

Alcoholic's Anonymous – Area 75
9:00a.m., 10/16/11
Fall Service Assembly
Madison Senior Center

MINUTES

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Nancy H.-Delegate; Todd U.-Alt Delegate/Literature; Randy R. -Area Chairperson; Lee Ann F.-Alt Chair; Matt K.-Secretary; Drew A.-Treasurer; John B.-Alt. Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON PRESENT:

Ken N.-Corrections Chair; Brent W.-CPC Chair; Stu E.-Grapevine Chair; Barb W.-PI Chair; Thomas D.-Special Needs Chair; Lori S.-Treatment Chair; Nancy S.-Archivist; Conference Advisory Chair-Bob S., Webmaster Allen B., Registrar-JD O.

DCM'S PRESENT :

D1-Jeanette S.; D2-Jane J.; D3-Jarrold S.; D6-Chris D.; D8-Dave A.; D9-Tori K.; D10-Ernesto N.; D11-Donna C. (alt.); D12-Karen K.; D13-Mel F.; D14-Frank S.; D15-John B.; D16- Mark V.; D17-John H.; D19-Linda W.; D20-Jessica S.; D4/22-Herbert P.; D23-Thomas B.; D24-Ray M.; D25-Danny C.; D27-Nealy R. (Alt); D28-Greg L.; D29-Lynn G.; D31-Kris C.; D30-Joel B.; D32-John C.; D34-Tony S.; D36-Peter W.

GSR'S and ALT GSR's PRESENT:

D1-Vicki P., Tom M., Steve S.; D2-Ryan S., Bob T.; D3-Eric H., Chris H.; D10-David D.; D12-Bill N., Dick R., Craig J., Phil K., Rob S., Loreen S., Joe M.; D13-Wendy B., Tom G., Ed C., Nicki D.; D14-Frank S.; D15-Bill K.; D16-Dick H., Debbie C., Michelle H., Gregg R.; D17-Tara H., Steve N.; D20-Laura W., Adam H., Marcy J., Chris B.; D22-Julie L.; D23-Rich J.; D24-Cate W., Vicky L., Dan H., Larry M., Cindy S., Steve H.; D25-Les M.; D28-Steve H.; D29-Chris S., Charlie K., Jeff G.; D31-Charlie M.; D32-Tara W., Dale P., Rick M., Carl H.; D34-Tony S., Chris C., Edween R., Loretta M., Rick D.; D35=Diane B.; Others-Mike M., Craig C., Steve H., Chris E., Ed M., Corey H., Paul O., Scott J., Jim S., LeighAnn W., Michael K., Bill G., Mark S., Michele K., Bret T.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PRESENT :

D1-Joe S.; D3-Kimmie O.D6-Pete T.; D13-Chris P.; D16-Bill K., D17-Steve N.; D20-Rich B., Sean M., Penny R.; D23-Dan M.; D24-Bill L.; D25-Jeff Z., Marty P.; D32-Hawk M.; D34-Ken W.

OTHERS PRESENT: Past Delegates: Leo M., John B., Joan J., Ken G., Jo M., Nancy G.; George P., Stu E., Members At Large: Terry R., Larry B., Ross M., Lori T., Alexis J., Chris M., Lindsay P.

Randy R., Area Chairperson, opened **the meeting with a moment of silence**, followed by the **serenity prayer**.

- Todd U., read the **Twelve Concepts**.
- Matt K., Area Secretary, took **Roll Call**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Matt K.

Secretary requested that new DCM's submit their information to Area 75 Registrar JD O.

The minutes from the 2011 Summer Service Assembly were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Drew A.

Treasurer's Report
Fall Assembly 2011

Total Assets	<i>Dec 31 2010</i>	<i>Sept 30 2011</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Banking Account			
General Funds	\$25,708.17	\$22,570.54	(\$3,137.63)
Corrections Literature Fund	\$2,133.20	\$609.51	(\$1,523.69)
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00
Banking Account Total	\$32,841.37	\$28,180.05	(\$4,661.32)
Conference Seed Money ¹	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Total Assets	\$34,841.37	\$29,180.05	(\$5,661.32)

Net Gain / Loss	<i>Sept 30 2011 YTD Total Income</i>	<i>Sept 30 2011 YTD Total Expense</i>	<i>Gain (Loss)</i>
General Funds	\$16,522.28	\$20,860.45	(\$4,338.17)
Conference Proceeds	\$200.54	\$0.00	\$200.54
Corrections Literature Fund	\$3,160.14	\$4,683.83	(\$1,523.69)

Budget vs Expenses as of Sept 30 2011			
Officer / Chair	Budget	Actual	Difference
Alternate Chair	\$984.00	\$249.20	\$734.80
Alternate Delegate	\$2,490.00	\$1,151.53	\$1,338.47
Alternate Secretary	\$275.00	\$-	\$275.00
Alternate Treasurer	\$341.25	\$126.60	\$214.65
Archives Chair	\$700.00	\$-	\$700.00
Archivist	\$3,300.00	\$2,890.20	\$409.80
Area Chair	\$2,337.00	\$1,128.51	\$1,208.49
CPC Chair	\$1,970.00	\$475.00	\$1,495.00
Corrections Chair	\$5,201.81	\$879.19	\$4,322.62
Delegate	\$4,665.00	\$2,791.52	\$1,873.48
Grapevine Chair	\$2,087.00	\$991.50	\$1,095.50

¹ One thousand dollars in seed money for the Spring 2011 conference was returned to the area and credited to general funds on June 8, 2011.

Overhead	\$9,185.00	\$7,061.04	\$2,123.96
PI Chair	\$1,198.00	\$353.47	\$844.53
Secretary	\$2,148.00	\$826.99	\$1,321.01
Special Needs Chair	\$1,181.00	\$214.68	\$966.32
Treasurer	\$1,890.00	\$1,013.15	\$876.85
Treatment	\$1,278.00	\$707.87	\$570.13
Total Expenses	\$41,231.06	\$20,860.45	\$20,370.61

Expense breakdown year-to-date by category		
Expense Category	Expense YTD	% of Total Expenses
Transportation	\$5,241.76	20.5%
Corrections Literature	\$4,683.83	18.3%
GSO Conference Extra	\$4,600.00	18.0%
Lodging	\$2,152.58	8.4%
Rent	\$1,559.75	6.1%
Printing/Copies	\$1,391.88	5.4%
Misc Office Expense	\$1,313.53	5.1%
Archives Rent	\$1,200.00	4.7%
GSO Conference Fee	\$1,200.00	4.7%
Postage	\$728.35	2.9%
Meals	\$558.00	2.2%
Health Fair Booth Fee	\$475.00	1.9%
Registration Fees	\$312.00	1.2%
Web Site	\$75.00	0.3%
Interpreters/Equipment	\$35.00	0.1%
Literature	\$17.60	0.1%

General Funds Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – Sept 30 2010	Jan 1 – Sept 30 2011	Difference
Income ^{2 3}	\$25,197.26	\$16,722.29	(\$8,474.97)
Expenses	\$14,964.37	\$20,860.45	\$5,896.08

Corrections Fund Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – Sept 30 2010	Jan 1 – Sept 30 2011	Difference
Income	\$4,666.79	\$3,160.14	(\$1,506.65)
Expenses	\$4718.93	\$4,683.83	(\$ 35.10)

Expenses by department: Year-over-year comparison					
Officer / Chair	CY 2010 Budget	CY 2011 Budget	Sept 30, 2010 Actual	Sept 30, 2011 Actual	
Alternate Chair	\$895.00	\$984.00	\$135.82	\$249.20	
Alt Delegate	\$2,245.00	\$2,490.00	\$616.77	\$1,151.53	
Alt Secretary	\$416.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Alt Treasurer	\$315.00	\$341.25	\$0.00	\$126.60	
Archives Chair	\$638.00	\$700.00	\$167.99	\$0.00	
Archivist	\$3,301.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,156.54	\$2,890.20	
Area Chair	\$1,309.00	\$2,337.00	\$0.00	\$1,128.51	

² 2009 figures include the return of Fall Conference 2009 seed money in the amount of \$500 and proceeds of \$3,695.62. Also included, Spring Conference 2010 seed money in the amount of \$500 and proceeds of \$2930.01.

³ 2011 figures include Spring Conference 2010 proceeds of \$200.54.

