

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

Summer Service Assembly

Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2013 • Madison Senior Center • 330 West Mifflin Street • Madison, WI 53703

Officers Present:

Randy R. – Delegate, Drew A. – Alt. Delegate/Literature, Todd U. – Chair, Brent W. – Alt. Chair, Kara R. – Secretary, Bob S. – Alt. Secretary, Matt K. – Treasurer, Peter W. – Alt. Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairpersons Present:

Rick M. – Archives, Nancy S. – Archivist, Jim McL. – Corrections, John H. – CPC, Nancy H. – Grapevine, Jeanette S. – PI, Tara H. – Special Needs, Kristi C. – Treatment, Barb W. – Registrar, Joel B. – 2013 Conference, Chris S. – 2015 Conference

DCMs Present:

D01 – Bart VanV.; D06 – C. Peter T., Cynthia S. (ALT); D07 – Jill G.; D09 – Brett C.; D10 – Arturo H.; D12 – Terry H., Clarence K. (ALT); D13 – Niki D. (ALT); D14 – Frank S.; D15 – Stephen E.; D16 – John B. (ALT); D17 – Ted B.; D19 – John M.; D20 – Sean McC., Fiona G. (ALT); D22 – Herbert P.; D24 – Larry M.; D25 – Les M.; D28 – James U., Karen McK.; D29 – Scott L.; D31 – Charles M.; D32 – John W.; D34 – James F. (ALT); D36 – Peter W.

GSRs, Alternate GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and Others Present:

D01 – Jennifer B., Angela J.; D06 – Chris D.; D9 – Tom B., Bob H., Tori K., Tom B., Bob H.; D10 – Lauro E., Noe V.; D12 – Diana K.; D13 – Katherine G., Cheri C., Vanessa L.; D15 – Gabrielle M., Nealy R.; D16 – Gregg R., David L.; D17 – Steve N., Darrel S., Bryan A., Wagner L.; D20 – Jack K., Dan K., Tracy L., Gavin M., Justin P., Gary S., Jimmy M., Jenn F.; D24 – June B., Nita B.; D25 – Dave D., Dennis E., George B., Jeff Z., Deb M.; D28 – Chino A., Terry R.; D30 – Ray E.; D31 – William B., Laurie M.; D32 – Chris E.;

Past Delegates Present:

Ken G., Jo McL., Nancy G.

Todd U., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer at 11:42am on Sunday, June 23rd, 2013.

Drew A. read the Twelve Concepts.

Kara R., Area Secretary, took Roll Call. Minutes from Winter Assembly were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Matt K.

Income and Expenses	Income and Expenses
01/01/2013 - 06/17/2013	01/01/2012 - 06/17/2012
Account 01/01/2013 - 06/17/2013	Account 01/01/2012 - 06/17/2012
INCOME	INCOME

Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,555.93	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,300.15
General Contributions	\$12,196.03	General Contributions	\$11,566.63
INCOME - TOTAL	\$13,751.96	INCOME - TOTAL	\$12,866.78
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Alternate Delegate		Alternate Delegate	
Literature	\$39.60		
Lodging	\$329.59	Lodging	\$122.63
Meals	\$150.59	Meals	\$39.00
Misc Office Expense	\$22.25	Misc Office Expense	\$12.95
Registration Fees	\$40.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$759.39	Transportation	\$253.15
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,341.42	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$442.73
Alternate Secretary		Alternate Secretary	
Misc Office Expense	\$22.06	Misc Office Expense	\$20.98
		Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$119.97	Transportation	\$273.90
Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$142.03	Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$309.88
Alternate Treasurer			
Registration Fees	\$15.00		
Transportation	\$310.01		
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$325.01		
		Archives Chair	
		Lodging	\$245.26
		Meals	\$39.00
		Registration Fees	\$15.00
		Transportation	\$158.66
		Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$457.92
Archivist		Archivist	
Archives Rent	\$1,200.00	Archives Rent	\$1,200.00
Lodging	\$204.30	Lodging	\$349.36
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$53.00
Misc Office Expense	\$512.70	Misc Office Expense	\$355.59
Printing/Copies	\$42.22		

Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$35.00
Transportation	\$211.17	Transportation	\$354.13
Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,223.39	Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,347.08
Area Chair		Area Chair	
Lodging	\$102.15	Lodging	\$122.64
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$39.00
		Postage	\$45.00
		Printing/Copies	\$94.80
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$658.66	Transportation	\$180.11
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$813.81	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$496.55
CPC Chair		CPC Chair	
		Health Fair Booth Fee	\$450.00
Literature	\$29.00		
Lodging	\$102.15		
Meals	\$25.00		
Registration Fees	\$15.00		
Transportation	\$260.21		
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$431.36	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$450.00
Conference Advisory Chair		Conference Advisory Chair	
Transportation	\$86.60	Transportation	\$75.52
Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60	Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$75.52
Corrections Chair		Corrections Chair	
		Literature	\$187.45
		Lodging	\$122.00
		Misc Office Expense	\$32.56
Postage	\$9.00		
Printing/Copies	\$7.37	Printing/Copies	\$13.24
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$271.32	Transportation	\$411.75
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$302.69	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$782.00
Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$1,635.89	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$1,732.29
Delegate		Delegate	
Lodging	\$221.76	Lodging	\$619.14
Meals	\$93.00	Meals	\$92.00

