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Delegate's Corner

Hello to all my Fellow members of Alcoholic Area 74.

I hope your summer was as wonderful as mine. I enjoyed a meaningful balance of Alcoholics Anonymous picnics, meetings, service opportunities, fishing, and time with family and friends. A special highlight was meeting my five-month-old great-grandson for the first time on August 15. These experiences are gifts of sobriety made possible by my willingness to surrender to the disease of alcoholism. For me, continuing the program of recovery outlined by our fellowship means staying connected with newcomers and my home group, serving wherever I am needed, sponsoring others, having a sponsor, and practicing the Steps and principles to the best of my ability each day. As a result, I get to be joyous, happy, and free.

One service highlight was speaking at the District 9 summer picnic in Peshtigo, Wisconsin.

I also was asked to join an ad hoc committee reviewing the censure and reorganization process for the General Service Board as it relates to the Trustees' Nominating Committee. delegates who were not assigned to other committee roles were selected at random, giving me another valuable opportunity to learn and grow. A series of meetings will follow, with the group of committee members modeled on the General Service Conference (GSC) makeup .

On August 27, all members of the 76th General Service Conference held a sharing session starting off with three presentations on traditions and concepts. The entire meeting lasted an hour and a half this was in response to a Conference Advisory Action calling for two such sessions each year before the next General Service Conference.

Just recently I sent out. The current list of proposed agenda items. That may end up on. The agenda for 2027 , 77th General Service Conference. Please note these are all considerations at this point, just keeping you in the loop. If you have any questions about this, please contact me. My information is on. The area website. Thor looked below.

I look forward to our October 17–18 events at the Quality Inn in Rhinelander, Wisconsin: committee meetings on Friday evening and the Area 74 Assembly on Saturday. I encourage everyone serving on a committee or as a GSR to bring a friend or fellow GSR to learn, grow, and take part in our wonderful fellowship.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill Dornaus Area 74 Delegate Panel 76

920-621-1258 or delegate@area74.org

FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 74,

Well, here comes September! Summer has gone by quickly and it's time to start getting prepared for our Fall Assembly in Rhinelander. Don't forget, there will also be Committee Workshops on Friday evening. We will be having the elections for the odd year committee member in Finance and Structures & Guidelines. We also will be electing a Secretary and Registrar. We also will be approving our Dates to remember and hopefully be approving our 2027 Budget. I have a sense that it will be a very busy agenda.

A reminder to Groups that are having elections this year, please fill out an Area 74 Group Information Change Form which is available on our website (www.area74.org) under the "Districts" menu tab. This is very important to get your group's updated information to the area as well as New York.

And YES, a continued reminder, the 2027 East Central Regional (ECR) Forum will be held in Green Bay, WI next June. This is in our back yard and will not be so close again for some time to come. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of AA from our 5-state region, AA trustees, Chair of the Board, Staff Members, Grapevine people, Finance people, and Publishing people. The best thing is we get to ask questions!

Though they knew they must help other alcoholics if they would remain sober, that motive became secondary. It was transcended by the happiness they found in giving themselves for others. – Alcoholics Anonymous 4th Edition, p. 159

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Send Area 74 Contributions To:

Area 74 Treasury
PO Box 1002 Eau Claire, WI 54702

Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,
and address of group location or point of contact

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this. Thank
You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26		
10/16/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/17/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI

****NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

BOLD = AREA 74 events UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings

Treatment & Accessibility ` 4th Thursday of the Month Time 7 PM ID. -817-2284-5094 P.W. h4z1FR

Corrections meeting 4th Sunday of the Month 5:30 central Time Reoccurring Monthly
ID. 891 5542 2038 PW. 227073

Literature NA Date and time yet to be determined for regular meeting ID 895-7760-2013 pw 938329

P.I. Last Tuesday of Month 7pm Central ID 830-3370-6846 PW. PI

C.P.C. 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central ID 838-8679-0086 PW.478881

Archives 3rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time ID 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

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 COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR
 INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR 2026 DISTRICT MONTHLY
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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

DISTRICT MEETING September 2026 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	2 nd Sun	2:00 PM	Peace United Methodist 2300 W. Wisconsin Ave	Kaukauna,, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Eau Claire, WI
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	3:00 PM	2111 S Central Ave	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St.	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	1 st Mon	5:00 PM	68600 Riverview Ct. Northern Lakes Alano Society	Iron River, WI
14	Sunday	2 nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available	
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17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday			No Information Available	
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday		11:00 AM	No Meeting in Sept 462 866 9916 PW: D206178	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1 st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
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**Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2026 | Reiter Center | Three Lakes, WI**

Attendance And Roll Call:

–16 In Person, 13 Online, Total attendees: 29

Officers

- Delegate – Bill D.
- Chair/Alt. Delegate – Brent H.
- Registrar – Vacant (Katie D. Acting)
- Secretary – Vacant (Harold H. Acting)
- Treasurer – Shane R.

