an Area inventory.”

The Area Committee withdrew their motion.

PI Committee Motion:

“To separate Area 74 Website and Webmaster expenses from the Area 74 P.I. Committee budget, and establish a budget solely for website and webmaster proposes an annual budget of \$350. This will cover such expenses as web hosting \$100 every 2 years, domain name \$20 every two years, travel, lodging, meals, registration for assemblies and conferences.”

Motion failed by majority vote. No minority opinion was offered.

Agenda Item for General Service Conference:

Whereas the AA Grapevine Inc. mission statement is, “The purpose of the Grapevine is to carry the AA message to as many people as possible, both inside and outside the Fellowship, through publication of its magazines and related items, which reflect the experience, strength, and hope of its members and friends on topics related to recovery, unity, and service. Further, our purpose is to provide such service in a manner consistent with the Twelve Traditions, and without soliciting monetary contributions from AA members or groups to fund operating expenses.”

Area 74 requests the General Service Conference to approve a policy that the AA Grapevine Inc. Publishes the AA Grapevine and LaVina as institutionally Friendly* literature. At the present time, some correctional facilities will now allow copies of the Grapevine to be distributed within the institution due to the fact that the issues are bound together with staples. Contrary to the mission statement, this makes a valuable recovery tool unavailable to a large number of recovering alcoholics.

*Institutionally friendly is understood to mean the binding of the pages of the literature are such that it would be allowed in institutional type facilities (I.E.: Correctional Facilities, treatment centers, ect.)

Dodi asked for everyone to let her or Terry know how many institutions in your district will only allow institutionally friendly literature (no staples) in their facilities. Discussion was had and the question was called, seconded, and passed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Floor Action:

There was a vote about considering a floor action brought up by District 4. 18 were for hearing it and 19 were opposed to hearing about it. Floor action was declined.

General Service Manual:

Area 56 Assembly is looking for the following motion to be placed on the 2009 GSC Agenda:

“Any changes to conference approved literature are met by Conference Action. This includes the addition or deletion of footnotes, indentations, punctuations, forwards,

prologues, epilogues, appendixes, glossaries, book flaps, diagrams, charts, and anything else that may affect the meaning of the conference approved literature.”

Dodi brought this to the assembly to gain the support of our Area to help Area 56 to get this motion on to the conference agenda. This was brought about because Area 56 noticed changes being made to the footnotes from year to year, as a result of Area 56 studying the General Service Manual. They could not find any where in the GSC that these changes were approved by the conference. Dodi made a motion to have our Area support this motion by drafting a letter to show our support.

Monday Night “Just for Today” District 05 Motion:

Whereas – it is our belief that decisions in AA are most effectively reached through a group Conscious AND General Service Representatives are the only assembly attendees representing a group conscious. We move that the Area Guidelines, Article I, Section 2 be amended to read the following:

“General Service Representatives shall be the whole of the voting body at Area Assemblies, unless voting results in a tie, when the elected Area Chair casts the deciding vote.”

A motion was made to table this issue until the Spring 2009 Assembly to allow GSR’s the opportunity to discuss this matter with their groups before putting it to a vote.

District 13 motion:

“To charge the Area 74 Finance Committee with revising the reimbursement allowances to area officers and committee chairs to reflect approved expenses only for necessary activities directly to the area duties. Also, to bring these revisions to the 2009 Spring Assembly for approval.”

There was discussion about the reimbursement guidelines, and it was asked that the Finance Committee have the Guidelines published in the Now and Then. The motion failed by majority vote. The minority opinion was given. No vote to reconsider was offered.

Area Inventory:

The Delegate and the Alternate Delegate have appointed a committee (The Super 7) to decide on the time and place the inventory should take place and to decide which questions we should include in this inventory.

Committee Reports:

Archives:

They are building some new display cases for the Archives. They will be at the Spring Assembly for viewing.

Corrections WI:

Sent out a mass email for DCM’s in WI asking how many Jails or prisons are in their Districts and if they are being facilitated. Also asked if there is anything such as a workshop he can provide for the Districts. He attended a corrections workshop in Ladysmith. There is a correction workshop scheduled in District 05 on the 7th of February in conjunction with the Traveling Potluck. Has also been working on Bridging the Gap within Area 74.

Corrections MI:

I continue to meet with AA members that carry the message to local jails and prisons. A corrections meeting occurs before our traveling Intergroup once a month. At that time, we go around the table encouraging each person to report on their activities. We also open the meeting to anyone seeking advice based on the experience of others at the meeting. Members have asked for literature to be purchased from GSO and shipped to a jail or prison. The chair has used his GSO account to order and ship literature to the jails and prisons. Of special interest to me, are two jail meetings for women that have started in two different jails in the UP. Some of the same people through out the UP travel to these Intergroup and participate in the corrections meetings. I consider them as member of my committee.

CPC:

Hello everyone from Area 74,

I am your CPC chair for the area. I am here to be of service to you by spreading the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the professional community. CPC stands for Cooperation to the Professional Community. Professionals could include those persons of the clergy, physicians in the medical or dental field, police officers, judges, lawyers, drug and alcohol counselors, and anybody else you think could be included in the professional field. My first workshop was in February and believe me I was scared. But those fears were unfounded. Your PI chair, Adam K., was the first presenter and he did an awesome job for me to lead into. The hosting districts (District 23 and 24 worked together to host this workshop) invited professionals from the community. There were four professionals in attendance- a correction officer, 2 persons from the Wisconsin drug court, and women representing a women's referral system. When it was my time to speak I asked those persons "How can we serve you?" It was definitely my Higher Power leading me. It turned into a round table discussion with those professionals and those alcoholics that were there who wanted to learn more about sharing their experience about alcoholism. It was quite a first experience for me. In the last Now and Then one of the alternate DCM questioned what our area committee chairs are doing to spread the message. I feel I am not being utilized enough by our area. I know I can do more. I have done one other workshop and spoke at one district meeting since the above mentioned workshop. So please invite my committee to your district. We are willing to help you share the message. It can be as simple as inviting a few professionals from your district and including group members. Pam Theisen

Grapevine:

We had a display at the wicipa and at the area conferences. In district 09 there was a Grapevine work shop in September. It was very informative lasting about 3 hours. There is a new book called "Beginners Book" that is available. At www.aagrapevine.org there is a section that may be helpful for district Grapevine chairs. The Grapevine subscription will be going up from \$20.00 to \$27.00 for a yearly subscription.

Literature:

Heard the price of Big Books will be going up from \$6.00 to \$7.00.

Treatment:

Would like to communicate with GSR's, DCM's, and the districts that have a treatment committee to get some numbers. Would like to be able to show what we can do within the facilities. Would like to start conference calls on a monthly basis with the committee

or those on a Treatment committee to better communication. Would also like to work on getting into the Bridging the Gap program.

Ad Hoc Committee:

As a committee, have been working on a monthly basis in a conference call. They made some changes to the guidelines that were available to review at the Assembly. They are not ready for a proposal. The committee feels it will have a better understanding of what it is they need to do have the Area conducts its inventory. Have had some input from people which has been helpful. No motions or proposals at this time.

Public Information:

Greetings Area 74!

I am Adam, alcoholic and your Public Information chairperson. It has been a quiet year, but one filled with opportunities for learning and growth. After some healthy discussion, at the last Area Committee Meeting, I was afforded a new perspective on the role of a chairperson, and some suggestions for better effectiveness. In the coming months I look forward to establishing relationships with the members of our committee, with district PI chairs and DCM's to better facilitate the efforts of AA members in keeping AA available and accessible. By providing our local television and radio stations with public service announcements, keeping our libraries and community centers stocked with pamphlets, or bringing Big Books to schools and counselors, we are doing our part to ensure AA is never hard to find when someone who suffers reaches out for help. To help me better serve you, and in turn to better serve your community, please consider hosting a PI or multi-committee workshop. You can host a workshop as a standalone event, or even better, in conjunction with your next potluck or other AA event. Enjoy coffee and fellowship while encouraging carrying the message beyond your weekly meetings. To learn more about workshops, how to score a copy of radio and television PSA's for your local stations, or just to chat in a publicly informative sort of way, please don't hesitate to call or email anytime. G.S.O.'s 2008 production of the television PSA "I Thought" has been distributed; tracked and preliminary information has been disseminated. Seven stations in Area 74 received and played the spot. It should be noted, that these stations were stations chosen by New York for varying reasons, and that these stations are in addition to the hard work of local PI committees and AA members. Further details should be available at the upcoming Delegate's workshop.

District 01: Through the year we've had a new Grapevine and Bridging the Gap Chair. January 17 is the annual Meet n' Eat; April 17th is the annual Moose n' Goose and June 19-21 there will be a Tri-State Round up. Having financial difficulties due to lack of group contributions.

District 02: Just had elections on Dec. 14. and we elected 2 positions a new alt. DCM and a new LCM for Sub district E. I would like to lift up the example of the grapevine committee. Karen is the chair and has involved a lot of fun and inspirational people to the meetings. This group is making a lot of things happen and as word spreads, more people want to help. It seems a lot more people are aware of the Grapevine Representative and have on at their meetings. All committee positions are filled.

District 05: There are about 50 meetings of AA in District 05. At least 10 groups have been active in general service at the district level. Over 6 of those groups are in attendance at this assembly. The district monthly meeting continues to be well attended with at least 15 participants, including District Committee Chairs. Topics receiving the

most attention of late are the Area Guideline, ad hoc committee, and on conducting and Area inventory. The following district committees are active with the follow: PI- working on getting PSA's played on local radio stations, CPC- Participating on various substance abuse panels, forums, and fairs, Corrections- Coordinating AA speakers for Eau Claire and Dun county's Jail meetings, Treatment- Coordinating AA speakers for various treatment facilities in District 05, Grapevine- The Grapevine rep has updated the District's Grapevine Display to make it more current and Attractive.

District 08: District 08 currently has 5-8 GSR's regularly attending district meeting. We have our own Treatment Committee working on a bridging the gap list. The district feels that this is a very major concern; due to its ability to help the alcoholic who is not here yet. The list at this time is only for District 08's surrounding area. The district hopes that in the future a list encompassing the entire area could be developed, so that any alcoholic in the area would be able to receive a contact in their immediate area. Financial support from the district groups is growing stronger. Allowing District 08 to continue its service work and be financially responsible. As to the districts feeling on GSO being fully self supported by the fellowship, District 08 at this time is undecided. If it is working now, why fix it, or do we need to fix it? District 08 has been given the opportunity to serve the area in the upcoming Delegates Work Shop, March 14th and also with the 2010 Spring Conference, watch for flyers. Both of which are helping the district to grow and come together in service. District 08 has been discussing the current state of the area. And has been questioning the actions of the Area Committee and its Officers, area assemblies, protocol, and how we are conducting our business, and how this affects the group. The groups in District 08 have found the value of taking an inventory and think that if the Area Committee is considering doing the same, it might help in creating direction in which the Area Committee might proceed. One question might be "What are our Trusted Servants Doing?"

District 09: District 09 has 48 meetings. In addition to the 48 meetings there are 4 jails in our district in Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, and Menominee. There are 12 meetings at the jails – men, women, and Huber meetings. In our district we have active committees for Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Newsletter, Public Information, Web Site, and Lending Library. Our lending library has audio tapes and cds, and some movies. A lot of the tapes and cds are donated by individual members in the district and some are purchased by the district for the lending library. The grapevine committee recently held a very well attended workshop. Our group was pleased with the attendance at the workshop and we appreciated the support from other districts. The success of this event was due to the grapevine committee's efforts and hard work. The grapevine committee currently has 5 members. District 09 has had several discussion panels in the past two years. The last panel was well attended and we believe we hit on a combination that works – we started mid morning, then we broke for lunch, and ended mid afternoon. It has been said serve them food and they will come! At the first panel in Shawano we asked the current Area PI chair, Steve H to come and speak. A suggestion that Steve gave us that we have taken to heart was that a committee should have more than one person. Most of our committees have at least two persons and we find that works very well. With at least two persons on the different committees there is someone ready to step into the chair as persons rotate out. I have a great job as DCM. I stepped into a strong, active district with meetings that are well attended with an average of 18 persons at the monthly district meetings. Our

meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. Often there are committee meetings before the district meeting. I have been told to give credit where credit is due and the success of district 09 is due to a group of hardworking GSR's, chairpersons, and committee members. I am grateful to all of them for their efforts. I believe this is an example of how the program of AA works and it is proof of a loving God working in our lives.

District 10: Holds meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month at Nicolet College, Rhinelander at 8:30am with approximately 20-25 in attendance. The Committees are active: Corrections holds regular meetings at the 2-3 facilities that allow it and are always looking for more volunteers. Treatment meets monthly with local facilities with both the facility advisors and clientele. The PI/CPC committee has new directories made and worked on getting literature racks out to the public. There will be a CPC workshop on February 28th in Crandon. The Phone is being manned by groups monthly on a volunteer bases.

District 17: Back in October 2008, district 17 saw DCM Steve S. resign for personal reasons after serving three years as DCM of the District. The alternate DCM then took over the job as DCM through 2009. District 17 has on a weekly basis 40 meetings hosted by 29 AA groups with 21 GSR's on record. District 17 mailing address is P.O. Box 415, Iron Mountain, MI 49801. District 17's Central Office is located at 373 Woodward Ave, Kingsford, MI and houses the district computer, phone, and EZ voice software, file cabinets with District archives, and the local Intergroup supplies. Monthly GSR meetings are to be held the last Tuesday at 6:30 pm through 2009 at that location. District 17 owns a website <http://district17a74.org> that consists of district meetings, monthly newsletter, links, announcements, archives, etc. The Webmaster chair updates as changes are to be made. District 17 has 0900 # AA Hotline that includes a menu for the caller. A listing of all AA meetings, a listing of contact numbers, and local AA information is presented for the caller. Changes to be made are done by the 0900 Hotline coordinator. District 17 is hosting the Area 74 Spring Conference (May 15-17) and has conducted monthly planning meetings for the past seven months in preparation of this event to be held at Pine Mountain Ski Resort. The slogan is "Celebrating the Trillium... Service, Recovery, & Unity.. Legends to Legacy." District 17 has a corrections committee comprised of a corrections chair and several members working the correction facilities of the District. Our corrections chairperson keeps in contact with the Area corrections chair. District 17 has no PI chair and Archivist chair and is hopeful to fulfill both in the coming year. District 17 will be hosting the Intergroup to be held in April 2009 at the Kings of Columbus Hall in Kingsford, MI. The tentative date is set for Saturday, April 11th, that hopefully will be moved to Saturday, April 18th following the Easter Sunday that is on April 12.

District 18: We have 40 active AA groups. We continue to support our district AA hotline, web page, and pocket schedules. Groups continue to provide speakers for our local treatment center, a different group committing to each week of the month. Volunteers support two AA jail meetings a month for both men and women. Volunteers support an AA meeting at our local state prison every Thursday and Friday night. We have one district meeting a month. The district meetings continue to focus on carrying the message to suffering alcoholics in our district. The DCM reports back significant ongoing

issues from Area meetings and his remarks or votes and opens up meeting for inventory or feedback from group conscience.

District 22: Looking for someone to fulfill the Alternate DMC position. Recently funded putting together an up-to date phone list. PI is an active part of their district. Correction is currently holding weekly men's and women's meetings at the jail. Literature is being provided to the jails. Recently had a bridging the gap contact from one of the jails. Attendance at the district meetings range between 10-18 people.

District 24: Have started using business cards that have ALL of the meetings in the district meetings and enough room for 4 contacts on the card as well. Have 14 groups within the district. Working on getting contacts into the prison but has been a challenge. Working on a workshop in the spring.

April 4, 2009

Spring Assembly 2009

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Terry opened the meeting at 9:02 with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The 12 Traditions and The 12 Concepts were read. Terry called for recognition of new GSRs and there were many along with one new DCM. Also recognized those in the body that are not voting members and it was asked if there was a motion to allow non voting members to speak at the microphone. The question was called and seconded and carried by simple majority vote. It was also stated that Jeff C. would be our "last word" in the parliamentary procedures. It was also asked of the body to refrain from repeating the same views at the microphone for the sake of time. Those that wish to speak will line up at the Microphone and no one may speak at the Microphone for a second time until all have gotten an opportunity to speak. Each person is allowed two minutes at the microphone. Past Delegates were then recognized with 3 present.

Roll Call:

Area Officers Present: Delegate, Alt. Delegate/Chair, Secretary/Registrar, and Treasurer.

Area Committee Chairs Present: Archives, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, PI, CPC, Treatment, Corrections WI, Now & Then, Archivist, and Webmaster.

Area DCMs Present: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23, and 24.

Secretary/Registrar's and Treasurer's Reports: The Secretary gave her report with 2 amendments being made. There was a motion to accept the report as amended. It was seconded and passed by simple majority vote. Mary Jo gave the treasurer's report there was a motion to accept her report and it was seconded and passed by a simple majority vote.

Tabled Motion: *"Whereas – it is our belief that decisions in AA are most effectively reached through a group Conscience AND General Service Representatives are the only assembly attendees representing a group conscience. We move that the Area Guidelines, Article I, Section 2 be amended to read the following:*

"General Service Representatives shall be the whole of the voting body at Area Assemblies, unless voting results in a tie, when the elected Area Chair casts the deciding vote."

Discussion was opened:

Sheryl was representing The Just for Today group from area 05 that brought up this motion. She gave the background on this group's motion and believes that since everyone gets one vote at their home group and the GSRs are the only one's that represent these groups, they should be the only ones that get a vote at assembly. A point was brought up that if this motion passes, we might see a lot of our "wisdom" leave the assembly such as DCMs and Past Delegates. Another point was that in the service manual, it says that the DCMs do get a vote. The PI chair stated that he does have a vote but that he is one person and his vote counts the same as a group of 30 people and would be happy to give up his vote because his job here is to help other PI committees. There was also an opinion that if the vote is left up to the area Chair, the groups will then also

lose a vote and one person will decide it. It was brought up again that in the service manual it does say that all DCMs, Area Chairs, GSRs, and Area Officers get one vote. It was also brought up that many GSRs do not participate or show up to area events. One expressed the view that those that come to the assembly are those that care deeply about the program and those are the ones that should be voting. Another thought was that every two years there is a complete change in GSRs. The collective wisdom of procedures and history is very small compared with those at DCM, Chair, Officer, or Delegate level because they have served in many different roles. We would be losing that if we took away the voting rights. The question was called by Marty and seconded; there was then a vote on whether or not we would vote on this motion. The motion to vote was passed by a 2/3rds majority vote. The motion was then voted on with 8 in favor of the motion and a lot opposed. The motion failed by 2/3rds majority vote. The minority was given the opportunity to speak. Cheryl expressed again that everyone is suppose to have ONE vote and DCMs, Delegates, and Chairs get two votes, one at assembly and one in their home groups. She also stated that her group did not mean this motion to be taken personally. Another GSR said that GSRs are the ones that represent the groups and her group feels that DCMs or Chairs not having their vote doesn't take away any of their wisdom, just leaves the decision making up to the Groups. It was asked if anyone against this motion wished to change their vote, none did and the motion failed.

Area 74 Standing committee reports:

Archives: Given by Joel: The archives committee is working on a display that should be ready in time for the spring conference. Joel also stated that due to personal reason he would be stepping down as Archives chair. And was not present at the Delegates Workshop so he did not have a report but it was read by the secretary out of the minutes.

Finance: Given by Jeff O.:

A: Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action "the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (GSO functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups."

Recommendations: The committee recommends that we continue to have the discussion and continue to work towards becoming fully self-supporting.

B: Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster.

Recommendations:

- Having the long form in print would be nice.
- How would the new comer react? Would we scare them off?
- Might help groups inform about our 7th Tradition.
- Is there really a need for it?
- Are we diluting our Primary Purpose by focusing too much on a 7th Tradition poster?

C: Discuss and accept the Trustees Committee report:

Recommendation: The committee recommends accepting the trustees' committee report.

Grapevine: Given by Jeff C.:

A: Review contents of A.A. Grapevine and La Vina Workbook.

Recommendation: The committee did not have copies of either workbook available, so at this time, the committee makes no recommendations.

B: Consider request that “the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that the Grapevine and La Vina include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer be rescinded.”

Recommendation: The committee voted in favor of this item. The initial vote was 4 in favor and 2 against this item. After discussion, the committee voted unanimously in favor of rescinding this section. The discussion focused on The Grapevine being AA’s meeting in print, upholding the Traditions and not diluting the message.

C: Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded:

“To allow the widest distribution of the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina to all purchasers, while guarding against affiliations with any outside enterprise, a) subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

Recommendation: Ultimately, the Committee was not in favor of this motion. Initially the Committee was evenly split 3-3. The minority expressed the opinion that the Grapevine was charged with fulfilling its ability to be self-supporting through subscriptions yet the Conference then puts limitations on the Grapevine’s ability to do so through their advisory action. One Committee member had to excuse himself. After further discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously not to support this motion.

D: Other

1: Discussed the placement of the Steps and Traditions in the Current Grapevine:

The committee was unanimously in favor of returning to the original layout of having the Steps on the inside front cover and the Traditions on the inside back cover and the Traditions on the inside back cover. (or at least with prominent identification.) Jeff had many calls from members of AA about this.

2: Discussed the location of the Preamble and Responsibility Statement in the current Grapevine:

The committee was unanimously in favor of returning the Preamble to the first page and having the Responsibility Statement below the Preamble or on the same page as the Steps.

3: Discussed that the section devoted to the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism was not gray in the current Grapevine.

The committee was in agreement that if this section remains in the Grapevine, the pages need to be distinguished from the rest of the Grapevine in some way. It was stated that with out it being distinguished, it makes it look like it is AA’s

opinion There was also many in the body that wanted to know the reasoning behind them not being gray anymore.

After the report was given, Jeff also explained the structure of the Grapevine and its connection to AA. He also explained the financial aspects of the Grapevine. There were some that expressed the opinion that they were upset that they took “AA” off the title of the magazine.

Literature: Given by Steve on behalf of Keith.

A: Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs.”

Recommendation: none

B: Review the revised draft pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”

Recommendation: none

C: Consider request that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.

Recommendation: Yes, consider it and review it.

D: Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members.

Recommendation: No. We already have guidelines: Severing Alcoholics with special needs MG-16. Suggested adding stories of special needs to “Do you think your different” pamphlet p-13

E: Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “ A Newcomer Asks” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Recommendation: Yes add it and to get a sponsor.

F: Consider request to change the title of the pamphlet “44 Questions” to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”

Recommendation: Yes, change the title. It opens the door to more questions instead of just 44.

G: Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spiritually, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.

Recommendation: No, there’s a lot of literature to cover these topics.

H: Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities.

Recommendation: No, but could have a special edition in A.A. Grapevine.

I: Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.

Recommendation: Yes, consider it if finances allow it.

J: Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative (G.S.R.).

Recommendation: Majority said yes but; add to existing video “Your General Service Office.” Update and add chapters GSR and DCM.

Public Information: Given by Adam K.:

A: Consider 2008 Annual Report from the Trustee's Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Website.

Recommendation: We considered the report, agree with allowing the AAWS Intra-Office Website Committee continue with oversight of the website and reporting to PI committee.

B: Consider to add the text “Provide Initial Motivation” to the “What AA does NOT Do” section of our “AA at a Glance” pamphlet.

Recommendation: Lengthy discussion, decided against the addition, did not see any reason why this needed to be added. As other literature containing the text was cited as a reason, we are considering reviewing literature for other instances of the text and possibly asking for further revising.

C: Review text and graphics updated for the pamphlet “A Message to Teenagers...” which utilizes text and graphics from AA's publication “Too Young?”

Recommendation: The copy was difficult to read, but approved the updates.

D: Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

Recommendation: We appreciate the idea of a poster, and hope work continues, but felt this poster offers little in terms of experience, strength and hope, nor does it work with well with attraction rather than promotion. Also felt that the poster may be stereotypically offensive.

E: Consider request to develop generic wall posters for hospitals, doctors' offices, places of employment, etc.

Recommendation: We didn't see any reason not to.

F: Public Service Announcements

1. Review current P.S.A.'s for relevance and usefulness. We found them to be relevant and useful.

2. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A. We saw no need for a new P.S.A.

3. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking, and evaluation of 2008 P.S.A. “I Thought”. The information we were given was a report on the data, not the data. There wasn't much to review. It show's when, where, and what but no results.

4. Review revised draft script of “Combination Radio P.S.A.'s on CD” and consider recording revised scripts at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Our committee felt that there was no need to spend \$20,000 to add the line “or aa.org” to the P.S.A.'s already in circulation.

G: Consider draft of the “A.A. Videos for Young People Project”. This was an English translation of a French submission.

Recommendation: Thought the translation could be a little better, but that it was a good story, met the requirements, and hope it is one of several that make the video.

H: Consider draft 2010 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.

Recommendation: We had no disagreements with the questionnaire. Also, considering requesting another, less intensive survey be created with more in depth questions about the effectiveness of our PI efforts.

I: Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking anonymity of living A.A. Members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.

Recommendation: We were not terribly passionate about the subject, but figured since there is a brochure about understanding anonymity, and there seems to be at least a slight need for clarification, it would be okay to add this. Also suggest that members be a little more clear with their own family members about what anonymity means to our fellowship.

J: Discuss suggestion that P.I. Committees “explore the use of A.A. Grapevine and La Vina in their endeavors.”

Recommendation: While we would not rule out distributing donated copies of the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina periodicals, we felt that our meeting in print was designed for members of A.A., and the role of PI is to serve the alcoholic not yet reached, endeavors to increase the circulation of the Grapevine and La Vina fell outside the roles of Public Information committees. One from the assembly body asked if it would be helpful to drop them off at doctors offices.

K: Review contents of Kit and Workbook.

Recommendation: Thought the kit and workbook looked okay, but would like to see the television compilation DVD distributed to new chairs with their workbooks.

L: Other Subjects

None covered.

Treatment: Marty L. – Hello, my name is Marty Laakso, serving as Area 74 Treatment Committee Chair. First, I thank you for allowing me to serve your groups and districts in the area. I am currently compiling a listing of Districts with Treatment Facility Chairpersons and the number of facilities in each district. This is a slow process done by email and phone calls to the DC’s of each district. I have had 6 of the 24 districts respond to my inquiry. I have been invited to speak at a District 02 Workshop in Neenah, WI on April 18th, in cooperation and sharing with Grapevine and Public Information. I look forward to that service session and encourage other districts to utilize our Area Committee Chairs for carrying the message to your groups. I also am creating a display of Treatment Facility information and literature to present at the Area 74 Spring Conference in Iron Mountain, MI. If I have this ready I’ll have this display at the District 02 Workshop also. At the Delegates Workshop in Wausau, our committee was comprised of: Paul, Dick, and Cheryl from District 05; Annette from District 12; Dave from District 18; and Deb from District 02. I thank you for your input and discussion of the Conference Agenda Items. We had 5 Agenda Items to discuss:

A: Review the Treatment Facility Workbook.

Recommendations: We had the current workbook available and it was passed around the table for review. Our recommendation is to make no changes at this time.

B: Review revised video, Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous.

We did not have access to review and make recommendations on the video.

C: Discuss a proposal that Treatment Facilities literature include information that would assist Treatment Facilities committees with their effort to inform treatment professionals about A.A. and to carry the A.A. message to patients in outpatient treatment programs.

Recommendations: Agreed to add literature or DVD’s of CPC material.

D: Discuss request that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities expand its scope to include service to Special Needs Committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the “ Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs.”

Recommendation:

- Is this committee large enough or have enough need to stand-alone?
- Cost prohibitive as a new committee. Agrees and supports discussion to expand scope to include special needs.
- As is this small committee does no have/falls under any oversight/review.

E: Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina in Treatment endeavors.

Recommendation:

- Offer Grapevine to professionals for client use
- Offer Grapevine for reading/topics at AA meetings held in Treatment Centers.

F: Review contents of T.F. Kit and Workbook.

Recommendation: Approved but would like to see CPC information, Grapevine, and “Hope” video to be added.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve your groups and districts of Area 74.

Yours In Service, Marty Laakso

CPC: Pam T.

A: Consider the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field.

Recommendation: Get it done already, and have it in DVD downloadable format.

B: Review contents of CPC Kit and Workbook.

Recommendation: Update page 28 of workbook- Literature Guide, to include the pamphlets, *The AA Member – Medications and other Drugs* and *The 12 Traditions Illustrated*, to coordinate with the content list of the kit. Recommend adding “*The Fact File*” to the kit.

C: Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina in CPC endeavors.

Recommendation: Have Grapevine copies available along with subscription cards at:

- Workshops that professionals are involved
- Give out at employee relations of workplaces
- Have groups sponsor subscriptions to the different professions that are targeted for CPC work.
- Help get the word out to the Spanish speaking community about La Vina in the same way we do with the Grapevine.
- When handing out Grapevines and La Vina to the professionals, point out the section on “The Medical, Legal, and Social Aspects of Alcoholism.”

Correction: Mike McGee gave the report since the MI chair was not present and the WI chair was not able to attend the Delegate’s Workshop.

A: Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

B: Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals, focusing on those that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.

Recommendation: To do it in a face-to-face fashion.

C: Consider updating the pamphlet “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell.”

Recommendation: The language is dated and needs to be updated. There is also an illustration in it that looks like some one is rolling a joint.

D: Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members’ complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing “sponsorship agreements” or legally binding documents.

Recommendation: We can’t make them stop but we need to do a better job of informing professionals of what we can or cannot do.

Agenda: Given by Steve:

A: Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.

-A sheet was passed around the room allowing people to pick themes they would like to see selected.

B: Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.

-The group discussed the proposal that “The General Service Conference re-instate the conference committee on agenda’s duties and responsibilities to be consistent. With the AA service manual.” And recommended that it be an agenda item.

C: Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.

-No discussion

D: Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

Policy and Admissions: Given by Steve:

A: Approve invitations for one observer from the General Service Board of Brazil, S.A. and two observers (1) from the General Service Board and (1) from the General Service Office of Colombia, S.A.

Recommendation: No discussion

B: Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.

Recommendation: No discussion

C: Review “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure.”

Recommendation: No recommendation

D: Consider request to formulate a procedure for filling a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.’s commentary on Concept 5.

E: Discuss proposal requesting a General Service Conference inventory.

Recommendation: It was asked to see a show of hands for those in favor. By an extensive amount, our Area was in favor for this.

Reports and Charter: Given by Steve:

A: The A.A. Service Manual, 2008-2009 Edition:

1) Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how non-trustee directors are selected on page S75.

Recommendation: Yes

2) Consider suggestion to add a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble to the A.A. Service Manual.

Recommendation: No

3) Consider Proposal that every change to, *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be approved by the General Service Conference.

Recommendation: Yes

4) Consider suggestion to change the title “Conference Language” on page S19

Recommendation: Yes

5) Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” on page S63.

Recommendation: No- Against Concept 4

- 6) Review suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
Recommendation: Yes
- 7) Consider suggested revision regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page S70
Recommendation: No
- 8) Consider request to clarify language on page S65 regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.
Recommendation: Yes
- 9) Review letter requesting an “inventory” of various items related to the General Service Conference Charter.
Recommendation: Yes
- 10) Consider suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65.
Recommendation: No- See item 5
- 11) Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names.
Recommendation: Yes
- 12) Review list of suggested additional changes
Recommendation: OK

B: A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.): review list of suggested changes.

Recommendation: Yes

C: Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

Recommendation: OK

Panel:

There was a panel at 12:30 after lunch was served in which the Area Officers, Delegate: Dodie A., Alt. Delegate/Area Chair: Terry M., Treasurer: Mary Jo R., and Secretary/Registrar: Jackie C, gave a description of what their job is and their experience in doing it.

Delegates Report:

Dodie gave a report. On March 20th 2009 a note was received saying that the price of books will be going up due to increase in costs to producing the literature. The price increase will take place July 11, 2009. The big book will go up by 2.00 but the pocket size will be going up only .50. There was a list of the entire price changes available at the literature table. In March, there was a memo from the GSO PI Committee about anonymity breaches. It was telling everyone that it is the responsibility of the AA individual to uphold anonymity, NOT the press. It's important that if we know anyone speaking at the public level about AA that we inform them about anonymity. Dodie has a list of websites that may be helpful with this. The grapevine will do 10 issues of the magazine in a Facility friendly manner. Events: There is Regional Forum on Nov. 13-14, 2009 at Kalamazoo. They did an inventory at the Regional level to ensure that they are fulfilling their purpose and made recommendation based of off that. Remote

communities, is asking for experience strength and hope stories about dealing with remote communities. Grapevine Inc. is raising their subscription fees. It does not accept contributions and needs to raise prices due to inflation. In the last 12 years, subscriptions have only been raised twice. In 2008, the number of groups contributing to the GSO from our area was 40.54% compared to the 38.9% of 2007. In 2013 our area will be hosting the Regional Forum and we may need to look into setting up a conference committee and getting started on that. Dodie will be leaving the 24th of April for the General Service Conference in New York. She asked if there was anything that the assembly felt strongly about to take with her to New York.

Some of the body was opposed to changing the Literature prices. Felt that it would help others to step up if they would work within the limits of group contributions. Another brought up that there was a motion that passed that made it so that the price of literature could NOT be tied to the reserve fund. One asked the question is AA a business or a spiritual entity, because as of right now it feels more like a business. A DCM felt that if the Board can just raise the prices of books it takes away the control that the meetings have over the board. Money is a means for us to hold them accountable.

DCM Reports:

02: Tom P.: Have a greater number in attendance, around 45 people at the district meeting and they just voted down having the District meeting at a fixed location. Elections will be in August. Just completed their budget, but are short on money to meet the needs. One of these members, Charlie J., was published in this month's Grapevine.

04: John S.: Have 30 meetings on the meeting list. In the last couple of years they have put a number of committees together. Many of these committees are combined such as PI/CPC, Correction/Treatment, and Literature/Grapevine/Archives. Monthly GSR meeting with average of 15 people, most of which are GSRs. Had the honor of hosting the Fall Conference, which seemed to help with the number of people serving. They are in the process of redesigning their website to make it more effective.

05: Mike McG.: There are 50 meetings of AA each week. 6-8 of those meetings send a GSR to the monthly District meeting. The District Service Committees continue to take an active role in the message of AA. PI/CPC is hosting a workshop in Aleva, WI at 1:00pm on April 18th at the Lutheran Church. Corrections continue to coordinate speakers to both Dunn and Eau Claire County jails. Treatment continues to coordinate speakers for a variety of treatment facilities. The Literature Chair is now selling AA Conference approved literature at District evens for cost. At a recent event, \$81.00 of literature was sold. The Grapevine rep has updated the District display to make it relevant and current. The District's business meeting continues to foster a lively and positive discussion of various timely topics including:

- Taking a District Inventory
- The role of District committees and how the committee chairs are elected and how the District can best support the committee service structure.
- Delegate's Workshop Location
- Redistricting and other issues dealing with serving the district.

District 05 continues to be a great place to be of service to God and our fellows

-Mike McGee

06: Scott: We've been having trouble with attendance and are not very active. Have two prisons and one jail with meetings in them. Looking to get district support going again.

07: Ken K.: We have from 6 to 10 people at the district's monthly meetings. We have two groups going into the Clark and Taylor County jails weekly. We have Grapevines, 12 and 12's, and Big Books going into the jail libraries. The treatment center at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield has a revolving group speaking to the patients every Sunday evening. Another group, because Sunday is Family Day, for patients started an AA, Alanon, and Alateen meeting Sunday afternoon so the families can become familiar with these programs. Plans for Area 74's fall conference are progressing nicely
- Ken K. DCM

08: Joel S.: Hello Area 74, District 08 is working to carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers in many ways. The District Treatment Chair has been working with his committee to develop a bridging the gap list and any help would be appreciated. Also the Treatment Chair has been in contact with hospitals and treatment facilities, offering AA's assistance. The Corrections committee has recently been contacted by two inmates who are seeking correspondence. They are working to get meetings formed in correction facilities. The district hot line answers calls from alcoholics by way of a District Cell phone, which has proven to be a cost effective way of providing this service. As a District we have seen a growing support for service through the continued appearance of new people attending the monthly district meeting. The groups report a growing attendance at their meetings. Also the groups have been active with literature racks at various locations in the district. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the Area by hosting the summer Area Committee Meeting in conjunction with the August traveling inter-group on August 15, 2009 in Merrill WI and the 2010 Spring conference located at Stoney Creek Inn, Rothschild WI on May 7th-9th 2010. Sincerely, Joel S.

09: Karl P.: 4 members of district present today. District 09 has 48 meetings. In addition to the 48 meetings there are 4 jails in our district in Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, and Menominee. There are 12 meetings at the jails, men's, women's, and Huber meetings. In our district we have active committees for archives, corrections, grapevine, newsletter, PI, website, and lending library. Our lending library has audiotapes, CDs, and some movies. Many of the tapes and CDs are donated by individual members in the district and some are purchased by the district for the lending library. Our district has started to email the district meeting agenda a few days to a week before the meeting to everyone on the mailing list. This gives everyone a chance to prepare for the meeting. They print the agenda and bring their copy to the meeting, which helps with district expenses. District 09 has had several discussion panels in the past two years. Our next panel will be July 12 in Crivitz. The Oconto Intergroup will be on May 30, 2009 at the First American Lutheran Church at 6pm. I have a great job as DCM. I stepped into a strong, active district with meetings that are well attended with an average of 18 persons at the monthly district meetings. Our meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month at 2pm. Often there are committee meetings before the district meeting. We are in need of a treasurer and a Webmaster. We would also like to put in a bid for a conference in 2011. I am grateful to all GSRs for their efforts. I believe this is an example of how the program of Alcoholics Anonymous works and it is proof of a loving God working in our lives. The success of District 09 is due to our Higher Power. Thank you, Karl P.

www.district09aa.org.

10: Joanne R.: Monthly District meeting is the second Saturday of the month at 8:30am at Nicolet college. Average of 20-25 in attendance with half is being GSR's. The committees are filled and active. CPC/PI is working on getting literature racks out to local agencies. They just had a well-attended CPC workshop with Pam T. the area 75 CPC chair. www.northwoods.org. Website committee keeps meetings ad flyers up to date. A new tri-fold created by the PI/CPC committee is now printable on the website. The treatment committee meets monthly with the local treatment center staff and clients. They will also be starting in a new treatment center at the end of April. They use the "Hope" video and encourage temporary contacts for the clients. The cell phone is passed around between local and willing groups monthly.

11: Their AA attendance is up at their meeting. Lots of new people have been showing up lately. Two doctors and counseling centers are referring people to them. Three new GSRs and a new Literature Person are at District meetings. A lot of people have been working very hard this year.

12: Annette M.: Will be having their first Annual Big Book Weekend Study on the 17-19 of April at Stone Lake Fire Hall. No GSRs, high relapse rate, and one death. Looking forward to accepting the Traditions and Service as the solution for District 12 in the future. Unity and Service is coming soon with Area 74 support. Next GSR meeting will be announced soon.

13: Greg H.: District 13 continues to carry the message and reach out to Alcoholics. Our meetings are small but regularly attended as usual. We did loose one meeting in Iron River, but some of its member have absorbed into the other Iron River Groups. We also have a new Big Book Step Study meeting in Ashland. Both of our jails have active outreach and AA meetings. Treatment facilities committee is up and running again. As DCM, I have volunteered to take AA to an area High school. We have 6 fine fellowship picnics a year. We have brought 2 new GSRs to assembly today with them and have had better attendance at our monthly potluck District business meetings. Looking to hold a district workshop on Sponsorship sometime in August this summer for both AA and Al-Anon We will have speakers and of course, food and fellowship with a meeting afterwards. We invite everyone to follow us north for our monthly bonfire speaker meeting, which has been going on all year. "We're on Fire for Sobriety!" Thanks for your experience, strength, hope, and unity. From Wisconsin's Northern most District, thanks!

14: Jim R.: District is in the process of getting literature racks in the local hospitals. Our new literature chair is doing a great job with the district's blessings. We are also planning on going to the St. Croix County Fair, July 22-26 and the Polk County Fair, July 30 – August 2. This will be our third year at the fairs.

15: Sue R.: In the last two years several good trends are happening!! We have 4 new groups, which brings the total new groups to six for 2009. We have a total of 14 meetings in our district. District Meeting attendance is up from 4-6 persons to over 10 and meeting attendance is up. We are going through about a case of big books every two weeks.

17: Cliff W.: At present, District 17 has 37 meetings hosted by 26 groups with 17 GSR's listed. We have a DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Correction and a new Archives Chair and our monthly GSR meeting has an attendance of 5 to 8 members. We have a successful District 17 Central office in operation where our monthly meetings are held on the final Tuesday of each month. The Central Office consists of a computer, printer, AA Hotline phone with EZ Voice software, desk, chairs, file cabinets with District archives, and the

local intergroup supplies. Our website at <http://district17a74.org> consists of the monthly Newsletter, meeting schedule, links contact phone numbers, and announcements. Our Webmaster updates all info as it happens. District 17 has averaged 100 calls a month. The menu consists of all District meetings, contact phone numbers, and AA information. The district has a Hotline coordinator who updates the menu as changes happen. We have a corrections committee within our district that is great. It is comprised of one chair and several members in Dickinson County, Florence County, and Andiron County. Our new Archives Chair has just started to organize our District archives that are on hand. Our website also has an archives webpage of past monthly newsletters and events. The PI committee is not manned. Hopefully in the near future district 17 will have a PI Chair. Our district contributions have remained stable allowing use to fund what we have on hand in performing the primary purpose of reaching out to the alcoholics who are suffering. District 17 is hosting the Area 74 Spring Conference on the weekend of May 15-17 at the Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain. Our Annual Intergroup will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Kingsford, MI.

22: Ben K. have a whole table here from their district.

23: Wayne W.: Hotline gets 40-50 calls a month. Have literature in 20 different spots. Have about 6 new meetings. Does one on one work in the jails and work on doing their steps even by mail as they're on their way to prison. Get calls from AODA and councilors asking for information or referring them to us.

24: Tom W.: District 24 has 11 groups with 8 active GSRs. Average attendance at monthly district meetings is 10. We have been working on meeting schedules. We have printed business card size meeting schedules and 5x7 cards. Both are distributed at AA meetings and in public places. These schedules list all the AA meetings in our district on one side and our district meetings and contact numbers on the other. Our district purchased some literature and we are working on literature distribution. The topic of the AA district and Alano Clubs has been discussed at several meetings. We are working on education our members as to the differences between the club and the district. District 24 has two Alano Clubs and two meetings that are not in a club. In November, Dodie, our Area 74 Delegate, came to our District meeting and gave a talk on the relationship and responsibilities of District 24 and Area 74. We have recently filled a vacancy at the secretary position. District now has a DCM, alt DCM, secretary, treasurer, and chairs for the Corrections, Literature, Archives, and CPC/PI committees.

Conference Updates:

Spring Conference 2009 – District 17

The 2009 Spring Conference is set to take place on the weekend of May 15-17, 2009 at the Pine Mountain Resort in Iron Mountain, MI. If anyone has the Internet they can check the Conference web page at <http://district17a74.org>. Registration is set at \$20.00 with a Prime Rib dinner at \$25.00. The price of Resort rooms at Pine Mountain are set at \$60.00 a night with 36 rooms total. Again, check out the web page on the Internet for a listing of all hotels and motels downtown Iron Mountain and a map of Iron Mountain showing where the Spring Conference will be held. There is no fee for anyone driving an RV to the Conference with hookups at the Resort. On Friday night from 7:30pm to 10:30pm the Alpine Room at the Resort will be available for the Area 74 Inventory with a two-mike system with ceiling speakers. Registration table will be set up at the main entrance where

pre-registered members may pick up their envelopes containing program, nametag w/dinner sticker. The registration table will operate from 4pm to 11pm on Friday and 7am to 4pm on Saturday. On Saturday, the Area 74 Business meeting will take place in the Sitzmark Room from 1:30pm to 4:30pm that will include the Delegate, Dodie A., Report and an outgoing Trustee, Bob M., Report. All displays as Literature, Grapevine,, etc. will be set up in the Sitzmark Room that can be secured. On Saturday night, after a great dinner, the AA speaker will be Karen N. from Kenosha, WI. The Conference will close on Sunday morning at 10am in the Sitzmark Room of the spiritual panel. Hopefully, all attendees have a safe trip to and from the Conference.

Living my life 1-day at a time,
Cliff W., DCM District 17

Fall Conference 2009 – District 07

Registration is \$15.00 and the banquet is \$20.00. Conference is in Clearwater Hotel and Convention Center. The room rates are set at \$79.00 per room. There will be a Friday night campfire if the weather is permitting. Please visit www.visitmarshfeildwi.com for more information.

Delegates' Workshop 2010 – District 18

Not present

Spring Conference 2010 – District 08

Dear Area 74,

The Flyers for the Spring 2010 conference will be available at Area 74 Assemblies, Conferences, and Area Committee Meetings. In the near future, they will also be made available on the Area 74 Website and in the Now & Then. Time is being allotted for Area business, Delegate's Report, GSR sharing sessions, Area Committee Chairs mini Seminars, and Panels. The facility has given the conference a very good room rate of \$81.00 per night with 4 person occupancy.

In respects to unity in Area 74 the planning committee of the 2010 Spring Conference would like to invite any member of Alcoholics Anonymous with a desire to be of service, and share in the experience, to contact Joel or Paul listed on the 2010 Spring Conference flyer. Again it is with great appreciation from the planning committee of the 2010 Spring Conference and District 08 that we are being allowed this opportunity to serve Area 74.

With enthusiasm for service,

Joel S., 2010 Spring Conference Planning Committee Chair.

Conference Bids:

Fall Conference 2010: Annett may be bidding on it on behalf of District 12, but will be bringing more information to the Spring Conference, Area Committee Meeting.

Delegates Workshop 2011: 2nd Saturday in March.

Spring Conference 2011: Ben K. for District 22, had information gathered for the assembly to hear. The Conference would be May 13-15ish at the Stone Harbor Resort. He had pictures of the facility to show to the body. Room rates would be \$99.00 per night. The spring conference was awarded to them, as there were no other bids.

Reports:

Webmaster: Dave R. www.area74.org. Website has been operating smoothly with no complaints on its workings. Was unable to get into the control panel to get data and

numbers about the website so no statistics were available. Will post the webmasters report on the website after he is able to get them. Has said people have been pretty good at ensuring that they send him their updated meeting lists. webmaster@area74.org is how to submit updates and flyers. For the website, we cannot post names addresses or phone numbers as it is a public domain. Intergroup and clubhouse numbers are fine.

You may recall that a year ago, our web address was listed incorrectly on GSO's website. The correction has been made. Website has been functioning well for the past year, although our hosting service created a new control panel protocol that has been giving me trouble. I was not able to access the control panel last night, hence no update of website activity. I'll include that information on my report when I post it to the website. For sometime I have been looking for a more detailed map of northern Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan, to replace the current outline map. I haven't had any luck so far; if anyone here knows where I might locate one please let me know. Speaking of updating district-meeting lists, I want to thank those districts that are diligent about sending me updated meeting lists. Since this is one of the main reasons people visit our site, we need to do everything we can to keep accurate meeting information. DCM's, please check the meeting lists on the Area website to be sure they are the most current! If your group, district, committee, is holding a workshop, speaker meeting, book study, etc. please send me an electronic copy of the file. Microsoft Word is preferred, but it can also be Publisher, PDF, or even a Picture File. It's nice to have a full events calendar! We must insist on no full names, personal phone numbers, or personal addresses on flyers and any other documents that are posted on the web. Searches of phone numbers and addresses are easy and compromise anonymity. Links to Areas 75 (southern Wisconsin), 35 (northern Minnesota), and 36 (southern Minnesota) have been posted, allowing people in Area 74 easy access to meetings and events going on in those Areas.

Submitted by:

Dave R.

Area 74 Webmaster

Area Archivist: not in attendance

Now & Then: Greg: Financially going to spend about the same as they did last year. A lot of people are on the email list instead of having it mailed to them. Greg will be stepping down at the end of this year's term. You can email or snail mail submissions or flyers in to them. The deadlines are on the tenth.

Registrar: Nothing new to report

Ad Hoc Marty L: Copies of the old guidelines and copies of the new guidelines for people to bring back to their groups to review. Article 3, section 4 a portion has been deleted. Article 3, Section 5 something has been added to the guidelines. On the last page (pg14) there has been an item that has been deleted. Groups should discuss these changes for the next area meeting. It was brought up that page numbers and table of contents were off in and between the two sets of guidelines. Marty noted it. Terry suggested that we have time set aside at the Fall Conference to have face-to-face time with the Ad Hoc committee on these matters.

Inventory Committee: This committee was charge with whether we need an area inventory and how to proceed in that inventory. They met via Phone conference. They would like to do the inventory at the 2009 spring conference on Friday from 7pm-10pm with all from Area 74 are welcome to attend. You can go to the microphone once per

topic for 2 minutes until all have had a chance to share. Decided to get an outside facilitator for this endeavor which would cost a little over 500\$. Came up with six questions that would probably consume the entire 3 hours. The questions were printed in the Now & Then. **It was moved** that the area provide the funds for a facilitator for the area inventory in Iron Mountain on Friday night. It was seconded and opened for discussion. There were opinions that it was a lot of money to spend for 6 questions and some felt that we were capable of handling this without the aid of a facilitator. It was also stated that the point behind the facilitator is that it would be an impartial observer to our situation, much like when we take a 5th step. Jeff O. the finance chair agreed that the area needs someone from outside of the area but also says that this is the groups' money, and it would be a good idea to ask our groups if this is an ok way to spend their money. We could probably afford it but would not suggest doing it without group approval. It was suggested to maybe have an alanon do it. Another brought up the idea that it would maybe be a better idea to hold off on the outside facilitator until after our "initial" inventory. One expressed the idea that the area committee should take their inventory and then have the groups inventory our inventory. The area assembly and the area committee are both taking an inventory. There was a friendly amendment made to the previous motion so that it states, " That the Area provide the funds for a facilitator for the Area Assembly Inventory." and seconded. **The question was called** and seconded. There was then a vote to vote with 52 for and 11 against and passed by a 2/3 majority vote. It was asked that it be a vote on paper. There were 26 for and 37 against so the motion failed. The Minority was given an opportunity to speak. No one in the majority wished to change their vote, so the motion died and was sent back to the Inventory Committee for further consideration.

Motion to continue:

There was a motion made to pay the extra \$50.00 to keep the building after 5:00pm to get the rest of the Agenda taken care of. It was seconded and passed by a simple majority vote.

Old Business: none

New Business:

District 08 Motion – *“All Area 74 standing committee reports shall be presented verbally and in writing at all area committee meetings. The Area Secretary shall record and place all reports in the Area 74 newsletter.”*

Some one asked why this motion was put forward and a representative of District 08 gave some background on what caused the motion. The motion carried with a simple majority vote. The Minority was given the opportunity to speak but no comments were made, so the motion passed.

New Archives Chair: - Nominations were asked for and the archives committee put forth John S. as a recommendation. No other nominations came about and a vote to accept the recommendation of the committee was made with John being accepted as the new Archives Chair.

Northside Group Motion, District 05: *“All future unplanned Delegates Workshop be held in a central location. (Mainly in district 10)”*

It was brought up that if the Delegates' Workshop were in a more central location, the participation level would increase. It was also thought that by having it move, more districts could get more involved. The motion failed, as it did not get 2/3rds of the vote. The minority was given the chance to speak. None in the majority wished to change their vote, so the motion failed.

District 02 Motion: *“I would like to suggest that the problem with having Howard come to do the inventory facilitation is spending the \$525 and without the approval of the fellowship. I move that we go back to our groups and ask their opinion on spending the \$525 and to bring Howard in to facilitate the Area Assembly inventory as proposed. That those groups' opinions be discussed and voted on. If so approved, the Area Assembly Inventory with Howard, be scheduled at the soonest possible time. If not approved, the inventory committee should present a new proposal.”* Floor action

As this was a floor action it needed a second by the assembly body with a 2/3rds majority vote, it did not receive the majority vote as a second therefore the motion would not be considered.

Sharing Session Motion: *“Area 74 hold a sharing session at the 2009 Spring Conference on the topics from the Inventory committee, chaired by the Area Chair and or present Delegate. Refer to sharing sessions pg 537 of the Service Manual.”* Floor action
This was also a floor action that needed a second by the assembly body with a 2/3rds majority vote, it also did not receive the majority vote and would not be considered.

Recommendations from the Finance committee (2):

1. Contribution Guidelines:

The Area 74 Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer, upon receipt of a monetary contribution shall compare the contribution to the following parameters. If the contribution conforms to the guidelines, the treasurer may accept the contribution and deposit it in the account(s) of Area 74 for use by the Area Committee and Assembly to cover their expenses.

In the spirit of self-support and Tradition VII of Alcoholics Anonymous, the following are the parameters for the Area 74 Treasurer to follow in accepting a monetary contribution from any entity.

Contribution comes from:

1. An AA group
2. A District contained within the geographical Area 74.
3. An individual member of AA
4. Seed money from Area 74 conferences or any Area 74 business meeting.
5. Contributions from Area 74 conferences, assemblies, workshops, or business meetings.

Any contribution received that does not fit these parameters, shall be forwarded to the Area 74 Finance Committee for its consideration. The Finance Committee then will make its recommendation to the area committee, members, and groups of Area 74 through the area assembly for the assembly's approval or disapproval of accepting the contribution.

There was no discussion on this recommendation at the motion passed by a 2/3rds majority vote.

2. Amendment to Section 8.00 of the Area 74 Guidelines.

Recommended Guideline:

Section 8.00: *The Area Treasurer accepts and deposits monthly contributions on behalf of the area. As a guide for accepting contributions, the Treasurer will consider the Seventh Tradition, Area 74 is self-supporting through contributions of those AA Groups and Districts contained in its geographical area, as well as from individual A.A. member. If the treasurer determines the contribution is outside this parameter, but finds the contribution valid, the treasurer presents the contribution to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will then present the contribution with their recommendation to the body at the area business meetings for consideration. If the Area declines to accept the contribution the Treasurer then sends the contribution back with a letter of explanation.*

The Treasurer issues drafts in the name of Area 74, counter-signed by the Area Co-Treasurer, to cover the expenses of the Area.

The Area Treasurer keeps an up-to-date record of Area 74 finances, including the current and previous balances, and identifies all revenues and expenses since the last accounting. Treasurer's reports are published in the Area newsletter after each assembly. The Treasurer will present at every business meeting a current Treasurer's report to the voting membership.

*(To replace the **Guideline in its current form.** (Article III, Section 8 "Guidelines for Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous for Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan" (Revised January 2004) and any updated revisions.)*

Guideline in its current form:

Section 8.00 *The Area Treasurer keeps an up-to-date record of Area 74 finances, including the current and previous balances, and identifies all revenues and expenses since the last accounting. Treasurer's reports are published in the Area newsletter at least annually. The Treasurer shall present at every business meeting a current Treasurer's report to the voting membership. The treasurer issues drafts in the name of Area 74, counter-signed by the Area Co-treasurer, to cover the expenses of the Area.*
There was no discussion on this recommendation and it passed unanimously in a 2/3rds majority vote.

Finance Software

The Finance chair, Jeff O., asked the body if they would be interested in using a software program to make the job a little easier. If so, they would research the software more and the treasurer would then give a report and make a recommendation about the software to the assembly body in hopes that all this would be done and taken care of before the next rotation. The software costs \$63.00. The body gave the feel by show of hands that they were in favor of them going ahead with this.

Closing:

There was motion to close the meeting at 5:55pm with a second and was brought to a close with the Lord's Prayer.

Area 74 Fall Assembly
October 17, 2009
Three Lakes, WI

Terry called the meeting to order at 9am. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Robin M. read the Twelve Traditions. Mike M. read the Twelve Concepts.

Roll call was taken with the following results: Districts 01, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 24 were present. The following Committee chairs were present: Archives, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Public Information, Treatment, Corrections – Michigan, Corrections – Wisconsin, and the Now and Then. The Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Chair and Treasurer were present.

This is a closed meeting of AA, and as a meeting of our Area, only the DCMs or their Alternates, GSRs or their Alternates, Area 74 Officers and Chairpersons and Past Delegates. A motion was made and seconded to allow all non-voting members to participate in the discussion of the day. Dodie was opposed to this motion and spoke on behalf of the minority, stating that because we have a very full agenda, if we go with our GSRs and DCMs being heard, we are keeping with our service structure. The motion carried.

Terry recognized past delegates. There was no secretary's report, as the secretary was absent.

Jeff O. made a suggestion that we start at the bottom of the agenda and work our way up. Tom P. made a motion that we have the District reports first. His motion was seconded. Jeff C. that if a motion is made and seconded, it is on the floor and open for discussion. Bob M. pointed out that the Area Committee put together the Agenda and voted on it. All processes were followed in forming the Agenda, so we should go by it. Jeff O. remarked that the Agenda has changed considerably since it was approved. The motion passed 32 to 27. No one in the minority chose to speak.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written. No discussion followed. The motion unanimously carried.

Finance Committee Recommendation

Jeff O. began by addressing the Finance Committee Recommendation:

While reviewing Area Chair – Alt Delegate's expenses, the Area Finance Committee found the Area Chair – Alt Delegate expense amount of \$800 insufficient to cover the cost of travel expenses to the events the Area expects the chair – Alt delegate to attend. Currently the Area Chair – Alt Delegate has been asked to attend with the Area Delegate 2 Area conferences, 2 Area assemblies, 4 Area committee meetings, the East Central Regional Forum, 5 state conference and the Delegates / Delegates past conference. Currently the Area Chair – Alt Delegate has been allotted of \$800 for travel expenses. The Finance Committee reviewed the Area Chair – Alt delegate's expenses over the course of the past 3

years and found that on average, the Area Chair – Alt Delegate has been reimbursed approximately \$1300 a year.

Recommendation:

The Area Finance Committee recommends increasing the Area Chair – Alt Delegate expense amount from \$800 to \$1300 a year to cover officer expense.

The motion came out of the committee with a motion and a second. Discussion followed, including Bob M. mentioning that after subtracting existing expenses, the Area would need to rely on group contributions to cover the increase. Jeff C. mentioned that the carry-over balance has increased every year over the past few years, which indicates we are not spending all the money that is available. Therefore we should be spending that money to be doing service for the Area.

The question was called. Two voted in opposition of the motion but no minority opinion was shared. The motion carried.

Projection

We went through the *2010 Area 74 Financial Projection*. Discussion and questions followed.

Jeff C. pointed out that our Area Guidelines refer repeatedly to the Budget. A past finance committee chair changed the wording to the Financial Projection. If the Area does not call it a budget, then technically the Area isn't adhering to the Guidelines that refer to the "Budget." Jeff O. said he didn't see any reason we couldn't call it a budget. Scott G. asked if the Finance Committee spoke with the incoming Committee Chairs when forming the projections. The answer was no.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the projection as presented.

Committee Reports

Finance

Description from the Area Guidelines

Section 9.00 The Finance Committee receives and reviews any money requests from the area committees and compares them to the Area budget. After the committee compares the requests and finds them to be within the parameters of the allotment in the budget, the committee presents the requests to the Area Treasurer for payment. If the committee determines the request is outside the guidelines intention but finds the request is valid, the committee presents the request with their recommendation to the body at the area business meetings for consideration. The committee will study and make recommendations for Area finances as directed and address other matters as directed.

Fall Conference 2008

During the fall conference of 2008 the finance committee gave the area report on the projected income and expense for the upcoming year. After a number of questions it became clear to the finance committee the questions the Area had and the requests that the Area was making, the Finance Committee could not really answer using the method of record keeping the Area was currently using. The Finance Committee met on several occasions after the spring 2008 assembly to discuss how the Finance Committee could serve the area better.

Spring 2009

After long discussion and research, the committee came to the Area during the spring conference of 2009 and asked the Assembly if the Finance Committee could purchase Quicken software to reorganize the area finance records so they would be in a more user friendly format. The Assembly approved the purchase Quicken software to reorganize the area finance records so they would be in a more user friendly format. The Assembly approved the purchase of the software over the summer of 2009 the Finance Committee worked on placing the finance records for 2008 and 2009 into the software. The Finance Committee is now becoming familiar with all of the uses the committee might use to report to the area.

(The Committee included printout examples from the software to illustrate its capabilities).

Pro's

1. The software has put the Area records in a format that can now be easily share with the entire Finance Committee.
2. The Software records income and expenses and keeps a running total
3. The Software helps track group contributions
4. The software tracks Other income
5. The software tracks Area chair officer expenses and generates reports for the Area Finance Committee to use to make educated recommendations about the area finances.
6. Tracks Area committee expenses, showing the Finance Committee how the committees are using the Area's monies.
7. Tracks Other expenses that the Area has
8. Gives the Finance Committee some of the tools the Area Finance Committee needs to more accurately answer questions asked by the Area Assembly

Con's

1. Now that the Finance Committee has this information we're left with the problem of how much information to use. The Finance Committee has now begun to look at what it would recommend to use to report to the Assembly.

Questions for the Groups

1. Is there any specific information that the area would like to see?
2. How could the Finance Committee help the groups better understand the information behind the numbers?

Where does the finance committee currently stand?

1. The first report was given using the Income and Expense report format from the new software.
2. Recommendation – Area 74 Finance committee recommends purchasing a laptop to record and store area finance records as well as assist the Area Finance Committee in studying and making recommendations about area finances. The purchase not to exceed \$350.

Discussion followed. Jeff O. stated that the laptop would be the responsibility of the whole Committee. Ron O. asked if a laptop only costs \$350 and the answer was that yes, for the features that the Committee needed, they could purchase it for that price. There was a discussion about the Committee needing to ensure that data was carefully backed up and that the Area should not be personally punitive if the laptop was lost or stolen. Jeff O. stated that the laptop would be part of the 2009 expenses rather than part of the 2010 projected expenses – the Committee would amend its 2009 expenses.

A vote was taken on the Committee's recommendation. Two were opposed. Kevin K. spoke on behalf of the minority opinion, stating that he felt it was better that the Area forego this at this time because most people have PCs and there are a lot of other ways to go about this. One person changed their vote. The motion to reconsider failed. The Motion that the Area 74 Finance Committee purchase a laptop to record and store area finance records as well as assist the Area Finance Committee in studying and making recommendations about area finances passed.

Grapevine Committee

The Grapevine display was utilized at the Fall Conference in Marshfield last month and several of the new publications, or books, were purchased by attendees. The materials available for sale have been replenished if anyone wishes to purchase them. They are on the counter in front of the Grapevine display and the price list is posted there. Remember the prices include the retail cost of the book plus shipping charges.

The Grapevine committee has not had any recent requests from the groups of Districts in Area 74 in the last couple of months. Several groups in Area 74 have notified the Committee of new GVRs beginning their term of service and I would like to personally welcome them and would like to offer any assistance the Committee can lend to help them serve their group.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you in Area 74 and I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Literature Committee

Literature was set up at the Fall Conference and reordered and supplied. New CDs and DVDs were added. The checking account balance was \$157.58. A check was given to Greg. The cash on hand is \$82.63. The Inventory includes \$1894.25 worth of books, \$445.45 worth of pamphlets, and \$719.55 worth of Miscellaneous Group Stuff for a grand total of \$3059.25. The combined total of cash and the inventory is \$3141.88. The total dollar amount of literature ordered from 1/1/2008 to the present is \$5639.56.

Public Information

I would like to thank DCMs Jim R., Karl S., Vickie R.; webmaster Dave R. and volunteers Matt, Susan and Ed B.

I appreciate the opportunity to have participated in 3 workshops, including our first workshop via video-conferencing.

I would like to congratulate Ed B. on being elected the incoming P.I. chair and look forward to supporting him in the future.

I would also like to thank Dave R. for his years of service as Area webmaster. Following a conversation with Dave and the Committee, Dave will be stepping down and the Committee recommends Matt K. be appointed the new Area 74 webmaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to Server,
Adam Kittilson
Area 74 Public Information Chair

Matt K. spoke briefly about his history of service and stated he did not feel there would be a conflict with any other service positions. The Area approved the recommendation.

Bob M. would like the body to recognize the hard work Dave Rone has done for about 6 years and for the minutes to reflect that.

Treatment

Since the Fall Conference in Marshfield, I have had no requests for service work from the districts or other committees.

Year end summary: I participated in a workshop in District 02 and a workshop in District 12. I have attended all the Area service functions of Assemblies, Conferences, and Committee Meetings. I did have a couple requests for Bridging the Gap references, but only a few.

The Treatment Committee as a whole has not met in person except for the Delegate's Workshop and their participation was lively and encouraging. I do hope next year more District DCM's and District Treatment Chairs will be participating in the committee structure to support and enlarge our service opportunities.

As a committee, my committee budget stayed under budget, but the committee chair budget overran the \$500 cap. That was due to travel expenses in the two workshops (totaling 780 miles of travel) and a special assembly attendance.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve at the area level and see my activity has also increased interest in service work at our District level.

Yours in Service,
Marty Laasko
Treatment Chair

Archives

John reviewed his handout of tasks to be prioritized by the Archives committee, which had been put together by the archivist a couple years ago. He ran through the purpose of the Archives Committee. Chuck Stokes will be the past delegate serving on the committee. Although John didn't want to read through all tasks but wanted to highlight a few:

1. Revitalize the old-timers' recording project: the Committee does have a list. There are more old-timers they would like to be hearing from. They had 30 outstanding records and will be contacting the person in possession of those and adding those. The committee would also like to have a future discussion about recording technology.
2. Outstanding minutes from Area Assemblies: there is a gap in the Archives that the Committee would like to complete
3. Display Cabinets: what are the most effective and affordable ways to display the Area Archives at conferences?

Corrections Wisconsin

On Oct. 3rd I attended a service workshop in River Falls, Wisconsin. I spoke on a panel for Corrections with the District 05 Corrections chair.

Corrections Michigan

Basically, in that Area, I attend the Intergroups, using each Intergroup as a Corrections meeting. It's pretty informal. People in corrections will show up. The other thing I focus on is ordering literature for jail and prison meetings. Our prison in Marquette recently took over an honor farm. I am not directly involved in the process, but they are looking to start a meeting.

Now & Then

It's been a pleasure being the Now & Then editor. 400 hardcopy copies and about 100 email copies of the Now & Then get sent out each month. Even though the cost of printing and postage has gone up, we have come in under budget. We'll post the actual numbers in the December issue.

Conference Updates

Spring Conference 2009- Dist 17: Not present

Fall Conf Conference 2009 – Dist 07: Ken gave a report. The Conference was at the Clearwaters Convention Center in Marshfield, WI. The preliminary attendance and financial report indicate that 325

people were in attendance at the Conference and 216 at the Banquet. Conference expense is approximately \$10,420. After all bills are paid, and with the closing of the checking account, the return of Area 74 \$1000 seed money will be all except about \$55.

A full report will be submitted to the Finance committee (via the treasurer) along with a repayment check for seed money.

Submitted with gratitude for the privilege to serve AA,
The Area 74, 2009 Fall Conference Core Committee.

For information/questions:

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Delegate's Workshop 2010 – Dist 18: Larry gave report

We have a place reserved for the Delegate's Workshop in March. It's a large facility. We're still working on lunch. It's going to be in Marquette, MI at the United Methodist Church. There aren't many breakout rooms but will be plenty of tables. It will be the second weekend in March.

Spring Conf 2010 – Dist 08 Paul

Updated the Area on the progress of the Conference committee.

Delegate's Workshop 2011 – Dist 13 Greg

The Workshop will be in either Ashland or Iron River. We are looking for a facility with breakout rooms. Other than that, we don't have anything finalized.

Spring Conf 2011 – Dist 22 – Ben

The conference will be May 13, 14, and 15 at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sturgeon Bay. Bob D. from Las Vegas is the main AA speaker. The Conference Committee meets about every month. The preliminary estimates on rooms and registration are \$25 for registration and \$99 for a room. Early registrants will get a choice of a whirlpool in their room. There will be a list available of other hotels in the area.

Conference Bids

Fall 2010

Bob M. presented a bid submitted by several past delegates of Area 74 for the Conference to be held at the Terrace Bay Resort in Gladstone, MI. Discussion followed. A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid. The motion passed unanimously.

Fall 2011 Conference bids

District 02 would be interested in hosting. Paul S. mentioned that Districts 05 and 14 would be interested in working together to put on the conference. Since the Districts did not have any specific information available, they were asked to put together more formal bids and bring them to the next Assembly. The Area will also be bidding on the Spring 2012 Conference at the Spring Assembly.

DCM Reports

1 **Marty C., the Alternate DCM:**

Greetings from Green Baby & District 01,
We just had our Bi-Annual Picnic & District Elections. All District Officer & Standing Committee Chair positions were filled with the exception of: Alt. DCM, Events Coordinator & Newsletter.

We are in the process of developing District Guidelines & Bylaws. We've appointed & charged an Ad-Hoc Committee with this task. Once the Ad-Hoc Committee brings their suggestions to the District, they will go to the groups to be voted on (addition & deletion suggestions will go to the Ad-Hoc Committee). Once the Groups & District approve them, they will be gone over by an attorney for legal soundness, and the implemented. Our last bylaws date back to 1951. The Ad-Hoc Committee is basing its suggestions on the outline of the area in the Service Manual, results of our District Inventory & review of bylaws shared with us from District 02 & District 10. We will forward approved draft to Area 74 Delegate & Chairperson.

2 **Tom P. DCM:**

We are in the middle of our budget process. All committee chairs are to submit a budget for next year and do this with the incoming chair.

The sub-district process is going forward. More is expected of the new LCM's. They will be able to visit and bring communication to all the groups. We feel that the Oshkosh sub-district will now have a better opportunity since they now have a LCM.

4 **Scott:**

We have started to use the conference 2008 money to come out of the dark. We have committees doing things they haven't done in 20 years. We have meetings in the jails and we have meetings back in the detox. We're moving and we're shaking for the first time since I've gotten sober. I continually come out of our District meetings feeling proud of those involved in service.

5 **Mike M:**

District 05 held elections at the October GSR meeting. All the District service positions have had new officers elected. This includes the chairs for the District Committees. Previously, the committee's have elected their own chairs at their own committee meeting. The committee's have been having difficulty in finding new candidates to serve as chair. Some of the chairs have served for two or more rotations.

The District has agreed to hold elections for those positions during the normal district elections. As a result, we have new fresh faces in all the service positions and the spirit of rotation is being observed. District 05 will be moving forward with an excellent group of enthusiastic and well qualified servants into the new year.

7 **Ken:**

I don't have much to report. I am tired from working on the conference. We still have people going into 3 county jails and going into a center once a week.

8 Joel S.:

Hello area 74, At the spring 2009 assembly a motion from district 08 stating that -"All Area 74 standing committee reports shall be presented verbally and in writing at all area committee meetings. The Area Secretary shall record and place all reports in the Area 74 newsletter." District 08 is extremely troubled that a passed motion before this assembly body has not been acted upon. District 08 has seen no reports posted in our Area newsletter. Question, are the reports being submitted in writing?

Also in giving direction to the Area ad-hoc committee on area guidelines, District 08 asks that the ad-hoc guidelines committee consider the previously said motion and implement said motion into the guidelines, were applicable in area committee chair responsibilities, as a standing reminder to future servants of the Area committee, and for accountability to said motion passed by spring 2009 assembly body.

District 08 also would like to know how agenda items such as recommendations and motions can be placed on the assembly agenda from Area committees without the information being first distributed to the districts and there groups for prior discussion before Area assemblies. How can we have an informed area conscience without advance notification of said items?

District 08 also has questions as to the Area assembly agenda, whereas, D.C.M. reports are traditional given last, usually after many assembly participants have left. If a district, or group within a district, has a concern is it not prudent to let the districts or group voice their conscience when all are present

On a lighter note, District 08 is happy to report that at our district elections, conducted by third legacy procedure; our district actually had elections due to the fact that our district had more then one person standing for each position. The current district meetings are on average attended by approximately 8-10 G.5.R.'s. The district is in the final stages of having the District 08 hotline phone number placed in the local phone directory white and yellow pages. District 08 business meetings are conducted in the same manner as the assemblies, which help newer members in service familiarize themselves with the way business is conducted at the Area level. Reference to the A.A. service manual is beginning to be cross referenced more and more, to help guide the district in conducting its business and understanding the structure of A.A. as a whole, and the responsibilities of its trusted servants. District 08 is alive and growing in participating members slowly, but surely.

Faithfully Submitted,
Joel S.
D.C.M. District 08, Area 74

9 Terry W. Alt DCM:

Elections were held and all positions were filled. 21 were in attendance at the last district meeting out of 48 groups. We have been well represented. I have been with the district since first restarted and am impressed with the attendance and involvement in the district. We are

having a service workshop Nov. 7 in Menominee, Michigan at the Alano Club from 9-3 with lunch provided.

13 Greg

- Low attendance; same 305 people at District meetings
- Changed meeting time from Saturday afternoon to Wednesday evening in Ashland to try and improve attendance and interest
- Will hold elections at November meeting
- Ashland and Bayfield jail meetings are going well – could always use more volunteers for Ashland
- On fire with program and hoping to bring more people into service work

14 Jim R. DCM

District 14 was at both St. Croix and Polk County Fairs this year. The feedback was all good we will be going again next year. Our literature chair has been busy talking to hospitals and libraries about literature and racks in their buildings as a result of the fairs. We are also doing a sponsorship workshop Oct. 24 in Baldwin. Elections will be held in November.

15 Sue R., the incoming DCM:

Thank you Bruce for your 3 years of service as DCM. We had elections in September. The Treasurer and Secretary will stay one more year. Pam M. was elected as Alternate DCM. We are hoping to start a District newsletter and to increase service opportunities. We have 15 meetings – they are all holding their own. Big Book sales are up and continue to be a very strong tool for carrying the message. I am very grateful and honored to be able to serve the district. Thanks all of those that made today possible.

18 Larry DCM

We have probably 4 people who show up to the district meeting: DCM, secretary, treasurer and webmaster, but the groups financially support us and expect the wallet schedules, hotline and website. We have lots of service in Marquette and it's done by groups. Prince of Peace is his home group. You are all welcome.

19 Jeanne Rose, Secretary:

- a. District elections were held; a new DCM and Alternate DCM were elected but neither they nor the current DCM were able to attend the Assembly
- b. The District has 23 meetings per week
- c. New meetings include:
 - i. Harbor Tower – Senior Citizen/Low Income
 - ii. Men and women's jail meeting groups
 - iii. Tattoo parlor (may have been dropped)
 - iv. "Dual Recovery" meetings have drawn participation from some AA groups
 - v. 4 new Hannahville meetings dropped as soon as we printed our revised August meeting schedule
- d. The UP Traveling Intergroup will be hosted by Delta County

- e. There are 2 clubs in the District and they are very active
- f. The Fall 2010 Conference will be in our county and we will most likely be involved
- g. The CPC and PI Committees need chairpersons. The Grapevine and Literature Committees combined.

20 Jim, New DCM:

During our GSR meeting held in conjunction with our Intergroup functions there has been a nearly unanimous complaint about being ignored by Area 74. Our Intergroup area is most of the northern and eastern U.P. We have already helped to resolve this at this assembly. The Delegate's Workshop to be held in Marquette and the Fall 2010 Conference to be held in Gladstone will make a lot of people happy.

District 20 has been pretty dormant recently but because of some new and enthusiastic people we have been re-organizing and re-activating our district.

We also have a problem getting people to serve as GSRs and DCMs but I imagine that is pretty much an area wide problem. If anyone here has any advice as to how to fix this problem let me know. Hopefully for my next report for District 20 I'll have lots of stuff to report. To paraphrase General McArthur: "We have returned!"

22 Ben

I really like getting this information. Our handbook talks about stimulating interest in general service.

I am encouraged by new faces at the Conference planning meeting. We're spread out and our District is different demographically. We continue to reach the suffering alcoholics through jails, CPCs, the hotline, website, etc.: there are lots of fantastic opportunities. We're there. Can we do more? Yeah. And we shall continue to try to. Thanks to all of you who have provided info to us for the conference to get us off the ground.

24 Ron S.

40% of our GSRs are here today. We have 16 meetings. They are all pretty steady. At our last meeting, I delegated it to people to get literature out to people. We have a hotline that's a cell phone. It's been in one person's hand for about 6 months. We hope to get that out.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Jeff O. from the Finance Committee made a recommendation that the Area Assembly approves the following overages: 177.75 for the Delegate, 231.12 for the Area Chair, 202.41 for the Finance Committee and 81.92 for the Treatment Chair. Discussion followed. The recommendation unanimously passed.

Comments were made by all the outgoing officers and chairpersons.