		Postage	\$44.00
		Printing/Copies	\$205.52
Registration Fees	\$30.00	Registration Fees	\$40.00
Transportation	\$377.66	Transportation	\$629.87
Delegate - TOTAL	\$722.42	Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,630.53
General Service Conference		General Service Conference	
GSO Conference Additional Donation	\$4,000.00	GSO Conference Additional Donation	\$4,000.00
GSO Conference Standard Fee	\$1,600.00	GSO Conference Standard Fee	\$1,200.00
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,200.00
Grapevine Chair		Grapevine Chair	
Literature	\$177.37		
Lodging	\$221.76	Lodging	\$235.99
Meals	\$57.00	Meals	\$28.00
		Misc Office Expenses	\$37.26
		Printing/Copies	\$7.50
Registration Fees	\$25.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$374.61	Transportation	\$410.44
Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$855.74	Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$734.19
Overhead		Overhead	
		Misc Office Expense	\$42.45
Postage	\$200.00	Postage	\$185.00
Printing/Copies	\$42.00	Printing/Copies	\$451.73
Rent	\$1,655.75	Rent	\$1,610.75
		Transportation	\$100.02
Overhead - TOTAL	\$1,897.75	Overhead - TOTAL	\$2,389.95
PI Chair		PI Chair	
Literature	\$15.00		
Lodging	\$74.92	Lodging	\$122.63
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$39.00
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$647.76	Transportation	\$343.45
PI Chair - TOTAL	\$790.68	PI Chair - TOTAL	\$520.08
Secretary		Secretary	
Meals	\$38.00	Lodging	\$122.63
Printing/Copies	\$299.12	Printing/Copies	\$512.43

Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$111.00	Transportation	\$310.64
Secretary - TOTAL	\$463.12	Secretary - TOTAL	\$960.70
Special Needs Chair			
Literature	\$90.15		
Lodging	\$102.15		
Meals	\$25.00		
Printing/Copies	\$79.85		
Registration Fees	\$15.00		
Transportation	\$84.25		
Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$396.40		
Treasurer		Treasurer	
Lodging	\$102.15	Lodging	\$122.63
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$39.00
Misc Office Expense	\$78.43	Misc Office Expense	\$229.83
Postage	\$90.00	Postage	\$90.00
		Printing/Copies	\$146.85
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$376.11	Transportation	\$244.98
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$699.69	Treasurer - TOTAL	\$888.29
Treatment		Treatment	
		Literature	\$43.20
		Lodging	\$122.63
		Registration Fees	\$15.00
Misc Office Expense	\$11.63		
Transportation	\$129.08	Transportation	\$224.32
Treatment - TOTAL	\$140.71	Treatment - TOTAL	\$405.15
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$18,868.71	EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$19,822.86
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$5,116.75)	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$6,956.08)

Delegate's Report – Randy R.

Good Morning to all, especially those who have given up their family time, personal time and day off to attend the Summer Assembly 2013, you are what keeps Alcoholics Anonymous strong.

As most of you know we have a new chairperson at the helm of the General Service Board, his name is Terry B. Terry's position is a onetime 4-year term only. He replaces the outgoing rotating chair of Ward E.

Due to the term ending and rotation of Judge Rogelio F, a Class B. seat was opened. Judge Ivan L. was elected to fill the seat. The position consists of two-three year terms for a total of 6 years total. You were e-mailed his and Terry B.'s resumes, and you must agree they are quite impressive.

The "Remote Communities " meeting was held prior to the 63rd General Service Conference on Saturday before the start date of the GSC. I missed the presentation due to unforeseen circumstances and was highly disappointed because of it. A promise to myself not to miss the 64th General Service Conference "Remote Communities Report" A report was sent out to all delegate's titled "Remote Communities Report". An awesome report and a must read. Please check with your DCM's and others who are on my e-mail list. After this read I guarantee we won't be so quick to complain about the distance we drive for meeting and service work.

More news from GSO, we can now subscribe to receive electronic copies of the:

- About AA
- Box 459
- Markings

You can subscribe by going to dds.aaws.org. This will obviously save money on two ends, printing and postage.

A new vacancy for a non-trustee Director will be opening when Joe D. rotates out. This position is also a one-time 4-year term. Applications are being accepted now until July 15th. If you have an interest and would like applications please see me afterwards for more details.

GSO also mailed out its 1st quarter financial report for group contributions. I have split up this 109-page report into individual districts. I would like all DCM's in attendance today to pick up their districts report and take back with you to share with the GSR's so they can share with their groups. In 2012 the percent of groups donating was 19.72% and the 1st quarter for 2013 was 17.83%. Please remind all that the 7th Tradition is vitally important for Alcoholics Anonymous to remain strong.

Please try to attend the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton, Wisconsin being held on July 19, 20 and 21. This will be about as close as it gets so please try to attend. You might just find out that you enjoyed it enough to continue to go to other East Central Events.

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 rwrogness@gmail.com. Please keep all of the Standing Chairs, Officers, Delegates Past and Present in mind for a visit to your District meeting.

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

I have also attached my log of where I been and when I was there (starting on 1/12/13 and ending on 6/30/13).

Thank all of you in Area 75 for allowing me to hold this honor as your Delegate.

Delegate Travels Beginning January 1st, 2013

- 1) 1/12/13 Speaker Gathering of the Groups (Workshop) District 1, Sparta, WI
- 2) 1/13/13 Speaker at the Sunday Night Surrender Group Lake Park Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI
- 3) 1/19/13 Serenity Club, Past ECR Speaker, Cudahy, WI
- 4) 1/19/13 In Home Meeting, Portage WI
- 5) 1/20/13 Winter Assembly