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y.
- CPC – Pat T.
- Corrections MI – James H. (Absent)
- Corrections WI – Kerry H. (Absent)
- Finance – Terri B.
- Grapevine – Nicholas S. (Absent)
- Literature – Mike N.
- Newsletter – Nikki B.
- Public Information – Jane M.
- Structures and Guidelines – James M.
- Treatment and Accessibilities – Vacant
- Webmaster – Vacant

District Committee Members (DCMs)

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| • District 1 – Mike (Interim) | • District 13 - Sunny L. |
| • District 2 – Andrew T. | • District 14 - |
| • District 3 – Alan B. | • District 15 - |
| • District 4 - | • District 16 - |
| • District 5 - Brian B. | • District 17 - |
| • District 6 - | • District 18 - |
| • District 7 - Kim | • District 19 - |
| • District 8 - | • District 20 - |
| • District 9 - | • District 21 - |
| • District 10 - Jeff M. | • District 22 - Melissa P. |
| • District 11 - | • District 23 - Renell P. |
| • District 12 - Paul T. | • District 24 - |

Area 74 Committee Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2026

- Meeting called to order by Brent H, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate.
- Reminders regarding housekeeping and unanimous consent to follow Guidelines for Area Committee Meetings previously approved.
- Roll Call (See Above)
- Approval of Minutes of ACM meeting on January 10, 2026; No corrections, additions, questions, or comments; Minutes as published in the February, 2026 edition of Now & Then, approved by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports

Registrar (Katie D, Acting)

Vacant, Seeking nominations

Secretary (Harold H, Acting)

Vacant; Brent H has equipment, Seeking nominations

Treasurer (Shane R)

The Area is operating at a \$7,440.80 deficit as of June 30, 2026. Shane emphasized that the deficit represents expenses exceeding contributions, not an overdrawn checking account. DCMs were encouraged to take accurate

financial information back to GSRs and groups, particularly because comments continue to circulate that Area 74 has \$40,000-\$50,000 available. Shane stated that the situation is not cause for panic but warrants attention. The report listed 562 active groups, with 108 contributing. Committee budget balances below \$500 were highlighted to help chairs identify whether additional funding may be needed before year-end. The 2027 budget process will begin in August, using current-year spending as a guide. District 5 returned conference seed money along with an additional contribution of approximately \$500-\$600. Because the funds were received after June 30, they will appear in the July financial report.

Question: What does deficit spending mean if the checking account is not overdrawn?

Answer: Deficit spending means Area 74 is spending more than it is receiving in contributions.

Area 74 Chairperson/Alternate Delegate (Brent H)

Continues to work on summary information from Delegate's conference; Had a good time sharing in Manistique, MI; Working on Ad Hoc committees (Structure and Guidelines and Calendar); Helping to cover Treatment Committee responsibilities.

Delegate's Report (Bill D)

Bill reported on the 76th General Service Conference and the combined East Central Regional Conference/Area 74 Conference. He gave his first conference report-back at the June event.

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July 18, 2026

Officer Reports (Continued)

Delegate's Report (Bill D) (Continued)

He reported that the Equitable Workload Distribution process is ending, although its replacement remains uncertain. Bill is serving on a conference-level censorship/reorganization ad hoc committee and continues participating in Area Finance Committee meetings.

Upcoming activities include a District 9 business meeting on August 2, a speaking engagement at Badger Park on August 16, and events in Districts 14 and 23 in September.

Bill discussed several items from the General Service Conference:

- The Everything AA app acquisition has been finalized.
 - A May 16, 2026 memo from General Manager Bob Wilcox was distributed, including discussion of confidentiality.
 - The Final Conference Report will be available in print but will not be free. Approximately 120 copies were ordered at an estimated cost of \$7-\$8 each.
 - Advisory Actions and Floor Actions were distributed, including vote totals and how the Area 74 Delegate voted.
 - The East Central Regional Trustee's report was recommended as a resource when questions arise regarding Traditions, Concepts, and the Conference Charter.
 - The Area 74 Quarterly Contribution Report can also help identify outdated meeting information.
 - The Grapevine/La Viña five-year plan is now in its second year.
 - Bill described contribution shortfalls as a "revenue responsibility" rather than simply a revenue problem.
- Bill remains available to provide more detailed conference reports when requested.