CPC Chair	\$1,810.00	\$1,970.00	\$1,434.21	\$475.00
Corrections Chair	\$2,063.00	\$5,201.81	\$772.06	\$879.19
Delegate	\$4,111.00	\$4,665.00	\$2,926.68	\$2,791.52
Grapevine Chair	\$1,568.00	\$2,087.00	\$822.83	\$991.50
Overhead	\$4,180.00	\$9,185.00	\$2,407.12	\$7,061.04
PI Chair	\$1,090.00	\$1,198.00	\$75.00	\$353.47
Secretary	\$1,968.00	\$2,148.00	\$777.83	\$826.99
Special Needs	\$1,077.00	\$1,181.00	\$426.60	\$214.68
Treasurer	\$1,456.00	\$1,890.00	\$572.81	\$1,013.15
Treatment	\$1,083.00	\$1,278.00	\$672.11	\$707.87
Total Expenses	\$29,525.00	\$41,940.06	\$14,964.37	\$20,860.45

DELEGATE'S REPORT – Nancy H.

It seems like forever since we were last together at the Summer Service Assembly in June. Some of my activities since June 26th have included:

- Participation on a panel at District 29's Workshop on July 16th.
- Spoke on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference in Columbus, IN, participated in a meeting of ECR delegates and scooped ice cream (July 22-24).
- Spoke at Grupo El Puente about service and the General Service Conference and delivered the Spanish Final Conference Report to the District 10 DCM on August 7th.
- Attended District 12's picnic and open meeting on September 10th.
- Visited District 29 meeting in Greendale and gave a report on September 12th.
- Visited District 36 meeting in Burlington and gave a report on September 13th.
- Attended Milwaukee Central Office Jamboree on September 17th.
- Participated in Agenda Committee meeting on September 24th.
- Spoke on a panel at District 12 Workshop in West Bend on October 1st.
- Visited District 2 meeting in Ripon and gave a report on October 2nd.
- Attended AA at the VA on October 8th

The Fall issue of Box 459 is available online and a copy was sent to all groups along with the 2011-2012 Literature catalog. If you have not seen these at your meeting you might want to check with the Area 75 Registrar as to who is receiving your groups mail.

I received the Final Conference report in early August. Some were delivered during District visits and the rest are available for pick up here today. DCM's please take some for your groups if you have not received them already.

The first two weeks of August were busy with visits to groups selected for the 2011 membership survey. Over 10,000 groups have returned the survey forms. Area 75 had 12 randomly selected groups for the survey and all participated. I was able to take the survey to seven groups and it was nice to be able to attend some meetings that I normally would not get to. The updated survey pamphlet will be on the agenda for approval at the General Service Conference in April 2012.

Contribution reports for 2011 through June 30 were sent to each group in mid August. Only 26.89% of the groups registered with G.S.O. in area 75 contributed to G.S.O

through the second quarter. I have the report with me if any one has questions about their group or district.

Electronic availability of the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in the 2nd half of this year continues to be on target. Following is a repeat of information included in the September 16, 2011 A.A.W.S. Highlights that I sent out earlier.

- “A.A.W.S. reviewed planning for the mid-November launch of the Fourth Edition Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format. The board approved pricing for both eBooks at \$6.00 (in English, French and Spanish).

The App for reading the eBooks will be called the A.A. eReader. The A.A. eReader will be available at no charge from the Apple App Store, and readers will be able to purchase the book through the A.A.W.S. Online Store. Information about the eBooks will be posted on G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site starting in October, and the link to the Online Store will go live in mid-November.”

I will be participating in the East Central Regional Forum which will be held in Miamisburg, OH November 11-13, 2011. Have you ever attended a Regional Forum? It is not too late to plan to attend. Information and online registration (there is no registration fee) is available at www.aa.org. Forum's are put on by the A.A. General Service Board and open to anyone interested in A.A. The purpose is to enhance communication and participation among A.A. Members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office Staff and the A.A. Grapevine. I will be doing a presentation on “How do we get beyond a buck in the basket”. Other delegate presentations are “Association vs. Participation”, “From Coffee to Conference – Service at all Levels”, and “Service is not Work – Service is an Opportunity.” Workshops have not been finalized but will be selected from what I think is an interesting list of topics.

A letter was sent to all East Central Regional Delegates that we will be selecting the date and location for the 2015 East Central Regional Forum at our regions luncheon meeting at the General Service Conference in April. If my math is correct it will be Area 75's turn to host. Please email me at delegate@area75.org if you would like to participate in information gathering with me.

Some new or revised items from G.S.O. Include:

- ✦ Newsletters available online: “AA Around the World”, “Box 459”, “Markings” and “About AA”. Go to aa.org and check them out.
- ✦ Revised “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs” is now available.
- ✦ Revised “Understanding Anonymity” pamphlet is available
- ✦ New “A.A. For the Alcoholic with Special Needs” is now available
- ✦ Two new Grapevine books “Emotional Sobriety II .. The next frontier” and “Step by Step .. Real AA's – Real Recovery” are now available.
- ✦ 2011-2012 Meeting Directories (Eastern United States, Western United States and Canada)

I want to thank those districts who have been sending me your minutes. It helps keep me informed about happenings in the area. I would also welcome your invitation to participate in one of your district meetings or events.

Nancy H., Area 75 Delegate, Panel 61

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Randy R.

As always it is a pleasure to serve and to report my activities since the Summer Assemble. Although the summer went by way to quickly (between family and work) I manage to accomplish a few things regarding Area 75.

I would like to start my report out by saying how difficult it has been trying to find a replacement for our Alt. Secretary position, but I am sure I found a good replacement. This has prompted me to alert all in Area 75 about the upcoming elections at the 2012 Fall Assembly. This seems like a long time away but it really isn't. Please take into consideration your part in Area Service and begin to ask questions to the current chair holder or officer for which you may have an interest in serving or take a look at the Area 75 Handbook available on the Area 75 Web page. Get an EARLY START please.

I had an opportunity to visit District 25 twice, District 28, District 2 and District 7. All in all the districts that I visited are functioning at the capacity in which we expect them to be.

During the month of September I was able to attend the Area 74 Conference in Hudson, WI which was held on the 16th thru the 18th. I had a great time with my friends from the north and enjoyed their conference as well as witnessing how Area 74 conducted their area business. Also on September 24th I managed to pull together the Agenda Planning Committee for a 3 to 3 1/2 hour meeting at my home. It was a very productive meeting (although one of the members had a priority protocol, BADGER GAME, and another person had a prior workshop, they only missed the last half hour) and the next Agenda Planning Committee Meeting one will be on December 17th, same time same place, and I'm positive this meeting will be as productive if not more productive than the last.

In the month of July the East Central Regional Conference (ECR) was held in Columbus, Indiana. I was given the privilege by you to attend the weekend event (July 22-24, 2011), it was an experience for me simple because I had never attended the event before. I enjoyed the event and was able to witness the similarities between the Area 75 Conference and the ECR Conference and also to witness the differences. A great weekend, for those who may be considering the next one, which will be held from June 29 thru July 1, 2012, located at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

On October 8th I missed the AA at the VA due to a prior commitment at the Winnebago Land Annual Intergroup in District 25, Fond du Lac. I was asked to MC a panel on Service, the panelist were Terry R., Les M. and Marty P. The panelist was excellent. It was a well planned, well attended Intergroup Workshop.

Coming up is the East Central Regional Forum located in Miamisburg Ohio. I am planning on attending but as of now it seems doubtful, work will dictate the outcome and I won't know for sure until the week if not days before the event. There will be an "Additional" East Central Forum held on August 10 -12th, 2012 in Mt. Vernon, IL.

I plan on attending the Concepts Retreat for my sixth continuous year on December 2nd – 4th, 2011 located in Westfield, WI, for more information please contact me if you are interested.

There is a sign up sheet by the sign in table for any one wishing to be on the Area 75 Chair e-mail list to receive agenda's, messages etc., etc.

To all of the Districts sending me your minutes please keep sending and for those who aren't please add me to your mailing list bls1825@wi.rr.com. Please keep all of the Standing Chairs, Officers, Delegates Past and Present in mind for a visit to your District meetings.

My personal goal as your Area Chair is to visit all districts at least once during their scheduled District Meeting time before my term ends. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at your district meetings.

Yours in Service
Randy R.
Area 75 Chairperson

ALT CHAIR / DARK DISTRICT—Lee Ann F.