- 6) 1/25-27/13 WICYPAA, Living in the Answer Conference, Oconomowoc (Olympia), WI
- 7) 2/2/13 9th Annual Open Speaker Meeting, Waldo, WI
- 8) 2/3/13 Westfield 12 X 12 Meeting, Westfield, WI.
- 9) 2/15-17/13 40th Annual Conference of Delegates Past and Present, LA Porte, Indiana
- 10) 2/13/13 31st Anniversary Open AA Meeting, United Christian Church, Campbellsport, WI
- 11) 2/27/13 Grapevine Committee Meeting, District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 12) 3/2/13 In-home Meeting, Portage, WI
- 13) 3/3/13 First Sunday Breakfast Meeting, Ripon, WI
- 14) 3/12/13 GSR Meeting (Inventory Questions), District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 15) 3/14/13 By the Book Speaker Meeting, Covenant Church, 40 Ohio Street, Racine, WI
- 16) 3/16/13 Tri-County Conference, Washington Road, Kenosha, WI
- 17) 3/16/13 Open AA Speaker Meeting, Lomira, WI
- 18) 3/17/13 Delegates Workshop
- 19) 3/17/13 Speaker, District 31, Pardeeville Library, Pardeeville, WI
- 20) 3/30/13 Speaker, Open Speaker Meeting, Masonic Temple, Sparta, WI
- 21) 4/7/13 Pre-Conference, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 22) 4/13/13 Panel Speaker, District 9, Cuba City, WI
- 23) 4/20-27/13 General Service Conference, New York, New York
- 24) 5/11/13 District 7 Workshop, Kenosha, WI
- 25) 5/11/13 Open Speaker Meeting, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 26) 5/17-19/13 Area 75 Conference, Janesville, WI
- 27) 6/1/13 Wisconsin corrections, Appleton, WI
- 28) 6/8/13 District 25 "3 Legacy's workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 29) 6/22/13 Open speaker Meeting, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 30) 6/23/13 Summer Assembly, Madison, WI

Chairperson's Report – Todd U.

AA Trivia: *Why is the book named Alcoholics Anonymous known as the "big book"*

As your Area 75 Chair I am thinking ahead to the Fall Assembly, so I am asking all of the GSRs and DCMs discuss these questions with their groups and then discuss them at your Area Inventory. It will be set up much like the Delegates work shop.

Here are the Inventory Questions.

1. WHAT IS THE BASIC PURPOSE OF OUR AREA?
2. WHAT MORE CAN OUR AREA DO TO CARRY THE MESSAGE?
3. IS OUR AREA ATTRACTING ALCOHOLICS FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS? ARE WE SEEING A GOOD CROSS-SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?
4. DO NEW MEMBERS STICK WITH US, OR DOES THE TURNOVER SEEM EXCESSIVE? IF SO WHY? WHAT CAN WE AS AN AREA DO TO RETAIN MEMBERS?
5. DO WE EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF SPONSORSHIP? HOW EFFECTIVELY? HOW CAN WE DO BETTER?
6. ARE ALL MEMBERS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT MEETINGS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN AREA ACTIVITIES?
7. ARE AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS PICKED WITH CARE AND CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT THESE POSITIONS ARE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY?
8. IS OUR AREA MEETING INFORMATIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC?

9. ARE WE DOING ALL WE CAN TO PROVIDE AN ATTRACTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE MEETING PLACE?
10. DOES OUR AREA DO ITS FAIR SHARE TOWARD PARTICIPATING IN THE PURPOSE OF A.A.? (AS IT RELATES TO OUR THREE LEGACIES OF RECOVERY, UNITY, AND SERVICE)
11. WHAT HAS OUR AREA DONE LATELY TO BRING THE A.A. MESSAGE TO THE ATTENTION OF PROFESSIONALS IN THE COMMUNITY- THE PHYSICIANS, CLERGY, COURT OFFICIALS, EDUCATORS, AND OTHERS WHO ARE OFTEN THE FIRST TO SEE ALCOHOLICS IN NEED OF HELP?
12. HOW IS OUR AREA FULFILLING ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE SEVENTH TRADITION?

The Fall Assembly is October 20th, 2013. **Please forward E-Mail me your thoughts on this or call me at the number listed in the directory.**

Agenda planning committee agenda:

- Area Inventory,
- Corrections proposal,
- Dates for 2014 Winter Assembly, Pre-Conference Assembly, Summer Assembly and Fall Assembly are as follows.

2014 Events

- Winter Service Assembly – January 19th at the Madison Senior Center
- Delegates Workshop – March 16th at the Madison Senior Center
- Pre-Conference Assembly – April 6th at the Madison Senior Center
- General Service Conference April 27th - May 3rd 2014 Rye, NY
- Annual Area 75 Conference – May 16 – 18, 2014, RACINE, WI
- Summer Service Assembly – June 22nd at the Madison Senior Center
- Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center

My intent is to visit all of the districts in Area 75 each year of my term.

Districts visited 16

Districts left 15

Since my last report, April 7th I visited these district meetings and events:

11-May District 1
 17-May Area 75 Spring Conference (District 30)
 28-May District 20
 3 – June Meeting with Delegate Randy R. and Alt Delegate Drew A.
 8-Jun 3 Legacy work shop (District 25)
 17-Jun District 28
 22-Jun District 29
 23-Jun Summer Service Assembly

I have thoroughly enjoyed the spirit and the commitment of all of our fellow service volunteers throughout Area 75.

To all of the Districts sending me your minutes thank you, and for those who aren't please add me to your mailing list. You can find my contact information in the current directory. Please keep all of the Standing Chairs, Officers Delegates Past and Present in mind for inviting them to your District meeting, workshop, meeting..... remember we are here to help, and it helps us. "Faith without works is dead",

Todd U. – Area 75 Chair

Hope to see all of you at these upcoming Area 75 events.