Question: Will the Final Conference Report be available for free, or will individuals need to purchase a copy?

Answer: GSO is attempting to cover the cost of producing the printed report. If the printed version can cover its costs, it will continue to be available. Otherwise, the report would remain available digitally. Districts will need to decide how many printed copies they want, and details about who will pay for them still need to be worked out. Bill reported that he voted against the plan because of the lack of information available when the decision was made.

Ad Hoc Committee on Calendar/Schedule Change

Brent reported that 13 responses were received from the spring survey regarding the current Area schedule. The Area is in the second year of a three-year trial, and additional surveys are expected. A question was raised about making future surveys available electronically. The current survey was distributed as a printed handout at the Assembly. Concern was expressed that broad electronic distribution could result in responses from individuals who had not participated in the event being evaluated. It was agreed that surveys should at least be made available to Zoom participants.

Ask It Basket Presentation

What is the difference between a meeting and a home group?

Discussion emphasized several characteristics of a home group:

- Members participate regularly and develop relationships and accountability.
- The group conducts business meetings and provides service opportunities.
- A home group exists outside the scheduled AA meeting through its service activities.
- A member exercises their group vote through their home group.
- Members described their home group as the place where they accept responsibility and accountability.

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Ask It Basket Presentation (Continued)

Is Green Bay (District 1) hosting the Regional Forum, or is Area 74?

The Forum is being hosted by Area 74, with Green Bay selected as the location. Discussion acknowledged that the location had not been brought to the Assembly or ACM for broader consideration. It was suggested that future opportunities of this type should include greater participation by the Area before a host location is selected. Area 74's hosting responsibilities will primarily include finding volunteers and providing hospitality room. GSO will cover the primary event expenses. There is no registration fee. The Forum runs Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. Members were strongly encouraged to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to interact directly with General Service Office staff.

Finance (Terri B)

Reported that expenses for trusted servants to attend ACM is over \$1000. And that the rent for the conference room is \$250. Questioned if we could do future ACMs by Zoom.

New Business

The Literature Committee requested that the self-perpetuating literature fund be increased from \$5,000 to \$6,500. The committee explained that the fund was established in the early 2000s to maintain literature inventory and that rising AAWS prices have reduced the amount of literature the existing fund can support. The committee currently cannot fulfill all literature requests. A July 10 inventory showed approximately \$4,877 in total assets. Year-to-date AAWS purchases totaled \$4,529.63, while literature sales totaled \$4,865.95. A recent order of \$930.76 included a case of hardcover Big Books that had not yet been delivered. Approximately \$514.70 in cash remained available following that order.

Discussion included:

- Price increases and their effect on inventory.
- The upcoming Fifth Edition Big Book.
- Invoicing literature orders.
- Volume discounts and sales tax.
- Whether groups could prepay for large orders.
- Inventory losses and damaged literature.
- Whether inventory should be sold at original cost or replacement cost.
- The original purpose of the fund: making literature available to smaller groups unable to place large bulk orders.

The matter will be taken back to districts, GSRs, and groups for discussion and will be presented to the Assembly for a vote.

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2027 Calendar / Dates to Remember

The committee discussed the 2027 calendar and compared proposed dates with the 2026 schedule.

Considerations included the timing of General Service Conference information, the Delegate's Workshop, CDPP, participation, and scheduling conflicts. The calendar will continue through the appropriate Area approval process.

Equipment

The Area's soundboard was not functioning and contributed to technical problems during the meeting. The Finance Committee approved up to \$200 for repair or replacement.

Committee Reports

NOTE: *Until a new Secretary is appointed, committee reports and related correspondence should be sent to the Area Chair rather than to the Secretary's email address.*

Finance (Terri B)

The Finance Committee discussed budget requests, reimbursement procedures, a possible budget presentation/workshop, expenses associated with ACM attendance, and possible budget adjustments for 2027. Terri also raised the possibility of conducting future ACMs by Zoom because reimbursements for attending the current ACM exceeded \$1,000, in addition to the \$250 room rental expense.