I am pleased to announce the lights are on in District 35!!! Welcome to our new DCM for District 35, Bob L.

Dark district committee members Ken G. & Nancy G. joined me this past Friday night for the first of many District 35 meetings. District 35 is in Green County, meets @ 8:00 PM on the 2nd Friday of every month at the Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. 15 A.A. members attended their first District meeting and elected their DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, CPC Chair, Special Needs Chair and Archives Chair. They already have 3 active GSRs out of 10 groups. They are busy getting ready for their November meeting to fill more chair positions and establish their voting procedure.

I have also been assisting with District 28 DCM Gregory and Treatment Chair Sue by attending a few District 28 meetings, and meeting with Sue regarding the extensive District Treatment needs. Area 75 Treatment Chair Lori and I also met with Sue to determine how it works to have 5 meetings per week for 52 weeks a year at the Aurora detox/treatment facility. It is a great opportunity for A.A. to provide the consistent and quality service to this facility and I must say, Great Job District 28!!!

We continue to be a resource for all of our Districts. Please do not hesitate to contact

me if you have any questions and/or to share concerns, ideas, solutions, experience strength & hope!

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann F.

ARCHIVE CHAIR – Read by Nancy S.

The 6th annual Movie Day will be Sunday, November 6 starting at noon. We will show Country Strong at 12:15 and The Akron Story at 2:45. There will be a raffle following the movies. Tickets for the raffle are .50 and to uphold AA Traditions only AA members may purchase raffle tickets. You do not need to be present to win. The Archives room is located at 7109 W. Orchard St. West Allis, WI 53214. There will be brats, hot dogs, soda, chips, and cookies for a nominal price. Hope to see you there. (The packers play at 3:30 that Sunday.)

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Nancy S. Area 75 Archivist

CPC CHAIR – Brent W.

I was invited by the CPC Presentation Committee to give an AA presentation to staff members at the VA Hospital in Milwaukee. This was the third such presentation so far for 2011. Feedback from the presentation was very positive and may lead to a similar presentation at the Medical College of Wisconsin later in 2012.

I've had the opportunity to talk with staff members at two Milwaukee area treatment centers and distribute GSC Literature as well as local district meeting lists. Upcoming in Early November I will be meeting with the staff at another treatment center.

I continue to receive phone calls and emails from AA members who have questions about, or are interested in, CPC service.

In Service,
Brent W.
Area 75 CPC

CORRECTIONS CHAIR – Ken N.

It has been a very interesting time these last few months. A few people have contacted me about the Rainbow cans/Count on Us funds. These funds were merged and are now collectively called the Corrections Literature Fund. New labels for the cans are available.

Joe S. and myself were to Prairie du Chien on October 3 and hand out literature to about 150 to 175 inmates. Hope we planted some AA seeds.

I will be at the Black River Correctional facility on October 27.

MCCC is doing well, but can still use more male and female volunteers. You can contact Steve G. @ 414-339-7691.

Green Lake County jail is also doing well.

A corrections conference is typically held in June of each year. It is a cooperative effort between Area 74, Area 75, and the UP. This is currently in the planning stages, please contact me if you are interested in helping with this event.

I have received about seventy-five requests for outside contacts for Area 75 and about fifteen of them were for outside of Area 75. I have also received contacts from GSO for Wisconsin.

Your Trusted Servant,
Ken N.

PI CHAIR – Barb W.

Since the last time I reported in, on Saturday July 16, 2011 I participated in a panel at the We Are Not A Glum Lot workshop put on by the Friday Night 6:30PM Thoughts 4 Today Group and District 29. It was a very nice workshop and was well attended.

On August 1st I attended District 29's meeting to share a bit about PI. We had a lively discussion on what they could do in their district to carry the message in schools.

As I mentioned in my last report, keeping the Website up to date is an ongoing activity. I would like to ask the DCM's, or the District PI Chairs to please review their sections of the Website for accuracy. There are 3 sections that have district information:

Find a Meeting lists the AA Meetings

District Meetings lists the District Meetings

AA Resources on the far right side list the various contact numbers for your county.

At our Summer Service assembly, I was asked about the Area Proposal form on the Website. The form as it appeared only allowed a very small area to be printed. I talked with our Webmaster Al Buss. He has since put another version, Area Proposal Form (word doc) that can be downloaded. It provides as much space as may be needed.

Also at our Summer Service Assembly we had a Public Information Committee Meeting. The discussion centered around setting up a hot line, getting the information out to the community and length of service needed to man the hot line.

Mary Cumings is now the Public Information staff person at the General Service Office. In her letter to the PI Chairpersons she mentions the 2010 AA TV PSA "My World" saying it was ranked in the top 5% out of the approximately 1,300 active PSA's. She

goes on to mention that if committees would like to place a PSA at a local station, you may contact the PI desk to first request a list of stations that already have received the PSA. If indeed that is the case, some PI committees send thank you notes to local stations for airing AA PSA's

The General Service Board is still accepting video submissions from young AA members. You can see a compilation of young people's videos and the guidelines for submission at www.aa.org.

I am available to visit your district, or answer questions on Public Information.

Lastly, I just want to mention, that it does not cost a lot of money to do Public Information work. The General Service Office puts out a very nice selection of literature that is available for **free**, so even if your district does not have a lot of money, you can really do a lot of good by participating in the very valuable service work.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb W.
Area 75 PI Chair

AREA WEBMASTER Allen B.

No written report.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHAIR –Thomas D.

The committee meeting was held from 9am to 11am at the Summer Service Assembly. Present were Tom D., Bill, Nealy, and June B.

Three major subjects were reviewed and since there has been activity on all three items.

- 1) Display – Bill walked the committee through the changes since the last meeting. The graphics have been revised and will now be displayed on a forty inch by forty inch vinyl banner. The “walker” continues to be a part of the display as well as all the materials the Area has in stock (Braille Big Book, brochures, etc.) The banner can be utilized three ways ...on a wall, on a table, or anchored to the walker. This display can be used at open meetings, workshops, or other AA events, and will be available for use throughout the Area. Funds were subsequently provided to produce the banner and provide parts needed for the “walker” to be used as part of a display. Carriage or packaging for transport of the banner/walker and other materials will need to be worked out as well as which other display materials should regularly accompany the display.
- 2) Letter Advocacy and Service Groups – The letter was thoroughly vetted through the committee and the Chair. Member Nealy R. set up a mail merge to make the mailing an easier task. Since the last meeting, funding was provided for the

mailing and it went out to over seventy organizations. To date we have had two requests for in-service and cross-training types of meetings and Tom has scheduled them—one in Milwaukee and one in Wausau. The letter will also include the pamphlet AA at a Glance.

- 3) Website – June reviewed what is currently available at the Area 75 website under Special Needs (accessibility assessment) and what information is available from the national site at AA.org. The goal is to provide an outline for the new District Special Needs Chairs, committee members, or anyone in AA wishing to learn more about Special Needs. An outline of recommended tools and links was reviewed. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Contents of the national Special Needs kit
 - b. AA Special Needs guidelines
 - c. Suggested Activities
 - d. Literature list
 - e. Area of focus e.g., members recovering from medical procedures
 - f. Check with previous DCM or SN Chair...

A brief conversation was held...2011 will have been a productive year for Area 75 Special Needs if the three projects are completed, and that the 2012 focus/objective could be increasing the number of Districts with active Special Needs programs.

Submitted by Chair Tom D.—with special thanks to June B. for her note taking.

TREATMENT CHAIR – Lori S.

Since our last assembly, I have had requests from Dayton Residential Facility and Mendota Mental Health Facility to have meetings brought to them. Sean M. has been working with Medota and I have contacted District 7 about Dayton.

I have also met with LeeAnn F. and District 28 Treatment Chair Sune. She has a wonderful program in St. Lukes South Shore and is also trying get in St. Francis Hospital. She uses the pamphlets “What AA Does and Doesn’t Do”, “A Guide to the Twelve Steps of AA”, and the “Beginner’s Manuel.” She has fifty volunteers covering meetings over the course of a month, three volunteers per meeting.

New AA Guidelines for Treatment are now available.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR – Stu E.

Good morning! First, a thank you to those districts which have been forwarding copies of their monthly minutes to me. Those help me to know what is going on in your district and what things are important to you. If you district is not presently forwarding minutes, I would ask that you please start. And I would like to remind districts that I am available to visit your district meetings, events, and workshops to help showcase Grapevine and LaVina products as well as to share some experience, strength, and hope on the subject of *"The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous"*.