- East Central Regional Conference – July 19-21 in Appleton, WI
- Fall Service Assembly – October 20 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- East Central Regional Forum – November 15-17 in Fort Wayne, IN

AA Quote...."Faith has to work twenty-four hours a day in and through us, or we perish." - Reprinted from Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 16 with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Not too commonAA Slogans

"It hurt when I did it"

"A man doesn't know what he knows until he knows what he doesn't know"

"Take my advice I'm not using it"

"If you think you're humble, your not"

"Sobriety is not my responsibility, it's my response to my Higher Powers' ability"

"If you're doing AA there's no defending it and when you're not doing AA there's no denying it"

"There's no strangers here only friends you haven't met yet"

"Don't get too many days & not enough years"

"I may not be much but I'm all think about"

"Be nice to sponsees they might be your sponsor some day"

"If I wanted what you had I'd get drunk & ask you to be my sponsor"

"Under every skirt is a slip"

"I may not be much but I'm all I think about"

"Instant A-hole, just add alcohol"

"You can tell an alcoholic, you just can't tell them much"

"Try to taste your words before they come outta your mouth & ask yourself first: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?"

"Move a muscle, change a thought"

AA Trivia answer:

On pages 242-243 of the Lois W. Story, When Love Is Not Enough; A Biography of the Co-Founder of Al-Anon by William G. Borchert it mentions that a person named Hank recommended a heavy thick paper for its perceived worth. I had read somewhere that Ebby T. had the idea of using the thicker paper. Lois is mentioned to have referred to this bulky book as The Big Book. What is the true origin? The first printing of the first edition on The Big Book is almost exactly 2 inches thick. It was indeed printed on unusually heavy paper.

The Hank referred to in The Lois W. story would be Henry (Hank) P.

Hank and Bill W. were among the small group to oversee the printing of the book. Since they wanted to sell the book for \$3.50 each they wanted the book to be big so people would feel they were getting their money's worth. Adjusted for inflation that would be the same as charging \$48.50 in 2007. In some countries they continue to charge \$48 for the book.

Hank and Bill asked the printer to use the thickest paper that had and the book also used very large margins. They wanted it to be a "big book" so it would seem only natural that they referred to it as "The Big Book"

Alternate Chair/Dark District Report – Brent W.

I was asked by Area Chair Todd U to try and make contact with meetings and/or AA members who attend meetings in District 5. The one meeting listed for D-5 on the Area website is no longer held within the district. As far as I can tell, all the meetings in that district consider themselves to be

part of District 10, the floating Hispanic district. This is something the Area Assembly will need to address.

District 23, Dodge County, and District 37, Juneau County continue to be dark. I have been informed that D-23 is active and expects to have a DCM and GSR's in attendance at Area Assemblies in the near future. Volunteers have come forward to participate in a road trip out to District 37 as soon as we can get a contact at a regular meeting there. I'm hoping to have good news for the Area at our next Assembly.

Archive Report – Rick M.

We have flyers on the back table stating what Sundays the Archives room is open from noon until 3:30. The flyer includes a map so you can find us. Although the flyer states we are closed during July, August and December we will always open to you if you call and arrange a time with Nancy our Archivist. You can also find the flyer at www.area75.org and click on the Archives tab.

We also have Group History forms and the GSO archives service piece titled Researching AA Group History on the table. Group History binders are here so take a minute and see if your Group is in there or if it needs up-dating. With your help, we collected information on the where's, when's, how's, and why's of our groups throughout Southern Wisconsin. The Group history form can also be found at www.area75.org and click on the Archives tab.

At the last assembly we gave each district a letter and their index of materials that are in their Area 75 display binder. I want to thank each district that searched for and found the missing pieces from their binders. Keep going through your index and passing it on to those who might have, or have an idea of, where District minutes, Flyers for district functions and any handouts at the function, District meeting lists, and anything else that pertains to your district. If you haven't sent any discovered treasures yet, remember it's never too late. As always never forget: The most current minutes are tomorrow's treasures. We encourage all Districts to make a start – please send them in “word” if possible and snail mail is still an option.

Area 75 Archives 8th Annual Movie Day held at the Archives room will be Sunday, October 27th from noon till 3:00. We will be showing the new documentary called “Bill Wilson”. The packers play in the evening. There will be food and drink for sale along with a raffle. To Uphold AA Traditions: Only AA members may purchase the 50¢ raffle tickets. You don't have to be present to win.

The Mission of Area 75's Archives is that we are a repository of A.A. related materials, primarily relating to the origin and development of A.A. – in Southern Wisconsin. Our Purpose is to receive, sort, index, and preserve all A.A. related materials, and provide access to the Fellowship and the public as determined by the Archivist and Archives Committee. All are invited and welcome to the Archives Room, alcoholic and non-alcoholic alike.

The Area's Archives collects and preserves documented historical facts of A.A. to ensure the Steps and Traditions remain true and undiluted. We collect all business minutes, committee reports, and flyers of events to name a few, on how the message is being carried, so that it can be used as a future reference.

The Traveling Archives Display is always on call. Once again, I encourage you to request the Archives to your events. Send us your info to see if we are available.

CPC Report – John H.

I attended the Area Pre-Conference assembly with DCM's from District 31 and 39 and District CPC Chairs. We were helping our Delegate to gather the best information for the coming GSO conference in New York, there was a feeling of inner participation of the AA structure.

At the annual Area 75 Conference there was great reporting from our Delegate, Randy, and wonderful AA unity throughout the weekend. Our PI and CPC breakout meeting was well attended. Most everyone got into the sharing, which is the way we share the responsibility.

May 7th, we were invited to a service school in District 7, the first great workshop this year. All types of AA service positions were represented starting with past ECR Trustee, Area Chairs included Grapevine, Corrections, Archives, CPC, Special Needs, and Literature. Our Delegate Randy was there also. This was a wonderful organized District event and share of the service structure.

In Milwaukee, at District 15 meeting, I went for a visit in support of my wife's participation, and low and behold, Brent, our past CPC chair was in attendance. So, Brent asks the DCM if I might share a little, and I did. You never know when you might be asked to set a good example and be responsible, anywhere, anytime.