Dodie's report

Our Archives and Markings Newsletter is now available online, which is saving \$4000 per month. Some regional forums are coming up. Our East Central Regional Forum will be November 13-15 in Kalamazoo

MI. Speaker ideas needed for International Conference. There are some new staff members at the GSO, as listed on the GSO Staff Assignments handout. The construction project is just about completed at the GSO. The trustee's P.I. Committee reminds AA members to not only be respectful of copyrights on social networking websites but also to be careful about following the Traditions and to be careful about not breaking other people's anonymity

Tom had an agenda question regarding the Ad Hoc Committee. Various members of the Area body clarified. We moved on to the next agenda item.

New Business

Ad Hoc Committee Motion

The motion was made by the Ad Hoc Committee and seconded. Discussion followed. One person voted nay to close the discussion. The discussion was closed. One person was opposed to the motion. Adam K. represented the minority opinion, stating that if we aren't splitting the Secretary/Registrar position, why would we need to separate the descriptions. The motion carried.

Adam wasn't paying attention so voted nay to close discussion. Then he voted nay against the motion because if we aren't splitting the Secretary/Registrar position, why would we need to separate the descriptions? The motion carried.

Next Ad Hoc Motion

Marty L. presented the motion. Discussion followed, including mentioning that because of the late inclusion of the motion, the DCMs and GSRs did not have ample time to discuss the motion with their groups. There was also some discussion about the varying length of time between the Assemblies. A motion was made and second to table this motion until the Spring Assembly. Eleven were opposed. No one shared a minority opinion. The motion was tabled.

Ad Hoc Area Inventory Motion

Joel S. reviewed the Ad hoc Area Inventory Motion. Adam K. moved to have the motion be split into three parts. After some discussion, it was agreed that it would be up to the Committee itself to determine whether to accept Adam's amendment as a "friendly amendment." The Committee caucused and voted to not accept the friendly amendment. Joel S. continued giving the background information for the motion. The question was called. The Area body voted unanimously to accept the motion.

PI Committee Motion

Adam K. presented the background of the motion. A lengthy discussion followed, including discussion of whether the Bridging the Gap Coordinator would fall under an existing committee or have a new committee and whether or not the duties of this position would fall under the existing committees. A motion to table this motion and send it to the Area Committee to flesh out and then bring back a proposal to the Spring Assembly was made. The motion to table it failed. The question was called and

the body voted in favor of voting on the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 32 for and 34 against. The minority spoke. No one changed their votes. The motion did not carry.

Area 74 Treatment Facilities Committee Motion

A motion made and seconded for the District 08 Motion. Discussion followed. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to retain the facility for an extra hour. The motion carried and no minority opinion was expressed.

Motion from the Floor:

Motion to Area 74 Assembly at the Fall 2009 Assembly

I move that –

That Area 74 create a standing committee named “Structures and Guidelines”

Purpose of committee would be to keep and update all Area 74 Guidelines. To review and recommend to the Assembly changes to the Area Service Structure and Guidelines

Composition: Area Chair, Delegate, Past Delegate and three “past” DCMs and/or GSRs of which one would be selected as chair.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Mayer

Past Delegate Panel 50 Area 74

Background: We’ve had an Ad Hoc committee going on 5 years to talk about Guidelines. Plus after the inventory, they’d figure out what to do with it.

Leonard D. moved that we table this motion till the next Assembly and have the author bring back talking points. The motion to table was seconded and passed. Bob’s motion was tabled.

Motion from John C. and Ted L. submitted to the August Now and Then

Terry read the motion. Bob M. made a friendly amendment to strike out the fourth item stating “All agreements with Amazon.com to market our literature will be immediately terminated,” as this has already been done. Discussion followed. Leonard D. mentioned that in a very trustworthy way we ask AAWS to operate. We do not have a right to tell them how to operate. Bob M. mentioned Leonard was indeed correct. However although from a legal/corporate standpoint, we have no right to tell AAWS how to operate, from a spiritual standpoint, we do. We are a fellowship that has two corporations, not two corporations that have a fellowship. Although this motion may not get far, it sends a strong message that the fellowship is about carrying the message not being a book sale shop. One person voted against the motion. Adam K. spoke on behalf of the minority. No one changed their vote. The motion carried.

Marty asked if he could speak and announced that Matt K. would be working as a Bridging the Gap Coordinator under the structure of the Treatment Committee.

The meeting closed shortly after 5pm.

Area 74 Fall Assembly
April 10, 2010
Three Lakes, WI

Marty L. called the meeting to order at 9:09am. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll call was taken with the following results: Districts 01, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 24 were present. The following Committee chairs were present: Archives, Finance, Grapevine, Public Information, Treatment, CPC, Corrections – Wisconsin, the Now and Then. The Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were present.

Marty L. recognized the past delegates that were present: Len D., Torv T., Dodie A., Jeff C., and Bob M.

Marty read the minutes from the election in Marshfield and minutes from the Fall Assembly were read. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the Area Elections from September 18, 2009. The motion passed.

In regards to the minutes from Fall Assembly on 10/17/2009, Marty had the following corrections to note:

- Under the Fall Conference 2009 - Dist 07, it should state, "After bills are paid" not "after all bills are paid."
- Under the District 13 report, it says same 305 people but should state "same 3-5" people.
- Marty felt near the end of the minutes, the minutes were kind of vague in terms of what the motions that were being made actually were, especially in terms of which Ad Hoc Committee motion passed and which one was tabled and what the specific Treatment Facilities Committee motion was.

Jeff mentioned that Marty should probably clarify who can vote. Marty clarified that GSRs or their alternates, DCMs or their alternates, Area 74 officers and committee chairpersons and past delegates can vote. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to allow anyone to speak. Dodie disagreed because the DCMs and GSRs were here. Terry believes the alcoholic is the most important person in the room so we should hear from everyone. The motion passed 44-34. Steve H. spoke for the minority, stating that your voice should be through your DCM. One person reconsidered his/her vote and the motion was seconded to reconsider the vote. The vote to reconsider voting failed by 35-46.

Paul S. read the Twelve Traditions. Jason M. read the Twelve Concepts.

Mike M. resumed the Secretary report and asked if the Archivist was here. He was not.

Secretary's Report

We are now recording the assembly with a digital voice recorder in the MP3 format.

Area Committee chairs and DCM's – please provide your reports in writing.

Please submit any motions in writing to the Secretary.

Registrar's Report

I do not have group change forms here today. If you are a new GSR, Please provide your contact information to me. Group name, your name, address, phone number, and email address.

We have registered around 40 new groups.

Jim clarified (and Mike confirmed) that the motions that are being made should be submitted to the secretary in writing *prior* to the motions being voted on.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Fall 2009 Assembly minutes as printed with the amendments to be made and printed in the Now & Then. When discussion opened, Torv T. said we may want to reconsider how we put the minutes out because it could get pricy. Len D. mentioned that we just need the Amendments printed. Jeff suggested that we just print the amendments as footnotes. The final motion, with friendly amendments, was made as "I move to approve the Fall 2009 Assembly minutes as printed with the amendments to be made and the amendments printed in the Now and Then as footnotes."

Bob M. moved that we table the approval until the next Assembly. The motion was seconded. The motion to table passed 67 - 14.

Cliff asked for scenarios of how we were going to proceed. Marty said a whole new set of minutes would be presented at the Fall Assembly to be reviewed and approved by the body.

Treasurer's Report

Jeff O. gave the Treasurer's report. Jim asked what the difference was between the Area Chair - Alt Delegate Committee Expense and Area Chair - Alt Delegate Expense. Jeff clarified that the Committee expense was for things like copies, whereas just the expense was for hotel stays, conference registrations, travel, etc. Len suggested putting the Yearly Beginning balance on top rather than having it in alphabetical order with the other expenses.

Finance committee reimbursement request report from Forum in Kalamazoo

The finance committee has a reimbursement request from a representative of Area 74 who attended the Forum that was held November 14, 15 and 16 of 2009 in Kalamazoo MI. The request was presented to the committee from the Delegate elect whom was serving Area 74 in place of our Delegate due to illness. The Alternate Delegate was unable to attend, so the incoming Delegate was asked to fulfill Area 74's commitment at the Forum. (We were responsible for a presentation). After consulting with the Delegate who was seated at the time, the Delegate confirmed that they would have submitted the

request for reimbursement has they attended. The amount of \$326.78 less \$75.00 for travel that passed Assembly previously, for a total of \$251.78. The Finance committee recommended the reimbursement request was valid and that it should be forwarded to the Assembly for their decision.

The motion came out of the Finance committee with a second. It passed by unanimity.

Delegate's Report

Steve H. read the upcoming events out of the Now and Then. He mentioned that at least 5 speakers from Area 74 will be speaking at the International Conference in San Antonio in July.

Steve reviewed news from BOX 459:

- GSO's AA Archives have been renovated and a new Archivist, Michelle M, has been appointed
- Jim M. of New York (Corrections Desk) and Mary C. of Ohio (CPC Desk) have joined the GSO staff

Steve review the Quarterly Report: net sales were about .5 % less than budgeted and group contributions are down.

The General Service Office is considering having a general sharing session taking the place of the Executive session, which ultimately means that more delegates would have input into what goes onto the final agenda, which is the way it was prior to 1973. It's doable but the deadline for agenda items would be August 15. Steve. H. has the background materials available if anyone is interested.

Steve feels certain that although it's not an agenda item, there will be a lengthy discussion about the Grapevine at this year's conference. Some say the Grapevine is going broke because of lack of subscriptions. It's not an agenda item -- but it will be discussed. Steve's take is that it is not a completely dire situation YET.

The deadline for getting group information to the GSO so that it will be printed in the regional directories is May 7. Corrections needs stories for the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell;" submission deadline is June 15.

Jeff C. asked if the DCMs are going to all be able to give their full reports and if the Standing Committees will be giving their regular committee reports or their reports from the Delegate's Workshop. Marty replied that they will first and foremost give their reports from the Delegate's workshop. Jeff then asked what the point of the Assembly is. Marty said that his understanding was that the Assembly would allow them to voice their opinions if they differed from the body of the Delegate's Workshop. Jeff then asked if Steve felt informed enough and if he felt he had the groups' conscience. Steve felt he was informed.

Two Tabled Motions

Motion from the Guideline Ad-Hoc Committee

The area will conduct a Delegate Workshop, conducted by the delegate, in combination with a Winter Assembly the following day in March of each year.

The Spring Assembly will be held in conjunction with the Area 74 Spring Conference, held the third full weekend in May if possible.

The Fall Assembly will be held in conjunction with the Area 74 Fall Conference, held the third full weekend in September, if possible, with elections on the odd year and a regular Assembly on the even year.

The Year End Assembly will be held in the month of October.

Discussion on the motion began. Theresa M. from District 14 has a question: would the Assembly in conjunction with the Delegate's Workshop be a full day Saturday and a full day Sunday? Marty stated that that has not been addressed in the motion; the motion was to create the Assemblies but did not go so far as to get into the specific details of how the Assemblies should be conducted.

Jeff C. asked if the purpose of having the Assembly in conjunction with the Delegate's Workshop is to discuss what was discussed at the Delegate's Workshop. If so, would the Agenda items be sent out prior to the Winter Assembly so the groups have adequate time to discuss the items prior to the Winter Assembly? Marty stated that yes,, the Winter Assembly would be where we make decisions on the agenda items. Bob M. clarified that when the committee was discussing this, they were looking more at travel times and such and weren't really discussing specific agenda items.

A lengthy discussion followed. Several people were in favor of the motion for a variety of reasons. Adam K. stated that for a long time he has a hard time convincing the District why we are sending GSRs to the Conferences. It makes more sense to have business in conjunction with them. Torv T. addressed Jeff's concern and said that if the information from the GSO gets out by February 15 and gets in the hands of the Delegate by February 18, we will have about a month to discuss it. If we're diligent about our duties, that information will get discussed by the groups. Mike M. said he is very much in favor of this motion because It revitalizes the conferences and repurposes them, and with the current structure, there is nearly a 6 month gap between assemblies, which causes a big disconnect in business getting done. Others voiced their agreement.

Several people were opposed to the motion for a variety of reasons or expressed concerns about the motion. Dave, a GSR, stated that his group conscience was that the Assemblies were always held in a central location so people could get there. If the Assemblies were held where the Conferences are, the Assemblies wouldn't be centrally located. Matt K., speaking on behalf of his home group's group conscience, stated that reimbursement expenses would increase and that business doesn't get done when it's held at the conferences. Other districts expressed concerns about money. Kevin K. felt that Jeff C. had a very valid point and that the motion needed to be better defined. Other opposing opinions were expressed.

The question was called. The motion failed 552 - 36 because it did not pass by a 2/3rds majority. The minority spoke.

On behalf of the minority, Theresa M. stated that it is strongly suggested that the DCMs attend the Spring Conference because Area Committee meetings take place there so there shouldn't be any additional expense. Arguments were also made that with more assemblies, there were more opportunities for people to get involved, less of a chance to miss major Area business if a person had to miss one assembly and more time to spread out the business. Mike M. stated that one of the fewer assemblies we have, the more work is shifted to the Area Committee. This motion is an open invitation for the groups to participate. It's shifting the focus from the Area Conference to the Area Assembly

Jeff C. stated that he wanted to change his voice. It was seconded. The vote to reconsider passed with a vote of 58-24.

Discussion reopened.

Jeff C. who originally voted against it changed his vote. He initially was reeling when a committee member stated that they had talked about traveling and expenses because he doesn't think this is where money and spirituality mix, but he decided that the motion was a positive step in the right direction.

Linda moved to table the motion. It was seconded. The motion failed by simple majority.

Discussion resumed. After further discussion, Kevin K. called the question. .

Ultimately, the motion passed by a two-thirds majority of 68-19.

BREAK FOR LUNCH

Tabled Motion Two

Motion from the floor – Author Bob M., Past Delegate Panel 50

- That Area 74 creates a “Standing Committee” named - “Structures and Guidelines”. This committee would be formed to keep and update the Area 74 Guidelines; to discuss and then recommend changes of the Area 74 service structure to the Assembly for approval.
- The committee would consist of the current Area Chair, current Delegate, past Delegate, and three (3) past DCM's or GSR's elected by the Assembly, of which one of the DCM's or GSR's would be elected chairperson by the committee with approval by the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bob M.

Past Delegate Panel 50 / Area 74

Background for this motion:

The Area 74 Guidelines were established in August 1995. For about eight years the Guidelines served the Area well and provided direction. As the Area Developed and new ideas were brought forward for discussion to adjust or change the Area, the assembly asked several Ad Hoc Committees to look into these ideas and bring recommendations to the body. The first Ad Hoc committee was formed to look into changing the area structure. This committee was formed around 2003 and the committee met for two years bringing several recommendations to the assembly with most failing to be approved. The next Ad Hoc committee was established in 2005 to look into changing the structure and to update the guidelines. This committee lasted for about one year and managed to update the Guidelines making one change to the structure. The next is the current Ad Hoc committee which has been working on this effort. At the present time there is also an Ad Hoc committee doing the work of preparing the Assembly inventory that we will be doing next month.

An Ad Hoc Committee is formed for a specific task or objective, and dissolved after the completion of the task or achievement of the objective. Most committees (other than the standing committees) are of ad hoc type (from BusinessDictionary.com). It would appear from this definition and the number of different Ad Hoc committees we have been assigning to do the same task, that there is a need for a standing committee to do this work. In my travels to other Areas in the service structure most Areas have a standing committee to look at the policies that are used to operate the Area service structure. The General Service Conference even has a couple of committees that do this work; they are the "Policy and Admissions" and "Report and Charter."

The reasons to support this motion would be:

- We will not have to assign a new Ad Hoc committee every two years.
- This standing committee would be responsible for updating the guidelines and relieve our overworked secretary/registrar of those duties.
- Members of this committee would be a cross section of our service structure and would be elected by the Assembly.
- Committee would have a defined scope and responsibility determined by the Assembly.
- This committee could take on the responsibilities of determining when an Area inventory is needed and summarize the results, with recommendations to the Assembly.
- This committee would be aligned with the principles that are embodied in our 12 Concepts for World Service
- Even though there would be a minor increase in Area committee costs, it would not exceed those of the comparable structured Finance Committee.

Questions and discussion on the motion began.

Adam K. asked if this committee also be a resource as to how to craft a motion properly so that it works within the guidelines. Bob M. answered that it would be up to the Area how the Committee would function, but yes, he thought that could be in the scope of that committee.

Mike M. asked if the committee would they actually take responsibility for updating the approved guideline changes and would they be the official keepers of the official copy of the Guidelines. Bob said yes.

Jeff C. first stated that members of the finance committee show up to the Assembly but don't get reimbursed. He then asked, "Have we looked into the fact that some of those people are not going to be in reimbursed? These are elected positions." Bob answered that, in the example of the Finance Committee, the members really only have to be at the Finance Committee meetings and he was surprised they haven't submitted expenses for them to be at THOSE meetings.

Matt K. asked if this committee be responsible for updating ALL Area guidelines, including finance and website guidelines. Bob re-emphasized that the scope for this committee had not yet been developed.

The Assembly voted and the Motion carried by a vote of 66-6.

Adam K. stated that the Area has stifled a lot of progress based on how proposed changes and ideas match up with the Guidelines. No one opted to change their vote.

Approve Alternate Secretary/Registrar and Alternate Treasurer

Mike M. asked the body to approve Ellen P. as Alternate Secretary/Registrar. She was approved unanimously by simple majority.

Jeff O. asked the body to approve Joel S. as Alternate Treasurer. Joel was approved by simple majority; 4 people were opposed. The opposition expressed concern that since Joel was part of the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee is in charge of over-seeing the activities of the Treasurer, how can you over-see yourself if you're co-treasurer? No one changed their votes and Jeff was approved.

Assembly Vote on Vacant Standing Committee Chairs -- floor nominations

Wisconsin Corrections -

Matt K. nominated Jim S. from District 02. He accepted the nomination. Joel S. nominated Barb M. from District 08. She accepted the nomination. Both candidates spoke. Jim S. won by simple majority.

Area Treatment Chair

Kim R. nominated Liz H. from District 02. She accepted the nomination. Paul S. nominated Eric L. from District 02. He accepted the nomination. Both candidates spoke. Eric L. won by simple majority.

Conference Reports

Spring 2009 District 17 - No One present

Spring 2010 District 08 - Preparations for the Area 74, 2010 Spring Conference are in their final stages. At this time the committee would like to notify the assembly body of a mistake on the spring conference flyer. The rooms are secured at the price of \$81.00/night, 4 person occupancy, until two weeks prior to the event, or 4/23/2010 (not 4/07 as the flyer states.) District 08 would like to thank Area 74, for allowing us the opportunity and privilege to be of service. ~Joel S., Area 74, 2010 Spring Conference Planning Committee

Fall 2010 – Torv reported on the Fall Conference to be held in Gladstone, MI on September 10-12 at the Terrace Bay Resort. Registration alone is \$17. The banquet \$18 and will include 3 meats. There will probably going to be golfing Friday afternoon. The theme is “Service is the Secret.” Rooms are \$52 for single rooms, \$79 for doubles and \$5 for additional people with up to 4 people per room. There will be a lot of quality speakers at this conference, as well as Area Standing Committee meetings, AA/Al-Anon panels and lots of sharing of experience, strength and hope.

Delegate’s Workshop -- 2011 -- Marty L. said there will be some discussion because of the new Assembly structuring that will go into effect in 2011. Iron River, WI is prepared to hold this event.

Spring 2011: Ben K. gave the report. The conference will be May 13, 14 and 15 at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sturgeon Bay. If you wait until one year from now to make your reservations, it will be hard to get a reservation in Sturgeon Bay. The conference has a block of rooms at the Stone Harbor Resort and Conference Center. They do release those rooms 30 days prior. The committee is really excited about the program they have going. Registration is \$22 and the banquet is \$25. The AA speaker is Bob D. from Las Vegas and the Al-anon speaker is Patsy S. from Sturgeon Bay. Rooms at the Stone Harbor resort start at \$99, and the committee also has reserved a block of rooms immediately across the street for \$49 for a double. Information is available on the website: www.area74.org/2011sc/.

Conference Bids

Fall 2011

Paul S. from District 05 had a proposal for Eau Claire. He talked to the Plaza Hotel & Suites. They could get a block of 100 rooms for \$85/day. Registration would be approximately \$27, and the banquet would be approximately \$16.50 for a combined package of \$43.50.

Theresa M. from District 14 had a proposal for Hudson, Wisconsin, located on the St. Croix River. The conference would be at the Best Western Conference Center, which is suitable for the Area’s needs, for approximately \$800. The dates would be September 16 -18. The registration would be approximately \$15 and the banquet would be approximately \$20, which is pretty standard for the Area. The rooms are approximately \$80/night. Several other hotels plus restaurants are within one mile. District 11 is small

but enthusiastic . There is a lot of room to grow and to get people involved doing service.

District 14 won the bid by a simple majority.

Delegate's Workshop 2012

Marty said that we may want to table these until we figure out what we're doing since this will now be a two-day event. Sense of the body was that everyone agreed.

Spring Conference 2012

Marty L. spoke on behalf of District 13. The conference would be May 18, 19, 20 of 2012 in Cable, Wisconsin at Telemark Lodge. Right now, they are re-building that facility, which includes golf courses. The rooms would be approximately \$70 (suites would be different). Registration would be approximately \$16 and the banquet would be approximately \$25. There were no other bids. The bid was approved by body.

Standing Committee Report and DCM Reports

Archives

-John S. had to leave so Sharon gave his report in absence:

- We did talk about a few of us getting together as a committee with Mark M., the Area Archivist
- The topic of the digitization of minutes and motions came up
- We talked about establishing workshops
- We are working on an Archives feature in the Now and Then
- We discussed getting the Archives up on the Area website
- We would like to make more old-timers' recordings and get some for each district; we had the idea of setting up at Conferences to listen and make the recordings
- The Archives now has nice, new display boxes.

District 06 DCM Report - N/A

District 21 DCM Report - N/A

District 22 DCM Report

- District 22 covers Door and Kewaunee Counties. We have 19 groups and 31 different meeting times.
- Our district meetings are the first Thursday of each month held in the Door County Library on the lower level in the Friend's Room with 4 to 7 GSR's attending along with all District Officers.
- District 22 held an Inter-Group meeting on March 20th 2010. About 45 people attended the meeting and pot-luck. Ted L. of the Flintville Group was the main speaker, who drew about 20 people from

Green Bay to the meeting. There also was a panel discussion where we talked and answered questions about "Your Home Group." All had fun with our big book trivia contest.

- District 22 is working on new meeting schedules and is in the process of checking dates and times.
- Men's Corrections bring meetings into the Door County Jail every Tuesday night at 7:00PM with 10 men in rotation and average between 10 to 15 men at the meetings.
- The Women's Corrections bring meetings into the Door County Jail every Wednesday night at 7:00PM with 5 women in rotation and average about two women per meetings.
- Your CPC/PI chair has been getting involved with local AODA coalition along with the distribution of Literature to the local professional buildings. CPC/PI is currently putting together a committee.
- District 22 will hold the 2011 Spring Conference May 13th through the 15th at the beautiful Stone Harbor Resort.

CPC

Ben gave the report, re-iterating what the committee discussed at the Delegate's workshop: At the Delegate's Workshop, we were to review the CPC kit and workbook. Thanks to those of you who are on the committee and participated in the discussion. Really, the changes we were looking at were approved by the prior panel and we were looking at verbiage.

He then reviewed the report provided in the minutes from the Area Delegate's Workshop.

District 14 DCM Report

District 14 has 4 committees (Treatment, Corrections, Literature/PI and CPC) and has display racks at hospitals and libraries. Approximately 10 people attend the district meeting and the offices are filled. The district meetings now begin at 5:30pm. The district is planning on having booths at local fairs. The district is in need of money from its groups to be self-supporting. The meeting list is posted on the Area website. The district offers newcomer packets for \$1. One new meeting has started in the district. District 14 is excited to be hosting the Fall 2011 Area Conference.

Grapevine Chair

The report from the Delegate's Workshop was read. The Grapevine Committee plans to meet at each Area business meeting and conference. We also are planning to have a means for members to either renew or get new subscriptions of the Grapevine. Also we would like to know why you have subscription or possibly why you might not. Grapevine is also offering a short subscription: \$17.00 for 7 months.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Dodie Ash
Grapevine Chair

Jeff C. mentioned that we just had a report at the East Central Regional Conference that the Grapevine project to lose \$370,000. He certainly hopes that the groups are aware that the Grapevine is in serious financial trouble.

Bob M. mentioned that he had concerns with La Vina. One of the words in this proposal that bothers me is the word "equal." He stated that La Vina was meant to be a special project and that he didn't recall the word "equal" ever being used to describe it before. He would hope that if this comes to the floor to support making La Vina equal to the Grapevine that the Area wouldn't support it.

Adam K. asked, "Our group contributions go to one place. If the Grapevine needs money, does the group money go to that?"

A lengthy discussion followed in order to help explain the answer. Dodie said that no, they are supposed to put a surplus in the reserve fund. But for the first time there's not enough money in the Reserve fund. Jeff C. added that if you throw a gallon of water in a pool of water, you can take a gallon out, but it won't necessarily be the same gallon. In the history of the Grapevine, they have put in more money than they have taken out. For the first time ever, they need to take out more money out.

Len D. stated that he felt the problem is the board structure. Are we a business? Should we look at ourselves as proxy voters? If we do that, most of us will probably get drunk. We've been talking here ad nauseum about issues that have nothing to do with the drunk. We get so tangled up in the minutiae of business, we lose sight of who we're serving. The point is the spirituality has been stripped away. We have some trustees that want to view AA as a business. We also have a right to refuse that. You are making a spiritual decision. But we've got to understand something very clear. When we are in this room, we are serving the drunk.

Scott S. stated that he felt it is a really good idea to serve the Spanish-speaking alcoholic and it is a relatively small increase to improve the printing of La Vina. Peggy, a District 22 GSR, mentioned how she had relied on the experience strength and hope of the Grapevine when she was getting sober and that she doesn't want to see this magazine go away. Bob M. said that although he agrees with what Scott is saying, right now, GSO is at the point where they are letting go of services. If we do put money into La Vina, we have to take the money from somewhere else.

District 01 DCM Report:

Hello Everyone from District 01,

Our district is becoming very active. All our District Offices and Standing Committees are filled. Each Standing Committee has four to six members serving in addition to the Chairperson. District Meetings are around 20-30 members.

We have several things going on in District 01. We will be voting on the Final draft of our District Bylaws from the ad-hoc Committee next month. Our last known Bylaws were written in 1951.

Our groups received and responded to all the GSC Agenda Items. Many groups asked if their opinion really counted and how is what the delegate votes determined.

We are currently getting PSAs on local TV stations and city busses, via our PI Committee.

We are going to be hosting a Friends of Bill room at an even called LZ Lambeau (a tribute to Vietnam Vets). There are many recovering alcoholics amongst them and they requested we be there for fellowship. This will be a very emotional event for them.

Also in the works is a weekend workshop on service called The Third Legacy Workshop. We will be inviting Area 74 Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to speak and hold panels, along with Dist. 01 Officers and Committee Chairs on the 12 Concepts of World Service, PI, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine, Treatment, Bridging the Gap and Archives. We will keep you updated on these events. We will make flyers available as soon as possible. Our CPC Chair has put an AA PowerPoint presentation together. He will show this at the workshop.

The 2nd Annual Northeast Wisconsin Tri-State Roundup is coming up on June 25-27 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Hope to see you at one or all of these events.

In Loving Service, Marty C. DCM-District 01

District 09 DCM Report

I'm Terry W. DCM, District 09. I've been involved in the District since reforming in 1999 and it is amazing how we have grown. We have an average of 20 people attending our District meetings. We hold a couple service workshops a year with one coming up April 24 with District 17. All our committee chair positions have been filled. We have a multimedia lending library with books, DVDs and CDs available to groups and individuals. We have 8 people representing our district today. It is a pleasure being DCM for District 09 and everyone being involved makes my job easier.

District 12 DCM Report - N/A

District 03 DCM Report

Bob L. Gave the report as the District doesn't currently have a DCM: We're experiencing an insurgence of service work in District 03. We have 11 groups and about 5 GSRs, who are all new. About 7 people are attending the district meetings. We have a secretary and an interim treasurer. We are in the process of forming a workshop or sharing session. Our idea so far is focusing on the importance of the home group. We'd like to increase interest in AA's declaring interest in a home group because that's where we think service starts and sponsorship starts and the spirituality of the program. We are looking for volunteers from Area 74 to volunteer to come down to Wisconsin Rapids to share their experience, strength and hope.

Literature Report

The Literature chair was not present so Kim R. reviewed the Literature minutes from the Delegate's

Workshop.

District 02 DCM Report

One GSR requested each District Committee Chair come and present information about their committees to his Home Group as a way to help get Homegroup members involved in service work.

Annual Moose & Goose Corrections Fundraiser is April 16, 2010 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Navarino.

A new form has been created to help the District Grapevine Committee keep informed of group Grapevine changes. There is a new Grapevine display at the Genesis Club. The Grapevine Committee is asking District 02 AA members to submit articles to the Grapevine to see how many we can get published from District 02. Accepted articles and rejection letters will be documented on the Grapevine Display which is housed at the Genesis Club.

Treatment had three facility requests expressing an interest in the Temporary Contact program. The Committee is working on displays and a means to handle facility requests without breaking member or client anonymity.

SAVE THE DATE AND BRING A FRIEND - District 02 is planning a Service Workshop tentatively scheduled for June 19 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Location is to be announced. This workshop is a collaborative effort between District 02 Corrections, Treatment, Grapevine, and PI Committees. Current Now and Then Editor and Past Trustee, Bob M. has been invited to host a sharing session; Area Delegate, Steve H., District 02 DCM and Committee chairs will be invited to participate in interactive panels discussions and presentations.

District 02 would like to offer to host the Winter Area Committee Meeting on Saturday December 11, 2010. The Appleton Intergroup is also on Saturday December 11 at St Pius Church, 500 Marquette Street in Appleton. The Intergroup Committee, Jason, Anne and Dan have confirmed that the church has conference rooms available that will accommodate up to 30 people. It is our understanding that as hosts are to provide a location and coffee. There are no other accommodations required. If there is additional effort or coordination necessary, it can be completed by other members of District 02.

Respectfully Submitted

Kim R

District 02 DCM

District 07 DCM Report

We have approximately 25 groups with a new meeting started in my home town. We have our monthly District meetings the 3rd Sunday of the month, with participation. We are considering to integrate with the traveling intergroup for improved participation.

We do have members speaking at the treatment facility at St. Joe's Treatment Center. Also, members are going into the Clark and Wood County Jails to hold meetings.

It was a privilege to host the 2009 fall conference. This gave me personal growth to have had participated and hope that others had the same opportunity. I'm looking forward to serve District 07 and Area 74.

Glenn S., District 07

Bob M. had a comment on the Literature report: Item C ["Consider developing Conference-approved literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in A.A."] came out of a motion that was defeated last year. I don't know how we're going to define "successfully spiritual alcoholic." If we do a new book in women pioneers, what about other "minorities" or groups?

Corrections

Jim S. reported:

- Leave "It Sure beats sitting in a cell" as is.
- You should know exactly what you are signing before you sign it because these are legally-binding documents

The end result for us is that we don't think any new literature should be printed until the old literature is sold at the current prices.

Dodie wanted it addressed that the forms (item B – "Review progress report from trustee's Committee on Corrections on signing sponsorship agreements and legally binding documents") are coming up as an agenda item because they touch on federal laws. They aren't asking whether we should or shouldn't sign it but how best to prepare the volunteers going in to facilities how to sign forms.

District 20 DCM Report

We had District 20 GSR meetings in November, December, January and March with good attendance (12-20 GSRs). We now have GSRs for 80% of our (25) groups and trying to make it 100%.

We elected District officers to serve from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

DCM – Jim S (was appointed 7/09)

Alt DCM – Derick T (elected at the 12/09 meeting)

Treasurer – Ken U (elected at the 12/09 meeting)

First off DCM and Alt DCM shows Michael B– 19858 State Hwy 13, Glidden, WI 54527, 715-264-5763 as District 20 Alt DCM. Not so! Change to Derek T – 906-492-4777 email djtjune3@hotmail.com.

We agreed to reimburse the DCM and up to 3 other male GSRs and up to 4 female GSRs for gas (they must carpool or pay their own gas), meals, and one room for each sex for each Assembly if District 20 Treasury has the money. We were well-represented at the March 13 Delegates workshop – 9 GSRs and

myself.

We completed and printed updated District 20 meeting/contact lists. We discussed a District Library. GSRs reported that several members are willing to donate books (AA-approved only) so the District will only need to buy ones not donated. We will discuss this at our next GSR meeting.

We unanimously agreed to support combining the Conferences and Delegates Workshop with Assembly. We do not support additional assemblies unless absolutely necessary.

We still have no volunteers for Munising Prison – we will keep trying. District 20 GSRs continue to be well-represented at U.P. Intergroup meetings despite the distances of up to 200 miles.

Our next District 20 GSR meeting is scheduled for June. Any important Area 74 issues will be districted by email.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim S., District 20 DCM

District 19 DCM Report - N/A (Steve H has it at home)

District 13 DCM Report

A thank you for the 2012 conference bid. We have around 24 meetings in District 13. We meet monthly. Our district has a very small attendance. We are talking about a July 31st service workshop in Iron River.

I would like to say that in the last few months we have seen a growth in newcomers that have been sticking around.

Sheryl M.

Public Information

Ed B. reported, reviewing what the P.I. group discussed at the Delegate's Workshop. He stated that there were 9 people in attendance, the most he'd ever seen.

District 05 DCM Report

In January elections were held and all of our positions were filled. Our Newsletter has not been printed for a few months but we have a new person interested in filling that position, so we will be having a newsletter again.

On February 20, there was a GSR workshop with good attendance with 25-30 people present.

We will be submitting a bid for the 2011 Fall Conference.

District 05 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm at the Leisure Center in Menominee. All members are welcome.

Paul S.

District 11 DCM Report

District 11 has growing pains. Meeting attendance is up. Our meeting attendance has doubled and in some places it's tripled. We now have 12 meetings in our small district. Our district meeting is the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm. We now have 8 -10 GSRs. We have been working hard because of the economy situation, doing PI and CPC work. We had an AA information booth at our county fair. Over 60% of the literature we had available disappeared. We're using two newspapers and two shoppers to print our meeting schedule every week. Tune in to 98.3 at 10:30 and you'll get the meeting for the day. The District purchased guides for leading beginners meetings. We have provided beginners packets to all our meetings. These things are working that we are doing.

Cliff P.

District 24 DCM Report

We have good attendance at District meetings. We have a phone number on our site and haven't had any problems with abuse. We don't get a lot of calls but I think it's good.

Treatment

Eric L. reviewed the minutes from the Delegate's Workshop.

Steve H. commented that he would like to see the video *Hope* to be put into the Kit/Workbook. The *Hope* video was made to be taken into facilities.

District 04 DCM Report

District 04 is moving and shaking and moving into the light after being in the dark for a very long time. We have 26 meetings. Our monthly district meeting is continuing to attract new people. Our monthly district meeting is continuing to attract additional participants: 7-10 GSRs, committee chairs, and interested AAS – for a total of about 20 or more people.

As a district, we continue to move forward in growth. We developed District Guidelines. We have a Finance Committee and had people develop budgets for the first time. We have 7 active committees. We have men and women going into the Portage County Jail for meetings. We have 2 informational meetings per month at the treatment center. Grapevine subscriptions have been bought for the jail, including La Vina, and two subscriptions for the local hospital. We have our hotline. We have access when requested to visit individuals on our hospital's detox floor. They contact us for 12 Step opportunities. Our literature chair is making an effort to have AA approved literature purchased from him instead of random websites. Our PI/CPC committee has received and is reviewing PSAs en route to

approaching radio stations. We are currently revising our meeting schedule. We have two meetings per week that are regularly attracting near 40 or more people. We have a District picnic every year. We have 2 groups participating in the traveling intergroup in May and September.

The DCM just got back from a trip to NYC, which included a visit to GSO and the Grapevine office. He attended the Friday 11am 475 meeting.

Scott K.

District 10 DCM Report

I am proud to be in District 10. We have a lot of passionate people. We have approximately 14 groups with GSR representation and about 33 groups in total. We have a new website, northwoodsaa.org, posting all district meetings and special events.

We have 7 committee chairs. Corrections has been going into Oneida and Vilas County jails with books and literature. We are still working with Forest County jail. Treatment has a meeting at 2 treatment centers; the in-patient facility has one facility meeting and the out-patient facility has 2 facility meetings. PI ordered substantial pamphlets and books and made meeting lists for District 10. CPC is planning a workshop to cooperate with professionals at St. Mary's Hospital to educate nurses about alcoholism.

The District has decided to allow text messages for the District phone and has bought a small amount of minutes.

Rick B.

District 15 DCM Report

Attendance at our 15 meetings is solid (6-15+). There have been several newcomers over the past few weeks. All meetings are financially stable and striving to make contributions to the GSO, District and Area.

The district meeting attendance is at about 6-10. In February we had a service workshop on "Carrying the Message" specific to hospitals and jails. Community social workers and a hospital Director of Social Services attended and shared their needs and concerns.

What drove the workshop in Gogebic County is an invitation to bring meetings in!! We're waiting for background checks and jail furniture. We created volunteer contact lists, meeting lists, and personnel business cards for clients/patients.

Special thanks to Matt the webmaster. We're updated! We haven't been updated since '04. We have new schedules and are current in newspapers. Meeting time changes have created some nice variety in choices for evening meetings. The radio station announces meetings at noon. We have sold or given away about 100 Big Books since the fall. Our goals are to create a District Newsletter, to get the Public Information Committee up and running, to get the groups registered and to continue to encourage and model service opportunities. Dodie will speak at the speaker meeting in June on the service theme! We're really excited with our Saturday Nite Live speaker meeting in Ironwood. Attendance has been at

about 35-50 people.

We have lots of enthusiasm and energy and genuine focus on welcoming and retaining newcomers!

Thanks for being here!

Sue R.

A motion was made and seconded to stay for an extra hour. The motion passed unanimously.

District 18 DCM Report

I have been to all meetings in my district. Some weren't registered; some didn't even know what an intergroup or conference was. I found a lot of people between 15-35 years sober had been back out and returned – scary. The main reason was they quit going to meetings.

The meetings are going strong. I did over 100 meetings in 90 days. It has been a long time since I've been to that many. DCM has been a great experience and I'm learning a lot. I have Mark B. working on Bridging the Gap for the U.P. and working on updating our list for 12 step calls. Prisoners are being released from Marquette and the Bridging the Gap program is getting off the ground. I have contacts for all groups in the district.

Kenneth L.

Matt K. gave a Bridging the Gap report.

Finance Committee Report from Delegate's Workshop

Roger W.

Jeff C.: what ever happened to us spending time one-on-one with an alcoholic? Are we going to continue to just spend more money on these things that do our work for us [pamphlets, videos, etc.]? Where are we going to draw the line on doing our primary purpose, the thing that keeps me alive? When we just say, let's produce another, let's produce another, let's produce another, to me that says I'm being spiritually lazy.

Steve H.: I personally use those as tools along with myself carrying the message. I use those things as tools.

Bob M. : I want to comment quickly on part A of the Finance Report. In 1937 or 1938, the charter said to provide literature to the fellowship. We now have the tail wagging the dog. We have the service board making money off of literature and saying, "We'll provide your service because we have money coming in. If you stop sending ." We need to regain control of our fellowship. We need to tell them how much services we want and what kind of services we want. If they are providing the services we need and want, we need to cough up the money and pay for it. If not, we have to tell them. The power of the purse isn't working. Our contributions are going down. If you're not contributing because you

don't like something that's going on at the Board, you need to tell your Delegate. This is our opportunity to tell Steve and have Steve carry that message.

Jeff O.: I always thought there was one tool to carry the message. Over time, we've created all these tools to carry the message. It's made us fat. In our Committee, when we discussed this, we believed that we need to become self-supporting. How do we do that? There's a lot of fear around that. We need to start looking at the literature we have out there. We have lost the concept of working one-on-one. I think it's important that we take a good look at everything we're using and really take an inventory of what we're going to use. We're fat and we need to size it down.

Terri B.: I think there are sometimes when it's necessary to have the videos and the pamphlets. A video helped me walk through the door. There's a place for everything.

District 08 DCM Report

District 08 would like to thank Area 74 for allowing District 08 the opportunity and privilege to hold the upcoming Area 74 spring conference.

Presently the district business meeting ranges from 10 to 14 in attendance and has a consistent attendance of approximately 5-8 GSRs. At this last month's district meeting, we had the opportunity to welcome and meet the new GSR and alternate GSR of the district's first Spanish speaking meeting, hear their hopes and plans. The first District 08 DCM Sharing Session, open to anyone with questions regarding the district, area, GSO, traditions or concepts was held; six people were in attendance.

After providing the information obtained from minutes, reports, and postings from Now and Then, area discussion topics, the Delegate's Workshop results, the Area Assembly inventory questions, the motion from the ad-hoc guidelines committee regarding restructuring, the motion to create an Are Committee called Structures and Guidelines, and the latest motion to separate the secretary/registrar's position. These items have not been discussed by District 08 as a whole at the monthly district meeting.

Sincerely,

Joel S.

DCM District 08, Area 74

Archivist

A report from the Archivist was not available.

Webmaster

Matt K. , the webmaster and Bridging the Gap coordinator, gave his report:

A message from your Bridging the Gap Coordinator:

The Fall Assembly was almost 50/50 on forming a Bridging the Gap Committee. The motion to form a committee ultimately failed. During the debate of the motion, I was listening to the arguments both for and against. Since the Assembly I have been thinking about where to go from here. A good

friend of mine, in a lot more words, told me to keep it simple stupid. Taking direction from District 8's motion, I have been making a list. This list is composed of one or two reps per district. If there is no rep reported, the DCM of each district, by default is the district's BTG rep. This list will be provided to all district reps for bridging the gap purposes. I am still looking for reps in many districts. These reps are the communications conduit between districts to the actual AAs doing the bridging. In addition to the list, if a district wants they can use Area forms: one for treatment and one for corrections. Currently districts in Area 74 can take full advantage of a P.O. Box. Hopefully soon districts can take advantage of a fax line and 800 number for Bridging the Gap purposes only. Thank you to District 02's corrections and treatment committees for offering these services in every district in Area 74. The fax line and 800 number still need the approval of the District 02 body. Please note that if a large number of inquiries come to the services mentioned above, District 02 will be asking Area 74 to provide these services to the other districts. Look for updates on the Area website.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Respectfully Submitted

Matt K. – btg@area74.org

A message from your webmaster:

Warm Greetings to all of Area 74. Traffic on the website has slightly increased. List of most to least accessed pages as follows: home page, meetings page, calendar page, district websites page, area email directory, newsletter page, literature page, links page, steps page, guidelines page, feedback page, 2011 spring conference directory.

We need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions. Currently Area 74 Website Guidelines read – The Area 74 Webmaster will not post last names or personal addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. However, if committees or groups submit forms (i.e. flyers, registration) that include phone numbers and addresses, they will be posted as submitted. (Area 74 P.I. Committee does not recommend this practice, as anonymity may be compromised.) If we must always maintain personal anonymity at the public level and anonymity is the spiritual foundation, I feel that this section of the website guidelines violates traditions. I also feel that this has the potential of affecting AA as a whole. I recommend that we discontinue the practice of publishing personal information except for first names, last initials and when necessary cell phone numbers.

Missing from the site is the area guidelines. The area committee asked that they be removed because they are out of date. When an updated version is available they will be posted. I would also like to post the area finance guidelines. The decision to post the area finance guidelines will be left up to the area assembly. Also missing is the Now and Then. We used to have the current and past issues of the newsletter. The decision to publish the edited version of the newsletter will be left up to the assembly. The vision that I have is that the website would be a clearing house of information for the area, the more information the better. If the body decides that certain information is private to the area we can still publish it on the area website under a password protected directory. The area has the capacity to assign users to groups and groups to directories. According to the GSO recommended website guidelines personal anonymity is not broken as long as the personal information is password protected.

I would like to extend the opportunity to have district websites hosted by the area. The only condition would be that the area guidelines supersede the district guidelines and the district website must follow the area guidelines. There are two versions for this opportunity. Both versions, the district would be responsible for its own code. Version one, a free version, the district would submit their website to the area webmaster for uploading. Version two would cost the district approximately \$5.00 a month. This version is a FTP directory of Area 74. This allows districts to maintain their directory at their will.

I have set up every district, area chair and officer with a forwarding email address. Upon request I will provide passwords to servants that would like to respond to emails through the web-based email client.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt K. – webmaster@area74.org

Matt K. made the following motion: that we discontinue the practice publishing personal information except for first names, last initials and when necessary cell phone numbers.

There was some confusion as to whether this motion was coming out of committee with a second. As a GSR, Matt also had the option to simply make this motion as a floor motion. Different options for how motions could and should be made were discussed in length. Ultimately, Matt withdrew the motion and said he would take it back to committee.

Now and Then

Co-editors Bob M. and Torv T. gave a “tag-team” report, with Torv giving the first half of the report and Bob giving the second half.

Torv’s Report

Thanks for allowing us to serve as co-editors. We are willing to communicate to Area 74 via net all pertinent information. Please understand that we need accurate addresses and emails for all area officers, chairs, GSRs and DCMs. We are doing our best to reach all groups in Area 74. We have newsletter subscription forms here, and they are also on the Now and Then. Our Area Registrar has helped us out tremendously with mailing labels. You also need to be made aware that printing costs and mailing costs are on the rise. Once again, accuracy is important. Thus far over 100 hardcopies have been returned and that entails more postage due. We will answer all questions to the best of our knowledge.

Bob’s Report

Now and Then subscriptions for non-service members are \$8.00/year. Articles are due to us by the 10th of each month. Events and District meetings are welcome for our calendar. We are trying to keep the Newsletter to about 10 pages. Flyers for non-Area sponsored events will be entered for \$25 each issue. We are looking for ideas for articles from past servants. All GSRs, DCMs and Area Officers will get a hard copy of the guidelines. Those that are not required may get email.

Jeff C. asked if registered groups that are contributing to the district that do NOT have a GSR getting the Now and Then. Secretary/Registrar Mike M. replied that no, he did have primary contacts but that would be another 200 names.

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Old Business

Area 74 Inventory Update by Joel S.

Area 74, Assembly Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee Report 4/10/2010

To: Area 74 Assembly body,

The assembly inventory ad-hoc committee would like to report that the assembly inventory will be held in accordance with the published agenda, hard copies of the inventory questions and agenda are available on the back table. Each participant of the inventory will be allowed 2 minutes at the microphone, one opportunity at the microphone per question. After all who care to share have had at least one opportunity at the microphone, a second opportunity at the microphone will be allowed, time permitting. If anyone does not have the opportunity to share, it is suggested that the individual relay their conscience to the Area secretary, for minute keeping purposes, at either the scheduled break or after the conclusion of the inventory.

Reporting of the inventory will include, original recorded minutes along with the assembly inventory ad-hoc committee's summary sent to all D.C.M.'s, Area committee chairs and officers. That the summary of the inventory be posted in the September 2010 issue of the Now and Then, and the summary report be given at the Area 74 fall assembly, along with hard copies of both the summary and original minutes. It is agreed by the assembly inventory ad-hoc committee that any major points of discussion, be referred to the Area committee for further discussion and resolution.

Joel S.

Area 74 Assembly Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee Chair

New Business

Finance committee has a reimbursement request for a tool, rather than an office supply, for \$68.56 for a voice recorder. The Finance Committee does not have the authority to authorize this without approval from the Assembly body, as it is not a previously budgeted expense.

Kim R. made a motion to reimburse the secretary/registrar for the purchase of the recording tool in the amount of \$68.56.

A discussion followed. Bob M. mentioned that in the past we have purchased voice recorders and they never seem to get passed on. Jeff C. mentioned that the groups need to know that we have expenditures for items that have gone away. The principle is whether we own property or not, not

whether we have the money or not. I believe personally that we need a voice recording of these proceedings. But we've also purchased equipment that has gone away. Bob M. said that he thought it should be planned ahead on time rather than buying things ahead of time and then requesting reimbursement. Jeff O. stated simply that our secretary/registrar has an enormous job and it's our job to support him and give him the tools he needs to do his job.

The motion passed with a simple majority. The minority chose not to speak.

WICYPAA Presentation Update -- Dan D.

Personally I'd like to see Area 74 host a WICYPAA. www.wicypaa.org. The conf can be hosted by districts, areas or just a group of alcoholics.

New Motion from the Area Committee Meeting

Author Mike M. current Secretary/Registrar Area Committee Officer

"Separate the Area Officer Position of Secretary/Registrar into separate positions of Secretary and Registrar with the following conditions;

1. The Area Registrar as a non-voting Area position appointed by the Area Secretary with the Assembly's approval. The Area Registrar will be part of the Area Secretary's Committee.
2. The Area Registrar duties are: To maintain Area 74 group contact information. Maintains and updates the GSO group database utilizing the latest GSO provided software. Provides this group information to Area 74 as needed.
3. The Area Registrar will be required to provide a report concerning their duties at Area Assemblies. The Area Registrar is not required to attend other area events.
4. The Area Registrar's expenses are covered under the Secretary's Budget. The monies budgeted for the laptop will be used to maintain a laptop for the Registrar and the current monthly stipend will be used to reimburse the Registrar for maintaining an Ethernet connection."

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the body to table this motion until the next Assembly.

Floor Actions:

1. Gary submitted the following Floor Action: One person not serve the Area Committee in two service positions at the same time unless mandated by Assembly action. Just prior to the conclusion of the Assembly, he withdrew the motion.
2. Roger W. -- we have a financial report for year end 2009. Jeff O and Mary Jo R. put a lot of effort of it. The finance committee was asked into purchasing and maintaining liability insurance. \$550 + The

finance committee recommends.

3. The Finance Committee recommends "Area 74 provides Liability insurance for all Area 74 service events. To be reviewed annually by Area 74 Finance Committee and included in yearly Area 74 budget projections.
4. All Area Meetings "of the Committees" meet in a central location. Preferably at the same location as the spring and fall assemblies. This location shall be "centrally" located in our Area

Area 74 Fall Assembly

2010

Saturday Oct 16th

Three Lakes, WI

Call to order. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Opening remarks:

Roll Call: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Corrections MI & WI, CPC, Finance, Literature, and Newsletter Committee, Literature, PI & Grapevine Chairs and the following District DCM's 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, & 23 were all present.

Secretary/Registrar Report:

At last count, there were 1232 registered groups in Area 74 listed with the GSO. Of these 622 are marked as active and are published in the regional directories. 431 groups in this active category have a GSR listed. There have been approximately 50 new groups registered in the last year.

I will be emailing the DCM's a list of all the registered group in their district towards the end of the year, You may want to use this information to ensure each of the groups in your district has their GSR registered or at least a primary contact listed.

In order to be listed as a primary contact for a group, I must be provided with their full name and current address. A phone number is nice too.

Please remember to submit all motions and amendments in writing to the Secretary.

Please remember to submit all reports in writing. Emailing them to me is acceptable and is actually preferred.

Approved 2009 Area 74 Fall Assembly Minutes

Approved 2010 Area 74 Spring Assembly Minutes

Treasurer Report:

Area 74 Income and Expense Report - YTD

1/1/2010 through 10/14/2010

	Category Description	
	Area Yearly Beginning Balance	12,475.33
INCOME	Group Contribution	12837.50
	*Other Income	3730.75
	Personal Anniversary	120.00
	TOTAL INCOME	29,163.58
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EXPENSES		
	Archive Committee Expenses	510.00
	Archives Chair Expense	99.00
	Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	228.36
	Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	1155.79
	Corrections Chair Expense - WI	499.81
	Corrections Committee Expense - WI	165.23
	Corrections Chair Expense – MI	25.00
	Corrections Committee Expense – MI	148.48
	CPC Chair Expense	401.11
	Delegate Expense	1753.90
	Finance Chair Expense	412.11
	Finance Committee Expense	360.35
	Grapevine Chair Expense	500.01
	Literature Chair Expense	500.00
	Now And Then Committee Expenses	3274.50
	Now And Then Editor Expense	274.50
	*Other Expenses	4157.33
	Public Information Chair Expenses	425.00
	Public Information Committee Expenses	265.54
	Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	302.06
	Secretary - Registrar Expense	500.00
	Treasurer Expense	367.93
	Treatment Chair Expenses	368.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(16,419.51)
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	Account Balance	12,744.07

Itemized categories from the front.

Other Income

3/4/2010	Return of unused Monies... 2009 Now and Then	930.69
4/10/2010	Spring Assm Lunch Collection	701.00
4/10/2010	Spring Assm. Lunch Collection	1.31
8/30/2010	Return by 2010 Spring Conf - Seed Money	1,000.00
8/30/2010	Realized Gain from 2010 Spring Conf.	1,097.75

OVERALL TOTAL 3,730.75

Other Expense

1/10/2010	Seat Delegate	-1,200.00
4/10/2010	Caterer Spring assm.	-675.00
4/10/2010	Rick L. Refreshments Spring assm	-49.68
4/10/2010	Steve S Refreshments Spring ass	-54.38
4/10/2010	Reiter Center Rent Spring assm	-150.00
4/10/2010	2011 Fall Co... Seed Money	-1,000.00
5/9/2010	Delegates Workshop	-200.00
9/11/2010	Delegate International Conf.Exp	-750.00
9/11/2010	Refreshments for the Delegates Workshop	-33.27
9/14/2010	Expenses for Registrar Internet use	-45.00

OVERALL TOTAL -4157.33

Motion to approve Treasure's report - carried

Area Chair Report:

I have a fun time serving you. I have been to several service workshops I have an opportunity to learn a lot.

This a time consuming job. I put on

I appointed a committee to address Area 74 structures and Guidelines.

I am getting a lot of emails and phone calls, so we have really good communication in our Area.

Area 74 Delegate Report:

It has been a very busy year for me. A lot of people have been putting in a lot of hours getting this assembly ready for you.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Grapevine survey. There are more surveys on the back table if you want to fill them out.

I have a copy of new pieces of AA conference approved literature.

1. A soft cover version of *AA Comes of Age*
2. A soft cover version of a collection of Grapevine stories

We had a bridging gap last week. A DCM from Sacramento, CA contacted me with a bridging the gap need. The DCM found me the Area 74 delegate via the regional directory. I was able to contact the DCM from one of districts to close the gap.

An opening for the following position at GSO:

This year we have inundated with surveys. Next year we are going to have a membership survey. It was supposed to occur this year but was overlooked. The survey will occur in 2011.

They are asking for a theme for the 2012 General Service Conference.

If there is anyone from District 20, I have your final conference reports. If your districts need more reports, please help yourself.

Question: All these individual surveys appear to be circumventing the conference structure by bypassing the groups as the voice of the fellowship. Have you or other delegates addressed?

Discussion followed.

Approval 2009 Area 74 Fall Assembly Minutes - *passed*

Approval 2010 Area 74 Spring Assembly Minutes - *passed*

Tabled Motion:

Secretary/Registrar makes a motion to:

"Separate the Area Officer Position of Secretary/Registrar into separate positions of Secretary and Registrar with the following conditions;

1. The Area Registrar as a non-voting Area position appointed by the Area Secretary. The Area Registrar will be part of the Area Secretary's committee.
2. The Area Registrar duties are: To maintain the Area 74 group contact information. Maintains and updates the GSO group database utilizing the latest GSO provided software. Provides this group information to Area 74 as needed.
3. The Area Registrar will be required to provide a report concerning their duties at Area Assemblies. The Area Registrar is not required to attend other area events.
4. The Area Registrar expenses are covered under the Secretary's Budget. The monies budgeted for the laptop will be used to maintain a laptop for the Registrar and the current monthly stipend will be used to reimburse the Registrar for maintaining an Ethernet connection."

Discussion followed.

Vote (2/3 majority required): 51 voted in favor / 18 voted in opposition for a total of 69 votes. Motion carries with a two thirds majority.

Minority Opinion:

- The Guidelines already states the there is a assistant position.
- I think the registrar should be a position separate from the secretary's position/committee.
- I do not think we have thought out all the details and we are jumping the gun on moving forward.

- I think we would want our Registrar to be an officer, so that they are elected, present and accountable.

Motion to reconsider by DCM 23, Seconded.

Vote to reopen discussion: 38 voted in favor / 27 voted in opposition for a total of 65 votes. Motion carries with a two thirds majority.

Discussion followed.

Question was called and seconded.

Vote (simple majority) to vote on the original motion as stands: passed.

Vote (2/3 majority required): 26 voted in favor / 44 voted in opposition for a total of 70 votes. Motion failed.

Finance Committee - Roger W.

Motion 1: - Liability Insurance for Area Events

"The Finance Committee recommends Area 74 purchase liability insurance for all Area 74 service events. To be reviewed annually by Area 74 Finance Committee and included in yearly Area 74 budget projections."

Vote (simple majority): Failed by substantial margin.

Minority opinion: There is a cost savings in getting yearly coverage versus a per event rate.

Vote stands.

Motion 2:

"The Area 74 Finance Committee recommends that Area 74 increase the amount for the Area Officer / Standing Committee Chair expenses to \$700."

Vote (2/3 majority required): 66 voted in favor / 6 voted in opposition for a total of 72 votes. Motion carries with a two thirds majority.

Presentation by Past Delegate Chuck S.:

Standing Committee and DCM Reports:

District 08 - report given.

Finance Committee: Roger W - report given

Following motions for covering overages coming out coming out of Finance Committee with a second:

Approve Committee Chair Expenses overage \$477.31 - *passed.*

Approve Standing Committee Expense overage \$643.72 - *passed.*

Minority Opinion: I would like to know which committee had an overage and why.

Motion to reconsider - seconded.

Vote to reopen discussion failed. Motion stands.

Structures and Guidelines -

(Interim Chair: Bob M.; Steve H. Marty L. Marty C.)

The following motions are coming out of the Area Committee with a second:

Discussion followed.

Motion 1: The committee recommends to the Area committee:

- Election of members of the committee would take place at the Area 74 Fall Assembly in October of 2010.
- The Past Delegate on the committee would be recommended by the Past Delegates for approval by Assembly.
- The three Past DCM's or GSR's would be three separate elections

- Committee would become active immediately upon election
- Term for members of this first committee would be one year after that would be two years. (All elected this fall would be eligible for reelection the following year if they desire)

*Vote (simple majority required): 47 voted in favor / 17 voted in opposition.
Motion carries.*

Motion 2: The committee recommends to the Area Committee the following scope for the Structures and Guidelines Committee:

- The Structures and Guidelines Committee shall consist of the; Area Delegate, Area Committee Chair / Alt Delegate, three past DCMs or GSRs, and one past Delegate. The past Delegate will be nominated by all of the past delegates present at the election and approved by the Assembly. The three past DCMs or GSRs will be nominated from the floor at the election assembly and be elected by three separate elections. This committee once formed will elect from three past DCMs or GSRs membership, the chair of the committee who will serve for two years. The term of all committee members will be two years. The Structures and Guidelines committee will be responsible to keep current and update the Area 74 Guidelines and conference planning Guidelines. This committee will be responsible to maintain a supply of all area guidelines, distribute as needed at area functions, and provide updated copies of the guidelines to the Area Archivist. The committee will review all proposals to change area guidelines prior to being submitted to the Assembly for approval. These area guidelines include but are not limited to; finance, website, and other guidelines the area may currently have or develop in the future. The Structures and Guidelines committee will review, discuss, and recommend all service structure changes to Area 74 before they are submitted to the Assembly for approval. The committee will be responsible to conduct inventories of the Area Service structure at the direction of the Area Assembly. The Structures and Guidelines Committee shall provide an annual budget to the Finance Committee and request funds as needed within the approved budget and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Vote (2/3 majority required): 42 voted in favor / 25 voted in opposition for a total of 67 votes. Motion fails

Note: The Structures and guidelines committee will now need to reconvene and develop a motion outlining the committee's scope.

Motion 3: The committee further recommends to the Area committee:

- The four Assembly schedule would begin in 2012.

Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Election of a one two-year Finance Committee Member:

Nominations:

- Gloria O. - declined.
- Peggy T. - accepted
- Troy B. - accepted

Vote (simple majority required): Peggy T elected.

Election of a three one one-year pass DCMs or GSRs for Structure and Guideline Committee

Nominations 1:

- Vickie V - accept
- Roger W. - declined

Vote 1 (simple majority required): Vickie V elected

Nominations 2:

- Frank W - accepted
- Roger W - accepted

Vote 2 (simple majority required): Frank w elected.

Nominations 3:

- Winston S - accepted
- Richard T - declined
- Roger W - accepted
- Ron O . - accepted

Vote 3 (simple majority required): Winston S elected.

Public Information Chair: Ed B - report given.

District 05 DCM Report - Given

PI Committee Motion: Change line 7 of Area 74 Website Guidelines to read as follows:

Discussion followed.

"7. The Area 74 Webmaster Guidelines will not post any personal information except first names, last initials and when necessary cell phone numbers."

Vote (2/3 majority required): 30 voted in favor / 33 voted in opposition for a total of 63 votes. Motion carries with a two thirds majority.

Minority Opinion:

- This only affects the Area Website
- This is a good motion in an age of modern communication. We need to start considering how we present ourselves in public.
- I think we need this motion. We have become really lax in personal anonymity. My personal anonymity has been broken by people who are okay breaking their own information.
- The name of our fellowship is Alcoholic Anonymous. Anonymity is what we got.
- What guidelines would you have our Webmaster use? We are not allowed to break anyone's email.
- Websites are considered public media. Email forwarding can be utilized to protect anonymity.
- This motion does adhere to current AA guidelines and doesn't do anything new.

Motion fails.

Archive Committee Chair Report: John S - Given

District 22 DCM Report - Given

CPC Chair Report: Ben K - Given

District 14 DCM Report - Given

District 17 DCM Report - Given

District 23 DCM Report - Given

Corrections WI Chair: Jim S - report given

District 19 DCM Report - Given

District 13 DCM Report - Given

Corrections MI Chair: Larry H - report given

District 20 DCM Report - Given

Grapevine Chair: Dodie A - report given.

District 01 DCM Report - Given

District 03 DCM Report - Given

District 09 DCM Report - Given

Literature Chair: Greg H - report given.

District 02 DCM Report - Given

District 07 DCM Report - Given

Newsletter Co-Chair: Torv T - report given.

Newsletter Co-Chair: Bob M - report given.

Motion to extend Assembly to 6:00 PM and pay the \$50 surcharge - passed.

Treatment Chair: Eric L - report given.

District 10 DCM Report - Given

District 04 DCM Report - Given

District 18 DCM Report - Given

Finance Committee - Motion to approve 2011 budget:

2011 Budget

Income	2009 Proj	09 Actual	2010 Proj	2010 YTD	2011 Proj	
Yearly Beginning Balance	\$11,989.23	\$11,989.23	\$8,637.02	\$12,475.33	15,500.00	d.
Group Contributions	\$15,062.53	\$17,402.83	\$15,062.53	\$9,757.92	15,404.00	a.
Other income	\$4,452.26	\$4,466.69	\$3,570.00	\$1,633.00	4,918.00	b.
Personal Aniversary	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$50.00	\$84.00	53.00	c.
Expense						
<u>Officer Expenses</u>						
Delegate	2600	3104.53	2600	1668.9	2,600.00	a.
Area Chair - Alt Delegate	800	1031.12	1300	774.02	1,300.00	b.
Officer/Chairs	6000	5468.54	6000	3557.85	8400.00*	c.
Total	9400	9604.19	9900	6000.77	12,300.00	d.
<u>Committee Expenses</u>						
Archive Committee Expenses	800	342.4	800	164	800	e.
Are Chair- Alt Delegate Com. Expenses	350	245.2	450	197.61	400	f.
Correction Committee Expenses - WI	350	73.48	350	45.28	350	
Correction Committee Expenses - MI	250	65	250	0	250	
CPC Committee Expenses	150	68	150	0	600	
Finance Committee Expenses	250	451.91	350	360.35	700	
Grapevine Committee Expense	200	218	200	0	300	
Literature Committee Expenses	150	52.5	150	0	150	
Now and Then Committee Expenses	4800	4000	4800	2274.5	4800	
Public information Committee Expenses	200	124.5	500	191	500	
Secretary Register Committee Expenses	675	554.74	675	290.06	525	
Treatment Committee Expenses	300	194.95	200	0	200	
Structurs and Guidelines					500	

Total	8475	6390.68	8875	3522.8	10,075	h.
<u>Other expenses</u>						
Seat Delegate	1200	1200	1200	1200	1200	a.
Registrar Internet	240	70	240	0	240	
Delegate Wkshp Rent	200	125	200	200	400	b.
Delegate Wkshp/Assembly Seed 2012					500	c.
Delegate Wkshp Expenses	80	0	80	0	100	d.
Spring Assembly Expense	950	873.95	250	254.06	250	e.
Spring Conf-Seed	1000	1000	1000	1000	1500	f.
Fall Conf- Seed	1000	1000	1000	?	1500	f.
Fall Assembly Expense	950	802.6	250	0	250	g.
Other / Misc Expenses	600	1322.25	300	0	300	
Year End Assembly 2012 Seed					250	h.
Delegate Expense for international Conf.	0	0	750	750	0	
Liability Insurance					*1000	
Total	5020	6393.8	5270	3404.06	6490	i.
		\$0.00				
Total Projected Income	\$31,532.02	\$33,886.75	\$27,319.55	\$23,950.25	35,875.00	j.
Total Projected Expense	\$22,895.00	\$22,388.67	\$24,045.00	\$12,927.63	28,865.00	k.

* If approved by Assembly

Projected Expense

- **Officer Expenses**

- “Officer Expenses” are officer and chair persons reoccurring expense (Fuel, Registration, Room cost). Most recent officer allotted expenses were established by vote of the 2005 fall assembly.
- At present the Area Delegate is allotted \$2600 for their yearly expenses, \$1000 of which is paid to the Delegate no later that January 15th of that year.
- Area chair – Alt Delegate is allotted \$1,300 for expenses
- Secretary / Registrar, Treasurer and Area Standing committee chairs are allotted \$500 each for expenses 12x500=\$6000. If Assembly approved the expense will go from 500 to 700. 12x700=\$ 8400
- Total Officer Expenses Projected for 2011 is \$12,300.00

- **Committee Expenses**

- “Committee Expenses” are committee expenses incurred over the year (paper, postage,) and are projected by asking each Standing Committee Chair to individually project their needed committee expenses for that year.

- b. The Area Chair expense has gone down \$50.00 because the Area chair has determined that \$400 dollar amount is sufficient
- c. CPC Committee has increased to \$600 to better serve Area 74 by having workshops and other service events.
- d. Finance Committee has increased \$350 so the committee members can attend committee meetings throughout the year.
- e. Grapevine Committee has gone up \$100 to better serve Area 74
- f. Secretary Registrar Committee has gone down \$150 per chair estimation
- g. Structure and Guidelines is estimated to be \$500 per adhoc committee request
- h. Total Projected Committee Expenses for 2011 is \$10,075

- **Other Expenses**

- a. "Other Expenses" include Area 74's one time yearly expenses (Caterer cost for the assemblies, One time misc expenses)
- b. Delegate Workshop Rent went from \$200 to \$400 because it is now a two day event
- c. Delegate Workshop/Assembly Seed 2012 is estimated to be \$500
- d. Delegate Workshop Expense went from \$80 to \$100
- e. Spring Assembly cost remains the same
- f. Reflects seed money for upcoming spring and fall conferences. The increase of 500 is because of hosting committees requesting the increase. The Finance Committee recommends the increase.
- g. Fall Assembly expense remains the same
- h. Year end Assembly 2012 Seed monies is in case of the hosting committee needs money to host that event.
- i. Total Projected Other Expenses for 2011 is \$6490.00

- **Total**

- j. Total projected Income for 2011 is \$35,875.00
- k. Total projected expense for 2011 is \$28,865.00

Vote (2/3 majority required): 60 voted in favor / 0 voted in opposition for a total of 60 votes. Motion carries with a two thirds majority.

Approve Committee Chair Expenses overage \$96.50 - passed.

Conference Reports:

2013 East Central regional Conference Committee

Motion 1: We move that Area 74 accepts responsibility to host this Conference.

Seconded. Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Motion 2: We move that Area 74 accepts Green Bay as the location for this Conference.

Seconded. Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Motion 3: We move that Area 74 accepts the second weekend of July as preferable dates, but anytime in July is acceptable.

Seconded. Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Motion 4: We move that Area 74 accepts the core committee as listed above and the means of selection of the committee.

Seconded. Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Motion 5: We move that this committee is autonomous in its actions from Area 74 Assembly ever mindful that this committee receives its authority from Area 74 Assembly body. Therefore any commitments made by this committee will need to be approved by the Area 74 Assembly.

Seconded. Vote (simple majority required): Vote passed by substantial margin. Motion carries.

Spring Conference 2009	District 17
Spring Conference 2010	District 08
Fall Conference 2010	Past Service Structure Members
Spring Conference 2011	District 22
Fall Conference 2011	District 14
Spring Conference 2012	District 13
Delegates Workshop 2011	District 13

Bid for Fall Conference 2012:

District 21 for weekend of Sept 21, 2012 at Michigan Tech. in Houghton, MI.

Motion to accept above bid - passed.

Old Business:

Area 74 Assembly Inventory Committee

This is the final report on the findings of the Area 74 assembly inventory held at the spring 2010 conference, by the Area 74 assembly inventory ad-hoc committee.

Committee Participants: Joel S., Dave S., Cliff W., Ellen P., Dodie A., Bob M., Terry M., Marty L., Steve H.

History: At the October 18th 2008 Area 74 fall assembly, a motion, that the area do an assembly inventory was passed. Since then this committee was formed and with approval by the area 74 assembly bodies has recommended five questions, organized the date, time, place, and facilitator of the assembly inventory. This committee would like to submit this final report on the findings of the assembly inventory, and suggest recommendations for further discussion by the area committee. By this final report, this committee will consider its task completed.

(Q-1) Is the Area 74 Guidelines definition of the Area Assembly (congruent or aligned) with the A.A. Service Manual?

Committee findings:

No, the A.A. service manual states that any meeting of the Area G.S.R.'s and Area Committee is an assembly, defining participating voting members. The Area guidelines states voting membership of the area, along with, all alcoholics are welcome, does not define who may participate or voting members.

Assembly Inventory Committee recommendations to Area committee for further discussion:

Should the definition of an Area assembly, as defined in the Area guidelines, better define voting and or participating members?

How can the fellowship of Area 74 be better informed as to the voting membership and their roles at an assembly?

Who should be allowed to speak at our assemblies?

(Q-2) Does the Area 74 Assembly follow the Area 74 Guidelines definition of an Area Assembly?

Committee findings:

Yes, but the Area guidelines are not made available at assemblies, thus members attending an assembly have no guidelines to use for reference.

Assembly Inventory Committee recommendations to Area committee for further discussion:

How can the guidelines be made available at all Area 74 assemblies?

Whose responsibility should it be to make sure that they are made available?

(Q-3) Are the issues brought to the Assembly made clear and stated distinctly, so all know what they are voting for or against?

Committee findings:

No, not typically. Lack of communication and discussion at the Area committee and group level, changed or inaccurate information, along with poorly prepared motions, misunderstanding of the "right of decision" all lead to excessive discussion, repetitive turns at the microphone, and members leaving assemblies early due to lack of interest or frustration.

Assembly Inventory Committee recommendations to Area committee for further discussion:

How, as an Area, can we make clearer and more concise motions?

How can the Area do a better job of communicating?

How can we limit the repetition at the microphone?

How can G.S.R.'s be informed on using "Right of Decision"?

How can we preserve the accuracy of information?

(Q-4) Is adequate opportunity given to all members to participate, debate, and vote in Assembly activities and to be the actual voice and conscience for our whole Area? (See Service manual page 17 Concept IV)

Committee findings:

As to members being allowed to participate, yes, Debate, yes, although poorly prepared motions and unpreparedness leads to extensive debate. Voting, yes, but in regards to minority opinions, how are we handling them with respects to our spiritual fundamentals? Finally are Area 74 assemblies the actual voice and conscience for our whole Area, No, only a fraction of the groups contained in Area 74 attend the assemblies.

Assembly Inventory Committee recommendations to Area committee for further discussion:

How can we as an Area be better prepared to debate at our assemblies?

How can we better handling minority opinions and how can we be reminded of our spirituality at are our assemblies?

How can we get more groups to attend our assemblies?

(5) Are the officers and committee chairs picked with care and consideration on the basis that officer ship is a great responsibility and opportunity for twelfth Step work or personalities put before principles? (See service manual page 36, concept IX)

Committee findings:

No, how well does the fellowship of Area 74 know those that are standing for Area positions and their qualifications? What have the results been?

Assembly Inventory Committee recommendations to Area committee for further discussion:

How can the fellowship of Area 74 be better informed on the nominees to hold a service position and their qualifications on the basis that officer ship is a great responsibility and opportunity for twelfth step work?

With deep gratitude for allowing this committee to be of service,
Joel S.

Area 74 Assembly Inventory committee chair.

New Business:

District 07 Motion: "AA Meetings that meet in the same Facility, at the same time as a regular basis with family groups , such as, Al-Anon, Al-ateen, and adult children may include those meeting as a sub-line next to the appropriate AA meeting.'

Discussion followed.

Motion to table and move to PI Committee for further consideration and recommendation.

Closed with the 7th Step Prayer.

Area 74 Spring Assembly

2011

Saturday Apr 2nd

Three Lakes, WI

Call to order. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous

Explanation of voting and voice eligibility

Roll Call: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Archives, CPC, Corrections WI, Finance, Literature, and Newsletter Committee, Structure and Guidelines, Treatment, Grapevine and Chairs and the following District DCM's 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 23 are all present.

Recognition of past Delegates in attendance.

Secretary/Registrar Report:

In order to be listed as a primary contact for a group, I must be provided with their full name and current address. A phone number is nice too.

Please remember to submit all motions and amendments in writing to the Secretary.

Please remember to submit all reports in writing. Emailing them to me is acceptable and is actually preferred.

In order to be listed as a primary contact for a group, I must be provided with their full name and current address. A phone number is nice too.

Yours in service,

Mike Mc.

Area 74 Secretary/Registrar

Approved 2010 Area 74 Fall Assembly Minutes

Motion to approve Treasure's report - carried

Area Chair Report:

Along with chairing our January 8th Area Committee Meeting here in Three Lakes, I attended the Conference of Delegate's Past and Present in Appleton February 11-13th and the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop/Area Committee meeting in Iron River on March 12th participating on the Report and Charter Conference items. I also participated in a Service Workshop hosted by District 14, held in Hudson, WI. This was well attended and I believe well received. I have been contributing a submission to the Now and Then on a monthly basis, of my thoughts on service, and recovery.

I am trying something new this year, holding a conference call once per month with the Area 74 DCM's to promote discussion and learn how our Area servants can support the districts and home groups. I feel this has been successful so far; about half a dozen DCM's have attended each call, mostly DCM's from our Michigan districts. We decide at the end of each call the date and time for the next month's call.

I'll be attending the Area 74 Spring Conference, hearing the Delegate's Report and facilitating the Area Committee Meeting being held in conjunction with the conference. I have not had any other requests for participating in any workshops this year, I encourage each district or a joint district effort to have a work shop using our Area Committee Chair's to help bring information and enthusiasm to your district AA members interested in service. I thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74.

In service, with Love

Marty Laakso
Area Committee Chair.

Area 74 Treasurer Report:

Area 74 Income and Expense Report - YTD

1/1/2011 through 3/31/2011

	Category Description	
	Area Yearly Beginning Balance	14,855.34
INCOME		
	Group Contribution	2859.67
	*Other Income	0.00
	Personal Anniversary	120.00
	TOTAL INCOME	17,715.01
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EXPENSES		
	Archive Committee Expenses	0.00
	Archives Chair Expense	52.06
	Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	80.05
	Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	367.08
	Corrections Chair Expense - WI	313.65
	Corrections Committee Expense - WI	18.13
	Corrections Chair Expense - MI	0.00
	Corrections Committee Expense - MI	0.00
	CPC Chair Expense	30.00
	CPC Committee Expense	0.00
	Delegate Expense	1263.00
	Finance Chair Expense	125.00
	Finance Committee Expense	136.00
	Grapevine Chair Expense	72.00
	Grapevine Committee Expense	11.90
	Literature Chair Expense	0.00
	Now And Then Committee Expenses	1125.00
	*Other Expenses	2430.06
	Public Information Chair Expenses	141.00
	Public Information Committee Expenses	120.00
	Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	49.00
	Secretary - Registrar Expense	136.00
	Treasurer Expense	131.79
	Treatment Chair Expenses	51.00
	Treatment Committee Expense	0.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(6,652.72)
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	Account Balance	11,062.29

Other Income

1/8/2011	Refreshment Area Committee Meeting	-40.93
1/8/2011	Area Committee Meeting Rent	-100.00
1/8/2011	Conference Seed Money District 13	-1,000.00
1/8/2011	Seat The Delegate Gen Service Conf.	-1,200.00
3/14/2011	Delegate Workshop	-89.13
	OVERALL Total:	-2,430.06

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff O,
Area 74 Treasurer

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Seconded and carried.