I have no news on Grapevine finances and budgeting at the moment. In all honesty, neither the Grapevine management nor the Grapevine Board share much of that with Grapevine/LaVina Chairs or Reps. Much other Grapevine and LaVina information is available on the continually updated Grapevine website at www.aagrapevine.org. Grapevine does have some new products. You can see details about them on the Area 75 Grapevine display at the back of the room today. First--two new books. One is titled "Step By Step". It includes stories and some humor about A.A. Members working through our Twelve Steps. For some time, members have been asking for an A.A. book in contemporary language about working the Twelve Steps. Grapevine has provided just that. The price is \$10.50 each. The stories are quite diverse and sample virtually our entire membership. The second new title is "Emotional Sobriety II". This continues where its predecessor left off and is priced at \$9.95 each. A new subscription product is called Grapevine Complete. It consists of a current print subscription, access to previously unpublished members' stories, weekly themed story collections delivered electronically, Audio Grapevine Subscription, the current issue of Grapevine Online, and the current issue of LaVina, all for \$49.97 per year. The cost of these items, if purchased separately, is \$173.85 per year. In the future, look for grapevine apps for your smart phone and other electronic display devices.

Corrections Literature Fund--The learning continues for the Corrections Chair, the Treasurer, and me. In the past, some subscriptions to the Grapevine and LaVina for use in correctional facilities were set up as gift subscriptions. We have learned that, come renewal time, we do not know whether the recipient's address is still current and whether that recipient is still serving in a Corrections Chair or Outside Sponsor role. The Grapevine/LaVina magazine subscriptions staff is helping to convert those to regular subscriptions. The recipient will now be receiving the renewal notice, which used to be sent to us. After I check an information sheet on that subject with the Grapevine Committee, I will be forwarding it separately to all DCM's and to all on the Area 75 mailing list for your information. So, more to follow in a short while. Meanwhile, the Area 75 Corrections Literature Fund appreciates your continuing support and contributions so we can get GSC-Approved A.A. literature and Grapevine and LaVina materials inside the walls.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Yours in Recovery & Service,
Stu E.,
Area 75 Grapevine Chair

ALT DELEGATE/LITERATURE CHAIR – Todd U.

I would like to welcome those of you who are attending your first Area 75 meeting. I hope that it has been a positive experience for you and that you in turn will encourage others from your home group and districts to attend.

In addition to serving as the Area 75 Alternate Delegate, I also serve as your Area 75 Literature Chair. I will keep you informed of new developments and changes to the conference approved literature available from A.A. World Services Inc.

Our committee displays A.A. literature and audiovisual material at every possible area and district function and selling literature at those functions helps to carry the A.A. message and fulfill our primary purpose.

I am sorry I was unable to attend the summer service assembly but I moved that weekend.

I attended the East Central Regional Conference in Miamisburg, OH. We met with many past, present and alternate delegates. Great speakers, awesome fellowship, surprisingly great food...long drive.

Literature news from AA

Literature Trustees' report: Some of the literature projects the trustees' Literature Committee forwarded to the 2011

General Service Conference:

- Draft revisions to the booklet *Living Sober*.
- Progress report on the revision of the pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Forces."
- Progress report on the development of literature focusing on spirituality.
- Consider request to reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action regarding literature focusing on spirituality.

Roberta L., chairperson

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the district secretaries that forward copies of their meeting minutes to me. It's an invaluable tool to me, all of our Area officers and Standing Committee Chairs, in determining the needs of our A.A. community

I look forward to attending the 2011 East Central Regional Forum with our U.S./Canada General Service Board Of Alcoholics Anonymous again in Miamisburg, OH

I am available to attend district meetings as your Area Literature Chair if you would like.... and I look forward to seeing all of you again at the upcoming Winter Service Assembly – at the [Madison Senior Center](#) on 1/15/12

I hope to see you all there.

In Service,

Todd U. - Panel 61 Alternate Delegate & Literature Chair

CONFERENCE ADVISORY REPORT CHAIR – Bob S.

No written report.

SPRING 2011 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Ken N.

There were a few complaints on your conference...

- The attendance was good with 585 registered, 204 for dinner, and 104 for breakfast.
- The committee turned over \$132 for the Bill W. fund for the next conference.
- Area 75 received a check for \$204.54
- The ice cream social was not a successful event do to the amount of ice cream people got for what they paid
- The fact there was no free coffee to the people who did not buy a mug made some people unhappy.
- 52 “bottomless” coffee mugs were sold
- I heard nothing but good things about the speaker and panels
- I was told the food was very good from several guests...the portions were adequate and the food was hot and promptly served.

I would like thank everyone who helped in putting on the conference. It was an honor to work with you, and I feel our conference was a success.

Your trusted servant,
Ken N.

SPRING 2012 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Penny R.

Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Madison, May 4-6, 2012.

Registration flyers are available; DCM's please take a pack back to your districts.

Our conference committee is in great shape and on schedule.

Please encourage people to register early. The first 100 to register will be entered into a drawing for a free set of conference CDs

Yours in Service,
Penny R.

SPRING 2013 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Bob S.

No written report.

MAICO –

No written report.

Winnebago Land Central Office –

No written report.

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE –

No written report.

RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE-Darrel S.

No written report.

Area Inventory:

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- **Answers/Summary:** Table 1: -go down to 4 assemblies and one Area 75 committee meeting
- Table 2: 5 assemblies seems to be working, email can be used more often, Area 75 committee members should meet with all interested AA members, otherwise it seems too political
- Table 3: 5 is plenty including the conference, we would like to have standing committees/DCMs share at every assembly, even if just forty-five minutes, we need to highlight delegates workshops even though it is not an Area 75 assembly, but really needs active participation, consider “Cloud” as a tool to increase participation.
- Table 4: Feels the Spring assemblies are too close together, would prefer quarterly assemblies, advantage of 5 assemblies is more fellowship and more service work, not seeing the advantage of cutting one assembly, would like to see more descriptive names for the assemblies, yes, small regional meetings example teleconference or web-based
- Table 5: Area chair should meet with committee chairs, meeting of Area committee, past two committee meetings, just DCMs/officers/and committee chairs should meet, agenda committee should be open and transparent, when do committees meet?
- Table 6: Based quarterly, four is OK, committees monthly, only need 3, meet quarterly, one assembly per year (2 day meeting)

- Table 7: No change, if we can the number e.g., quarterly could we enjoy attending the conference? No additional meetings because we have an agenda planning committee meeting.
- Table 8: Is a pre-conference assembly necessary? What is it's purpose? No, additional meetings
- Table 9: Do not have assembly meetings during the Spring conference so GSR's DCM's etc can participate in the conference, reduce area meetings to 4 meetings
- Table 10: Generally felt that we do not need the pre-conference, it is redundant- quarterly would be fine. Do not need Area 75 committees except as needed, otherwise committees can meet separately.

Q2: Should A.A. recovery workshops be held during the same time slot as the Area 75 Assembly meeting at the Annual Area 75 Conference?

*(Example: Panels being held at the same time as the delegates report! Encourage hosting groups and districts **not** to schedule their events on the same days of the Annual Conference!, etc.)*

- **Answers/Summary:** T1: General vote 4 yes, 0 no
- T2: AA recovery workshops should be scheduled at difference days, keep it the same, it is a matter of choice whether to attend the delegate's report or the panel
- T3: Could become a financial hardship on the conference if no workshops were available during the assembly meeting. People may sleep in swim, etc. DCM's need to make sure not to schedule mini-conferences or workshops conflicting with Area 75 conferences or workshops.
- T4: yes; other guests new-timers : no cross-over from districts
- T5: Purpose of conference is to hear the delegate's reports, but cannot tell anyone what to do, should the delegate report be given at the conference or should the delegate visit the districts?
- T6: 2 people-yes, same time, 8 people-no, different time slot conflict in time, 2 people –said no, focus on recovery do not conduct business
- T7: 4 yes what would others do while the delegate is reporting: people may be there only to support the conference not business, 7 no's out of respect for the delegate, nothing else should be happening, should either have a conference or an assembly, not both
- T8: 2 yes 0 no
- T9: Suggesting that assembly meetings not be held during the area 75 conference
- T10: People want attend both, so we felt there is value in both, recognize that the delegate's report/assembly be held at a breakfast meeting without conflicting with panels.