June 8th, we went up to District 25, Fond du Lac to participate in a 3rd Legacy Workshop. If you haven't been to the Gratitude Club, where old and new friends meet you would enjoy how nice a club could be from the ground up; build by AA's for AA's.

Starting with a PowerPoint presentation by our Past ECR Trustee Bob, there was very in-depth information on our service structure and the actual working of it. Delegate Randy and Area Chairs shared for the panel portion and Ken put on a GSR school in the afternoon. Thanks again, Les, for the great lunch. A very well put together workshop with a blend of Recovery, Unity, and Service.

Corrections Report – Jim McL.

There has been a lot of Corrections activity during the past few months. In April I attended the District Meeting in Platteville. Had the opportunity to meet the District 9 Corrections Chair and talk with a number of individuals who are AA volunteers at the multiple state and county correctional institutions in this large multi-county district.

During the month of May I participated in a Service Workshop in Kenosha, was on a panel presenting and discussing Corrections service opportunities. At the Area 75 Spring Conference a few weeks later I met with a number of District Corrections Chairs who were in attendance at this event and also delivered a Corrections Committee update report. Later on I attended a monthly meeting of the Milwaukee County Corrections Committee, MCCC, an ongoing effort to coordinate the activity of corrections volunteers from 8 districts bringing AA meetings to multiple Milwaukee County correctional institutions. This was a great opportunity for me to establish communication to better handle the Pre-release Contact Requests for inmates released to Milwaukee.

Earlier this month I attended the annual WI / UP Corrections Conference held this year in Appleton. I provided information on the status of corrections activity in Area 75. In addition I had the opportunity to meet and talk with the new Area 74 Corrections Chair. She will be a valuable contact to help coordinate Pre-release Contact Requests and other cross-area issues.

Last October I participated in a Re-entry Fair held at Oakhill Correctional Institution in Oregon. I was led to understand that these events are held annually at other minimum and medium security

institutions, usually in the fall. Jo Mc was able to provide me with the name of an individual at the Department of Corrections, when I contacted her she forwarded my inquiry to the Assistant Administrator for Division of Adult Institutions at the DOC. He has sent an expression of our interest in participating in these events and my contact information to all of the correctional institutions in the State. So far I have received an invitation from Kettle Moraine for a Re-entry Fair to be held on October 3rd. I know there will be Fairs also held at the Prairie du Chien, Taycheedah and Oakhill facility locations but have not received any information on their scheduling. I intend to work with the respective AA Outside Sponsors and local AA Volunteers if possible to staff our participation at these events.

PI Report – Jeanette S.

The PI Committee met with the CPC Committee at the Annual Conference on May 18 in Janesville. We had good discussion regarding the activities that Districts are doing: distributing meeting lists to: campgrounds, Chamber of Commerce, libraries, hospitals, tourists stops, churches, blood banks, family waiting rooms in medical offices, DA's office, and local bus and train stations. Making current meeting lists available and updating meeting lists on the Area 75 website is important. Many districts are planning summer picnics or fall service workshops. A reminder for new PI chairs: check your District Archives to see what has been done in the past or what information might already be in place or available. Our group today was very small, but we had good discussion on service activities in District 20 and 16. District 20 has an active committee that is getting ready to send a mailing to clergy in their area. They hope to follow up with an informational meeting for the clergy once they get responses to the initial mailing. District 16 is planning a service workshop in August along with a Districts 14 & 27, so watch for information about that on the Area calendar. Other than that, I want to remind DCM's or PI chairs to get your meeting lists posted to the Area 75 website or check the website to make sure the meeting list is current. If your district meeting info has changed, please get that information to me. Also, if your district elects a new PI chair, please get the contact info to me so I can connect with them. I will be participating at the service workshop for District 2 in August. If you would like me to visit your district or if I can be of help to your district, please let me know.

Special Needs Report – Tara H.

Hi, my name is Tara and I am an alcoholic and your Special Needs Chair. I would like introduce our chairs from the different districts. Since our last assembly meeting here in Madison there has been quite a flurry of activity. April 7th was our pre-conference assembly where Randy, our NY Delegate could get a sense of where our area was at and bring that info up to GSO. Later that month I was invited to be on a panel/workshop with other area chairs that was hosted by District 7/Kenosha. We were able to make report on our areas and inform people what is happening in our specific areas. It turned out to be an informational meeting and a sharing of information. Bob M, our past ECR Trustee, was also present and gave a PowerPoint presentation on our service structure. Since coming into this chair I have learned quite a bit, what exactly Special Needs includes also how as a part of a large whole we all work together to carry the message to the next alcoholic. After describing my chair and area at this particular workshop in Kenosha I had several people step up to the plate and express interest in pursuing this area and the many different ways that we can avail ourselves to the community at large and be of service. At the area conference in Janesville, WI in

May more information was shared at assembly and Randy, our delegate, gave the delegate's report of everything he was involved in. Our workshops that we had in the afternoon, had new attendees that wanted to know more about what Special Needs can do, and how they can be of service. District 15 invited me to their next district meeting which was held on 900 E Center St. in Milwaukee and was well attended by different district chairs. Nealy, who is the Special Needs chair for that District, had asked me for some pamphlets that she needed for a center that has several AA meetings going on, that she supports. I was able to supply her with quite a few pamphlets as well as a Big Book in Large print. Several ladies at the District 15 showed interest in working with and helping Nealy. Again, our past ECR Trustee Bob M. gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation which gave us a broader understanding of the service structure. June 8th we were invited up to District 25 in Fond du Lac, WI for a 3rd Legacy workshop, quite a nice event with other chairs and AA family. A representative from District 10, Spanish District At Large, Chino came up to me and we discussed getting together and looking at our translation machine and figure exactly how it works. It is a machine that can help others to listen to speakers in other languages with a translator. About a week after I got back, I invited Chino down to my home in Racine to look at the machine and see if this is something that may be of use for events. Also I have a AA member from our Racine Spanish Speaking community coming over also. We find ourselves working together for a common purpose. District 2 has invited up our CPC chair and me to be on a panel workshop, August 24th. The AA community is invited to attend and flyers are available on the back table. The more I find out about Special Needs, the more I realize the greater the need. In the next several months we would like to have a Special Needs workshop, for all to attend. I hope you can make it. Thank you for letting me be of service and be part of the solution.