Area 74 Delegate Report:

- We are Responsible for AA Future -Let it Begin with Us. That is year's conference theme. Please use it for your workshop theme throughout the year.
- AWS Quarterly Report Highlights: I will try to provide this information in the Now and Then too.
 1. Ad Hoc Board approved the sale of AWS literature in digital format. Infrastructure investment expected to total \$400K over a two year period.
 2. The board received two requests to sell conference approved literature on the GSO website and has took no action yet. The board is investigating the possibility of online sales. That would be huge if we could do online sales.
 3. The board approved a change in the text of the GSOA website that explain how to access local resources for meeting contact information.
 4. The General Manager expressed gratitude to see contributions continue to increase. 2010 contributions increase was approximately \$6,409,00 which was a 1.8% increase over the amount in 2009.
 5. The GSO continues to implement cost saving initiatives such as holding off on permanent hires and eliminating contract work, etc.
 6. The Box 459, The GSO's newsletter is essentially the subject of the Delegates Corner of the Now and Then newsletter. I encourage you to read it. It mostly concerns with Group GSR registrations. Also discussed are special and regional forums.
 7. AA grapevine: Although the print magazine is here to stay, the digital format is now available. Help us get the word out.
 8. The Grapevine is not a sinking ship. 4,500 print subscriptions were added. In other words if 4,500 additional subscriptions were placed the magazine would break even.

Old Business:

Confirmation of Finance Committee Chair

The committee has recommended Kathy L to stand as committee chair

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Structure and Guidelines Chair

The committee has recommended Winston S. to stand as committee chair.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Election of Past Delegate to the Structure and Guidelines Committee

The committee has recommended Len D. to stand as this past delegate.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Tabled Motion of Website Meeting Inclusion:

Motion: "AA Meetings that meet in the same facility, at the same time as a regular basis with the family groups, such as, Al-Anon, Al-Ateen, and Adult Children may include those meetings as a sub-line next to the appropriate AA meeting."

Discussion followed. Question called: Passed.

Vote on motion: 79 voting - 27 for and 52 opposed. Motion failed. Minority spoke.

Call to reconsider - Motion fails.

Motion:

The new Structures and Guidelines Committee respectfully submits, to the Area 74 Spring Assembly, the following scope as a motion for consideration:

Scope: The Structures and Guidelines Committee will be responsible:

- Keep current and update the Area 74 Guidelines and conference planning guidelines. Maintain a supply of all area guidelines as needed at area functions, and updated copies of the guidelines to the Area Archivist for archival purposes.
- Review proposals to change area guidelines after being submitted to the Assembly for approval. These area guidelines include but are not limited to; finance, website, and other guidelines the area may currently have or develop in the future.
- Review, discuss, and recommend service structure changes to Area 74 after they are submitted to the Assembly for approval.
- Conduct inventories of the Area Service structure at the direction of the Area Assembly.
- Provide an annual budget to the Finance Committee and request to funds as needed within the approved budget and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

Winston S.
Structures and Guidelines Committee Chair

Discussion followed.

Question was called: Passed. 2/3 Majority required to pass

Vote on motion: 69 voting - 46 for - 22 against. Motion Passed.

Minority Spoke: Motion carries.

Standing Committee Reports.

Archive Committee Chair: John S

- A consensus vote was taken for the benefit of the delegate concerning the *General Service Conference Action Item* for changing the Archives committee to a full time one. Passed in the affirmative by a narrow margin.

CPC Chair Report: Ben K

A. Discuss the concept of a compilation DVD of C.P.C. literature.

Yes, Discuss Concept - Thoughtful consideration must follow this topic.

B. Discuss a draft sample letter to professionals on how they might use the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne.

We do not believe the letter is necessary.

C. Review a draft service piece regarding use of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in C.P.C. endeavors.

We do not believe the service piece is necessary.

D. C.P.C. Kit and Workbook

1. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

Yes - Reviewed.

2. List of goals and project suggestions for C.P.C. committees.

"Goals and Suggestions" already in Kit and Workbook - just not labeled as such.

3. Sharing on formats for one-on-one contact with professionals.

Current service piece "For Volunteers Staffing an AA Exhibit"

4. Sample guide letter for healthcare professional school administrators.

Sample adds to six existing letters in workbook. One general "guide" letter could suffice.

- CPC Chair in District 5, Dick P., put forth a proposal to present a CPC program at this year's National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse conference which will be held June 12 - 16 at UW - Stout in Menomonie, WI. Dick's proposal was accepted and he and Bob M. (past Area 74 Delegate and ECR Trustee) will present from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM on Wednesday June 15th. The presentation is titled "AA's CPC Committee - Cooperation with the Professional Community: Resources for Professionals Who Work with Alcoholics".

Corrections WI Chair: Jim S

- A. Review progress report from trustees' Committee on Corrections on revising the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

Without a copy of the actual draft revision, committee's progress seems good in theory.

2010 Consideration of photos:

Fellowship - Handshake - fine/ don't like posturing of using interracial aspect.

Meeting - Don't like cropping of face/ would prefer a different angle (back or side) - to avoid showing face.

Literature - Picture fine as suggested. Remember the Grapevine is secondary, Should use in the background if used,

Service - Sounds good.

Sponsorship - Would prefer to see a pen/coffee/Big Book/ (from above). Inmate with sponsor - could be two men sitting in chairs leaning towards each other.

Pre-release/Pre re-entry.

Don't like frothy emotional appeal of sunrise or standing in a door/ difficult to depict in a photo - we don't find this issue necessary.

- B. Consider adding references to the Big Book in the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities," including a proposed section describing Big Book studies as a possible meeting format.

Yes, add references to Big Book. We think "leader" should read "chairperson": 12 Steps and 12 Traditions should always be listed after Big Book (It is a supplement): Use the word "recordings" in place of "cassette tapes"

- C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

Suggest pamphlet "AA @ a Glance" be included. Also preamble, Twelve steps and traditions.

Corrections MI Chair: No standing chair.

Finance Chair: Kathy L

We discussed the letter from the GSO Comptroller to the delegate asking for volunteer contributions above the \$1200.00 minimum amount to seat each Delegate at the General Service Conference. We determined our role should be to determine if Area 74 has the funds and how much that would be if the assembly approved sending additional monies.

We are working on changes to the financial request guidelines: updating dollar amounts, making the wording match the Area 74 has the funds to do so and how much that would be if the assembly approved of sending additional monies

- A. Review update from trustees' Finance Committee on gathering personal stories drawn from the Fellowship that humanize the impact of Seventh Tradition monies for the purpose of communicating with the Fellowship about self-support.

Why did this go through Box 459 instead of the service structure?

Why so few responses? 13 total (Lack of communication or lack of interest?)

If there are more responses, where are the statistics?

- B. Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix" forwarded from the trustees' Finance Committee.

There was missing background material (last year Area 74 recommended a pamphlet with an empty pie chart. It was turned down by the Conference) that was not in the background material.

We recommend Alternative 2 because it as an empty pie chart in it. Groups have the right to choose how they distribute their contributions

- C. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee develop a Finance Workbook, a draft of which is to be made available for the 2012 General Service Conference, to assist group, intergroup/central offices, district and area service workers in carrying the message of our shared responsibility for the Seventh Tradition."

Work book would be a new publication - Has cost been projected or considered? The information is already available in pamphlets so we saw no need for this. Is this the first time

This has been brought up? Yes.

- D. Consider a request "that the trustees' Finance Committee convert Self-Support packet F-19 to a comprehensive Finance Kit."

We are not in favor of this. We felt that the yellow folder VF-19, that already exists is working.

- E. Discuss the list forwarded from the 2010 Conference Finance Committee for additional ways to communicate about self-support:

1. Birthday Plan

Already in effect

2. Seventh Tradition Pamphlet

None of knew of this pamphlet.

3. Box 4-5-9 or Grapevine Articles

Not in favor

4. Finance Workbook/Tool Kit

Not in favor

5. Report Costs of Services to Members

6. Discuss Effects of Inflation

7. Add Additional Financial Information to the Web site.

Not in favor

Grapevine Chair: Dodie A

- A. Consider that A.A. Grapevine, Inc., be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, e-reader, applications, and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazines, books and products.

- a. This violates Traditions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12. We are not in favor of this item.

- b. If we only handled the distribution of the digital format and no one outside of Grapevine - magazine, book and products - then more in favor.

- B. Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund.

Violates tradition 7, statement of purpose.

- C. Review request for a discussion on how to best support the Grapevine magazine.

Be mindful of the results from the 2010 survey.

- D. Consider collections of Grapevine stories for possible publication in the year 2012 or later.

Wait to see the results of the printing of the books we ok'd last year.

- E. Review and discuss the results of the surveys conducted per the 2010 Advisory Action.

Pay attention to discontinued reasons.

Very favorable - self-support - 5:1 in favor of self support pricing - work within their means.

We ask for a plan of action brought to the conference using the results from the survey.

- F. Review revisions to "The A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" pamphlet.

Ok - in favor of the changes

- G. Review contents of the A.A. Grapevine Workbook.

Consensus Vote of Assembly Body: Consider permitting A.A. Grapevine, Inc., to accept contributions limited to the same General Service Board contribution policy, to be used for operation expenses with excess funds continuing to be forwarded to the Reserve Fund. Substantial negative response noted.

Literature Chair: Kim R

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs."

The general idea of experience, strength and hope of this pamphlet and the direction of addressing this issue is a good one, but without the actual revision available for review, we cannot make a decisive opinion.

- B. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.

We do feel the General Service Conference has overstepped its bounds by begging to create literature that a small specific population has requested. We need to be reminded that the guiding forces ensuring the fellowship of AA are unity and one ultimate authority, a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.

- C. Review progress report from the trustee's Literature Committee on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services."

We agree with the progress of the revision, as per title, we agreed on title. We think the revue and creation should stop, because existing conference approved literature including the Big Book already includes such views.

- D. Review draft revisions to the Living Sober booklet.

In general we were satisfied with suggested changes; however we feel that since the contents are geared to the newcomer. There should be more than one casual reference made to the steps. This pamphlet does not direct newcomers to the program of action

- E. Consider suggestion to replace the text under "When you're a G.S.R." in the pamphlet "G.S.R. General Service Representative."

Yes, consider suggestion, but would like it to occur before next time pamphlet goes to press to avoid destroying or waste of current literature to make this change.

- F. Consider a request to develop an item similar to the Self-support or "green card" to help promote the use of our literature as a Twelfth Step tool.

We don't do promotion in AA. It's a waste of money.

- G. Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that "the trustees' Literature Committee develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous."

Please consider to reconsider as per the background information presented by the Mount Rainier AA Group.

- H. Consider a request to include the A.A. Preamble in the front inside pages of the Big Book.

We don't have a strong feeling on way or the other, being that it is in the book already. If it is to be included in the Grapevine format, we would see it best in among the appendices.

- I. Consider a request to develop a publication about the General Service Office.

Unnecessary - we already have the pamphlet "AA GSO and Service manual.

Consensus Vote of Assembly Body: Consider a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference Advisory Action that "the trustees' Literature Committee develops literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully sober in Alcoholics Anonymous." Substantial negative response noted.

Newsletter Co-Chair: Torv T

Things are going good. Reminder to GSR's to update their addresses if they move. Getting lots of undelivered mailed newsletter returns. Always looking for written submissions for inclusion in the newsletter.

Newsletter Co-Chair: Bob M

Agree with Torv about the need for submissions. We have included some more controversial subjects, with hope to get some feedback (which is welcome) on the content.

Make sure to get flyers in for Area events for inclusion in newsletter

Policy and Admissions: Bob M

- A. Approve admission to the 2011 General Service Conference of Ron Foor, alternate delegate, Area 22, Northern Indiana, in place of Donald Sheets, the Panel 61 delegate for Area

[Approve](#)

- B. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Peru to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.

[Approve](#)

- C. Approve request for two members from the General Service Structure of Great Britain to attend the 61st General Service Conference as observers.

[Approve](#)

- C. Discuss request to change the deadline for the submission of Conference agenda items.

New agenda items/ completed Conference Agenda Items - only no-executive items.

- E. Consider the comprehensive plan and estimated cost from the Conference Inventory Planning Committee for the General Service Conference to conduct a thorough inventory of itself.

Consider condensing questions and hold over one Conference. Save the other questions for future Inventory. Conference Save other questions to the "Conference" only - not Fellowship as a whole.

- F. Review dates for the 2014 General Service Conference.

1st Choice

- G. Discuss request that a formal relationship be developed between the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions and the trustees' Conference Committee to address matters of policy relating to the Conference.

Yes

- H. Consider suggestion that the Conference Committee on Archives meet outside of the time allotted for their joint committee meeting with the trustees' Committee on Archives.

Yes

- I. Review report from the General Service Board regarding Concept V Appeal to the General Service Conference.

No

Trustees: Bob M.

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:

1. Northeast Regional Trustee

Reviewed

2. Southwest Regional Trustee

Reviewed

3. Trustee-at-Large/Canada

Reviewed

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

Okay

C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Okay

D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Pay close attention.

International Conventions/Regional Forums: Bob M

A. Discuss report on the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

We discussed - it grew from the last convention

- Budget and planning was excellent.
- Work on issues identified especially special needs.

B. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.

Delegates speak more about it. Discussion topics about why and what a Regional Forum is.

Public Information: Adam K.

A. Consider 2010 annual Web site report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site.

1. Groups and gatherings are increasing enthusiasm for the adding literature sales, meetings lists and e-books to GSO's website. Discussions continue.
2. Interoffice Website Committee webmaster will access the feasibility of adding digital editions of Box 459 and making them searchable.

B. Consider that the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey.

Split over having it at all. Everyone agreed if we're going to do it, we should gather a greater sample. Suggest change 'our' to 'the' in letter.

C. Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."

Reread: General Service Inc., Sould produce now new public information material unless:

D. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):

1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.

Nobody thought they were outdated, useless or irrelevant.

2. Consider production of new television P.S.A.s.

No

D. Consider revisions to "Understanding Anonymity" which include text on the topic of anonymity in the digital age and answers the question "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the A.A. members they may meet?"

No background material.

- F. Consider revisions to "The A.A. Fact File." **Not included**
- G. Consider a revision to "A.A. at a Glance."
- H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook. **Reviewed - no change commended.**

Structures and Guidelines Chair: Winston S.

All the committee has worked on has been on the Scope Motion presented earlier.

Treatment Chair: Eric L.

- A. Review draft recovery pamphlet for alcoholics with special needs.

We did not have a draft pamphlet. Because of copyright issues it is not released yet. So we reviewed the background materials. We discussed the financials vs. carrying the message with identification pamphlets.

Note: This committee did not support this pamphlet last year.

- B. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee regarding changing "Treatment Facilities" Committee to "Treatment" Committee in committee titles and in A.A. literature.

Result - AA Jargon. People in the Fellowship 'get it' - matter of linguistics - left with a neutral opinion.

The result will affect us more than the newcomer

- C. Consider removing line of dialog from video "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous."

3 were for *removing* the line - reason:

- a. "the word Uncle Sam"
- b. International fellowship line should be inclusive.
- c. Slang

3 were for *keeping* the line - reason:

- a. It's been there since 1990.
 - b. No opinion
 - c. Culture keeps changing - are we going to keep changing words to keep up?
- C. Review contents of Treatment Facilities Kit and Workbook.
- D. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook

Webmaster's Report: Matt K.

The first quarter of 2011 has been the most active in the websites history (approximately little over 400 visitors per week). I believe it is due to the content that districts and other AA entities are posting. For example the 2011 spring conference committee has a page that has had 2300 visitors since it was published. 587 visitors have downloaded the flyer for the spring conference. I am encouraging all conference committees to follow in the footsteps of the 2011 spring conference committee. I would like to extend the opportunity for the district without a website (3, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24) to have a webpage hosted by area74.org.

I have been looking for some time to find a more detailed map of northern Wisconsin and the UP of Michigan, to replace the current outline map. I haven't had any luck so far; if anyone here knows where I might locate one please let me know.

I want to thank those districts who are diligent about sending updated meeting lists. Since this is one of the main reasons people visit our site, we need to do everything we can to keep accurate meeting information. DCM's and GSR's please check to see if the meeting lists on the Area website is the most current!

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.
Matt K.

Report and Charter: Marty L.

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2011-2012 Edition:

1. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.

Report and Charter shouldn't have received this directive from AAWS.
AAWS shall submit to Agenda.

2. Review draft of description on trustees emeriti.

Same as above.

3. Review list of editorial updates.

Same as above.

4. Review revised text forwarded from the 2010 Conference Committee on Trustees regarding the nominating procedure listed as #2 on page S67.

Accept changing Trustee verbiage to "same person" . on two changes S65 and S67.

5. Consider request to change the phrase "new kid on the block" to "a first year delegate" on page S52 under Personal Experience in section "Preparing for the Conference."

Yes.

6. Consider suggestion to revise the text on "inactive service workers" on page S37 in Chapter Four to reflect that the appropriate local entity is responsible for addressing inactive G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and add similar text to Chapters One and Three.

Yes. Each entity has autonomy on this. Follow the flow of the service structure.

7. Consider request to review and update the section "What Goes On at the Conference" on page S55.

Agree to accurately reflect the conference: Add : after.) Delegates only meetings shall convene Wednesday evening.

Election of Past GSR/DCM to fill the vacancy on the Structures and Guideline Committee.

Nominations: Roger W. Seconded, Accepted and Elected by unanimous vote.

WICCYPAA Liaison: Mat E.

My role here is raise awareness of what WICCYPAA is. It would be great if we could get a bid committee going here to get the WICCYPAA conference back up here. It was in Green Bay three years ago.

The Preamble of WICCYPAA is as follows: WICCYPAA was founded in 1993 to carry the message of AA to the alcoholic that still suffers and to further the principles of AA. A permanent committee was formed in 1994 for the preservation of the experience and material being aware that all young people find the conference necessary. We do not propose to be a universal answer or governing body for young people. We find it beneficial to share our experience with all who may request it. For it is through our sharing that we have learned to function within the framework of the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A couple of things I brought with me today are the flyer for the upcoming conference to be held in Madison this year and a handout for the bidding process for a WICCYPAA conference. These are located on back table.

There is a website: WICCYPAA.org.

To clear some confusion: Young people are considered people who are young at heart with room to grow.

One of the things I experienced when I came into AA was a group of old guys who said "I have spilt more alcohol than you have drunk." I can assure you that I have earned my seat.

DCM Reports:

Reports given for Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23.

Conference Reports:

Delegates Workshop 2011 District 13

58 people attended the Delegates Workshop, We were able to put that on with a very low budget and we felt it went very well

Spring Conference 2011 District 22

Rooms are filling up very fast at the conference facility. We are hoping to have registrations to start coming in now. There are a number of service panels that are being planned. There will be time scheduled for the Area Committee to meet.

Fall Conference 2011 District 14

Will be held September 16 - 18th in lovely Hudson WI, being sponsored by District 14 with contribution from members from District 05. Flyers are being circulated, some home with so take back with you. Registration is \$15 and the banquet is \$22. The Trustee at Large will be kicking off the conference at 7:00 PM Friday

Spring Conference 2012 District 13

District 13 is hosting. Will be in Ashland, May 18th through the 20th. Rooms will be \$70.00 a night. Registration will \$19.00 and the Banquet will be \$17.00

Fall Conference 2012 District 21

District 21 DCM not present

Bids for Spring Conference 2013

No bids presented.

Motions from 2013 East Central Reg Conf Area 74 Host Committee

1. We recommend and move the assembly accept the following committee:

Advisor (past delegate)	Bob M.
Chairperson	Len D.
Co-chairperson	Jeff O.
Delegate	Len D.
Program Chairperson	Jeff C. & Matt K.
Publicity	Dodie A.
Registration	Steve H. & Matt K.
Treasurer	Ben K. & Jeff C.
Scribe and Note taker	Marty L

Motion passed.

2. We recommend and move the assembly accept the 2013 East Central Regional Conference be held at the Tundra Lodge in Green Bay, WI on July 19th, 20th and 21st of 2013. Room rates not to exceed \$109.00.

Motion Passed

3. We recommend and move that the ECR 2013 Area 74 Host committee requests \$1000 seed money from Area 74 to be paid immediately.

Motion Passed

New Business:

Election of Corrections Co-Chair Michigan

Nominations:

Len D. - Declined

Ken L - Seconded, accepted and elected by unanimous vote.

Motion: 2012 Delegates Workshop/Assembly to be held in Three Lakes, WI.

Motion passed.

Motion: 2012 Delegates Workshop/Assembly to be held on March 24th & 25th of 2012.

Motion Passed

Motion: We move that Area 74, beginning in 2012, reimburse the annual Delegate expense an increase to \$3,000.

Respectfully submitted by;

Robert M.	Past delegate Panel 50
Dodie A.	Past Delegate Panel 58
Len D.	Past Delegate Panel 28
Steve H	Delegate Panel 60
Torv T	Past Delegate Panel 54

Motion made to move to the finance committee, seconded and passed by majority.

Motion: AA meetings that meet in the same facility, at the same time on a regular basis as family groups, including AL-Anon, Ala-teen, Ala-tot, and ACOA, may include those meetings in the key for types of meeting . Per the AA Guidelines concerning the relationship between AA and Al-anon, the family groups should not be listed under the family group name in the directory.

Motion to move to Structure and Guidelines committee, seconded and failed by majority vote.

Motion author (Kaukauna Friday Night GSR) withdrew the motion.

Motion to close - passed.

Closed with the 7th Step Prayer.

Area 74 Election Assembly

2011

Saturday Sept 17th

Hudson, WI

Call to order. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous

Roll Call: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, Finance, Newsletter, Structure and Guidelines, Treatment, Grapevine Chairs and the following District DCM's 01, 02, 03, 08, 09, 10, 18 & 23 are all present.

Introduction of the Trustee at Large, Don M.

Explanation of Area Guidelines Concerning Elections Procedures (including who can vote).

Explanation of Third Legacy Voting Procedure

Elections: (Note - Each Candidate was able to present their service experience to the body from the podium.)

1.) Delegate Nominees:

Marty L. Mike Mc. Jeff O. Mary Jo R. Marty C.

Motion to close nominations; Passed

1st Ballot Results: Marty L. with 42 of 58 votes (>2/3 majority)

[Marty L. is elected Panel 62 Delegate for Area 74](#)

2.) Alternate Delegate/Area Chair Nominees:

- Mike Mc.
- Jeff O.
- Mary Jo R.
- Marty C.
- Joel S.

Motion to close nominations; Passed

1st Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 21/59
Mary Jo R with 21/59
Joel with 10/59
Jeff with 6/59
Marty with 1/59

2nd Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 27/58
Mary Jo R with 24/58
Joel with 3/58
Jeff with 4/58

3rd Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 27/57
Mary Jo R with 30/57

4th Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 29/57
Mary Jo R with 28/57

Motion to go to 5th Ballot. Seconded. Did not pass.

Mary Jo R's name was pulled from the hat.

[Mary Jo R. was elected as Area 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair](#)

3.) Treasurer Nominees:

- Mike Mc.
- Marty C.
- Joel S.
- Kim R.
- Kathy L.

Motion to close nominations; Passed

1st Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 19/59
Kim R with 23/59
Joel S with 9/59
Marty C with 0/59
Kathy L with 7/59

2nd Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 23/59
Kim R with 26/59
Joel S with 6/59
Marty C with 0/59
Kathy L with 4/59

3rd Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 31/59
Kim R with 28/59

4th Ballot Results: Mike Mc with 30/60
Kim R with 30/60

Go to the hat: Mike Mc name was pulled from the hat.

Mike Mc was elected as Area 74 Treasurer.

3.) Secretary/Registrar Nominees:

- Marty C.
- Kim R.

Motion to close nominations; Passed

1st Ballot Results: Kim R with 50/60
Marty C with 10/60

Kim R. with 50 of 60 votes (>2/3 majority)

Kim R. is elected as Area 74 Secretary/Registrar.

Motion to take a break. Seconded. Failed

4.) Archives Chair Nominees:

- Jeff O.
- Roger W.
- Terry Mc.
- Mike S.

Ballot Results: Jeff O with 9/55
Roger W. with 22/55
Terry Mc. With 10/55
Mike S with 14/55

Roger W. with 22 of 55 has the majority of votes.

Roger W. is elected as Area 74 Archives Chair.

5.) Corrections WI Chair Nominees:

- Marty C.
- Terry Mc.
- M.att K .

Ballot Results: M.att K . with 22/55
Marty C. with 18/55
Terry Mc. With 15/55

Matt K. with 22 of 55 has the majority of votes.

[Matt K. is elected as Area 74 Corrections WI Chair.](#)

6.) Corrections MI Chair Nominees:

- Leonard D.
- Mike H.

Ballot Results: Leonard D. with 19/55
Mike H. with 36 /55

Mike H, with 36 of 58 has the majority of votes.

[Mike H. is elected as Area 74 Corrections MI Chair](#)

7.) Cooperation with Professionals Chair Nominees:

- Jeff O.
- Marty C.
- Terry Mc.
- Eric L.
- David D.

Motion to close nominations; Passed

Ballot Results: Jeff O. with 6/58
Marty C. with 22/58
Terry Mc. with 17/58
Eric L with 8/58
David D. with 5/58

Marty C, with 22 of 58 has the majority of votes.

[Marty C is elected as Area 74 CPC Chair](#)

7.) Grapevine Chair Nominees:

Steve H. elected Grapevine Chair by unanimous nomination

8.) Treatment Chair Nominees:

- Scott K.
- Terri Mc.
- David J.

Ballot Results: Scott K. with 28/43
Terry Mc. with 12/43
David J. with 3/43

Scott K., with 28 of 43 has the majority of votes.

[Scott K. is elected as Area 74 CPC Chair](#)

9.) Public Information Nominees:

- Keith VL.
- Eric L.
- John J.
- Terri B.

Ballot Results: Keith V L. with 16/54
Eric L. with 7/54
John J. with 15/54
Terri B. with 16/54

There was a tie between Keith V L. and Terri B.

2nd Ballot Results: Keith V L. with 20/53
Eric L. with 2/53
John J. with 13/53
Terri B. with 18/53

Keith V L. with 20 of 53 has the majority of votes.

[Keith V L. is elected as Area 74 Public Information Chair](#)

10.) Literature Chair Nominees:

- Terri B.
- Alison G.
- Eric L.

Ballot Results: Terri B. with 8/51
Alison G. with 39/51
Eric L. with 4/51

Alison G., with 39 of 51 has the majority of votes.

Alison G. is elected as Area 74 Literature Chair

11.) Newsletter Co-Chair Nominees:

- Dodie A.
- Terri B.

Point of Order: One of the current co-chairs is stepping down. The remaining co-chair is appointing Dodie A as the other co-chair. The Area Assembly needs to approve appointment

The Area Delegate has agreed we are out of order.

Both nominees agreed step down.

Point of Order: Area Guideline specify the event the event of a tie, we are to go to the hat.

Motion: Both Terri B and Keith V L. names go the hat to determine the PI Chair.

Motion seconded and passed.

Go to the hat: Keith V L name was pulled.

Keith V L. is elected as Area 74 Public Information Chair

11.) Finance Committee Member Nominees:

Eric L. David J. John J. Sara P. Ted G. Terry Mc.

Ballot Results: Eric L. with 7/49
David J. with 10/49
Sara P with 13/49
Ted G with 6/49
Terry Mc. with 13/49

Go to the hat; Sara P. name was pulled.

[Sara P. is elected as Finance Committee Member](#)

12.) Finance Committee Member Nominees:

- Eric L.
- David J.
- John J.
- Ted G.
- Terry Mc.

Ballot Results: Eric L. with 5/44
David J. with 11/44
Ted G with 6/44
Terry Mc. with 18/44
Mike S. with 4/44

Terry Mc. with 18/45 has the majority of votes.

[Terry Mc. is elected as Finance Committee Member](#)

13.) Structure and Guidelines Nominees:

- Joel S.
- Jeff O.
- David J.
- Eric L.
- Kathy L.
- Terri B.

[Motion to allow Vicki X. \(who is not present\) to be allowed to be nominated to serve on the Structures and Guidelines committee. Seconded.](#)

The question was called. Carried.

18 for the motion and 24 opposed. Motion failed.

Minority opinion was voiced.

A member of the majority voted to change his vote.

[Motion to reconsider. 20 to reconsider and 24 opposed.](#)

Motion to reconsider failed. Motion Fails

Ballot Results: Joel S. with 7/48
Jeff O. with 9/48
Eric L with 6/48
David J. with 3/48
Kathy L. with 9/48
Terri B. with 14/48

Terri B. with 14/48 has the majority of votes.

[Terri B. is elected as Structures and Guidelines Committee Member](#)

14.) Structure and Guidelines Nominees:

- Joel S.
- Jeff O.
- David J.
- Eric L.
- Kathy L.

Ballot Results: Joel S. with 6/48
Jeff O. with 15/48
David J. with 8/48
Eric L with 6/48
Kathy L. with 13/48

Jeff O. with 15/48 has the majority of votes.

[Jeff O. is elected as Structures and Guidelines Committee Member](#)

15.) Structure and Guidelines Nominees:

- Joel S.
- Jeff O.
- David J.
- Eric L.
- Kathy L.

Ballot Results: Joel S. with 10/45
David J. with 10/45
Kathy L. with 25/45

Kathy L. with 25/45 has the majority of votes.

Kathy L. is elected as Structures and Guidelines Committee Member

Motion to close elections. Seconded and passed.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Area 74 Fall Assembly 2011

Saturday Oct 15th

Three Lakes, WI

Call to order. Open meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous

Explanation of voting and voice eligibility

Roll Call: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Archives, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, Finance, Literature, Treatment, Structure and Guidelines, Treatment, Grapevine and Newsletter Committee Chairs and the following District DCM's 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 23 are all present.

Recognition of past Delegates in attendance.

Secretary/Registrar Report:

If you are in a new service position, such as GSR or DCM, I do need you to submit your contact information to get you registered with the GSO and onto the Area contact and mailing list.

Yours in service,
Mike Mc.
Area 74 Secretary/Registrar

Introduction of Incoming Area Officers

Delegate:		Marty L	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		Mary Jo R	
Secretary/Registrar	Kim R		
Treasurer		Mike Mc	
Archives Chair		Roger W	
Corrections WI		Matt K	
Corrections MI			Mike H
CPC			Marty C
Grapevine		Steve H	
Treatment		Scott K	
PI			Keith V L
Literature		Alison G	

Area 74 Treasurer Report:

Income and Expense Report - YTD
1/1/2011 through 10/9/2011

Category Description 10/9/2011

INCOME

Area Yearly Beginning Balance	14,928.72	
Group Contribution		10,726.31
Other Income		1,889.00
Personal Anniversary	107.00	
TOTAL INCOME		27,651.03

EXPENSES

Uncategorized		0.00
Archive Committee Expenses		401.80
Archives Chair Expense		378.06
Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense		223.96
Area Chr - Alt Del Expense		1,072.27
Corrections Chair Expense - MI	735.46	
Corrections Chair Expense - WI	700.00	
Corrections Comm Expense - Wi	72.13	
CPC Chair Expense	172.00	
Delegate Expense		2,443.00
Finance Chair Expense		453.00
Finance Committee Expense		473.28
Grapevine Chair Expense		654.39
Grapevine Committee Expense	186.90	
Literature Chair Expense		498.32
Now And Then Expenses		4,799.99
Other Expenses		4,446.01
Public Information Chair Expenses		854.00
Public Information Committee Expenses	120.00	
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	299.00	
Secretary - Registrar Expense	699.50	
Structures And Guideline Chair Exp		270.39
Structures and Guideline committee Exp	34.50	
Treasurer Expense		700.00
Treatment Chair Expenses		376.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		21,063.96

Other Income - YTD
1/1/2011 through 10/9/2011 (Cash Basis)

INCOME **1,889.00**

Other Income 1,889.00

4/5/2011 Fall 2010 Conference Gain		107.98
4/6/2011 Spring Assembly Lunch proceeds	730.74	
9/30/2011 Spring Conf 2011 Seed Money	1,000.00	
9/30/2011 Spring Conf 2011 Gain		50.28

OVERALL TOTAL **1,889.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff O,
Area 74 Treasurer

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report: Seconded and carried.

Area Chair Report:

It has been a relatively quiet fall quarter in AA service for me. I am honored to be representing Area 74 as the Panel 62 delegate for the next two years. I thank you all for the support and will do my best to be of service to you all and AA as a whole. The area committee, which met at the Fall Conference in Hudson spent most of our time discussing the next year Assembly format. Our first Assembly will be Sunday March 25th following the Saturday Delegate's Workshop. All the new DCMs will have their Standing Committee Assignment by then and General Service Conference Agenda material to review prior to that workshop. I will be attending the East Central Regional Forum in Miamisburg, OH in November with other area 74 servants. Our Area 74 end-of-year Area Committee meeting will be here in Three Lakes on Saturday December 17th, starting at 10:00am until we finish our business at hand, then turning the service duties over to our new rotation of Officers and Committee Chairs. It has been a great experience chairing the Assemblies and Committee meetings, and thank you for that opportunity to serve you.

Yours in Service, with Love
Marty Laakso
Area 74 Committee Chair/Alternate Delegate

In service, with Love

Marty Laakso
Area Committee Chair.

Area 74 Delegate Report:

- The GSO has received over 10,000 surveys altogether and will have an updated 2011 Membership Survey pamphlet for approval at the 62nd General Service Conference.
- Trustees Report August 2011:
 - AAWS:
 1. Contributions for the first 6 months were \$2,985,250, about \$21,500 less than budgeted.
 2. Literature Sales had a gross profit of \$4,098,700 for the first 6 months. (\$127,000 greater than budgeted) In summary, total revenue was \$7,084,347 against expenses of \$6,659,635, leaving a net profit of \$424,712.
 3. We anticipate a \$340,000 profit for the 2011 year budget. We are at about \$85,000 ahead because literature sales have picked up. However we still have only received 44% contributions from the fellowship.
 4. Reserve fund has a balance of \$14,426,891 and represents 11.3 months of combined operating costs.
 - Grapevine:
 1. Circulation was down 3,100 copies from last year. (93,600 in 2010 and 90,500 this year.)
 2. Revenue: after 6 months the Grapevine shows an overall loss of \$22,563. The projected loss for 2011 is \$94,000.
 3. La Vina lost \$34,137 through June 30th and is expected to loss \$114,697 in 2011. La Vina has lost \$1,340,480 since its inception in 1995. The grapevine does not absorb those losses, They are paid for by the Reserve Fund.
- General Service Board August 2011:
 1. The board reviewed the recommendation of the Conference Committee on Report and Charter that resulted in a 2011 General Service Conference Advisory Action requesting the addition of text to the AA Service manual on Concept V. The Board agreed to add a short text on Concept V, and the chair appointed a sub-committee chaired by Nancy H and including Ken B and Clayton V to review the text and, also, to review the section for possible additions or changes to be forwarded to the 2012 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
 2. A motion was introduced that the General Service Board chair establish a subcommittee to examine options for restructuring General Service Board ownership of the Grapevine magazine and for possible abandonment of the current corporate and operating structure. The motion was received and placed under OLD Business at the 2011 October General Service Board meeting.

Approved 2011 Area 74 Spring Assembly Minutes

Approved 2011 Election Assembly Minutes

Old Business:

Election of Past Delegate to the Structure and Guidelines Committee

The Past Delegates Caucus has recommended Len D. to stand as this past delegate.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Election of Past Delegate to the Finance Committee

The Past Delegates Caucus has recommended Dodie A to stand as this past delegate.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Second Co-editor of Newsletter

The Remaining Co-editor has recommended Dodie A to stand as the Second Co-editor of Newsletter.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Chair

The committee has recommended Peggy T to stand as committee chair

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Structure and Guidelines Chair

The committee has recommended Kathy L. to stand as committee chair.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Assistant Treasurer

The incoming Treasurer elect has recommended Gary S. to stand as Assistant Treasurer

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Confirmation of Assistant Secretary/Registrar

The incoming Secretary/Registrar elect has recommended Teresa K. to stand as Assistant Secretary/Registrar.

Assembly voted in the affirmative.

Tabled Motion:

Motion: We move that Area 74, beginning in 2012, increase the annual Delegate expense by \$1,800 to \$3,000

The Finance Chair, Kathy L. reported that the Finance Committee discussed this issue and we do not feel that Area 74 can afford to support this increase at this time.

Bob M. The GSO asks for \$1200 as a minimum to seat the Delegate at the Conference. We thought that considering the large carry over in the Area Budget, that we increase the amount of money we send to seat the delegate by \$1,800 to \$3,000 to help shoulder some of the actual cost of seating the Delegate.

Discussion followed.

42 voted in favor and 25 voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Minority addressed the assembly.

Motion to reconsider: Passed

Motion to table: Failed

Question called.

Vote to revoke: Passed

Motion Failed

Standing Committee Reports.

Archive Committee Chair: John S

Archivist: Mark M.

CPC Chair Report: Chair not present – no report

Corrections WI Chair: Jim S

AREA 74 CURRENTLY OFFERS CORRECTIONS MEETINGS IN OVER 50 JAILS and PRISONS. WE SERVE NEARLY 3000 INMATES A MONTH. OVER 200 VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE SERVICE TO THESE MEETINGS.

DURING THE PAST 24 MONTHS AREA 74 CORRECTIONS HAS EITHER HAD WORKSHOPS OR MEETINGS IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS MARQUETTE, RHINELANDER, STEVENS POINT, STURGEON BAY, SHELL LAKE, ROTHSCHILD, MENASHA, LADYSMITH, IRON RIVER, GLADSTONE, WAUSAU AND OSHKOSH.

CORRECTIONS WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE MOOSE AND GOOSE, THE DELEGATES WORKSHOP, ALL AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS and AREA ASSEMBLIES and ALL AREA CONFERENCES.

WE HAVE HAD A GOOD 2 YEARS AND I THANK ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. IF I HAD TO SUGGEST FUTURE NEEDS I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE INCOMING COMMITTEE TO SEEK OUT THOSE INSTITUTIONS WHERE WE HAVE NO MEETINGS AND TO SEEK TO START THEM.

JIM SPENCE
AREA 74-WISCONSIN
CORRECTIONS CHAIR

Corrections MI Chair: Ken L.

The meetings have been going well attendance going up and down. I have ordered pocket big books for groups to bring into the jails. Badly in need of literature for jails. Going into 13 jails and four prisons in the upper peninsula. Lots of traveling with 12 correction meetings a year. Mike is going to take my position over at the first of the year.

Finance Chair: Kathy L 2012 Area 74 Financial Projection

2012 Budget

9/16/2011

Income	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (Actual)	2011 (Budget)	2011 (6/25/11)	2012 (Budget)	
Group Contributions	\$16,905.37	\$17,402.83	\$16,611.71	\$15,404.00	\$10,726.31	\$13,761.71	a.
Other income	\$5,305.18	\$4,466.69	\$5,446.29	\$4,918.00	\$1,889.00	\$4,100.00	b.
Personal Anniversary	\$79.00	\$28.00	\$320.37	\$53.00	\$107.00	\$89.00	c.
Yearly Beginning Balance	\$10,894.21	\$11,989.23	\$12,475.33	\$15,500.00	\$14,928.72	\$6,960.00	d.
Total Income	\$33,183.76	\$33,886.75	\$34,853.70	\$35,875.00	\$27,651.03	\$26,910.71	
Expense							
Officer Expenses							
Delegate	\$2,468.21	\$3,104.53	\$1,803.90	\$2,600.00	\$2,443.00	\$2,600.00	b.
Area Chair - Alt Delegate	\$1,265.92	\$1,031.12	\$1,191.52	\$1,300.00	\$1,072.27	\$1,300.00	c.
Treasurer	\$400.00	\$404.00	\$396.93	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	d.
Secretary-Registrar	\$460.00	\$330.00	\$640.25	\$700.00	\$506.50	\$700.00	e.
Committee Chairs	\$3,929.90	\$3,487.48	\$3,905.07	\$7,000.00	\$5,091.62	\$7,000.00	f.
Sub-Total	\$8,524.03	\$8,357.13	\$7,937.67	\$12,300.00	\$9,813.39	\$12,300.00	e.
Committee Expenses							
Archive Committee	\$495.76	\$324.40	\$510.00	\$800.00	\$401.80	\$600.00	b.
Area Chair- Alt Delegate Committee	\$136.28	\$245.20	\$329.12	\$400.00	\$223.96	\$350.00	c.
Correction Committee - MI	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$148.48	\$250.00	\$0	\$125.00	d.
Correction Committee - WI	\$0.00	\$73.48	\$220.23	\$350.00	\$72.13	\$125.00	e.
CPC Committee	\$77.00	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	f.
Finance Committee	\$289.64	\$451.91	\$902.72	\$700.00	\$473.28	\$500.00	g.
Grapevine Committee	\$125.53	\$218.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$186.90	\$350.00	h.
Literature Committee	\$50.00	\$52.50	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	i.
Now and Then Committee	\$3,189.00	\$4,294.00	\$3,574.50	\$4,800.00	\$4,799.99	\$6,000.00	j.
Public information Committee	\$256.50	\$124.50	\$365.04	\$500.00	\$120.00	\$300.00	k.
Secretary Register Committee	\$588.89	\$554.74	\$302.06	\$525.00	\$492.00	\$500.00	l.
Structures And Guidelines Committee				\$500.00	\$34.50	\$500.00	m.
Treatment Committee	\$0.00	\$194.95	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	n.
Sub-Total	\$5,358.60	\$6,666.68	\$6,402.15	\$10,075.00	\$6,804.56	\$9,570.00	o.
Other expenses							
Seat Delegate	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	
Registrar Internet			\$45.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$240.00	
Delegate Wkshp Rent		\$125.00	\$200.00	\$400.00		\$400.00	
Delegates Wkshp\Assembly Seed				\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	b.
Delegates Wkshp Expenses	\$50.00		\$33.27	\$100.00	\$89.13	\$100.00	
Spring Assembly Expense	\$1,244.22	\$873.95	\$254.06	\$250.00	\$224.99	\$250.00	c.
Spring Conf-Seed	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,000.00	d.
Fall Conf- Seed	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	d.
Fall Assembly Expense	\$897.83	\$802.50	\$262.83	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	c.
Other / Misc Expenses	\$919.85	\$0	\$1,340.00	\$300.00	\$1,665.00	\$300.00	e.
East Central Regional Forum				\$0.00		\$0.00	f.
Area Committee Meeting Exp.					\$140.93	\$300.00	g.
Delegate Expense for international Conf.			\$750.00			\$0.00	h.

Income	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (Actual)	2011 (Budget)	2011 (6/25/11)	2012 (Budget)
Total Expense	\$21,194.53	\$13,861.49	\$19,924.98	\$28,615.00	\$21,058.00	\$26,910.00
Balance End Of Year	\$11,989.23	\$12,475.33	\$14,928.72	\$7,260.00	\$6,593.03	-\$2,290.57

Notes

"Other / Misc" located Under other expense is caterer cost expense, this item is essentially a wash because individuals pay for the cost of the caterer shown as income under other income, Are 74 has only covered short falls We have separated this in order to show the true cost of an assembly

2011 "Other/ Misc" includes caterer cost and ERC seed money for 2013 (\$1000)

We have added the category "Area Committee Meeting Exp." under "other expense for" 2011 and suggest a budget of \$300 In the past there has never been a cost for area committee meetings

Income

Projected

The letters in the explanation go with the corresponding letters on the right hand side of the budget sheet

- "Group contributions" were estimated using the 2011 projected group contributions and by looking at the overall past average of group contributions for the past 3 years. Contributions have run from a low of \$16,611.710 in 2010 to a high of \$17,402.83 in 2009. Of the approximate 640 groups in area 74 on average, approximately 150 contribute to area 74. For 2012 it's projected that the groups will contribute approximately \$15,761.71.
- "Other Income" has been projected using the estimated return of seed monies of the past spring and fall conferences.(the low amount you see in this column reflects the fact that we have not received the seed money as yet from the spring conference) income from assemblies and an approximate estimation of misc. income. The difference in "other income" in 2008 was due to a large contribution from the fall 2008 conference. The difference in 2009 was from an additional special assembly. The difference in 2010 was from return of unused monies from the Now and Then and realized profit from a conference. Total estimated "Other Income for 2012 is \$4,100.00
- "Personal anniversaries" are from the A.A anniversary program.
- "Yearly beginning balance" for 2012 was estimated by subtracting the 2011 projected expenses from the 2011 yearly beginning balance plus the projected income. The estimated yearly beginning balance for 2012 is \$6,960.00

Expenses

Officer Expenses

- "Officer Expenses" are officer and chair persons reoccurring expense (Fuel, Registration, Room cost). Most recent officer allotted expenses were established by vote of the 2005 fall assembly.
- "Area Delegate" is allotted \$2600 for their yearly expenses, \$1000 of which is paid to the Delegate no later that January 15th of that year.
- "Area Chair" is allotted \$1,300.00 for expenses
- "Treasurer" is allotted \$700.00 for expenses.
- "Secretary /Registrar" is allotted \$700.00 for expenses.
- "Area Standing Committee Chairs" are allotted \$700.00 each for expenses. 10x\$700.00=\$7,000.00.
- "Total Officer Expenses" Projected for 2012 is \$12,300.00.

Committee Expenses (In our effort to present a balanced budget, we revised projections from the committee chairs by taking what was actually spent by each committee over the last three years then divided by three. Then added money back in to get as close to what was requested and still stay within a positive balance. The only committee that was left alone was the Now and Then due to printing costs being so high.)

- a. "Committee Expenses" are committee expenses incurred over the year including but not limited to (paper, postage, workshops, etc.) and are projected by asking each standing Committee Chair to individually project their needed committee expenses for that year.
- b. "Archives" reflects a decrease of \$200.00. These funds are not just for keeping our history safe and in good repair, also to allow our archivist to set up displays at our conferences.
- c. "Alternate Delegate/Area Chair" Reflects a decrease of \$50.00 (He had asked for an increase of that same amount for additional copies and printing for area conferences and assemblies.)
- d. "Corrections MI". Reflects a decrease of \$125.00. (He had asked for an increase of \$50.00 in anticipation of holding workshops.)
- e. "Corrections WI" reflects a decrease of \$225.00 due to past spending. (He had already anticipated a decrease of \$100.00 due to the same thing.)
- f. "CPC" reflects a decrease of \$525.00. (He had already anticipated a decrease of \$450.00).
- g. "Finance" reflects a decrease of \$200.our budget covers printing costs and travel for committee members not otherwise reimbursed to attend four face to face committee meetings.
- h. "GrapeVine" projects an increase of \$50.00. (Originally requested increase of \$140.00 to do two workshops @\$100.00 each and to hold four face to face GV. Committee meetings at which the four DCM'S attending would receive \$20.00 for gas compensation.)
- i. "Literature" reflects a decrease of \$105.00 due to past spending.
- j. "Now And Then" projects an increase of \$1,200.00 due to printing costs.
- k. "Public Information" projects a decrease of \$200.00(He had already projected a decrease of \$150.00 due to not needing literature this year.)
- l. "Secretary/Registrar" reflects a \$25.00 decrease (He had requested same as last year.)
- m. "Structures and Guidelines" stays the same (Originally had requested an increase of \$100.00 due to printing costs and travel expenses for committee members not otherwise reimbursed to attend four face to face committee meetings.)
- n. "Treatment" reflects a decrease of \$100.00 due to past spending. (He had requested same as last year.)
- o. Total Projected Committee Expenses for 2012 is \$9,570.00.

Other Expenses

- a. "Other Expenses" include Area 74's one time yearly expenses (Caterer cost for the assemblies, One time misc expenses)
- b. I left this line item in case seed money is needed for Delegates Workshop/ Assembly now that it is a 2 day event.
- c. The spring and fall assemblies require \$250.00 for rent and refreshments for the assemblies
- d. Seed money for upcoming spring and fall conferences.
- e. The amount for misc expenses is projected at \$300. You will see the 2011 actual much higher. They reflect the caterer expense at assemblies which is paid by those eating there and shown as part of other income.
- f. We have created this line item to remind future Finance Committees to budget every other year for up to 10 Area 74 Officers or Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional Forum.
- g. We are budgeting for area committee meetings in case we need to rent the Reiter center for one or two of them. Groups usually host this, but this year,2011, we have gone to the Reiter center a couple of times.
- h. Reflects the cost of sending the Delegate to the International Convention (once every 5 years. We do not currently set aside money every year for this).
- i. Total Projected Other Expenses for 2012 is \$5,040.00
- j. The overall total projected expenses for 2012 is \$26,910.00
- k. Balance at end of the year projected is -\$2,290.57

Grapevine Chair: Dodie A

From the Dateline Grapevine:

The AA Grapevine has published two new books: "Step by Step" and "Emotional Sobriety II." These books as well as the 2012 Calendar and the rest of our products are available to order four ways:

Web: AAGRAPEVINE.ORG and click on Store

Phone: 800-631-6025 (US and Canada), 818-487-2091 (International)

FAX: 818-487-4550

Mail: Grapevine, PO Box 16867, North Hollywood, CA 91615-6867

The Tools and Resource section has the latest Grapevine (GV) Catalog and other informational pieces in a printable PDF format for your download.

When ordering the Grapevine magazine you have several choices of which format to receive the magazine. First is the Grapevine print magazine, second is online, and the third is "Grapevine complete" which combines the Grapevine print magazine and online subscriptions into one for the price of \$49.97, a \$13.97 savings if purchased separately. The East Central Regional Trustee reports that the Grapevine has a paid circulation of 90,500 this year. After six months, the Grapevine shows an overall loss of \$22,563. The Grapevine has a budgeted loss of \$94,000 for 2011.

The Grapevine Board report states; "That subscriptions sales will fall off in 2011 going forward due to engagement measures that were to be implemented that remain in discussion or on hold. (guessing this is due to Facebook/Twitter issue) The Grapevine is experiencing a drop in book sale of about 25% from 2010 levels. This fall off is expected to continue due to new technologies such as eBooks. AA Grapevine expects that when this drop in sales occurs, it will need to draw down money from the Reserve Fund to meet operating expenses."

The following is from the Trustees Finance Committee: "The Grapevine Oversight Subcommittee received a 3-year cash flow projection which indicated the magazine will need to draw \$1.5 million from the reserve fund through 2013 unless basic changes are made to the Grapevine business model. This is in addition to the \$588,000 of losses and draw-downs from reserve fund by the Grapevine in 2010." This prompted a recommendation from the Trustees Finance Committee to the General Service Board (GSB) that the Grapevine Board begin immediately to reduce expenses by one-third. The General Service Board reached a compromise in which the Grapevine Board was asked to develop a plan for a balanced budget and its' impact on the corporation, and bring a report to the October General Service Board mtg. for review. The plan/report would also include a "monitoring/accountability" aspect.

The General Service Board Finance Committee (and the GSB) approved a recommendation from the AA World Service (AAWS) Board of a one-time "rent abatement" of \$50,000 for the year 2011. This means that AAWS offered to absorb about half of the rent of the GV for this year in order to help out financially.

Respectfully submitted
Dodie Ash
Area 74 Grapevine Chair

Literature Chair: Greg H

Beginning Inventory	\$3,059.25	
Sales		\$2,331.09
Purchases	\$1,820.92	
Ending Inventory	\$2,549.05	

Beginning Cash		\$82.63
Receipts	\$2,331.09	
Payments	\$1,820.92	
Ending Cash		\$592.80

Total \$3,141.88

Activity	Orders	Sales
2010 Spring Assembly		\$701.79
2010 Spring Conference		
2010 Fall Conference	\$718.90	260.00
2010 Fall Assembly	\$130.00	372.00
2011 Spring Assembly	\$93.00	273.30
2011 Spring Conference	\$250.85	520.00
2011 Fall Conference	\$628.17	204.0

Total \$1,820.92 2,331.09

Oct 14, 2011 Greg H. Outgoing Literature Chair

Newsletter Co-Chair: Torv T. and Bob M.

Torv T

Last 6 months expenses for the Now & Then

Month	Printing Costs	Postage
May		107.29
May	1136.32	121.09
June		124.72
August	445.20	107.64
September	407.04	109.78
October	356.16	124.19
Total	2,344.72	699.11

- 400 Copies printed anywhere from 10- 14 pages long
- 390 Copies sent out. 10-25 returned each month, because of address changes, bulk mailings are not forwarded people pass away etc.
- Balance of 901.92 as of 10-15-2011 - 2 months left.

Bob M

- Have been running between 12-14 pages
- Featured writer
- Deadline 15th of the month
- Discussion on what should or should not go into the newsletter
- Not much mail or responses to what going in the newsletter
- Thanks Torv for his work – over the past 2 years.
- Look forward to working with Dodie and the new Area Committee
- Goal is to bring news from the Area Committee to the groups.

Public Information: Not present

Structures and Guidelines Chair: Winston S.

Treatment Chair: Eric L.

Webmaster's Report: Not present

DCM Reports: Reports given for Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 23.

Conference Reports:

Spring Conference 2011 District 22

Conference was a great success \$1000.00 of seed money returned.

Fall Conference 2011 District 14

300 registered and 200 banquets. We are able to return of \$785.88 of the \$1,500 seed money.

Spring Conference 2012 District 13

To be held in Ashland, WI. Register early for the hotel. The actual conference will be held at a facility 2 miles away from the hotel. There are only 185 banquet tickets are available, so sign up early to ensure a seat.

Fall Conference 2012 District 21

No update presented.

Bids for Spring Conference 2013 – no bids

Bid for Fall Conference 2013

- Bid received for District 10
September 27, 28 & 28 at The Waters of Minocqua in Minocqua, WI.
Registration set at \$20.00 and Banquet for 250 at \$25.00
Block of 55 hotel rooms at the hotel reserved at \$109.00
The total cost of the conference would be \$3,382.00
Asking for \$1000.00 for seed money

Motion to accept District 10's bid for Spring 2011 Conference

Motion passed

2013 ECR Host Conference Len D

We have chosen a site to hold our East Central Regional Conference.
The new site will require a motion to change the original charge from the assembly. The area assembly voted to have Green Bay hosts the conference.

The committee did secure a site in Appleton at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel with a contract signed with a stipulation that the assembly would pass the motion the committee will place in motion at the end of my report.

The room rates will be \$95.00 per night.

We have not determined registration rates, but should have them before the end of the end of the year

Motion: The East Central Regional Host Committee moves to resend Green Bay being the site of the 2013 ECR conference and accept Appleton be the site of the conference: furthermore the conference to be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel.

Motion passed.

New Business;

Motion: The members of Alcoholics Anonymous of District 04 motion that Area 74 determine a prudent reserve for the Area 74 treasury; specifically, that the Area Assembly, through this motion, charges the Finance Committee with the duty of bringing forth to the Area Assembly a recommended prudent reserve of the Area Assembly's next meeting.

Motion passed by 2/3 majority.

Minority spoke to the Assembly (no one wanted to change their vote – motion carried.)

Seconded motion from Area Committee:

To adopt the original scope of the Structures and Guidelines Committee

Motion to table to next assembly without discussion. Motion carried.

Motion to extend to assembly to 6:00 PM and pay rental fee:

Motion passed.

Finance Committee Motion: Area 74 pay \$953.81 in overages to various area committee chairs and officers to cover expenses incurred going to Area 74 service functions. \$189.46 was already given due to financial need.

Motion passed.

Finance Committee Motion: Accept revised 2012 budget.

Discussion followed

The Newsletter Co-editors offered to reduced their committee expense From \$6,000 to \$4,800. The Finance Committee accepted the amendment. This would reduce the expected end of year balance to \$1,090.57.

Motion did not receive a 2/3 majority.

Minority spoke to the Assembly

Vote to reconsider. Passed

The motion was reopened to discussion.

Question was called: passed.

Motion passed with a 2/3 majority.

District 10 Motion:

That the Now & Then Co-editors no longer mail out the newsletter to those who have email capability. GSR's and DCM's who do not have email will continue the newsletter in the mail.

Those who have purchased the Now & Then will also receive the newsletter via regular mail.

Move to table. Seconded. Passed.

Motion: No member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of an Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 Committee in any other position that is that is a voting position.

Move to table. Seconded. Passed.

District 07 Motion:

Use the Area 74 Website to post all Area 74 guidelines and subsequent changes and amendments at the time they are made. Include, but not limit to, Area 74 guideline, hosting conference guidelines and guidelines coming out of the Structure and Guidelines Committee.

Move to table. Seconded. Passed.

Motion: To charge the Finance Committee to make recommendation to the Area 74 Assembly for budget cuts to balance the 2012 Area 74 budget by the 2012 Spring Assembly.

Motions failed

Motion: Move that the Now & Then Co-editors survey the groups of the Now & Then as to how they would prefer to receive the Now & Then, either by paper copy or the use of electronic format.

Move to table. Seconded. Passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Area Assembly

- ♦ Welcome by Area Delegate
- ♦ Meeting was opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- ♦ Reading of Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts
- ♦ Attendance sheets were passed around
- ♦ Thanks to District 10 for coffee and refreshments
- ♦ Explanation of voice and vote eligibility was given. GSR's (or Alternate), DCM's (or Alternate), and Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers and Past Delegates all have a voice and a vote.
- ♦ Microphone etiquette discussed
- ♦ New GSR and DCM & Alternate DCM recognition
- ♦ Recognition of Past Delegates Present

Role Call:

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Archives Chair, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, Finance Chair, Grapevine Chair, Literature Chair, Now & Then Co-editors, CPC Chair, PI Chair, Structures & Guidelines Chair, Treatment Chair

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23,

Approval of Assembly Minutes of 10/15/11

Officer Reports

Secretary Registrar

- ♦ Group Change and New Group forms are available by the announcement table
- ♦ The deadline for registered groups to be included in the A.A. Directory is April 14, 2012. To make sure your home-group is included; please get any updates and changes to the Area Registrar not later than April 7 to allow time to get the changes made. .
- ♦ **IMPARTANT NOTE:** There is a proposed change to the Traditions. The only way to have your voice and vote be heard is by making sure your home-group is a registered group with current contact information for you GSR or Group Contact.
- ♦ The Area is looking for an Alternate Secretary/Registrar. If you are (or someone you know) is interested in this service, position, please contact me at secretary@Area74.org.

Treasurer Report

- ♦ Income and expense report given
- ♦ Please make sure checks to the Area are sent to the current secretary registrar. Addresses can be found on our web page.
- ♦ Committee chairs keep track of your expenses; Area Treasurer will not keep track of them for you. If you go over budget you cannot be reimbursed without Area Approval.
- ♦ Motion to amend Treasurers report to remove \$7,947.03 from expense portion of YTD report. Total Expenses should read \$3,258.76 as corrected below.
- ♦ A motion made and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report with corrections.

The Area 74 checking balance is currently at \$8,433.51.

Please send group contributions to the following address:

Area 74 Treasurer
PO Box 313
Eau Claire, WI 54703

	1/1 through 3/21/12 Original Numbers	Corrections
INCOME		
Area Yearly Beginning Balance	7,974.03	7,974.03
Group Contribution	<u>3,718.24</u>	<u>3718.24</u>
TOTAL INCOME	11,692.27	11,692.27
EXPENSES		
Balance Forwarded	7,974.03	
Delegate Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Now And Then Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	58.76	58.76
Seed Money Request	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,232.79	3,258.76
OVERALL TOTAL	459.48	
Balance Forward		7,974.03
Plus Income		<u>3,718.24</u>
Subtotal		11,692.27
Less Expenses		<u>3,258.76</u>
Balance on Hand		8,433.51

Respectfully submitted,
Mike McGee
Area 74 Treasurer

Area Chair

- ♦ The Area Committee committed to the purchasing 60 lunches at \$10. 38 people are staying. Recount 46 people. Various options to meet our obligation were discussed.
- ♦ A vote was taken to have the cost of lunch remain \$10 per person and the Area Assembly will absorb any extra costs. This will likely become an agenda item at a future meeting.

Delegates Report

Thank you all for supporting the Area 74 AA Service Assembly. I will be carrying the conscience of this Assembly and yesterday's Workshop on the conference agenda items. At this upcoming conference I will be seated on the Conference Finance Committee and International Conventions and Regional Forums Committee.

I attended the East Central Region Conference of Delegates past and present, February 10-12th in Miamisburg, OH. This event is an example of the General Service Conference Committee process and Conference presentation and deliberation of an agenda item. I'll be taking this Assembly conscience from the standing committee reports we'll hear today. I will then bring a conference report back to present at the Area 74 Assembly during the Spring Conference on May 19th. Also, I will come to any district or group of districts to help with a sharing session and conference report. Invite me!

In addition, I will be participating in all the events noted on our "Dates to Remember" hand-out Mary Jo made. I look forward to serving AA and Area 74 the best I can.

In Service,
Marty Laakso
Panel 62 Delegate Area 74

Assembly Approval of New Finance Committee Chair

Previously approved Finance Chair has health concerns and has asked to step down as chair but is willing to continue to serve on the committee. Terry McK. has been serving as interim Finance Committee Chair and is willing to serve as Chair. Terry gave brief history of his service experience.

- ♦ Recommendation comes out of the Finance Committee. Election is therefore held by simple majority. Terry McKay has been approved as Finance Chair.
- ♦ Minority opinion expressed concern that Terry has previously served as Finance Chair and therefore may not be eligible to serve as chair again based on current Area 74 Guidelines.
- ♦ Ineligibility was not discussed further, a vote was taken.
- ♦ Congratulations Terry on your new role as Area 74 Finance Chair.

Delegates Workshop Committee Reports *(Committee opinions are in italics)*

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2013 General Service Conference.

Agenda Committee selects the theme for upcoming conferences. They do not have anything to do with selecting General Service Conference agenda items.

Themes suggested by immediate past delegate:

- ♦ *#41 - General Service Conference takes its inventory (last used as theme in 1993, will be 2013 theme)*
- ♦ *#14 - A.A. Takes its inventory (last used as theme in 1981)*
- ♦ *#10 - A.A. Takes its inventory - Are we Growing? (never used as theme)*
- ♦ *#3 - Leadership in AA ever a vital need (never used as theme)*
- ♦ *#38 - The home group our responsibility our link to A.A.'s future (never used as theme)*

- B. Determine the inventory questions listed in the "Inventory Plan" which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C. that will be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conference.

- ♦ *2013- effectiveness of conference and processes: questions 1 - 11
Composition 1-3*
- ♦ *2014 committee system: questions 1-3
Year long process effect: questions 1-6
Conference preparation: questions 1-3
Conference week: questions 1-3*
- ♦ *2015 Conference week schedule
Grapevine: questions 1 through 9
Leadership: questions 1 though 4*

- C. Consider reducing the number of presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.

- ♦ *Yes you need to approve that because we need time to do the inventory. Doing this*

will create time.

D. Review suggestions for presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2013 G.S.C.

- ♦ *#47 - General Service Conference Inventory: Why is it necessary?*
- ♦ *#62 - Spiritual principles for world service*

E. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

- ♦ *GSC evaluation forms – don't see a need to change them.*

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

A. "A.A. Cooperation with Professional Community" DVD:

1. Discuss report on replacing the current "A.A. Cooperation with the Professional Community" DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material.

- ♦ *Yes, we approve, with a friendly amendment that professionally specific information is available on the website.*

2. Review draft product of replacement DVD.

- ♦ *We reviewed background material but were not asked to do anything with it.*

B. Consider adding the phrase "non-alcoholics may attend as observers" to the "Singleness of Purpose" statement in C.P.C. literature.

- ♦ *We think this is a great idea, but feel it should be noted that non-alcoholics can ask questions after the meeting.*

C. Review contents of Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook.

- ♦ *Accepted contents as presented. We reviewed contents of Cooperation with the Professional Community kit and workbook*

III. Corrections

A. Review the draft of "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

- ♦ *No pamphlet provided to review.*

B. Consider revisions to the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals".

- ♦ *Revision 1 – Agree*
- ♦ *Revision 2 – Agree*
- ♦ *Revision 3 – Agree*
- ♦ *Revision 4 - Statement indicates that AA in facilities is not for lifers and we would like to see the change. Received information regarding stigmatism around "pre-release" label.*
- ♦

C. Consider a possible remake of the 1987 video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."

- ♦ *All agreed the video is outdated. The committee was split on whether the cost to recreate the video is worthwhile. Half the committee feels money should be spent, others felt money could be better spent elsewhere.*
- ♦ *1,534 videos were distributed in the last 10 years; committee questioned how many videos went to facilities and were actually used.*
- ♦ *We would like Marty to ask the GSC for statistics on how many times the video has been viewed if those statics are available. Minority spoke and said tracking that info would take a lot of resources that could be spent better elsewhere. No one changed their vote so Delegate will make his decision based on all info available to him at the time.*

- D. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook
- ♦ *Committee was in support of changes that were suggested.*

IV. Finance

- A. Consider suggestion to increase the Conference Delegate Fee.
- ♦ *By tradition, we aim to be self supporting. Knowing that the cost to seat a delegate is about \$5,800 the committee would support an increased range of \$1,500 to \$2,000.*
 - ♦ *Comment made that this body voted this item down last year and this is contrary to their voice. GSC could save money on meal expenses currently costs about \$50 per meal. Last years conference was roughly \$749,000 for 135 voting members.*
 - ♦ **A sense of the body was taken**
- B. Review the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and one-time bequests.
- ♦ *We do not support this change. Background material indicates that someone requested this item be placed on the agenda.*
 - ♦ *Proposed limits are \$15,000 annual and lifetime \$75,000.*
 - ♦ *We are supposed to be self supporting and this change would be in conflict with that tradition.*
 - ♦ *GSO will be able to identify what groups, people and area's are making large contributions and that could create problems.*
- C. Review proposed Self-Support Kit.
- ♦ *Kit is available to all treasurers. Committee believes kit is a good idea. It is available free to Treasurers. Field 29000 inquiries per year. It costs about \$9.00 per inquiry to the GSO. We need to make sure we are supporting our G.S.O*
- D. Review draft document of self-support/financial talking points to be used by the Fellowship.
Most items were pertinent, but these three talking points, we do not to feel they are consistent with our principles.
- ♦ *13. No dues but aa is not free*
 - ♦ *14. budgeting the amt wanting to contribute to each entitiy rather than waiting to see what is left*
 - ♦ *15. International Projects – We need to be talking about A.A. down the street and not so much somebody around the world*
- E. Review information concerning General Service Office/A.A. Grapevine Financial Projections for the years 2013 and 2014.
- ♦ *2013 & 14 everything shows operating a loss. Questioning how they came upwith those numbers. What difference does that make.*
 - ♦ *Question to be asked is are contributions going down or expenses going up?*
 - ♦ *# of months in reserve we are working down to what we say we should have as a prudent reserve. What is the problem with that?*
- F. Consider a review of continuing financial commitment to La Vina per the 2001 General Service Conference Advisory Action that “La Vina continue to be published by the A.A. Grapevine and supported by the General Service Board as a service to the Fellowship.”
- ♦ *This is service like everything else and it is going to cost some money. If it costs money and it gets someone sober, we should continue the service.*

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider proposal for A.A. Grapevine’s Audio Strategy.
- ♦ *Based on membership recordings, digitally, and written. Now we are looking at an audio strategy. Anonymity need to be safeguarded. Anonymity must be preserved during audio part as part of process.*
 - ♦ *Question raised about regarding what will happen to audio articles that are not used.*

- B. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2013 and later.
- ♦ *Soft cover, e-books*
 - ♦ *180 pages \$10.95 cost to print \$2.50 about \$30,000 per printed book*
 - ♦ *E-book cost \$2,000 about 28,000 savings. Why are we only saving a dollar on e-books?*
 - ♦ *Currently only available on the Apple platform, we would like to see e-books available on more applications.*
 - ♦ *There are two books, 3 & 4 GLBT and Women in AA – promote difference’s AA instead of similarities. Stress the similarities aspect of the program not differences (3 & 4)*
- C. Consider “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items.
- ♦ *Do away with – phasing out some books, most CD’s, all cassettes when current inventory is depleted. We want to keep the items that carry the message.*
 - ♦ *Don’t agree with the idea that the items cost effectiveness should be a consideration. We would rather see if there is a way to make the item cost effective.*
- D. Consider incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position “Grapevine Service Representative.”
- ♦ *GSR’s should pass info on. They don’t need more work. If they are doing both jobs, may have trouble getting GSR’s.*
 - ♦ *GVR is a good service position for newbie’s*
 - ♦ *Are the members viewed as stakeholders or subscribers? The GSR should pass on information and have enough work to do. Lumping GVR into GSR duties eliminates thousands of service positions.*
 - ♦ ***Sense of the body taken – Keep the positions separate***
- E. Review Grapevine Workbook
- ♦ ?

VI. Literature

- A. Discuss progress report from the trustees’ Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- ♦ *Draft not available*
- B. Consider the draft of the revised “A.A. and the Armed Services” pamphlet.
- ♦ *We agree the updates are probably good, but there is no supporting draft provided.*
- C. Consider the final draft of the revised *Living Sober* booklet.
- ♦ *We agree the updates are probably good, but there is no supporting draft provided.*
- D. Discuss a suggestion for revision of the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service.”
- ♦ *Solid information – graphics are outdated, but it should be a low priority.*
 - ♦ *Suggestion came out of committee – we are wondering why they are suggesting it – what is the motive behind the change?*
- E. Discuss a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book.
- ♦ *Committee recommends returning back to the 3rd edition dust jacket verbiage.*
- F. Consider a request to add the A.A. Preamble to the front inside pages of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- ♦ *Majority of group said yes – two in dissent:*
 - *Leave it out*
 - *Preamble says copyright by GV Inc. – don’t want corporate message to be the first thing people see when opening the big book.*
 - ♦ ***Sense of the body taken – No good sense received***

- ♦ *If we start taking things out of the GV why should we maintain the GV?*
- ♦ *Is this a step to support Ward Ewing's letter and make them become one entity?*

- G. Consider a request to add the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service to *As Bill Sees It*.
- ♦ *Yes that would be great*

VII. Policy and Admissions

- A. Approve request for two members from the General Service Board of India to attend the 62nd General Service Conference as observers.
- ♦ *For the past several years people from other countries have attended. Yes-questioned who pays their way to attend? It is at the discretion of the General Service Conference, attendees pay transportation and are given the chance to use the free hotel rooms given to the conference for the large room block.*
- B. Review dates for the 2015 General Service Conference.
- ♦ *4-19-2015 or 4-25-15 there would be no conflicts within Area 74 and no obvious Christian holidays, and suggest they check other major holidays*
- C. Consider modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference.
- ♦ *A procedure was put in place by vote at the 2011 General Service Conference. The idea for formulating a procedure was presented to the Conference by Bob M. and three other trustees. The rationale behind modifying the procedure is to keep it simple and keep the spiritual principle of the minority appeal alive in it.*
 - ♦ *(4) All conf members be given notice – no need to go through the GSO to give conference members the appeal. It can be given to them when they register. Waiting until registration gives the person or persons presenting the appeal maximum time to change their mind (after much prayer and meditation.)*
 - ♦ *(5) Appeals under – The changes here also give time to presenters to change their mind. The appeal is to the G.S.C., not the Fellowship. If delegates are given info about the appeal too soon, they may share with the fellowship to get feedback, before the conference has even voted to consider opening the discussion for debate, which would completely redefine the principle of the minority appeal of Concept V.*
 - ♦ *(6) The minority's appeal – The changes in this step are similar to above. The sub-committees that came up with the process gave time to the majority to state their case in attempt to make the process "fair." The whole idea of the minority appeals is "fairness" to the minority to have one LAST opportunity to present their opinion on what they feel is a grave issue.*
 - ♦ *(8) Being taken out entirely because it is not needed. If conference decides to debate the appeal the Conference procedures would apply.*
- D. Review policy and guidelines regarding the use of personal electronic devices at the General Service Conference.
- ♦ *Yes the current guidelines only talk about where to sit with them, where to plug them in, having the sound turned off, etc.*
 - ♦ *One of the background pieces addressed shutting these off entirely during committee meetings and general sessions so that better attention can be paid to what is being said.*
 - ♦ *Also the fact that people use these devices to discuss Conference business when and with people at times that are not appropriate.*
 - ♦ ***Marty, please ask if Policy and Admissions Committee considered adding that piece of background material to the current guidelines.***

VIII. Public Information

- A. Consider 2011 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website.
- ♦ *We have considered the report and found it to be thorough and informative. Some of the highlights were regarding changes needed to accommodate e-book and online literature sales and for operating our website.*

- B. Review the final draft of the “Alcoholics Anonymous 2011 Membership Survey” pamphlet.
- ♦ *No supporting documentation provided to review.*
 - ♦ *Background material indicated marital status, partnership status, age information questions.*
- C. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.’s):
1. Consider approving the proposed Hispanic video P.S. A “Tengo Esperanza”.
 1. *No Spanish speaking members on committee. Couldn’t evaluate*
 2. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2010 television P.S.A. “My World”
 2. *Seemed to be worth the time and money.*
 3. Consider centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the proposed Hispanic video P.S.A. “Tengo Esperanza” at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 as an addition to the work of local Public Information committees.
 - ♦ *It seems any information they receive is of benefit. If we look at airtime costs it is a good investment*
 4. Review current video P.S.A.’s for relevance and usefulness.
 - ♦ *I thought – good and up to date*
 - ♦ *Force of Nature – good and up to date*
 - ♦ *Testimonials – heart to heart our favorite*
 - ♦ *Living in Chaos - good and up to date*
 - ♦ *We know what it’s like - good and up to date*
 - ♦ *My World - good and up to date*
 5. Consider production of new P.S.A.s.
 - ♦ *Yes it’s a good thing because of nature of changes in the world. Growing Hmong and Hispanic populations and more and more young people, good idea.*
- D. Consider a suggestion that A.A. establish a presence on Face book for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public; this presence would serve as an informational resource only, with no interpersonal communication capabilities.
- ♦ *Yes initially but consideration to be looked at and managed: –*
 - *content management is a concern*
 - *self supporting issues like*
 - *pop-up advertising, no third party*
 - *following traditions is a must*

E. Discuss requests related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven.

Motion:

“We, therefore suggest, making a motion to the 2011 General Service Conference that they, in turn, and in accordance with Appendix B entitled “A resolution to the Original Conference Charter of 1955” and Appendix C entitled “A Resolution of the Current Conference Charter” found in our Service Manual, request that our Trustees survey all known A.A. groups from around the world to consider changing Tradition Eleven from the current wording of:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of pres, radio and film.”

To read:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal

anonymity in the public media.”

Further:

“That the words “broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed” be replaced by the words “transmitted in the public media” in Tradition of our long form.”

End of motion.”

- ♦ ***It takes 75% of registered groups to vote yes to change a tradition. In order to give a response you must be registered so it is important to make sure your group is registered.***

F. Consider updated text for Anonymity Wallet Card.

- ♦ *F3 – Agree with suggested edit change. “...in public media???”*

G. Review contents of Public Information Kit and Workbook.

- ♦ *Going to tote boxes is the topic that appears to be outlined in the background material. Seems like a good idea*

IX. Report and Charter

A. The A.A. Service Manual, 2012-2013 Edition:

1. Review revisions from the Grapevine Board.
2. Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.
3. Review revisions from the General Service Board.
4. Review list of editorial updates.
 - ♦ *Items 1, 2, 3, 4 are revisions to the Service Manual. Background is not sent out to us. Our Delegate may not see these revisions. The Conference does not vote on them to the recollection of some of our past Delegates. We are curious why the Service Manual is conference approved literature.*
5. Consider suggestion for revising text on “Conference Panels” on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term “panels.”
 - ♦ *Good idea since we don’t really know what was meant by Panels.*
6. Consider suggestion to add a section on the “spirit of rotation.”
 - ♦ *Yes, but who would write the paragraph and what was their experience with the spirit of rotation.*
7. Consider suggestion to replace “STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE” illustration on page S16 with a previous version.
 - ♦ *Yes – we would like it to be switched to the previous version so it more accurately reflects our service structure*

B. Review draft of text to add to Article 3 in the Current Conference Charter that includes the principles of participation, petition and appeal.

- ♦ *Ran out of time – did not get to B, C, D.*

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.).

D. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.

X. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities

A. Discuss trustees’ progress report on the review of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.

- ♦ *In 2007 various reactions indicated people wanted a new video. It was released in 2009. There is a*

portion during speaking on the 7th Tradition a person says "Uncle Sam is not going to bail us out this time." A specially formed committee has taken script line by line and when viewed in its proper context the video is fine and issue was put to rest.

- B. Discuss a suggestion to develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness.
 - ♦ *The material being suggested is for the seriously afflicted individual – schizophrenia – bi-polar – manic depressive. We agree the pamphlets have saved some people's lives. This consideration disturbs us. Does this fall in line with our Traditions and the principles that we stand behind or is this as outside issue. We tell people all the time to "look for the similarities" "your uniqueness is going to kill you."*
 - ♦ *We could come up with pamphlets for all sorts of our demons, where do we stop.*
 - ♦ *This is a pamphlet for our use, not doctors, or other professionals.*
 - ♦ *How far do we go – we need to exercise caution. Will we create the homosexual in A.A., the old person in A.A....?*
 - ♦ *I may need a good talking to, but not necessarily another pamphlet.*
 - ♦ ***Sense of the body was requested – do we want consideration of this pamphlet or not? We strongly opposed! The minority voice spoke – no majority member reconsidered their vote so we strongly opposed.***

- C. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook
 - ♦ *No supporting documentation provided to review.*

- D. Review contents of Special Needs Kit and Workbook
 - ♦ *No supporting documentation provided to review.*

XI. Trustees

- 1. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 2. West Central Regional Trustee
 - 3. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- A. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- B. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
 - ♦ *Bring forward a slate with 7 names instead of a slate with 5 names and 2 vacancies.*

- D. Review report from trustees' Nominating Committee on the "Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate."
 - ♦ *What happens if we say no? We don't have enough background material at this time to discuss, but the question is; "why can't we select 2 people from the pool presented?"*

XII. Archives

- A. Review request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Committee on Archives.
 - ♦ *We are against changing the scope, and if we don't change the scope there is no purpose in changing the procedure.*

- B. Review Archives Workbook.
 - ♦ *Added tools and suggested activities section to workbook*
 - *15 to 20 suggestions for the committee.*
 - *Upgraded photocopy policy and took out legalese and made it more understanding for laypeople.*

- *Updated stories from around the fellowship added nine new stories*

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Forums and how areas communicate about upcoming Forums in their region.
- B. Review 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.

XIV. Ward Ewing's floor action discussion:

Questions:

- ◆ *Why did this go to the conference body as a whole, and not a committee report?*
- ◆ *Why was this not an agenda item?*
- ◆ *If we eliminate the GV Board they will lose their right of participation?*
- ◆ *They are asking for permission to create a plan and then, next year, to ask for approval of the plan they haven't yet created.*
- ◆ *They want to change our current structure to combine AAWS and GV.*
- ◆ *We won't reorganize until we have directors who are doing their job.*
- ◆ *Why did you invite a Trustee emeritus to participate on the issue?*
- ◆ *If this hasn't gone through the proper channels committee conf coordinator... it should not be discussed at this conference. This should not be discussed in any way shape or form. It is suggested that we should clearly state that "We decline to hear this!"*
- ◆ *We need to make sure that our voice is clearly heard and understood on the consolidation*

This concludes the Committee's Reports on the 2012 Conference Agenda Items.

Now and Then Report was distributed to those in attendance:

See next page.

Now & Then Newsletter Report

The "Now & Then" is the Area 74 monthly newsletter that has been published continuously for over fifty-two years (since 1960). From the Area 74 Guidelines: "the newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business. Published monthly, the editorial staff is responsible for determining the content of each issue. However, materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed, when provided in a timely manner."

A number of years ago by Assembly action it was determined that the "Now and Then" would receive the mailing labels from the Area Registrar. The separate mailing list maintained by the newsletter was eliminated. This allowed the newsletter to be sent only to those groups that are registered and have a GSR. One of the shortfalls of this method is that Groups that have a mailing address or have their group mail sent to clubs may not be receiving the newsletter unless their GSR has a mailing address of those locations. On the positive side this has eliminated multiple copies going to clubs. This has been a cost saving measure for the Area.

We basically use two methods of distribution and one is electronic and the other is hard copy. We feel that the hardcopies is the method that best reaches the Groups. Folks seem to not want to print out copies from their computer and take them to meetings.

As you can see from the electronic distribution table below very few copies are sent out by the newsletter staff. We depend heavily on members forwarding to other members. There is minimum cost for sending electronic version.

The hardcopy is the most expensive to distribute, but as you can see from the table on the next page we are trying to contain our costs, keeping on a balanced budget.

We do have a small number of paid subscriptions and we charge a modest \$8.00 per year. Any member can contact me and receive the electronic version for no charge.

All Area Officers, Area committee members, DCM's, GSR's, and past Delegates receive a hardcopy or electronic copy or both.

We will place a flyer that is a non Area 74 service function in the newsletter for a small charge of \$25
Electronic Distribution of newsletter:

Area Committee & Officers	19
DCM's	12
GSR's	21
Additional Members	55
Total	107

Area 74 Now & Then			
2012	January	February	March
Newsletters Printed			
Area Copies	392	367	352
Paid Subscriptions	8	8	8
Total printed	400	375	360
Expenses			
Printing	\$40.00	\$52.50	\$151.20
Postage	\$122.40	\$103.41	\$100.88
Returned mail		\$11.70	\$3.65
Pages	10	14	12
Cost per page	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.07
Tape	\$0.97	\$0.97	\$0.97
Label printing	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.36
Paper			\$21.37
Permit fee	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Annual Fee	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PO Box fee	\$48.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$591.73	\$168.94	\$278.43
Income			
Beginning 2012 Balance	\$290.14		
Area Funds	\$1,000.00		
Fliers		\$25.00	
Total Income	\$1,290.14	\$25.00	\$0.00
Monthly Balance	\$698.41	\$554.47	\$276.04

"Now and Then" financial statement for first three months of 2012:

Respectfully Submitted,
Dodie A. Co-Editors "Now & Then"
Bob M. Co-Editors "Now & Then"

Old Business

Tabled Motion from area committee on Scope of Structures & Guidelines

Motion: "To adopt the original scope of the Structures and Guidelines Committee"

- ♦ Existing and previous motions were read and discussed

Vote was held and passed

- ♦ 51 In favor
- ♦ 11 Opposed

Motion passes – minority voice spoke – someone in the majority wished to change their vote. A 2/3 majority to reconsider was needed.

- ♦ 20 In favor
- ♦ 45 Opposed

Motion to reconsider failed.

Original scope of the Structures and Guidelines Committee has been adopted. The following text should replace what is currently published in the Guidelines for Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous for Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Section 11.00 The Area 74 Structure and Guidelines is to keep and update the Area 74 Guidelines; to discuss and then recommend changes of Area 74 service structure to the Assembly for approval. The committee would consist of the current Area Chair, current Delegate, a past Delegate, and three past DCM's or GSR's elected by the Assembly, of which one of the DCM's or GSR's would be elected Chairperson by the Committee with approval by the Assembly.

Tabled Motion to send Newsletter via email only

Motion: "That the Now & Then Co-editors no longer mail out the newsletter to those who have email capability. GSR's and DCM's who do not have email will continue the newsletter in the mail. "

Friendly amendment was offered and accepted. The new motion reads:

Motion: "That the Now & Then Co-editors no longer mail out the newsletter to those who have email capability. GSR's and DCM's who do not have email will continue the newsletter in the mail; however a GSR or DCM may request a hard copy."

The question was called – a revote was taken

- ♦ 41 in favor
- ♦ 26 opposed

Vote requires 2/3's majority - 45 votes needed to pass - motion failed.

Minority voice spoke. No one in majority chose to change their vote.

No change to the Now & Then distribution process.

Tabled Motion to Post Guidelines on Area Web Site

Motion: "Use the Area 74 Website to post all Area 74 guidelines and subsequent changes and amendments at the time they are made. Include, but not limit to, Area 74 guideline, hosting conference guidelines and guidelines coming out of Structure and Guidelines Committee.

Motion will remain tabled since the motions owner is not present to discuss. Motion remains tabled.

Tabled Motion to Survey Newsletter Recipients

Motion: "Move that Now & Then Co-editors survey the groups of the Now & Then as to how they would prefer to receive the Now & Then, either by paper copy or the use of electronic format."

Motions owner spoke and asked the body to consider, "is getting the Now & Then in hardcopy something I need, or something I want?"

Vote was taken:

- ♦ 36 In favor

- ♦ 24 Opposed

Motion passed – Groups will be surveyed by Now & Then Co-editors.

Minority voice spoke, someone in majority wished to change their vote

Motion to reconsider:

- ♦ 41 In favor
- ♦ 19 Opposed

Motion to reconsider has passed – discussion was reopened and a second vote was taken.

Revote was taken:

- ♦ 18 In favor
- ♦ 44 Opposed

Motion Failed – Groups will not be surveyed by Now & Then Co-editors.

Tabled Motion of Members Serving on more than one Area Committee

Motion: “No member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of the Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 Committee in any other position that is a voting position.

Motions owner was present background information was given.

A motion was made and seconded to send the original motion to the Structures & Guidelines Committee.

Discussion ensued.

Vote take

- ♦ 41 In Favor
- ♦ 5 Opposed
- ♦ 3 Abstain

Motion passed – Structures & Guidelines Committee will review the motion and report back to the Area Assembly.

Finance Committee: Report on Prudent Reserve Motion

Motion: “The members of Alcoholics Anonymous of District 04 motion that Area 74 determine a prudent reserve for the Area 74 treasury; specifically, that the Area Assembly, through this motion, charges the Finance Committee with the duty of bringing forth to the Area Assembly a recommended prudent reserve of the Area Assembly’s next meeting.”

Motions owner was present for discussion. The Finance Committee investigated that situation and proposes the following:

“A Prudent Reserve is money set aside which is in excess of expenses. This being said, with the 2012 projection this will be difficult to accomplish if contributions do not increase.

At the Spring Assembly on April 13, 1996 an Assembly Action was passed “that if the Area Treasury drops below \$3,000, that the Finance Committee shall be called together at the earliest possible time. At that meeting it will be decided what action, if any, is required to assure that the Area Treasury will continue to be solvent.

This being said the Finance Committee moves that:

Motion: The Finance Committee moves that Area 74 adopt a prudent reserve of \$3,000.”

Discussion ensued

A request to table the motion was made and seconded.

- ♦ 51 In Favor
- ♦ 6 Opposed

Motion tabled.

Conference Reports:

- ♦ Bid for Spring Conference 2013
 - No bid for the Spring 2013 Conference – attendees were asked to take this item back to their groups and Districts
- ♦ Spring 2012 District 13
 - May 18, 19 20, 2012
 - 6 rooms left – please make your reservation
- ♦ Fall Conference 2012 District 21
 - September 21, 22, 23, 2012
 - Houghton MI
 - MI Tech U and Super 8
- ♦ Fall Conference 2013 District 10
 - Sept 27, 28, 29 2013
- ♦ ECR State Conference Hosted by Area 74
 - July 19, 20, 21, 2013
 - Accepting bids for 2014 Spring Conference - attendees were asked to take this item back to their groups and Districts

We have 6 items for new business. We currently have this room until 5pm. We can have this room until 6PM for an additional \$50. The body was asked if they would like to extend until at 6:00 PM.

- ♦ 21 In Favor
- ♦ 27 Opposed

We will adjourn at 5:00 PM

Finance Committee WICCYPAA:

Finance Committee reports WICCYPAA is considered a part of A.A. The motion came out of committee seconded that:

Motion: “The Finance Committee has received the Area 74 contributions guidelines and under the contributing criteria that WICCPA is a group, should Area 74 accept their contribution?”

This topic is being brought before the Assembly because the Assembly Body refused WICCYPAA’s contribution in the past.

Vote taken

- 51 In Favor
- 5 Opposed

Motion accepted – Area 74 will accept WICCYPAA’s recent contribution.

5:02 PM Motion To Close

New Business Not Discussed

The following motions were not discussed due to time constraints. They will be presented as **New Business** at the Area 74 Assembly which will be held in conjunction with the Spring Conference in Ashland WI May 18-20, 2012.

Motion: “To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 Sponsored Event. To be funded by Area 74 and to be held a weekend in August, that doesn’t conflict with other Area 74 events.” (District 01, Contact Marty Coleman)

Motion: “Area 74 service position elections to be held at the Area 74 Fall Assembly, in Three Lakes Wisconsin the third weekend in October, of odd numbered years. The elections will include but not limited to, Area Delegate, Area Chair /

Alternate Delegate, Secretary / Registrar, Treasurer, Finance Committee, Structures and Guidelines Committee, Treatment Committee Chair, PI Committee Chair, CPC Committee Chair, Corrections Committee Chair MI, Corrections Committee Chair, WI, Archives Committee Chair, Literature Committee Chair.” (District 08, contact Barb Mallum)

New Motions Presented at the March 25 Area Assembly

Motion: “The Structure & Guidelines Committee review and update the Conference Planning Guidelines and bring back to the next Assembly for either approval of new Planning Guidelines or a progress report.” (co-editor Now & Then. contact Bob Mayer)

Motion: The Structures & Guidelines Committee gather the past assembly actions and put them together in a packet / booklet for the use of the Assembly. Similar to the Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous and to bring a progress report to all Assembly’s until it is completed.” (co-editor Now & Then. Contact Dodie Ash)

Because Area 74 “Conference Guidelines” do **NOT** state when the Spring Conference will be held, I move:

Motion: We combine our Spring Conference of 2013 with the 32nd Annual East Central Regional Conference” hosted by are 74 on July 19-21.” This motion will be for 2013 only. (Past Delegate panel 26. Contact Len DeWitt

Area 74 Delegate's Workshop Agenda – Saturday, March 24, 2012

Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI

- 9:00 AM Welcome by Area Delegate
- 9:15 AM Area Standing Committees meet to discuss General Service Conference Agenda items
- Noon Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 PM If needed Committees will continue their discussion of agenda items when finished they will give their Committee reports.

Area 74 Delegates Report and Assembly – May 19, 2012

Hotel Chequamegon, 101 Lakeshore Dr W, Ashland, WI

Orientation for GSRs and DCMs

Meeting was opened by Area Chair at 9:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Reading of 12 Traditions

Reading of 12 Concepts

Thank you District 13 for hosting this conference.

- ✓ Voice/vote reminder - GSR or Alternate, Area Committee, DCM's, Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, Past Delegates
- ✓ Courtesy at the microphone reviewed
- ✓ Motions in writing please – 2 copies, 1 for Area Chair, 1 for Secretary / Registrar
- ✓ Reviewed Agenda
- ✓ Concern expressed that the Delegates Report to the Area has been attached to the Assembly Agenda. Some AA's may feel excluded from this new format.
- ✓ Motion to accept agenda made and seconded – motion approved

Open Meeting – Welcome & Housekeeping

Roll Call:

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Archives Chair, Corrections MI, , Finance Chair, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then Co-editor, CPC Chair, PI Chair, Structures & Guidelines Chair, Treatment Chair

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23

Recognize past Delegates & Trustees

Approval of Assembly Minutes with one correction – date changed from 3-25-11 to 3-25-12

Secretary/Registrar Report

A correction was made to the March 25, 2012 Area Assembly Minutes changing the date in the upper right hand corner from March 25, 2011 to March 25, 2012.

All Area Registrar's are locked out of the Fellowship New Vision software with respect to GSR changes. If you have GSR changes or new groups in your District, forms are available on the back table. Please make your changes on that form and submit them to me, I will make your changes as soon as I am able to get back in to the system. Please note, it is past the cut off date for any changes to appear in the East Central Regional AA Directory.

Please submit committee reports in writing. If you can submit them electronically that is my first preference, otherwise in writing.

Those who gave me your hand written notes at the Delegates Workshop, you may pick them up today before the end of this meeting. Any notes left in my possession at the end of today will be destroyed.

Treasurer Report

A request was made to the treasurer that a check register be presented with the Treasurers Report. Anyone from the Area can request to look at the books individually. Treasurer will discuss the request with their committee.

Area 74 Income and Expense Report - YTD

1/1/2012 through 5/16/2012

Category Description

	Area Yearly Beginning Balance	7,974.03
INCOME	Group Contribution	7,373.44
	*Other Income	584.00
	TOTAL INCOME	15,931.47
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EXPENSES		
	Archive Committee Expenses	102.41
	Archives Chair Expense	0
	Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	127.60
	Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	73.00
	Corrections Chair Expense - WI	75.00
	Corrections Committee Expense - WI	0
	Corrections Chair Expense – MI	63.64
	Corrections Committee Expense – MI	68.07
	CPC Chair Expense	205.00
	CPC Committee Expense	0
	Delegate Expense	1000.00
	Finance Chair Expense	0
	Finance Committee Expense	0
	Grapevine Chair Expense	220.00
	Grapevine Committee Expense	24.00
	Literature Chair Expense	137.00
	Now And Then Committee Expenses	2194.18
	Public Information Chair Expenses	40.00
	Public Information Committee Expenses	12.00
	Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	72.06
	Secretary - Registrar Expense	77.00
	Seed Money Request (Delegate)	1200.00
	Structures and Guide Chair Ex.	92.80
	Structures and Guide Committee	168.80
	Treasurer Expense	91.00
	Treatment Chair Expenses	25.00
	Treatment Committee Expense	100.00
	Coffee and refreshments	272.32
	*Other Expenses	800.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(7,240.88)
	Account Balance	8,690.59

Treasurer Report was approved as presented a motion was made and seconded after lunch.
Respectfully Submitted

Area Chair Report

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as Area Chair / Alternate Delegate for Area 74. Since the beginning of the year I have been asked to present on two panels at 2 different events. In February the Eau Claire Northside group in District 05 hosted a workshop for new GSR's and in April one of the Prescott meetings that were celebrating their 20th anniversary with a pot luck and speaker, sandwiched the current DCM of District 05 and myself into the event. Gary shared about what is going on in the District and I shared on what is happening in Area 74. It was a great day, the room was filled and we had several questions.

I have also been busy serving as a member of the Structures and Guidelines committee.

When Marty was Area Chair, he took the initiative to begin a monthly conference call for DCM;s. This call is an opportunity for DCM's to get to know each other, to share, vent, ask questions, and provide solutions with each other. The call is scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month and starts at 8:00 pm Central time and lasts one hour. I have enjoyed "listening" in and being part of this call.

Thank you again for allowing me to be of service. If there is any way that I can be helpful to you, please don't hesitate to ask. I continue you to enjoy and look forward to serving the Districts, Committees, and members of Area 74.

Mary Jo R

Delegates Report

Please see the Delegates Report to the Area at the end of these minutes.

Lunch on your own

Standing Committee Reports (2 to 3 minute reports)

Treatment – With the use of reference material, we have been assigning each licensed facility an individual to its respective district within Area74.

At the July Area Committee Meeting, if held, we will distribute a list of the "licenses" with their respective contact info to each District along with instructions and a questionnaire. These instructions and questionnaires will be self evident.

Archives – The Area74 Archives display is at the Conference. Please take some time to look over the Archives display.

We are planning a workshop at a future conference. We will be asking Districts to bring in a special artifact to display along with the Area74 Archives.

We will order workbooks and get them to all of the Districts.

Corrections-MI - I've met with my committee members three times since I took position. We have decided to use Corrections workbooks and focus Area attention on reviewing and utilizing information within the workbook.

As far as participation in the various jails and prisons in the UP of MI, A.A. is being brought to my attention. We are trying to arrange support in the institutions who are needing it. Support is good at our committee meeting through our traveling InterGroup which is our forum for our Corrections meetings.

Corrections-WI – Matt K has resigned his position as WI Corrections Chair. We did not receive a written report from Corrections WI.

Finance – The finance committee met twice by phone conference since the last assembly. During these conversations we agreed upon a motion proposed by Mike M. on how this prudent reserve could be achieved. This motion is being presented at the proper time.

We also discussed the fact that at the assembly on October 11, 1997 a motion was passed to fund up to ten officers or chairpersons up to \$70 each to attend the East central regional forum. This money was not budgeted for in this years budget, so the finance committee would like to know how to address this issue.

The finance committee decided to send a letter to all registered groups and this is in progress.

Literature – I'd like to report that I have been working on increasing the variety of literature available at our area table, and moving away from the idea of area literature functioning as a warehouse for literature. This might become an issue because free shipping will no longer be available for orders of \$250 – the new amount is being raised to about \$600.

I'd appreciate peoples input and want to have a discussion with people who served on the Literature Committee at the Delegates Workshop. We'll see how it develops.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Allison G

Now & Then – Since last Assembly:

- Sent out post card to return
- Placed flyer on contributions
- Sent email to DCM's asking for input
- Results from Post Card – added 15 names for electronic

We would like and are asking for input from Districts and Groups on the Now & Then Central Boundaries of Districts.

CPC – Hello Family. I received the entire CPC inventory from Ben K. The display needs work, which I will start to address as soon as possible. I have two literature racks and plenty of literature for now.

I will be contacting all of the DCM's and all Dist. CPC Chairs to inquire as to what the Area 74 Sub-committee can do for them, help them with or assist them with. I will encourage Districts to form relationships with their local schools, courts, clergy, treatment facilities, correctional facilities, hospitals and physicians; and also to work with PI, Corrections, Treatment, Bridging the Gap Committees within their Districts.

Since rotating into CPC Standing Committee Chairperson Position, I have received two inquiries. One was to speak to a group of 7th and 8th graders in Rhinelander for two days. I was unable to do this due to my personal work schedule. I did, however, send literature ("To Young?" and "Young People and AA") that the teacher could present to her students. I was also contacted by a member in Dist 23 about getting young people involved in AA. We talked about ways to develop relationships with schools and the juvenile court system. I ordered 20 CPC Workbooks to hand out to Area74 DCM's at tomorrow's Area74 Committee Meeting. My hope is that this will help the Districts of Area 74 to form and/or enhance their CPC Sub-Committees and their relationships with the professionals in their districts.

I'm looking forward to learning and serving in the CPC Committee. Please contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

Grapevine – Cash orders for both magazines and all subscriptions GV and LV are ahead of December YTD 2011 projections by \$275,000. Cash orders for all other products (books etc.) are below Dec YTD projections by \$107,000. This nets to total cash orders being ahead of December YTP projections by \$168,000. For this reason it has not been necessary to take any draw downs in 2011.

As of April 2012 the Grapevine monthly readership is at 316,726. GV print circulation is at 90,493. Grapevine pass along readership is at 223,233. La Vina monthly readership 31,437. LV print circulation is at 8,982 and LV passing along at 22,455. Coming soon as eBooks: Emotional Sobriety II and Step by Step. AA Grapevine.org is currently being formatted for use via mobile devices. Completion date is May 1. 2011 saw a net profit of \$22,838 for Grapevine.

The area Grapevine display is currently on display at this conference and will be on display at all assemblies and conferences.

The Grapevine Committee is available to Districts for Workshops on Grapevine Reps and what it takes to write a Grapevine Article.

PI – Please note there has been a change of phone number. 920-419-2811.

Open and closed AA meetings – Adam K Dist 14
PSA - Radio ordered and got news papers up to date.
Andy W started with flyer/keep updating flyers.
Dist 05 going good, project: carry msg to churches packet formed by committee elevator speech letter. Cards, meeting lists, pamphlets, contact number lists, phone books listed. AA bimonthly odd, 9 Jan, 11 Mar, 9 May.
GSR's helping distributing – good effort by committee and district.

PI Members – pick a project out of PI Workbook, get enthusiasm

- Andy W. Dist 5
- Gary K Dist 01
- Adam K Dist 14
- Grant Wausau
- Scott Dist 2

Trying to turn conference into committee
Would like to have time for committee meeting
If you need work books or literature see me
Matt's been doing a great job on the Area Website.

Structures & Guidelines – We have had many conference calls since the last Assembly. They have been largely centered around the motion put forward by Jeff C., which was referred to us, the S & G committee, for review. Therefore I will give my report under the old business section.

Kathy L has resigned her position as chair of the Structures & Guidelines Committee

Unfinished Business:

Tabled Motion: Guidelines on the website (District 07 submitted) motion to remove was made and seconded.

Structures & Guidelines report on motion to review the following item:

No Member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of the Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 Committee in any other position that is a voting position.

During one of the conference calls the author was asked to attend. The author commends the committee for their thoroughness. There are serious flaws with the motion.

The author would move that the motion be amended to read:

“No Member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of **an** Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 **Area** Committee in any other position that is a voting position unless it is an area officer position that is mandated by assembly action to serve on a standing committee.”

A motion was made to accept the amendment. A simple majority vote to accept the amendment was taken. The motion failed. No minority voice was heard.

The author was asked to explain the intent of the original motions.

The intent of the original motion is to identify what we would like to have our Area committee look like. In the recent past, we have had Finance Committee members serving in dual roles. Those individuals were afforded a voice because of their GSR or DCM roles and addressed the Assembly body. This motion is intended to keep the Area Committee to a voting body that has 39 voices and votes.

The author has withdrawn his motion.

Tabled Motion: That Area 74 approves a Prudent Reserve of \$3,000. (Finance Committee)

Initial motion was withdrawn by acting Finance Chair. The new motion will be dealt with in New Business.

Proposed Prudent Reserve Motion

In order to establish a prudent operating reserve, the Finance Committee is making the following motion;

1. That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$3,000, which would represent one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses.
2. That these monies be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution as the checking account managed by the Area 74 Treasurer.
3. That the reserve be established as follows:
 - a. Deposit \$500 dollars in to the new savings account.
 - b. Continue to transfer \$100 per month until the \$6,000 total is achieved.

4. That the Treasurer notifies the Finance Committee prior to the transfer of monies if it becomes necessary to utilize prudent reserve funds to cover Area expenses.
5. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Committee at the next Area committee meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
6. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Assembly at the next Area Assembly meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
7. That needed monies be transferred to the checking account from savings account in \$500 increments.
8. In the event that reserve monies are utilized, these monies will be replaced by transferring \$100 per month from the checking account to restore the reserve to its established value, starting in the following month.
9. This motion becomes effective immediately following Assembly approval.

Conference Reports:

Fall Conference 2012 - District 21 Houghton MI

3rd week of September

Super 8 - \$60.00 per night

Lunch buffet

Registration \$19, \$26 Banquet, \$9 for Breakfast Buffet - \$55 all inclusive

Breakfast buffet

Accepting Bids for Spring Conference 2013

No bids for the 2013 Conference

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10

Report was given

ECR 5 State Conference Hosted by Area 74 – 2013

July 19, 20, 21, 2013

Report was given

Accepting Bids for Spring Conference 2014

District 02 is proposing to host the conference.

Neenah

Room \$119 / night single or double

Unlimited coffee for 1 low price

Registration \$17.00 - \$42.00 for registration and banquet

Motion approved and seconded – Congratulations District 02

New Business:

A request was made to have a discussion about why we don't have a bid for the 2013 Spring Conference.

- Resistance may be because of the ECR Conference is being held in District 02 Area 74 and there is a motion pending to ask the assembly to come up with a Spring Conference for 2013.
- Clarification – the author is in favor of a spring conference. If we have 3 conferences in 2013 there may be trouble in getting support from the area.
- We would not be conducting Area business at the ECR in July.
- If there is fear due to lack of participants – a group of 10 people put together this conference.

- Most states do not conduct assemblies like this, most of them host Statewide conference

Secretary/Registrar – Would like to introduce Traci W. to the Area and request the Area’s approval of Traci as the assistant Secretary/Registrar. Traci gave her credentials and was unanimously approved as the assistant to the Secretary/Registrar. Congratulations Traci W. of District 02.

Structures & Guidelines Committee - Nominations Joel S. – Accepted nomination and was elected unanimously.

WI Corrections – Nomination Ron O. Accepted nomination and was elected unanimously. Congratulations and thank you Ron O.

Motion: Area 74 service position elections to be held at the Area 74 Fall Assembly, in Three Lakes Wisconsin the third weekend in October, of odd numbered years. The elections will include but not limited to, Area Delegate, Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Secretary / Registrar, Treasurer, Finance committee, Structures and Guidelines committee, Treatment Committee chair, PI Committee Chair, CPC Committee Chair, Corrections Committee Chair MI, Corrections Committee Chair WI, Archives Committee chair, Literature Committee Chair. (from District 08, contact Barb M.)

Barb was present – background material was submitted.

- If elections are held in Oct the next function they attend they will be expected to assume responsibility. Holding the elections in September allows for one assembly for them to be mentored.
- Hosting an elections conference in a far corner helps boost attendance
- High population areas do not guarantee high turnout.

This will cause a change to our guidelines. A 2/3 vote will be required.

An in favor vote for this motion will change the location and time of the election

A vote was taken
 In favor - 8
 Opposed - 43

The motion failed

The minority spoke. No one in the majority wanted to change their vote – no second vote was held.

Motion: “To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 Sponsored Event. To be funded by Area 74 and to be held a weekend in August that doesn't conflict with other Area 74 events.” (from District 01, contact Marty C.)

A second was made for that motion.

- The motions owner was present and spoke.
- District 10 is having a Concept Workshop in Pelican this year.
- We need to get our financial house order before making a decision
- What does “supporting the Concepts Workshop mean?” seed money, officers attending, do we have the money to support the structure we have created.

A motion to table was made and seconded pending further background information.

Motion: Because Area 74 “Conference Guidelines” do not state when the Spring Conference will be held, “I move we combine our Spring Conference of 2013 with the 32nd Annual East Central Regional Conference hosted by area 74 on July 19-21. This motion will be for 2013 only.” (from Past Delegate, Len D)

The motion was seconded.

Clarification – an in favor vote would not allow for our conducting business at the Spring 2013 Conference.

A motion to table this motion was made and seconded.

Time did not allow us to address the following motion. This motion was pulled by the Finance Committee due to conflicting versions; one being submitted to the Area Chair and a different version being brought for distribution at the Assembly. (The difference being in bullet 1, the prudent reserve amount \$6,000.00 vs. \$3,000.00.)

Motion: In order to establish a prudent operating reserve, the Finance Committee is making the following motion;

1. That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$6,000, which would represent one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses.
2. That these monies be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution as the checking account managed by the Area 74 Treasurer.
3. That the reserve be established as follows:
4. Deposit \$500 dollars in to the new savings account.
5. Continue to transfer \$100 per month until the \$6,000 total is achieved.
6. That the Treasurer notifies the Finance Committee prior to the transfer of monies if it becomes necessary to utilize prudent reserve funds to cover Area expenses.
7. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Committee at the next Area committee meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
8. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Assembly at the next Area Assembly meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
9. That needed monies be transferred to the checking account from savings account in \$500 increments.
10. In the event that reserve monies are utilized, these monies will be replaced by transferring \$100 per month from the checking account to restore the reserve to its established value, starting in the following month.
11. This motion becomes effective immediately following Assembly approval.

Replacement of the Chair for Corrections Wisconsin:

Ron O. was nominated, accepted and was elected WI Corrections Chair. Congratulations Ron for your willingness to serve.

Close meeting

Delegates Report to the Assembly

An Introduction to my AA service Experience at the General Service Conference

My journey to the General Service Conference began with an 8 ½ hour delay at the Duluth airport, with me arriving at JFK airport at 10pm, rather than HPN at noon. So, I missed the Remote Communities meeting and the Delegate's Dinner on Saturday night – but I got there!! I knew it could only get better after that first day.

The Hilton in Rye is isolated, a mile from any other business. I left there only once, the Friday night free time for an Italian dinner with three other delegates. We put in about 80 hours of conference work in the six days of meetings. Some committees put in more time in committee meetings; our committee stayed on task and finished in the allotted time. I served on the Finance Committee, putting in 7 hours of meeting time, and on International Conventions / Regional Forums Committee meeting 2 hours at a working dinner with this committee. I'll be on the same committees next year.

Sunday I felt out of place, basically only knowing the East Central Region Trustee and the Delegates of our region. I feel it is a must for any person hoping to serve as delegate one day to attend one of our Delegate Past and Present Conferences especially when serving as Alternate Delegate. You will then know more of the servants of A.A. and be more prepared prior to going to the conference in your elected term of rotation.

I was intimidated at first, at the Finance Committee meeting with the Trustees, treasurer and CFO of the A.A.W.S., feeling terribly inadequate and unprepared. But everyone is extremely friendly and soon I met most of the conference attendees and surprising to me, several of them knew me. At the opening roll call I felt the grand expanse of A.A. as Areas were named off from Puerto Rico to Alaska, Hawaii to Maine, all of Canada and all U.S. points in between. This is a big gig we're part of – we are everywhere! Also introduced were the two visiting members of AA from India.

Immediately at the calling of the final name of the roll call a floor action was called for. Well planned, well timed, I knew this conference would be an extension of our Area Assemblies and a great learning experience. We didn't fall behind in the schedule of events until about Thursday, I quickly recognized the Delegates and Trustees, about 10 of them, that liked to spend time at the microphone. I went to the microphone about 3-4 times, once on a minority opinion remark.

Being a smoker, I got well acquainted with that group and we never spoke of agenda or committee items on break. I was proud of the lack of lobbying by anyone for their cause, simply friendship, introductions, vision and excitement. I learned a lot of how other Areas conduct and struggle with Area service work throughout the US and Canada.

Saturday April 28th was my 13th A.A. sobriety birthday and my Conference buddy Alan H., Delegate Chair person from Oklahoma announced my birthday from the podium creating a round of applause and well wishes from AA members of North America – that is a priceless memory. Then I had the opportunity to go to Stepping Stones, sitting at Bill's desk on my AA birthday. My hands on his desk where the 12 Traditions,

12 Concepts and AA Comes of Age were drafted, if I had a Spiritual Experience to share with you all, it was this moment. This feeling and moment of time for me was priceless and may never be duplicated in my life of sobriety.

This Conference affirmed every reason I continue in the legacy of service to A.A. Home Group Chair, GSR, District and Area service, Trustees and this Conference are all a part of making certain we will continue to make 12-step work the best we can to reach those yet to find the miracle of our program of sobriety. We must not let our fellowship flounder or die: We are responsible for our future so please continue to be a part of this vital legacy of our existence. The feeling of being a part of this great visionary whole is hard to express. You need to be a part of it to feel the experience. I'll never regret the time and effort I have put in to serve the greater needs of AA as a whole.

Through the excitement of frustrations of service work, I hope I never lose my love for paying forward the life I have been given by Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you each and every one of you who have touched my life in sobriety.

Now, on to the details of the agenda items: I wouldn't have been able to serve you, Area 74, at the General Service Conference as well as I feel I did without the excellent detail and direction you all gave me from the results of your District discussion brought forward through the committee process of our Area 74 Delegate's Workshop. Thank you for that invaluable and needed communication of the members of Area 74 A.A.

There are 33 agenda items that were discussed and voted for approval, also one Floor Action item and the Motion from Ward and the General Service Board. Also noted are motions that did not move forward by vote, and the Floor Actions, (7 total), that did not pass by vote or were voted to not consider.

I hope I have served you well and feel I will be even more informed of the Area pulse and direction when I go to the Conference next year to again serve you. Thank you for this once in a lifetime experience to continue my service work to have A.A. be there years and decades from now for those yet to come to us.

Gratefully and Humbly,
Yours in Service, with Love

Marty Laakso

Panel 62 Delegate Area 74 Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

**CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE
62nd GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE**

The following recommendations were approved by the 62nd General Service Conference and the General Service Board:

Immediately after the initial opening roll call the Kentucky Delegate called for a Floor Action to defer Ward's motion to the Trustee's Committee. It was deemed not a motion yet, as it hadn't been addressed to the conference floor yet, and ultimately was put on the agenda as planned.

Agenda 9:40 to 10:15am - 35 minutes

It was recommended that:

3. The theme for the 2013 General Service Conference be: "The General Service Conference Takes Its Inventory – Our Solution in Action."

Voted Yes - This passed unanimously.

4. The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference:

Spiritual Principles for World Service:

- a) The Triangle – More Than a Shape
- b) The General Service Conference Inventory – Why is it Necessary?
- c) Self-Support – What Does it Mean to the Fellowship?
- d) Primary Purpose – Carrying the A.A. Message

Voted Yes – Passed unanimously.

5. The following inventory questions listed in the "INVENTORY PLAN," which were approved by the 2011 G.S.C., be discussed each year for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 General Service Conferences:

Voted Yes - Passed unanimously.

These followed rather closely to the suggestions from our Area- I recommend we discuss These in detail at the Delegate Workshop or better yet a special Area Committee Meeting.

2013

A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

1. Reflecting on Concept One, how does the Conference ensure that it is the conscience of A.A. as a whole?
2. How well is the use of floor actions serving us?
3. Reflecting on Concept Ten, how well is the authority of the Conference defined?
4. How well does the Conference fulfill the General Warranties of Concept Twelve?

B. Composition of Conference

1. Should delegate areas be more consistently based on actual membership numbers?

C. Committee System

1. Could the committee process be improved to more effectively introduce change in the Fellowship, and if so, how?

D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

1. What improvements could be considered to make sure the agenda selection process is more effective?
2. How well do all Conference members communicate to the Fellowship about why we have a Conference and how the committee system works? How could we improve in this communication?

E. Conference Preparation (background, content, delivery, etc.)

1. How well do the delegates balance their preparation for the Conference, especially in keeping with Concept Three and Article Three of the Conference Charter? How could we improve in the practice of our rights and responsibilities under Concept Three and Article Three of the Conference Charter?

F. Conference Week Schedule

1. How can we improve the way time is allotted during the Conference for reports, presentation/discussion/workshop topics, and thorough discussion of agenda items?
2. How are leadership and participation affected by late night work sessions?

G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)

1. Is the current makeup of the board (numbers and proportions) still the most effective? If not, what changes should we consider?
2. How could we improve the methods used to solicit trustees and directors to get the most appropriate people interested in the positions?
3. What more could be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the Fellowship?

H. Leadership

1. Reflecting on Concept Nine, are the qualities of leadership, as identified in the leadership essay in the Service Manual, still the qualities that we should try to encourage in Conference members? If so, how successful are we in encouraging those qualities? If not, what changes should we consider?

2014

A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

1. Reflecting on Concept Four, how effective are we in treating all Conference members as equals (no one regarded as second class)?
2. Reflecting on Concept Five, how well does the Conference facilitate the hearing and resolution of minority appeals/report? How could it be improved?
3. Does the structure encourage each individual in the Fellowship to feel and act as a member of a “society of alcoholics in action?” If not, how could we improve?
4. Does the yearlong Conference process effectively encourage all Conference members to lead (or serve) in the spirit of our upside-down service structure? If not, how can we encourage all Conference members to do so?

B. Composition of Conference

1. Should regional divisions be based on membership numbers, the number of areas contained in each region or some other criteria? Please explain.

C. Committee System

1. What is the right balance of participation among committee members (delegates, staff) and how can we best achieve that balance?
- D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness
1. How well is the message of the Conference theme being carried out throughout the year?
 2. What other suggestions do we have for how to improve the effectiveness of the yearlong process?
- E. Conference Preparation (background, content, delivery, etc.)
1. How can we improve the manner in which Conference background material; is developed and distributed?
- F. Conference Week Schedule
1. At the Conference, what is the difference between being a leader or being a reporter? Can a person be both at the same time?
- G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)
1. Reflecting on Concept Eleven, does the General Service Board exercise serious care in having the best possible assistance in carrying out their duties? How can this process be improved?
 2. Does the current role of the board most effectively address the needs of the Fellowship? If not, how should their role be changed?
 3. Is the selection/election process for trustees and directors effective and impartial/fair? How would you change it?
- H. Leadership
1. How can we improve the methods of selecting effective leaders and nurturing leadership qualities in our trusted servants?
 2. What more could be done to ensure broad diversity of representation in our A.A. leaders?

2015

A. Effectiveness of the Conference/Conference Process Overall

1. Reflecting on Concept Two, how can we better serve as the actual voice and be an effective conscience for our whole society?
2. Reflecting on Concept Three, how can we effectively balance the freedoms and responsibilities that come with the right of decision?
3. How might any one of the Concepts be revised in essence or wording to more effectively and relevantly guide our leaders?

B. Composition of Conference

1. Is the size and structure (proportions of delegate/trustee/staff) of the Conference the most effective for conducting the work of the Fellowship? If not, how could it be made more effective?

C. Committee System

1. Committee system (Structure, Composition, Effectiveness, etc.): Does the Conference committee system function in accordance with our principles? If not,

what changes should we consider regarding: a) structure b) composition c) effectiveness?

D. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

1. How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?
2. How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process effectiveness?

E. Conference Preparation (background, content, delivery, etc.)

1. What more could be done to prepare delegates for the Conference?

F. Conference Week Schedule

1. What Conference activities give participants the most opportunities to be leaders?
2. Does the time allotted and the manner in which information is communicated from the trustees and board members allow delegates to adequately understand and/or question their reports? How could this be improved?

G. General Service Board/Corporate Boards (A.A.W.S. & A.A. Grapevine)

1. Reflecting on Concept Six, how can the Conference ensure that the authority we delegate to the General Service Board is commensurate with the responsibility we have entrusted to them?
2. Reflecting on Concept Eight: (a) How well is the General Service Board exercising custodial oversight and how effectively are they serving as the principle planners and administrators of policy and finance? (b) What are the boundaries between oversight vs. delegation? When is each practiced?
3. Should the Fellowship have more direct influence in the selection of Class A trustees, corporate directors, and General Service trustees? If yes, how might that be accomplished?

H. Leadership

1. How well is the Third Legacy Procedure serving us? How could it be improved?

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Agenda Committee

- The committee considered the request from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference and agreed to reduce the number of presentation/discussion topics for the 2013 General Service Conference to allow scheduling for the 2013 Conference Inventory process approved by the 2011 G.S.C.
- The committee also noted that for the General Service Conferences in 2013, 2014 and 2015, there will be no solicitation for Workshop topics since the Conference Plan specifies that the time allotted for Conference Workshops during Conference week will be replaced with Inventory Group meetings to discuss Inventory questions.

- The committee reviewed the General Service Conference Evaluation Form and suggested that the Pre-Conference section of the Evaluation be separated from the Sunday section of the form.

A Floor Action was introduced here to change two Inventory questions to different years, then withdrawn.

Archives¹ 9:50 am to 9:58am – 8 minutes.

No recommendations.

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Archives¹

- The committee reviewed the request for changes to the Composition, Scope and Procedure of the Conference Archives Committee and took no action. It was the sense of the committee that the requested changes were not necessary.
- The committee reviewed the changes to the Archives Workbook and suggested one minor editorial change in the “Shared Experiences” section.
- The committee requested that the trustees’ Archives Committee develop a new section in the Archives Workbook on digitizing archival collections intended to provide guidance to local archivists and archives committees responsible for maintaining Area or District archival collections.

Cooperation With the Professional Community - 7:14pm to 8:15pm 1 Hour

It was recommended that:

6. The current statement regarding “Singleness of Purpose” in C.P.C. literature which reads:

“Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as ‘substance abuse’ or ‘chemical dependency.’ Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend open A.A. meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings”

be revised to read as follows:

“Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as ‘substance abuse’ or ‘chemical dependency.’ Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Nonalcoholics may attend open A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed A.A. meetings.”

Friendly Amendment was rejected by the committee-

Voted Yes Passed by Majority- No Minority Opinion offered.

7. The text in the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section in the C.P.C. pamphlets “A.A. in Your Community”, “If You Are A Professional” and “Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous” be replaced with the text in the section “What A.A. Does Not Do” in the “A.A. at a Glance” flyer and the entire section read as follows:

What A.A. Does Not Do

A.A. does not: Furnish initial motivation for alcoholics to recover...solicit members...engage in or sponsor research...keep attendance records or case histories...join “councils” or social agencies (although A.A. members, groups and service offices frequently cooperate with them)...follow up or try to control its members...make medical or psychological diagnoses or prognoses...provide detox, rehabilitation or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment...offer religious services or host/sponsor retreats... engage in education about alcohol...provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money, or any other welfare or social services...provide domestic or vocational counseling...accept any money for its services, or any contributions from non-A.A. sources...provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.

A question of the word “retreat” was brought up as the GSB had a “retreat” in Atlanta this spring.

Voted Yes Passed by Majority – No Minority Opinion.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community Conference

- The committee discussed the report on replacing the current “A.A. Cooperation With the Professional Community” DVD with a new compilation DVD that includes existing material and reviewed the draft product of the replacement DVD.

The committee accepted the report with appreciation and felt that a new compilation DVD was not needed for some of the following reasons:

- a. The list of suggested existing materials seemed limited and was already available on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site.
 - b. When communicating with professionals, it is often most helpful to have material that is specific to a particular profession.
 - c. In the contemporary, ever-changing digital age, the DVD format might not be appropriate for the distribution of information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
- The committee noted that the A.A.W.S. Board has oversight of G.S.O.’s A.A. Web Site Redesign Committee and requested that A.A.W.S. consider dedicating a portion of the Web Site to making A.A. resources easily accessible to targeted professional populations and C.P.C. Committees.
 - The committee reviewed the contents of the Cooperation With The Professional Community Committee Kit and Workbook and made several suggestions:

- a. The sentence on page 15, which reads: “Open: Guests are welcome; if practical, mention that individual members are available to take a professional friend to a meeting” be changed to read “Open: Guests are welcome as observers; if practical, mention that individual members are available to take a professional friend to a meeting.”
- b. The revised text in the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section in the C.P.C. pamphlets “A.A. in Your Community”, “If You Are A Professional” and “Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous” replace the current text in the “What A.A. Does Not Do” section on page 29 of the C.P.C. Workbook.

Corrections 10:35am to 1:30pm Almost 2 Hours

It was recommended that:

8. The revised draft pamphlet “It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell” be approved.
Floor Action was introduced at this time- Regarding Self-support of LaVina.

Questioned the Full Face drawing on page 9 of the pamphlet, offensive language- the term “Chick” in the writings;
Voted Yes passed unanimously.
9. The pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals” be revised with the following changes:
 - a) Replace the first paragraph under the section “Release and paroles” with the following paragraph:

One point which usually needs to be explained is why inmates have any need of A.A. while they are incarcerated. The answer is that the A.A. program is far more than staying away from alcohol. A.A. has been called a way of life, and its success for groups that meet while in custody shows that this program can help the alcoholic inmate live a sober and contented life, both while in custody and after release.
Much discussion here, I asked if they would change the term “Prison” which was amended to say “incarcerated” . Also changed language to say “in custody” where “Prison” had been used.
 - b) Change the title of the section currently called “Release and paroles” to “Re-entry and Parole.” *No debate on this part.*
 - c) The current statement regarding “Singleness of Purpose” in the last paragraph, which reads:

Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Anyone may attend open A.A. meetings, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings.

Be revised with wording that is consistent with the description of the difference between Open and Closed meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” on page 13, to read as follows:

Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Nonalcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Nonalcoholics may attend *open* A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend *closed* A.A. meetings. *This motion in its entirety had several Friendly amendments, one that changed the verbiage, then another FA to revert to original verbiage, accepted by the committee both times. Lots of time involved to end up with original words out of committee. “ Anyone “ to “ Nonalcoholics” was another long discussion. Point of order- a “ Call the Question “ was given with remarks- back to discussion.*

Voted- No. Failed 60-Y / 67-N.

A call to reconsider was brought to the floor and passed. Amendment to strike (c) from the motion- failed. Revote taken,

Voted Yes- passed by Majority- no second minority opinion can be done.

Motion #9 was a 3-part motion, this created the long debate and votes.

10. The trustees’ Corrections Committee develop a draft replacement for the section “A.A. in correctional facilities” in the pamphlet “A Message to Corrections Professionals” to be brought back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Corrections.

This was asked to have some language changes and delete the survey from the pamphlet.

Voted Yes-Passed unanimously.

Motion to remake the “Sure beats sitting in a cell “ at a cost no greater than \$75,000.

This video only goes to AA members/groups, not into prisons or jails directly. In 2010- 237 videos were ordered, in 2011- 188 videos were ordered. They get into facilities only through the members who go in and are allowed to bring the video in.

Voted No on this motion to remake- failed by Majority. No Minority Opinion.

Additional Committee Considerations

Committee on Corrections

- The committee reviewed with appreciation the work of the trustees Committee on Corrections with regards to the Corrections Kit and Workbook, and forwarded a list of suggested changes in the Workbook to the Publications Department.

Finance 4:09 pm to 9:18pm (including dinner break) – 9 Hours plus.

It was recommended that:

11. The annual delegate’s contribution be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,600.

Long discussion on this in committee and on the floor. Questions of cost cutting in meeting in Rye, meals, etc. Discussion went from full financial support to leave as is. FA to change verbiage from “fee” to “contribution”- rejected by committee. AA self-support was the main discussion throughout this item.

Voted Yes Passed by Majority No Minority Opinion.

Motion to increase annual and one-time bequests: Lengthy and heated discussion on this motion, self-support talk, out side contributions, varying dollar amounts. We brought forward the dollar

amounts of \$5000 annual and \$15000 bequests. Everything from preying on the elderly, to loss of focus on supporting us now. Number of contributions between \$1000 and \$3000: 2007-72, 2008-49, 2009-40, 2010-52, 2011-50.

Voted No 49-Yes 68-No Motion failed. Reconsider called for and failed- motion failed.

Floor Action presented to make pamphlet for mentally ill.

Finance Committee was asked to review the financial commitment to LaVina, and brought forward a motion to have the LaVina self-supporting in three years beginning in 2013 to 2015. If not self-supporting GSB to discontinue funding of this project. Our rational was, not how to fix it but to bring the discussion to the floor, which it did with huge and lengthy emotion. We felt the body needed to discuss this, so rather than take no action as a committee we brought it to the floor.

Voted Yes – Failed my majority, I spoke on Minority Opinion, reconsider failed.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Finance

- The committee suggested that a review of the delegate’s fee be a standing item on the Conference Finance Committee agenda.
- The committee reviewed a proposed Self-Support Kit and agreed that the F-19 Self-Support Packet is sufficient service material and suggested adding “Services Provided by G.S.O./A.A.W.S.” (SMF-176) to the Self-Support Packet.
- The committee reviewed and acknowledged the 21 Self-Support Talking Points presented in the background for use by the Fellowship and offers one additional point to be included: “What is the value of your sobriety?” The committee also suggested that they be added to the Finance Section of the Website.
- The committee suggested the following statements be added to the back of the F-42 Self-Support green card:

What is the value of your sobriety? [*I brought this idea to committee*]

- Less Than 44% of groups contribute to the General Service Board.
 - Costs of Services provided by G.S.O. are \$6.32 per member per year.
 - Sales of A.A. literature counts for 56% of our income.
 - You can easily contribute regularly online at AA.org.
 - Give till it feels good.
- The committee reviewed the information presented concerning financial projections for 2013 and 2014 and trusts that the Corporate Boards and the trustees’ Finance Committee will deal with the financial issues in an appropriate manner.

The committee also expressed that increasing the awareness of the need for Fellowship contributions is the more spiritual way to address the funding issue.

Grapevine 3:20pm to 8:00pm 4 Hours, 20 minutes (including dinner break)

It was recommended that:

12. AA Grapevine, Inc. move forward with an audio strategy to have members call in and record their story on 3rd party recording technology.

- The stories will be subject to the same editorial process as print stories.
- The Audio endeavor will, at a minimum, break even financially.
- The committee requests that the board ensure that all contracts protect our Traditions, with the option to discontinue any and all contracts at any time.
- The committee requests that a status and financial report be submitted to the 2013 Conference Committee on the Grapevine as background.

Question of unused recordings, they didn't have a plan at this time. Recordings would be of 5-7 minutes, edited by staff, if a consulting firm was needed the cost would be \$500/hr for complete editorial suggestions. All recordings would go through the same copyright process written submissions do. Would these be sold and to whom? Would they be in Spanish as well? They would be non-conference approved audio stories. Question called, vote failed, back to discussion: Final vote-Voted Yes Passed 84-Y / 24-N. Minority Opinion and vote to reconsider failed.

13. A.A. Grapevine, Inc., carry out the “Sunset” proposal for Grapevine items. The “Sunset” proposal is a plan to phase out older or slow-moving Grapevine items and archive them digitally or make them available in another format.

Voted Yes No discussion passed unanimously.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Grapevine

- The committee agreed with the proposal to update, proofread, and digitize the Grapevine Workbook. The revised workbook will be available on the Grapevine website for downloading. The workbook will no longer be printed. Note: The cost of this project is estimated to be \$5,000.
- The committee agreed to forward to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board the suggestion that Grapevine produce in the year 2013 or later:
 1. Attitude of Gratitude (working title)
A collection of stories on the topic of gratitude previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 2. Voices of Long Term Sobriety II (working title)
A collection of stories by members with 30+ years of sobriety previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 3. Women's Stories in AA (working title)
Stories from women members on every topic including a special section from AA's women pioneers previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 4. GLBT in AA — We are all the same or Sober & Out (working title)

- A collection of stories from the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender AA community previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
5. Relationships in Sobriety (working title)
A collection of stories on the topic of relationships previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 6. Having Fun in Sobriety (working title)
Now that you're sober you've discover that you haven't the foggiest notion on how to have fun. What now? Stories from members having fun in sobriety from stories previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 7. Daily Grapevine
365 inspirational passages as originally published in GV's thought of the day in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 8. Mid Sobriety Crisis (working title) Not a beginner anymore and not an old-timer? This collection of stories comes from members in the middle years (10-29) who are working the program and trudging the road to happy destiny previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
 9. The Best of La Viña II
Collection of Spanish language original stories (not translations) previously published in La Viña magazine.
 10. AA Inside the Walls (working title)
A collection of stories from those behind bars and/or from those carrying the message to these institutions previously published in Grapevine magazine and/or AAGrapevine.org.
- The committee considered incorporating the service responsibilities and duties of the service position "Grapevine Representative" in the service responsibilities and duties of the "General Service Representative" and took no action.
 - The committee requested that the AA Grapevine Board incorporate into all appropriate literature the 1962 Advisory Action that: "retiring delegates become Grapevine Representatives (GvRs) in their areas, with the objective of a GvR in each group."
 - The committee requested that groups that do not have a GvR or RLV consider incorporating these duties into the duties of the GSR.
 - The committee requested that the AA Grapevine Board look into the feasibility of producing one book in ASL format.
 - The committee requested that the AA Grapevine Board provide a report to the 2013 Conference Committee on the Grapevine as background, on the cost of reformatting Grapevine magazine from its current design to black/white interior, non-glossy, minimal photos and increase the font size.

International Conventions/Regional Forums¹ 2 Hour working dinner meeting.

No recommendations.

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

I was elected alternate chair of this committee for next year.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums¹

- The committee discussed and reviewed the 2025 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures.
- The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and shared some experiences that have helped increase member participation in recent Regional Forums in their regions. These included:
 - Delegate and Area officers' participation helped increase interest in Regional Forums.
 - Online Regional Forum registration/information on www.aa.org is convenient and easily accessible.
 - One Area started workshops on Regional Forums at local service events to provide information and create enthusiasm.
 - One host committee extended committee membership to other Areas in the region and to members from different cities throughout their own Areas.
 - One committee member suggested including an article in the Grapevine with the Regional Forum schedule or from a member about their Regional Forum experience.
 - It helps to let members know you don't have to be in General Service to attend and enjoy a Regional Forum.
 - One Area took ownership of their Regional Forum hospitality committee to create enthusiasm and generate greater participation.
 - Talk and continue to talk about Regional Forums and explain what Regional Forums are all about.
 - When there are travel challenges look for creative/alternative ways to travel.
 - Suggest combining a trip to a Regional Forum with your vacation plans.

¹Members of this committee serve on this as a secondary committee assignment.

Literature 3:35 to 4:30pm 1 Hour Plus #15 Tabled to later discussion of two Hours

It was recommended that:

14. The revised pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" be approved.
*There was much discussion here to remove the paragraph and AMA note on the front cover of the pamphlet. This was an approved change- Voted Yes to remove the AMA notation. FA to add "None left behind" as a sub-title. Very emotional and challenging debate on this one.- Committee rejected the Friendly Amendment (FA).
Voted Yes- Passed by Majority Minority heard, no vote to reconsider.*
15. The short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service be added to the book *As Bill Sees It*.
Little discussion Voted Yes Passed unanimously
16. The final revision of the *Living Sober* booklet, with changes to outdated language or practices, be approved with minor editorial changes.
*There were 48 changes to this pamphlet- The body said this is a book/booklet and although we trust the committee system, this was too large a project and change to not have the body be able to review the changes. The motion was tabled to bring a hard copy of the revisions to be reviewed and discussed and voted upon at a later time.
 After a FA that changed one line back to the original, which the committee rejected, (Page 61 – "which leads to even worse trouble") and further discussion the question was called. Voted Yes Motion passed, Minority spoke, vote to reconsider failed.*

17. The pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service” be revised, and requested that the trustees’ Committee on Literature prepare a draft pamphlet or progress report for the 2013 Conference Committee on Literature.

I asked what the reasoning for review was for, answer- out dated pictures and language. Little more discussion, Voted Yes Motion passed by Majority. No Minority Opinion.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Literature Committee

- The committee reviewed with appreciation the progress report from the trustees’ Committee on Literature on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee forwarded to the trustees’ Committee on Literature, as requested, input and suggestions, and requested a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Literature.
- The committee discussed a request to add text from the dust jacket of the Third Edition of the ‘Big Book,’ *Alcoholics Anonymous*, to the dust jacket of the Fourth Edition of the Big Book and took no action.
- The committee considered a request to add the “A.A. Preamble” to the front inside pages of the ‘Big Book,’ *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and took no action.

Policy/Admissions 15 Minute report

It was recommended that:

18. Satander Bhalla and Daler Mathadu from the General Service Board of India be admitted to the 62nd General Service Conference as observers.
Voted Yes No discussion- Passed unanimously Really cool guys to talk to..
19. Roger Bédard alternate delegate, Area 89, Northeast Quebec Canada, be seated as a Conference member at the 62nd General Service Conference because Estelle Falardeau, Panel 61 delegate for Area 89, is unable to attend.
Voted Yes Procedural .Passed unanimously.
20. The 65th General Service Conference be held April 19-25, 2015 since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays or hotel availability.
Voted Yes No discussion Passed unanimously.
21. The use of electronic devices at the General Service Conference be approved in keeping with the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the Conference” as presented to the 2012 General Service Conference, superseding the 2004 Advisory Action regarding the use of personal computers at the Conference.
Voted Yes Passed by Majority No Minority Opinion. It appears laptop/electronics will be able to use them at any table during conference as long as not disturbing to others. Not to be used in Committee Meetings.

Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions

- The committee considered modifying the procedure for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference and took no action. They agreed that the policy approved by the 2011 General Service Conference sufficiently provides a process for the “Right of Appeal” as described in Concept V — the procedure allows for a “well-heard minority” to be a “chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority,” and it makes the “best possible use of minority feeling and opinion.”
When questioned, the committee felt with the rotation of delegates the current language would allow new delegates to hear from both sides to refresh/renew their understanding of the appeal.
- The committee requested that the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference review the role of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions in granting international observers admission to the General Service Conference, taking into account the concerns expressed by the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions, and provide a report to the 2013 Conference Committee. The Conference committee agreed that their recommendation for approval of observers seems redundant, and this approval could appear to be a “rubber stamp” of the trustees’ action, as cautioned against in Concept VII.
The invited guests are all ready approved by the body earlier in the conference and this is a repetition of that.
- The committee requested that trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference review the “Guidelines for Electronic Device Users at the General Service Conference” on an ongoing basis and forward any updates to the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for their review.

Public Information 8:15pm to 9:30pm One Hour 15 Minutes

It was recommended that:

22. The Membership Survey pamphlet and the one-way Membership Survey display be updated to reflect the findings from the 2011 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey with minor editorial changes.
FA to add web site info to the pamphlet- committee rejected.
Voted Yes- Passed unanimously.
23. The video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza,” developed by the trustees’ Public Information Committee, be approved with minor edits. *We viewed all three PSAs, 15, 30, 60 second videos. Very well done. Voted Yes- Passed unanimously. These will go out to the public in about 2-3 months, Delegates and Area PI Chairs will be notified in advance. PSAs will also be on the AA web site.*
24. The video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, “Tengo Esperanza,” be centrally distributed, tracked and evaluated at a cost not to exceed \$40,000, in addition to the work of local committees, and that the information gathered from the process be forwarded to the 2013 Conference Public Information Committee for their review. *Due to government elections this fall increasing paid advertising, there will probably not be many PSA showings until after elections. \$40,000 is a one time tracking and would reoccur if a second tracking was done.*

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously.

25. The revised “Anonymity Wallet Card” be approved.

Voted Yes- Little discussion passed unanimously.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Public Information

- The committee reviewed the report of the Comprehensive Media Plan Subcommittee from the trustees’ Public Information Committee, and expressed their support for the continued development of the media plan.
- Following lengthy and thoughtful discussion related to adding language referring to current media to Tradition Eleven, the committee concluded that the spirit and principle of anonymity at the public level is conveyed adequately in the Long Form of Tradition Eleven. Recognizing that suggested changes to Tradition Eleven have come to the Conference several times, the committee requested the trustees’ Public Information Committee gather Area sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today and report back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Public Information.
- The committee considered favorably the suggestion from the trustees’ Public Information Committee that A.A. establish a presence on Facebook for the purpose of providing information about A.A. to the public. Before proceeding, however, the committee requested that the General Service Board explore all aspects of this social media page and, if feasible within our Traditions, provide the 2013 Conference Committee on Public Information an implementation plan that addresses the implications of such a page, including sample content and estimates for implementation cost and maintenance.
- The committee reviewed the 2011 Annual Report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site and noted with appreciation the detailed information provided and the thoughtful consideration given to all items involving the Web site.
- The committee reviewed with appreciation the information on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the “My World” public service announcement.
- The committee reviewed all of the current A.A. TV public service announcements and agreed with the report of the trustees’ Public Information Committee that found them all to be relevant and useful.
- The committee assessed the need for a new A.A. TV public service announcement and agreed with the report of the trustees’ Public Information Committee that none was needed at this time.

- The committee considered the proposed alternative packaging for the Public Information Kit and suggested that the Publications Department continue to explore options for alternative packaging that is durable, allows for organization and containment of the kit materials.

Report and Charter 2:00 to 3:pm One Hour

It was recommended that:

26. All changes to *The A.A. Service Manual* be noted by vertical margin change bars in the edition in which the change appears for the first time.
Not much discussion on this, I was told every Service Manual Change has gone before the Conference Body for approval.
Voted Yes- Passed unanimously.
27. The following term and definition be added to *The A.A. Service Manual* in Chapter One: Introduction to General Service in the section titled Glossary of General Service Terms:

“Rotation – the spiritual principle of sharing the responsibility for A.A. through changing leadership.” ***Little discussion on this.***
Voted Yes- Passed unanimously.
28. The current illustration on page S16 be modified in the following manner:
 - Replacing the bottom section of the illustration that deals with the General Service Board and its two operating corporations with the corresponding section from a previous version, minus the table-and-chair graphic.
 - Changing “District Committees” to “Districts.”***There was discussion of why the GSR is not on the pyramid and the role of District Committees. What is the proper hierarchy of the GV and AAWS boards.***
Voted Yes- Passed by Majority no Minority Opinion.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Report and Charter

- The committee accepted a report from the Publications Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of *The A.A. Service Manual* 2012-2013 Edition, and the 2012 General Service Conference *Final Report*.
- In keeping with the 2009 Advisory Action that the A.A. Grapevine Board annually review *The A.A. Service Manual* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, the committee reviewed with appreciation the updates from the A.A. Grapevine Board for *The A.A. Service Manual* and suggested some revisions.
- In keeping with the 2009 Advisory Action that the A.A.W.S. Board annually review *The A.A. Service Manual* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, the committee reviewed with appreciation the updates from the A.A.W.S. Board for *The A.A. Service Manual* and suggested some revisions.
- In keeping with the 2009 Advisory Action that the General Service Board annually review *The A.A. Service Manual* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on

Report and Charter, the committee reviewed with appreciation the updates from the General Service Board for *The A.A. Service Manual*.

Note: The committee agreed to ask the General Service Board to reconsider two changes that had been forwarded by the General Service Board.

- The committee reviewed a list of proposed editorial updates for *The A.A. Service Manual* and forwarded them to the Publications Department.
- The committee considered a suggestion for revising text on “Conference Panels”, on page S107, to clarify what is meant by the term “panels”, and forwarded suggestions to the Publications Department with the request that draft text be brought back for consideration by the 2013 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
- The committee considered a request to add a section on the “spirit of rotation” and forwarded suggestions to the Publications Department with the request that draft text be brought back for consideration by the 2013 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
- The committee reviewed suggested changes to the Conference Charter that were requested from the General Service Board and took no action. The committee asked that the General Service Board reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the Conference Charter, and develop text that explicitly addresses the principles of participation, petition and appeal for consideration by the 2013 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.
- The committee briefly discussed the A.A. Directories and noted that there were no requests for changes to the A.A. Directories.
- The committee briefly discussed the General Service Conference *Final Report* and noted that there were no requests for changes to the *Final Report*.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities 3:15pm to 4:10pm One Hour

No recommendations.

There was much discussion of the term “ Uncle Sam “ not being relevant in Spanish or French, implied affiliation, cost to change, Voted No- Motion failed. Also Much discussion on the Mental Illness pamphlet- very emotional and controversial. I asked what would encompass “ Mental Illness”? A separate pamphlet was called for and amendment failed, this went no where. Voted No- Motion failed. Two Floor Actions resulted from this. See end of report.

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- The committee expressed concerns about the French and Spanish translations of the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* regarding the exact translation of the direct quote read from the translated “Big Books” and for background distraction in the videos. The committee asked the Publications Department to review these items and report back to the 2013 Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.

- The committee reviewed the Treatment Committee Workbook and Kit and suggested minor editorial changes to the service piece “A.A. Temporary Contact/Bridging the Gap Request” and removed redundant information in the Kit. Following these minor changes the committee found the Workbook and Kit to be satisfactory for use by local committees.
- The committee reviewed the Special Needs/Accessibilities Workbook and Kit and suggested that the following changes be made at the next printing:
 - Add a suggestion to page 10 of the Special Needs/Accessibilities Workbook under the section “Activities suggested for Special Needs-Accessibilities” for “committees to gather local information and identify outside local resources regarding accessibility requirements and options.”
- The committee is hopeful that A.A.W.S. will format the pamphlet “A.A. For the Alcoholic With Special Needs” for alcoholics who are deaf, blind or have learning challenges as soon as fiscally possible as requested in a 2011 Committee Consideration.

Trustees 11:00am to 2:00pm Including lunch break

It was recommended that:

29. The following slate of trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in April 2012:

Class A Trustees

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE
 Frances L. Brisbane, Ph.D.
 Corliss Burke, B.Ed.
 Ward B. Ewing, D.D.
 The Honorable Rogelio R. Flores
 John Fromson, M.D.
 Michele Grinberg, J.D.

Class B Trustees

Rod Betonney
 Donald Cusson
 Nancy Haynes
 Barbara Kelly
 Roberta Lindeman
 J. Gary Lutz
 George G. Martin
 Don Massey
 Don Miller
 Eleanor W. Nault
 Pamela Reising
 Clayton Vandivort
 Andrew Ware – *From the Hat*
 Marty Watters – *OnThird Ballot*

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously without debate.

30. The appointment of the following officers be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2012:

Officers of the General Service Board

Chairperson	Ward B. Ewing, D.D.
First vice-chairperson	Pamela Reising
Second vice-chairperson	Michele Grinberg, J.D.

Treasurer
Secretary

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE
El Nault

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously without debate.

31. The January 2012 appointment of the following officers by the Chair of the General Service Board be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in April 2012:

Assistant Treasurer
Assistant Secretary

Donald W. Meurer
Rick Walker

This appointment process is in accordance with the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws.

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously without debate.

32. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in April 2012:

Andrea G. Barthwell
Rod Betonney
Joe Downey
Phyllis A. Halliday
Roberta Lindeman

J. Gary Lutz
George Martin
William Noonan
Rick Walker

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously without debate.

33. The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board in April 2012:

Ami Brophy
Donald Cusson
Michele Grinberg, J.D.
Nancy Haynes
Don Miller

Clayton Vandivort
Albin Zezula
[vacancy]
[vacancy]

There was debate on whether the [vacancy] should be on the slate as the bylaws require only 7-10 on the board. Then asked why not 3 [vacancy] on the slate- I was not given a good answer. Note: I feel and hear a great divide between the AAWS and Grapevine Boards. Unity is weak if not lacking in these corporations.

Voted Yes- Passed unanimously.

NOTE: The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Bylaws state that its board shall be comprised of “no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) directors.”

Additional Committee Considerations

Conference Committee on Trustees

- The committee reviewed the resumes and approved, as eligible for election, all Class B Trustee candidates for the West Central and Western Canada Regions.
- The committee reviewed and accepted the report from the trustees’ Committee on Nominating on the Impact of the Conference Disapproving a Recommended Slate noting

that, as requested, the report solely addressed the admission of slates; the committee recognizes that the General Service Conference has additional authority related to the General Service Board not commented upon in the report.

- The committee strongly suggested that the practice of including the operating corporation board slates (A.A.W.S. and Grapevine) on the General Service Conference agenda be continued.

Motion from Ward Ewing and the General Service Board

Motion

It was recommended that:

1. The General Service Conference supports the General Service Board's development of a plan to restructure the current A.A. World Services, Inc. and A.A. Grapevine, Inc., corporate and governance structures. The plan may, among other things, address the separate corporate existence of both entities, as well as issues of governance and operations. The plan will be designed to increase unity, better reach and connect the General Service Office and the Grapevine to the broader Fellowship while addressing financial stability. The plan will be submitted to the 63rd General Service Conference for approval prior to implementation.
This Motion created all the debate expected: Immediately after roll call a floor action was called to defer this motion to Trustee's Committee- we were told it cannot be addressed now until brought to the floor later. It again came up under committee reports, called to move to a committee would cause it to not be addressed and another year would pass. Very lengthy debate, Ward assured all plans would be brought back next year to the conference. The verbiage of "The" plan or "Any" plan was asked of. " Independent Editorial Voice " was removed from the amended motion. Strong assurances of transparency and openness were given. Ward was put in a quite uncomfortable position at the podium on the intent and motives of this motion. Ultimately brought to a vote with amendments to assure it must be brought back to the 2013 floor and explained in detail of any plan of restructure.
Voted Yes- My final decision was, this or any plan will be undertaken by the General Service Board and to defeat the motion could cause the board to have the opportunity to not bring as full disclosure to the conference body was would it being defeated and the Board moving ahead under no direction.

Floor Action

It was recommended that:

2. The limit on one-time bequests from A.A. members to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
Again under debate, many felt the small numbers of contributors per year here would not undermine the concept of self-support. Inflationary numbers in our economy would support this minor increase. The area committee directed me to vote No on this agenda item, and after amount changes and discussion I felt this was an appropriate increase size.
Voted Yes- Passed by Majority No Minority Opinion .

FLOOR ACTIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

- I request to develop a pamphlet for the Alcoholic with Mental Illness. **(Withdrawn by submitter)**
- Is to change the question: (1) what more could be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the Fellowship concerning financial condition? 2013 Section G Question #3 **(Conference voted not to consider)**
- GSC recommends that the General Service Board form a subcommittee comprised of all stakeholders to develop a plan to address publication, distribution and finances of La Vina with the objective of self-support by 12/31/15. **(Not approved)**
- That the trustees' Committee on Literature develop a pamphlet for the alcoholic with mental illness, with a progress report to be provided to the 2013 Conference Committee on Literature with suggestions for content of the pamphlet, including breadth and scope of the pamphlet. **(Not approved)**
- That the pamphlet "A.A. and The Armed Services" include the subtitle "none left behind." **(Not approved)**
- This body form an A.A.W.S. Committee to allow this motion to be heard by a committee before coming to the floor for approval. **(Conference voted not to consider)**

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT DID NOT RESULT IN CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS

Conference Committee on Corrections

- The committee recommended that the video "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell," be remade in order to accurately reflect current-day life in correctional facilities, while retaining the original message and intent consistent with A.A. Traditions, at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.

Conference Committee on Finance

- The committee reviewed the current \$3,000 dollar limit on annual individual contributions and recommended that the annual limit on contributions be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

- The committee reviewed the current \$3,000 dollar limit one time bequests and recommended that the limit on one-time bequests be increased from \$3,000 to \$25,000.
- The Conference Finance Committee reviewed the background presented and past Conference actions and recommended that La Viña become self-supporting within three years beginning January 1, 2013. If La Viña has not become self-supporting by December 31, 2015, General Service Board funding will cease.

Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- The committee reviewed the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* and recommended that one line of dialog, “Uncle Sam is not gonna come in and bail us out” be removed the next time it is reprinted at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00.
- The committee recommended that the pamphlet “A.A. for the Alcoholic With Special Needs” be expanded to include additional stories of alcoholics with mental illness collected from the Fellowship, and that the trustees’ Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Need-Accessibilities bring a progress report or draft pamphlet to the 2013 Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is an honor to represent you all and my responsibility to honestly answer any questions you may have, to the best of my ability, of the results in this report.

Yours in Service, with Love
Marty Laakso

Panel 62 Delegate Area 74 Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

**Agenda for Area 74 Delegates Report Assembly
Hotel Chequamegon, Ashland, WI May 19, 2012**

8:30am **Orientation for GSRs and DCMs**
9:00am **Open Meeting** – Welcome & Housekeeping
Roll Call / Recognize past Delegates & Trustees
Approval of Assembly Minutes from 3/25/2012
Secretary/Registrar Report
Treasurer Report
Area Chair Report

9:30 am **Delegates Report**

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm **Standing Committee Reports** (2 to 3 minute reports)
Archives.....CPC....Corrections-MI.....Corrections-WI.....Finance....Grapevine
Literature....Now & Then....PI....Structures & Guidelines.....Treatment

1:30 **Unfinished Business:**

to Tabled Motion: Guidelines on the website (District 07 submitted)
3:45 Structures & Guidelines report on motion to review the following item: No Member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of the Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 Committee in any other position that is a voting position.
Tabled Motion: That Area 74 approve a Prudent Reserve of \$3,000. (Finance Committee)

Conference Reports:

Fall Conference 2012 - District 21

Accepting Bids for Spring Conference 2013

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10

ECR 5 State Conference Hosted by Area 74 – 2013

Accepting Bids for Spring Conference 2014

New Business:

Approval of assistant to the Secretary/Registrar (Traci Wilkinson)

Motion: Area 74 service position elections to be held at the Area 74 Fall Assembly, in Three Lakes Wisconsin the third weekend in October, of odd numbered years. The elections will include but not limited to, Area Delegate, Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Secretary / Registrar, Treasurer, Finance committee, Structures and Guidelines committee, Treatment Committee chair, PI Committee Chair, CPC Committee Chair, Corrections Committee Chair MI, Corrections Committee Chair WI, Archives Committee chair, Literature Committee Chair. (from District 08, contact Barb M.)

Motion: To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 Sponsored Event. To be funded by Area 74 and to be held a weekend in August that doesn't conflict with other Area 74 events. (from District 01, contact Marty C.)

Motion: Because Area 74 "Conference Guidelines" do not state when the Spring Conference will be held, I move we combine our Spring Conference of 2013 with the 32nd Annual East Central Regional Conference hosted by area 74 on July 19-21. This motion will be for 2013 only. (from Past Delegate, Len D)

In order to establish a prudent operating reserve, the Finance Committee is making the following motion;

12. That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$6,000, which would represent one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses.
13. That these monies be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution as the checking account managed by the Area 74 Treasurer.
14. That the reserve be established as follows:
15. Deposit \$500 dollars in to the new savings account.
16. Continue to transfer \$100 per month until the \$6,000 total is achieved.
17. That the Treasurer notifies the Finance Committee prior to the transfer of monies if it becomes necessary to utilize prudent reserve funds to cover Area expenses.
18. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Committee at the next Area committee meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
19. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Assembly at the next Area Assembly meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
20. That needed monies be transferred to the checking account from savings account in \$500 increments.
21. In the event that reserve monies are utilized, these monies will be replaced by transferring \$100 per month from the checking account to restore the reserve to its established value, starting in the following month.
22. This motion becomes effective immediately following Assembly approval.

Replacement of the Chair for Corrections Wisconsin

*** Possible new motion from Jeff C: No member of Area 74 who is a non-voting member of an Area 74 Standing Committee (whether appointed or elected) can serve on the Area 74 Area Committee in any other position that is a voting position unless it is an Area Officer position that is mandated by Assembly action to serve on a Standing Committee.