Q3: Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? Are they

aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

- **Answers/Summary:** T1: No
- T2: No, do not see necessity of a GSR: No: more workshops, sponsorship and DCM visits
- T3: DCMs encourage GSRs and other group members to attend delegates workshop, are we doing enough, greater Milwaukee area seems disconnected from Area 75 an idea to change, MCO needs to be contacted by Area 75 Dark District committee
- T4: No: can lead a horse to water but cannot make them drink, visiting groups, workshops, sponsors should stress service, more leading by example
- T5: groups vs meeting, active if group has meetings, no meeting no gsr, no report, dcm should visit
- T6: Strengthen the message to the individual regarding service/service sponsor, sponsors need to emphasize service/general service work/service manual-need to provide information to groups from district/area level set a good example attraction rather than promotion, dcm involvement in groups, develop group structure
- T7: Those want to be involved are involved, word is not getting out to all groups about the general service structure (DCM). DCMs need to periodically check on meetings to pass on information and get them involved. DCMs work with groups, dark district committees, find your replacement in service before you transition out
- T8: yes the system in place is working
- T9: p1: not p2: no: p3:somewhat: p4 sponsors encouraging involvement, area meetings make sure they are efficiently run, make them fun-breakfast before, dinner after, keep GSR reports brief
- T10: some districts not getting feedback from GSRs, maybe devote extra time to specific committees

Q4: How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers? In the current rotation all but on position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected?

- **Answers/Summary:** T1: Area officers should show enthusiasm this is fun, like Lee Ann F.,
- T2: Area officers should talk up their positions that they will be vacating at rotations, also if you could encourage more service, there will be more candidates to choose from, perhaps the standing committee chairs should be elected
- T3: Encourage the service transition from group to district to area
- T4: get more educated about the position, should always be a vote

- T5: Pull all DCMs for all positions, nominate from the floor, 2/3 required, third legacy procedure, concept X, leave the position if there is no vote, share the joy of service work.
- T6: 3 no opinion, 8 stop criticizing, praise good work at all levels, encourage transition to Area service, positive spin on Area service, encourage service early and often, make service positions an honor, should have more knowledge of the position, keep with the ballots
- T7: work finding your replacements, have alternates that can step into the chair / officer positions, communications, positions, current person in the position yes the process still needs to happen
- T8: 10 yes 1 no, make sure more information is out there at each district
- T9: written ballots elected, should have substantial unanimity no ideas regarding general participation, sponsors should encourage sponsees to stand for positions
- T10: Hard to get volunteers for officers and GSRs get more people, have area officers visit groups and districts, get area 75 / districts involved at assemblies need to do we have enough info on every candidate to make this decision

Q5: What typically happens at each of our assemblies is outlined in our Area 75 handbook. Would you like to see any of the items changed and if so what.

- **Answers/Summary:** T1: yes
- T2: Make 3 minute reports not 2 minute reports
- T3: We need to become familiar with the revised handbooks
- T4: more distribution
- T5: GSR handbook is downloadable, lack of familiarity electronic storage add to this
- T6: Reduce the number of assemblies
- T7: Committee reports / DCM reports on the web only/ half day only
- T8: No changes
- T9: continue to adjust minutes in relationship to the agenda
- T10: No new info

Q6: As an Area, are we serving all of the Area well with all the Assemblies being held in Madison? Should assemblies be planned for different locations around the Area?

- **Answers/Summary:** T1: Just stay in Madison, no new locations
- T2: Madison is central to southern Wisconsin
- T3: Madison is central to Wisconsin, possibility to start later, service commitment is only so many days a year for 2 years, keep with what we have
- T4: No
- T5: Yes if you are in Madison no if you are not, assemblies should move around, Oconomowoc is central geographically, "pride" in participating be district, who would decide where and when, predictable schedule, shouldn't the location be about those who attend as opposed to those who serve
- T6: 6 yes should rotate, 4 said no, 2 no opinion

- T7: rotate yes, bring in groups that may not participate otherwise- rotate no, people would go the wrong plance
- T8: 11 yes, 0 no – no 11
- T9: D16 do not change
- T10: OK the way it is

***Please See the attached actual submissions at the end of this report for additional detail**

Vote on Proposals:

Literature Proposal – already corrected, proposal withdrawn

One Facility Proposal – proposal defeated (5 yes, 95 no)

Five Facilities Proposal—proposal defeated (17 yes, 83 no)

Mileage Proposal – proposal amended to delete phrase “and for other misc. expenses” (79 aye, 2 nay)...proposal passed (62 yes, 31 no)

ECR Conference Proposal – proposal passed (69 yes, 16 no)

New Business

- Bids for 2014 63rd Annual Spring Conference
- Coffee Volunteers District 20 – Jessica S.
- the meeting closed with the **Responsibility Declaration:**

“When anyone, anywhere reaches out, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that; I am responsible!”

DCM Sharing Session and Standing Committee Meetings

Reminders:

The elections are just around the corner (new rotation 2013) and everybody needs to be thinking/meditating/praying to find the willingness to stand and take the awesome/rewarding positions that Area 75 has to offer.

Upcoming dates:

11/11/11 - 11/13/11 – East Central Regional Forum in Miamisburg, Ohio

1/15/12 - Winter Service Assembly – Madison Senior Center

2/10-12/12 Conference of Delegates Past and Present – Miamisberg, Ohio

- 3/25/12 - Delegates Workshop – Madison Senior Center
- 4/15/12 – Pre-Conference Assembly – Madison Senior Center
- 4/21-28/12 – General Service Conference – Rye, New York
- 5/4-6/12 - Annual Area 75 Conference – Middleton, WI
- 6/24/12 – Summer Service Assembly – Madison Senior Center
- 6/29 thru 8/1/12 – East Central Regional Conference (ECR), Grand Rapids, MI
- 8/10 – 12/12 – “Additional” East Central Regional (ECR) Forum – Mt Vernon, IL
- 10/21/12 – Fall Service Assembly “ELECTIONS” - Madison Senior Center

TABLE 1

Inventory Question's Workbook Fall 2011

Sign In:

Facilitator: Nancy
Larry
Loreen
Karin K
John B
JEFF
Ryan
JEFF
JAMES
NIKI
Dave

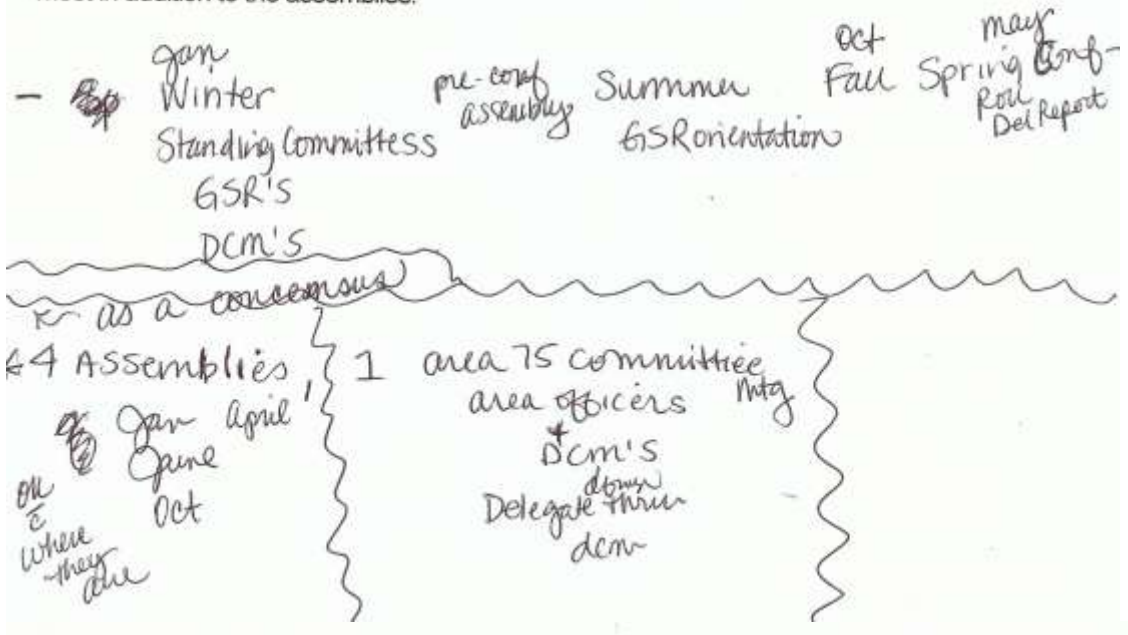


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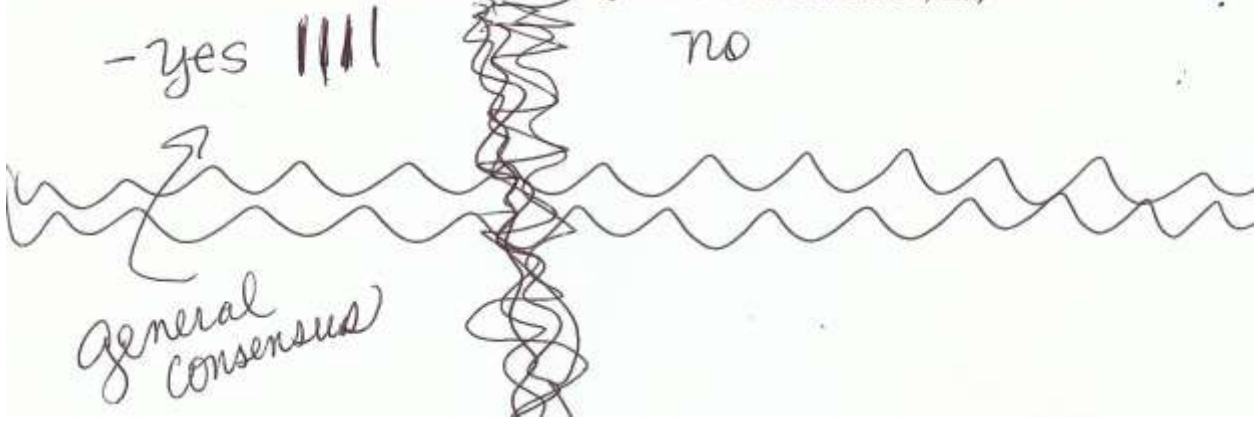
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Jess - no }
Kevin - yes }
Lori - }

① ~~no~~ not to the extent they could be, they are not due to lack of GSR involvement

② how do we get more involvement, who knows

15 ↑ 30 groups
↓
1/2 at ~~club~~ club
Hosp. vs groups

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this is fun, like LeeAnn
Ryan →
Ryan →

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- general consensus - yes / no

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yes,
stay in
Madison

no

TABLE 2

Inventory Question's Workbook Fall 2011

Sign In:

Facilitator: Les
Pete
John
Russ
TERRY
Randy
LARRY
CHARLIE
STEVE HAN
Marty Pete

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- ③ Should the Area 75 Committee (Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's) meet in addition to the assemblies.

10 people

- ① 5 assemblies/year seems to be working
- ② Jan/Apr/July/Oct is good, plus the conference. We'll know those months are ~~assembly~~ assembly months.
- ③ ~~No~~ assemblies are enough.
Email can be used more for in-between.
Area 75 Comm. should meet with all interested AA members.
(otherwise, seems too political).

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AA recovery workshops should try to be scheduled on other days.
That would benefit the recovery workshop AND the annual conference.

- ① Panels ~~vs~~ ^{vs} delegates report – probably best to keep it that way, altho there will always be a conflict. Matter of choice.
Delegates report is also available in hard copy + by email.

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- ① The vast majority are meetings, not groups. Don't see the necessity of a GSR.
- ② No
- ③ - Have more service workshops at the District level.
 - Through sponsorship.
 - DCM visits to the groups.

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The Area officers should "talk up" the position they will be vacating at rotation.

Also, if you encourage more service (Question #3, there will be more candidates to choose from).

Perhaps Chairs could be elected.

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~~Make~~ 3-minute reports, not 2-minute!

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Madison is central to southern Wisconsin.

Easier for GSRs when they decide if they can commit to going to assemblies.

TABLE 3

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Sign In:

Facilitator: NANCY G
Tara H.
Bill L.
Kimmie O.
Rick M.
Ken W.
Rick D.
Bob T.
John B.
Steve S
Ray M D24 DCM.
Lee Ann F Alt Choir
GREG I
Chris D

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- 5 is plenty - including Conference
- We would like to have Standing Committees / DCM share every time A75 has assemblies - even if just 45 minutes.
- We need to highlight Delegate's Workshop is not an Area 75 assembly but really needs active participation. "Cloud"
- ~~and~~ Consider Skype as a tool to increase participation.

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Could become a financial hardship on the Conference if no panels or workshops were available during the Assembly meeting (Delegate's Report). People may sleep in, swine, etc. if only the Delegate's Report/Assembly was the choice to attend.

DCM's need to make sure not to schedule mini workshops/conferences during the Area 75 Conference. The Area 75 Conference dates are published 3 years in advance and available on Area 75 web site. There really is no basis to overlook the dates.

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DCMs encourage GSR & other group members to attend Area 75 Delegates Workshop.

Are we doing enough as A.A. members to discuss & invite A.A. members to Delegates Workshop?

Greater Milwaukee Area seems disconnected from A75 Milwaukee Central Office secretary's meeting -
~~What can we do to increase~~
 An idea to help change that is:
 Milwaukee Area Central Office needs to be contacted by A75 Dark District Chair.

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If we encourage service at group & district levels to step to Area level.

If only one person stands then let them have the position as long as they meet the requirements.

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we need to become familiar with the revised handbook.

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*Madison seems to be as central as possible.
Is there a possibility to start later?
Service commitment is only so many days
a year for 2 years.
Keeping it simple with what we know
and what works.*

TABLE 4

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Sign In:

Facilitator: Brent W
Fred K.
Jarrod S.
Vicky L
TONY S.
CHRIS S.
Coney H.
MEL F.
Toei K.
FRANK S.
PETE T.

****** Please return complete and intact to the Area Chair at the end of the Inventory

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Every 2 months - 1 suggestion
why go to 4?

A. Feels the Springs Assemblies There are to Close Together
Likes Quarterly

* Advantage of 5 - more Fellowship
" Service work

* NOT seeing the Advantage, - Advantage of cutting
ONE assembly

* Naming the meetings - Reason why and what
will be Done

C. Yes, Regional ^{Small} meetings - Tele Conference
web Based

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~~No~~ Yes, other Guests, New-Timers

No - Cross-over From Districts

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No - CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER
BUT CANT MAKE THEM DRINK

VISITING GROUPS
SERVICE WORKSHOPS - GIVING DETAILS
OF SERVICE

SPONSORS SHOULD STRESS SERVICE
WORK MORE

LEADERS SHOW BY EXAMPLE

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More Distrib

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~~Yes~~ NO

TABLE 5

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Sign In:

- Facilitator:** GEORGE P.
DAN M.
LEIGH ANN W.
ERIC H.
CLARENCE K.
MARK S.
JESSICA S.
JO MC.
WENDY B.
JULIE L
TOM M.
DAN H.



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Responses:

1) Jo Mc Keep as is 5 - Area chairperson should meet with Committee Chairs

2) George P. :

Meeting of Area Committee -

PART 2 Committee Meetings -

“Decisions Agenda” -

- Just DCMs - Officers + Committee Chairs

- Agenda -

3) Questions as to what would happen if Committee structured officers -

Consider Transportation Cost.

4) Are we getting business done?

5) -

6) Sharing Sessions - DCM one + Coaching

7) Agenda Committee - “open door - transparent”

Area chairperson is on Committee -

when do - “Committee meet”

Winter? - Jan 15th

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Purpose of Conference is "Delegates Report" - ?

panels + workshops -

Can't tell our P.D. what to do/that be.

Should the Delegates Report be a

part of a "Conference" vs

Assembly Report, Special Visit to Districts.

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6 - Fear as delegate from Lack of participation by districts. (off point)

1 - Groups vs. Meetings

7 - Active if groups has GSR - Warty B

3 - No meetings - no GSR Reports
DCM - "Visit"

4 - "The One Group - Where it all Begins"
Warty B

GSR - perhaps the most important to the A.A.

Question # 4

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1) Poll All DCAs for each position - ^{nomination}
of votes required from floor
3rd Legkey procedure -

Concept 10?