Treatment Report – Kristi C.

Good afternoon everyone, thank-you for coming. My name is Kris C. and I am always going to be an alcoholic. Thank-you for the opportunity to serve as your Treatment Chair for this current rotation.

Since our last assembly meeting this April I have been busy getting to know more of you and attending various functions in the Area. In early May I attended the District 19 Workshop, Come to Believe, in Prairie du Sac. The Treatment Display was set-up with Bridging the Gap pamphlets available and my personal contact cards. There was an awesome line-up of speakers and panelists as well as a delicious lunch. I had a great time meeting new friends, talking about the Bridging the Gap program and sharing our experiences with service work in AA.

The following weekend I attended our Annual Service Assembly in Janesville-another awesome event. Randy's report was outstanding and with all the various topics that came up I was again reminded how much I don't know and how much there is yet to learn. We had a Treatment Committee meeting Saturday afternoon, attended by a handful of people. We exchanged some ideas of what is being done in some districts, what is working and what isn't. Ken Y mentioned a book that was used in the past, listing all the treatment facilities in WI. He followed up on that and found out the book is no longer being printed. He did get a contact number that we will use to try to get a hold of one of the last printings. I shared a dinner table with District 34 DCM Tony and Treatment Chair Patty and really enjoyed getting to know them better and hear about the work going on in their district.

June 1st I traveled to Appleton to attend the Area 74/75 Corrections Conference-just as a regular AA member-but I was interested to hear how others are Bridging the Gap in Corrections facilities. On June 8th I attended the 3 Legacies Workshop in Fond du Lac where I learned a bit more about the service structure of AA, shared my experience with treatment service work on one of the panels and heard an inspiring GSR/DCM presentation by Ken G and Sean M. The Treatment display was up and the stack of personal contact cards I took home was smaller than what I started with so that was encouraging. Another day well spent in service.

About 2 wks ago I received a call from a woman in Fond du Lac. She has been doing Bridging the Gap work with the Beacon House treatment facility there for a number of years. She told me they have lost their copy of the video Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous and would like to get another one. She contacted GSO and was told the video is currently not available. I have an extra VHS copy and intend to pass that along to her.

Today's committee meeting consisted of myself and Gavin M, Treatment Chair for District 20 here in the Dane County area. He is doing an excellent job! Gavin has formed a Treatment sub-committee consisting of about ten people, serving four facilities. Nightly meetings are held in the Detox Center. In the next six months they hope to orientate six volunteers to be available for 12-Step calls for the Detox center at Mendota Mental Health facility where weekly meetings are now being held in both the minimum and medium security areas of that facility. Literature is being kept current at all locations. We talked about the various pamphlets that have been helpful in the line of Treatment service work as well as the Bridging the Gap program.

This July I plan on traveling to Appleton for the East Regional Conference and visiting the District 2 Service Workshop in August. In early September, I will be attending the National Bridging the Gap Conference in Schaumburg IL. I am really looking forward to this particular event and encourage all of you, especially those involved in Treatment or Corrections service work, to consider attending as well.

As you may have gathered, I enjoy traveling so please feel free to invite me to visit your district or your group. Again, thank-you for this opportunity to serve.

Grapevine Report – Nancy H.

Since my last report at the Pre-Conference Assembly in April I have brought the Grapevine display to Dist 7 workshop in Kenosha on 5/11; Area 75 Conference May 17-19 in Janesville; Dist 25 workshop in Fond du Lac on 6/8. I also spoke and brought GV materials to the Secretaries meeting at the Milwaukee Central Office on 6/11.

I met with the Literature committee at the Conference in Janesville. Good thing since no one came for the GV committee meeting. The committee meeting times and locations were not on the program which is something to remember in 2014 if we plan to hold committee meetings at the conference.

I passed a can for contributions to the Corrections Literature fund at the Conference collecting \$76.62 and when I spoke at the secretaries meeting at the Milwaukee Central Office collecting \$34.10. One use of the Corrections literature fund is to buy Grapevine subscriptions or other GV materials for prisons or jails. Does your group contribute??

Districts 12, 24, 25 and 36 were represented at the GV committee meeting today. Some of the items discussed involved what District GV Reps can do. Ideas included:

- Talk up GV in your District
- Encourage groups to subscribe to GV and to have GV Reps.
- District 24 is producing a flyer for all GSR's to take back to their groups
- Use the GV archives to research topics for sponsee's or ideas to group meetings.
- Use the GV archives as a resource for meetings on the Traditions
- Recycle old GV's by taking to prisons and jails or leaving in Doctor or Hospital waiting rooms.
- Remind members that GV subscriptions cost only 8 cents a day and GV Complete (online & print) is only 13 cents. GV Complete saves you \$13.97 over subscribing separately to online and print versions.

The most recent issue of "Markings" available at aa.org included an article about the "A.A. Grapevine: A History of the International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous". GV was first published in June 1944 and began as a local venture to be distributed to members in New York City. It became the national monthly journal by the second year of publication. Go to aa.org and find "Markings" to read more.

Go to aagrapevine.org to find information on the GV, writing articles, how to be a GVR and more.

Alternate Delegate/Literature Report – Drew A.

I serve as both your Area 75 Alternate Delegate and your Area 75 Literature Chair. As your Alternate Delegate, I assist the Delegate in whatever capacity he requires. As your Literature Chair, it is my job to keep you informed of new developments and changes to the conference-approved literature available from A.A. World Services Inc.