3:45 pm **Close meeting**

Area 74 Assembly - September 22, 2012 Houghton, MI

Format for Area Assembly

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Mary Jo R.

Meeting opened with the Serenity prayer

12 Traditions read by David

12 Concepts read by Anita

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Archives Chair, Corrections WI, Finance Chair, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then Co-editor, CPC Chair, Literature, Structures & Guidelines Chair, Treatment Chair

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Open Sharing Session for one hour.

The topic that has been chosen for this sharing session is: *How can the Area Committee help the Districts increase their participation and activities.*

The rules are simple:

- In order to have as many people as possible share on the topic, participants will be asked to limit their sharing to 2 minutes. When the 2 minute time limit is up I will ring this bell (*ring bell*) at that time the speaker is to stop talking and sit down.
- Participants are asked not to share a second time until all who wish to have had the opportunity to share once.
- Participants will be asked to come to the mic so that everyone can hear their sharing.

INSERT SHARING SESSION SUMMARY HERE

Acknowledge Delegates past and present

26 – Len D / 36- Dave R / 42 – Chuck S / 50 – Bob M / 54 – Torv T / 60 – Steve H / 62 – Marty L /
Guest Past Delegate from Area 75 Panel 31 – John B.

Recognize all first time GSR's and DCM's

Announcements:

Approval of the Assembly minutes from May 19, 2012.

The following correction was made o May 19, 2012 minutes under the Finance Committee report. First paragraph second line should read "...reimbursed \$75..." instead of \$70.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected - minutes are approved with corrections

Minutes approved

Area Officers and Standing Committee Reports

Secretary / Registrar – is there any questions?

- *Thank you to all who sent their reports to me prior to today. It makes the secretary's job much easier.*
- *The Registrar once again has access to the Fellowship New Vision Database so you can send your group change forms to me again. If you have group information to change over the weekend please see Traci or me during one of the breaks.*
- *Traci is learning how to update group information and is doing a great job.*
- *Thank you to all the DCM's who have been helping us clean up the Area GSR contact information.*
- *Group change and new group forms available on the back table. We currently don't have access to the internet but are working on it.*

Treasurer Report

Area 74 Income and Expense Report – YTD through 9/22/2012

Area Yearly Beginning Balance 7,974.03

INCOME

Group Contribution	11,620.75
*Other Income	2,865.30
Personal Anniversary	40.00
TOTAL INCOME	22,500.08

EXPENSES

Archive Committee Expenses	250.68
Archives Chair Expense	245.81
Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	181.58
Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	220.00
Assembly Rent	300.00
Corrections Chair Expense - WI	100.00
Corrections Committee Expense – WI	0.00
Corrections Chair Expense – MI	63.64
Corrections Committee Expense – MI	99.07
CPC Chair Expense	618.80
CPC Committee Expense	108.40
Delegate Expense	1,246.99
Finance Chair Expense	0.00
Finance Committee Expense	332.22
Grapevine Chair Expense	510.00
Grapevine Committee Expense	24.00
Literature Chair Expense	213.05
Now And Then Committee Expenses	3,338.18
Now And Then Chair Expenses	62.00
Public Information Chair Expenses	304.00
Public Information Committee Expenses	12.00
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	72.06
Secretary - Registrar Expense	154.00
Seed Money Request	2,700.00
Structures and Guide Chair Ex.	246.80
Structures and Guide Committee	168.80
Treasurer Expense	235.4
Treasurer Committee Expense	35.00
Treatment Chair Expenses	210.00
Treatment Committee Expense	0.00

Coffee and refreshments	272.32
*Other Expenses	<u>636.91</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	(12,961.71)

Account Balance **9,538.37**

***Other Income**

Spring Conference Gain	1,281.30
Spring Conference Seed Return	1,000.00
Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	506.00
Spring Assembly Refresh. Donations	<u>78.00</u>
Total Other Income	2,865.30

*Other Expense Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	600.00
Area Committee Meeting (District 10)	<u>36.91</u>
Total Other Expense	636.91

Respectfully submitted

Mike McGee
Area 74 Treasurer
715-577-5351
Michael.mcgee7607@gmail.com

Motion made and 2nd to approve treasurer’s report.
Report Approved.

Area Chair

Since the last time we were together, I had the opportunity to attend the East Central Regional “Additional” Forum in Mt Vernon. I felt it was a valuable event. I was able to experience a variety of sharing session’s formats. Our General Manager – Phyllis Halliday and other staff members from the General Service office were present along with our East Central Regional Trustee – Pam Reising, Class B Trustee – George Marten, and AA Grapevine Director –Albin Zezula. These individuals along with delegates of the region fielded many questions on a large variety of topics. This event strengthen my sense of AA membership and gave me pause to reflect on how my responsibility as an AA member goes far beyond my homegroup, district, and even Area – what we do here touches the whole world.

Delegate

Thank you all for attending the conference and participating in this Assembly. Since our last Assembly, I have traveled to three workshops in Michigan, also the East Central Regional Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In addition I attended the Wisconsin Corrections Conference in Montello, WI, an Intergroup meeting in New London, WI and the Additional East Central Regional Forum in Mt. Vernon, IL. To date, I have only one more District request, to visit Germfask, MI in October. If you are planning a District event wanting Area Officer or Committee support, just ask the persons you would like to help in sharing and growing the program of recovery in your District.

We have had some deaths of Regional service members this past summer. Keep in your hearts a Prayer for those who have left us. Glenn P. Panel 61 Delegate from Ohio, the Alternate Delegate also from Ohio, and our past Delegate Stan P. Panel 20 Delegate of

our Area. Also, Dennis M. a nonalcoholic who served as a bookkeeper in 1950 passed away this summer .Dennis served with Bill W. and others working for AA for 35 years retiring in 1985 as Chief Financial Officer of A.A.

On a brighter note, we have a General Service Office staff position opening in New York. If you or someone you know is interested in a paid staff position with your GSO office, an application must be submitted by October 31st of this year. Contact me if you want the application information for this position. It does require relocating to the New York vicinity. Also, at our Assembly in October we need to take nominations and vote on a nominee from our Area 74 past delegates for East Central Regional Trustee to replace Pam Reising, and a nominee for Trustee-at-large for the United States. One past Delegate cannot stand for both positions. These are both a four-year term if elected.

Here is a great story from India of how the AA reaching out works. A national broadcast of Alcoholism was shown across the country in 8 Indian languages. Alcoholics Anonymous was shared as a possible solution to the malady of alcoholism with contact numbers for inquiries of AA. 200 volunteers manned the phone system to accept calls, with no idea of what the response may be. Here are some phenomenal numbers: After the broadcast in India, in the first five minutes they received 1200 calls, in the first day, 35,000 calls. As of August 15th they had received 250,000 calls. There shows the great need for our program of recovery to continue to reach out to those still in need of a solution.

A couple of AAWS Highlights:

Publishing

It was announced that the 2011 Membership Survey Pamphlet is now available in print and on G.S.O. 's A.A. Web Site.

A.A.W.S. received a report on International Publishing that noted there are currently 67 Big Book translations with 14 new translations pending. A.A.W.S. has published 235 titles (books, booklets, pamphlets, service pieces) in 44 languages. Forty-five countries are licensed by A.A.W.S. to produce 1,512 publications in a variety of formats in 44 languages.

Gross sales through the end of June 2012 were budgeted at \$6,532,480 with actual sales of \$6,506,884. Print book units distributed for this same period totaled 902,237 units; non-A.A. purchases accounting for 160,992 units (17.8%). Since December 9, 2011, we have sold 3,492 Big Books and 3,071 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format.

The committee discussed a draft of an A.A.W.S. policy on types of literature which do not require consideration by the General Service Conference and literature that should receive Conference consideration, and defining what are "editorial" and "format" changes to literature. The committee agreed to continue its discussion at the September meeting.

We don't want our fellowship to loose control of our literature to a committee.

Finance

A.A.W.S. made a mid-year budget adjustment that adds the \$40,000 estimated cost for distribution and tracking of the new Spanish-language public service announcement "Tengo Esperanza", in keeping with the 2012 Conference Advisory Action.

Unaudited figures for the first six months of 2012 show that contributions from A.A. groups and members of \$3,105,695 were \$5,145 under budget. Gross profit on literature sales of \$4,065,288 was \$46,961 over budget. Total expenses of \$6,981,665 were \$52 under budget. Net income totaled \$189,556 compared with a six month budget of \$41,700.

The 2013 Conference Committee on Agenda will consider suggestions for a theme and presentation topic for 2014. We hope that you will assist us by asking members in your area to offer suggestions for the theme and presentation topics for the 64th annual meeting of the General Service Conference, April 27 - May 3, 2014. Deadline for suggestions is December 15, 2012.

Time Sensitive – Fellowship Input Requested:

Also, at the 2012 General Service Conference the agenda item of changing the language of the short form of our Eleventh Tradition was sent back to the Trustee's Public Information Committee for additional consideration. Here is a statement and request of this Committee:

“ Following lengthy and thoughtful discussion related to adding language referring to the current media to Tradition Eleven, the committee concluded that the spirit and principle of anonymity at the public level is conveyed adequately in the Long Form of Tradition Eleven.

Recognizing that suggested changes to Tradition Eleven have come to the conference several times, the committee requested the trustee's PI Committee gather Area sharing on the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today and report back to the 2013 Conference Committee on PI.

Please send sharing regarding “ the effectiveness of the language of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven in addressing the needs of the Fellowship today “ via email to the Trustee's PI Committee by December 31, 2012. If those with suggestions would send them to me at maplemiracles@cheqnet.net I will forward a synopsis of these suggestions to the Committee.

The General Service Conference is looking for bids for 2025 International Convention. Logistically Area 74 would not be able to host such an event.

The book Alcoholics Anonymous has been one of the 88 books that has changed the shape of the world.

It is an honor to serve you all in Area 74 and look forward to continuing to serve as Area 74 Delegate in 2013.

Yours in Service, with Love

Marty Laakso

Panel 62 Delegate Area 74 – Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

At the conclusion of Marty's report the following comment was made.

*Comment – AAWS considers a 10% response of our 93 delegate areas a successful response to an AA survey; that means 9 responses. Marty is requesting the districts respond to the **Time Sensitive – Fellowship Input Request regarding the 11th Tradition** (above) by December 1, 2012 in order to compile the data to meet the December 31, 2012, the AAWS deadline.*

Archives (Roger Weyenberg)

Archives committee is looking for a new archivist for Area 74. There was a report in the Now & Then in July expressing the need and outlining the position requirements.

If you are interested in the position contact Roger at Archives@area74.org or Mark at achivist@area74.org to discuss the position.

Keepers of the past

CPC (Marty Coleman)

Hello Family,

We have met as a Committee four times this year at our assemblies and conferences. Our Committee consists of me, Bruce L. – Dist. 17, Cliff P. – Dist. 11, Dawn M. – Dist. 20, Eddie G. – Dist. 16, and Roy E. – Dist. 18.

We have distributed CPC Workbooks to CPC Chairs or DCM's in all of the districts in Area 74.

I have reached out to all of our area's districts and asked if there is anything this Area Committee can do for them or assist them with. I have not received any request at this time. I hope that today's Sharing Session will help and assist our Areas districts in becoming more active.

In Loving Service,

Marty C. CPC Chairperson Area 74

Corrections MI (Michael Harris) Not present to file report.

Corrections WI (Ron Oliver)

Since being elected to Corrections Chair for WI I have received one request from GSO corrections chair to help a released inmate back in to society by taking them to a meeting; 3 from corrections chair Area 75 and one pending request from Area 75.

I have spoken to quite a few DCM's and Corrections Chairs from the various districts about corrections.

Thank you Seymour Group, for your donation to help buy more literature for correctional institutions.

Thank you District's 5 and 10 for trying to get volunteers for Stanley Correctional Institution.

My computer skills are improving very slowly. My wife is very patient with e.

I am coordinating the Wisconsin Corrections Conference for 2013.

*Yours in service
Ron Oliver
Corrections Chair WI*

Finance (Terry McKay)

The Finance Committee has met several times by phone. At the last phone meeting we approved all the expense requests totaling \$2,902.19. We discussed the conference advisory action raising the cost to seat the delegate from \$1,200 to \$1,600. We will be showing this as an increase in 2013 budget. We discussed the request to see the check registrar if someone needs to see it. The committee worked on the motion for a prudent reserve to be presented later to the Assembly. The Assembly will be presented with a proposed 2013 budget.

Grapevine (Steve Hildeman)

The Grapevine turned a slight profit in 2011 of \$22,840 as compared to a budgeted loss of \$93,970. The Grapevine for 2012 anticipates a profit of \$34,284. The relationship between the Fellowship, Grapevine and the Reserve Fund is to pay its bills and fund obligations. The Grapevine has only two sources of income; subscriptions and literature sales.

In early 2011 the Grapevine undertook major operational restructuring measures resulting in lowered expenses, a reduction in work force and the substitution of conference calls for half of the boards off-site planning meetings. Collaboration has begun between AAWS and AA Grapevine Inc., on projects by Grapevine management including a combined mail and catalog room. A move to a new office space that will reduce Grapevines occupancy costs by just over \$74,000 per year. No drawdown from the Reserve Fund occurred in 2011. At current prices, GV's basic online subscription costs subscribers about ten cents a day and print subscriptions is eight cents per day. In addition to the daily GV quote the Grapevine Board and management are evaluating and considering for the balance of 2012 through 2014 include:

- *Communicating directly to groups through use of group contact information provided by Fellowship New Vision.*
- *Continuing to release eBook versions of current titles on a staggered basis.*
- *Converting and offering existing GVCD content in MP3 Format*
- *Creating a magazine App in a single copy and or subscription form*

- *Reimagining the GV Calendars in a variety of formats.*
- *Offering print versions of GV anthologies (books) through commissionable distribution channels.*
- *Presenting Audio content through the subscription service.*

The Grapevine both reflects and belongs to the fellowship. For 68 years the Grapevine has conveyed the voice of AA as a tool for many in recovery. Grapevines future is in the hands of the fellowship.

Grapevine subscriptions for Wisconsin: April 2011 (2,147) April 2012 (2,041) a decrease of (106)

Grapevine News for September Happy Joyous & Free is Grapevines latest print book. Into action is now available as an eBook.

Grapevine stories are now being accepted on the topic of “Making Amends for March 2013 and beyond. Please remember that GV works 5 months in advance.

*Steve H.
Area 74
Grapevine Chair*

Literature (Alison Gillespie)

Beginning Inventory		\$2,549.08	
Sales		(1,478.91)	
Purchases	<u>1,586.14</u>		
Ending Inventory		\$2,656.31	
Beginning Cash		\$592.80	
Receipts	1,478.91		
Payments	<u>(1,586.14)</u>		
Ending Cash		\$485.57	
	Total Value	\$3,141.88	
Activity		Orders	Sales
2011 Fall Assembly		0.00	100.05
2012 Spring Assemblies		356.75	511.00
2012 Spring Conference		639.86	529.86
Interim Sales		0.00	338.00
2012 Fall Conference		<u>589.53</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	Totals	\$1,586.14	\$1,478.91

- No change so far to the free shipping over \$250 – no new news on that issue
- Brought literature display to conferences, committee meetings and assemblies.
- Attended Concepts Workshop in District 10 in August
- Want to work on meeting display transportation, containers/boxes
- Want to begin meeting as a committee which hasn’t occurred since the Delegates Workshop. (contact literature@area74.org)

Now & Then (Bob Mayer)

Good morning my name is Bob M your co-editor of the “Now And Then”, along with Dodie A., the other Co-Editor; we publish your monthly Area newsletter.

Travel since our last report: we both attended the additional ECR Forum and summer Area 74 Area Committee meeting.

After the discussion at past Assemblies we have been cleaning up the mailing databases and sorting out those that requested only email versions and those that would like both email and hard copy.

Here are some highlights of what we have been doing:

- *With the July issue we printed around 400 copies*
- *We have 11 paid subscriptions*
- *About 175 electronic versions are sent each month*
- *The largest distributor of the electronic version of the newsletter is by all of you when you forward to folks you know would like to receive a copy – thank you*
- *We have been trying to hold the newsletter to 12 pages*
- *We have been placing a financial report of the newsletter in every issue.*

We had a great response from authors of motions for agenda items for the Assembly and Area Committee by providing me with the motion and background to place in the newsletter.

On the other hand we have not received any feedback, good or bad, from you on how we are doing. We did not get any responses to our question that we ran for two issues in the newsletter.

We also have not received reports or articles from Area standing committee chairs or Officers to place in the newsletter as our Area Delegate had requested.

On a positive note about half of the Districts now place their District meeting schedules in the newsletter. Districts are sending their flyers of service workshops put on by Area 74 chairs or Officers to be posted in the newsletter

The bottom-line is we continue to provide information to Area 74 Fellowship in a format that you like and we hope to continue as long as requested by you. This is your Area newsletter and it is one of the longest published newsletters within the service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank You for allowing me to be of Service to you.

*Bob M
Area 74 Co-Editor of the "Now and Then"*

Questions:

No longer receives copy in the mail, hasn't received it all summer. Newsletter is not currently posted on the website. There was discussion to have a password protected copy available on line but the committee has not moved forward on that yet.

Is there a solution to the postal problem the Now & Then has experienced? Is there something we can do to solve this problem? We have talked about putting 1st class stamps on the news letters for the rest of the year and choose a different post office next year.

*What is the current procedure for getting an email copy on the list? **Get your email address to Bob Mayer. He maintains the list.***

*What is the deadline for 2013 District calendars? **December 15th, but getting the info to me a.s.a.p. would be appreciated.***

PI (Keith VaDeLeygraaf) Not present to report

Structures & Guidelines (Joel Sattler)

The Structures and Guidelines committee has had a topic of interest come up in numerous committee discussions, and at this time would like to share this intriguing idea with the area.

The General Service conference since 1951 until the present, has kept a record of all passed advisory actions. This booklet, Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, is made available to the whole fellowship. This booklet allows the fellowship to look back across the history of the General Service Conference, for history, and accountability of actions and decisions of the previous General Service Conferences.

The Structures and Guidelines committee has repeatedly been drawn back time and time again to the realization that in Area 74 the only accounting of passed assembly actions is past minutes. Through the years motions have been passed by previous assembly bodies, making them assembly actions. The Structures and Guidelines committee has acquired assembly minutes dating from 1959 to 1996, with additional resources that will allow the committee to obtain the 1996 minutes to present.

The Structures and Guidelines committee needs to ask the Fall Conference Assembly body this simple question. For its permission to work towards providing a booklet to Area 74, containing the listings of all Area 74 Assembly passed motions, or will passed assembly actions.

The committee from its discussions feels that this booklet would be of great value in recording the Area's history. As well as recording the actions and decisions of previous assemblies and for accountability to the future assemblies still to come. Please discuss this in your Districts and Groups; this committee eagerly awaits your direction at the Fall Conference Assembly.

*Sincerely submitted
Interim Structures and Guidelines Committee Chair,
Joel S.*

Treatment (Scott Kramar)

*Fellow Servants of Alcoholics Anonymous;
In an effort to serve you and your district, the Area 74 Treatment Committee has compiled the attached information in an effort to help your district carry the message to alcoholics. These contacts were gathered from the State of Wisconsin Community Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Certification Directory. Unfortunately, we've not yet found this type of publication for the State of Michigan.*

Our hope is that your district will make contact with (or already has) these facilities and individuals and let them know that the hand of Alcoholics Anonymous is available to them. What caught our attention while categorizing this data by district was the number of outpatient service providers? We admitted that our interactions with the treatment community has almost always been with the in-patient community and we're very excited

at the prospect of extending our hand to the out-patient providers in the form of meeting lists, contact numbers, literature and our DVD, HOPE: Alcoholics Anonymous. Has your district overlooked the outpatient treatment provider?

It is our aim that as a DCM, you will forward this information to your District Treatment Chair or maybe this bit of work will help your district in forming a treatment committee and electing a chairperson. We ask that you do not take this work on yourself. It is principled that our workload is to be carried by a fellowship, not by an individual. So, for those of you that might find that you have no one to take up this work, please contact the Area Treatment Chair at; treatment@area74.org . As a committee, we will then make these contacts on your behalf.

Your Area Treatment Committee has nine of our HOPE DVDs to provide to those districts that might not have the resources to purchase them, for you to pass on to treatment providers as you see fit. To all DCM's and treatment chairs; please watch the DVD. While we would never want the DVD to do our work for us, we feel that it would be a very useful tool for treatment providers. Potential alcoholics might be able to watch this in private, and maybe it will help lead them to the same freedom that we have found.

If you or your district has any questions or needs, please contact us. Much like to the still suffering alcoholic; reach for our hand because we're responsible.

*In your debt,
Area 74 Treatment Committee*

Conference Bids and reports:

2013 Spring Conference

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2013 Spring Conference be held in District 18.

District 18 requested to host the 2013 Spring Conference on May 17, 18 and 19 2013 in Marquette, MI. Hosting facility is the Ramada Inn; room rates will be \$109.00 per night for the room only or \$119.00 per night with a brunch (double occupancy). Registration fee is \$18.00 the banquet fee is \$27.00.

2014 Fall Conference

No bid was presented for the 2014 Fall conference – it will be re-presented to the October 20 Fall Assembly.

2012 Spring Conference final report – District 13 Report given

2013 Fall Conference report – District 10, September 20-22, 2013 - No report given

ECR 5 State Conference report – Len D – July 19-21, 2013 in Appleton WI

Although your committee is moving along with the conference planning, but there is an important duty or task each of you need to perform.

Please be there and bring someone with you.

Each of the fourteen (14) Service Areas in the East Central Region will be there, and we (meaning each servant of Area 74) will bring to our 5 state conference an example of how each of us in Area 74 understand how and why we belong to that greater whole.

Please encourage each GSR, DCM, and committee member to fully participate in our East Central Regional five (5) State Conference next July 19, 20, 21st in Appleton's Paper Valley Hotel- See you there.

Thank you for letting me serve you.

2014 Spring Conference report – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014

We've only had 2 meetings but after some excitement and attraction in our newsletter, we met in September and had 15 people attend the meeting we have appointed a conference chair and treasurer. We discussed the open positions available and asked people to consider where or how they wanted to help. We discussed themes and will vote on one at our November meeting.

A few committee members listened to some speaker CD's and really loved one but we found out he was no longer on the speaker circuit and so our search continues. We also discussed two entertainment options (a DJ vs. a live duo) and will be finalizing that soon.

We have signed our contract for the Bridgewood Resort in Neenah. Room rates are \$119.00/night for either single or double occupancy. (50 room block). While we realize this is pricey, we will be working on getting and finalizing other hotel options. We will be formalizing our budget at next meeting in November so we can give you final registration costs and banquet costs early next year (tentative \$17.00 registration/\$42.00 registration/banquet).

I encourage you to attend and mark your calendars for the Spring Conference May 16-18th since we will be unveiling our District 02 Grapevine committee song about the Grapevine=exciting!!

Our next meeting will occur in November prior to our District meeting in New London so we will have more details to come for the Spring Assembly in 2013.

Break for lunch 12:00 to 1:00 pm
Reconvene at 1:12PM

Unfinished Business.

Motion by District 01: To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 sponsored event is now pending.

"To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 Sponsored Event. To be funded by Area 74 and to be held a weekend in August that doesn't conflict with other Area 74 events."

The motion is asking the area to put up \$500 in seed money for the Area to host the event.

This motion would be a change to the Area Guidelines and will require a 2/3 majority to pass.

Discussion followed and included:

- *Area would cover the costs if it lost money*
- *Can it be held in MI every 2nd or 3rd year*
- *There are districts who can't afford to attend conferences – the area can't really afford to fund this event*
- *The second workshop didn't go over very well in Appleton*
- *Kim's comments*
- *Will districts bid on this event – they aren't even bidding on the conferences*
- *What will we do if no one bids on it – will it just go away?*

Motion voted on

In favor 6
Opposed 33

The minority voice spoke.

A person voting in the minority wished to change their vote

A vote to reconsider was taken

In favor 9
Opposed 29

The motion was not reconsidered

New Business

Motion: Approve a new chairperson for the for the Structures and Guidelines committee.

The Structures and Guidelines committee recommends that Joel Sattler be approved for this position.

Joel accepts the nomination to chair the Structures & Guidelines committee and was approved by this body through a simple majority vote

Presentation of 2013 recommended budget by the Finance committee.

Please take this budget back to your groups – it will be voted on at the next Assembly in Three Lakes on October 20, 2012

Motion by District 13 discontinue catering for assemblies:

“Discontinue catering services for meals provided at Area 74 Assemblies.”

Background:

Past Assembly action charged the Area to provide the Assembly members with a catered hot meal. The cost per member for the meal depends on the number of meals purchased. As less people participate in the meal, as determined by a hand count the morning of the assembly, the cost per meal would increase. By capping this cost per meal at \$10.00, there are times the Area had to pay the excess cost over \$10.00 per meal. Therefore this meal option is not cost effective anymore and in conflict with our 7th Tradition of self-support. This motion would be effective upon approval by this Assembly.

In Service,
District 13

Discontinue catering services for meals provided at Area 74 Assemblies

The Area Chair indicated:

- 1. If this motion passes, this will be a change to the guidelines*
- 2. A change to our guidelines requires a 2/3 majority vote*

The motion was seconded and a vote was taken

<i>In favor</i>	<i>40</i>
<i>Opposed</i>	<i>4</i>

The minority voice spoke indicating this motion says "all catering." Perhaps we should look at other catering options before making this change.

One person in the minority wished to change their vote - a vote to reconsider was taken

<i>In favor of reconsideration</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Opposed to reconsider</i>	<i>26</i>

We did not reconsider – there will be no lunch provided at the October 20, 2012 Assembly.

NOTE: BRING A LUNCH OR PLAN TO GO OUT AND BE BACK ON TIME

Motion: Proposed prudent reserve motion from the Finance committee.

In order to establish a prudent operating reserve, the Finance Committee is making the following motion;

1. That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$3,000, which would represent one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses.
2. That these monies be deposited in a separate savings account in the same financial institution as the checking account managed by the Area 74 Treasurer.
3. That the reserve be established as follows:
 - a. Deposit \$500 dollars in to the new savings account.
 - b. Continue to transfer \$100 per month until the \$3,000 total is achieved.
4. That the Treasurer notifies the Finance Committee prior to the transfer of monies if it becomes necessary to utilize prudent reserve funds to cover Area expenses.
5. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Committee at the next Area committee meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
6. That the Finance Committee notifies the Area Assembly at the next Area Assembly meeting that prudent reserve funds have been utilized.
7. That needed monies be transferred to the checking account from savings account in \$500 increments.
8. In the event that reserve monies are utilized, these monies will be replaced by transferring \$100 per month from the checking account to restore the reserve to its established value, starting in the following month.

9. This motion becomes effective immediately following Assembly approval.

This motion comes out of committee and is a seconded motion.

Discussion followed and included:

- *The motion says “represents ¼ of Area 74 Operating Expenses” what are “operating expenses” and how are they defined?*
- *A friendly amendment was made to strike all words after \$3,000,:*

~~That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$3,000, which would represent one quarter of Area 74 operating expenses.~~

To read:

That the Area Assembly establishes a prudent reserve of \$3,000.

Motion made and seconded to accept a change to the motion

In favor of change Unanimous

Items 4 and 6

- *Someone requested the assembly approve using money out of the prudent reserve before the money is moved.*
 - *The Treasurer explained that he would only use money out of the prudent reserve to pay expenses that have already been approved. If we wait to bring it assembly for approval we will not be able to take care of our financial obligations in a timely fashion..*
- *Several comments in appreciation of the efforts of the Finance Committee and in agreement with the motion.*
- *Language was over complicated and unnecessary*
- *When we hit our prudent reserve we should change the way we're spending.*
- *Does changing the amount from ¼ to \$3,000 change the spirit of the motion? Because it doesn't follow the traditional three month prudent reserve, it was suggested we don't follow this.*
 - *Response: because we are in a state of flux with all of the changes to the Area, we don't really know what a three month prudent reserve would be. This is a starting point; and it can be modified as we go along..*

A vote was taken:

<i>In favor</i>	<i>38</i>
<i>Opposed</i>	<i>7</i>

The minority voice spoke and the following was discussed:

- *There have been situations where there was a financial emergency in the past and we have survived those situations.*

None in the majority wished to change their vote. The motion passed

Finance committee met and has approved all of the requests. The CPC is requesting an additional \$66.86. They will be reimbursed a total of \$766.86.

The request was approved by a voice vote.

Minority voice spoke

One in the minority wished to speak

- *we have a budget to live within and we should*
- *what is the overage for*

A vote to reconsider was taken

In favor 13

Opposed 17

Motion to reconsider fails payment was made

New business at the October Assembly.

S&G booklet

S&G update guidelines

Closed with responsibility declaration

Meeting Adjourned at 2:27 PM

Area 74 Assembly at Fall Conference – September 22, 2012 - Houghton, MI

(please note Houghton is in the Eastern Time Zone – times listed are “local time”)

8:30 am **Orientation for GSRs and DCMs**

9:00 am **Open Meeting**

Roll Call

9:10 – 10: am – Open Sharing Session – topic: How can we (the Area Committee) help Districts increase activity/actions that can be taken.

10:00 am Approval of Assembly Minutes from 5/19/2012

Secretary/Registrar Report

Treasurer Report

Area Chair Report

10:30 am **Delegates Report (5 minutes/report – 15 minutes for questions)**

Standing Committee Reports (2 to 3 minute reports)

Lunch

Unfinished Business:

Motion: To make the Concepts Workshop an annual Area 74 Sponsored Event. To be funded by Area 74 and to be held a weekend in August that doesn't conflict with other Area 74 events. (from District 01, contact Marty C.)

Conference Reports:

Spring Conference 2012 - District 13 – final report

Accepting Bids for Spring Conference 2013

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10...note date change to Sept 20-22, 2013

ECR 5 State Conference Hosted by Area 74 – 2013

Spring Conference 2014 – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014

Accepting Bids for Fall Conference 2014

New Business:

Approval of Structures and Guidelines committee Chair

Presentation of tentative 2013 budget – Voting will take place at October Assembly

Discontinue catering services for meals provided at Area 74 Assemblies.

Proposed Prudent Reserve Motion

2:30 pm **Close meeting**

Any AA member coming to the Area 74 Fall Conference to attend the Area Assembly ***ONLY*** on Saturday, Sept.22, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm will not be charged a registration fee or given a name badge. Simply tell the registration desk you are there for the Assembly only.

Area 74 Assembly – October 20, 2012

Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI

Open Meeting at 9:02 AM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Traditions read by Dan F.

Concepts read by Barbie M.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24

Past delegates: Len D., Bob M., Torv T., Jeff C., Steve H., Dodie A., Chuck S.

Area Chair reviewed voice and vote privileges, and microphone edict

October 20, 2012 Assembly Agenda was revised, restated and approved.

The Assembly Minutes from September 22, 2012 were changed with a correction to change “o” to “to” on page one.

Reports:

Secretary/Registrar Report

Traci & I have been working together very well. We have developed a system to make minute taking and publishing much easier. Thank you Traci, for all of your time, hard work and commitment!

As the year draws to a close GSO is preparing for the rotation of Area Officer's for the odd year rotation. During the first or second weekend in December Registrars will be locked out of the Fellowship New Visions Software, so we will have limited access to the Fellowship Database.

Area 74 Facts:

Total Groups	1,265
Active Groups	650
Pending Activation	3
Inactive Groups	442
Unknown	117
Incomplete	8
Merged	51

Pending Activation – There is a 30 day waiting period for new groups to become active. When the group is in a pending activation status they are within that 30 waiting period.

Inactive Group – This occurs when GSO or Sec/Reg is notified by the GSR or group contact person of record that the group is no longer meeting. If the change is made by someone other than the person of record GSO will attempt to contact the person of record to verify the status. There will be a 30 day waiting period before the group is moved to an inactive status. The group can be moved to active as soon as there is a person willing to serve as the group contact or GSR.

Unknown – GSO does not have a GSR or group contact attached to a group, or mail is being returned from the address of record for the contact person on file. You will not receive contribution information, Box 459, or Area information until this information is corrected

Incomplete – This status is most likely attached to a new group or a group that has made changes to a meeting day, time or location and the information is incomplete. You will not receive contribution information, Box 459, or Area information until this information is corrected

Merged – The group of record has merged with another group. This information remains on file.

Of the 650 active groups in Area 74 we have email addresses on file for 205 of them; a little less than one third.

When I took over the Registrar position there were a total of 236 unknown groups listed within Fellowship New Vision Database. With the help of our DCM's, in the last 12 months we have cut that number by more than half, to 117. My goal is to get the Group status of all groups within Area 74 accurate and up to date. I have emailed DCM's a copy of the Group Status for each District so they may continue to update records as they come available. I also have a copy of the Groups that are not currently assigned to a district. If you could come up and take a look at it and see if you can help fill in any of the blanks, I would really appreciate it.

Check the November Now & Then for information on the service position of the Area Registrar.

Area Chair Report

There is no new report since meeting at the conference in September.

Archives:

The Photo album book has been purchased and is ready to get filled with the pictures from past and present Delegates. We have one photo so far. Please past delegates get your photos in to either me or Mark M. If you are an Archive Chair for your district please check your archives to see if you have a photo of a past Delegate that was in your district.

The Area is still looking for a new Archivist. If you have any interest in the position or questions please contact me or Mark.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Weyenberg

Treasurer Report

Correction to Treasurers Report: The ECR conference reimbursement should be ECR Forum reimbursement. This reimbursement has never been budgeted for – that will be corrected later today.

Motion was made and seconded to approve.

Expenses are down and so are group contributions. It is difficult for us to present a balanced budget because of these fluctuations.

Literature Chair spoke. Literature Chair suggested the committee move \$50 from literature the Committee Expense to Literature Chair Expense. The change was made. Motion to approve was made with corrections.

Area 74 Income and Expense Report – YTD 1/1/2012 through 10/16/12/2012

	Area Yearly Beginning Balance	7,974.03
INCOME	Group Contribution	14,033.05
	*Other Income	2,865.30
	Personal Anniversary	<u>50.00</u>
	TOTAL INCOME	24,922.38

EXPENSES

Archive Committee Expenses	487.48
Archives Chair Expense	381.81
Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	190.58
Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	345.00
Assembly Rent	300.00
Corrections Chair Expense - WI	236.00
Corrections Committee Expense - WI	0
Corrections Chair Expense – MI	99.07
Corrections Committee Expense – MI	63.64
CPC Chair Expense	766.80
CPC Committee Expense	108.40
Delegate Expense	1643.05
Finance Chair Expense	229.00
Finance Committee Expense	367.22
Grapevine Chair Expense	700.00
Grapevine Committee Expense	24.00
Literature Chair Expense	431.05
Literature Committee Expense	50.00
Now And Then Committee Expenses	4338.18
Now And Then Chair Expenses	208.00
Public Information Chair Expenses	304.00
Public Information Committee Expenses	46.34
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	87.06
Secretary - Registrar Expense	335.73
Seed Money Request	3700.00
Structures and Guide Chair Expense	451.80
Structures and Guide Committee	227.40
Treasurer Expense	385.80
Treatment Chair Expenses	310.00
Treatment Committee Expense	90.00
Coffee and refreshments	272.32
*Other Expenses	<u>861.91</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,041.64

Account Balance **6,880.74**

*Other Income	Spring Conference Gain	1281.30
	Spring Conference Seed Return	1000.00
	Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	506.00
	Spring Assembly Refresh. Donations	<u>78.00</u>
	Total Other Income	2,865.30

*Other Expense	Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	600.00
	Area Committee Meeting (District 10)	36.91
	ECR Conference Reimbursements	<u>225.00</u>
	Total Other Expense	861.91

Delegates Report

It's been a rather quiet month since our last Assembly, if we don't count the committee conference call work many of our Area members have been working on. I did have the opportunity to road trip with a past delegate to District 20 in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, thank you Derek and District 20 for the hospitality and great district meeting/workshop.

I have also been in contact with District 12; I believe several AA members from that District are here today. I have Final Conference Reports here for the Districts that did not get them from the Assembly in Houghton last month.

I have not received any feedback from the Area AA members regarding the survey question, and little response on the 11th Tradition question that I requested in Houghton. **Deadline is December 20th to get the groups feedback.**

I'll be forwarding what information I have next month. If you have comments or opinions from your Home Group, please get them to me today.

We have some important elections to accomplish today, it is important we elect the best servants to support our Area and Local 12-step work. Vote with diligence of the best people to serve A.A. as a whole.

I have been receiving information of Regional Trustee Candidates from Areas rotating and quite a few Trustee-at-Large, US Candidates. We'll see if we add a trusted servant to those lists.

I have not been contacted to participate in any more district meetings, workshops, or sharing sessions this year. I am well under budget with the monies you support my endeavors with, and welcome any ideas where I can contribute to the event.

The last Assembly had a question posed to me of Advisory Actions of the past that may have changed the intent of the AA survey. The PI Committee of the General Service Office responded to my request for help in that research, and I had a same day reply giving me the summary of such actions. That is an example of how our General Service Office is there to serve us.

I look forward to another year serving you and Area 74, again the most important event I need your input on is the Delegate Workshop this spring, prior to the General Service Conference. I hope all of you here attend the workshop and next day Assembly to provide a well informed Group Conscience to carry your voice at the conference.

A pleasure and privilege to serve you,
In Service, with Love,
Marty Laakso

Marty was asked to expound on the details around the rewording of the Short Form of the Eleventh Tradition. Share our feelings on the effectiveness of the wording of Tradition Eleven. Please GSR's, DCM's take this back to your groups. Should we change this Tradition or does it suffice. This will be discussed at the Delegates Workshop. You can respond directly to Marty at his email address.

Three positions are currently available at GSO. Two are appointed positions Corrections PI & Director of Publications for AAWS.

CPC:

Hello Family,
We have met as a Committee five times this year at our assemblies and conferences. Our Committee consists of me, Bruce L. – Dist. 17, Cliff P. – Dist. 11, Dawn M. – Dist. 20, Eddie G. – Dist. 16, and Roy E. – Dist. 18.

I have reached out to all of our area's districts and asked if there is anything this Area Committee can do for them or assist them with. I have not received any request at this time.

In Loving Service,
Marty C. CPC Chairperson Area 74

Corrections MI:

Not present – No communication.

Corrections WI:

Not present – Ron had cataract surgery and was not able to attend – he extends his apologies.

Finance:

The Finance committee met once at the fall conference and once since then by conference call. At our meeting at the fall conference, we agreed to give the District 18, \$1000.00 seed money. We approved all the reimbursement requests that were within the guidelines and brought back an overage request to the assembly for CPC of \$66.80 which was approved by the assembly. There were two requests for East Central regional Conference reimbursements that were approved. At conference call meeting,

- 1) We looked over the projected budget and estimated the projected income for 2013. We projected \$18,500 for group contributions for the year and \$2,500 for other income for the year. We based this on \$1,560 per month taken in through group contributions. We need another line item under expenses of \$1,200 for the prudent reserve for 2013 and \$600 for 2012. \$6,500 will be the Area yearly beginning balance. \$30,115 will be the expenses for 2013. -\$2,590 will be the projected end of year balance and \$1,800 will be the prudent reserve for the year.
- 2) We discussed How to handle overage requests, and what the reimbursements were meant to cover and updating the finance guidelines and whose role it is to update them, and decided that these items need to be brought to the area committee. This will be done at the December area committee meeting.

Yours in service
Terry McKay

Grapevine Chair:

Grapevine's latest print book is now available **Happy Joyous & Free – The Lighter Side of Sobriety**. Getting sober can be painful and amazing, but it also can be pretty darn amusing. The collection of stories from this book shows how, in recovery, AA's have learned to laugh. It's full of light and humorous stories about our early mistakes, navigating drinking events, funny things sponsors say, interesting Twelve-Step calls, and more. The stories remind us to not take ourselves so seriously and to always strive to be "happy, joyous and free." The list of books available electronically continues to increase with the addition of **Young & Sober** (A collection of Grapevine stories about the joys and challenges of getting sober at an early age.) **Into Action** (Written by members with varying lengths of sobriety highlighting the practice of the Twelve Steps.) Additional eBooks include: Language of the Heart, Best of Bill, Lo Mejor de Bill, Step by Step, Emotional Sobriety I & II, and Spiritual Awakenings II.

Grapevine stories are now being accepted on the topic of "Making Amends" for March 2013 and beyond and the topic of "Bridging the Gap" for April 2013 and beyond. Please keep in mind that the Grapevine works 5 months in advance. The 2013 Editorial Calendar, featuring all of next year's Grapevine issue themes is available on the website. Please visit aagrapevine.org, then click on "Share", then click on "Editorial Calendar". Download the Grapevine News at www.aagrapevine.org/gvr. Daily Grapevine Quote now reaches 13,100 subscribers - pass it on!

Newly Reprinted Facsimiles of the magazines honoring Dr. Bob and Bill W. Newly reprinted editions of the original 1951 and 1971 Grapevines published in honor of Dr. Bob and Bill W. upon their deaths. The magazines contain the story of each co-founder's life, plus articles from their friends and early AA members reflecting on the extraordinary character of each man and their contributions to the worldwide Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The magazines come in a protective sleeve.

Register as a Grapevine or La Vina Representative

After volunteering and getting elected for this service position by your group, please register with the GVR Coordinator by **Mail: GVR Coordinator, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1264, New York, NY, 10115.** **Online:** Click on the Resources/GVR tab on **AAGrapevine.org** and click on Victor E. box on the upper right for the form or click on the La Vina tab for the form in Spanish.

Back Issues of the Grapevine

The AA Grapevine pack of 30 is intended to be used for hospitals and institutions. Packs contain 30 assorted back issues. (There are always multiple copies of the same issue in each pack). For availability visit **AAGrapevine.org** Store under "GV Back Issues" and "LV Back Issues".

Area 74 Grapevine Committee

The Grapevine Committee has provided a Grapevine Display at our Assemblies and Conferences this past year. The Committee Chair has kept you updated on the Grapevine by providing you with the latest in Grapevine News thru monthly articles in the Area newsletter Now and Then. At the Fall Conference in Houghton we had a request by District 09 Grapevine Committee to put on a Grapevine Workshop in District 09. After further discussion at their District meeting their committee decided to hold this Workshop in the spring of next year with the hope of better attendance. I will keep you informed on the date and location for this event. I personally would invite any District that wants a Grapevine Workshop to contact me or any Grapevine Committee member.

Yours in Service

Steve H.

Grapevine Chair

A question was asked whether anyone has discussed the 10 new GV books or the restructuring of the GV. There has been no new information on either question.

Question: Are GV and LaVina separate projects. GV is not a service piece it is a magazine. LaVina is a separate service projects. There seems to be some confusion

Bob M Response – LaVina expressed a need for a Spanish speaking pamphlet by Spanish people. It used to be reprinted from stories by AA's. 5 year test period was done. After the test year it was voted to go forward with the magazine. They have their own editor and so on. They are getting paid for from a stipend. Question was asked why it's separate.

Len D Response – The Grapevine is a service to AA not a part of AAWS. AAWS is not set up to publish the La Vina.

Literature:

Please excuse my 9:00A.M. arrival this morning. I would like to be set up in advance and will make efforts to get to events early.

I purchased 5 new storage containers at a cost of \$38.88 – we've been losing them to breakage.

I have two new items:

- The advisory actions of the GSO 1951 – 2012 at a cost of \$2.50 each
- 2011 Membership survey pamphlet.

I would like to introduce a draft of the letter concerning shipping charges for literature.

October 20, 2012

Dear Board of Trustees:

Our Area74 Assembly wants to register its opposition to the proposed changes to the shipping rates on literature orders once on-line ordering goes into effect. The schedule that was on the GSO Website showed an increase in order size required for free-shipping, from \$250 up to \$600. The shipping charges were stated as a percent of the order, going as high as 19%. This raises issues that concern us:

- 1) Individual AA members and groups will be impacted the most while larger and sometimes outside interest will incur no charges at all.

Volume buyers already receive volume discounts. It seems "the more you have the less you have to pay". Why not make it equitable and charge actual shipping on orders with a handling charge relevant to the time it takes to fill the orders? A large order may not have the same per book expense but certainly takes more time to move (whether case by case with handcart or with forklifts and trucks).

- 2) Our basic spiritual principles, traditions and warranties cannot be ignored simply because an idea "makes good business sense".

Raises questions of self-support: are we becoming dependent on profit-making on book sales because contributions are inadequate? Just how much overhead and other costs make up book price-do we really need to increase book profits?

The Right of Decision allows for changing the rates but because of the impact the changes would have we would like a proper report of the proposed action to be taken-in the spirit of mutual trust.

Yours in Service,

Be sure to let me know if there are things you would like me to stock that I do not currently have.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service.

Alison

Feedback "what happened between 1977 and today" with regards to literature and shipping prices

Friendly suggestion made and accepted to change the word "opposition" in the first paragraph to read "displeasure."

There is a sense of urgency to sending this letter out. If we don't do something about it quickly we may lose our window of opportunity to share our concerns. The letter will be made available throughout the Assembly so we can approve the draft of this letter with minor changes so it can go out today.

Motion

There was a motion made and seconded to have the Area Delegate and Literature Chair clean up the letter and mail it out by November 15, 2012. The motion was approved unanimously.

Now & Then:

Co-editor now and then report

I would like to make amends to Area 74 because I have not fulfilled my responsibilities as co editor. At this time I will step down from co-editor. If my actions have caused any inconvenience please accept my apologies. If there is something that I need to do to make this amends please let me know? Thank you for allowing me to serve area 74.

At this time I turn this report over to Bob.

Thanks
Dodie

My name is Bob M your co-editor of the "Now And Then".

Thanks Dodie for her service and will miss her input and service to the newsletter. In light of Dodie's resignation, I will be looking for a replacement Co-Editor. If anyone is interested see me after the Assembly.

I requested and received \$1,000 from the Area Treasurer to pay for expenses that will be accrued through the end of the year. I spent \$489.25 on printing and mailing the October newsletter. I mailed 430 hard copies. Due to the bulk mailing permit being with the Chetek Post Office and the distance it would be for me to take the newsletter to that Post Office, I had to mail the newsletter by first class mail. I will most likely continue to do that until I find a Co-Editor.

Are folks receiving email copies of the newsletter? Are all the Area standing committee chairs and Officers receiving their copy of the newsletter by email?

Since I am doing the printing and mailing of the hardcopies I am learning more about that part of the publishing of an Area newsletter.

Need updates for monthly District meeting schedules for the 2013 year by 12/15/2012. Upcoming events can be sent to me by email.

Placing of the "Dates to Remember for 2013" in the newsletter will provide information to Districts and Groups reminding them of when Area events are planned for 2013. This can also be used when planning local events so they hopefully will not plan events on dates that conflict with planned Area events.

Still looking for articles from Area standing committee chairs, DCM's, GSR's, and members about the service work they are involved in.

Thank You for allowing me to be of Service to you.

Bob M
Area 74 Co-Editor of the "Now and Then"

Public Information:

Spoke with Adam K District 14 & 5 may be interested in hosting a joint workshop regarding PSA's for Richmond, Amery and River Falls. There was a suggestion made to the PI chair that after the elections we run PSA's on TV and Radio.

Scott moved from WI to Alaska – there is a new PI committee member Brent H.

My contact information is KVande@att.net – phone number is 920-419-2811

The membership survey's are here they are \$22.00 each. Pamphlet P-48 can be used as a PI tool.

We are discussing where to put and maintain literature racks.

We talked about the importance of discussing Tradition Eleven changes with groups.

Matt has requested reimbursement for website expenses of \$35.00
I am sharing expenses with the finance chair as a cost saving measure.
Keith Van D. PI Chair

Structures & Guidelines:

During the last month, the Structures and Guidelines committee has been working to update the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines. After many hours of debate and editing, the S&G committee would like to offer the updated Conference Planning Guidelines draft for Area 74 assembly review. The updated Conference Planning Guidelines are on the back table.

This committee also reviewed the Assembly-passed prudent reserve motion. After debate, the S&G committee concluded that the motion itself was not in guideline format. This was a new term for some of us on the committee. Since the motion was a directive for the Finance Committee, the S&G committee has asked the finance Committee to review the motion and determine its placement into the Finance guidelines. The S&G committee had extensive debate about this new topic, motions in guideline format. The debate focused on the fact that when motions affecting the guidelines are passed by Assembly action, depending on the wording, it may or may not fit readily into the guidelines. The question raised by the debate in the S&G committee is, **“Does the S&G committee have the authority to edit the wording (friendly amendments) of passed assembly motions, as so not to interfere with the motions intent or direction, so that the motion can be placed in the Area guidelines?”**

Some on the committee said why not, while others said absolutely not. The debate also brought up the discussion that motions dealing with changes to the guidelines should be submitted to the assembly in guideline format prior to being voted upon by the assembly.

It could be a truly positive and growing experience for Area 74 if this new formatting of motions could be implemented. The S&G committee will keep the Assembly informed of future discussions on this subject.

The S&G committee also awaits the Assembly’s input as to our committee’s question of whether or not the assembly body would like the S&G committee to look into providing a booklet containing the passed assembly actions of Area 74. This is not a motion; the committee is simply asking if the assembly body would like the S&G committee to look into it.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve Area 74.

(Fictitious Motion)
(For Example Purposes Only)

Motion not in guideline format

Motion -- Alternate delegate to where pink polka dotted shoes at all assemblies.

Motion in Guideline format

Motion

Article 3 section 5

The Alternate (area) delegate shall serve as the area chair person and as such has the responsibility for chairing area business meetings at conferences and assemblies.

To be changed too.

The Alternate (area) delegate shall serve in pink polka dotted shoes while serving as chair person and as such has the responsibility for chairing area business meetings at conferences and assemblies.

(Fictitious Motion)
(For Example Only)

Questions:

- Was raised does the committee have any idea of the financial ramifications of this "...providing a booklet containing the passed assembly actions of Area 74." **We have no idea**
- Someone within the Area has made a CD of past changes so some of the work is already done.
- With our website available, could this information be placed on our website? Ad hoc committee will investigate.

Treatment:

Please consider my report from the September Assembly to be my report for the October Assembly also.

There may be out patients' facilities that have not been contacted. DVD on hope is available for districts that don't have it. It addresses questions that newcomers may have.

Since there is no such book containing treatment facilities in Upper Michigan, I conducted research to find several treatments facilities in the U.P. I then compared between Area 74 website (map) and Google map to determine which district they were located in, but because the map is hard to read there might be some overlap or changing/swapping.

Please get a hold of Scott or myself if you are in the UP so we can get your list or we can be in contact via email.

Robin Kasel

DCM- 02

Treatment committee Member

Robin from district 02

Unfinished Business: (there is no unfinished business to carry forward)

Conference Reports:

Final Report – 2012 Fall Conference – District 21 – no one present from District 21 to provide a final report.

Spring Conference 2013 – District 18 - May 17-19, 2013

- We have met twice since the fall conference in Houghton
- We discussed finances. We reimbursed our district \$450 for a seed to make deposit on our hotel/DJ. This was possible with the seed money we received at the fall conference from Area 74.
- We have tentative schedule of events established. We will be putting that info on District 18 and Area 74 websites.
- We selected a Saturday night speaker. Her name is Valerie O. a current staff member from the GSO She is currently in the process of retiring.
- We are currently beginning to receive registration. If we could get the word out to get those in ASAP.
- We currently have 30-40 volunteers. We see this number increasing as the conference grows nearer. Is there anyone who would like to volunteer? If so, please contact myself or Roy E. (contact persons on flyer)
- All is well. Our excitement grows as things fall into place.
- We brought more flyers. Also, the PDF accessible versions should be in both District 18 and Area 74 websites.

ECR 5 State Conference, July 19-21, 2-13 in Appleton, WI

As we are coming to a close on 2012 and looking forward to 2013, I would like to remind Area 74 of what we need to do to make the East Central Regional Conference a huge success. The conference will begin on Friday, July 19th at the Paper Valley Radisson Hotel in Appleton, WI.

We will open the Conference with a flag ceremony; our country's stars and stripes will lead the flags from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, with our own state of Wisconsin flag bringing up the rear. Panels from both Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon along with an Alkathon will entertain us throughout the weekend.

A main speaker beginning Friday Night, an Al-Anon speaker Saturday afternoon, a Past Trustee and General Service Office manager, George D., will be our Saturday night speaker, closing on Sunday, morning July 21st, with another special guest from our service structure sending us home with thankful hearts, but for now I have a special request for each of you.

As each of you travel around our area this winter please remind everyone the East Central Regional Conference is being hosted by our area now, but will be hosted by Area 75 the next time it comes back to Wisconsin. Our neighbors to our south have said they will celebrate and help us host this event. Perhaps we can help them celebrate and host the next time it comes back to our state too. We need to show all fourteen areas in our region, we work together; bringing recovery to those seeking a new way of life.

Please help our committee in showing these fellow A.A.'s and guests, from the five states, how much we in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan are thankful they have come in joining us in this celebration of recovery, unity, and service.

Now for some housekeeping chores:

The committee is returning the \$1,000.00 seed money to the area treasurer because we received the seed money from Michigan, the last state hosting the regional conference. We are asking that although we have returned the seed money we may need some or all of the seed money to be returned to maintain a \$3,000 balance. We have contacted the area finance chair requesting the area chairs attend the conference. . We are requesting the Area 74 Literature attend, display, and sell literature during the conference. We are requesting the Area 74 Archives be displayed at the conference. There will be a "Hospitality Room" open during the weekend, but not continuous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Len DeWitt, Past Delegate Panel 26

Chairperson- East Central Regional Conference Host Planning Committee

If your group would be interested in hosting a 2 hour window in the hospitality room, please contact Steve H., Marty C., or Len DeW.

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10....Sept 20-22, 2013

The District 10 Conference Committee has been working diligently to make a great conference for you! Our committee chose the theme of "12 Steps to Freedom". We have assigned and filled just about all of the committees that will serve you. We have a treasurer, registrar and co-registrar, panel & program chairs & secretary. In addition, our committees include banquet, Alanon, entertainment, printing-art deco, alcathon, literature, Grapevine, Archives and hospitality amongst others. We are also working with Alanon as they schedule their main speaker.

Committees have been working with our liaison at the Waters of Minocqua to determine the menu for Saturday night & a reasonably-priced lunch for Saturday afternoon so that no one has to leave the campus in order to eat. We are also planning an ice cream social for Friday night. The program & panel chairs have been working together to choose interesting panels and diverse people from around the area and beyond to speak on subjects of interest in Alcoholic's Anonymous. We are still a work in progress. We have invited the Alanon chair to join our committee meeting.

We have begun mapping out the conference & have been working with the liaison at the Waters and recently toured again. This is our 2nd tour in order to determine the rooms that are available for panels and other interests. We are going to have a map available that will help conference-goers navigate the different areas of the conference center. We have speakers for Friday & Saturday night and for Sunday morning; we will have our East Central Regional Trustee as our main speaker.

I would like to remind you that we put the conference flyers on the front table so that you may now begin registering for the conference and making your reservations for the hotel. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask! We thank you for the opportunity to serve the area as we keep moving forward in planning a wonderful conference for you!

Thank you

Area 74 Fall Conference Committee

Spring Conference 2014 – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014

- District 02 is still actively working on planning the conference. Our last meeting we set up a program/panel speaker committee who will be looking at various options for a speaker. Our goal is to have a list of options in two weeks so that we may narrow down our options.
- Our last meeting we had approximately 20 people attend so we have lots of willing bodies to plan. We connected with an Alanon rep to join our meetings.
- We will have our next meeting in November and will select our theme and speaker and finalizing entertainment. At our next Assembly in the spring we will have numerous more updates and a lot more details to report. At this time we are requesting \$1000 seed money so that we can secure a PO Box and checking account.

Bids for Fall Conference 2014

District 05 will be putting together a bid for the fall 2014 Conference.

Bids for Spring Conference 2015

District 01 will be present the idea to his district and hopefully come to the next Assembly prepared with a bid.

New Business:

Election during the even year to serve throughout the odd year as a Finance Committee member

Qualifications for the position are candidate must be a GSR or DCM (past or present)

- Meet regularly with the finance committee to approve financial requests
- Participate in the budgeting process
- May rotate into Finance Chair position

- Requires approximately 1 hour at each conference and assembly – then about 2 hours of additional work per month.
 - Bryon B nominated – declined nomination
 - Jeff D. Past GSR District 04 nominated – accepted nomination
 - Eddie G. Current DCM District 16 nominated – accepted nomination
 - Bob D. nominated – accepted nomination

Each nominee shared a little about themselves. Nominations were closed.

Total votes counted were 61 votes were distributed as follows:

Bob D.	10
Eddie G.	13
Jeff D.	38

A written vote was taken and by plurality Jeff D. was elected the new finance committee member. Congratulations and thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Nomination & Election for East Central Regional Trustee Candidate:

Every four years there is an opportunity to bring a candidate forward for the position of East Central Regional Trustee. The qualifications are as follows.

- Past delegate out of service for 1 year
- 3 quarterly board meetings
- General Svc Conference
- Subcommittees & committees
- Attend regional forums
- Rotational visits for other forums
- May be asked to serve on AAWS or grapevine board
- 10 years sobriety suggested
- Experience in service
- Serve entire fellowship – not just their area.
- Maintains concern for fellowship

Third legacy procedure is used for this voting process. A 2/3 majority is required for nomination. Past delegates present and eligible for nomination and their position are:

Dodie A. Decline
 Steve H. Decline
 Len D. Decline
 Chuck S. Accept
 Torv T. Accept
 Jeff C. Accept

First ballot vote: 62 votes 2/3 = 41

Chuck S 29
 Torv T. 7
 Jeff C. 26

Second ballot vote: 62 votes 2/3 = 41

Chuck S 33
 Torv T. 4
 Jeff C. 25

Third ballot vote: 62 votes 2/3 = 41

Chuck S 38
Jeff C. 24

Fourth ballot vote: 59 votes 2/3 = 39
Chuck S 37
Jeff C. 22

Motion made and seconded to go to a 5th ballot
20 in favor
37 opposed

Motion failed the names went to the hat.

Jeff C.'s name was pulled from the hat and his name will be put forward as Area 74's candidate for East Central Regional Trustee.

Nomination & Election for Trustee at large nominee:

Every four years there is an opportunity to bring a candidate forward for the position of Trustee at Large. The qualifications are as follows.

- Past delegate out of service for 1 year
- Three quarterly board meetings
- General Svc Conference
- Subcommittees & committees
- Attend regional forums
- Rotational visits for other forums
- Attend 3 International World services meeting
- Attend 2 local (US) International World services meeting
- May be asked to serve on AAWS or grapevine board
- 10 years sobriety suggested
- Experience in service
- Serves entire fellowship – not just their area.
- Maintains concern for fellowship
- US Trustee at Large

Third legacy procedure is used for this voting process. A 2/3 majority is required for nomination. Past delegates present and eligible for nomination and their willingness to stand are:

Dodie A. Decline
Steve H. Decline
Len D. Decline
Chuck S. Accept
Torv T. Accept

First ballot vote: 59 votes 2/3 = 39
Chuck S 50
Torv T. 9

Congratulations Chuck C. and thank you both for your willingness to serve.

We would like to open the nominations for Area Archivist. Pete W. has researched the position and is willing to serve in that capacity.

A unanimous ballot was cast for Pete W.

A point of order was called – this position is filled through a recommendation out of committee. The Archives Chair is not present to make such recommendation, but members of the committee are. They will caucus during break to make a recommendation.

DCM's on the Archives Committee have decided it would be inappropriate to present him for consideration because the full committee is not present. The members present would however like to ask Pete to serve as interim Archivist until the committee can convene and make a formal proposal to the Area.

Pete has the approval of the Assembly Body – the issue was procedural. A motion was made and seconded to assign Pete as the interim Archivist.

Approval of 2013 Budget

There have been two requests this year to pay the CPC Committee Chair for additional funds beyond the \$700.00. The first being \$66.80 (at the fall conference) and the second being \$45.00 for this Assembly. Overages have been for travel, hotel and meal expenses up to fall conference and the Fall Assembly.

Motion made and seconded to pay the overage.

39 In favor
11 Opposed

Motion passed – minority spoke

Question was not answered by either the CPC chair or the finance committee
Someone in the majority wished to change their vote

14 In favor
34 Opposed

Motion to reconsider failed – overage will be paid

A second overage has been brought to the body

GV committee is requesting payment of overage of \$16 through fall conference.

Motion to reimburse GV Chair \$16

44 In favor
4 Opposed

Motion passed – overage will be paid

	2013 Budget						
Income	2008(Actual)	2009(Actual)	2010(Actual)	2011(Actual)	2012(budget)	2012(ACTUAL)	2013(Budget)
Group Contributions	\$16,905.37	\$17,402.83	\$16,611.71	\$15,022.11	\$13,761.71	\$14,033.05	\$18,500.00
Other Income	\$5,305.18	\$4,466.69	\$5,446.29	\$3,485.88	\$4,100.00	\$2,865.30	\$2,500.00
Personal Anniversary	\$79.00	\$28.00	\$320.37	\$107.00	\$89.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
Yearly Beginning Balance	<u>\$10,894.21</u>	<u>\$11,989.23</u>	<u>\$12,475.33</u>	<u>\$14,928.72</u>	<u>\$6,960.00</u>	<u>\$7,974.03</u>	\$6,500.00
Total Income	\$33,183.76	\$33,183.76	\$34,853.70	\$33,543.71	\$26,910.71	\$24,922.38	\$27,525.00
Expenses							
Officer Expenses							
Delegate	\$2,468.21	\$3,104.53	\$1,803.90	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,643.05	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$1,265.92	\$1,031.12	\$1,191.52	\$1,139.50	\$1,300.00	\$345.00	\$1,300.00
Treasurer	\$400.00	\$404.00	\$396.93	\$1,072.27	\$1,300.00	\$385.80	\$1,300.00
Secretary- Registrar	\$460.00	\$330	\$640.25	\$506.50	\$700.00	\$335.73	\$700.00
Committee Chairs	<u>\$3,929.90</u>	<u>\$3,487.48</u>	<u>\$3,905.07</u>	<u>\$5,091.62</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,927.53</u>	<u>\$7,700.00</u>
Sub-Total	\$8,524.03	\$8,357.13	\$7,937.67		\$12,300.00	\$6,637.11	\$13,600.00
Committee Expenses							
Archives	\$495.76	\$324.40	\$510.00	\$401.80	\$600.00	\$487.48	\$600.00
Area Chair -Alt Delegate Expenses	\$136.28	\$245.20	\$329.12	\$246.10	\$350.00	\$190.58	\$350.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$150.00	\$65.00	\$148.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$63.64	\$125.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$0.00	\$73.48	\$220.23	\$72.13	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
CPC Committee	\$77.00	\$68.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$108.40	\$125.00
Finance Chair Expenses	\$289.64	\$451.91	\$902.72	\$652.40	\$500.00	\$367.22	\$500.00
Grapevine Committee	\$125.00	\$218.00	\$50.00	\$186.90	\$350.00	\$24.00	\$350.00
Literature Committee	\$50.00	\$52.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Now & Then Committee	\$3,189.00	\$4,294.00	\$3,574.50	\$5,050.45	\$6,000.00	\$4,338.18	\$5,500.00
Public Information Committee	\$256.50	\$124.50	\$365.04	\$219.50	\$300.00	\$46.34	\$300.00
Secretary Registrar Committee	\$588.74	\$554.74	\$302.06	\$344.00	\$500.00	\$87.06	\$500.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee				\$34.50	\$500.00	\$227.40	\$500.00
Treatment Committee	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$194.95</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$90.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Sub-Total	5358.6	\$6,666.68	\$6,402.15		\$9,570.00	\$6,080.30	\$9,125.00
Other Expenses							
Seat Delegate	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00
Registrar Internet			\$45.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Assembly/Delegates Workshop Rent		\$125.00	\$200.00		\$400.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00
Delegates Wksp\Assembly Seed					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Delegates WKsp Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$33.27	\$89.13	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Spring Assembly Expenses	\$1,224.22	\$873.95	\$254.06	\$224.99	\$250.00	\$272.32	\$250.00
Spring Conference-seed	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fall Conference -seed	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Fall Assembly Expenses	\$897.83	\$0.00	\$1,340.00		\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Other\Misc Expenses	\$919.85	\$0.00	\$1,340.00	\$6,915.07	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$300.00
East Central Regional Forum					\$0.00	\$225.00	\$750.00
Area Committee Meeting Expenses					\$300.00	\$36.91	\$300.00
Delegate Expenses for Internat Conf.			\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prudent Reserve						<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Sub-total	\$7,241.90	\$5,001.45	\$5,585.16		\$5,040	\$5,734.23	\$7,990.00
Total Expenses	\$21,194.53	\$13,861.49	\$19,924.98	\$25,569.68	\$26,910.00	\$18,451.64	\$30,715.00
End of Year Balance	<u>\$11,989.23</u>	<u>\$12,475.33</u>	<u>\$14,928.72</u>	<u>\$7,974.03</u>	<u>(\$2,290.75)</u>	<u>\$6,470.74</u>	<u>(\$3,190.00)</u>
Prudent Reserve						\$600.00	\$1,800.00

Questions –

Why did the Treasurer’s budget increase so much. Finance chair didn’t have an answer – other than they used the same numbers as last years?

Consideration – The facility rental for the Delegates Workshop will not be sufficient to cover the actual expenses. At this point the committee will leave the \$400 until plans are finalized.

Comment - We have not found any documentation approving payment for 2 positions for the Now & Then co-editors. Are we setting precedent for both co-editors to have a voice and vote?

A vote was taken to ask the Finance committee to go to caucus and come back with an adjusted budget.
32 in favor, 14 opposed.

Minority voice spoke no one changed their vote – Finance Committee will caucus during break.

Post break proposed report:

The amounts proposed for this budget for the most case dictated by the Area 74 Guidelines. If this body is not satisfied with the numbers presented, this body needs to look at the Area Guidelines.

Totals within this budget remain the same.

Following are adjustments that were made.

Officer expenses Treasurer Budget reduced from \$1300 to 700
Committee chair expense reduced from 8400 to 7700
Have N&T committee exp from 4800 to 5500
Assembly delegates' workshop rent from 400 to 1000
Total expenses of \$30,115
Negative budget of -2,590
Question called – discussion ended – vote taken

54 In favor of calling the question
2 Opposed

Question called

Approve budget as presented with the following corrections

42 in favor
10 opposed

Budget approved with corrections
Minority voice spoke – one person wished to change their vote

15 In favor to reconsider
36 Opposed

Motion to reconsider failed budget passed as corrected

Approval of 2013 Business meeting schedule:

These are the dates selected for the 2013 calendar year. This schedule has been approved by the Area Committee the following changes will be added:

ECRC hosted by Area 74 for July 19-21, 2013
Fall conference will be an election conference

2013 Forum will be in November 15 – 17 Ft Wayne IN

Schedule approved by simple majority and will be published in the Now & Then

Approval of Project request - Area Structures & Guidelines Committee – to begin working towards providing a booklet to Area 74, containing the listings of all Area 74 Assembly passed motions.

Motion Withdrawn

Motion: I move that the Area 74 Structures and Guidelines committee update the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines to reflect current practices of the Area. If the committee sees the need they may make additions or improvements to the Guidelines. This update will be approved by the Assembly. This update is to be completed by the spring 2013 Assembly or a progress report. Submitted by Bob M and Steve H (Past Delegates)

The committee is asking for Assemblies permission to explore putting together such a pamphlet. Can we get a sense of the body to see if this body would like S&G to explore what this project would entail?

- If we are going to update the guidelines, it would seem that going back and looking at all the motions that have been made would be a good place to start.
- Is this motion within the scope of the Structure & Guidelines Committee
- The scope is in article 4 section 11 of the Area 74 Guidelines
- We need to flesh out all of the motions that have been made
- Using technology, we can easily compile this information with little expense
- We get bogged down by minutia at Assemblies. We will continue to be bogged down by these Guidelines.
- We don't even know why Structures & Guidelines even needs to ask our permission to take this project on. We brought it to this body out of respect to the GSR's.

Sense of the body – does S&G have the approval of this body to proceed. Sense of the body – majority says yes. Minority voice spoke. No one in majority wished to change their vote. Sense of the body says yes, please proceed.

Motion to be submitted to Area Committee first – Motion Withdrawn

Area Finance Committee – seeking clarification on: what records can be made available to the general fellowship and how to handle budget overages.

Motion owner requested to table this motion

Unanimous In favor of tabling – move to unfinished business at April Assembly

Motion: For the Area 74 Assembly body to set a quorum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the beginning Roll Call to include GSR's DCM's Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates (Alternates if voting member is not present). If someone serves in more than one voting position, they can only be counted once. Submitted by Marty C / CPC Chair.

Motion made and seconded to delegate and literature chair clean up letter mail by 11/15/12

Majority In favor

One Opposed

Minority voice did not wish to speak

The Area Chair asked if we wanted to stay until 6:00PM or

42 in favor of closing at 5:00 PM

11 in favor of closing at 6:00 P

Meeting adjourned 4:57PM

**Area 74 Assembly – October 20, 2012
at the Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI**

9:00 AM....Open Meeting

Roll Call
Approval of Assembly Minutes from 9/22/2012

**At 8:30 am there will be an
Orientation session for new GSR's
and DCM at the Reiter Center.**

Reports:

Secretary/Registrar Report
Treasurer Report
Area Chair Report
Delegates Report
Standing Committee Reports (2 to 3 minute reports)

Lunch (per September 22, 2012 action we *will not* have a catered lunch at the Assembly. Lunch is on your own. Please keep in mind that we will have a one hour break for lunch and will resume the Assembly at 1:00 p.m.)

Unfinished Business: (there is no unfinished business to carry forward)

Conference Reports:

Final Report – 2012 Fall Conference – District 21
Spring Conference 2013 – District 18 - May 17-19, 2013
ECR 5 State Conference, July 19-21, 2-13 in Appleton, WI
Fall Conference 2013 - District 10....Sept 20-22, 2013
Spring Conference 2014 – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014
Accepting Bids for Fall Conference 2014
Accepting Bids for Spring 2015

New Business:

Election of even year Finance Committee member

Nomination & Election for:
East Central Regional Trustee
US Trustee at Large

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5:00 pm Close meeting

Area 74 Assembly – April 7, 2013
Lincoln Town Hall in Eagle River

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mary Jo R.
Meeting was opened with Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Payer.
12 Traditions read by Jason
12 Concepts read by Joanne
There are 74 people in attendance.

Roll Call

Area-Officers: Delegate, Area Chair, Alt Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer, Co-Treasurer
Committee Chairs: Archivist, Webmaster, CPC, Finance Chair, Grapevine, Literature, Now and Then, PI, Structures and Guidelines.
DCM's:, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 20, 23,

Approve the Agenda:

Leave nomination for Archivist on the Agenda. This was passed with changes.

Approval of Assembly Minutes from 10/20/2012

Math errors in the finance report printed. They have now been corrected.
Motion accepted with one change. Minutes are approved unanimously

Officer Reports:

Secretary/Registrar Report:

Kim apologizes for not being able to attend the Area functions this weekend.

We have been working on updating information in the Fellowship New Vision program. We now have 118 groups with a status of unknown; 2 new groups that are pending activation (because they are within the 30 waiting period; and 7 groups that are incomplete. We would like to say a special thank you to District 11. They have no groups in the inactive or unknown status. Woo Hoo!

The mouse that we inherited died last week. We are submitting a reimbursement request of \$15.74 for the replacement mouse.

The General Service Office made an upgrade to the Fellowship New Vision database and we were locked out of it for about 30 days. The certification and site keys would not update so we were not able to gain access and make updates. We have been up and running for a little over a week and we are making progress on the group changes. We will produce a new mailing list for the May distribution of the Now & Then.

It has come to our attention that the Secretary is supposed to be maintaining a list of the Past Delegates contact information. We have not inherited any such list so we are asking the Area 74 Fellowship for their assistance in compiling that list. There is a list of Past Delegate / Panel information up here by me. If you have any information regarding any of the past delegates, I would appreciate your stopping up here and sharing what you can with me.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Kim and Traci

Treasurer Report:

Area 74 Income and Expense Report - YTD

1/1/2012 through 12/31/2012

Area Yearly Beginning Balance 7,974.03

INCOME	Group Contribution	17,242.53
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*Other Income	3,895.38
Personal Anniversary	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	29161.94

EXPENSES

Archives Committee Expense	487.48
Archives Chair Expense	517.81
Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense	228.08
Area Chr - Alt Del Expense	435.00
Assembly Rent	800.00
Corrections Chair Expense - WI	236.00
Corrections Committee Expense - WI	70.00
Corrections Chair Expense – MI	63.64
Corrections Committee Expense – MI	99.07
CPC Chair Expense	931.43
CPC Committee Expense	108.40
Delegate Expense	1773.55
Finance Chair Expense	293.00
Finance Committee Expense	382.22
Grapevine Chair Expense	716.00
Grapevine Committee Expense	24.00
Literature Chair Expense	480.99
Literature Committee Expense	88.88
Now And Then Committee Expenses	5338.18
Now And Then Chair Expenses	228.00
Public Information Chair Expenses	369.00
Public Information Committee Expenses	145.84
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense	147.06
Secretary - Registrar Expense	415.73
Seed Money Request	4,700.00
Structures and Guide Chair Ex.	481.80
Structures and Guide Committee	333.36
Treasurer Expense	521.80
Treatment Chair Expenses	390.00
Treatment Committee Expense	90.00
Coffee and refreshments	285.32
Additional ECR Conference 2012	225.00
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	600.00
*Other Expenses	636.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	(22,643.55)

	Account Balance	6,518.39
*Other Income	Spring Conference Gain	1281.30
	Spring Conference Seed Return	1000.00
	Spring Conference Gain Adjustment	30.08
	Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	506.00
	Spring Assembly Refresh. Donations	78.00
	East Regional Conference Return	1,000.00
Total Other Income		3,895.38

*Other Expense	Spring Assembly Catered Lunch	600.00
	Area Committee Meeting (District 10)	36.91
	Total Other Expense	636.91

Respectfully submitted

Mike McGee
Area 74 Treasurer
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Motion made to accept treasurer's report. Report Accepted.

Area Chair Report:

Area Chair Report – April 7, 2013 Assembly

Good morning, my name is Mary Jo Rone and I am currently serving Area 74 as Area Chair / Alternate Delegate. In February I attended the Delegates Past Delegate Present Conference in LaPorte IN. Attendance was composed of currently seated delegates and their alternates, GSO staffer: Julio E., our ECR Trustee: Pam R. and many past delegates and trustees, and even a few interested AA members that were serving as DCM, GSR's, Area Standing committee chairs. On Friday night as a spectator I was allowed to sit in on the Committee meeting that created a motion to bring to the floor on Sunday morning as part of the mock conference. Saturday was composed of the Regional business meeting, a banquet and Speaker. Sunday morning the mock conference was held. I found the weekend to be interesting and fun and would encourage anyone interested to attend.

In March I participated in a workshop hosted by District 11.

Next Saturday I have been invited back to Rhinelander to sit in on their District meeting and then I will attend the 2013 Fall Conference planning committee meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to grow and the privilege to serve.

In love and service,

Mary Jo Rone
Area 74 Chair

Delegates Report:

E-mailed

Delegates Workshop reports/recommendations on the General Service Conference Agenda Items

The report from the delegate's workshop is being sent as a separate document titled Delegates Workshop Committee Reports.

Conference Report:

Spring Conference 2013 – District 18 - May 17-19, 2013

We are beginning to receive more and more registrations weekly. As soon as possible try to get those sent in please! Our planning committee has increased from roughly 6 people to approximately 12. Sometime in the near future (within a week hopefully) we will have links on our District 18 and Area 74 websites pertaining to our schedule of events.

www.travelMarquetteMI.com and www.DowntownMarquette.Org.

Our planning committee has gone to local groups and we are getting some scholarships to pay for registration for those who cannot afford to pay and want to attend the conference.

If anyone/group/district is interested in helping volunteer please contact me or Roy E.

We have a rough draft brochure which describes the weekend activities. Does Area 74 pay for the usage of Assembly room Saturday and for the Area committee meeting Sunday?

Matt

Committee updates

Update from Structures & Guidelines on past motions booklet

Hello Area 74,

At the 2012 October assembly in Three Lakes, the Structures and Guidelines committee asked for a sense of the body on whether the assembly body would be in favor of the Structures and Guidelines committee working to provide Area 74 with some type of booklet containing passed assembly actions. With the assembly body showing majority support for such a booklet, following is the update on the progress of the booklet.