Leave the position "open" as election

Share the "Joy of Service Work"

Question # 5

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GSR Handbook is downloadable -
Cost -

Lack of familiarity of officers -

Electronic storage of files?
Who has access to editable files.

All forms available as
E-files

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① - Yes if you are in Madison
No if you are Not.

Assembly should move around

"Economic" is Most Central geographical

"Pride" in participating by District

Who (Committee?) would decide on
where + when?

predictable schedule -

"Is it about 'those Attending' vs. 'those we serve'?"

TABLE 6

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Facilitator: MATT K
STEVE H
HEBB P
CHRIS H
LEO M
PENNY K
MICHELLE K
LUCY H
DAVE T
JENNIFER S
EDDY M
DALE P



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- spaced quarterly,
- No opinion
- 4 is ok, spaced quarterly, committee monthly
- ~~quarterly,~~
- only need 3
- quarterly, meet prior to each assembly
- ~~quarterly, no opinion~~
- One assembly per year, committee monthly
 - ↳ two day

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- same time slot
- different time slot - conflict in time -
-
- focus on recovery, do not include business

Question # 3

Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? Are they aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

- No, strengthen the message to the individual regarding service - service sponsor
- Yes, sponsors need to emphasised service
- General service work is tough
- Service Manual
- Need provide information to Group from District & Area Level
- set good example
- Attraction rather than promotion
- Dem involvement in Groups
- GSR w/ message and info
- Develop group structure

Question # 4

How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers? In the current rotation all but one position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected?

- No opinion
 - stop criticizing - ^{praise} encourage good work
 - - encourage moving up to next level
 - - positive spin on Area service
 - - encourage service starting at early and often
 - - make service position a honor
 - - more knowledge of the position
 - - keep written ballots: There will be multiple people standing sometime
- at all ballots*

Question # 5

What typically happens at each of our assemblies is outlined in our Area 75 handbook. Would you like to see any of the items changed and if so what.

no experience

reduce area assemblies

Question # 6

As an Area, are we serving all of the Area well with all the Assemblies being held in Madison? Should assemblies be planned for different locations around the Area?

should rotate

ok as is

no opinion

Too many questions

TABLE 7

Inventory Question's Workbook Fall 2011

Sign In:

Facilitator: Good # of Assemblies

If only quarterly, does that
mean condensing the
conference most

Question # 1

- 1. How many assemblies should Area 75 have in a year, currently we have 5 (Winter, Pre-Conference, Conference, Summer & Fall)?
- 2. Should the assemblies be spaced out – for example “quarterly” (January/April/July/October)?
- 3. Should the Area 75 Committee (Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's) meet in addition to the assemblies.

- 1. good #. No Change Needed.
- 2. If we changed the #. Would this mean if quarterly, could we enjoy ~~the~~ attending the conference instead of conducting business
- 3. Not Needed since we have an agenda planning committee

Question # 2

Should A.A. recovery workshops be held during the same time slot as the Area 75 Assembly meeting at the Annual Area 75 Conference?

(Example: Panels being held at the same time as the delegates report! Encourage hosting groups and districts **not** to schedule their events on the same days of the Annual Conference!, etc.)

- I. ~~Yes~~ Yes, what would others @ the conference do while the Delegate is giving report.
 - people may be there only to support conference - Not for business
- HT II No - out of respect for Delegate - Nothing else should be going on.
- II. - Trying to do too many things. Should either have a conference or an assembly not both. Perennial question/issue.

Question # 3

1. Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? ^{2.} Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? ^{3.} Are they aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

- ~~None~~
- 1, 2, 3. Those who want to be involved are involved.
- Ward is not getting out to all groups about the General Service Structure (DCM)
2. DCM's periodically check on meetings to pass on info & ^{try to} ^{inform} get involved
4. DCM's work ^{with} in group group.
Dark District Committee
Find your replacement in Service
Service workshops.

Question # 4

1. How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers?
In the current rotation all but on position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected?

1. - Work finding ^{your} replacements
= Have alternates ~~charts~~, so ^{they} ~~someone~~ can step in @ rotation time

Communication - position, job description
+ current person in the position.

2. yes - process still needs to take place

Question # 5

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#5 Committee reports, DCM reports - ~~ect~~ etc.
on the web only.

1/2 day only.

#6 *1. Rotate - yes
Brings group in that may not participate otherwise

only 2. Rotate - No - people go to wrong place
Reason for No.

TABLE 8

Inventory Question's Workbook Fall 2011

Sign In:

Facilitator: ISEN N.
Adam H.
BILL K
Michelle H.
Tam G
Dong C.
Rick J.
Vicki P.
Marcy J.
JEREMY J.
CHRIS ~~Platt~~
Lori T.
Rob S

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Should the Area 75 Committee (Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's) meet in addition to the assemblies.

Question – Is a pre-conference necessary?
What is it's purpose?

Area 75 Committee meet in addition to the assemblies?
No

Question # 2

Should A.A. recovery workshops be held during the same time slot as the Area 75 Assembly meeting at the Annual Area 75 Conference? *yes 11 NO 0*

(Example: Panels being held at the same time as the delegates report! Encourage hosting groups and districts **not** to schedule their events on the same days of the Annual Conference!, etc.)

Question # 3

Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? Are they aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

Yes, the system in place is working

Question # 4

How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers? In the current rotation all but one position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected? *10 yes - 1 NO*

Make sure more information is out there at each district conference of Area officers.

Question # 5

What typically happens at each of our assemblies is outlined in our Area 75 handbook. Would you like to see any of the items changed and if so what.

*IF it ain't broke don't fix it.
No changes*

Question # 6

As an Area, are we serving all of the Area well with all the Assemblies being held in Madison? Should assemblies be planned for different locations around the Area?

Yes - 11 NO - 0 *NO - 11*

TABLE 9

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Sign In:

Facilitator: Mark V #16
Nealy R. #27
PERRY C #13
Cate W. #24
Bill N #12
GREGG R #16
Chris C. #34
Chris Eisold #32
Scott J. #1
BILB #34
Phil K #12
Stephen Elrod #15
Dick Ranges #12
Linda Wynn #19

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Question # 1

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Should the Area 75 Committee (Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's) meet in addition to the assemblies.

don't have conference assembly meeting during
Spring conference so GSR's, DCM's etc can
participate in conference,
reducing # of ^{Area} meetings from 5 to 4.

Question # 2

Should A.A. recovery workshops be held during the same time slot as the Area 75 Assembly meeting at the Annual Area 75 Conference?

(Example: Panels being held at the same time as the delegates report! Encourage hosting groups and districts **not** to schedule their events on the same days of the Annual Conference!, etc.)

Suggesting that assembly meetings not be held during Area 75 conference.

Question # 3

Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? Are they aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

Not, NO, Somewhat

- ① not
- ② No
- ③ Somewhat
- ④ - Sponsors encouraging involvement
Spons #

- Area meetings - make sure they are efficiently run.
- Make them fun - ie: breakfast before dinner after.
- Keep GSR reports brief

Question # 4

How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers?

In the current rotation all but on position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected?

• ~~Should~~ Should have substantial unanimity

No ideas generated re: greater participation in elections.

Sponsors could encourage spouses to run

Question # 5

What typically happens at each of our assemblies is outlined in our Area 75 handbook. Would you like to see any of the items changed and if so what.

Continue to adjust minutes in relationship to the agenda

Question # 6

As an Area, are we serving all of the Area well with all the Assemblies being held in Madison? Should assemblies be planned for different locations around the Area?

Don't change

TABLE 10

Inventory Question's Workbook Fall 2011

Sign In:

Facilitator: TOM J
Cindy Su
JANE T.
Craig E
Chris M
Debbie
Dani C.
John B
Carl H.
Steve Hau
Paul O.

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Question # 1

How many assemblies should Area 75 have in a year, currently we have 5 (Winter, Pre-Conference, Conference, Summer & Fall)?

Should the assemblies be spaced out – for example "quarterly" (January/April/July/October)?

Should the Area 75 Committee (Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCM's) meet in addition to the assemblies.

- As needed
- Sincerely felt we do not need the Pre-conf. Redundant
- Quarterly would be fine
- Don't need a 75 meeting except as needed for major issues - otherwise committees, etc can meet separately

Question # 2

Should A.A. recovery workshops be held during the same time slot as the Area 75 Assembly meeting at the Annual Area 75 Conference?