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

Since my last report, I have attended a number of workshops and conferences including: the District 9 Mini Conference, the District 11 workshop, the District 7 workshop, the Area 75 Conference, the Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula Corrections Conference and the District 25 workshop.

In my role as Literature Chair, I displayed the Literature Display at the District 7 workshop, the District 25 workshop and the Area 75 Conference. I was a panelist at the District 7 workshop. If you would like the Literature Display exhibited at your District workshops or serve as a panelist at a service workshop, please let me know.

At the Area Conference, the Grapevine Committee and the Literature Committee combined and met together. The Grapevine Chair suggested the Literature Committee review older pamphlets with the purpose of determining if any updates were warranted. The suggestion struck me as a good one and today the Literature Committee reviewed the pamphlet *A Newcomer Asks*.

If there is any way I can be of service to your district or group, please contact me.

MAICO – Gary B.

Report to Area 75 Assembly, June 23, 2013

- 1) MAICO Steering Committee members attend once a year the District meetings of the Districts that MAICO serves. This is to keep communication open between the Districts and the Central Office. A short presentation about MAICO is given.
- 2) MAICO website is being updated and at this point is a work in progress. More will be revealed.
- 3) MAICO Reps 8th Annual Picnic is at the VFW Memorial Park, 700 VFW Drive, in the Shelter, Prairie du Sac. Noon to ?? Rain or shine. Pulled Pork Sandwiches and other food served at 1pm. Coach from Sauk Prairie is the AA speaker and Carol V. from Packwaukee is Al-Anon speaker, possibly that there will be a Alateen speaker. Flyers are on the back table.

Winnebago Land Central Office – Doug

No written report.

Milwaukee Central Office – Nancy S.

The annual Jamboree will be held at the Milwaukee County Zoo September 15th. Hospitality 5pm, Dinner 6pm, Speaker 7pm, dance to follow. The speaker will be Deb H from Washington D.C. Many of you heard her speak at the fall Conference a few years ago. She was very powerful and you would remember her talking about her husband that had died two weeks prior to the Conference. Tickets are \$30.00 and they are going fast but there are plenty still available. I brought flyers for the Jamboree that has a registration form at the bottom. You can mail it Central Office for tickets with a check or credit card.

Our When and Where is updated a few times a year. Dan always updates our web site with any changes as soon as a group informs him. So you can go to www.aamilwaukee.com for our most recent meeting list. If you need to contact Dan with any changes e-mail him at dan@aamilwaukee.com or call the Milwaukee Central Office at 414-771-9119.

Racine Area Central Office – no report

Conference Advisory Report - Ken and Nancy G.

We are pleased to serve as your Conference Advisory Co-Chairs. We love conference service work and hope that we can assist in building a newly invigorated Area 75 Conference Advisory Committee.

We have a few items in mind for the Committee to work on during this rotation, and will welcome any and all suggestions.

We welcome the newly appointed Committee members – Catherine A, Sue M and Ray E. We appreciate their willingness to serve.

One item of business that we suggest be taken care of today is election of a Secretary for the Conference Advisory Committee. An accurate record of information presented is important to committee work, and we don't want any good ideas to be overlooked. *(NOTE: This item was addressed in Committee; Sue M. will serve as Secretary).*

The first step in improving the Committee's service to Area 75 will be a review and revision of the Conference Advisory Committee guidelines. We will pay particular attention to the recruitment of new Committee members to serve as future advisors. This document is service material and does not require an Assembly action for revision. However, the Committee will inform the Assembly of

any changes. The second step will be review and revision of the Conference guidelines. The work on both documents will begin at Randy's house on July 7. A number of us have been involved in this process in the past and so it should go smoothly. Not all Committee members need be involved in this review process, but all members will be consulted before the revisions are presented to the Assembly.

We would also like to develop a Conference Bid Kit that would include all information needed by a District to get a bid going. This would include, but not be limited to:

- Guidelines – including Addendums

- Bid Form

- Hotel References

- Contact info for Conference Advisory Committee Members

Another topic for the Committee will be the resurrection of the former proposal regarding rotating the Conference among five hotels. The previous proposal failed mainly due to lack of information; people wanted more detail. If the Committee is generally in favor of the idea, we can develop the proposal more fully.

There will likely be renewed discussion regarding old topics as they surface from the fellowship; e.g. bringing back a second conference, changing the current one from Spring to Fall, trying a State Conference again, etc. We will welcome interested members to provide input and suggestions to us for discussion throughout the rotation.

Thank you for allowing us to serve, especially under the unusual circumstances of us being absent from the Assembly Committee meeting. We will continue to communicate outside the Assemblies, and hope to hold Committee meetings, such as the one at Randy's, as needed.

Spring 2013 Conference Report – Joel B.

Thank you everyone who attended this year's Area 75 conference and helped make it a success. While attendance was lighter than expected being in the low 500's with paid registrations at 370, we were able to return to the Area all but \$51.88 of the \$1,000 seed money provided. More importantly, we received many warm compliments from attendees and presenters on the quality and content of the conference itself which benefitted from the direct involvement of many of you here today. Also a big thank you to all of the volunteers who aren't here at the assembly as well, which included quite a few of our enthusiastic "young people" of AA from both Wisconsin and Illinois that stepped up to help out during the conference.

While being a bit of work as these conferences are, the host committee and volunteers from district 30 enjoyed being of service and have been invigorated by this experience. We hope you continue to support the Area conferences in years to come and are looking forward to next year's Area 75 conference in Racine.

Spring 2014 Conference Report – Steve N.

No written report.

Spring 2015 Conference Report – Chris S.

We had our second planning meeting on June 2nd. During which we selected our conference theme which is: "Is Sobriety Enough – What Am I Missing?"