Currently the Structures and Guidelines committee is in the process of reviewing the first 13 pages of Area 74 guidelines for grammar and punctuation errors. The S&G committee is working towards completing this task prior to the 2013 May assembly in Marquette MI. The next item for the S&G committee will be the research and collection of the information to be used to compile the passed Area 74 assembly actions booklet. Future updates will be given at Area 74 assemblies as to the booklets progress.

Thank you for allowing the S&G committee to be of service.

Sincerely,

Joel S.

Structures and Guidelines committee Chair

Area 74 April 7th 2013 Assembly in Eagle River WI

Background:

At the October 2012 Assembly in Three lakes the Structures and Guidelines Committee submitted to Area 74, an updated draft of the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines, in order to complete the task of reviewing and updating the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines. The S&G committee would like to put forward to the Area 74 Assembly body the following recommendation:

Recommendation:

The Area 74 Assembly body votes to approve by 2/3 majority the updated conference planning guidelines as submitted by the S&G committee at the October 2012 Assembly in Three Lakes WI.

Unfinished Business:

Tabled motion: Quorum

Motion: For the Area 74 Assembly body to set a quorum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the beginning Roll Call to include GSR's, DCM's, Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates (Alternates if voting member is not present.) If someone serves in more than one voting position, they can only be counted once.

Vote was taken it will be done be with substantial unanimity.

In favor 8

Opposed 48

Motion does not pass.

Marty and Patrick spoke for the minority.

Vote to reconsider was seconded

Vote will not be reconsidered. This motion does not pass

New Business

Now & Then – update on Co-chair

Search for a co-chair. There is not anyone at this time but there is someone that may be interested after rotation.

Eileen N is the one in consideration.

Checks are being made out for cash now and there is question as to why?

There isn't a bank account established for the Now and Then.

Approve new Finance Committee Chair

Sara Plansky Pecor was nominated for the position of Finance Chair

Motion was made and seconded to approve Sara as the new Finance Chair

Approve Archives Committee recommendation for new Archivist

Pete Wagner was nominated for the position of Archivist.

Motion was made and seconded to approve Pete as Archivist.

Approve interim Corrections Co-chair—Michigan

Willy Maxwell was nominated for Corrections Chair MI to finish out current rotation

Vote was unanimous to accept Willy as Corrections Co-chair MI

Approve interim Corrections Co-chair – Wisconsin

Barb has been nominated for Correction Co chair WI to finish out current rotation

She will step down as DCM to take this position. There is a person that will step up to take her current position as DCM.

Vote was unanimous to accept Barb as Corrections Co-chair WI

Bid for Fall Conference 2014

District 05 and District 11 bid on the fall conferences.

District 05 has a conflict with the 3rd weekend in September but has the 4th weekend and first weekend in October dates saved.

A proposal was made that each bidder bring back additional information at the May Assembly

According to the guidelines if two or more districts are bidding on a conference, the district providing the most complete information at the time of the bid is awarded the conference.

District 05 has been voted to have the conference.

Bid for Spring Conference 2015

Spring Conference Bid District 01 May 15th to 17th 2015 Radisson Hotel Green Bay Wisconsin

Hotel cost: \$99.00 per night + tax
Registration: \$24.00
Banquet: \$22.50

Hotel expenses:

Meeting rooms	\$700.00	
Hospitality	\$240.00	
Speaker rooms	\$480.00	
Delegate room	\$240.00	
Total:		\$1600.00

Meeting and registration expenses:

Microphones meeting	\$ 55.00	
Microphones panel	\$135.00	
Easels (10)	\$ 50.00	
Tables skirted (4)	\$100.00	
Tables draped (6)	\$ 60.00	
Printed Materials	\$290.00	
Total:		\$690.00

Speaker Expenses:

Travel	\$1000.00	
Banquet VIP	\$ 250.00	

Total: \$1250.00
Grand total: \$3,600.00

150 registrations at \$24 per Break even
175 Registrations at \$24 per +\$ 600
200 Registrations at \$24 per +\$1200

Banquet cost is estimated based on entrees costing between \$16.00 and \$19.00. An additional 5.5% tax and gratuity of \$19.5% are added to the cost of each entrée.

Tom Y. GSR for Flintville group.

District 01 will lose the reservation to the hotel if they have to wait until May, plus lose the deposit they put down to reserve it.

Steve from 03 has also shown a desire to have the Conference.

It was referred to the guidelines that the bidders should have all information needed when presenting a bid.

The winning bid goes to District 01.

Bridging the Gap Motion

The Area Committee recommends that Area 74 ask the Area 74 Treatment Chair and one of the Area Corrections co-chair to attend the Bridging the gap Workshop Weekend in Schaumburg IL the weekend of September 6-8, 2013. The Area would cover the expense of travel, lodging and registration for these individuals.

Vote to table was passed.

This motion has been table until there is more information

CDPP Motion

Area74 offer a \$100.00 travel reimbursement for (each) Area 74 candidates elected as nominee for East Central Region Trustee and/or Trustee at Large-US to attend the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in the year elected as candidate. If approved by the Area 74 Assembly this would be effective including this year's (2013) candidates.

There is a friendly amendment to add (each) to the motion.

Vote was taken 54 in favor 0 opposed.

Motion has passed.

Area Ad Hoc committee on Utilization of Electronic Media

Ad Hoc Motions

Proposal #1

Currently reads:

The Area 74 committee recommends: That the following words be removed from the Area Guidelines, (Article III, Section 6.00 The Area Secretary/Registrar): "Publishes the minutes of the Assemblies in the Area newsletter the month after the business meeting is held"

Amendment to the friendly amendment to this motion to reads: Section 6.00 The Area Secretary / Registrar: The Area Secretary's duties are: keep *and distribute* the minutes of all Area 74 business and Area Committee meetings. ~~Publishes the minutes of the Assemblies in the Area newsletter the month after the business meeting is held.~~ the month after the business meeting is held. Maintains Area 74 group/contact information, Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM, Past Delegate addresses and phone numbers. Compile mailing list for the Now & Then and Area needs.

Simple majority on whether to accept friendly amendment, 1 opposed, did not wish to speak for the minority.

Next vote on actual Amendment itself. Substantial unanimity is needed. 52 yes 0 opposed. Vote is unanimous.

Proposal #2:

The Area 74 committee recommends the following: That the minutes of Area 74 business meetings and committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area, to be re-evaluated in 1 year for additional content.

This motion was tabled

Conference Reports

Final report Fall Conference 2012 - District 21

This report was never given to the Assembly.

ECR 5 State Conference...July 19-21, 2013 (7/19-21)

This report was never given to the assembly. Please find the full report in the May 2013 Now and Then.

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10....Sept 20-22, 2013

This report was never given to the assembly. Please find the full report in the May 2013 Now and Then.

Spring Conference 2014—District 02.... May 16-18, 2014

5:10 pm **Close meeting**

Area 74 Assembly – April 7, 2013

Lincoln Town Hall in Eagle River, 1205 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521

8:30 am New GSR & DCM orientation

9:00am **Open Assembly Meeting**

Roll Call

Approval of Assembly Minutes from 10/20/2012

Officer Reports:

Secretary/Registrar Report

Treasurer Report

Area Chair Report

Delegates Report

**Delegates Workshop reports/recommendations on the General Service Conference
Agenda items**

Conference Report:

Spring Conference 2013 – District 18 - May 17-19, 2013

Committee updates

Update from Structures & Guidelines on past motions booklet

Ad Hoc committee on Utilization of Electronic Media

Unfinished Business:

Tabled motion: Quorum

New Business

Now & Then – update on Co-chair

Approve new Finance Committee Chair

Approve Archives Committee recommendation for new Archivist

Approve interim Corrections Co-chair—Michigan

Approve interim Corrections Co-chair - Wisconsin

Bid for Fall Conference 2014

Bid for Spring Conference 2015

Conference Reports

Final report Fall Conference 2012 - District 21

ECR 5 State Conference...July 19-21, 2013 (7/19-21)

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10....Sept 20-22, 2013

Spring Conference 2014—District 02.... May 16-18, 2014

5:00 pm **Close meeting**

Area 74 Delegates Report Assembly May 18, 2013

Meeting opened at 9:06 AM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
12 Traditions read by Davey R.
12 Concepts read by Bryon B.

Roll Call / Recognize past Delegates & Trustees

Area Officers: Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer,

Committee Chairs: Archives, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Now & Then, Literature, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 08, 09, 13, 14, 18, 20

Delegates Past & Present in attendance

32 – John H	36 – Dave R	42 – Chuck S	50 – Bob M
54 – Torv T	56 – Jeff C	58 – Dodie A	60 – Steve H

The webmaster was given the opportunity to have a voice and vote during the utilizing electronic media presentation.

New Business was removed from the agenda as printed in the Now & Then. Committee Reports are being removed from the Delegates Workshop Agenda. The Area committee will address the agenda followed at the Delegates Workshop at the Area Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Approval of Assembly Minutes from 4/7/2013

Minutes approved with corrections.

Secretary/Registrar Report

There is one correction to the April 7, 2013 minutes on page 5. We replaced the language originally used in the minutes with the exact language used in the guidelines.

Thank you to all the DCM's who have responded to our request for updated group information and helping us to continue to clean up the Fellowship New Vision database information for Area 74. If you have questions please stop and see Traci or I this weekend.

As Secretary/Registrar I am about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through my term. Based on my experience in this position I feel the Secretary and Registrar positions should be separated. I will be working with the co-Secretary/Registrar and the Structures and Guidelines Committee to formulate a motion to present to the Assembly in hopes that this issue can be addressed prior to the election Assembly this fall.

Finally, I would like to thank Traci for stepping up to the plate at the Delegates Workshop, and Area Committee Meeting in my absence and for her continued willingness to work side by side with me as we attempt to meet the demands of the Secretary/Registrar position.

Thank you Traci!

Treasurer Report Motion made and seconded to accept treasurers report as follows:

Area 74 Income and Expense Report - YTD		
1/1/2013 through 5/12/2013		
	Area Yearly Beginning Balance	6,518.39
INCOME	Group Contribution	7,690.42
	*Other Income	2,632.00
	Personal Anniversary	0.00

	TOTAL INCOME	16,840.81
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EXPENSES		
Archive Committee Expenses		0.00
Archives Chair Expense		0.00
Area Chr - Alt Del Comm Expense		92.00
Area Chr - Alt Del Expense		283.00
Assembly Rent		0.00
Coffee and refreshments		116.00
Corrections Chair Expense - WI		0.00
Corrections Committee Expense -		0.00
Corrections Chair Expense – MI		0.00
Corrections Committee Expense – MI		0.00
CPC Chair Expense		31.00
CPC Committee Expense		0.00
Delegate Expense		1,000.00
Finance Chair Expense		42.00
Finance Committee Expense		25.00
Grapevine Chair Expense		120.00
Grapevine Committee Expense		163.63
Literature Chair Expense		187.48
Literature Committee Expense		35.76
Now And Then Committee Expenses		1,000.00
Now And Then Chair Expenses		84.00
Public Information Chair Expenses		82.00
Public Information Committee Expenses		0.00
Secretary - Registrar Committee Expense		19.74
Secretary - Registrar Expense		55.00
Seed Money Request		0.00
Structures and Guide Chair Exp.		145.00
Structures and Guide Committee		101.28
Treasurer Expense		42.50
Treatment Chair Expenses		0.00
Treatment Committee Expense		0.00
Transfer to Prudent Reserve		500.00
*Other Expenses		1,600.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	(5,825.39)
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	Account Balance	11,015.42
*Other Income		
Fall 2012 Conference Gain		1066.00
Fall 2012 Conference Seed Return		1500.00
Spring Assembly Refresh. Donations		66.00
Total Other Income		2,632.00
*Other Expense Seat the Delegate 2013 GSC		1,600.00
Total Other Expense		1,600.00
Prudent Reserve		
Balance Forward from 2012		600.00
Monthly deposits to date		500.00
Account Balance		1,100.00

Area Chair Report

Things have been quiet since the last time we were together. I did visit Rhinelander and attended District's 10 monthly business meeting where I was invited to share briefly on service work and being active in service which was then followed with a question and answer time. After the District meeting I stayed for the 2013 Fall Conference planning committee meeting.

On the last Wednesday of each month I sit in on the DCM Conference call. The call is scheduled to meet for one hour and is very informal. It provides time for DCM's and their Alternates to discuss ask questions and give each other feedback on general topics of AA life. It is an interesting hour and provides me the opportunity to get to know people a little better.

Thank you for the privilege of serving Area 74.

Delegates Report

Now with the 63rd General Service Conference behind us, our duty is to sustain our Service Structure, Grapevine and future so we can help the still suffering alcoholic looking for our life giving solution.

To me, that means more of us need to be involved in sponsorship, service work and not simply attend A.A. meetings to benefit ourselves. We need to help others understand the more we give and serve, the more people we reach and the stronger our fellowship remains.

A.A. members don't embrace the joy of our 12-step work and service events by hearing about it; we need to bring them along on 12-step calls and to events like this one. Attraction, gratitude and passion trump any story one can tell others. Lead by example.

I personally thank you all for being here, some for the first time. Let these Area Committee meetings be a place for vision, support and solutions. I am so thankful for the opportunity you have entrusted in me to serve you and Area 74 as Delegate.

Thank you, and God's Blessings to you all.

In Service, with Love
Marty Laakso
Panel 62 Delegate Area 74
Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Sanding Committee Reports

Archives

We are working on getting a photo album together. We are asking all of the past delegates to submit photos to fill the album.

We do have a list of all past delegates and will try to get a list tot he districts to see if we can get this project moving again.

Area 74 has a box of 7" reel to reel tapes but unfortunately the recorder doesn't work any longer. The committee is looking for a replacement or someone that could repair the existing machine.

The committee is also looking at getting a computer and software, so we can get all of the digitized information in/on one location.

Area 74 has approximately 1100 cu ft of stored. The committee is looking at the possibility of getting the material in a central location.

We are also getting phone conference calls scheduled to keep the progress of the projects up to date.

Welcome Pete W. as the new archivist and David J. as a new committee member. We are also in the process of getting updated guidelines for Area 74 Archivist.

CPC

Hello Family,

I'd firstly like to thank and recognize the AA members serving on the Area 74 CPC Standing Committee. Cliff P.-DCM Dist. 11, Roy E.-DCM Dist.18, Bruce L.-DCM Dist. 17, Dean C.-Dist. 20, Wanda C.-Dist. 20, Jay H.-Dist. 12 and Barry H.-Dist. 12.

The CPC Standing Committee is active planning a CPC Forum. It will be Sat. August 17 from 10am-4pm at 218 S. Oneida St, Green Bay, WI (the 218 Club). It will be an open forum. All Area 74 AA members are encouraged to attend, especially District CPC, PI, Corrections and Treatment Chairs. We will be discussing issues that may be helpful to you in your districts. The forum will start with a discussion between the Area 74 CPC, PI, Treatment and WI Corrections Chairs and the Brown County Drug Court Judge, a local physician (who is an addictionologist), a probation officer, a school teacher and a treatment center director. The objective of the forum is to form a relationship between AA and the professional community. We will ask the professionals what problems they face. In turn, the Comm. Chairs will offer ways AA can help meet their needs. After the initial discussion, the floor will be opened for questions. This will allow District Chairs to ask questions specific to their districts. We will also pass an ask-a-basket during the initial discussion. There will be a pot luck lunch served during the noon hour. We should have a flier out within a week or two. We look forward to seeing you all there.

In Loving Service, Marty C. Area 74 CPC Chair

Corrections-MI

My name is Willie, I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 11, 1967. On April 07, 2013 Area 74 elected me to the post of Michigan Interim Corrections Chair.

I am honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of carrying the AA message to the suffering alcoholic in prison and jail. I am looking forward to sharing experiences and thoughts with all the AA service workers who are presently or may be interested in working in corrections. I have served as a Group Treasurer, GSR, sponsor, speaker, spiritual advisor, coffee maker, etc. I carry the AA message to prison groups, treatment centers and to local groups.

I have served time in some form of corrections starting at age 16. I lived 25 years of my adult life within the correctional system for various felony convictions. I was introduced to the AA program during the summer of 1962 while serving 8 to 25 years for armed robbery and burglary. I was released in 1964 after serving five years. I returned to prison in 1967 with a life sentence for assault with intent to rob while being armed, in which no one was injured, killed nor was any money obtained from the attempt. During my 25 years of confinement, I was taught how to carry the AA prison message to the suffering alcoholic in prison by the prison Steering Committee. In May 1987, Spring Arbor College awarded me a Bachelor of Arts degree from their Pell Grant prison program. After 20 years of confinement, I was paroled to the Elmhurst Home Treatment Center for Alcoholics located in the city of Detroit, Michigan. The AA group supported and taught me how to re-adjust to life outside of prison.

Today my focus is directed towards continuing the work of Bill W. by carrying the AA message to the suffering alcoholic wherever and whenever they reach out for help. I want the hand of AA to always be there and for that I am responsible.

At this very moment, there exists an open door of willingness at the Alger Correctional Facility to establish an AA group. Seemingly one of the primary concerns of the Corrections Facility is if there will be enough outside support to maintain the functions of a prison AA group. A trial run period of every other week to see if the message of AA can be brought into the prison is being considered. The prison administrator, who has taken steps to help open the door for establishing an AA group at Alger, has a history of working with the AA message in other prisons.

The GSO's Corrections Correspondence Program which enables people outside of prison to correspond with inmates has a form which I have offered to some AA groups as a option to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic living in prison. I have suggested that anyone writing from outside to inside a prison should use a PO mail box to protect their home address anonymity. The PO Box could belong to an AA group or an individual. All interested AA's who have a willingness to write the suffering alcoholic living in corrections must contact GSO to join the Corrections Correspondence Program. Form F-26 is what outsiders use to write to the prisoner. The form can be downloaded to print from the Alcoholic Anonymous web site at aa.org. Inmates must also write to GSO if they wish to be a part of the Corrections Correspondence Program. Prisoners follow a different procedure designed by GSO which I am not at this time going to explain in detail. Pen pals cannot live in the same state as the person with whom they are corresponding.

Thanks and gratitude goes out to each District that is carrying the AA message into their corrections facilities. District 16, District 17, District 18 and District 20 all are demonstrating a working willingness to carry the message of AA to the suffering alcoholic in prison.

Thanks go out to Area 75 who made contact with me about a female AA who was being released to Rock, Michigan on May 13, 2013. Rock is a very small AA group without any women. I contacted the Rock AA group with the

information on the AA woman being paroled to Rock. I offer my amends to the DCM of Rock for not making contact with him. Unfortunately, I do not know which District or which DCM covers Rock, Michigan. I am currently trying to find out how to get this type of information for future needs.

I am looking forward to working with all AA members in the Area 74 region to build a strong Corrections Program to carry the AA message to suffering alcoholics living in Michigan correctional facilities. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities Map as of October 2012 there are five prisons functioning within the region of Area 74.

Thank you for your service rendered by keeping it simple, while making it work.

I will willingly do what my abilities and my limitations permit me to do; nonetheless I do need your help.

Corrections-WI

Hello Area 74,

My name is Barb Mallum and I am an alcoholic. I am very excited to begin yet another area of service as the recently elected Area 74 WI Corrections Chair. As some of you may know, I have been active in service since I was about 6 months sober and my sobriety date is March 9th of 2007. I found a group of people in District 08 who were on fire; doing everything they could to carry the message. They remain mentors today.

In 2009, I got my first opportunity to take our meetings into a jail and was immediately hooked. If you've been blessed to have this opportunity, then you know what I am talking about. If you haven't...yet...then I suggest you get with someone who can take you inside, you will never be the same.

In our Corrections Workbook, there is vast information and guidance for AA members to take our message to the incarcerated AA's. It is my hope of this committee to 1st determine what the groups of Area 74 are currently involved with in regards to Corrections work. Secondly, to find out what facilities the groups are or should be reaching. Next to communicate between the facilities and the District how and where they can be of service.

I believe Area 74 has strong service leaders who have served in the past, many of whom I believe this committee can look to for assistance. But most of all my hope is for WI Corrections to be here for the groups. So please help by giving your direction, concerns, questions and ideas to this committee, it would be much appreciated as that is why this committee is here; for you. I plan on keeping in close touch with the DCM's of your districts and of course their respective Corrections Committees.

One final word, I recently received a letter from an inmate of Lincoln Co. jail with a heartfelt request to have AA started up again for the AA men in jail. You see, about 4 months ago, the one AA member who had been doing these meetings weekly, had to change jobs and could no longer provide his service. At that time, he reached out for someone to replace him, he found no support. My hope is that this will happen less and less by making this Area aware of this need. Thank You.

Finance

The finance committee has met four times since the assembly in October 2012 by conference call. The finance committee has also met during the Delegate's Workshop in April as well as last night. The finance committee discussed the mathematical errors that needed to be corrected in the report the finance committee presented at the October 2012 assembly. We provided a print out of those corrections at the April assembly. We contacted Chuck Stokes and Jeff Campbell as a follow up to the Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) Motion which was passed at the April Assembly. Disbursements will be made to Chuck and Jeff and they both said thank you. We recently received a financial report from the fall 2012 Area 74 Conference in Houghton. This report will be printed in the Now and Then. The finance committee is making a motion we increase the Literature Committee Expense from \$50 to \$200 because requests for the area literature to be displayed at events other than assemblies has increased.

The finance committee will be meeting over the summer to update the Area 74 financial guidelines and further define what a committee chair expense is and what a committee expense is. The finance committee will bring an update regarding this information to you at the next assembly in September 2013. We would ask that you turn in all reimbursement requests to the finance committee by the end of the assembly today so that we can review, approve, and disburse payment.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Grapevine

The Area 74 Grapevine Committee has been busy the last two months, traveling to District 11 (Phillips, WI) on March 16th for a Service Workshop. We provided a Grapevine display with a little Grapevine History and “What it Takes” to be a Grapevine Rep! In April we attended the Delegates Workshop and Area Assembly in Eagle River, WI. The Grapevine Committee shared our thoughts on Conference Agenda Items and setup a Grapevine display and provided literature, Grapevine Rep registration forms and how you can contribute to the Grapevine. In the month of May we will be putting on a Grapevine Workshop, hosted by District 09 on Sat. May 4th in Crivitz, WI at the First Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Avenue. Also in the month of May on the 17th, 18th, and 19th we will be at the Spring Conf. in Marquette, MI with our Grapevine display and a committee eager to answer any of your Grapevine questions.

Highlights from April 2013 Corporate Board Report: A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

The purpose of the Grapevine Corporate Board is to serve the A.A. Fellowship in the following ways:

- To oversee the publishing operations of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- To provide sound financial management of the corporation.
- To establish corporate policies and set corporate priorities.
- To engage in the ongoing process of strategic planning.
- To operate in accordance with the principles of A.A. as expressed in the Twelve Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

The A.A. Grapevine Board consists of seven to ten directors. Since the 61st Conference, there have been seven: two general service trustees; a Class A trustee; two regional trustees; one non trustee director; and the executive editor/publisher.

Grapevine’s average monthly print circulation was 83,258 in fiscal year 2012 (this is less than budget by 3,671 and less than 2011 by 7,235). Following the re-launch of www.aagrapevine.org in May 2011, Grapevine Online (GVO) subscriptions were introduced, and as of December 2012 GVO averages 5,291 subscribers. The average bimonthly circulation of LA Vina was 9,157 (this is 176 greater than budget and 175 above 2011 levels).

Based on the Grapevine’s 2010 subscriber survey, it is estimated that the magazines are passed on to approximately 2.5 readers per copy, thereby reaching an estimated 208,145 readers per Grapevine issue and 22,892 per La Vina issue.

In early 2012, A.A. Grapevine undertook major operational restructuring measures resulting in lowered expenses, most notably a move to a smaller office resulting in savings of 50% in Occupancy Costs over 2011.

Financial Overview – Grapevine ended 2012 with a net income of \$257,003 against budgeted net income of \$34,081. La Vina finished the year with a loss of \$115,820 against a budgeted loss of \$105,668.

Revenue for the magazine and subscription products reached \$2,342,000. Gross Profit on the magazine was ahead of budget by almost \$53,000. Gross Profit on books and related items was above budget by \$49,000. Overhead Costs were budgeted at \$1,843,906 and came in at \$1,706,713. This was a savings of \$137,193. This savings occurred mainly in Selling Expenses and Circulation Management.

Yours in Service
Area 74 Grapevine Chair
Steve H.

Literature Activity Fall 2012-Spring 2013

Beginning Inventory \$2,646.31

Sales	(1,277.11)
Purchases	1,496.79
Write off Outdated Inventory	<u>(268.95)</u>
Ending Inventory	\$2,607.04

Beginning Cash	\$485.57
Receipts	1,277.11
Payments	<u>(1,496.79)</u>
Ending Cash	\$265.89

Total Value **\$2,872.93**

Activity	Orders	Sales
2012 Fall Conference		\$615.66
2012 Fall Assembly	\$709.00	281.75
Interim Orders/Sales	61.95	121.20
2013 Spring Assembly	126.00	258.50
2013 Spring Conference	<u>599.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$1,469.79	\$1,277.11

Items Being Written Off	Number of Items	Amount
Pre 2011-2012 Service Manuals	7	\$24.85
2011-2012 Service Manuals reduction in value	5	7.75
A Brief Guide Cassette	1	6.00
AA In Prison Cassette	1	2.75
Twelve and Twelve Cassettes	2	36.00
Twelve and Twelve VHS	1	15.00
AA: An Inside View VHS	1	15.00
AA Rap With Us VHS	2	30.00
Bill's Own Story VHS	1	15.00
Carrying The Message Within These Walls VHS	1	15.00
Hope Video 1	15.00	
It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell VHS	1	15.00
Young People in AA VHS	2	30.00
Alcoholism: It Doesn't Care What Age You Are	1	20.00
Old Eastern Directories	5	18.00
Old Western Directories	1	<u>3.60</u>
	Total Write-off	\$268.95

Brought display to March 2013 AA Group Workshop in Phillips. Writing off and placing unsalable inventory in "Free Items" box a Spring Assembly and here at the Spring Conference. 2011 – 2012 Service manuals offered at a sale price of \$2.00 each. We'll be bringing the literature to the ECR Conference in July with our committee members all taking shifts at the Literature table there.

Now & Then

Printing year to date (thru May) – \$2,145 total. Ave \$429/month. Increase of 25 for May due to updated labels, subscriptions down to 6 for May. Total cost for printing so far \$2549.35. Average \$509.87/month.

Current year 2012 end financial report sent to the Area Finance Committee for review and published in the newsletter.

6 month current year 2013 report will be posted in July issue and submitted to Finance committee report.

Income -	Balance foreword	\$541.05
	Area funds	\$2000.00
	Fliers	\$25.00
	Subscriptions	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total		\$2606.05
Balance cash on hand		\$56.70

Running 12 pages each month. Good submission of articles. Eileen will begin this month proofing articles. Extra newsletters are in the back of the room. I have been helping with workshops around the Area. Turn in email and subscriptions to me and updated.

PI

Committee members will be attending a workshop and the Area will support the committee by providing funds.

PI committee will be starting a monthly conference call beginning 6/12/13 at 8pm the second Tuesday of the month.

When speaking live on radio stations members should give the interviewer a list of questions and provide 3 speaker panels to answer questions about AA.

I received one email request from someone who was traveling – and fulfilled their contact request.

No feedback on website. Just make sure your meeting lists are updated.

We need to let people know there is a requirement for membership and it is that you have a desire to stop drinking.

Structures & Guidelines

Hello Area 74,

The S&G committee is currently in the process of correcting grammar and spelling errors in the current Area 74 guidelines. What the committee has found is that there are parts of the guidelines that are not congruent with the service manual, which has caused a great deal of debate within the S&G committee. Referring to the second paragraph of the introduction to the area 74 guidelines which states;

Ever mindful that the reason for the General Service Structure is to be of service to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Area shall always observe the spirit of the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts for World Service. In the absence of specific indications in the Guidelines of Area 74, the latest edition of the AA Service Manual may be relied upon.

The S&G committee is attempting to determine what is the spirit of the guidelines? And where the guidelines should reference the service manual, for example, some of the definitions and descriptions do not accurately reflect what is stated in the service manual. Paradoxically there are certain situations unique to area 74 that have required changing the definition or description to reflect current area 74 practices. For those unique circumstances specific indications should be given in the guidelines, examples are the Finance request guidelines, Website guidelines, Conference Planning guidelines, some Area Officer position uniquely tailored for serving Area 74. The committee has started the conversation of trying to differentiate the difference between the two, referencing the service manual as compared to specific indications provided in the guidelines. Hopefully the committee will find a direction that will provide for enhancing the spirit of the guidelines to best serve the Area. The S&G committee will continue with the discussion and keep the Area informed of the committee's findings.

The S&G committee has placed the last three past motions from Assembly actions into the guideline, will be presenting the draft of the conference planning guidelines for Assembly approval, and is currently also working on a request from the Area Secretary Registrar to update Section 6 of the Secretary / Registrars duties dealing with the updating and retying the guidelines, where as that responsibility has been delegated to the S&G committee.

Last but not least, the S&G committee would like to make it clear that the committee has not forgotten about the passed assembly actions booklet, it is and always will be on our agenda.

Sincerely,

Joel S.

Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Chair

Treatment

I gave the last three Hope DVDs from last year's "Treatment Committee budget" to District 02.

I will be participating in a CPC forum in Green Bay in August as per Marty Coleman's request and will be using a portion of the 2013 Treatment Committee budget for support of this forum and for travel expenses.

BTG I am not sure that BTG is actually recognized by the General Service Conference

Conference Reports:

Fall Conference 2013 - District 10

Our Registrar met with Representative from Chamber of Commerce. They will put together 200 packages for the Conference. Registrar indicated that AA and Alanon Schedules be put in the Chamber packages. Registrar is currently obtaining the final agenda/program to give to the Taper. We want to remind Conference-goers that we set up a "Bill W. fund". Please see the registration form for more details!

Program Chair/committee should have the agenda set sometime in June.

Hospitality committee is currently accepting donations such as coffee, treats, etc. from groups in the district. The Hospitality Room will have posters & balloons on the hospitality room door to call attention to the room.

Banquet/Food Chair committee is in Marquette for "inspiration." The committee is currently thinking of fun & meaningful table decorations that will coordinate with the theme of the Conference, "12 Steps to Freedom".

Alchathon is planned for Friday & Saturday nights. Chair is currently working with his committee to offer a sign-up sheet for home groups in the district who want to host an alchathon meeting.

Entertainment committee is planning an AA activity on Friday night and has scheduled a band to perform at the dance after the main speaker on Saturday night. The band has 3-4 members.

Literature/Archives/Grapevine Committee is making contacts with Area officers & has contacted the District 10 Archives chair to participate. There will be a panel meeting for anyone interested in archives in the District, Area & beyond on Sunday morning 8:30 – 9 am.

Greeter committee will have "greeter ribbons" & will hand off to the various greeters as they take shifts. We will keep it simple.

Art-Deco Committee met with our liaison at The Waters to discuss Poster placement that will tell Conference-goers where panels are located. Foam board will be used for posters. Hotel has 4 easels and will possibly get more from another group. There will be an agenda of panel meetings on the easels outside of conference rooms. 200 copies of Conference Flyers will be available for Conference-goers in Marquette. A banner is being made to welcome people to the 2013 Area 74 Fall Conference that will be place in the lobby as you enter the hotel.

The Conference committee has decided to put the hotel's name –The Waters of Minocqua- on the Conference Program that will be distributed. The hotel has a Marquis and we're going to check with our liaison about putting the Fall Conference on their outside Marquis.

ECR 5 State Conference Hosted by Area 74 – 2013

Dates - July 19-21, 2013

Our speakers will be newly elected ECR Trustee, GSO Mgr, and GSO board chair.

We have 35 registrants – please register and support this event.

Spring Conference 2014 – District 02

Hello! I am Jen Frank, currently serving as GSR for Tuesday night study in Appleton, 8pm, Tuesday nights and serving as your 2014 Spring Conference Chair.

The 2014 Spring Conference will be May 16-18, 2014 and will be held in Neenah, WI at the Bridgewood Resort Hotel and Conference Center, Best Western. About 17 people attend each meeting. We have flyers available for you here!!!

AA Saturday night speaker is Taylor M., from Chicago and Alanon speaker is Cheryl A., from Milwaukee. Spiritual speaker for Sunday is Wes Coleman, from Kaukauna. Checking account is opened with \$1000 seed money deposited; checks have been received. PO Box is in place and paid for(\$78/yr). Panels are being discussed but good headway is being made ☺

Entertainment is booked – Friday night for the Ice Cream Social is “ON 2” – Walter Kukla and Danielle Delorey – acoustic guitar and vocals, 60’s – TODAY. Saturday night is DJ Andrew – 3 hour show, plays music, karaoke, lights, and smoke machine.

Location / Banquet – Bridgewood Suites in Neenah, \$119/nt – includes breakfast. Other hotels in the area are as follows: Days Inn in Appleton is \$65 plus tax, The La Quinta in Appleton is \$62 plus tax, Days Inn in Neenah is \$74 plus tax, Holiday Inn in Neenah is \$118 plus tax. We are still looking at \$17 for registrations and \$25 for banquet – so \$42 for both ☺

We are now meeting monthly ☺

Fall Conference 2014 - District 05

There will be the first organizational meeting June 9 planning meeting at the plaza.

Spring Conference 2015 – District 01

The contract has been signed with the Radisson Hotel and Casino Green Bay. The Radisson waved the deposit for holding the hotels conference and banquet rooms. A block of 125 sleeping rooms are being held for the conference.

We are forming the conference planning committee, we currently have program, hospitality and registration chairs. We also have a person to handle all correspondence and printed materials. An ad has been placed in the District 01 newsletter to find additional members of the committee. A planning meeting will be convened once additional members are found.

Sincerely,

Tom Y.

Conference Chair

Fall Conference 2015

District 03 will be presenting a bid at the next conference.

New Business:

Motion: The 2013 East Central Regional (ECR) Conference requests that Area 74 provides the Area Literature display and sales, Archives and Grapevine displays at the 2013 ECR Conference.

Motion made and second to approve the motion as written.

- Did the committee discuss the cost – about \$250 /per person if they don’t share rooms
- It is an area event/conference – and they would typically be displayed at any area event
- Area 74 is the host committee – but this is not an Area event. The committee feels it is the responsibility of the host committee to show our visitors who we are as an Area.
- Question called – vote to call. Unanimous.

Vote – majority in favor, 1 opposed – minority did not wish to speak – vote passed

Unfinished Business:

Motion:

The Area 74 Area Committee recommends that:

Area 74 ask the Area 74 Treatment Chair and one of the Area 74 Corrections co-chairs to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop weekend in Schaumburg, IL the weekend of September 6-8, 2013.

The Area would cover the expenses of travel, lodging and registration for these individuals.

- If both co-chairs are willing and able to go – they should be allowed to’

- A question of available funds was raised. Both MI & WI each have \$125 available and finance chair believes it will cost more than \$125.
- Friendly amendment both correction chairs and a the treatment chair (not friendly)

AMENDMENEED MOTION TO READ

Area 74 asks the Area 74 Treatment Chair *and area 74 corrections co-chairs* to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop weekend in Schaumburg, IL the weekend of September 6-8, 2013.

- Cost will be significant
- Called the question on whether to amend the motion or not.

39 in favor of calling the question

6 opposed to calling the question

- Original author of the motion spoke he doesn't feel it is necessary to send 2 chairs

Motion amended to read:

The Area 74 committee recommends the Area 74 Treatment Chair and area 74 corrections co-chairs to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop weekend in Schaumburg, IL the weekend of September 6-8, 2013.

- The people who would be attending will be rotating out in December
- Both co-chairs are newly elected and were asked if they were willing to stand next year. - yes they will
- Treatment chair will be unable to attend but he would be willing to ask a committee member to attend in his place.
- There are people within our area who are running successful BTG programs why don't we just talk amongst ourselves?
- This weekend this may be the only thing we talk about that directly affects the still suffering alcoholic.

Question called -

25 in favor

26 opposed

Motion does not pass

You can go but area 74 will not be funding the trip.

Motion:

The Area 74 Area Committee recommends the following:

That the minutes of Area 74 business meetings and committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area, to be re-evaluated in one year for additional content.

3:10PM motion to close. Passed and accepted

Area 74 Delegates Report Assembly – May 18, 2013
Ramada Inn, 412 W Washington St., Marquette, MI

*****Marquette is in the Eastern time zone – meeting times listed are local times*****

8:30am **Orientation for GSRs and DCMs**
9:00am **Open Meeting** – Welcome & Housekeeping
 Roll Call / Recognize past Delegates & Trustees
 Approval of Assembly Minutes from 4/7/2013
 Secretary/Registrar Report
 Treasurer Report
 Area Chair Report

9:30 am **Delegates Report**
To Noon

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm **Standing Committee Reports** (2 to 3 minute reports)
 Archives.....CPC.....Corrections-MI.....Corrections-WI.....Finance....Grapevine
 Literature.....Now & Then....PI....Structures & Guidelines.....Treatment

1:45 **Conference Reports:**
 Fall Conference 2013 - District 10

 ECR 5 State Conference Hosted by Area 74 – 2013

 Spring Conference 2014 – District 02

 Fall Conference 2014 - District 05

 Spring Conference 2015 – District 01

Unfinished Business:

Motion: The Area 74 Area Committee recommends that Area 74 ask the Area 74 Treatment Chair and one of the Area 74 Corrections co-chairs to attend the Bridging the Gap Workshop weekend in Schaumburg, IL the weekend of September 6-8, 2013. The Area would cover the expenses of travel, lodging and registration for these individuals.

The Area 74 Area Committee recommends the following: That the minutes of Area 74 business meetings and committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area, to be re-evaluated in one year for additional content.

New Business:

The 2013 East Central Regional (ECR) Conference requests that Area 74 provides the Area Literature display and sales, Archives and Grapevine displays at the 2013 ECR Conference.

Motion: The Area 74 body votes to approve by 2/3 majority the updated Conference Planning Guidelines as submitted by the Structures and Guidelines committee at the October 2012 Assembly in Three Lakes, Wisconsin

3:00 pm **Close meeting**
12 of 13

Fall Conference – Minocqua, WI
Area Elections Minutes
September 21, 2013

Meeting was opened at 9:02 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.

Traditions were read by Paul H.

Announcements

Spring conference May 16-18, 2014 by District 02

Thank you District 10 for this beautiful location and your hard work

East Central Regional Trustee Present – Bill F

Thank you Bill, F., East Central Regional Trustee for joining us this weekend and helping us with our elections.

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustee's who are present:

Len D. Panel 26

Chuck S. Panel 42

Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee

Jeff C. Panel 56

Dodie A Panel 58

Area 75 Past Delegates and Trustee's who are present

Nancy H Panel 61

John B Panel 31

Karen C Panel 39

Leo M Panel 51

Roll Call

Area Officers:

Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Archives, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, Finance, Now & Then, Literature, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 13, 14, 18, 20

Elections:

The Delegate, Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, Treasurer, & Secretary/Registrar are elected by Third Legacy Procedure.

The following people will be assisting with the election process:

Jeff & Tim - Two non-voting members, who distributed, collected and helped with ballots. Thank you for your service.

Jen F. – Assisting the Secretary/Registrar

Kim R. Seated Secretary

The Third Legacy procedures were reviewed and the parameters' identifying eligible voters as outlined in the Area 74 Guidelines Article 1 Section 2 was discussed.

Voting Eligibility:

GSR or alternate
DCM or alternate
Area 74 Officers
Standing Committee Chairs
Past Delegates

If you qualify to vote in two capacities you are afforded only one vote.

The Webmaster and Archivist do not have a vote at.

Voting Procedures

Voting procedures from Article VI Sections 1 – 5 from the Area 74 Guidelines and the Third Legacy Procedure were reviewed.

Prior to voting each member willing to stand for their respective position was invited to share personal introductions and service history for two minutes.

Each vote recorded the number of votes cast, 2/3 majority required for substantial unanimity, and the number of votes for each individual

Concept IX, the requirements and responsibilities of accepting a service commitment for the Area, was briefly discussed.

A description of each, position as currently stated in the Area 74 Guidelines, was read prior to the nomination and vote for each position.

A motion to close nomination was made and seconded prior to the vote in each of the elections.

Delegate – Third Legacy Procedures

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Delegate were identified as:

Mary Jo R
Kim R
Scott K
Derek T

First Vote - 77 voting members 2/3 majority = 51

Mary Jo R 54
Kim R 4
Scott K 11
Derek T 8

Congratulations Mary Jo, incoming Delegate Area 74 Panel 64

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair – Third Legacy Procedures:

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Alternate Delegate / Area Chair were identified as:

Kim R
Scott K
Joel S
Terri B
Jeff O
Derek T

First Vote - 76 voting members 2/3 majority = 51

Kim R - 23
Scott K - 19
Joel S - 6
Terri B - 3
Jeff O - 3
Derek T - 22

Second Vote 75 voting members 2/3 majority = 50. Candidates with less than 15 votes will be eliminated.

Kim R -28
Scott K - 19
Joel S - 0
Terri B -2

Jeff O -1
Derek T -25

Third Vote – 75 voting members 2/3 majority = 50 – Candidates with less than 23 votes will be eliminated.

Kim R -28
Scott K -19
Derek T -27

Fourth Vote – 70 voting members 2/3 majority = 47

Kim R -34
Derek T - 36

A motion was made and seconded to go to a fifth ballot.

*In favor - 32
Opposed - 39*

Per third legacy procedures there will be no fifth ballot, go to the hat.

Kim Rainer was selected from the hat.

Congratulations Kim Rainer Area 74 incoming Alternate Delegate / Area Chair

Treasurer – Third Legacy Procedures:

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Treasurer were identified as:

Derek T
Scott K

First Vote - 77 voting members 2/3 majority = 51

Derek T - 49
Scott K - 28

Second Vote 74 voting members 2/3 majority = 49

Derek T - 54
Scott K - 20

Congratulations Derek T Area 74 incoming Treasurer

Secretary/Registrar – Third Legacy Procedures:

Those members present, eligible and willing to stand for Area 74 panel 64 Treasurer were identified as:

Scott K.

First Vote

Scott K

***Congratulations Scott K Area 74 incoming Secretary / Registrar
Archives – Simple Majority***

The following individuals were nominated and willing to stand for the Archives Chair.

Gloria O

Congratulations Gloria O. Area 74 incoming Archives Chair

Corrections Chair – Simple Majority

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Wisconsin

Terri B

Michigan

No nominees for MI Committee Chair

***Congratulations to Area 74 Wisconsin Corrections Chairs Terri B.
MI Corrections TBA***

CPC Chair – Simple Majority

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

James M.

Congratulations James M, incoming Area 74 CPC Chair

A motion was made and seconded to allow James to serve as interim CPC chair during the remainder of this term. Funds from this budget will be available for his use. Substantial Unanimity will be required for this vote.

82 voting members, 2/3 = 54

In favor - 76

Opposed -6

Minority was given the chance to speak.

If someone moves out of our area, are we setting a precedent by saying if you move out of the area and do not clearly state your intent, Area 74 may not permit you to fulfill your service commitment.

No one requested to change their vote – motion carries.

Literature Committee Chair – Simple Majority

The following members were nominated and willing to stand. Motion to close nominations made and seconded.

Jim S

Congratulations-Jim S. – Area 74 Literature Chair

PI Committee Chair – Simple Majority

The following members were nominated and willing to stand.

Gary K - 40

Jim S. - 28

Congratulations Gary K our incoming Area 74 PI Chair

Treatment Committee Chair – Simple Majority

The following members were nominated and willing to stand. Motion to close nominations made and seconded.

Gary S

Congratulations Gary S incoming Area 74 Treatment Chair

Grapevine Chair – Offered to Outgoing Delegate

Marty L. has accepted this position.

Congratulations Marty L. incoming Area 74 Grapevine Chair

Now & Then Editors – Simple Majority

The following member has been serving as editor and is willing to stand for another term. Nominations were open to the floor, either collaboratively with two new editors, or as a co–editor with Bob. There were no nominees from the floor.

A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Bob as co-editor of the Now and Then, with the understanding that and he will bring forth a nominee to the October Assembly. Vote requires substantial unanimity to approve.

In favor - 51

Opposed - 6

Minority voice spoke

If Bob doesn't find co-editor, would he be willing to do the job alone?

One person wished to change their vote, there was a second so a vote to revote was taken.

57 voting members – 2/3 = 38.

In favor - 19

Opposed - 38

The motion fails to go to a re-vote; Bob M. will remain Now & Then co editor, and will bring a recommendation for co-editor to the October Assembly.

Congratulations Bob M continuing Area 74 Now and Then Editor

Finance Committee – Simple Majority – Two Positions

Each position will be elected by simple majority. The following members were nominated and are willing to stand.

First Vote

Michelle Z - 45

Bob D - 16

Congratulations Michelle Z incoming Area 74 Finance Committee Members

Second Vote

Bob D

Congratulations Bob D. incoming Area 74 Finance Committee Members

Past delegates will caucus to recommend which past delegate will serve on the Finance Committee.

Once the Past delegate has been approved by the Assembly, the Finance Committee is to caucus to elect a new finance chair.

Structures & Guidelines – Simple Majority – Three Positions

Three members will be nominated to serve on the Structures & Guidelines Committee. The vote will be determined by simple plurality (whoever gets the most votes wins.)

The following members were nominated and are willing to stand.

Ty K

Joel S

Barb K

Kimmie K

First vote

Ty K - 8

Joel S - 23

Barb K - 24

Kimmie K - 12

Congratulations Barb K. incoming Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Member

Second Vote

Ty – 12
Joel S - 30
Kimmie K - 23

Congratulations Joel S. incoming Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Member

Third Vote

Ty – 17
Tom H - 16
Kimmie K – 33

Congratulations Kimmie K. incoming Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Member

Recommendations to be brought forward to the October 19, 2013 Assembly for approval:

Archives Committee – Past Delegate
Finance Committee – Past Delegate
Structures & Guidelines Committee – Past Delegate
Now & Then – Co Editor
Secretary / Registrar – Co Secretary Registrar
Treasurer – Co -Treasurer

Thank you to all who are willing to serve.

Motion to close was made and seconded at 2:46 PM.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kim Rainer
Area 74 Secretary Registrar

Fall Assembly – Three Lakes, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
October 19, 2013

Meeting was opened at 9:06 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.
Traditions were read by Kimmy K.
Concepts were read by David J.

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Len D. Panel 26

Chuck S. Panel 42

Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee

Jeff C. Panel 56

Steve H. Panel 60

Dave R. Panel 36

John H. Panel 32

Roll Call

Area Officers: Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Corrections WI, Finance, Now & Then, Literature, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, Grapevine

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20

Recess called at 9:17 a.m. for scheduled Open Sharing Session; Topic How do we get people interested and involved in Service? **(see attachment)**
Sharing Session closed at 10:15 a.m.

Assembly Resumed at 10:30 a.m.

New GSR's and DCM's were welcomed
Statement of voice and vote was provided
Explanation of protocol at the microphone was given

Chair asked for any corrections to May 18, 2013 Assembly Minutes, none offered, motion made to accept, seconded and passed

Chair asked for any corrections to September 21, 2013 Election Assembly Minutes, none offered, motion made to accept, seconded and passed
Chair recognized incoming officers, committee chairs and archivist

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Treasurer – motion was made to accept Treasurer's report, seconded and passed
Secretary / Registrar
Area Chair
Delegate

Committee Reports - 11:15 a.m. (see attachments)

Corrections WI
Interim CPC
Finance
Grapevine
Literature
Now & Then
Public Information
Structure & Guidelines
Treatment / Special Needs

Conference and Final Conference Reports (see attachments)

District 18 Area 74 Spring Conference 2013 Final Report

Recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

ECR Final Report
District 08 Area 74 Fall Conference 2013 Final Report
District 02 Area 74 Spring Conference 2014 Report
District 05 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report
District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report

Bid from District 03 for Area 74 Fall Conference 2015, motion was made and seconded and passed (no other bids were presented)

Unfinished Business 1:15 p.m.

- Area Committee recommendation that the minutes of Area 74 business meetings and committee meetings be posted on the Area 74 website in a password protected area, to be re-evaluated in one year for additional content.

Accepted and seconded
Opened for discussion
Discussion closed for vote; 42 yes, 23 no.
Request was made for a recount of "no" votes; 25 no (42 + 25 = 67, 44 required (2/3's),
Motion/Recommendation fails

Minority Voice offered.
Jeff C. asked for vote to reconsider; 48 yes, 17 no. **Reconsideration passes**

Opened for discussion
Discussion closed for vote (2:05 p.m.); 51 yes, 13 no. **Motion/Recommendation passes**

- Approval of the revised Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines

Opened for discussion, no discussion offered
Discussion closed for vote; 57 yes, 1 no **Motion / Approval passes**

Minority Voice offered.

??? asked for vote to reconsider; 22 yes, 28 no. **Reconsideration fails**

New Business 2:15 p.m.

- Approve the following Standing Committee Chairs:

Finance	Jeff D. (approved)
Structures & Guidelines	Barb K. (approved)
Co-Treasurer	Dawn M. (approved)
Co-Secretary	Paul H. (approved)
Co-Editor of now & Then	Kathy L. (approved)
- Report of Past Delegate committee assignments

Finance	Steve H. Panel 60
Structures & Guidelines	Jeff C. Panel 56
Archives	Chuck S. Panel 42
- Nominations / Vote to fill Corrections Co-Chair position for 2014/2015 **No nominations offered**
- Motion from the Finance Committee – approval to pay overages; Corrections MI and Literature. (Note; a motion from a committee is automatically seconded)

Motion passed by verbal “yes”, with zero “no” votes/voices

- Motion from Mary Jo R.; I move that Area 74 approve the expenditure of \$250.00 to help offset the travel expenses of the incoming Standing Committee Chairs to attend the December 14, 2013 Area Committee meeting. Each Chair would be eligible to request and receive up to \$25.00 the day of the meeting.

Accepted and seconded

Opened for discussion

Discussion closed for vote; 59 yes, 4 no. (59 + 4 = 63, 42 required (2/3's) **Motion passes**

Minority Voice offered.

Mike H (GSR) asked for vote to reconsider; 12 yes, 45 no. **Reconsideration fails**

Recessed for break at 2:45 p.m.

Reconvened Assembly at 3:00 p.m.

- Motion from the Finance Committee - Approval of the 2014 Area 74 Budget

(Note; a motion from a committee is automatically seconded)

Opened for discussion, no discussion offered

Discussion closed for vote; 59 yes, 3 no. (59 + 3 = 62, 42 required (2/3's) **Motion / Approval passes**

Minority Voice offered.

No requests for reconsideration. 3:13 p.m.

- Motion, from District 14, to remove Section 2.05 of Article I from the Area 74 Guidelines.

Accepted and seconded

Opened for discussion (voices heard from; 17 GSR's, 3 DCM's, 5 Committee Chairs, 7 Past Delegates and current Delegate)

James calls the question; 59 yes, 2 no (59 + 2 = 61, 41 required (2/3's)

Discussion closed for vote; 30 yes, 34 no. (30 + 34 = 64, 43 required (2/3's) **Motion fails**

Minority Voice offered.

Cheryl (DCM) asked for vote to reconsider; 28 yes, 29 no. **Reconsideration fails**

- Motion from Structures & Guidelines committee to separate the Secretary / Registrar position into two Area Officer Positions.

Accepted and seconded

Opened for discussion

Discussion suspended for Motion to continue Assembly until 6:00 p.m.; continuance motion passes

Discussion reopened

Gary S (DCM) calls the question; ? yes, ? no (? + ? = ?, ? required (2/3's)

Discussion closed for vote; 54 yes, 3 no. (54 + 3 = 57, 38 required (2/3's) **Motion passes**

Minority Voice offered.

No requests for reconsideration.

- Motion to hear Gail Z's motion.

vote to hear/accept the motion; 17 yes, 33 no. (17 + 33 = 50, 33 required (2/3's) **Motion to hear fails**

- Motion to close.

Scott K

Area 74 Secretary Registrar

Fall Assembly – Three Lakes, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
October 19, 2013
REPORTS

Officer Reports

Treasurer

2013 Income and Expense YTD

1/1/2013 through 10/11/2013

INCOME

Area Yearly Beginning Balance	\$6,518.39
Group Contribution	\$14,010.16
Refresh Income	\$66.00
Other Income*	\$3,893.29
Annivesary Income	\$11.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,498.84

Expenses

Archive Chair Expense	\$190.00
Archive Committee Expense	\$250.00
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	\$480.80
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	\$188.80
Area Committee Rent	\$100.00
Coffee and Refreshments	\$205.03
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	\$620.43
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	\$125.00
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	\$452.64
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	\$79.00
CPC Chair Expense	\$436.00
CPC Committee Exp	\$61.00
Delegate Expense	\$1,699.85
ECR Conference	\$608.44
Finance Chair Expense	\$359.00
Finance Committee Exp	\$196.88
Grapevine Chair Expense	\$319.00
Grapevine Committee Exp	\$163.63
Literature Chair Expense	\$700.00
Literature Committee Exp	\$35.76
Now and Then Chair Expense	\$491.00
Now and Then Committee Expense	\$4,000.00
Other Expenses**	\$1,600.00
Past Delegates Conference	\$200.00
PI Chair Expense	\$290.00
PI Committee Expense	\$80.00
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	\$371.28
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	\$161.74
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	\$400.00
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	\$229.28
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	\$1,000.00
Transfer from Prudent Reserve	\$0.00

Treasurer Chair Expense \$535.50
Treatment Chair Expense \$427.00
Treatment Committee Expense \$100.00
Total Expenses \$17,157.06

Balance \$7,341.78

***Other Income**

Fall Conf 2012 Seed Money Return \$1,500.00
Fall Conference 2012 Gain \$1,066.00
Spring Conference 2013 Seed Return and Gain \$1,327.29
Total \$3,893.29

****Other Expense**

Seat the Delegate \$1,600.00

Prudent Reserve Year to Date \$1,600.00

Motion made and seconded to approve treasurers report as presented.

Secretary / Registrar

If you haven't already done so, please electronically send me your reports for today

I would like to thank Traci for all her hard work during these past two years serving as co-Secretary/Registrar. Her commitment and hard work made an arduous task much easier to handle.

The current status Area 74 statistics with the New Vision Software is as follows:

Active Groups - 661
New Groups – 1
Pending Active – 0
Pending Inactive – 0
Incomplete – 2
Unknown - 119

I would like to thank the DCM's who have worked tirelessly to clean up their Districts. It has helped to make our jobs easier.

Finally, Scott and I are working together to transition these positions in the most effective way for the Area. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as Secretary / Registrar for these past two years.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Area Chair

The last time I gave a report to this body was at the Spring Conference in May since then I have attended the following events: ECR Conference in Appleton in July; in August I was at the Area Committee meeting here in Three Lakes, the CPC Forum in Green Bay, a presented a Service workshop for District 11 in Philips; in September I attended one day of the West Central Regional Forum in Bloomington Minnesota and of course I was at our Fall Conference and on October 5th I was with Marty at a workshop in District 7 on Sponsorship and Service. Looking ahead I will be attending the East Central Regional Forum in Ft. Wayne in November and back here in December for our Area Committee meeting. I'm really getting excited about the December Area Committee meeting. We are planning a time for out-going and in-coming Standing Committee Chairs to get together. I have asked Sara (from Finance), Joel (from Structures & Guidelines) and Marty (our Delegate) to give short presentations to address budget, reimbursement, Area Guidelines, Committee assignments and the Delegates Workshop. So, I expect that

all Area Committee members will have the date of December 14th on their calendar and make every effort to be here that day.

In closing, I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for having allowed me the privilege to serve you as Area Chair. I started this position with a lot of reservations as to whether or not I had what it took to serve this position well. I found out very quickly that I did not, but what I did have is a host of past Area Chairs that were happy and willing to share their knowledge and experience with me, an Area full of GSR's, DCM's and Committee Chairs that encouraged, supported and were very patient with me; and a God that provided me with everything I needed to show up and do my best. Thank you, thank you, thank you.... for the opportunity of a lifetime I will cherish forever.

Delegate

First I want to thank all the current Area 74 Committee, Past Delegates, and GSRs for your support in our last Panel 62 service rotation. You are leaders, and many of you are the leaders of our future of A.A. Also all the AA members who attend these Assemblies to learn as you grow in sobriety and service. Thank you to you all. I wouldn't be sober today without the works you and others have provided for me.

Congratulations to the new elected Area servants, I believe new ideas and Chairs will continue to provide support to our Districts and Groups in carrying the message of sobriety to those still to come.

I have information for you from the September AAWS Board meeting that will be in the November issue Now and Then for your information, along with some other thoughts as your Area servant as I rotate into the Grapevine Committee Chair position. I look forward to working with that new committee DCMs. So, get to Bob M. to assure your email address is in his mailing list so you receive your free Now and Then via email.

I will announce the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous will be available to order beginning November 15, 2013. A flyer order form will be in the Holiday issue of Box 4-5-9 and is also available for review on the www.aa.org web site and the A.A.W.S. online store, which is linked to the AA web site. There still is some controversy over the retail pricing of the book and the shipping rates, of which I'll be asking again at the Forum next month to reconsider.

Being we are reviewing our Area budget for 2014 I want to spend my time commenting on that today. I have served the past two years on the Area Finance Committee as Delegate and commend that group for the time, work, and diligence they have put forth to support and guide our fiduciary responsibilities as an Area.

Our 7th Tradition notes we are self supporting to fund the activities and service we as an Assembly have charged our servants and committees to do. Costs at all levels of service continue to rise, from our Home Group to the General Service Office. Too often I hear "my Home Group can barely afford the rent and coffee". I understand that, and want today to ask each A.A. member consider what your sobriety is worth to you today. We should not be relying on Home Groups to send contributions to the service entities to fund our work, but be responsible personally. Your contribution to the hat at your Home Group, especially if a small Group, may only be able to pay for their rent, coffee, and literature. Therefore it is our responsibility as an AA member to contribute to the services which have saved our lives and support the future of A.A. at large. We have a responsibility statement which begins: "I am Responsible". I see that to mean we as members are responsible to financially support your Home Group, your District, Your Area, your General Service Office, and possibly your Intergroup or Central Office. Don't count on your Home Group Treasury to be the only means of financial support to our vital services.

I'm living through my 14th year of sobriety thanks to A.A. and the services you all gave me to learn to live free and at peace from the malady that was killing me, inside and out. So today, as an example of my gratitude, and I hope others here today will follow, I am giving a check for \$30.00 to our Area Treasurer as a token of my thanks for all you have given me so freely. Two Dollars for each year – Then Round Up! Mike will be happy to accept all your Gratitude/Birthday contributions today. As our Finance Committee at the General Service Conference suggested; "Give till it feels Good".

I cannot express or give back enough to thank you for your support through my journey in sobriety and service. This past two years, and actually past four years have helped me grow and be a better person in all my daily living activities. I hope to continue to come to the Area Assemblies and Conferences for years to come, as you are my family. You are the inspiration and vision that even more of us suffering alcoholics can find relief and freedom through the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve you and A.A.
Yours in Service, with Love

Committee Reports

Archives

Roger contacted Mary Jo and advised he would not be able to attend. Report as follows.

Delegate sharing session at Area 74 2013 Fall Conference

- Presenters:
 - Leonard D
 - John B (Area 75)
 - Chuck S
- Attendance = 20-25
- Recorded

Delegate's Photo Album

- 10 pictures obtained
- Need 24 more pictures
- Need descriptive information concerning panels and home group

Now and Then

- Cataloging and getting ready for digitizing all
- Need 250 more plastic sheet protectors – cost – approximately \$80

Digitizing project:

- Need hardware and software to make digitizing possible and retrievable
 - Computer
 - Scanner
 - Adobe software
 - Office software
 - Voice recognition software
- Collecting digital copies of current Now and Then's
 - Printed only copies need digitizing
- Digitizing group histories for accessibility and search ability of information
- Looking for copies of Assembly and Area Committee minutes
 - 1959 through 1996 minutes digitized
 - Need minutes from the last 17 years!
- Transcribing reel-to-reel tapes to MP3
 - First phase of making these tapes accessible to members
 - Second phase is to transcribe from voice to searchable text

Archivist:

Looking for opportunities to come to your workshop or open meeting to talk about the history of AA

Corrections MI

I apologize for my failure to submit a report for the UP Corrections Interim Co-Chair of Michigan. I do not have a report to submit. In the spirit of recovery
Willie

Corrections WI

Hello Area 74.

In August I attended the CPC Forum in Green Bay. There was a panel of 4 committee chairs from Area 74 – CPC, Treatment, PI and WI Corrections. There was also a panel of 4 community leaders representing the legal, medical, treatment, and DIC areas. What took place was truly valuable for District 01 to form a stronger relationship between AA and the leaders in the community who are on the front

lines of encountering AA's many times before they get to us. It helped them to learn our Traditions, our challenges and our desire to be here for the suffering Alcoholic. We are able to learn about the laws, their challenges and also (it was wonderful to see) their desire to bring AA to their patients and inmates. It was truly incredible and I hope Area 74 can do more Forums in many other districts to come!

During my short time as WI Corrections, I have been active as a contact between inmates coming out of incarcerations here, and in Area 75 back to live in Area 74. That was only possible thru the previously maintained relationships of many, many BTG contacts who have remained active for years in our Area. These were the same contacts I made back in 2009 when I first became active in Corrections. What that tells me is Area 74 has a very passionate desire to help the incarcerated individuals find the hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

I'm very happy for Area 74 to have Terry B as your incoming WI Corrections Chair. In the coming two months, I will be communicating with Terri all those important contacts needed, and also some Archived material passed on to myself from our past corrections chairs.

Finally, what I believe would be the most important task of the Corrections Committee in Area 74 is to establish and maintain a list of all county jails, prisons in our Area, what districts they are located in, the perspective contacts in those specific districts to reach out to and whether or not each facility is being served by AA. Also, assisting Districts with Corrections Workshops and Forums to find and spark those individuals willing to serve.

Thank you all for allowing me to Serve Area 74.
In loving service

CPC

Hello Family,

I hope all is well in WI. I really miss you guys a lot!

The CPC Committee is alive and well. Before I moved, we had a VERY SUCCESSFUL CPC Forum in Green Bay, WI on August 19th. It was well attended by AA's from all over Area 74 (including six past and present delegates), as well as the Professional Community (about 80 participants). Even the Mayor of Green Bay (Jim Schmidt) showed up. We had Bill Labine-Jackie Nitschke Center Director, Dr. Michael Flood-Oneida Health Care, Jed Neuman-Brown County Probation & Parole Supervisor, The Honorable Judge Donald Ziedmulder- Brown County Drug Court and Paul Strand-Past Director of Brown County Mental Health, Jackie Nitschke Center Board of Directors and District 01 CPC Chair (who served as our mediator) volunteer their time to sit on the panel.

I'd like to send out a big thank you to Scott K.-Area 74 Treatment Chair, Keith V.-Area 74 PI Chair and Barb M.-Area 74 WI Corrections Chair for traveling to Green Bay to sit on the panel. The CPC Committee was GREAT!!! They all traveled from the U.P. to serve. They're the ones who made this event a success. I feel we achieved our goal; to develop a relationship between AA and the Professional Community. My hope is that this Forum will continue each year in a different District of Area 74. It really brings a community together. I will be more than happy to forward all the planning and budget information to the new Area74 CPC Chair (James M.).

I'd like to congratulate James on his new position. He's a great servant and a good friend. I know he'll do an AWESOME job. I'd also like to congratulate all the newly elected officers and committee chairs.

Last but not least, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving Area 74. You've all taught me so much and for that I am truly grateful.

I've been elected CPC/PI Chair for the Intergroup (serving the 5 districts of Jacksonville) here. The previous Chair had to step down for personal reasons, so I'm starting in the middle of a rotation (our rotation year is opposite from yours). I've been asked to stand for Area 14 CPC Chair next October. Please keep in touch, as I will with you and God Bless.

In Loving Service, Marty Coleman

Finance

The finance committee has met five times since the spring assembly in May by conference call. The finance committee has also met during the East Central Regional Conference in July and at the Fall Conference last month in Minocqua.

The finance committee worked to develop a proposed 2014 budget. We followed through in having this document available at the Elections Assembly last month in Minocqua and also had it printed in the October Now and Then

We received a financial report from the Spring 2013 Area 74 Conference in Marquette. This report was printed in the September Now and Then. We received a check from the Spring Conference in the amount of \$327.29 plus \$1,000 in seed money. We received a financial report from the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton. This report was printed in the October Now and Then. We received a check from the ECR Conference in the amount of \$526.27. It should be noted this check was not added into the Other Income yet on the 2013 Income and Expense to date that the Treasurer, Mike, presented earlier. The finance committee did update the Area 74 Financial Request Guidelines and turned this information over to the Structures and Guidelines committee. The finance committee had numerous discussions on further defining what is a committee chair expense and what is a committee expense. The finance committee concluded that the Financial Request Guidelines adequately explain the difference between these two although it would seem to be helpful for incoming chairs to have some orientation regarding this matter. Through these discussions, it has led us to this question, whether our finances are to pay dollar for dollar expenses or to supplement the work of our area servants. The finance committee summed up the costs for all Area 74 service events for 2014 and that total exceeds \$900. So please be prudent with your area budgets

An additional consideration from the finance committee is to add the Finance Committee Chair as a third person to be approved to be able to sign checks for Area 74. If something were to happen to either the Treasurer or Co-Treasurer of Area 74, the account would be locked up as currently both signatures are required to be able to write checks

Just a reminder if any Area Chairs are planning to attend the East Central Regional Forum in November and wish to receive \$75 to defray their costs, please see me today. At the Area 74 Committee Meeting in Minocqua in September it was discussed that we would schedule a time at the December 2013 Area Committee Meeting for the new Standing Committee Chairs to meet with the current Standing Committee members to help make the transition for the coming year a little smoother. It was suggested incoming trusted servants could defer their cost to attend this Area Committee Meeting if there is money left in their committee expense. It was suggested if you need special funds consideration to attend the December Area Committee meeting to discuss that at this Area Assembly.

One addition, Terri B. from District 10 presented us with a check today of \$3,540.14 from the Fall 2013 Area 74 Conference in Minocqua. The report from this conference will be forwarded to be printed in the upcoming Now and Then.

We would ask that you turn in all reimbursement requests to the finance committee by noon today so that we can review, approve, and disburse payment.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and serve as finance chair this past year. It's been awesome. Sara

Finance Chair

Grapevine

The Grapevine Committee was in attendance at three different service functions this year. The committee was part of a Service Workshop held in Phillips, WI. earlier this year. We had a Grapevine Workshop in Peshtigo, WI. with representation from three different districts. In July the Grapevine Committee was in attendance and setup our Area Grapevine display at the East Central Regional Conference held in Appleton, WI. The Grapevine Committee continues to setup our display board and Grapevine materials at all Area 74 Assemblies and Conferences. As your Grapevine Chair I continue to write a monthly article called **(The Juice)** in our Now and Then Newsletter. I thank each and every one of you for allowing me serve you as we trudge the road of Happy Destiny together.

Current GV Subscriptions is 1891. That is a decrease of 150 subscribers. The GV has downsized all it is able to, so now it is up to us. If you want the GV to survive
Area 74 Grapevine Chair

Literature

Beginning Inventory	\$2,607.04
Sales (1,829.38)	
Purchases	1,741.68
Ending Inventory	2,519.34
Beginning Cash	265.89
Receipts	1,829.38
Payments (1,741.68)	
Ending Cash	353.59
Total Value	2,872.93

Activity Orders Sales

2013 Spring Conference	\$509.87	
East Central Regional Conference	\$635.15	353.75
Interim Orders/Sales	160.00	
2013 Fall Conference	594.79	600.06
Interim Orders/Sales	205.70	
2013 Fall Assembly	511.74	
Totals	\$1,741.68	\$1,829.38

Final Report:

At the fall conference an aa member discovered that our lp big books had Pages 114[160 bound in upside down]so replaced them so there are 3 Available here at no cost.

Please note that we now have an expanded spanish display.

I am turning the literature over at the fall october 19th area assembly to Our new area 74 literature chair jim schesvold.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Gillespie, Outgoing Area 74 Literature Chair

Now & Then

To Date Information:

- Printed 4,255 Newsletters with an average of 426 per month
- Distribution by hard copy to GSR's of 4067 with an average of 407 per month
- Subscriptions by hard copy of 90 with an average of 9 per month

Costs:

- Printing -Total \$2813 with an average expense of \$281 per month
- Postage – Total \$1785 with an average expense of \$178 per month
- Other Costs – Total \$138 with an average expense of \$14 per month
- Total Expenses - \$4636 with an average expense of \$464 per month

Total Income - \$5651

Cost per newsletter average is \$.98 cents per month per issue

Electronic distribution – All Area committee members receive electronic distribution therefore all area officers, area committee chairs, and DCM's. I do send a hard copy to several DCM's that have requested. About 40 GSR's, most past delegates, and around 100 other AA members including the current ECR Trustee, Past Trustees, and adjacent Area Delegates.

The newsletter averages 12 pages per month.
Regularly submitted articles are usually punctual to the due date and others need to be reminded.

I receive very little feedback from the area on the newsletter, but I receive a lot of positive feedback from those outside the Area that see it.

The printer I work with is wonderful and very efficient. The problem with good printers are they tend to be very busy, therefore printing sometimes takes up to a week to be completed.

Working with the Post Office is unbelievable to say the least. They are very particular about the packing of their mail trays and filling out forms. I must be sure I am in fit spiritual condition each time I do business with them.

Over the next two years would like to work with the Assembly to better define the role of the newsletter in the Area. Part of this would be to determine if the newsletter should be structured as it is now or should it be changed. Working with Structures & Guidelines committee I will bring any proposals that we come up with to the Assembly.

For the New Year GSR's should update your group information with Scott, our new Area Secretary and Registrar. The Area Officers and Committee chairs will be automatically updated when they are updated on our website. New subscribers see me for hard or electronic copies. I will need updates for monthly District meeting schedules for the 2014 year by 12/15/2013. Upcoming events can be sent to me by email.

Thank You for allowing me to continue to be of Service to you. It has been a very challenging, but yet rewarding service position.

There are extra newsletters available on the table by the literature. Feel free to take some with you.

Bob M
Area 74 Co-Editor of the "Now and Then"

PI

Need Report

Structures & Guidelines

Greetings Area 74,

The S&G committee currently has three items currently in the works. One item is the updated draft of the conference planning guidelines, which after submission to the assembly one year ago at the 2012 October assembly is on the agenda for assembly approval. In the last year the S&G committee has received two questions in regards to the updated conference planning guidelines. Please keep in mind that although the conference planning guidelines may not offer a suggestion or direction to every situation or circumstance, that amendments to the conference planning guidelines are always welcomed and encouraged.

The second item is the motion to separate the secretary registrar's position into two separate officer positions. The S&G committee has researched and provided background material in support of the separation, and welcomes any questions about said motion.

The third item that the S&G committee has been working on is an updated draft of the area 74 guidelines. Since the spring conference assembly in Marquette MI the S&G committee has had five conference calls in the last five months in attempts to complete a draft of an updated version of the Area 74 guidelines. The S&G committee currently has two more items to address before the final draft will be complete, and will be passing the draft onto the new incoming committee.

The S&G committee would like to thank the Area for allowing this committee the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,
Area 74 S&G committee chair

Treatment

No activity to report.

I just wanted to say thank you to my fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous for trusting me to be their servant over the past two years and that I'm looking forward to growing up amongst you over the next two years while continuing to repay my debt to you.

Conference and Final Conference Reports

2013 Spring Conference final report – District 18 - Matt

2013 ECR 5 State Conference final report – Len D

2013 Fall Conference report – District 10, Terri

2014 Spring Conference report – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014, Jen F.

2014 Fall Conference report – District 05 – September 26 -28, 2014, Gary S.

2015 Spring Conference report – District 01 – May 15-17, 2013, Tom Y.

2015 Fall Conference bids were held. Bidding District was District 03

Mike M. offered a bid on behalf of district 03 for the Fall Conference 2015 9-18 through 20, 2015

Banquet \$25

Room \$89

Regis \$10

District 03 will be hosting the 2015 Fall Conference the weekend of September 18, 19 and 20, 2015 in Wisconsin Rapids.

Congratulations District 03 and thank you for your willingness to host the 2015

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SHARING SESSION

Sharing Session:

According to the Service Manual (page S40): *In a sharing session, everyone has a chance to use their experience, strength and hope to contribute ideas and opinions about the welfare of AA. Its format is aimed at drawing out the ideas of even the shyest participant, and keeps the more articulate from dominating the meeting. Each person offers an opinion, and never needs to defend it.*

- Participants will limit their sharing to 2 minutes, at the sound of the bell the speaker is to stop talking and sit down.
- Participants are asked not to share only once until all who wish to have had the opportunity to share have.
- Participants will come to the mic so that everyone can hear their sharing.

The session will be recorded and the details will be compiled into a one page report which will be published in the Now & Then.

How do we get people interested and involved in Service?

- Do you have a Service Sponsor?
- Who is responsible for the welfare of AA – so it is here for your children and children's children.
- Don't ask your Sponsees' if they are willing to be here – tell them to show up.
- How fit I am in my own recovery and how I communicate my experience there impacts others interest
- Having a positive attitude about the whole fellowship of the service events makes it attractive
- Make a flyer to explain what the committee I serve on is.
- Information takes fear away. Educate AA members on what my job is and what do I accomplish
- Don't wait for people to approach us. We need to reach out to people and show them what we do.
- You can get all your co-dependent needs met in AA.
- Service can be like pouring gas on a flame. If I have a spark, that is contagious
- I need to be an attractive example
- When someone is new in AA, reach out to them and trust that they will be able to do the job
- Ask someone new to AA help you do something in service
- People don't volunteer for fear of screwing up
- Make sure your Home Group has a business meeting
- Encourage the service structure within the Home Group
- Make sure I am participating in all three legs of the AA triangle – Recovery, Unity and Service
- If your recovery is getting flat, invite people to come and play in the other two legs of the triangles
- Invite people to speak on panels
- Talk about what service has done for you, not what you have done for service
- Study the history of AA with sponsee's
- Host a conference – it generates tremendous amounts of enthusiasm
- Invite/challenge each committee member to invite one new person to serve on the committee
- Put aside personal feelings and look at what is the best thing for the AA or the group or the Fellowship
- Display Gratitude for a willingness/ability to serve
- Trust that the help will be there when it is needed

- Sponsorship is about service; don't differentiate between working with others and serving the Area. . .
- Sponsor a meeting – 12 Step a meeting into service. Let's have a meeting on Traditions. Develop Unity
- Bring the principals of AA and the Big Book into Service
- Know that my opinion is just as valuable as the old timers opinions; talk whether you think people will agree with you or not; Don't be shy about expressing your opinions
- Delegate some of your responsibility if you are in service
- Hoodwink people into service; don't tell them where they are going, but get them somewhere
- Use your last name, if you are curious about something ask someone who is in service
- When giving your lead talk about service
- Be a good example of what service looks like; Recognize that I am accountable
- Cling to the people who are in service; Service is what keeps me coming back
- Twelve step individuals into service
- Invite people to keep coming back. Remember that we didn't like AA when we first started that either
- Conduct workshops about service
- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Tell people what it is like and be enthusiastic
- Treat others with dignity and respect, whether you agree with them or not
- Ask the question am I still interested in service, what kind of recovery will we have if we all walk away from service
- Travel with old-timers; make this fun; bring the body, the mind will follow
- Service work saved my life
- Attend conferences
- Involvement is service is a direct reflection of the health and what is going on within the district
- Host picnics and Intergroups, socialize at the district level, hang out before and after the meeting, stir the soup
- Service starts at the Home Group; have home group members serve on committees at the district level
- Ask someone if they would be willing to stand for a position. I never volunteered for any service position I've held, but I was always elected to each of them
- What can I do for AA based on all AA has done for me
- Dr Bob says I do this because it is a sense of duty, it is a pleasure, in so doing I pay the debt to man who passed it on to me, and finally, each time i do I take out a little bit of insurance against a slip.

Sharing session closed at 9:18 AM

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Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer.
Housecleaning including voice/vote explanation

Objection by Jeff C. regarding “order to the mic”, support offered by DCMs 05 and 20, Bob M. had a question

Traditions were read by Steve S.
Concepts were read by Nancy S.

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee
Jeff C. Panel 56
Steve H. Panel 60
Marty L. Panel 62

Roll Call

Area Officers: Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Now & Then, Literature, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, Grapevine, P.I.