Literature (Mike N)

Mike discussed the proposed increase in the self-perpetuating literature fund, emphasizing that it is separate from the committee's operating budget. He also reported on upcoming events and challenges caused by AAWS literature price increases.

Now & Then (Nikki B)

The committee reported on circulation, expenses, available budget balance, and newsletter policy.

Public Information (Jane M)

PI continues adding clearer AA identification and the AA.org website address to distributed materials. Outreach has included pamphlet distribution throughout multiple communities and districts. The committee is investigating additional advertising opportunities, including restroom advertising, billboards, and television PSAs. The committee is also working through the PI Workbook and reported attendance of approximately 5-12 members at committee meetings.

Area 74 Committee Meeting Minutes

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Committee Reports (CONTINUED)

Structures & Guidelines - James M.

Reported that the committee has been meeting and expects to meet before the next Assembly. Items are expected to be brought forward for consideration at that time.

Treatment & Accessibilities

This position remains vacant.

Closing Remarks

Delegate (Bill D): Mackinaw rejoining Area 74 from Area 34 because of travel distance and frequency of Area events.

Finance Chair (Terri B): Reported that 62% of committee chair expenses are for food, lodging, and similar costs, while expenses directly supporting outreach and helping the still-suffering alcoholic remain relatively low. Committees were encouraged to use available funds more actively for primary service work and community outreach rather than primarily for chair-related expenses.

Things to bring back to groups:

- Holding ACMs on Zoom
- Updating the Treasurer's address
- Literature Fund increase
- Financial support for Area

Next Area 74 Assembly: October 17, 2026, at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

Enjoy a beautiful fall day at the park!

Join us for Food and Fellowship

Sunday September 13th

District 23 Annual Picnic

Potluck lunch starts at Noon

**Bring a dish to pass
(Meat, coleslaw, buns, water and dinnerware provided)**

Speakers to follow

Featuring our Area 74 Delegate Bill D.

**Hear about Bill's 1st trip to New York for our
2026 General Service Conference**

Narrows Park

**801 Sawyer Street Rice Lake, WI 54868
Your District 23 AA Family**

AA District 9

Presents

A Very Special Opportunity

The 12 Step Play

A Journey of Recovery, Community, and Fellowship

Join us for a Special Performance and an Afternoon of Great Food and Sober Fellowship

**Where: First American Lutheran Church
511 Madison Street
Oconto WI**

**When: Saturday, September 26th, 2026
Starting at Noon**

Why: AA wants YOU to be a Super Star

What to expect: The District will provide Pizza and refreshments

**Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group
If you want to help set up or participate in the play, please arrive one
hour early at 11:00 am**

AA Fall Workshop

District 4, Area 74

Saturday Oct. 3

The Three Legacies in Action

Jensen Community Center

487 N. Main Street

Amherst, WI 54406

Doors open at 8:00

Program begins at 9:00

- Prizes
- Ask-It Basket at the end of each panel discussion
- Dessert Contest
 - Bring your best homemade dessert: Prizes for the winners
- Light Breakfast and Full Lunch Provided

AGENDA



8:00 – 9:00 Registration, light breakfast, and meet-and-greet festivities

- Sponsored by the Trudge the Road Group

9:00 – 9:10 Opening

9:10 – 10:00 Panel 1: Unity: The Home Group

- Ask it Basket

10:00 – 10:50 Panel 2: Service: Getting Connected

- Ask it Basket
- Break

11:00 – 11:50 Panel 3: Sponsorship: Helping Others Recover

- Ask it Basket
- Break

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Dessert Judging and division winner prize awards

1:30 – 2:30: Speaker - Justin C., Beaver Dam

2:30: Wrap up and final prize drawing



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District 06 of A.A. Area 74

PRESENTS

STEPS: (VIII) & (IX) Workshop

Sponsors, Bring Your Sponsees

Pizza Lunch & Drinks

Saturday, October 10th, 11:00 AM

Bring Your Step IV Inventory & Step VIII Lists

*Pizza delivered around Noon, followed by Introductions
A.A. Panel Members Sharing their Experience,
Strength & Hope Working their Eighth & Ninth Steps*

Alano Club 76 (Tower Entrance)

76 East Central Street, Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Phone: (715) 529-4803 Email: Club76chippewa@gmail.com

Please call with any questions or to R.S.V.P.