Our next meeting will be held on September 8th at 1 pm at the Gratitude Club in Fond du Lac.

New Business:

1. Report of proposals for Fall Assembly
 - a. Drew A. – author of proposal

Area 75 Proposal Form Date 6/23/2013

Used for Documenting Proposals for Consideration by Area 75

Proposal Sponsor(s): Drew Armstrong **Sponsor's Phone:** 262-358-0337

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): Alternate Delegate / Literature Chair

What is your proposal?:

Amend the existing financial reimbursement policy found in Appendix E, Attachment 5 of the Assembly Actions to allow for reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Area Corrections Chair when said chair attends the Wisconsin – Upper Peninsula Corrections Conference.

The revised section would read as follows with the items in ***bold italic*** being the new language added by this proposal:

Corrections Chair

1. Southern Wisconsin Area 75 Conferences
 - a. Registration
 - b. Lodging for one night
 - c. Meals sponsored by Conference
 - d. Transportation expenses
 - e. Personal car mileage reimbursement
 - f. Tolls and Parking
2. ***Wisconsin – Upper Peninsula Corrections Conference***
 - a. ***Registration***
 - b. ***Meals***
 - c. ***Transportation expenses (bus, train, taxi)***
 - d. ***Personal car mileage reimbursement***
 - e. ***Tolls and Parking***
 - f. ***Lodging if distance traveled one way is greater than 100 miles***
3. Registration, transportation, lodging and meal expenses when necessary for:
 - a. Area 75 Assemblies
 - b. Delegate's workshop
 - c. District Meetings within Area 75
 - d. Workshops sponsored by Area 75 or an Area 75 District
 - e. Mini-conferences sponsored by Area 75 or an Area 75 District
 - f. Performing duties relevant to office as documented in the A.A. Service Manual, Twelve Concepts for World Service, Area 75 Assembly Actions or Area 75 Handbook.
 - g. Engaging in activities consistent with *Correctional Facilities Kit & Workbook, A.A Guidelines for Corrections Committees, A.A. Guidelines for Cooperating with Court, DWI and Similar Programs* or related A.A. service literature.
4. Miscellaneous
 - a. Phone
 - b. Postage

- c. Printing
- d. Office supplies

How did this proposal originate?:

Some have expressed a concern in the past that reimbursing the Correction Chair for attending the Corrections Conference was prohibited because the Conference was not hosted by Area 75 nor hosted by an Area 75 District.

Others feel that reimbursement is appropriate based on the general statement in the Financial Support of Area Officers that reads “Area Officers and Committee Chairs will be reimbursed for any reasonable expense incurred as a result of performing general service work that falls within the scope of their service position as defined in the A.A. Service Manual, Area 75 Assembly Actions, Area 75 Handbook or other A.A. service literature.”

Once again this year, these discussions occurred and this proposal is being brought forth to settle the matter.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any).:

Supporting material available on the internet but not attached:

- Area Assembly Actions Appendix E, Attachment 5, Financial Support of Area Officers and Chairs
- Corrections Workbook
- A.A Guidelines for Corrections Committees
- A.A. Guidelines for Cooperating with Court, DWI and Similar Programs
- A.A. Service Manual

List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal?

- The Corrections Chair will be aware of Correction’s activities within Area 74 and will have a network of contacts throughout the state that have a strong interest in Corrections.
- Attendance at sharing sessions will provide insight to what has worked well in other areas and what has not worked which may generate new thinking and new ideas.
- Improved communications among Area committees, districts and groups throughout Wisconsin, thereby strengthening services in A.A. through cooperation.
- Development of a network of personal contacts, both professional and A.A., that work with alcoholics in the criminal justice system.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

- The Corrections Chair would not be reimbursed for attending the Wisconsin – Upper Peninsula Corrections Conference

Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense.

- Ongoing expense that would be budgeted for annually in the Correction Chair budget
- Assumed worse-case cost estimate:
 - Registration = \$10
 - Mileage = \$210 (~500 miles round trip)
 - Meals = \$55
 - Hotel approximately \$130 if distance traveled one way is greater than 100 miles

Final comments (optional):

Why A.A.s Carry the Message Behind the Walls

Many A.A. members are unaware of the important work being carried out by corrections committees. To those involved, however, corrections work is an opportunity to carry the A.A. message to the confined alcoholic who wants to live sober, one day at a time. Through a corrections committee working with corrections personnel, alcoholics are reached who might never otherwise find the A.A. program.

An active corrections committee is a vital link to prisons and jails, providing professionals and other workers in correctional facilities with information about A.A., literature, and guidelines for setting up A.A. groups on the inside.

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2. Announcements

- a. District 10 August 3rd event looking for translator, AA/Al-Anon speakers
 - b. WICYPPA
 - i. 2014 held in Madison
 - ii. seeking bids for 2015 conference
 1. contact Fiona
 - iii. Discin' n Dogs at Token Creek Park, DeForest
 1. July 27th at 3pm
 2. AA meeting at 8pm
 - iv. Sunday July 7th next meeting for planning committee at 1:30 pm at 511 N Carroll St in Madison
 - c. Tri-District workshop August 11th, flyers available online
 - d. Name badges during Assembly are your responsibility (if taken from assembly) otherwise turn them in
 - e. District 20 – workshop at Senior Center in September 13 - 15; registration available
3. Greeters for Fall Assembly, Herb P. and Kristi C.
 4. Coffee Volunteer for Fall Service Assembly – October 20th
 - a. District 20

Upcoming dates:

7/19/13—7/21/13—ECR Conference, Appleton
10/20/13—Fall Service Assembly
11/15/13—11/17/13—ECR Forum, Fort Wayne, IN

Closed with Responsibility Declaration at 1:39 pm.