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 20, 22 (68+- individuals in total were present, including 10 Committee Chairs, 13 DCMs, 31 GSRs, 4 Officers, 12 Members, 4 Past Delegates (sign in sheets))

Area Chair asked for any corrections to October 19, 2013 Assembly Minutes, one correction offered, motion made to accept as amended, seconded and passed by “voice” vote

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Secretary / Registrar; ended 9:38 a.m., 2 questions offered
Treasurer; 2 questions offered, motion was made to accept report, seconded and passed
Area Chair
Delegate; questions/comments offered by one GSR, one Committee Chair, one Past Delegate

Recessed for break at 10:15 a.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 10:25 a.m.

Committee Reports - (see Delegates Workshop Committee Reports 3-30-14)

Agenda
Trustees
International Conference & Regional Forums

CPC
Corrections
Archives

Recessed for lunch at 11:27 a.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 12:30 p.m.

Grapevine
Finance
Policy & Admissions

Recessed for lunch at 1:18 p.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 1:30 p.m.

Literature
Public Information

Recessed for break
Reconvened Assembly at 2:50 p.m.

Report & Charter
Treatment / Special Needs; ended 3:27 p.m.

Corrections Re-address; "A.A. sponsored retreats", 34 in favor of inserting the proposed language, 12 opposed to inserting the proposed language, 4 abstain; ended 3:39 p.m.

Unfinished Business

P.I. Committee gave address on "Minutes available in password protected area on Area 74 Website

New Business 2:15 p.m.

Structures & Guidelines withdraws two motions;

1) That the current Area 74 Secretary/ Registrar choose the position that they would like to continue to serve in, notify the assembly body of the decision. The Area holds an election at the following assembly, to fill one of the two positions of Secretary or Registrar.

2) That Article III, sections 6.00 and 7.00 of the Area 74 guidelines is changed to the following;
Section 6.00 The secretary records and distributes minutes of area meetings. Sends out area mailings; using a mailing list obtained from the registrar. Sometimes the secretary is responsible for preparing lively bulletins that will encourage attendance at committee meetings and assemblies. The secretary is in a good position to act as liaison between officers and committee members.

Section 7.00 The registrar develops and maintain records of all the groups in the area, including group name, meeting location, time, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the G.S.R.'s or group contact. The registrar acts as contact for GSR's and DCM's, updating information as requested, using the New Vision software. The registrar addresses inaccurate and missing group information concerns. The registrar keeps the Area mailing and contact lists up to date including, but not limited to, Delegate, Area chair, Area officers, standing committee

chairs, and DCM's; and provides mailing labels for area publications such as a monthly newsletter.

Marty L. withdraws motion;

Reimburse those incoming Area Officers/Committee Chairs that attended the Regional event in Schaumburg IL, (fall of 2013) \$75.00.

Finance Committee motion #1;

The Area 74 Finance committee recommends changing Article IV, section 9(first sentence) of the Area 74 guidelines from "The Finance Committee shall consist of the Area Treasurer, Area Delegate, one past Delegate, and three DCM's or GSR's." to "The Finance Committee shall consist of the Area Treasurer, Area Delegate, one past Delegate, and three past or current DCM's or GSR's." Opened for discussion, comment offered by one Past Delegate, **motion withdrawn**

Finance Committee motion #2;

The Finance Committee recommends adding the Area Delegate as a second Co-signer for the Area 74 checking account. Opened for discussion, comments offered by two GSRs, one DCM, discussion closed, vote taken, 44 Yes, 4 No, 4 Abstain, motion passed, minority voice offered by one GSR, one Committee Chair and one Past Delegate, no vote changes, no reconsideration, motion carries.

Bob M., Past Delegate – Panel 50;

Offered a moment of recognition for the passing of Bob D. of District 03, past servant to Area 74

Nicholas S., DCM – District 05;

"How are we to address concerns regarding the Area 74 Webmaster?" This inquiry was fielded by the P.I. Chair.

Conference and Final Conference Reports; (see attachments)

District 02 Area 74 Spring Conference 2014 Report - Jen
District 05 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report – Gary S.
District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report – Tom Y.
District 03 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report – Mike M.

Questions or Comments for Area 74 Delegate;

Comment offered by one Past Delegate

Vote on Assembly Guideline – Order of call to the mic;

Comments offered by two GSRs, one Officer, two Past Delegates followed by an informal vote of continuation of practice, 39 Yes, 7 No, 4 Abstain, minority voice offered by one DCM, two Committee Chairs, two Past Delegates.

Motion to close; seconded at 4:58 p.m.

Scott K
Area 74 Secretary Registrar

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REPORTS

Officer Reports

Treasurer Derrick T.

The changeover for treasury occurred over a two month period (December/January)

- I opened the new PO Box in December; the new Address to mail contributions:
Area 74 Treasurer
P.O. Box 84
Paradise, MI 49768

Please include your group name, group number and the address to mail a contribution receipt

- A new bank account was opened in Newberry, MI in January. We are now banking at MBank
- Quicken files were forwarded electronically; Funds from Wells Fargo were transferred in Mid-January to complete the turnover I am providing two reports for your review:

1. I have created a year end 2013 report, for your information. This report was created by taking the past Treasurer's report from 12/14/13 and adding the final expense checks paid out after the 12/14 Area Committee Meeting. I will answer questions on this report if possible, but all activity occurred prior to my term as Treasurer. Minor categorical errors were discovered in this report this morning; the report will be corrected and the amended report will be presented at the May 2014 Assembly.

2. The second report covers activity since the handover in early January. You will see that I have amended the format somewhat. Please note the grouping by activity to improve clarity (I hope). Not much activity categorically, but some items to note:

a. I have removed Prudent Reserve transfers from the Expense category and included it as a notation in the new Total Asset Category at the end of the report.

b. Please note Other expense include the amount for new checks, the fee to wire the funds to the new account and a fee for a check that was deposited from a closed account (\$5.00)

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Derek Tait, Area 74 Treasurer

**Area 74 Income and Expense YTD 2013
1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013**

INCOME

Area Yearly Beginning Balance	\$6,518.39
Group Contribution	\$16,038.30
Refresh Income	\$66.00
Cash on Hand 12.31.13	\$40.00
Other Income*	\$7,959.70
Interest Income	\$0.57
Anniversary Income	\$151.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,773.96

Expenses

Archive Chair Expense	\$230.00
Archive Committee Expense	\$551.00
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	\$976.80

Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	\$252.60
Assembly Rent	\$350.00
Coffee and Refreshments	\$205.03
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	\$620.43
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	\$322.28
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	\$472.64
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	\$79.00
CPC Chair Expense	\$456.00
CPC Committee Exp	\$61.00
Delegate Expense	\$2,233.94
ECR Conference	\$608.44
ECR Forum	\$75.00
Finance Chair Expense	\$399.00
Finance Committee Exp	\$452.59
Grapevine Chair Expense	\$414.00
Grapevine Committee Exp	\$163.63
Incoming Chair Turnover	\$115.00
Literature Chair Expense	\$911.09
Literature Committee Exp	\$35.76
Now and Then Chair Expense	\$605.02
Now and Then Committee Expense	\$5,500.00
Other Expenses**	\$3,600.00
Past Delegates Conference	\$200.00
PI Chair Expense	\$350.00
PI Committee Expense	\$179.50
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	\$878.72
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	\$173.74
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	\$465.00
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	\$373.28
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	\$1,200.00
Transfer from Prudent Reserve***	\$0.00
Treasurer Chair Expense	\$627.50
Treatment Chair Expense	\$502.00
Treatment Committee Expense	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$24,739.99
Balance	\$6,033.97

***Other Income**

Fall Conf 2012 Seed Money Return	\$1,500.00
Fall Conference 2012 Gain	\$1,066.00
Spring Conference 2013 Seed Return and Gain	\$1,327.29
Proceeds from ECR regional Conf	\$526.27
Fall Conf 2013 Seed Money Return	\$1,000.00
Fall Conference 2013 Gain	\$2,540.14
Total	\$7,959.70

****Other Expense**

Seat the Delegate	\$1,600.00
Fall 2014 Conf Seed Money Request	\$1,000.00
Fall 2015 Conf Seed Money Request	\$1,000.00
Total	\$3,600.00

***Prudent Reserve \$1,800.00

**Area 74 - 2014 Income and Expense YTD
1/1/2014 through 03/30/2014**

CARRYOVER FROM 2013	
Carryover checking balance from 2013	6,033.97
<u>Carryover prudent reserve</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>
TOTAL CARRYOVER FROM 2013	7,833.97

INCOME

Group Contributions	3,242.13
Refresh Income -	
Other Income*	337.50
<u>Anniversary Income -</u>	
TOTAL INCOME	3,579.63

***Other Income**

<u>Fall Conference 2013 Gain</u>	<u>337.50</u>
Total Other Income	337.50

EXPENSES

Archive Chair Expense -	
Archive Committee Expense -	
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp -	
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp -	
Assembly Rent -	
Coffee and Refreshments -	
Corrections Chair Exp - MI -	
Corrections Committee Exp -MI -	
Corrections Chair Exp -WI -	
Corrections Committee Exp - WI -	
CPC Chair Expense -	
CPC Committee Exp -	
Delegate Expense	(1,000.00)
ECR Conference -	
Finance Chair Expense -	
Finance Committee Exp -	
Grapevine Chair Expense -	
Grapevine Committee Exp -	
Literature Chair Expense -	
Literature Committee Exp -	
Now and Then Chair Expense -	
Now and Then Committee Expense -	
Other Expenses**	(1,718.53)
Past Delegates Conference -	
PI Chair Expense -	
PI Committee Expense -	
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp -	
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp -	
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp -	
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp -	
Treasurer Chair Expense -	
Treatment Chair Expense -	
<u>Treatment Committee Expense -</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	(2,718.53)

****Other Expense**

Expense to Seat the Delegate @ GSC	(1,600.00)
<u>Bank expenses/fees (checks, wire transfer & return fees)</u>	<u>(118.53)</u>
Total Other Expense	(1,718.53)

Total Income (or Loss) This Period 861.10

TOTAL ASSETS

Balance-Checking* 03/30/14	6,595.07
<u>Balance-Prudent Reserve* 03/30/14</u>	<u>2,100.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS 03/30/2014	8,695.07

*Transfer to Prudent Reserve-Jan/Feb/March 2014 300.00

Secretary / Registrar Scott K.

Paul and I have generated and emailed 10 updated Area Contact Directories since January 1, 2014.

We have generated three mailing label lists and forwarded them to the N&T co-editors. We also had a conference call with the co-editors of the N&T in February which resulted in a considerably more accurate mailing label list which was used for the March mailing. Among other things, this meeting was an effort to reduce returned Now & Thens which cost the Area fifty cents each.

With that said; GSRs or group contacts that get a hard copy (or multiple copies) of the N&T; please remember that these are not sent to you personally. They are being sent to a group for which you happen to be the group contact or GSR (as per the direction of Area 74 Assembly action). As per Assembly action, Groups get a hard copy of the N&T, Area Officers, Committee Chairs and DCMs get it electronically. In most cases, a verbal request to the N&T co-editors will not stop our monthly newsletter from being sent to you. In most cases, your request will have to include submission of one of three forms from GSO that affect Group information changes, and that form will have to be forwarded to the Area Secretary/Registrar.

Given the current relationship, or lack thereof, of software between GSO's FNV, MS Excel and MS Word, it is impractical to search through 667 records and pull out the requests of a few GSRs or group contacts and remove them. Because of the number of entries that Paul and I make in FNV on a monthly basis, the mailing labels are created from a "new" or "fresh" download each time, thus we're not relying on or retaining any information from the previous mailing label list(s). As it is currently, we go through the list and remove approximately 64 records.

The download from FNV, eliminating 145 columns (that are not consecutive), manually eliminating the (approximately 40 plus) "plus four" digits of zip codes, and then searching 667 records to remove 64 records takes about three hours, to save the Area \$32.00 in return postage. Then the Excel data is merged in Word and "trimmed" which takes about another hour (reviewing each of 603 mailing labels).

In other news, Paul and I spent a full day generating Group Information Sheets that were sent out to the DCMs of record on February 15, 2014. GSO is requesting all group info be verified and updated, as Regional Directories will be printed in late summer. This information was sent to all Districts, except 18 and 6 which were forwarded to our Delegate. Since this mailing, seven districts have emailed a confirmation of having received the information and two Districts have completed the verification/correction process, returning the data to us. As a reminder, Districts have about 17 days to get this information back to Paul and I.

Paul has been the primary on entering New or Change information into FNV. To date he has made 50 entries (which would include changing information for GSR, Alternate GSR, Primary Group Contact, DCMs and Area officers as well as adding new groups). Please note that the bottom of the three forms

instruct the fellowship to send or fax the forms to GSO. GSO is in the process of including the option of "forwarding the form to your Area servant". The Assembly should consider formalizing a directive for the handling of these forms; Paul and I think these should be handled/routed in a consistent manner.

Finally, except for the reports given today by Area 74 Committee Chairs; our DCMs, and Area officers are reminded to get me the reports (electronically) that they gave this weekend.

Peace,
Scott K. – Area 74 Secretary/Registrar
Paul H. – Area 74 Co-Secretary/Registrar

Area Chair Kim R.

Warm Greetings Area 74

In January of 2014, I presented at District 02's annual GSR workshop. Workshop attendees included GSR's and Fellowship Members from District's 02, 01 and 09. District 02 has been hosting this event for five years, and the event continues to help new GSR's step into their service positions with a little more understanding of their responsibilities.

The DCM's of Area 74 have continued to hold monthly DCM conference calls the last Wednesday of each month at 8:30 PM Central time. I have been participating on that call each month. If you are a DCM or Alternate DCM and have not joined the call, we hope you will give it a try. The dial in number is 641-715-3200, and the call ID 768077#. As a member of the Structures and Guidelines Committee, I participate in monthly conference calls as well.

Beyond what I have already mentioned, the rest of my service time has been spent preparing for the Area Committee Meeting and Area Assembly and freaking out just a little.

I look forward to the remaining seventeen months of my service commitment to Area 74, and I thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kim R.
Area Chair

Delegate Mary Jo R.

Delegates report March 30, 2014

Highlights from the General Service Board meeting in Feb 2014

- Finalized the recommendations of agenda items for the GSC in April which includes budgets for GSO, Grapevine, and La Vina
- Set the registration fee for the 2015 International (\$100 pre-registration / \$110 on-site registration)
- Setting the slate of trustees for the GSB defining who will serve as Chairperson, 1st Vice-chair, 2nd Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary along with the assistant Treasurer and assistant Secretary. The AAWS Board and the Grapevine Board. Included in these recommendations are Appointed Committee Members, General Service Trustees, and Non-trustee Directors
- Working on revisions to the guidelines to Hiring General Manager GSO and Hiring Grapevine Executive Editor.
- There has been a significant increase in traffic for the AA.org website (possible due to the popularity of the online Daily Reflections and launch of the new on-line store)
- AA Grapevine.org has designed and developed a landing page for Grapevine's 70th Anniversary.
- Cultural sensitivity in AA literature – example: the term "dark districts" a phrase that refers to inactive districts – although this was never intended to be insensitive to any culture, it could be. It was found that in a review of our Conference approved literature the term could not be found, but that it had been used in Box 4-5-9. ***reminded that we need to be vigilant about such issues as we develop and modify our literature.
- The Board is working on a Confidentiality and Code of Conduct for its members.
- Working on a GSB emergency preparedness/contingency plan – this discussion is on-going
- There were 1942 visitors to the General Service Office / Archives staff responded to approx. 1480 requests for information and research.

- Website:
 - o The following videos are being prepared to be posted on the website. AA in Correctional Facilities; Carrying the Message Behind These Walls; Your AA GSO, Grapevine and the General Service Structure; It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell; Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous; AA Cooperation with the Professional Community; AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs (ASL)
- There will be an opening for a staff member in September due to a staff retirement and 2 new people have joined the staff. Eva S. has rotated onto the 2015 International Convention assignment her staff assistant will be Maria M.
- Literature
 - o Literature sales were over budget and on-line sales grew substantially in 2013.
 - o Currently Alcoholics Anonymous and the Twelve & Twelve (in English) are published on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Apple I-Tunes stores. The French translation of Alcoholics Anonymous was scheduled to be available at the end of Jan 2014.
 - o 75th Anniversary Commemorative Alcoholics Anonymous is in production and schedule for April 2014 delivery, (pre-orders 60,000)
 - o The price for the Large Print Abridged version of Alcoholics Anonymous will be \$6.00
 - The cost of the DVD "Markings of the Journey" will be reduced to \$10
 - We celebrated December as the highest month in contributions ever recorded! Expressions of gratitude from members and groups for December totaled \$850,000. This allowed us to close the year with a profit of \$93,446 which was 3% over budget.
- AA Grapevine
 - o The Grapevine turns 70 in 2014 – AAGrapevine.org has a variety of materials available on the website to help celebrate this anniversary.
 - o Magazine, GV On-line, and other publishing products were all ahead of projections
 - o Average Circulation of the print magazine was 77,126 for the 12 months ending 12.31.13 which is below both budget and lower than 2012.
 - o Average circulation for La Vina for the last 12 months was 10,145
 - The newsletter for Archivists has been retitled to Markings: Your Archives eNewsletter
 - A subcommittee has been organized to discuss the ways to better utilize Class A and Class B Trustees in CPC events.
 - New on-line video resources for CPC using Class A trustee's is being looked into. These would be in-house video productions.
 - The Corrections desk is seeking more male "outside" AA members to participate in corresponding with inmates.
 - Self-support initiatives will remain a priority for 2014.
 - We currently have 10.93 months of operating expenses in our Reserve Fund.
 - It is recommended that \$1.5 million dollars transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Pension Plan.
 - Tentative International travel for 2014 will be to:
 - o San Salvador, El Salvador for the 36th Convention of Central America
 - o Bogota Colombia for the 10th National Convention
 - o Kiev, Ukraine for the Ukraine's 25th AA Anniversary
 - o Warsaw, Poland for the 23rd World Service Meeting

Region

I attended the Conference of Delegates Past & Present in February. This weekend is designed to help Delegates prepare for the General Service Conference. I had the opportunity to get acquainted with other delegates of the East Central Region who I will be serving with this year, also present was our ECR Trustee, Bill F. and GSO Staff member, Rick W. The weekend was schedule to represent the happenings at the GSC. 1st year delegates presented their Area Highlights, 2nd year delegates presented their personal reflections on their 1st year experience. We meet in a committee setting, prepare and present an agenda item and run through reading, discussion and voting on the item.

On Sunday morning we had an ECR business meeting where we elected a new Chair and Secretary. Some of the items that were brought forward and we may want to continue to discuss were:

- In an attempt to strengthen our Region the hosts of the ECR Conference that will be held in Perrysburg Ohio, July 25-27 this year are asking that each Area consider sending their officers and

standing committee chairs to the conference. They are setting time and space for those groups to meet together to discuss what works in our Area as well as what does not work. And how we can better communicate our needs with the General Service Office. This would be something as an Area we may wish to discuss adding as a 2014 budget item much like we do the regional forum. A set amount (like \$100) for each officer or standing committee chair that would like to attend to help offset their expenses. I have registration forms available for those who may be interested in attending.

- There was a committee put in place to discuss the ECR hosting a Hospitality Room at the 2015 International Convention. As an area we may want to talk about how we would support this endeavor (money for coffee and refreshments/ people who would be willing to take a shift in the room, etc.)
- There was a motion brought forward to combine the ECR Conference and the Conference of Delegates Past & Present into one event being called the East Central Regional Service Conference and would be held the last weekend in February. After much discussion it was decided to form an Ad Hoc committee to readdress this motion and to bring forward at our next meeting.

Area 74

- I would like to again express my gratefulness in being elected to serve Area 74 as Delegate.
- I haven't traveled a lot yet, but in February I was asked be a member on a panel for a Service Workshop that was held by District 05 in Eau Claire. In February I also attended the ECR Conference of Delegates Past & Present which I just highlighted.
- Our ECR Trustee was been hosting a monthly conference call for the regional delegates and their alternates. This is a general sharing time – no specific topics, just whatever is on our minds.
- I have also been able to listen in on the DCM monthly conference call that our Area Chair hosts.
- Each first year delegate is assigned a “buddy” for the GSC, mine buddy is the delegate of Colorado. I have had the opportunity to speak with her on the phone and to meet her in person at the West Central Service Conference in early March.
- I looking forward to attending the General Service Conference at the end of April, and ask that each of you hold myself and all those who will be attending the conference in your prayers. A lot of work happens during that week. I speak for myself when I say that I believe I will need all the help I can get. I will see you within 2 weeks of returning from the Conference at the Area 74 Spring Conference – with a full report on what happened in New York. Please go back to your districts and see if there is a time that you would like me to come and visit and give my report for those who are unable to attend in May.

Committee Reports SEE “DELEGATES WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORTS”

Archives Gloria O.

Archivist: Pete W.

Corrections MI No Chairperson

Corrections WI Terri B.

CPC James M.

Finance Jeff D..

Grapevine Marty L.

Literature Jim S.

Now & Then Bob M. & Kathy L.

PI Gary K.

Structures & Guidelines Barb K.

Treatment Gary S.

Conference and Final Conference Reports

2014 Spring Conference report – District 02 – May 16-18, 2014 Jen F.

2014 Fall Conference report – District 05 – September 26 -28, 2014 Gary S.

The Conference Committee has been meeting regularly, usually with 20+- attendees. Numerous sub-committees have been formed and responsibilities identified to ensure all aspects of this event are accomplished.

The main speakers for our conference have been selected and secured by the programs sub-committee. Discussion topics for the panels have been identified and we are in the process of fine tuning and assigning people to be panelists.

I am also happy to say that a plan is being hatched for another locally authored and performed skit that will be part of the Saturday evening entertainment.

We are always in need of more help. We ask that you spread the word. Ask your groups to get more involved. Greeting, hosting, contributing to the hospitality room effort are just a few suggestions where groups or individuals can participate. A reminder that there will be approximately 225 banquet tickets and 400 +- seats for the main speaker, so we urge you to register early to secure your seats. And your early payments will certainly help the committee to defray our early costs.

Please accept our invitation to join in the Area 74 Fall conference and give your recovery a boost.

In Loving Service,

Gary S.

Committee Chair / 2014 Fall Conference

2015 Spring Conference report – District 01 – May 15-17, 2015 Tom Y.

2015 Fall Conference report - District 03 – September 18-20, 2015 Mike M.

Spring Assembly – Neenah, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
May 17, 2014

Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Third Step prayer.
Housecleaning including voice/vote explanation

Question offered on the floor regarding “opening the Assembly to all A.A. members during the Delegates Report portion of the Assembly, only”.

Vote to “open that portion of the Assembly”; 50 in favor, 8 opposed. Two minority voices offered, one majority vote wishes to change vote, seconded. Vote to reconsider; 10 in favor, ? opposed, reconsideration fails, “open that portion of the Assembly” passes.

Vote to have “any order of procession to the mic during the Delegates Report only”; 46 in favor, zero opposed, no minority voice offered, “any order...” passes.

9:18 a.m.

Traditions were read by Mike
Concepts were read by Tracy

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Len D. Panel 26
Chuck S. Panel 42
Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee
Ted L. Panel 52
Jeff C. Panel 56
Steve H. Panel 60
Marty L. Panel 62
Area 75, Karen Panel 39

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 13, 18, 20, 22

Area Chair asked for any corrections and motion to accept March 30, 2014 Assembly Minutes, two corrections offered, motion made to accept as amended, seconded and passed by “voice” vote

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Secretary / Registrar; no questions offered (see report, attached)
Treasurer; no questions offered, ended 9:35 a.m. (see report, attached)
Area Chair/Alternate Delegate; no questions offered, ended 9:42 a.m. (see report, attached)

Delegate's Report; (see report, attached)

Recessed for break at 10:20 a.m.

Reconvened Assembly at 10:35 a.m.

Recessed for lunch at 12:01 p.m.

Reconvened Assembly (Delegate's Report) at 1:05 p.m.

Q & A for Area 74 Delegate;

- Anonymity; by GSR
- A "Thank you" offered by a Past Delegate
- Three questions by a Past Delegate; 1) Growth of the Fellowship (stats), 2) Reorganization of the Board, 3) Rotation of the General Service Office Manager.
- Corrections; by GSR
- Request for elaboration on "Blue Card"; by GSR
- Spirituality Pamphlet; by DCM
- Two questions by a Past Delegate; 1) Additional Committee Consideration pg. 12, 2) Profits from sale of Anniversary Edition.
- Clarification of comments about La Vina "deficit"; by Secretary

ended 1:40 p.m.

Committee Reports - (see attachment)

Archives, CPC, Corrections WI, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, P.I., Structures & Guidelines, Treatment, ended 2:40 p.m.

Conference and Final Conference Reports; (see attachments)

District 05 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report – Gary S.

District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report – Tom Y.

District 03 Area 74 Fall Conference 2015 Report – Mike M.

Unfinished Business 2:45 p.m.

P.I. Committee gave address on "Minutes available in password protected area on Area 74 Website. Report by P.I. Chair; "may need to ask for an extension to previously approved assembly motion of two year test period."

New Business 2:52 p.m.

"Why are Area Assembly members participating in/doing Conference activities instead of fulfilling service responsibilities?"

WICYPAA representative; WICYPAA would like to be recognized by Area 74 in the form of publishing of flyer in the N&T, and allowed to make an address/report at Area service events, thus being placed on agendas.

Area 74 Corrections and Treatment Committees would like to introduce to the Assembly, the following motion for consideration:

“Area 74 will create a Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee chair and Committee with a budget, in order to coordinate the efforts to connect people to Alcoholics Anonymous being released from Treatment and Correctional facilities.”

We want to have coordination of our efforts. Gary S.-Area 74 Treatment Chair and Terri B.-Area 74 Corrections Chair agree that current information disseminated through District BTG programs, AA-GSO and Area Corrections & Treatment Chairs in other than Area 74 for Corrections and Treatment can be confusing and misleading.

Background: A motion in Area 74 to implement a BTG Area Chair appeared at the 2009 Fall Assembly. The motion failed to move forward by a vote of 34 *against* vs. 32 *for*. We believe that there is cause to re-visit the motion again 5 years later because of the very close vote to table the motion and send it to the Area Committee to flesh out and bring back a proposal to the 2010 Spring Assembly.

If this motion to table would have passed, the Area Committee would have begun discussion of whether the duties of a BTG program would fall under an existing committee and/or what the feasibility of implementing a new BTG Committee with a chair and budget would mean to Area 74.

In 2009, Area 74 did not have a Structures and Guidelines Committee. Now that the Area is able to utilize the S&G Committee to determine the viability of a BTG Committee, we feel that our motion could be approved by Area 74 and be allowed to move forward.

In the AA Service Manual, pg. S60, the Trustee’s **Corrections Committee** encourages AA members to make “recommendations for changes and/or improvements”. The AA Service Manual on pg. S61 also encourages the **Treatment Committee** to “set up means of BTG from Treatment to AA.”

Another vision for an Area 74 BTG Committee may also be to help districts in Area 74 to understand and implement BTG programs for Corrections & Treatment on a district level if they desire and see the promise of having such a program. Thank you for your consideration.

In Love & Service,

Terri B. Area 74 Corrections Chair

Gary S. Area 74 Treatment Chair

Motion Tabled

Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Scott K

Area 74 Secretary Registrar

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Secretary/Registrar

As of 5/15/2014 Area 74's total "Group Inventory" is comprised of the following; Active – 632, Delete – 1, Inactive – 506, Incomplete – 2, Merged – 51, New – 1, Pending – 8, and Unknown – 106. From our last report in Three Lakes, Paul and I have received and updated group information for eight of our 24 Districts. GSO's deadline has passed; this means that any editing of group information from this point forward will not be proofed. We will be generating a new/updated mailing list in the next few weeks for the N&T Co-Editors; there was an expected increase in returns of the N&T this last month. Otherwise, group and servant updates have slowed compared to the first quarter of 2014.

Peace,
Scott K. & Paul H.

Treasurer Derek T.

Per the Area 74 Assembly of 03/30/14, I am presenting the amended 2013 year-end report. The totals from 03/30 were correct, but there were minor errors in expense categorization. This report has been prepared as a courtesy, as all activity occurred during the prior Treasurer's term. Questions will be answered to the best of my ability.

The current YTD has also been provided. Items to note: we are operating with a year-to-date gain of \$128.22; we continue to transfer funds to the prudent reserve at the rate of \$100 per month; Current prudent reserve is \$2300.15; Current total assets are \$7962.19

We appear to be in good financial health. We will have a chunk of expenses from this weekend's Assembly plus a \$1000 seed money request in the near future for the Spring 2015 Conference.

Please remit your group contributions to:

Area 74 Treasurer
P.O. Box 84
Paradise, MI 49768

When sending contributions, please provide Group Name, Group # and an address so I can remit a contribution receipt.

Please turn in your reimbursement forms by lunchtime. The Finance Committee will meet to approve reimbursement checks over a working lunch and we will pay all reimbursements by the end of the day today.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Tait, Area 74 Treasurer

Area 74 Income and Expense YTD 2013

1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013

INCOME

Area Yearly Beginning Balance	\$6,518.39
Group Contribution	\$16,038.30
Refresh Income	\$66.00
Cash on Hand 12.31.13	\$40.00
Other Income*	\$7,959.70
Interest Income	\$0.57
Anniversary Income	\$151.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,773.96

Expenses

Archive Chair Expense	\$230.00
Archive Committee Expense	\$551.00
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	\$976.80
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	\$252.60
Assembly Rent	\$350.00
Coffee and Refreshments	\$205.03
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	\$620.43
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	\$322.28
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	\$472.64
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	\$79.00
CPC Chair Expense	\$456.00
CPC Committee Exp	\$61.00
Delegate Expense	\$2,233.94
ECR Conference	\$608.44
ECR Forum	\$148.97
Finance Chair Expense	\$399.00
Finance Committee Exp	\$452.59
Grapevine Chair Expense	\$414.00
Grapevine Committee Exp	\$163.63
Incoming Chair Turnover	\$115.00
Literature Chair Expense	\$911.09
Literature Committee Exp	\$35.76
Now and Then Chair Expense	\$605.02
Now and Then Committee Expense	\$5,500.00
Other Expenses**	\$3,720.00
Past Delegates Conference	\$200.00
PI Chair Expense	\$350.00
PI Committee Expense	\$179.50
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	\$669.75
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	\$188.74
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	\$465.00
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	\$373.28
Transfer to Prudent Reserve	\$1,200.00
Transfer from Prudent Reserve***	\$0.00
Treasurer Chair Expense	\$627.50
Treatment Chair Expense	\$502.00
Treatment Committee Expense	\$100.00

Total Expenses **\$24,739.99**

Balance **\$6,033.97**

***Other Income**

Fall Conf 2012 Seed Money Return	\$1,500.00
Fall Conference 2012 Gain	\$1,066.00
Spring Conference 2013 Seed Return and Gain	\$1,327.29
Proceeds from ECR regional Conf	\$526.27
Fall Conf 2013 Seed Money Return	\$1,000.00
Fall Conference 2013 Gain	\$2,540.14
Total	\$7,959.70

****Other Expense**

Registrar Internet	\$120.00
Seat the Delegate	\$1,600.00
Fall 2014 Conf Seed Money Request	\$1,000.00
Fall 2015 Conf Seed Money Request	\$1,000.00
Total	\$3,720.00

*****Prudent Reserve** **\$1,800.00**

Area 74 - 2014 Revenue and Expense

YTD

1/1/2014 through 05/17/2014

CARRYOVER FROM 2013	-
Carryover checking balance from 2013	6,033.97
Carryover prudent reserve	1,800.00
TOTAL CARRYOVER FROM 2013	7,833.97

REVENUE	
Group Contributions	5,877.58
Refreshment Contributions	83.40
Interest Income	0.15
Other Income*	337.50
Anniversary Contributions	-
TOTAL REVENUE	6,298.63
*Other Income	
Fall Conference 2013 Gain	337.50
Total Other Income	337.50

EXPENSES	
Archive Chair Expense	(78.00)
Archive Committee Expense	(200.25)
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	(203.00)

Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	(52.00)
Assembly Rent	(250.00)
Coffee and Refreshments	(147.41)
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	-
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	-
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	-
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	(15.00)
CPC Chair Expense	(84.31)
CPC Committee Exp	-
Delegate Expense	(1,000.00)
ECR Conference	-
Finance Chair Expense	(90.00)
Finance Committee Exp	(113.03)
Grapevine Chair Expense	(123.00)
Grapevine Committee Exp	-
Literature Chair Expense	(121.85)
Literature Committee Exp	-
Now and Then Chair Expense	(151.00)
Now and Then Committee Expense	(1,000.00)
Other Expenses**	(1,752.53)
Past Delegates Conference	-
PI Chair Expense	(95.53)
PI Committee Expense	-
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	(130.00)
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	(39.00)
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	(100.00)
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	(216.00)
Treasurer Chair Expense	(100.00)
Treatment Chair Expense	(108.50)
Treatment Committee Expense	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	(6,170.41)
**Other Expense	

Expense to Seat the Delegate @ GSC	(1,600.00)
Bank expenses/fees (checks, wire transfer & return fees)	(118.53)
Post office (P.O. Box)	(34.00)
Total Other Expense	(1,752.53)

Net Gain (or Loss) This Period **128.22**

TOTAL ASSETS	
Balance-Checking* 05/17/14	5,662.04
Balance-Prudent Reserve* 05/17/14	2,300.15
TOTAL ASSETS 05/17/2014	7,962.19
*Transfer to Prudent Reserve-Jan/Feb/March/April/May 2014	500.00

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate

Things have been quiet since our last meeting just over a month ago. I attended one District meeting in District 02 and the Homegroup Workshop held in Shawano by District 09.

I have been sitting in on the DCM conference call, which meets the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 PM. The call is very informal and is an opportunity for DCM's and Alternate DCM's to share their experience, strength and hope with each other on AA happenings within their Districts.

On June 14th, I am looking forward to participating in District 10's Courage to Change Workshop in Lake Tomahawk, and July 25 through 27 at the East Central Regional Conference in Perrysburg Ohio.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving Area 74.

Delegate Mary Jo R.

2014 Delegate's Conference Report of the
64th General Service Conference
Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a Changing World
April 27—May 3, 2014

Who makes up the Conference?

This year there are 133 voting members of the General Service Conference acting together as guardians of A.A.'s World Services and of the Steps and Traditions. They are composed as follows:

69.9%.... 93 Delegates

Function: Represent A.A. groups in fulfilling the ultimate responsibility for A.A.'s World Services. Traditionally, Delegates constitutes at least two-thirds of the voting membership.

11.3%.... 15 General Service Office and Grapevine Staff

Function: Carry out policies of and report to the General Service Board and Conference.

18.8%.... 25 Trustees, AAWS Directors, GV Directors

Function: Responsible for policy and implementation.

Every Conference member has not only a vote but a voice; not only a right but a responsibility to express his or her views.

Delegates Statistics

Avg. Age 59 Oldest 78 Youngest 32

Avg. Sobriety 21 Longest Sobriety 41 Shortest Sobriety 7 Avg. Sobriety 17

Longest Service 37 Shortest Service 7

Mary Jo R, Panel 64—Area 74, Northern Wisconsin / Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Serving on the Conference Committee of Policy / Admissions.

Good Morning, as I look out over the room, I see many, many friends: some long-time, some new, and some that I have not met yet and I am overwhelmed by the privilege you have given me to serve as delegate of Area 74 and to attend the 64th General Service Conference. The Conference was held in Rye, New York the week of April 27th through May 3, 2014.

Today I would like to share with you in 3 ways: 1st – how the week affected me personally, 2nd – things that our members, groups, districts and area should be talking about and sharing our experience on these topics with each other, our Trustees, and our GS & GV offices; 3rd – the Committee reports and actions taken at the Conference, I will finish by taking questions from the floor.

First – my personal experience - I want to begin by thanking Area 74 for doing a great job at preparing me for the Conference. The years that I have attended our delegate workshops, Assemblies, serving as a member of several different standing committees and my time as Area Chair provided me a solid foundation. I felt at ease and knowledgeable from start to close of the Conference. Even the social aspects of our Area Conference, helped me to feel comfortable introducing myself to the other delegates, trustees, and staff. I have often been one of the people who feel like our groups, districts and area should not be paying for us to socialize – we should come and take care of our business and go home. The thing I realized during Conference week is that General Service is much more than doing business, it is about bringing us to full participation and the wholeness our Higher Power means for us to enjoy. Every person in this room is capable of serving as Delegate. Only old ideas and contempt prior to investigation stands in our way. Don't let those things stop you. I would never be standing here today giving a report about what happened at the General Service Conference if I listened to my head instead of my Sponsor, Homegroup and God.

At the Conference I experienced a fuller appreciation of the idea that nothing we do is insignificant, that what we do and the decisions we make that effect our world services – impacts remote groups in places like Alaska, Puerto Rico, northern Canada; Loners who do not have a group to support them; alcoholics who are isolated from society because of crime or health; and the many international GSO's that follow our lead. Each of us are servants not only to our groups, but also to the world-wide fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. I met delegates that have to fly into an assembly or conference – because of distance or because there is not road system available to travel. What we do here may seem like such a small piece but when God weaves it together with the other 92 delegates areas, the experience of our Trustees, GSO, Grapevine & LaVina staffs it is a huge picture of hope and recovery—we should never lose sight of that.

As you might imagine the days were full and the schedule was tight. The Conference did not officially begin until Sunday, but with so many members arriving on Saturday, there were some unofficial events that kept us busy (meet & greet/1728 meeting/remote communities meeting/delegates only meeting). The atmosphere was filled with positive energy – so at the end of each day I felt tired but not drained – every night when I thanked God for the day, my heart was full.

The Area Highlights were one of my favorite parts of the week. It helped to become better acquainted with the other Panel 64 Delegates and the “largeness” of Alcoholics Anonymous in the US & Canada. For myself it gave me the same sense of belonging that I experienced when I finished my 5th Step.

The Conference as a whole exposed me to the depth of our fellowships diversity and to the challenges that go with that diversity. This year we celebrated not only the 64th year of the Conference, but also Grapevine's 70th Anniversary, the 75th Anniversary of the book Alcoholics Anonymous and 79 years of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Preparing my report for today has helped me process much of what happened during Conference week. Things can happen pretty fast on the Conference floor and I felt like I had plenty of notes, but as I put my report together I realized there are some holes! If you have questions that I am unable to answer immediately, please know that I will find the answer and get back to you. So, in advance, I would like to thank you for your patience.

The Conference officially closed on Friday once we completed our Floor Actions. On Saturday morning we enjoyed a brunch and the three Trustees that were rotating out had time to give some reflections on their time as Trustee. They were Rod B. – Pacific Regional Trustee; Donald C. – Eastern Canada Regional Trustee; and Roberta L. – General Service Trustee.

Rod B. – Pacific Regional Trustee

⇒ Class A Trustee's are a treasure, they serve our fellowship purely out of the love in their hearts for AA.

⇒ Hoping to have the oral translation of the big book in Navajo finished by next spring to present to the Red Road A.A. Convention in New Mexico. Navajo is not a written language. There are 2 links for a video of the 12 steps in Navajo. It is a very touching video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYwMeZkei9o&feature=youtu.be> and <http://youtu.be/cYwMeZkei9o>

⇒ We need to be very careful with our behavior and how we conduct ourselves – our work is too vital – we can't afford to run anyone off, alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

Donald C. – Eastern Canada Regional Trustee

⇒ It is important for us to know our Trustee's

⇒ Invite them to our Area events, tell them what we need. They have the ability to bring something to the Board's to discuss and try.

Roberta L. – General Service Trustee

⇒ Trustee's work together in cooperation with the good of AA as their mission.

⇒ Their role is to look at strategic planning and future vision, not micro-managing the General Service Office.

⇒ Talk about self-support: everywhere, all the time

I have thank you cards for these individuals if you care to sign them they will be on the table.

“Hot Topics” these are a few of the items that were underlying a lot of the discussion that happened during the week. Topics I think are worthy of our on-going conversation.

◆ Inclusion: what can we do to be sure that every person that comes to AA can fully participate? Individuals with special physical needs, linguistic considerations, spiritual beliefs. Always asking ourselves, “Is this the best we can provide?”

◆ Many people no longer carry cash with them. How is that effecting contributions at all levels – how does your group handle this changing practice?

◆ 2015 International Convention in Atlanta, GA, talk about it and encourage attendance.

◆ Group safety – GSO would like input on this topic and how groups handle issues of personal safety within your group – we need to get the fellowship talking about this.

◆ Anonymity (websites / email / social media – Facebook, twitter)

◆ Our use of phrases like “dark districts”. The Conference felt it was extremely inappropriate to use the working title “People of Color” we were not closing the Conference without that changed.

◆ A search for 2 Class A Trustees will begin immediately following the GS Conference, so if you know of a non-alcoholic who would be a good candidate – invite them to submit their resume for consideration.

◆ New GSO website has been postponed because they want it to be as clean as it can be before launching it. We did get to see some hard copy print outs of some of the pages – it is extremely different than what we currently have, and should be much more user friendly. Q. Will the new website affect the links that District & Area website have? A. No, it is intended to be a seamless transition.

◆ Liability Insurance – groups being requested to carry to meet. One of our Trustees knows of an insurance group who writes policies for AA groups. Talk to me if you need more information on this. (Chet P, Trustee)

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I. Agenda Committee (ALL 4 OF THESE PASSED)

Review suggestions for the theme of the 2015 General Service Conference.

The theme for the 2015 General Service Conference be: “Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future

Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2015 General Service Conference.

“Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action”

Diversity in A.A. - Our Heritage of Inclusion

Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group

Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology

Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

The Conference Evaluation Form be available in English, French and Spanish beginning in 2015

Review the revised description of the Conference Agenda Committee in Chapter 8, Conference Committees in the 2013-2014 Edition of *The A.A. Service Manual*.

Approved the following revision: AGENDA (*trustees’ committee: General Service Conference*): Reviews and approves the overall format and content of the agenda for the annual Conference meeting; Considers proposed Conference themes, presentation/discussion topics **and Conference Evaluation Questionnaire**.

II. CPC Committee

Consider changes to the section, “Referrals from Court and Treatment Facilities” on page 4 in the pamphlet, “If You Are a Professional...”

It was recommended that to be revised to read: MOTION PASSED

Referrals from Judicial, Health Care, or Other Professionals

*Today numerous A.A. members come to us from **judicial, health care, or other professionals**. Some arrive voluntarily, others do not.*

A.A. does not discriminate against any prospective member. Who made the referral to A.A. is not what interests us — it is the problem drinker who elicits our concern.

*Proof of attendance at meetings. Sometimes a **referral source** asks for proof of attendance at A.A. meetings.*

Groups cooperate in different ways. There is no set procedure. The nature and extent of any group’s involvement in this process is entirely up to the individual group.

Some groups, with the consent of the prospective member, have an A.A. member acknowledge attendance on a slip that has been furnished by the referral source. The referred person is responsible for returning the proof of attendance

The statement in the section *How to Make Referrals to A.A.* on page 5 in the pamphlet “If You Are a Professional... Be revised to read: MOTION PASSED

Alcoholics Anonymous can be found on the Internet at www.aa.org and in most telephone directories by looking for ‘Alcoholics Anonymous’ or ‘A.A.’ (Some professionals ask the person they are referring to call the local A.A. number while still in the office, thus offering an immediate opportunity to reach out for help.)

Or you can contact the General Service Office (**G.S.O.**) of Alcoholics Anonymous for help and information. **G.S.O.'s A.A. website www.aa.org can aid in finding local resources.**

P.O. Box 459 / Grand Central Station / New York, NY 10163

(212) 870-3400 / www.aa.org

(ADDRESS FORMAT WAS ADJUSTED BY ME FOR SPACING – WILL BE 5 LINES IN PAMPHLET)

B. Consider changes to the pamphlet "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional."
Approved to be removed: "I can't stand the smoking." There are nonsmoking meetings available. Check the local meeting book for them or contact the local A.A. central office which is listed in your telephone directory. **MOTION PASSED**

C. Review contents of the C.P.C. Kit and Workbook – **Additional Committee Consideration**
The committee reviewed the contents of the Cooperation with the Professional Community Kit and Workbook and suggested:
Adding an index of past issues of About A.A. to the publications tab.
Including a copy of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in each Kit, subject to cost considerations.
Include a copy of the April, 2010 A.A. Grapevine article entitled, "Spirituality and 'God Talk,'" by former Class A chair of the General Service Board, Ward Ewing, and a copy of the Fall 2003 About A.A. newsletter entitled, "The A.A. Program – Spiritual But Never 'Religious.'"
The committee suggested that changes be made to the service piece *Information on Alcoholics Anonymous* (F-2) under the section "Proof of Attendance at A.A. Meetings" to reflect changes proposed for the pamphlet "If You Are A Professional...."

III. Corrections Committee

Consider request for revisions to the section "What A.A. does NOT do" in the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" to be consistent with similar text in C.P.C. literature.

Per Area 74's concern I made an amendment that "or host/sponsor retreats" be removed from this revised text. The committee will not accept this as a friendly amendment. Even though some area sponsor retreats we (AA) does not promote or host – the amendment failed.

Be revised to read (additional text in **bold**):

What A.A. does NOT do

A.A. does not: Furnish initial motivation for alcoholics to recover; solicit members; engage in or sponsor research; keep attendance records or case histories; join "councils" of social agencies (**although A.A. members, groups and service offices frequently cooperate with them**); follow up or try to control its members; make medical or psychological diagnoses or prognoses; provide **detox, rehabilitation** or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs, or any medical or psychiatric treatment; offer religious services **or host/sponsor retreats**; engage in education about alcohol; provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money or any other welfare or social services; provide domestic or vocational counseling; accept any money for its services or any contributions from non-A.A. sources; provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, court officials, social agencies, employers, etc.

Discussion on the original motion, **Vote Motion Passed** (I voted in opposition)

Consider the development of a new video to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" (DV-08).

A new video be developed to replace "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. MOTION PASSED

Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook

Additional Committee Consideration: The committee reviewed the contents of the Corrections Kit and Workbook and suggested that the DVD, "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" (DV-06) be included in the Corrections Kit (MV-45).

Additional Committee Consideration

The committee noted from the trustees' report that the number of requests from male inmates (U.S.) for Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) continues to increase at a rate significantly higher than the

number of “outside” male volunteers available. The committee discussed ways to increase participation in C.C.S. including:

Offer presentations on C.C.S. at A.A. events;
Communicate the importance of C.C.S. to area delegates;
Increase awareness of C.C.S. at A.A. meetings;
Make C.C.S. information and forms more accessible at the home group;
Use G.S.O. and Grapevine publications to encourage C.C.S. participation;
Consider the topic of C.C.S. for presentations at Regional Forums.

IV. Finance Committee

Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.

The committee did not feel an increase was necessary at this time. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Review Self-Support Packet **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the Self-Support packet and suggests that the following changes, as the Self-Support Card (F-42) is being updated by the A.A.W.S. Finance Committee:

Add the phrase “Your contributions help ensure the future of our Fellowship worldwide” in the “Some facts” section of the card.

Delete the phrase “Give until it feels good” under “Personal thoughts.”

In addition to reporting the average costs per member, add the year of the costs that are quoted so the reader will know how current the information is.

This was an Approved Advisory Action

It was recommended that:

Because all Conference members are considered equal, all members should have equal access to Conference material and that a plan be created by the General Service Office to translate Conference Material (background material, Conference Manual etc.) into French and Spanish for use during the Conference, with a report being presented to the 2015 General Service Conference. This plan may include coordinating the use of the volunteer network throughout the Fellowship, hiring professional translators or any other facilities that the office deems necessary. The report should include costs and any other considerations deemed necessary to allow timely translations to occur.

V. Grapevine Committee

A. Review Audio Strategy status update. **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the 2014 Grapevine Office Report on Audio Strategy and requested that an updated status and financial report on the project, including practices, financials, metrics and plans for the future, be provided to the 2015 Conference Committee on the Grapevine

B. Review A.A. Grapevine Board proposal to the 2014 Conference Committee on the Grapevine to significantly reduce the La Viña deficit. **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the A.A. Grapevine Board’s suggestion that a new business plan is required for La Viña and requested that a new business plan be developed for La Viña and be brought back to the 2015 Conference Committee on A.A. Grapevine for review.

C. Review report from A.A. Grapevine Board on feasibility of producing one book in American Sign Language (ASL). **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the report from the A.A. Grapevine Board on the feasibility of producing one book in ASL format. The committee agreed with the conclusion of the report that it is not feasible at this time to produce one book in ASL format due to cost considerations and a lack of expressed need.

D. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2015 and later. **Additional Committee Consideration:** The committee agreed to forward to the A.A. Grapevine Board the suggestion that Grapevine produce in the year 2015 or later: ****Note – the working title “People of Color” was changed to “Diversity in AA”**

E. Reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of the Grapevine.

The committee discussed the request to reconsider publishing the "Alcoholism at Large" section of the Grapevine and **took no action**.

Notes: The committee wanted to keep the section Alcoholism at Large, the vote was split. Discussion on current content. Staff was invited in for additional information on how the pages are vetted. It was discussed that subscriptions are effecting by this section. Was the background considered by the committee on the – some of these articles are in direct violation of our traditions.

This item came back as a Floor Action.

F. Consider a request "to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the A.A. Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines." **This item did not result in a Conference Advisory Action**

The committee discussed a request "to reaffirm the Right of Decision of the A.A. Grapevine Board to make formatting decisions for the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña magazines." The committee acknowledged that Grapevine and La Viña are valuable Twelfth-Step tools. The committee recommended that the A.A. Grapevine Board have the ability to exercise their right of decision for all formatting decisions in producing Grapevine and La Viña noting that this recommendation removes all formatting restrictions on Grapevine and La Viña.

After an hour and 20 minute discussion, the Question was called, vote taken
135 Total / 2/3 = 90 / in favor 76 / opposed 49... **MOTION FAILED**

This came back as a Floor Action

G. Review suggested changes to pamphlet "A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" (P-52). **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed suggested changes from A.A. Grapevine Board to the pamphlet "A.A. Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print" (P-52) and made the following suggestions:

Re-edit the pamphlet for consistency and grammar.

Use the subtitle "Our Meetings in Print and Other Media" on the cover of the pamphlet and on page 5.

The committee requested that a revised draft be presented to the 2015 Conference Committee for review.

H. Review Grapevine Workbook
Committee had no changes suggestions

VI. Literature Committee (Started this report at 9:00 am, broke for lunch, finished at 3:49 pm) J

A. Review the draft revised pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service."

The committee recommended the revised pamphlet be approved. **MOTION PASSED**

B. Review revised draft of the proposed pamphlet on spirituality. **MOTION PASSED**

The committee recommended the pamphlet on spirituality with the title "Many Paths to Spirituality" be approved.

During discussion we had two different amendments addressing one sentence. After lengthy discussion on each, neither passed, so discussion was again opened to the original motion to approve the pamphlet. The motion passed with a clear 2/3's majority. The minority did speak, no one in the majority wished to change their vote.

Conference members did have the opportunity to read the proposed pamphlet. I thought it was a good pamphlet except for the one sentence that generated concern. I voted in opposition of this motion.

The pamphlet should be available sometime in July. I would propose that we purchase copies of the pamphlet for review at the August Area Committee meeting. Agenda items for the 2015 General Service Conference will need to be submitted by December 15th this year, so an August review would give us time to go back to our groups and come back to either the September or October assembly for support to submit an agenda item.

C. Discuss suggested change to the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated." The committee **took no action** on this item. Report and Charter had a similar item and they wanted to see what they did with this. Literature would like to revisit this item next year.

D. Discuss suggested changes to the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship." The committee **took no action** on this item. They felt the language in the pamphlet is adequate.

Discuss suggested changes to *Living Sober*. . **MOTION FAILED**

The committee **recommended** removing the following text from page five in the *Living Sober* booklet: "Many of us have come to believe that our alcoholism is an addiction to the drug alcohol; like addicts of any sort who want to maintain recovery, we have to keep away from the first dose of the drug we have become addicted to." NOTE: The committee agreed that the current text added to confusion regarding A.A.'s Singleness of Purpose.

Vote 118 total / 2/3= 80 / in favor 50 / opposed 68. The motion Failed.

Consider the use of the circle and triangle as an unofficial A.A. service mark on Conference-approved literature.

The committee by unanimous vote **took no action** on this item

This came back again as a Floor Action.

Consider a request to create a pamphlet for alcoholics with mental illness.

The committee **took no action** on this item. They felt that this subject is adequately addressed in current AA literature.

This came back as a Floor Action – The General Service Conference recommended that literature which focuses on Alcoholics in Recovery with Mental Health Issues be developed. The motion to decline to hear failed so discussion was opened. After considerable discussion the Question was called. Vote 126 total / 2/3=84 / in favor 77 / opposed 49, the motion failed. Minority spoke, someone in the majority wished to change their vote, seconded & passed. Discussion reopened; Question called. Vote 128 total / 2/3=86 / in favor 77 / opposed 51 – Motion failed.

Consider a request to add "Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers" to the end of the Primary Purpose (Blue) card. . **MOTION FAILED**

This is a bit of an anomaly – it is not a piece of "conference approved literature", but it was created by the 1997 GS Conference. So even though permission to change it is not required, it was felt that it would be appropriate to seek the Conferences blessing. . After discussion a vote was taken. Vote 115 total / 2/3= 77 / in favor 60 / opposed 55.

Approve a correction to inaccurate text related to the addition of appendices in the Preface of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. . **MOTION PASSED**

Inaccurate text correction – page XI (1st sentence) s/b 2nd printing of the 1st– if improving the accuracy of the big book – good, committee supported corrections be made.

It was recommended that: "The second edition added the appendices, the Twelve Traditions, and the directions for getting in touch with A.A."

Be replaced with:

"The second printing of the first edition added the appendix 'Spiritual Experience'; in the second edition, the appendices on A.A. Tradition, the 'medical view' and 'religious view' of A.A., the Lasker Award and information on how to contact A.A. were added, and the appendix on the Alcoholic Foundation was discontinued."

The Conference recommended that the **following recommendation be returned to the A.A.W.S. Board for review and brought back to the 2015 Conference Committee on Literature with full background: MOTION PASSED**

The committee recommended that "The A.A.W.S., Inc. Policy on Publication of Literature" be further clarified regarding "...needed editorial changes" as noted below by asterisk and bolded text:
"Unless otherwise specified in the Advisory Action of the Conference approving a new or amended piece of literature, A.A. World Services, Inc. will have the full authority, without need of further Conference action to (a) select the format or formats in which the approved literature will be produced, (b) make, from time to time, needed editorial changes*; provided, however, that no editorial change will be made to the Big Book's Preface, the Forewords, 'The Doctor's Opinion,' the first 164 pages (Chapters 1-11), 'Dr. Bob's Nightmare,' or the Appendices without prior Conference approval of such change, and (c) translate the approved literature into any language, and in connection therewith to modify or replace illustrations, photos, and other visual art in a manner reasonably designed to conform them to the culture of the expected readership."

Editorial changes to be limited to factual, statistical, capitalization, punctuation and spelling; that any other changes made to the substance of the Conference-approved literature shall be through the Conference process."

VII. Policy/Admissions Committee

There were 3 people approved to attend the Conference in place of a delegate who was unable to attend.

. MOTION PASSED

Jim S – Area 1, Alabama/Northwest Florida in place of Craig M

Joyce S – Area 83, Eastern Ontario, in place of Mel C.

Jennie H – Area 85, Northwest Ontario in place of Ken B

Review dates for the 2017 General Service Conference. . **MOTION PASSED**

The dates of April 23-29, 2017

The Committee recommended that: During a two-year trial period the General Service Conference include one day of electronic voting on all nonelection votes, on the Thursday of the 2015 General Service Conference and on the Friday of the 2016 General Service Conference, and that the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference provide a report from data gathered from the 2015 and 2016 General Service Conferences, evaluating electronic voting to the 2017 Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for consideration. . **MOTION PASSED**

There was a spirited discussion, if you are at this level of service you should be able to vote at a public level. How will we know who is in the minority. Support this as positive due to time saving. Positive views from both sides – there would be an element of spirituality that would be lost. Rent or purchase, do we anticipate shaving a day off the Conference – answer: the time savings would be only 4 hours. A staff member voiced that they never felt recrimination. Opposed because it would reduce the voting to a number. Opposed cost ratio to time savings. Important to change with new times. Against to send the message to the fellowship that we need to vote anonymously. What type of data would we be gathering – members of the conferences could express their opinions for committee review. This is the use of electronics that inhibits good communication. Warrantly say we are democratic in process – to ask an employee to vote in front of their employers and bosses would not happen in any other democratic situation. Question called / passed

Vote 127 voted / 2/3= 85 / in favor 84 / opposed 43 motion failed

Minority wished to change their vote, vote to reconsider accepted – discussion opened
Need a conference action to change procedure. Are we taking out the word anonymous or are we taking out the spirit of anonymous. It is the ambiguity of the motion that is opposed. Would be the same as we are currently do, just would be more efficient.

Vote 131 total / 2/3 = 88 / in favor 94 / opposed 37 motion passed

Reconsider the 2008 Conference Advisory Action regarding responsibility for site selection of the General Service Conference.

In order to keep this in the hands of the Policy/Admissions committee and the Conference the committee made the following recommendation:

The committee discussed the 2008 Conference Advisory Action regarding responsibility for site selection of the General Service Conference and took no action. The committee considered that the current hotel site-selection process by the General Service Office management is appropriate. The committee suggested that, in the spirit of clear communication, reports describing the hotel site-selection process of all future General Service Conferences be provided to the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions for their information.

VIII. Public Information Committee

Review 2014 Comprehensive Media Plan from the trustees' P.I. Committee. **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the 2014 Comprehensive Media Plan. Because this document will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis, the committee asked the staff secretary to forward some suggestions to the trustees' P.I. Committee, including the follow

Clarification of some terminology since the plan is distributed widely to A.A. members who may be unfamiliar with media jargon.

Adding annual review of the plan by the Conference P.I. Committee to the cover memo under "process." Emphasis on items not only being "actionable" but also, whenever possible, "measurable."

The committee expressed strong support for the forward-looking vision of the Comprehensive Media Plan regarding seeking member-submitted content for future Public Service Announcements, similar to the model used for the Young People's Video Project.

Consider report from the trustees' P.I. Committee regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site. **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the 2013 Annual Report from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.'s A.A. website. The committee requested that when ongoing website projects have made further progress than what was reflected in the distributed background, that relevant updates be communicated to the committee prior to the Conference

Consider that the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey.

The committee considered two proposed items from the report on the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey from the trustees' Committee on Public Information regarding A.A. member awareness of services offered by G.S.O., and A.A. member awareness of the A.A. Grapevine, and **took no action.** The committee recognized the potential usefulness of gathering such information, but did not believe these questions fit the historical purpose of the A.A. Membership Survey

The committee strongly supported the idea of utilizing digital survey methods for future surveys, and looks forward to hearing from the trustees' P.I. Committee regarding how such a transition might best be accomplished **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed presurvey communications for area delegates and groups randomly selected to participate in the 2014 A.A. Membership Survey, and offered some suggestions to the staff secretary for how such communication might be most effective and helpful. The committee acknowledged that successful administration of the survey depends upon delegate participation in the process **Additional Committee Consideration**

Item 1 was taken an item at a time, for consensus and voted on for approval as a group. **MOTION PASSED**

The 2014 A.A. Survey Questionnaire be changed as follows:

Item 3a be changed from "Married" to "Married or Life partner."

Item 11e be changed from "Counseling agency" to "Counselor or mental health professional."

Item 11f be changed from "Court order" to "Judicial system."

Item 11g be changed from "Health professional" to "Medical professional."

Item 13a be changed to "Before coming to A.A., did you receive any treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological or spiritual, etc.) **related to your drinking?** (If yes, answer question 13b)"
[additional text in bold]

Item 14a be changed to "After coming to A.A., did you receive any treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological or spiritual, etc.) **related to your drinking?** (If yes, answer question 14b)"
[additional text in bold]

Item 15 be changed from "Did a health professional ever refer you to A.A.?" to "Did a counselor, medical or mental health professional ever refer you to A.A.?"

The 2014 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2011 A.A. Membership Survey. **MOTION PASSED**

Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s): **Additional Committee Consideration**

The Conference Committee on Public Information expressed concern about possible inconsistencies between retiring certain P.S.A.s because of conflict with the current full-face policy, and posting video content on AA.org that may also be perceived to conflict with this policy. The committee asked that the A.A.W.S. Board consider offering the video *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous* via a digital platform accessible by local committees, rather than displaying this content on publicly accessible pages of the AA.org website.

Review report from trustees' P.I. Committee on A.A. Video P.S.A.s.

The committee agreed with the assessment provided in the report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on A.A. Video P.S.A.s regarding the P.S.A.s "I Thought," "A Force of Nature" and "Testimonials," including the suggestion that as new P.S.A.s are developed that these three items be retired as quickly as practical. **Additional Committee Consideration**

Review current video P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.

The video public service announcements "Living in Chaos" and "We Know What It's Like" be discontinued. **MOTION PASSED**

Consider production of new video P.S.A.

A new public service announcement be produced in 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. **MOTION PASSED**

Review final report on the centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the video P.S.A. for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza." ??? No idea ???

E. Consider revisions to the Anonymity Card (F-20). **MOTION FAILED**

The Committee recommended changes to the Anonymity Card – there was a long discussion on this, the first voted passed the recommended changes (95 in favor / 30 opposed), the minority spoke and a vote to reconsider passed.

Discussion opened

Vote taken: Vote 116 total / 2/3=78 / in favor 55 / opposed 61

This came back as a Floor Action

F. Review progress report on development of a brief video on anonymity.

The committee reviewed a progress report on development of a brief video on anonymity for inclusion with the Annual Letter to the Media, and expressed support for the content and purpose of such a video. The committee requested that if such a video is created that it be brought back to the 2015 Conference Committee on Public Information prior to posting or distribution. The committee recognized that this may mean delayed mailing of the Annual Letter to the Media until after the next Conference. The committee also expressed support for the idea of using both Class A and Class B trustees in the video, with the

Class B trustees' anonymity carefully protected, to serve as an example of how A.A. members can share information about A.A. in the media within the spirit of our anonymity tradition. **Additional Committee Consideration**

G. Discuss how delegates might stimulate local discussions in light of ongoing anonymity concerns.

Additional Committee Consideration

.In light of ongoing anonymity concerns, the committee suggested that delegates and other trusted servants utilize a variety of means, such as workshops, newsletters, panels, delegate reports, local A.A. websites, skits, presentations, etc., to stimulate A.A. members' discussion on how to maintain anonymity at the public level. Because the ranks of our ever-changing membership exist in an ever-changing world, the committee acknowledged that such efforts truly have no end-point, and might best be incorporated as a regular part of local A.A. discussions and events. The committee asked the staff secretary to explore both direct and indirect ways of sharing these concerns, and a list of A.A. resources on anonymity, with the A.A. Fellowship. The committee also asked the staff secretary to share the following suggestions with the 2015 International Convention coordinator for emphasis on anonymity at the International Convention via the following means:

Pre-Convention registration and communication materials, including AA.org.

Hospitality suite communication and materials.

Consideration of an anonymity booth or similar display.

H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook **Additional Committee Consideration**

The committee reviewed the contents of the P.I. Kit and Workbook, and suggested adding the following items:

Anonymity Online (SM F-197)

Anonymity Card (F-20)

IX. Report and Charter Committee

The A.A. Service Manual, 2014-2015 Edition:

Review revisions from the A.A.W.S. Board.

Review revisions from the General Service Board.

Below are 2 **Additional Committee Considerations** to address items 1 & 2

The committee accepted a report from the Publishing Department outlining the General Service Office process for timely and accurate preparation and publication of *The A.A. Service Manual* 2014-2015 Edition, and the 2014 General Service *Conference Final Report*. The committee noted that the "Report of the 2014 General Service Conference Inventory" in the *Final Report* may take longer to prepare than the other front matter and asked to review the page proofs of the inventory report as soon as possible prior to publication.

In keeping with the 2009 Advisory Action that the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board annually review *The A.A. Service Manual* and forward necessary updates to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, the committee reviewed the updates from the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. Board and the A.A. Grapevine Board and suggested some revisions. The committee requested the General Service Board reconsider one item that they had forwarded.

Review list of editorial updates.

Consider draft text for "Advisory Action" and "Additional Committee Consideration" as additions to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19.

It was recommended that:

The following text be added to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19 of *The A.A. Service Manual*: **"Advisory Action** – Represents the informed group conscience of the Fellowship, as the result of a recommendation made by a Conference committee or a floor action, which has been approved by the Conference body as a whole." **MOTION PASSED**

The following text be added to the Glossary of General Service Terms that begins on page S19 of *The A.A. Service Manual*: **Additional Committee Consideration** – An item that was discussed by a Conference committee, but with no action taken or made by the Conference as a whole.” **MOTION PASSED**

Consider draft text regarding duties and qualifications of “Secretary and Registrar” on page S45. After much discussion, a few amendments (that did not pass) the vote was on the original recommended motion. **MOTION PASSED**

Registrar

DUTIES: In many areas, *registrars* now develop and maintain records of all groups in the area, including group name, meeting location, time, and G.S.R. or group contact. Registrars may also be responsible for names, addresses, **e-mail addresses** and phone numbers of the G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, district and area officers and area committee members. They may provide mailing labels for area publications such as a monthly newsletter or a mailing of minutes. **Area registrars also assist the G.S.O. Records Department to keep their records up-to-date.**

QUALIFICATIONS: Registrars should be familiar with the area and district structure. For this job, an organized approach **is important as there are many details that need to be recorded. Ideally, it would be very helpful if the area registrar possessed some practical, working computer knowledge, and were comfortable relaying information via e-mail to G.S.O. and within the local area.**

Consider request to modify Article III of the Current Conference Charter.

The committee considered a request to modify Article 3 of the Current Conference Charter and **took no action**. The committee agreed that the proposed modification was unnecessary, noting that the existing phrasing of Article 3 adequately addresses the process for making a change to Article 12 of the Charter, the Twelve Traditions of A.A., or the Twelve Steps of A.A.

Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.).

The committee considered the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.) and requested that the General Service Office explore alternative methods of accessing and distributing the contact information contained in the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., and Western U.S.). **The committee requested that a report be brought back to the 2015 Report and Charter Conference Committee.**

Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*:

Reconsider the 2013 Conference Advisory Action regarding editing Area Service Highlights

The committee reconsidered a 2013 Conference Advisory Action regarding editing Area Service Highlights in the General Service *Conference Final Report* and **took no action**. The committee agreed that the entire *Final Report* should continue to be professionally edited and published, and noted that they had discussed the Area Service Highlights in 2013. The committee requested that the memo to first-year delegates regarding Area Service Highlights emphasize that the Highlights may be edited for the *Final Report*.

X. Treatment/Special Needs Accessibilities Committee

A. Consider proposal to revise the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity.

The committee thoroughly considered a proposal to revise the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap” to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity and **took no action**. The committee acknowledged the desire in some areas for a generic Conference-approved pamphlet about bridging the gap. While some areas have combined corrections and treatment bridging the gap activities, they remain separate in many others. The sense of the committee was that revising the current pamphlet to include both treatment and corrections might not adequately address the variety of bridging the gap programs that areas throughout the U.S. and Canada have developed to address their specific needs. Some of these areas have developed service material tailored specifically to explain their local programs.

The committee requested that the General Service Board consider whether there is a need to develop a Conference-approved pamphlet addressing bridging the gap activities for corrections.

B. Review contents of Treatment Kit and Workbook.

The committee reviewed the Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook and agreed that the current contents adequately serve the needs of local committees.

C. Review contents of Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

The committee reviewed the Special Needs/Accessibilities Kit and Workbook and expressed appreciation for the service material that is available to assist American Sign Language interpreters. They noted that the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are available in this format, and requested that a service piece be developed of the Twelve Concepts for World Service for signing purposes

The Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs also recommended the following Additional Considerations

The committee noted that the first line in Gloria's Story in the pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" that says "I was 84 years old and 11 years sober (Although I've been in A.A. since 1962...)" might be confusing to newcomers. They requested that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities consider whether this language might be clarified and bring back any suggestion for revision to the 2015 Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities.

The committee asked that the staff member on the Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities assignment explore ways to provide electronic versions of the Workbooks and other materials in the Kits to committee chairs as an alternative to automatically mailing hard copies.

XI. Trustees Committee

A. Review resumes of candidates for: *nothing to review*

1. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee – the new Trustee will be Richard B.
Pacific Regional Trustee - the new Trustee will be Joel C

B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics

Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

I have the list of all slates that were put forward – there was no opposition to any of the slates. Because of use of full names – I have not included that list in this report. However, if you would like to see the slate you can contact me or wait for the 2014 General Service Final Report, where the complete lists will be available.

XII. Archives Committee

A. Review revised draft video *Markings on the Journey*. **MOTION PASSED**

It was recommended that: The video *Markings on the Journey* be approved. We did see the video – there was 1 person in opposition and who spoke. She felt that there were too many errors and inconsistencies in the subtitles. No one in the majority wished to change their vote

B. Review Archives Workbook

The committee like the workbook and didn't see any changes that need to be made. There was an **Additional Committee Consideration** made: The committee reviewed the Archives Workbook and suggested adding sharing of experience with regard to preservation procedures, as well as on legal considerations for Archives collections.

XIII. International Conventions / Regional Forums Committee

Discuss anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2015 International Convention. **MOTION PASSED**

It was recommended that:

An anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony be taken at the 2015 International Convention

Consider a broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. **MOTION PASSED**

It was recommended that:

An encrypted, anonymity-protected Internet broadcast of the 2015 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony be approved

Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

Additional Committee Consideration: The committee discussed ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees, and some of the suggestions were:

Having the Forum Flyer professionally designed so that it would be attractive, perhaps could be used as a table topper;

Sharing ideas among areas in a region or region-to-region;

Encouraging those who have attended Regional Forums to share their enthusiasm about their experience – word-of-mouth sharing is really powerful;

Bring information about the Regional Forum to every district and area event.

FLOOR ACTIONS

#1 – To add a single line item to the General Fund budget for La Vina

Unclear why this hasn't happened yet. Subcommittee has been established to look at what the implications of this action would be. **Motion to decline to hear passed – no action taken**

#2 – The 64th General Service Conference reaffirms the right of decision of the Grapevine Board to make formatting decision for the AA Grapevine and LaVina magazines noting: a) That right is already exercised by publication of LaVina in color and b) The 2010 Advisory Action recommended a beginning point in bringing LaVina to spiritual parity with the AA Grapevine.

We discussed this item for about 1 ½ hours – Motion and second to decline to hear the floor action – needs 2/3 I voted to decline to hear the floor action – I felt that through discussion took place during the committee report and this did not need to be reopened. Vote 117 / 2/3 = 78/ in favor 65 / opposed 53 motion failed / discussion open

La Vina is not in color only the cover is in color / this keeps what is already in place / speak in favor of this because the item was confused / favor – believe in keeping with the principles – would send a strong message that we support / 2010 but a beginning / opposed – that the Grapevine board did not request it and the Grapevine staff has not spoken to this / trying to enhance verbiage to ensure spirituality parity / takes away all restrictions/guidelines and leaves it open to improving or not improving, prefers the Talking about material parity / opposed – doesn't think it is necessary, 2010 is only a "beginning", why did we do this – LaVina was being stapled and Grapevine was beginning to be perfect bound – this was the main reason was to push publishing to ensure that La Vina would continue to be used in correctional facility / because we forget –

LaVina editor – speaks in opposition, unclear – wants to clarify after the action passed we would have the ability to start with visiting district, and start writing workshops.

I voted in opposition – motion failed

#3 – The Conference consider the use of the circle and triangle on Conference approved literature as a historical reminder of A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service. **Motion to decline to hear passed – no action taken**

#4 – AA Grapevine discontinue publishing the Alcoholism at Large section of the Grapevine Magazine.

The Grapevine staff uses guidelines when editing the stories that are submitted for publication like: if this was heard in an AA meeting would it be in line with our traditions? These pages are outside issues and violates our traditions. **MOTION FAILED**

Vote to decline: failed... Discussion opened....

It is a reoccurring agenda item, it has become a controversial within the fellowship
Respect the concern for our traditions – when the history is read, read what Bill wrote, we were encouraged to explore areas that might help
This causes disunity / many newcomers that were not disturbed by the grey pages, old-timers are disturbed / new members are not!
We need current information about alcoholism and we need our friends – with the advent of technology we have much more access to outside information on alcoholism
The magazine would be complete without the gray pages, pages are not really necessary
The very first article on the first page of the first issue – I think we should let the Grapevine Board and Staff to continue doing their job
Strongly opposed had difficulty in differentiating between AA and outside issues / compared vs identified
Disclaimer is too small and easily missed
Not put stuff like drinking games in this section. / Use more articles from Class A Trustees and articles with more “meat” on alcoholism
Gray pages are inconsistent with our primary purpose
Articles are not being written by friends of AA, want to remove any reasons for not subscribing to the Grapevine
Gray pages would not be appropriate in meeting / liked the idea of using Class A for writing
Is there similar section in La Vina and LaVine (yes)
Support the Grapevine staff's ability to make this decision
Gray pages are “teasers” – how many people go to the sources?
Support to remove pages – Grapevine is our meeting in print, but does the Board, Director and Staff believe it is our meeting in print, but it is also more....it is the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. (Jon)
Is this our best? It is used a lot in CPC work?
Call the question-passed
Vote on Motion 123 total / 2/3 = 82/ favor 70 / opposed 53 motion failed

#5 – The General Service Conference recommended that literature which focuses on “Alcoholics in Recovery with Mental Health Issues” be developed. **MOTION FAILED**
Decline to hear...vote 118 / 2/3 = 79 / favor 54 / opposed 64. We will hear this motion: Discussion opened / hard work of general service work, the materials are not enough, our hope is that people who have mental health issue know that there is help in AA / challenges to adapting their behavior to our fellowship – we have pamphlets to address the many unique needs to individuals and this is also a real need. Favor to develop every piece of literature can offer a help / a publication dealing with this issue can help newcomers / opposed – we are not experts in this area / there is a lot of help available outside the fellowship, Bill himself was a depressive and he did not address this in our literature / AA is an expert in alcoholism and literature would let people who have this health issue know that they do have a place in AA / favor – in my homegroup have had a number of men that have asked for sponsorship it could maybe help those who are sponsor / there has been 3 times in the last 10 years requests for this type of information / we do not have to specify language to move forward / this is not for those who are already here it is for those who are coming in / one woman who sponsors many who have mental health issues – it might help both the person asked to sponsor and the new person to see they are welcomed / for those who are in the fellowship and don't understand / we need a new way to communicate with mental health professionals and clients / Area 35 is opposed to any pamphlet at all / not in support, literature does not support or change attitudes of the fellowship / how do we stay sober in spite of our mental health issues, we do need more information / literature does serve as a roadmap to what we model and how we supply sponsorship / they need the most basic kind of help, if they could read themselves or help themselves or trust others, we would need this literature, but they can't. / how do we chose what is a mental health issue that needs to be identified within our fellowship, simply uncertain what we are defining mental health issues are in AA / spent many months in mental health units, today I don't suffer from those issues today, I've seen the damage done – if it were developed it would include addressing facilities by bringing in literature to places where people are locked in and unable to attend AA meetings. / We have people with other issues coming into our rooms – what can they benefit by coming into our fellowship – this can help give them a place, before some of these people can get help with their other problems they have to get

sober first / always knew that the problem was in my head maybe if there was a pamphlet it may have gotten me to AA sooner.

Vote after lunch Vote 126 / 2/3 = 84 / favor 77 / opposed 49 (I voted in opposition)

Minority opinion

This would be very important so that other people who have mental health issues that can recover in AA / if better articulated / hope that we will consider will help the alcoholic who is still suffering and in no way to hurt our fellowship / this is an opportunity to start develop something / we can't help everybody, but we are supposed to help those we can / we are not approving a pamphlet, we are approving a concept of providing an avenue to support this issue / there are only one liners that are hard for a well person to find, much less someone who is sick / the Big Book, and the 12 x 12 did not make the connection with recovery – it would be nice to have that tool to take out to the suffering alcoholic.

Motion to reconsider with second – will reconsider, Open discussion –

Are we turning our backs on the mentally ill, I am responsible – promises vs ideals / not what it should be like, but do we need it / literature is not enough / offered a way to fill the oral holes that have been displayed in this discussion / the fellowship develops it and the office helps to create that vision.

2:41 pm - Call the question /Vote 128 total / 2/3 = 86 / in favor 77 / opposed 51 (I voted in opposition), motion failed

#6 – Anonymity Card (to replace F20): **Motion to decline to hear, passed – motion will not be heard.**

Committee Reports

Archives Gloria O.