Jim M.: (703) 403-1065, or John BB: (715) 429-0393

4th ANNUAL
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE INTERGROUP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

DOORS OPEN 4PM
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2330 E CALUMET STREET, APPLETON
****ENTER DOOR 1****

EVENING SCHEDULE

**** CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR! ****

4PM REGISTRATION
5PM DINNER
6PM AL-ANON SPEAKER - Mary B
6:30 AA SPEAKER - Jon W
7:00 50/50 DRAWING

PASTA BAR PROVIDED - MEAT AND VEGGIE OPTIONS
WILL BE SERVED

50/50 RAFFLE*DOOR PRIZES*CENTRAL OFFICE
MERCHANDISE*FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP!

PLEASE BRING DISH TO PASS

****AND****

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR FOOD PANTRY

August 6, 2026

Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of \$20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition, updated with 26 new stories of recovery, in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,



John W.
Chair, AAWS Board



Bob W.
General Manager, G.S.O.

Deaf AA Support Line

Have a problem with alcohol?

There is a solution!

A.A. has a simple program that works.

It's based on one alcoholic helping another.

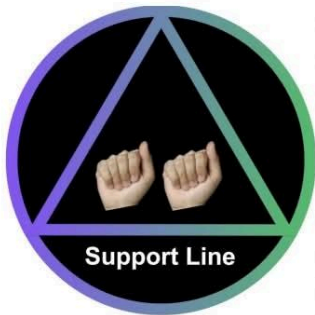


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We offer support related to recovery from alcoholism.

Deaf AA & ASL Interpreted Meetings

What is Fellowship Connection?

Fellowship Connection is the General Service Office (GSO) database that stores AA Group records. DCMs have read-only access to this system, helping ensure effective communication between AA members, districts, and the General Service Office.

Why is this important information for a DCM?

DCMs play a key role in:

- Tracking new groups in their subdistricts
- Monitoring changes in GSRs
- Keeping group status updates (active/inactive)

How Does GSO Support DCMs?

The General Service Office understands that the DCM's role is essential in assisting with data stewardship, so DCMs have read-only access to Fellowship Connection as an aid to "facilitate the widely desired goals of exact information, stronger communication, & responsible use of A.A.'s resources."



Collaboration is Key!

While DCMs have read-only access in Fellowship Connection, district registrars do not. That's why DCM/Registrar teamwork is essential! Let your district registrar know if a group has dissolved, but you see an "active" status for the group in Fellowship Connection so we can get it corrected or any other incorrect information you may see.

Thank you for your time today and all you do! 😊

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

registrar@area74.org

August 10, 2026

Dear Friends,

ANNOUNCEMENT

General Service Board Centennial Commemoration Ad Hoc Committee

In 2023, it was announced that the General Service Board of the US and Canada has formed an ad hoc committee to consider the options to commemorate the Centennial anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are planning to engage in commemorative activities throughout the 2035 year. It is anticipated that there will be worldwide acknowledgement of AA's 100th anniversary. Since our initial announcement, the committee has met several times and has engaged in a myriad of discussions surrounding potential strategies.

An integrated communication plan is being developed which speaks to professionals and to the A.A. Fellowship. The committee has begun designing a presentation developed to help inform potential collaborators about the Fellowship of A.A. and its Centennial Anniversary. It is our hope that the presentation may serve as a request for proposals for ideas on specific projects surrounding A.A.'s Centennial Anniversary such as documentaries regarding the history of A.A.

In an effort to engage local A.A. entities and committees, work is underway to initiate a Centennial Logo contest for our members in the U.S. and Canada, along with a creation of toolkits to aid local committees in hosting events.

The committee has also discussed other methods to commemorate the Centennial Anniversary such as establishing a commemorative stamp through the U.S. & Canada Postal Services; registering an A.A. day in the respective states within the U.S. as well as provincial registries in Canada; and the potential for submitting a "Google Doodle" – the interactive image designed to inform visitors to the Google homepage of major events, holidays, and people from around the world.

However, as the committee continues to consider the unique opportunities to cooperate with the professional community, public relations, and to be "friendly with our friends", we are ever committed to hearing from you, the Fellowship of A.A.

We invite you to forward any input or ideas you may have on how the Fellowship might participate in this celebration to 100years@aa.org. All ideas are welcome as we continue to explore ways to celebrate the 100th year of our lifesaving program of recovery.

Please note that these efforts are in addition to the 2035 US and Canada International Convention. The US and Canada service structure hosts an International Convention every 5 years. The 2035 International Convention is sure to be an amazing weekend of celebration and one of the highpoints in our centennial year.

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