(Example: Panels being held at the same time as the delegates report! Encourage hosting groups and districts **not** to schedule their events on the same days of the Annual Conference!, etc.)

- People want to attend both so we felt no - Value in both -
- Recommend that the Del. Assembly be held perhaps at a Breakfast meeting. This would encourage greater attendance & could conduct w/o too much usurpation of panel time -

Question # 3

Are the groups in Area 75 involved in the General Service process? Are they participating in giving the delegates input for the General Service Conference? Are they aware of what is happening in the area and in their district on a service level? If not, what can we do to improve the situation?

• Some Dist's not getting feedback from GSR's
Dist Granite, Mar. + Lafayette

• Some, 24 + 12 feel yes + 20

• 15 - # of people here but no GSR's

• DCA # 25

• If DCA's GSR's are getting it out, it's pretty good -

Dist 11/20

Some active, some not
But ↓

With regard to 3 + 4 -

— Emphasis early assembly on substantial reports from several committees to allow for greater transparency of information.

This also applies to ~~some~~ # 4.

→ ~~Part 1~~. In other words, put aside some "special report" time for several committees at each assembly, to allow for better info + more involvement.

Question # 4

A 11. How can we encourage greater participation in the selection of Area Officers?
In the current rotation all but on position had only one person standing. If only one person is standing should there still be written ballots and should they still require substantial unanimity to be elected?

- Hard to get votes for office + GSR's even
- Get more Area people to come to the Districts or meetings
- ~~Develop a~~ more org. way to get A. 75 / dist's
- A: involved at Assembly - re coming out to Dist's - put time aside

Do we have enough info on every candidate to make this decision?

Might want to get out more of a resume to people before hand otherwise 1 or more candidates,

Question # 5

What typically happens at each of our assemblies is outlined in our Area 75 handbook. Would you like to see any of the items changed and if so what.

See Q's 1 + 4

Question # 6

As an Area, are we serving all of the Area well with all the Assemblies being held in Madison? Should assemblies be planned for different locations around the Area?

OK if it is way it is

Reference to Question # 5

Section I Southern Wisconsin Area 75 Service Structure

1. General Overview

- A. The Southern Wisconsin Area 75 Service Structure brings greater focus to the Area by:
 1. Reflecting the group conscience of the Area at large.
 2. Providing an expanded opportunity of participation.
 3. Establishing an efficient administration of Area 75 business matters.
- B. *The A.A. Service Manual* in its entirety, including future revisions, has been adopted as the guideline for all Assembly business.
- C. Area assemblies are to be held in a facility that has sufficient space to conduct Area business. The facility should be centrally located within Area 75.
- D. Area 75 Assemblies begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until all business is completed. The agenda will be published in advance. Business will be conducted in the order specified by the agenda. Lunch breaks will be determined at the meetings by majority opinion of those in attendance.
- E. Written copies of all reports presented to the Assembly are to be submitted to the Area Secretary.
- F. The Area 75 Proposal Form is the required format for submitting proposals.
- G. The Area Chair, in consultation with the Area Agenda Committee, will make the necessary decisions and establish the agenda for each Area Assembly.
- H. To carry out the objectives of service, there will be a Winter Service Assembly, a Pre-conference Assembly, a Spring Conference Assembly, a Summer Service Assembly and a Fall Service Assembly.

at
start
5

2. Area Assemblies

A. Winter Service Assembly

1. Typically held the third week in January.
2. The morning session typically consists of:
 - a. Standing Committee Meetings
 - b. Ad hoc Committee Meetings
 - c. District Committee Member (DCM) School
 - d. General Service Representative (GSR) School
3. The afternoon session agenda typically includes:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Area Chair's Report
 - e. Delegate's Report
 - f. Standing Committee Reports (5 minutes time limit)
 - g. Conference Reports (2 minute time limit)
 - h. Central Office / Intergroup Reports (2 minute time limit)
 - i. Report on proposals to be voted upon at next Assembly
 - j. Emergency Business

B. Pre-conference Assembly

1. Typically held six weeks prior to the Spring Conference.
2. The morning session typically consists of:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Area Chair's Report
 - e. Delegate's Report
 - f. Standing Committee Reports (5 minute time limit)

- g. DCM Reports (2 minute time limit)
- h. Conference Reports (2 minute time limit)
- i. Central Office / Intergroup Reports (2 minute time limit)
- 3. The afternoon session agenda typically includes:
 - a. Voting on proposals
 - b. Emergency business

C. Spring Conference Assembly

- 1. Typically held in May on a date established by the Conference Committee.
- 2. The morning session agenda typically includes:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Area Chair's Report
 - e. Delegate's Report (one hour recommended)
 - f. Emergency business
- 3. The afternoon session typically consists of standing committee meetings.

D. Summer Service Assembly

- 1. Typically held the fourth week in June.
- 2. The morning session typically consists of:
 - a. Standing Committee Meetings
 - b. Ad hoc Committee Meetings
 - c. General Service Representative (GSR) School
- 3. The afternoon session agenda typically includes:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Area Chair's Report
 - e. Delegate's Report
 - f. Standing Committee Reports (5 minute time limit)
 - g. Conference Reports (2 minute time limit)
 - h. Central Office / Intergroup Reports (2 minute time limit)
 - i. Report on proposals to be voted upon at next Assembly
 - j. Emergency Business

E. Fall Service Assembly

- 1. Typically held the third week in October.
- 2. The morning session agenda typically includes:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Secretary's Report
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Area Chair's Report
 - e. Delegate's Report
 - f. Vote on proposals
 - g. Emergency Business
 - h. In even numbered years, the Election of Officers
 - i. In odd numbered years, an Area Inventory
- 3. The afternoon session typically consists of:
 - a. Standing Committee Meetings
 - b. Ad hoc Committee Meetings

What about assigning each committee, having a certain ^{assembly} specific (ex- Fall-corrections, PI) ~~conference~~ focus ^{presentations} → Summer-special needs, archives

#1) How many conferences should we have 5 -

- A) what is point of pre-conference?
- B) have 4 (quarterly) ^{updates go to DCM's}
- * C) ~~get rid of pre-conference~~
- 1:1 Should Area 75 Committee meet in addition?
- A) What if done on an "as needed" basis. (ex: extensive inventory crisis, procedural changes)

#2 - Should recovery workshops be held during same time slot as Area 75 assembly @ Area 75 Conference?

Special Needs ^{cham} took care of Spanish during assembly

- A) What if made focused + shorter time period?
- B) ^{or} value in both, but there were conflicts
- C) What if made ^{assembly} breakfast meetings

#3) Groups involved in General Service process:

- A) DCM area 2 not getting feedback from GSR's - geographics issues - missing District meetings (Green Lake, Marquette, + Lafayette)
- B) ~~Area~~ Dist 24, 12, doing well 20 into it 15 people @ district but GSR's not coming @ Area

Dist 25 sharing information
32

* information is flowing both ways
- way internet is helpful

#4 How to encourage greater participation of Area Officers?

* Hard time getting volunteers for GSR's + @ district level -
* need to promote service work @ group level -

Have meeting on service work
Service Workshops

Find way to organize visits between area + districts
(give a calendar)

4A) if only 1 person standing - should they still be written ballots + still require substantial unanimity?

Howe have enough info on the individual(s) to make a conscientious vote?

#5 Would any items changed?
see questions 1 + 4

#6 Are we serving area well having assemblies in Madison -
= cost effective?
= what other locations?

- eliminate 1-5 during the conference
- Area 75 area inventory 5
- ① less assemblies and less number of people at these meetings
limit the GSR's DCM's / do not
not really involved in Area 75
GSR school / DCM school / do not increase assemblies
 - ② eliminate the workshops during the assemblies
 - ③ ^{Area's} ^{communications} and what does the districts
and give up our time / why is 6-50
and help more new comers in
a lot of groups are not districts
involved or drive all the way to Madison to hear a lot business
give better reports and really ^{meeting}
listen and get to the point
 - ④ ~~Organization~~ make it more fun
sponsorship better / get more GSR's involved
 - ⑤ have elections and have people committed
 - ⑥ still be used ballots

⑤ we need to know
what kind of handbook R
you referring too
have. More time talk
at assemblies assemblies

yes - more time to talk
3 minutes
read all the minutes / e-mail
submit a report / eliminating
assembly in spring

⑥ no - don't ^{if do not} want
2 move to different
locations it