Hi, I'm Gloria Osmanski, your Archives Chair. The Archives Committee is off to a good start. We first met at Steven Point on February 22 for a workshop. We were able to view our archives DVD, Markings on the Journey, share ideas about displaying local archives pieces, and generally getting to know each other. We also met at the Delegates Workshop weekend in Three Lakes. We have also had two conference calls on April 10 and May 8. I have been in touch with members and other interested parties including members of Districts 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 09, 10, 17, 20, and our past delegate, Chuck S.

Our committee has adopted our Mission Statement and Purpose which was published in the April Now & Then. I hope you all have read it. If you have any questions, please see me or email me at any time.

The Archives Past Delegate Panel is being presented today. We, the committee, are in the process of forming a working committee under the charter we already have received as a committee--elected, appointed, or volunteer. We will be working on the committee processes and procedures which will carry out our mission while fulfilling our purpose. Our committee met last night during the ice cream social.

If you or any member of your district is interested in learning more or participating with the Archives Committee, please see me this weekend to exchange contact information.

Thank you for letting me serve Area 74.

Archivist: Pete W.

Corrections MI No Chairperson

Corrections WI Terri B.

CPC James M.

There is not a lot to report, we are going to have a display booth at the upcoming, National Rural Institute on Alcohol & Drug Abuse from 6/8/2014 to 6/12/2014, Menomonie, WI

I have been working with Jim Phillips from district 5 lining up volunteers to man the booth, I have received conformation but no further details, hopefully days times and staffing requirements will be forthcoming from GSO.

I have a list of the pamphlets that I received from the last cpc chair I only have one copy so any pi or cpc people see me some time today and we can go over the list and I will bring whatever you want Sunday.

Does anybody know where I can beg, barrow, or otherwise procure a PowerPoint projector on an as needed basis.

Respectfully submitted James Mood C.P.C. chair

Finance Jeff D.

The members of the 2014 Finance Committee are Mary Jo R. (Area Delegate), Derek T. (Area Treasurer), Michelle Z. (GSR Dist. 10), Bob D. (past GSR Dist. 8), Steve H. (past Delegate), Jeff D. (Finance Chair).

The Committee had its first phone conference January 4, 2014. Our first order of business was to elect Michelle Z. as committee Secretary.

We reviewed the Area Finance guidelines and found a section that did not clearly define who is eligible to serve on the committee. It was decided to bring a motion to the March Assembly in Three Lakes to help clarify this.

We then decided to propose another motion at same Assembly to add a back-up Co-Signer to the checking account in case the Co-Treasurer was ever absent at functions. It was decided the Delegate was the most logical choice to be a back-up Co-signer.

The Committee also kicked around ideas for the upcoming year and out of that discussion it was decided that we would use the Now & Then as a communication tool between us and the Area Committee and the Groups of Area 74. (an article was submitted after this call for Feb Now & Then, in it, the Committee asked all Area Committee chairs to let us know if their budgets were O.K. or if they were going to need over what was budgeted for them so we could make a recommendation at next Assembly.

It was decided that we would always have a minimum of 2/3 majority to review and reimburse financial requests at Area functions, provided they are within budget. Any requests that go over budget or are out of the ordinary would require the full Committee to deliberate on.

Our second conference call took place on March 15, 2014. Our first order of business was to finalize the wording for our motions being presented to the Area Assembly at end of March.

We also discussed motions that were going to come from a District, another Committee, and a past Delegate at same Assembly. All of the motions had potential financial ramifications and we wanted to be ready in case we were asked to review these by the Assembly. (as a side note 2 of those motions were withdrawn at Assembly and 1 did not make it out of the Area Committee meeting.)

We discussed a reimbursement request from Archives Chair for travel expenses to meet with her Committee. It was determined that it was a committee expense not a Chair expense as it was for activity outside of Assemblies or Area Committee meetings. (As a side note, we recommend to all Area Committees to phone conference as often as possible as it is free and less travelling time and expense.)

We discussed handing over past Finance Committee minutes and other relevant material to Archivist per his request. It was decided to make these available to the Archivist but not for public display.

We reviewed how to fund the Now & Then for printing costs, the Co-Editors indicated they prefer to get 2 months operating costs at a time. The Committee agreed with this.

We decided to look at whether or not The Area is using the funds available in an effective way to help our District's groups in their Primary Purpose of carrying the message of AA. We as a committee felt it would really be nice to get some direct feedback from the Groups and we thought a questionnaire given directly to the groups by DCM's could be one way to do it. It was decided to bring this question to the Area Committee meeting at end of March for feedback. (We got only one response from Area Committee at that meeting and we have yet to revisit the question.)

The entire Committee attended the Delegate's Workshop and Assembly at the end of March this year. At the Assembly during our review of reimbursement requests an issue was brought up in regards to the fact that all Finance Committee members were scheduled in the Now & Then to participate, and yet only 3 of the members of the Committee would be eligible for reimbursement. A discussion ensued and was tabled with no resolution other than to ask the Groups what they thought about this. An article was written for the May Now & Then, and we will be revisiting this issue and possibly other similar circumstances.

The first motion we brought to the Assembly regarding eligibility to serve on the Finance Committee as outlined in the Area Guidelines was withdrawn for further consideration and will be modified and presented at a future date. The second motion regarding the addition of the Area Delegate as a back-up co-signer for the Area checking account was passed by 2/3 majority

We held one more phone conference this last Saturday, May 10, 2014. We discussed further the withdrawn motion from the March Assembly, and have decided to formulate a new motion for the September Area Assembly.

The Committee decided to try and put on a workshop in the near future. Ideas have been proposed and we have some direction as to the where it will be and what it will cover, and will get those details out to the Now & Then as soon as they are more definite.

Committee realized that 2015 budget is going to be due by August 15th, 2014 in order to get it printed in the September Now & Then. We discussed how that is not so very far away and that not only would we have to start looking at it soon but also the other Area Committees would to. We decided to write an article for the Now & Then to remind the Chairs of this, but also to put a notice out at this assembly. We would like to get The Areas various committees budgets with as much detail as possible, by no later than the August 9th Area Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Jeff D. Finance Chair.

Grapevine Marty L.

Since our last Assembly, our Grapevine Committee has not met or had any Group or District presentation requests. We do have a sharing session June 14th in Lake Tomahawk, WI hosted by District 10. If you live nearby, stop on in for a great workshop and panel discussion, an appearance by our Delegate, and our Grapevine Display.

We do have the Grapevine Display here at the Conference, stop on by to see the many ways we can carry the message of recovery through our magazine, web sites, books, and much more.

As a committee we are planning to update our Display, noting this is the 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine magazine. We hope to have the new updated display available no later than our next Assembly at the fall Conference.

Mary Jo gave us the Conference Report, and as we heard, no recommendations were approved to change from any of the preliminary agenda items we discussed at the Delegates Workshop.

Our Grapevine information and our Committee work at the Area level and at the General Service Office is a yearlong continuous endeavor to reach out to all our members. If your District would like a presentation and sharing session, do contact me or one on our Committee to confirm a date and location we can come to you.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Marty L
Area 74 Grapevine Committee Chair

Literature Jim S.

I. Literature sale at Spring Assembly

A. Over \$300 in sales.

B. It was a chance to identify items low in stock.

II. Delegate's Workshop.

A. Committee met, discussed items, made recommendations and reported to Assembly, produced report.

B. Area Corrections Committee request was an opportunity to reorganize and inventory pamphlets.

III. 2 Orders placed.

A. Orders were placed in conjunction with a couple of Districts to get free shipping.

B. First order was primarily to rebuild Big Book – including 75th Anniversary edition – supply plus Daily Reflections.

C. Sale of 75th edition will be limited to 2 per person. It's a collectible.

D. Second order was to replace other books and out-of-stock or low-in-stock pamphlets. Sale at Assembly

plus a couple post-Assembly requests identified items needing ordering.

IV. Responded to requests from Districts and Area Chairs.

V. There were no requests for Workshops or other activities. Requests are welcomed.

Now & Then Bob M. & Kathy L.

My name is Bob M your co-editor of the "Now And Then". Along with Kathy L, the other Co-Editor, we are responsible to assemble and print our Area newsletter.

To Date Information:

- Printed 2,815 Newsletters with an average of 563 per month
- Distribution by hard copy to GSR's of 2761 with an average of 552 per month
- Subscriptions by hard copy of 29 with an average of 6 per month

Costs:

- Printing -Total \$1714 with an average expense of \$343 per month
- Postage to mail – Total \$825 with an average expense of \$165 per month
- Postage for returned newsletters – Total \$84 with an average expense of \$17
- Other Costs – Total \$318 with an average expense of \$64 per month
- Total Expenses - \$2940 with an average expense of \$588 per month

Total Income including carryover - \$2896

Cost per newsletter average is \$.97 cents per month per issue

Electronic distribution – All Area committee members receive electronic distribution therefore all area officers, area committee chairs, and DCM's. About 40 GSR's, most past delegates, and around 120 other AA members including the current ECR Trustee, Past Trustees, and adjacent Area Delegates.

The newsletter averages 12 pages per month.

Regularly submitted articles are usually punctual to the due date a few others are running a little late.

We still receive very little feedback from the area on the content of the newsletter. The feedback we do receive usually has to do with the mailing and changing addresses for GSR's and group contacts.

We continue to use the same printer. The printer we work with is wonderful and very efficient. The problem with good printers are they tend to be very busy, therefore printing sometimes takes up to a week to be completed.

Our working relationship with the Post Office has become much better than in previous years. We It has taken almost two years, but I believe I understand their procedures well enough that I do not have to check my spiritual condition each time before I mail the newsletters.

July of this year our Area newsletter will be 56 years old. I believe it is one of the oldest continuously published Area newsletters in the US / Canada General Service structure. I have been asked to gather together editors of newsletters from other East Central Region Areas to have a discussion on the role of

the printed newsletters in our Areas. We hope to have this discussion at the East Central Regional Conference that will be held this summer in July in Ohio. I look forward to this honor and will report to you on the discussion.

We have been working diligently with Scott and Paul your Area Secretary / Registrar and Co-Secretary / Registrar this year to update the group records by recognizing the errors through the returns that we receive on mailed newsletters. I think that Scott and Paul should be commended for the difficult job that they do for our Area.

Thank You for allowing Kathy and I to continue to be of Service to you. It is a very challenging, but yet rewarding service position.

There are extra newsletters available. Just ask Kathy or I and we can get you some.

Kathy L and Bob M
Area 74 Co-Editor of the "Now and Then"

Below are the "Now and Then" finances to date: **Area 74 Now & Then**

2014	January	February	March	April	May
Newsletters Printed					
Area	602	425	561	605	568
Copies					
Paid	6	6	5	6	6
Subscriptions					
Total	610	450	570	611	574
printed					
Expenses					
Printing	\$349.76	\$287.50	\$351.14	\$370.85	\$354.84
Postage	\$171.02	\$129.72	\$169.55	\$182.84	\$171.64
Returned mail	\$26.89	\$22.54		\$11.27	\$23.03
Pages	12	12	12	12	12
Strapping kit	\$0.00	\$18.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tape/mailing seals	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mailing Labels	\$0.00	\$21.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cost per newsletter	\$0.92	\$1.09	\$0.95	\$0.96	\$0.94
Permit fee					
Annual Fee			\$200.00		
PO Box fee			\$78.00		
Total	\$825.67	\$479.44	\$531.96	\$576.72	\$526.48
Expenses					
Income					
Beginning 2014 Balance			\$ 1,840.65		
Area Funds			\$1,000.00		
Flyers			\$25.00		
Subscriptions		\$20.00		\$10.00	
Total	\$1,840.65	\$0.00	\$1,045.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Income					
Monthly Balance	\$1,014.98	\$535.54	\$1,048.58	\$471.86	(\$44.62)

PI Gary K.

Greetings, Area 74, The Area PI Committee was able to have its first conference call on May 18 thanks to the Area and Kim R. for providing the means. Participating in the call was Brent H., GSR District 02, Matthew K, Area 74 Webster, Keith V. Former Area PI Chair, Sara P. DCM District 09, Myron M., District 05 PI Chair, and myself. Thank you all for your service.

The first item of discussion was the announcement of Matthew K returning as Area 74 Webmaster, again I wish to extend my thanks to Matthew for your continued service to our Area.

At our last Assembly the DCM from District 05 asked about the posting of flyers to the Area Website. I am glad to report the Area Website is accepting flyers for AA events that meet Area 74 Guidelines. We remind everyone that the Webmaster asks that when submitting flyers please submit at least one month prior to any event.

Our next item of discussion was the subject of "Password Protection" for the Area Website. So far, here are the highlights after a lengthily discussion:

- 1) Passwords should be 'time sensitive'. (No decision on how long. Possibilities ranged from a month to a year.
- 2) Method of distributing passwords. (possible through DCM, but undecided)
- 3) Create "separate site for sensitive information. (Existing website would remain the same.)
- 4) Define what exact reports and information will be included on the protected section. (further discussion needed.)

The final item of discussion covered the "creation of any additional website linked to the Area 74 Website. We all agreed that the answer already exists within our Area 74 guidelines, specifically, "Area 74 Website Guidelines, under "Content Posting Instructions, Section 8, which states That Area 74 Website "will link itself to no one other than Districts within Area 74, GSO, and AA Grapevine." It goes on to say, "Since we have no control over the website content of other entities, Area 74 will not link itself to any of them.

In loving service,
Gary Keshena

Structures & Guidelines Barb K.

My apologies to the body that I am not at the conference this weekend. I am still recovering from back-to-back sinus infections.

The Structures & Guidelines Committee has had two conference calls since the last assembly and during those calls we decided to take another look at recommendations that were drafted and approved by the previous S&G Committee regarding the split of the current Secretary/Registrar position. Each member of the current committee either has or will send me any changes to those recommendations that they have and on our next call in June we will work to come to agreement on the language.

We are hopeful that we can have some committee-approved recommendations to present to you in August at Three Lakes.

Thank you for your patience.
Barb Kramar

Treatment Gary S.

A monthly conference call is set up to start in June on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. CST. This will be the start of dialogue to open up suggestions into what the Treatment Facilities Committee will take action on. If you are interested in joining this conference call, please see me before the end of the weekend. I look forward to being of service to Area 74 and am available to you.

Thanks for allowing me to serve,
Gary S.

Conference and Final Conference Reports

2014 Fall Conference report – District 05 – September 26 -28, 2014 Gary S.

The Conference Committee has been meeting each month and most of our planning is now starting to become reality.

We had a walk-through at the Plaza Hotel during our meeting last month, double checking our various reserved spaces, getting some questions answered, and so on.

We are fine tuning the schedule and time frames for all the events throughout the conference weekend.

The program committee is nearly finished with the process of selection of panelists.

We are excited about the privilege of hosting the Fall Conference and we welcome you to District 05 in September.

And.....it just so happens that for your convenience, we are taking registrations this weekend.

In Loving Service,

Gary S.

Committee Chair / 2014 Fall Conference

2015 Spring Conference report – District 01 – May 15-17, 2015

Tom Y.

2015 Fall Conference report - District 03 – September 18-20, 2015

Mike M.

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Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM with a moment of silence followed by the Seventh Step prayer. Housecleaning including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, and “order to the mic”.

A “willingness to conform” was asked for by voice; none opposed.

Traditions were read by Brian L.

Concepts were read by Wanda

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee

Jeff C. Panel 56

Steve H. Panel 60

Marty L. Panel 62

Dave R. Panel 36

Area 75; Karen Panel 39, Bob G. Panel 33, JoAnn M. Panel 53, Nancy H. Panel 61, Randy Panel 75

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairs: Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Literature, Grapevine, Now & Then, Structures and Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 23

Area Chair recognized recently deceased servants, Jeff M. and Ed B.

9:30 a.m. Assembly suspended for sharing session; “How we achieved growth and increased activity at the Group, District and Area levels.

Reconvened Assembly at 10:30 a.m.

Area Chair asked for any corrections and motion to accept May 17, 2014 Assembly Minutes, one correction offered, motion made to accept as amended, seconded and passed by “voice” vote, none opposed.

Recessed at

Reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Secretary / Registrar; no report.

Treasurer; questions offered by Past D and GSR, (see report, attached)

Area Chair/Alternate Delegate; no questions offered, (see report, attached)

Delegate's Report; no questions offered, ended 11:30 a.m.(see report, attached)

Conference and Final Conference Reports; (see attachments)

District 02 Area 74 Spring Conference 2014 Spring – Barry B.

District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report – Tom Y.

District 03 Area 74 Fall Conference 2015 Report – Mike M.

Recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.

Reconvened Assembly at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Reports - (moved to the October Assembly)

Unfinished Business 2:45 p.m.

S&G Committee splitting of Secretary/Registrar position Recommendations – Barb K.

History for Recommendations 1through 3:

At the October 19, 2013 Area 74 Assembly, the Assembly body voted in favor of separating the current Secretary/Registrar position into two separate Area officer positions. The Structures and Guidelines Committee submits the following Recommendations for consideration:

1. Recommendation:

That at the 2015 Area 74 election Conference, two separate service positions of Secretary and Registrar be nominated and voted upon by the voting membership of Area 74 for the 2016 service rotation. Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 47 YES, 1 NO, no minority voice offered, MOTION PASSED.

2. Recommendation:

That a one-time expense not to exceed \$750.00 be allowed to purchase a new portable electronic computer for use by either the newly-elected Secretary or the newly-elected Registrar. That the current and alternate Secretary/Registrar recommend which portable electronic computer would be most suitable and contact the Area 74 Finance Committee for the approved funds to purchase the computer. Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 38 YES, 16 NO, minority voice offered, two majority votes wished to change vote, vote to reconsider (simple majority) 25 YES, 26 NO, reconsideration fails, MOTION PASSED.

3. Recommendation:

That the Finance Committee establish separate Secretary and Registrar officer and committee budgets. Discussion, MOTION WITHDRAWN.

4. Recommendation:

That Article III, sections 6.00 and 7.00 of the Area 74 guidelines be revised as follows:

Current:

Section 6.00 The Area Secretary/Registrar. The Area Secretary's duties are: keeps and distributes the minutes of all Area 74 business and Area Committee meetings the month after the business meeting is held. Maintains Area 74 group/contact information, Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM, Past Delegate addresses and phone numbers. Compile mailing list for the Now & Then and Area needs.

Revised:

Section 6.00 The Secretary records and distributes minutes of Area meetings; keeps mailing lists up to date and sends out Area mailings; sometimes the Secretary is responsible for preparing lively bulletins that will encourage attendance at committee meetings and assemblies. The Secretary is in a good position to act as liaison between Officers and Committee members.

Section 6.05 The alternate Secretary will assist the Secretary and fill the duties in the Secretary's absence.

Current:

Section 7.00 The Area Co-Secretary/Registrar assists the Secretary/Registrar.

Revised:

Section 7.00 The Registrar develops and maintains records of all the groups in the Area, including group name, meeting location, time and group contact. Registrar will be responsible for the names, addresses and phone numbers of the G.S.R.'s and D.C.M.'s, and Area Officers and Area Committee members. The Registrar provides mailing labels for the Area publications such as a monthly newsletter or a mailing of the minutes.

Section 7.05 The Alternate Registrar will assist the Registrar and fill the duties in the Registrar's absence.

Discussion on Recommendation 4.; SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE.

5. Recommendation:

That Article I, Section 2.03 of the Guidelines be revised as follows:

Current:

2.03 Area 74 Officers, namely the Delegate, the Alternate Delegate, the Secretary/Registrar, and the Treasurer are each afforded one vote. The Co-Treasurer and Co-Secretary/Registrar may vote in the absence of the Treasurer.

Revised:

2.03 Area Officers, namely the Delegate, the Area Chair Alternate Delegate, the Secretary, the Registrar, and the Treasurer are each afforded one vote. The Alternate Secretary shall vote in the absence of the Secretary, the Alternate Registrar shall vote in the absence of the Registrar, and the Co- Treasurer shall vote in the absence of the Treasurer.

Additional Recommendations: Required revisions to Guidelines if previous recommendations are approved.

Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 47 YES, 0 NO, no minority voice offered, MOTION PASSED.

6. Recommendation:

That Article III Sections 6.05 and 7.05 be added to the Guidelines as follows:

Section 6.05 The Alternate Secretary will be selected by the Secretary and approved by the body. The Alternate Secretary will assist the Secretary and fill the duties in the Secretary's absence.

Section 7.05 The Alternate Registrar will be selected by the Registrar and approved by the body. The Alternate Registrar will assist the Registrar and fill the duties in the Registrar's absence.

Discussion, SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE

7. Recommendation:

That Article VI Section 5.01 be revised as follows:

Current:

Section 5.01 The Co-Treasurer & Co-Secretary / Registrar, who are selected by the Treasurer & Secretary/ Registrar respectively, and confirmed by the voting membership

Revised:

Section 5.01 The Co-Treasurer, who is selected by the Treasurer, will be confirmed by the voting membership. This is a rotating position.

Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 47 YES, 1 NO, minority voice offered, no reconsideration, MOTION PASSED.

8. Recommendation:

That Article VI Section 1:00 be revised as follows:

Current:

Section 1.00 All terms of office will begin on January 1st of even years except Secretary/Registrar that will begin in October of odd years.

Revised:

Section 1.00 All terms of office will begin on January 1st of even years.

Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 55 YES, 0 NO, MOTION PASSED.

2:30 P.M.

Corrections/Treatment BTG motion; WITHDRAWN.

New Business 2:35 p.m.

Present 2015 Proposed budget – Finance Committee Jeff D.
Was a presentation only, two questions offered; 1 GSR and 1 Committee Chair

2:55 p.m.

Area Officer/Chair reimbursement to attend Forums – Area Committee – Marty I.

Motion to Amend; “Area 74 treasury offer up to \$75.00 travel reimbursement for up to ten (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.”

Discussion, discussion closed, vote; 45 YES, 6 NO, minority voice offered by 1 Area Officer and 1 GSR, **MOTION TABLED DUE TO TIME.**

Adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Scott K
Area 74 Secretary Registrar

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Officer Reports

Secretary/Registrar Scott K.

No report.

Peace,
Scott K. & Paul H.

Treasurer **Derek T.**

The current year to date report has been provided for your review
Contributions are coming in briskly and we are slightly ahead of contributions year over year
A couple of items to note on the report

- For the year to date, we are operating at a gain of \$2351.92 (see the line item near the bottom)
- Our total assets are \$10,185.89 (see the bottom box "Total Assets")
 - \$7485.34 in the operating (checking) account
 - \$2700.55 in the prudent reserve (savings) account

I continue to transfer \$100/month to the prudent reserve and we will reach the \$3000 goal by the end of 2014

I make regular deposits of received contributions every two weeks. Contribution receipts for the last two weeks were mailed out Thursday September 25, 2014. If you made a recent contribution, your receipt should be received shortly

Please remit contributions to:

**Area 74 Treasury
P.O. Box 84
Paradise, MI 49768**

Please include your group number and an address in order to receive a contribution receipt.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Tait, Area 74 Treasurer

Area 74 - 2014 Revenue and Expense YTD

1/1/2014 through 09/27/2014

CARRYOVER FROM 2013	
Carryover checking balance balance from 2013	6,033.97
Carryover prudent reserve	1,800.00
TOTAL CARRYOVER FROM 2013	7,833.97

REVENUE	
Group Contributions	13,658.76
Refreshment Contributions	103.40
Interest Income	0.55

Other Income*	2,056.80
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	147.00
TOTAL REVENUE	15,966.51
*Other Income	
2013 Fall Conference Gain	337.50
2014 Spring Conference Seed Money Return	1,000.00
2014 Spring Conference Gain	719.30
Total Other Income	2,056.80

EXPENSES	
Archive Chair Expense	(265.00)
Archive Committee Expense	(407.25)
Area Chair- Alt Del Chair Exp	(489.00)
Area Chair - Alt Del Committee Exp	(178.46)
Assembly Rent	(350.00)
Coffee and Refreshments	(209.40)
Corrections Chair Exp - MI	-
Corrections Committee Exp -MI	-
Corrections Chair Exp -WI	(25.00)
Corrections Committee Exp - WI	(80.00)
CPC Chair Expense	(165.81)
CPC Committee Exp	(125.00)
Delegate Expense ECR Conference	(1,416.00) -
Finance Chair Expense	(180.00)
Finance Committee Exp	(220.19)
Grapevine Chair Expense	(405.00)
Grapevine Committee Exp	(59.50)
Literature Chair Expense	(462.85)
Literature Committee Exp	(94.03)
Now and Then Chair Expense	(191.00)
Now and Then Committee Expense	(4,000.00)
Other Expenses**	

Past Delegates Conference	(2,752.53)	-
PI Chair Expense	(172.82)	
PI Committee Expense	(14.25)	
Secretary - Registrar Chair Exp	(300.00)	
Secretary - Registrar Committee Exp	(64.00)	
Structures & Guidelines Chair Exp	(100.00)	
Structures and Guidelines Comm Exp	(312.00)	
Treasurer Chair Expense	(275.00)	
Treatment Chair Expense	(300.50)	
Treatment Committee Expense		-
TOTAL EXPENSES	(13,614.59)	
**Other Expense		
Expense to Seat the Delegate @ GSC	(1,600.00)	
Bank expenses/fees (checks, wire transfer & return fees)	(118.53)	
2015 Spring Conference Seed Money Request	(1,000.00)	
Post office (P.O. Box)	(34.00)	
Total Other Expense	(2,752.53)	

Net Gain (or Loss) This Period **2,351.92**

TOTAL ASSETS	
Balance-Checking* 09/27/14	7,485.34
Balance-Prudent Reserve* 09/27/14	2,700.55
TOTAL ASSETS 09/27/2014	10,185.89
*Transfer to Prudent Reserve: Jan-September 2014	900.00

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate Kim R.

This is a very exciting time for Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 74. Since we last met, I have had the privilege of serving the area by participating in AA in a variety of ways. The last Wed of each month I participate in the DCM conference call. Participation runs between 8 and 13 DCM's with 12 being attendees the most frequent. DCM communication has had a domino effect, and

enthusiasm has been contagious. There are plans for /or have been workshops in nearly every participating District and it is exciting to see this body come together to work and play. In June, the District 10 Courage to Change Workshop was like a one-day mini conference. It included all three aspects of our three legacies, Recovery, Unity and Service. I enjoyed every bit of the event from the District Meeting to the speakers, from the panels to the food, from the fabulous skit to the fellowship. I have to say my favorite part was the time Marty and I spent in our host family's home. I really cannot say enough about the hospitality, comfort and great time I had.

At the end of July, I got to travel to the East Central Regional Conference in Perrysburg Ohio with our Delegate, Grapevine Chair, and Archives Chair. While there, I spent time with our Treasurer, CPC Chair, Now & Then Co-editor, and many of our neighbors to the south. Having the chance to participate in round table discussions with other Area Chairs was a wonderful experience. Some of the things I took from the event include we are not the only Area who has or is considering a Parliamentarian to help with the flow of business, Anonymity on-line is a significant challenge, and has created an ocean of completely new and uncharted waters. Much to the surprise of my fellow travelers, I also got the opportunity to "pay at the pump" for the first time in my life.

On August 16, I was to participate in the North-woods Unity Round-up. Much to my dismay, I had hand surgery two days before. After conversations with my sponsor and the host committee of the Round-up, it became clear that for my health, it was better for me bow out. I experienced, first hand, once again, how the hand of AA is there. Alison, our past literature chair stepped in and took my place. I was able to care for myself as needed, and the North-woods Round-up attendees heard exactly what they needed to hear that day.

On September 6, 2014, I transported our Octogenarian old-timer, with 54 years sobriety, and three others to Plover. The four of us went so District 04 could hear his experience strength and hope. On October 4, I will be speaking at a sponsorship workshop in District 02, and on November 1, I will participate in District 11's workshop.

I really enjoy the time I get to spend with all of you. I enjoy working with each of you whether it is one-on-one over the telephone, in a group on a scheduled conference call, on a committee, or at a workshop.

Alternate Delegate

As Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, I get to participate on the Structures and Guidelines Committee. The Assembly has asked us to recommend an executable plan to separate the Secretary and Registrar positions. We have been meeting monthly, sometimes more, to bring a thoroughly discussed, carefully prepared recommendation to the Assembly. It is a wonderful experience to be able to participate on this committee and to learn from people with such different experience than my own.

Summer was busy for both Mary Jo and me, but we managed to carve out time to meet via telephone to talk about AA events within our Area and throughout Alcoholics Anonymous. We have worked together to find ways to best serve Area 74, and we have spent time with each other and committee chairs, to help find ways to best serve Area 74.

It is an honor to serve you as Area 74 as Alternate Delegate / Area Chair. I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity to serve.

Be well & live fully with no regrets.

Kim R

Alt Delegate/Area Chair

Delegate Mary Jo R.

Hello, my name is Mary Jo I currently serve Area 74 as your panel 64 delegate. Thank you for that privilege. I have had several opportunities since I returned from the week-long General Service Conference held in Rye Brook, New York – April 27 to May 3rd to visit districts in our Area to give my delegates report. Now that we have the final report available I hope that you will continue to invite me so that we can review the report together and begin to prepare for the 2015 General Service Conference. Even though the Conference lasts only one week the work of the Conference continues all year long.

Some of the correspondence I receive are:

- activity updates from GSO on the progress of the work on the Conference Advisory Actions
- Highlights from AAWS
- Updates on area contributions to AAWS
- Trustee reports and Minutes from Board Meetings

So, I would like to take a few minutes to share some of that information:

- I have some handouts for DCM (Final reports / Contribution reports / 2016 Conference theme suggestions worksheets / Resources on Anonymity & Anonymity Online)
 - **The 2014 Final Report** of: this is a comprehensive report of the 64th General Service Conference: it includes the Opening greeting, Keynote address, the Conference Advisory Actions, Presentations & Reports from Finance, Grapevine, Archives, 2015 International Convention, a summary of the 2014 Inventory questions, reports from the General Service Board, AAWS and Grapevine Corporate Boards, Trustee Committee, GSO & Grapevine reports, Area Service Highlights, Additional Committee Considerations and Floor Actions and Bios of our Class A & Class B Trustees. (Pages 12-16 detail the Finance report given by our Class A Trustee David Morris, I have added a printout of that Power Point for the DCM's that can be reproduced and given to those who would like to see the slides that go with the description).
 - In response to the continuing challenge to share information about anonymity with AA members the PI Coordinator at GSO has provided us with a memo highlighting materials available that are helpful in facilitating local discussions on this topic.
 - Watch the October Now & Then for a letter from Phyllis H, our General Manager of the General Service Office.
 - The Board approved the recommendation to move forward with GSO's production of in-house, web-only videos.
 - Speaking of the web
 - the Fall 2014 edition of the Box 459 has a detailed article on the redesigned of the AA website (aa.org)
 - There are new pages on AA.org specifically for trusted servants such as GSR's, DCM's and Committee Chairs. These pages have resources for AA members in these roles including G.S.R. and D.C.M. kit lists that include live links to the kit content.
 - One of AA's most cherished Traditions, self-support, gets a little easier with the new on-line recurring contributions feature.
 - The DVD "Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous" has recently been added to the website and can be found in the Treatment Committees section.
 - I want to talk just briefly about contributions to our General Service Office. At each of your places is a card titled "What Is My Contribution to GSO Used For" – it is a thought from one of the members of the AAWS Board after they returned home from an international AA event - I felt it was worth sharing: please take a minute to read it and to take it home and share it with your group. Area 74 has 620 registered groups, our percentage of groups contributing to GSO is 23 ½ % (that is about 146 groups). The average rate of Area group contributions is about 42% according to the most current General Service Conference report. For Area 74 to meet that percentage we would need an additional 120 groups in our Area to send a contribution to the General Service Office – that's about 5 groups per district. I would like to challenge each district to try achieve this goal, to make it a little easier I have provided 5 pre-addresses envelopes for each DCM which you will find with your final reports.

My summary from the August Board Weekend will be available in written form.

Summary from August 2014 Board Weekend Meetings

General Service Board

It was agreed to forward the following requests:

- that the Advisory Action from the 61st GSC regarding the “Policy on actors portraying AA members or potential AA members in videos produced by the GSB or its affiliates” be rescinded
- to task the staff of the GSO with the development of a website template that could be used by Area and Districts in the US & Canada
- to task the staff of the GSO with the development of a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the US that is consistent with GSO records – this database would also be available to Area and Districts and should include an interactive map. Only meetings that desire a web presence should be included in the database.
- To consider the idea of a non-geographic district comprised of the North American-based Online AA Groups. Perhaps such a district could be adopted by a delegate area so that the consciences of these groups could be included in the GSC process
- To the 2015 Conference Committee on Literature a request
 - to develop literature directed to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics
 - to produce a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service
- The Trustees’ Committee on Nominating approved the following language change in the first bullet point in Procedure No 5 (Procedures for Nominating General Service Trustees) to read: When a General Service Trustee vacancy occurs on the board of an affiliate corporation, the nominating committee of the board concerned will consider the following in its search: ● Nontrustee Directors currently serving on either affiliate board; and...
- Trustee’s Planning Session:
 - Progress was made toward identifying the elements to be included in a strategic plan for the General Service Board. This planning effort will continue through monthly conference calls prior to the November 2014 GSB meeting
 - The GSB Chair will appoint ad hoc committees on 1) the annual review of the GSB chapter in the Service Manual; 2) Initiative 4 on Trustees’ Orientation; 3) the potential need for a Conference-approved pamphlet on bridging the gap activities for corrections.
 - Completion of the Real estate initiative & relocation of the General Service Office study: recommended that the GSO stay in New York. With this a recommendation for a construction upgrade to the co-location of AAWS and AAGV on one floor will move forward at a cost not to exceed \$1.3 million dollars and to be funded as a draw-down from the reserve fund over the next two years. – Major construction will begin after the 2015 International Convention.

A.A. World Services, Inc.

- Archives
 - The preservation phase of the photograph and negative collection is complete and work on a detailed catalog is underway.
 - We recently received a pristine collection of 1940 magazines and a collection of articles and other documents of Milton Maxwell (former Chairman of the GSB 1978-1982)
- Publications

- Gross sales so far looks strong
- EBook – have become increasingly strong as we publish more titles in English, Spanish, and French.
- Shipping & handling charges: purchases from \$51 to \$250 will be lowered to 15%; from \$251 to \$500 will be lowered to 12%
- Financial
 - Revenues were greater than budgeted due to sales of the 75th anniversary edition, eBooks, and decline in the cost of the GSC) and operating expenses were less than budgeted.
 - Literature price increases are scheduled for October.

A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

- Circulation of the print magazine averaged 74,639 for the six-months ended June 30th (which is 262 higher than budgeted). Income is also ahead of budget and costs are below budget.
- Member photos are being collected for the 2016 Wall Calendar
- The Language of the Heart will be offered as an audiobook in the late fall of 2014.
- A donation of \$260,000 was made to the Reserve Fund at the end of March.
- The new book Sober & Out has been released.

Archives

- There are resources available on preservation and legal issues concerning Archives in the Archives Workbook and on the Archives and History portal of aa.org.
- The committee discussed a request to publish Bill W's unpublished letters by index and took no action. It was noted that the extent of Bill W.'s unpublished letters held in GSO Archives is protected by copyright and the owner of the copyright is Bill W's estate. Any copying of the letters would be a violation of the copyright holder's rights.

General Service Conference

- A subcommittee was appointed in response to two Additional Committee Considerations: 1) to explore the potential role that the Conference committee on Agenda might play in the selection process of Agenda items in the future and provide a report to the 2015 Conference Agenda Committee; 2) provide a report regarding the current and historical process of Agenda item selection.
- The committee will have a demo of the electronic anonymous voting system that will be used for the two-year trial period at their Nov. 2014 meeting.
- The committee reviewed
 - To rescind GSB policy on actors portraying AA members or potential AA members in videos
 - To develop website templates
 - To develop online database of meetings
 - Listing of online groups
 - Include online groups in the General Service structure
 - Conference committees that do not have a corresponding trustee's committee
 - Discussed current policy and practice on distribution of GSC background – discussion to continue in November
 - Translation of GSC background materials

- A request that copies of AA talks at the GSC opening dinner be supplied to the AA Grapevine for publication on the Grapevine Website Audio Project – discussion will continue
- Role of Delegate Chairs at Winter Board Weekend
- Review of preliminary schedule for the 2015 GSC was tabled until November.

CPC

- Requested the staff secretary to work with Web Services to broaden the availability of the *About AA Index* which is currently on the website aa.org and to also work with the Grapevine & AAWS to select and provide the appropriate AA Grapevine & LaVina informational insert in the CPC kits.
- Agreed to take no action on changing the language in the line from Gloria's story in "AA for the Alcoholic with Special Needs"

Corrections

- Updating "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" – staff will present elements from the top 3 production company presentations at the Nov. meeting
- Agreed to add the DVD "Carrying the Message Behind These Walls" to the Corrections Kit
- Discussed the progress on developing a service piece on ways to engage more members to participate in Corrections service. Staff will provide a draft in November.

Finance & Budgetary

- Following a lengthy discussion about "unfunded projects" the Chair requested that both AAWS and Grapevine report back in November concerning items and costs of such items.
- Reserve Fund – as of June 30, 2014 the balance was \$14,079,035 – this represents approximately 9.4 months of 2014 combined operating expenses budget.
- \$1.5 million was transferred to the Pension Plan Trust to pay down a portion of the unfunded liability.

International Committee

- The following is a tentative list of international travel planned for 2014-2015
 - 23rd World Service Meeting, October 12-16, 2014
 - 26th Anniversary of AA in Latvia, October 17-18, 2014
 - 11th Mexican Convention of AA, Monterrey, Mexico, Feb. 13-15, 2015
 - AA Japan 40th Anniversary, Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 20-22, 2015

Literature

- Agreed to forward to the 2015 Conference committee a request to develop literature to transgender and gender-nonconforming alcoholics
- Agreed to forward to the 2015 Conference committee a request to produce a book combining Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- Took no action on the suggestion to develop AA material for the disabled veteran, noting the recent update of the AA and the Armed Service pamphlet.
- The AA Grapevine Board requested three editorial updates regarding the pamphlet Inside AA. – a draft was requested for the Nov meeting

- A subcommittee was formed to discuss the creation of AA literature, or text regarding anonymity as it relates to safety and criminal behavior.
- A subcommittee was formed to discuss the possible policy statement on Safety
- The committee reviewed and discussed current AA literature regarding AA's with mental illness.

Nominating

- Requested that the secretary research the history of sending “minutes of committee reports” to the Conference Committee as described in their Composition, Scope and Procedure under Procedures
- Accepted the proposed process for the 2015 search for General Service Board Class A Trustees.
- Recommended to the GSB that the following language – Procedure No. 5 read: When a General Service Trustee vacancy occurs on the board of an affiliate corporation, the nominating committee of the board concerned will consider the following in its search: Nontrustee Directors currently serving on either affiliate board; and”...
- The committee carefully discussed a request to reconsider item 6 in Procedure No. 9 (Guideline for Hiring General Manage, GSO) and took no action

Public Information

- Discussed sharing from AA members and a local PI committee regarding the potential value of an anonymity video made with current members as the target audience. This topic will be placed on its Nov. agenda for full consideration, including possible means of requesting video submissions of the nature from the Fellowship.
- Briefly discussed the failed recommendation regarding revising the Anonymity Announcement Card (F-20) and asked the staff secretary to bring back to the Nov. meeting any background related to expressed need from the Fellowship for such an item.

Committee Reports No Reports from Area Standing Committee Chairs were given; will be presented at the October Assembly in Three Lakes, WI.

Archives Gloria O.
Archivist: Pete W.
Corrections MI No Chairperson
Corrections WI Terri B.
CPC James M.
Finance Jeff D.
Grapevine Marty L.
Literature Jim S.
Now & Then Bob M. & Kathy L.
PI Gary K.
Structures & Guidelines Barb K.
Treatment Gary S.

Conference and Final Conference Reports

2014 Spring Conference Report Final – District 02

The 2014 Spring Conference held in Neenah WI, held on May 23-25, 2014 has been officially closed. The checking account has been closed and the excess checks have been destroyed.

Thanks to all of you for your registrations, many which were made on-site and generous 7th tradition donations, we were able to reimburse the \$1000 seed money to the Area plus divide a final profit of \$1438.58 (\$719.30 to Area 74, \$719.29 to District 02). I wish to one more time thank all those who attended the conference, the conference committees for their hard work, all of those who volunteered their services and the speakers who shared their experience, strength and hope with all who were in attendance. I am humbled by all who contributed to the success of the event. Thank you to Area 74 for allowing us to host the 2014 Spring Conference.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve,

Barry B.
DCM - District 02

2014 Fall Conference report – District 05 – September 26 -28, 2014 Gary S.

2015 Spring Conference report – District 01 – May 15-17, 2015 Tom Y.

2015 Fall Conference report - District 03 – September 18-20, 2015 Mike M.

We held a conference planning committee meeting on September 20th. In Attendance where the Committee Chairman, Paul V. Publication Chair, Tim N. Registration Chair, Dani M. Hospitality Chair, Stephen W. Program Chair, At this point all is going well. We have received some early registrations for our conference. Our Publication chair, Registration Chair, Hospitality Chair and also our Program chair are at this Conference to get any suggestions for there committees. Our Registration chair will be accepting early registrations for anyone interested. We also have flyers here for the fall 2015 Conference so feel free to take some to your groups. Hope to see you all at the next Area 74 Conference.

Thank you for letting me be of service
Mike Molepske
Conference chair and
DCM District 03

Fall Assembly – Three Lakes, WI
Area Assembly Minutes
October 18, 2014

Meeting was opened at 9:00 AM

Housecleaning including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, and “order to the mic”.

A “willingness to conform” was asked for by voice; none opposed.

Traditions were read by Gary S.

Concepts were read by Gail Z.

Roll Call

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Secretary/Registrar, Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairs: Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Literature, Grapevine, Now & Then, PI, Structures and Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 23

Area 74 Past Delegates and Trustees who were present:

Leonard D. Panel 26

Jim S. Panel 40

Bob M. Panel 50 and Past East Central Regional Trustee

Steve H. Panel 60

Marty L. Panel 62

“Unfinished Business” section moved to the end of the day

Officer Reports (see attachments)

Secretary / Registrar; no questions offered, (see report, attached)

Treasurer; no questions offered, (see report, attached)

Area Chair/Alternate Delegate; no report

Delegate's Report; no questions offered, (see report, attached)

Committee Reports - (see attachments)

Recessed for break at 9:55 a.m.

Reconvened Assembly at 10:05 a.m.

Conference and Final Conference Reports; (see attachments)

District 05 Area 74 Fall Conference 2014 Report – Gary S.

District 01 Area 74 Spring Conference 2015 Report – Tom Y.

District 03 Area 74 Fall Conference 2015 Report – Mike M.

Districts 13 and 04 Bid for the Area 74 Spring Conference 2016; District 13 was awarded the Conference by vote (simple majority – ballot)

New Business 10:37 a.m.

Finance Committee – Jeff D., Recommendation; 2015 Area 74 Budget

Income								
	2010(Actual)	2011(Actual)	2012(ACTUAL)	2013(Budget)	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Budget)	As of 10-18-2014	
							2014 (Actual)	2015 (Budget)
Income								
Group Contributions	\$16,611.71	\$14,928.72	\$17,242.53	\$18,500.00	\$16,038.30	\$17,300	\$14,702.26	\$18,000.00
Other Income	\$5,446.29	\$3,485.88	\$3,895.38	\$2,500.00	\$8,066.27	\$2,000.00	\$2,160.87	\$2,000.00
Personal Anniversary	\$320.37	\$107.00	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$151.00	\$75	\$189.00	\$150.00
Yearly Beginning Balance	\$12,475.33	\$15,022.11	\$7,974.03	\$6,500.00	\$6,518.39	\$6,500.00	\$7,833.97	\$6,500.00
Total Income	\$34,853.70	\$33,543.71	\$29,161.94	\$27,575.00	\$30,773.96	\$25,875.00	\$24,886.10	\$26,650.00
Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses								
Officer Expenses	2010(Actual)	2011(Actual)	2012(ACTUAL)	2013(Budget)	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Budget)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Budget)
Delegate	\$1,803.90	\$2,600.00	\$1,773.55	\$2,600.00	\$2,233.94	\$2,600	\$1,491.00	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$1,191.52	\$1,139.50	\$435.00	\$1,300.00	\$976.80	\$1,300.00	\$589.00	\$1,300.00
Treasurer	\$396.93	\$799.36	\$521.80	\$700.00	\$627.50	\$700.00	\$448.00	\$700.00
Secretary- Registrar	\$640.25	\$719.50	\$415.73	\$700.00	\$669.75	\$700.00	\$439.00	\$700.00
Committee Chairs	\$3,905.07	\$6,188.47	\$4,707.67	\$7,700.00	\$5,425.18	\$7,700.00	\$4,342.96	\$7,700.00
Sub-Total	\$7,937.67	\$11,446.83	\$7,853.75	\$13,000.00	\$9,933.17	\$13,000.00	\$7,309.96	\$13,000.00
Committee Expenses								
	2010(Actual)	2011(Actual)	2012(ACTUAL)	2013(Budget)	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Budget)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Budget)
Archives	\$510.00	\$401.80	\$487.48	\$600.00	\$551.00	\$850.00	\$407.25	\$1,025.00
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	\$329.12	\$246.10	\$228.08	\$350.00	\$252.60	\$350.00	\$240.46	\$350.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$148.48	\$0.00	\$99.07	\$125.00	\$322.28	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$220.23	\$72.13	\$70.00	\$125.00	\$79.00	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$125.00
CPC Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.40	\$125.00	\$61.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$1,105.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$902.72	\$652.40	\$382.22	\$500.00	\$452.59	\$500.00	\$304.19	\$950.00
Grapevine Committee	\$50.00	\$186.90	\$24.00	\$350.00	\$163.63	\$400.00	\$149.65	\$900.00
Literature Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$88.88	\$50.00	\$35.76	\$200.00	\$109.03	\$400.00
Now & Then Committee	\$3,574.50	\$5,050.45	\$5,338.18	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$7,000.00
Public Information Committee	\$365.04	\$219.50	\$145.84	\$300.00	\$179.50	\$300.00	\$14.25	\$300.00
Secretary Registrar Committee	\$302.06	\$344.00	\$147.06	\$500.00	\$188.74	\$400.00	\$129.00	\$400.00
Struc & Guide Committee		\$34.50	\$333.36	\$500.00	\$373.28	\$400.00	\$459.00	\$500.00
Treatment Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$37.50	\$100.00
Sub-Total	\$6,402.15	\$7,207.78	\$7,542.57	\$9,125.00	\$8,259.38	\$10,050.00	\$6,055.33	\$13,155.00
Other Expenses								
	2010(Actual)	2011(Actual)	2012(ACTUAL)	2013(Budget)	2013 (Actual)	2014 (Budget)	2014 (Actual)	2015 (Budget)
Seat Delegate	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
Registrar Internet	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Assembly & ACM rent					\$350.00	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$600.00
Assembly & ACM expenses					\$205.23	\$300.00	\$209.40	\$400.00
Conference seed money	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Other\Misc Expenses	\$263.31	\$4,437.89	\$636.91	\$300.00	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$152.53	\$300.00
ECR Conference					\$608.44		\$0.00	\$0.00
East Central Regional Forum			\$225.00	\$750.00	\$148.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years					\$200.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
International Convention	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
International Convention Hospitality Room donation								\$500.00
computer/onetimeexpens								\$750.00
Prudent Reserve			\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Sub-total	\$3,758.31	\$7,637.89	\$6,161.91	\$6,090.00	\$6,547.64	\$5,820.00	\$4,311.93	\$7,770.00
Total Expenses	\$18,098.13	\$26,292.50	\$21,558.23	\$28,215.00	\$24,740.19	\$28,870.00	\$17,677.22	\$33,925.00
End of Year Balance	\$16,755.57	\$7,251.21	\$7,603.71	(\$640.00)	\$6,033.77	(\$2,995.00)	\$7,208.88	(\$7,275.00)
Prudent Reserve			\$600.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,800.67	\$3,000.00

discussion opened, questions offered by 5 GSRs, 3 Past Delegates, 2 Committee Chairs, discussion closed @ 11:30 a.m., Grapevine Committee wishes to caucus, vote to allow GV to caucus by simple majority, 39 Yes, 11 No.

Recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 12:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Recommendation continued;
CPC removes “other” and “travel” from committee expense, GV makes no change(s), Structures and Guidelines withdraws “\$200 travel reimbursement”. Discussion ends, vote (with changes) taken, 52 Yes, 12 No (81.25%) motion passes, minority opinion offered by 2 GSRs, 2 Committee Chairs, 1 Past Delegate, no reconsideration, motion passes.

Finance Committee – Jeff D., Recommendation to Amend Guidelines

Area 74 Finance Committee motion: Change the Area Finance Committee guidelines (Article IV, Section 9.00, first sentence) from “The Finance Committee shall consist of the Area Treasurer, Area Delegate, one past Delegate, and three DCM’s or GSR’s.” to “The Finance Committee shall consist of the Area Treasurer, Area Delegate, one past Delegate, and three past DCM’s or past GSR’s.”

Scope and Background: The Committee feels that the current guideline implies current DCM’s or GSR’s are to be elected for service. We think that current DCM’s are already serving on other Area Committees and have voice and vote at our Assemblies. A conflict of interest can occur for DCM’s or GSR’s who would be elected by the Finance Committee to serve as Chair of the Committee. The committee feels that it is best to draw possible candidates for the positions from past servants who do not already have voice and vote, and are currently not serving on other Committees.

If the Assembly was to pass this motion we would humbly ask the Structures & Guidelines Committee to change the Guideline accordingly.

discussion opened, questions by 1 GSR, 1 DCM, GSR from District 05 offers an amendment, vote to accept amendment, 5 Yes, >2/3’s No, amendment fails, minority opinion offered by 1 GSR, no reconsideration. Vote on primary recommendation, 46 Yes, 12 No (79%), motion passes, no minority opinion offered.

Structures & Guidelines – Barb K., Recommendation(s):

History for Recommendations 1 and 2:

The Structures and Guidelines committee has discussed the current rotation of the three elected committee members during the odd numbered year’s elections. The committee has discussed the absence of any continuity between rotations of the outgoing committee and the newly elected incoming committee, being that they are all elected at the same time. To use the example of the finance committee, which also had the lack of continuity between rotations, the Structures and guidelines committee

believes that it is in the best interest of service to the area that one of the three elected committee members be elected on even numbered years, as which is currently the finance committees practice, and provides the continuity between rotations.

1. Recommendations

That Article IV, Section 11.00 is revised as follows:

Current and Revised (Revised is in **bold print**):

Section 11.00 The Structures and Guidelines Committee is to keep and update the Area 74 Guidelines; to discuss and then recommend changes of the area 74 service structure to the Assembly for approval. The committee would consist of the current Area Chair, current Delegate, past Delegate, and three (3) past DCM's or GSR's elected by the Assembly, of which one of the DCM's or GSR's would be elected chairperson by the committee with approval of the Assembly. **Two of the past DCM's or past GSR's will be elected in odd numbered years and one past DCM or past GSR will be elected on the even numbered years.**

Discussion opened, no comments offered, discussion closed, vote taken 50 Yes, 1 No (98), motion passes, no minority opinion offered

2. Recommendation:

That the Area hold an election for a new incoming Structure and Guidelines committee member at the October assembly in the fall of 2014, which rotation would take effect January 1st 2015.

Discussion opened, 1 Past Delegate, 1 Committee Chair, discussion closed, vote taken 53 Yes, 5 No, motion passes, no minority opinion offered.

Presentation on Literature Price Increases – Bob M.

I would like to start my presentation by going back in AA history and review a few major events of our early Fellowship. Prior to 1955 Bill, the recently deceased Dr. Bob, and other old-timers made decisions for our young fellowship. They were the custodians of the "pulse" of what was happening in our infant movement. The Alcoholic Foundation or the General Service Board (GSB) as we know it today, were mostly from New York City and they may have had an understanding of our spiritual principles, but by and large they were business men and professionals in the field of alcoholism. For the most part they were not engaged with the Fellowship as a whole. We all know the story that came next and St Louis International Convention was a major stepping stone in our move to "we have come of age". Bill fought hard to leave the legacy of his and others work to the fellowship of AA. Thus the General Service Conference (GSC) was born and approved to take our Founders place. The service structure was born and the upside down triangle service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous introduced. The Groups are at the top and responsible for all the services of Alcoholics Anonymous including the actions at the bottom of the service triangle.

In this new service structure the Groups, representing the Fellowship or the membership, would be responsible for the actions of all the service entities below them

in the service triangle through their GSR. The General Service Conference would become the voice of the AA Fellowship to the General Service Board. This would come about by the Group GSR's attending Assemblies and informing the Delegate of their Group's thoughts, then the Delegate taking their assemblies conscious to the GSC. Keeping in mind that the Groups continue to have the final say and if they do not agree with the decisions of the GSC or the GSB, they will always maintain the "power of the purse".

In the early days of the GSC it was common for the GSC to set the price of our literature. In 1954 the literature committee recommended that the Big Book price be set at \$4.00 for groups and \$4.50 for others, and that the 12x12 be set at \$2.50. Today the GSC does not have any participation in the setting of literature prices; it is solely determined by the AAWS board.

Through the readings of Bill W and others, I believe the goal or intent was that our literature someday would either be free or sold at cost to the Fellowship. In my experience I believe the actions this summer of the GSB is not keeping with those thoughts. Over the years it has been a practice and considered part of AA practice that we do not raise money for the sake of having money or as some call a "rainy" day fund. The GSC has discussed and approved the concept of a prudent reserve fund and no more. Bill many times warned us of the consequences of mixing money and AA. Bill introduced our fellowship to the principle of "corporate poverty" and he stated we need to follow that principle in all of our structural affairs. This concept of "corporate poverty" was widely accepted throughout the Fellowship in early AA. In the seventh tradition essay it is stated: "Then our trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy. Difficult as it was, they officially declined that ten thousand dollars, and adopted a formal, airtight resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition."

Keeping in mind our history let's review the happenings over the last few months.

On July 3, 2014 Bill N, AAWS Board Chair, and Phyllis H, General Manager GSO, announced a literature price increase that will be effective October 1, 2014. The rationale given in their letter was "Our last price increase was on July 1, 2009, five years ago. We have had several reviews since then and were able to delay any action until now." On August 4, 2014 another letter was received from Bill N and Phyllis H with further explanation of the price increase; "As you know, literature prices help to cover costs for services provided by the General Service Office. As we strive to become more self-supporting it is necessary for the Board to raise prices to maintain the level and quality of those services and the financial health and stability of the office." The new pricing schedule for October 2014 has been released and every piece of our literature has been increased, some by as much as 20%. If you include the price increase from 2009 the combined increase can be as high as 39% on certain pieces of our literature with the highest increases being applied to our "Big Book", "12x12", and "Daily

Reflections”; our largest seller to those of us doing 12 step work.

In the August 4th letter there was an announcement that shipping on orders up to \$50 would remain the same (\$10), but those orders of \$51 - \$500 would be lowered by a slight 4%. Orders over \$500 would continue to be shipped at no charge to the purchaser, with the costs being absorbed from the profits of the literature.

With the profits from the sale of the 75th Anniversary Edition (cost to produce is about \$3.54 vs cost of the book being \$12.00) and the increase of all literature sales that traditionally occur before a price increase goes into effect, the amount of unbudgeted excess revenue should be quite substantial at the end of 2014. If we sell one million Big Books (average over last five years) in 2015, the profit from those sales alone could be an **additional** \$1.5 million. Questions that should be asked are; what is the stated purpose for this additional profit and where will this money be used to help the alcoholic who still suffers?

After considering the budget presentation given to the Delegates at the GSC the question that comes to mind is; does it seem that our Office is in need of financial stability and help in maintaining the level and quality of services that a literature price increase of this scale is warranted? The GSB Treasurer very clearly pointed out that the Groups have increased contributions to the highest levels in history in 2012 and 2013. For the last two years there has been “excess revenue over expenses” or what we might call profit, even though losses were budgeted for each year. The pension liability fund is in great shape, as is the Reserve Fund even to the point that an extra \$1.5 million could be applied to the Pension Asset fund from the Reserve Fund. In the closing remarks of the Treasurer’s report to the GSC in May of 2015 cited no financial problems were on the horizon.

At the end of 2013 our fellowship contributions were the highest in history to the GSB surpassing \$6.9 million. By the way this surpassed the previous highest amount which was set in 2012 of over \$6.5 million. Percentage of Groups contributing continues to decline reaching an all-time low of 42.5%.

Our General Service Office (GSO) provides two functions to our Fellowship. The first is the publishing of our literature through Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (AAWS) and services on behalf of the GSB and the GSC.

AAWS had net sales of \$12.6 million of literature in 2013 with costs associated to publish, distribute, and other services of about \$9.98 million. This resulted in excess revenue over expenses of about \$2.6 million. This excess was applied to the expenses of GSO, AAWS, and Grapevine which resulted in a net profit for 2013 of about \$204,215 against a budgeted loss of \$726,340.

Group services provided by GSO are listed in the “AA Service Manual”. In 2013 the costs of these services to the Groups were roughly \$9.5 million which was up about 2.7% from 2012. The 2013 group contributions fell short by about \$2.6 million in

covering these costs or by about 27%.

The pension benefit obligation plan had quite a few changes in 2013. The change in the discount rate from 3.88% to 4.76% during 2013 resulted in \$4.8 million reduction in the projected benefit obligations or liabilities. In addition, the positive upward movement of the stock market in 2013 resulted in an annual investment gain of \$3.6 million or 18% growth. The combination of these two items resulted in the reduction in the unfunded status from \$10.4 million in 2012 to \$3.6 million in 2013. Further the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended to the GSB that \$1.5 million be transferred from the Reserve Fund to the Pension Plan Asset Fund. This will further reduce the unfunded liability and has reduced the expense in 2014 to the asset plan fund by \$600,000.

The General Service Board Reserve Fund ended 2013 with a balance of \$15.3 million, equal to approximately 10.9 months of operating expenses. Giving effect to the transfer out of \$1.5 million to the Pension Plan and inflow of the Grapevine's contribution of \$260,000, the adjusted reserve Fund balance would be \$14.0 million, which translates into a reserve coverage ratio of 10.0 months. The 2014 GSB budget projects the ratio will be 9.4 months at December 31, 2014.

The GSB 2014 budget projects a 2014 profit of \$248,101. The GSB Treasurer concludes in his report to the GSC that based on the actions both taken and proposed, the operating organizations, Reserve Fund, and the outlook remains positive for the upcoming year. In the AAWS Highlights dated July 31, 2014 the total unaudited net income for AAWS for the first six months of 2014 is \$627,817. This profit is as a result of many things including the unbudgeted profit from the sale of the 75th anniversary edition.

The new GSB "Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous" recently approved at the February Board meeting in 2014 states in part: "It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a Reserve Fund." Does this literature price increase follow this Policy? Our "Big Book" talks about "spiritual progress will always come before economic security". Has our General Service Board begun to adopt a "corporate" type of thinking to find economic security for our spiritual based Fellowship? Again our co-founder Bill W. warns us on many occasions that we should maintain an attitude of "corporate poverty".

I was wondering why we as a fellowship insist on the practicing our Traditions and Concepts different than how we practice our Twelve steps? Are the legs of our three legacies triangle different lengths? Are the Traditions and Concepts legs considerably shorter than the Recovery leg? Why do we continually read or follow the "white" portions of our writings on the Traditions and Concepts? We "all" definitely have experience with reading those parts of the pages of our Big Book! We know we will get drunk eventually, if we do not follow the black text in the Big Book. What happens if we do not follow the black text of our Traditions and Concepts? Will the Fellowship as we know it die?

Keeping in mind the above, I now offer to the Assembly two proposals for your

consideration.

Sincerely Submitted
 Bob M.
 Past Delegate, Panel 50

AA Literature Pricing since 2009 (with PerCent Increases) updated 08/19/14							
ITEM#	DESCRIPTION	Price Literature 7/1/2008	Price Increase 7/1/2009	PerCent Increase	Price Increase 10/1/2014	PerCent Increase	Percent Increase Since 07/01/09
B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th edition)	\$6.00	\$8.00	25%	\$9.50	16%	37%
B-30	Portable Big Book	\$5.60	\$7.60	26%	\$9.10	16%	38%
B-16	Large-Print Big Book	\$6.30	\$8.30	24%	\$10.30	19%	39%
B-24	Large-Print, Abridged Big Book		\$6.00		\$6.00	0%	0%
B-35	Pocket-Size Big Book	\$3.50	\$4.00	13%	\$5.00	20%	30%
B-20	Experience, Strength & Hope	\$9.00	\$5.00	-80%	\$5.50	9%	-64%
B-2	Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions	\$6.40	\$7.40	14%	\$8.90	17%	28%
B-15	Twelve & Twelve (soft cover)	\$6.00	\$7.00	14%	\$8.25	15%	27%
B-4	Twelve & Twelve (gift edition)	\$6.25	\$7.25	14%	\$8.25	12%	24%
B-17	Twelve & Twelve – Pocket-Size	\$4.50	\$5.50	18%	\$6.50	15%	31%
B-14	Twelve & Twelve (Large Print)	\$6.75	\$7.75	13%	\$8.25	6%	18%
B-3	A.A. Comes of Age	\$7.50	\$8.50	12%	\$9.50	11%	21%
B-5	As Bill Sees It	\$7.00	\$8.00	13%	\$9.00	11%	22%
B-18	As Bill Sees It (soft cover)	\$6.60	\$7.60	13%	\$8.60	12%	23%
B-8	Dr. Bob & The Good Oldtimers	\$8.50	\$9.50	11%	\$10.50	10%	19%
B-9	Pass it On	\$9.00	\$10.00	10%	\$11.00	9%	18%
B-12	Daily Reflections	\$7.25	\$8.25	12%	\$10.25	20%	29%
B-19	Daily Reflections – Large Print	\$7.75	\$8.75	11%	\$10.75	19%	28%
B-10	Boxed Set (B-8 & B-9)	\$17.50	\$19.50	10%	\$21.50	9%	19%
B-11	Boxed Set (B-1 & B-20)	\$15.00	\$13.00	-15%	\$15.00	13%	0%
B-6	Came to Believe	\$3.75	\$4.25	12%	\$5.00	15%	25%
B-7	Living Sober	\$3.75	\$4.25	12%	\$5.00	15%	25%
B-13	A.A. In Prison: Inmate to Inmate	\$2.00	\$2.25	11%	\$2.50	10%	20%
B-25	Living Sober – Large Print	\$4.25	\$4.75	11%	\$5.25	10%	19%
B-26	Came to Believe – Large Print	\$4.25	\$4.75	11%	\$5.25	10%	19%
B-27	As Bill Sees It – Large Print	\$7.50	\$8.50	12%	\$9.50	11%	21%

AAWS & GSO Revenue and Expenses 2005 - 2014										
Calendar Year	Contributions		Literature Profit & Other Income		Total Revenue		Operating Expenses		Excess Revenue over Expense	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
2005	\$5,275,000	\$5,417,046	\$5,736,127	\$6,686,030	\$11,011,127	\$12,103,076	\$11,094,644	\$11,126,906	(\$83,517)	\$976,170
2006	\$5,520,000	\$6,068,172	\$7,238,400	\$6,884,002	\$12,758,400	\$12,952,174	\$12,283,425	\$12,294,290	\$474,975	\$657,884
2007	\$6,200,000	\$6,526,002	\$6,563,000	\$7,056,555	\$12,763,000	\$13,582,557	\$12,673,550	\$12,563,980	\$89,450	\$1,018,577
2008	\$6,675,000	\$6,462,760	\$6,832,500	\$6,954,108	\$13,507,500	\$13,416,868	\$13,326,704	\$13,692,233	\$180,796	(\$275,365)
2009	\$6,500,000	\$6,296,110	\$7,733,900	\$8,236,559	\$14,233,900	\$14,532,669	\$13,398,788	\$13,259,109	\$835,112	\$1,273,560
2010	\$6,350,000	\$6,408,421	\$8,453,850	\$7,864,983	\$14,803,850	\$14,273,404	\$13,795,855	\$13,018,115	\$1,007,995	\$1,255,289
2011	\$6,500,000	\$6,264,454	\$7,948,800	\$7,961,980	\$14,448,800	\$14,226,434	\$14,148,720	\$13,408,487	\$300,080	\$817,947
2012	\$6,528,000	\$6,557,608	\$7,920,232	\$7,878,390	\$14,448,232	\$14,435,998	\$14,340,340	\$14,283,553	\$107,892	\$152,445
2013	\$6,697,000	\$6,906,371	\$7,783,550	\$8,109,846	\$14,480,550	\$15,016,217	\$15,091,790	\$14,984,663	(\$611,240)	\$31,554
2014	\$7,000,000		\$9,223,960		\$16,223,960		\$15,928,516		\$295,444	
Summary - 2005 to 2014	27%	27%	36%	21%	32%	24%	36%	35%		\$5,908,061

AAWS & GSO Revenue and Expenses 2005 - 2014 are taken from the General Service Conference Final Reports for each year listed
The actual financial numbers are taken from the General Service Office operating budget for each year

Calendar Year	Reported Number of		Percentage of Groups Contributing	Estimated Number of		Prudent Reserve	
	Groups	Members		Groups	Members	Available Funds	Actual (Months)
2005	58,067	1,294,678	43.2%	60,185	1,353,883		8.8
2006	58,539	1,308,712	45.5%	60,791	1,245,124		8.5
2007	58,340	1,314,552	45.2%	60,971	1,372,361		9.0
2008	60,093	1,342,380	44.1%	60,699	1,375,598		9.3
2009	61,613	1,358,879	44.3%	61,681	1,382,615	\$12,135,909	9.5
2010	62,873	1,373,681	43.9%	63,173	1,398,767	\$14,368,427	11.3
2011	63,845	1,384,699	42.4%	64,435	1,412,724	\$15,296,921	11.9
2012	64,414	1,388,727	42.4%	65,403	1,423,468	\$15,353,752	11.4
2013	64,694	1,389,602	42.5%	65,913	1,425,647	\$15,301,653	10.9
2014				66,184	1,425,472	\$14,079,035*	9.4*
Summary - 2005 to 2014	11%	7%	-2%	10%	5%		

* As of June 30, 2014 Reserve fund balance

Conference action, the "Prudent Reserve" was defined as an amount equal to the preceding year's combined operating expenses and should be between 9 and 12 months of those expenses
The reported group numbers and members are taken from the report titled contributions from groups, individuals, Specials, Special Meetings (comparison section)
The percentage of groups contributing is taken from the same section as listed on the previous line above
The estimated number of groups reporting and members are taken from the inset box located in the Conference Report

1:36 p.m.

Motion to the Area 74 Fall Assembly October 18, 2014:

In reviewing the financial statements as they were presented in the General Service Conference reports 2005 thru 2014 and the General Service Board Treasurer's presentation at the 64th General Service Conference I have arrived at the following conclusion. Over the last nine years Alcoholics Anonymous has made a profit (excess revenue over expenses) every year except for one for a sum total of \$5.9 million dollars and the GSB has budgeted for a profit of \$295,000 in 2014. Our Prudent Reserve has risen from 8.8 months in 2005 to 10.9 months in 2013. Contributions since 2005 have been steadily increasing by about 27%, with total revenue up about 24%. It appears to me like our Fellowship has been providing the funding "to continue provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of our Reserve Fund" and that a price increase was not warranted this October? Since 2005 we have been responding as our co-founder Bill W. once said that the Fellowship will respond if the need is expressed. In the closing remarks of the GSB Treasurer's report to the GSC in May of 2015, he cited no financial problems were on the horizon.

Does the Area 74 Assembly believe our spiritual principles were followed when

establishing the most recent literature price change and support the price increase? Do you feel this price increase was needed? Will this price increase help the AA member in Area 74 carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic in Northern Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan? If you agree this is a concern, I offer the following two recommendations be approved by this body and sent to the General Service Board and the General Service Conference respectively:

Proposal 1: We move that the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous review the price increase for AAWS literature that went into effect on October 1, 2014 responding to the following questions.

- Does this price increase follow the spiritual principle of self-support as stated in the recently approved statement “Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous”. In particular the statement; “It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a Reserve Fund.”
- Does this price increase follow the spiritual principle of “corporate poverty” as Bill W stated in the seventh tradition essay: “Then our trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation’s financial policy. . . . At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition.”
- If the GSB finds after review that our literature price increases do not follow our spiritual principles, then the prices will be adjusted accordingly.

Proposal 2: We move that: The General Service Conference Literature committee, Finance committee, and Trustees committee review the price increase for AAWS literature that went into effect on October 1, 2014.

- We would like the GSC Literature Committee to review all proposed literature pricing and then send to Conference for disapproval of those prices as it had at past General Service Conferences in 1955, 1957, and 1964.
- We would like the GSC Finance and Trustees committee to review the price increase and determine if the price increase follows:
 - General Service Board “Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous” in particular the following statement: “It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a Reserve Fund.”
 - Tradition 7: “... principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation’s financial policy. . . . At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition.”
 - Concept XII Warranty Two; “Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.”

Motion seconded, discussion opened, 2 GSRs, 1 DCM, 1 Area Officer, 2 Past Delegates, discussion closed, vote taken 64 Yes 0 No (100%)

Recessed for break at 1:55 p.m.
Reconvened Assembly at 2:00 p.m.

WICYPAA Liaison Recommendation – Bob M.,

We recommend:

- That Area 74 creates a "Liaison Position" named – "WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison". This person would have a voice only and be a non-voting member of the Assembly.
- The Liaison will be elected by the WICYPAA Advisory Council and will furnish reports to the Area 74 Assembly body as requested by the WICYPAA Advisory Council and provide information on WICYPAA when requested.
- The Liaison will notify the Area 74 Chairperson when WICYPAA has a report to give so he/she can be added to the Assembly agenda
- The Liaison will be listed in the Area Contact Directory.
- That the Area 74 Guidelines be updated to reflect the addition of this position in the following manner: "Currently Article I – Membership, Section 3.00 states: Area Webmaster and Archivist are non-voting members at the business meeting". Will be changed to the following (changes/additions are in "Bold font"):

Article I Membership

Section 3.00 Non-Voting members of the Assembly

Section 3.01 Area Webmaster

Section 3.02 Archivist

Section 3.03 WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison with voice only

Article III DCM's, Area Officers, and Duties

Section 12.0 The WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison reports to the Area 74 Assembly body as requested by the WICYPAA Advisory Council, participates during Assembly discussion, and will notify the Area 74 Chairperson when they have a report to give so they can be added to the Assembly agenda.

Article VI Election of Area Officers and Chairpersons

Section 5.0 Exceptions to the election procedure stated above:

Section 5.03 The WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison will be elected by the WICYPAA Advisory Council.

Discussion opened, 4 GSRs, 1 Area Officer, 1 DCM, Question called, vote to vote; majority Yes 5 No, vote taken on motion, 56 Yes, 7 No (88%) motion passes, minority opinion offered by 3 GSRs, 1 Past Delegate, (at least one) majority wishes to reconsider, vote to reconsider, 17 Yes 42 No, reconsideration fails, motion passes.

What should Secretary/Registrar do with approved minutes; withdrawn

2:33 p.m.

Nominations and Elections

Corrections MI; Brian M. nominated, seconded, accepts, no other nominations, by default.

S&G odd year committee member; nominated Tom L. and Cheryl D., both seconded and accepted, vote taken, Tom L. elected.

Finance odd year committee member; nominated Matt E. and Cheryl D., both seconded and accepted, Matt E. then declines (currently serving as a GSR), no other nominations, Cheryl D. by default.

ECR Forum Recommendation

Motion to Amend

Area 74 treasury offer up to \$75.00 travel reimbursement for up to ten (10) current Area 74 Officers and/or Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs to attend the East Central Regional Forums when scheduled in our region.

Area Committee Action

I brought this motion to amend a past Assembly Action to the Area Committee for discussion, the Committee discussion called a 2nd to the motion to amend the current Assembly Action to include “ incoming “ to the action. The motion if amended would read as follows:

“ Area 74 treasury offer up to \$75.00 travel reimbursement for up to ten (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”

Brief History

Area 74 has a current Assembly Action which offers this \$75.00 travel reimbursement for up to ten current Officers and/or Standing Committee Chairs to attend the ECR when held in our region.

The ECR Forums are held in November of the scheduled year, and rotates being hosted by an ECR Area, also rotating by State. The Forums are open to all A.A. members, and generally have the General Manager and/or Chair of the board of your General Service Office in attendance as well as the ECR Trustee, a GSO staff member and may include other GSO servants to answer questions and present reports or presentations.

This is an opportunity for all A.A. members to meet some of the servants that provide our support in service, and ask questions of how we can together strengthen Alcoholics Anonymous for our future. This also allows you to meet the other Area servants from our East Central Region.

Intent

The ECR Forums are held in the fall of the year our Area has all ready conducted elections for the new Area service positions which will rotate into their positions beginning the following January. Therefore this financial support currently may not allow an incoming elected servant the opportunity to take advantage of the reimbursement as they may not, in that November, be a current Officer or Standing Committee Chair. The recommendation if approved would apply only to regular Regional Forums, not additional or special Forums if scheduled.

Benefit / Background

Area 74 has approved in our budget \$750.00 for up to ten said members to request financial support to attend our ECR Forum and we have not met or exceeded that number of attending members in the past. Therefore the budget would not need to be changed, and the opportunity for service members active in the Area 74 service structure would be increased.

All A.A. members can enhance their understanding of how our General Service Office works and supports our 12-step work, and get a better personal feeling of character, dedication and friendship of our GSO servants as well as the Officers, Chairs and members of A.A throughout our region.

discussion opened, discussion closed, vote taken 41 Yes 15 No (73%) motion passes, minority opinion offered, no reconsideration.

3:17 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Structures & Guidelines – Barb K., Recommendation(s);

Recommendation:

That Article III, sections 6.00 and 7.00 of the Area 74 guidelines be revised as follows:

Current:

Section 6.00 The Area Secretary/Registrar. The Area Secretary's duties are: keeps and distributes the minutes of all Area 74 business and Area Committee meetings the month after the business meeting is held. Maintains Area 74 group/contact information, Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM, Past Delegate addresses and phone numbers. Compile mailing list for the Now & Then and Area needs.

Revised:

Section 6.00 The Secretary records and distributes minutes of Area meetings; keeps mailing lists up to date and sends out Area mailings; sometimes the Secretary is responsible for preparing lively bulletins that will encourage attendance at committee meetings and assemblies. The Secretary is in a good position to act as liaison between Officers and Committee members.

Section 6.05 The alternate Secretary will assist the Secretary and fill the duties in the Secretary's absence.

Discussion opened, motion to amend, discussion closed, vote to accept amended motion, 49 Yes 1 No, amended motion passes, discussion opened, discussion closed, vote taken, 36 Yes, 21 No (63%) motion fails, minority opinion offered by 1 Area Officer, no reconsideration.

Current:

Section 7.00 The Area Co-Secretary/Registrar assists the Secretary/Registrar.

Revised:

Section 7.00 The Registrar develops and maintains records of all the groups in the Area, including group name, meeting location, time and group contact. Registrar will be responsible for the names, addresses and phone numbers of the G.S.R.'s and D.C.M.'s, and Area Officers and Area Committee members. The Registrar provides mailing labels for the Area publications such as a monthly newsletter or a mailing of the minutes.

Section 7.05 The Alternate Registrar will assist the Registrar and fill the duties in the Registrar's absence.

Discussion opened, motion to table, seconded, vote on motion to table taken, 43 Yes 20 No, sent back to Committee.

Recommendation:

That Article III Sections 6.05 and 7.05 be added to the Guidelines as follows:

Section 6.05 The Alternate Secretary will be selected by the Secretary and approved by the body. The Alternate Secretary will assist the Secretary and fill the duties in the Secretary's absence.

Discussion opened, none offered, vote taken, 47 Yes 5 No, motion passes, minority opinion offered by 2 GSRs, (one) majority wished to reconsider, vote taken 15 Yes 38 No, reconsideration fails.

Section 7.05 The Alternate Registrar will be selected by the Registrar and approved by the body. The Alternate Registrar will assist the Registrar and fill the duties in the Registrar's absence.

Discussion opened, discussion closed, vote taken 52 Yes 11 No, motion passes, no minority opinion offered.

P.I. Chair reported on minutes being available in a password protected space on the Area 74 website. Passed out recommendations and "log in" instructions.

Area Chair offers a review of future agenda items.

Motion to close, seconded.

Adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Scott K
Area 74 Secretary Registrar