

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

Summer Service Assembly

Meeting Minutes

June 22nd, 2014 • 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, Bob S. – Secretary, Chris D. – 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, Kristi C. – Treatment, Barb W. – Registrar, Alan B. - Webmaster, Chris S. – 2015 Conference

DCMs Present: D01; Alt. DCM, D02; Ted B., D06; C. Peter T., D08; Wanda F., D10; Alt. DCM, D12; Alt. Dennis B., D13; Alt. Terry H., D14; Frank S., D15; Stephen E., D16; Mark V., D17; Ted B., D19; Alt. Mary S., D19; Sean McC., D22; Mark M., D25; Les M., D27; Jay R., D32; Steve E.,

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

D01; Mike G., Jennifer B., D02; Fred K., D03; Mary M., D08; Curt S., D10; Kemmer L., Rogalie Q., Noe V., Luis H. R., Isais G., D12; Dennis B., Diana K., D13; Char K., Jess G., Vanessa L.L., Katherine G., D15; Fiona S., D16; Dave L., D17; Rebecca B., Steve N., D19; Duane, Matty S., D20; Travis E., Tracy L., Erica N., Jimmy M., D24; Jenny K., June B., D25; Sandra McL., Dennis E., D27; Nealy R., Bobbie M., D28; Chino A., D31; Judy C., D32; Greg W., D34; Mark S.

Terry R., Jeff Z., Rick S., Brent H., Lori S., Karen K., Zach LeP., George B., Kathy B., Thomas B., Dolly H., Toni M., Bonnie M., Tom D.

Past Delegates Present:

John B., Ken G., Nancy G., George P., Nancy H.

Todd U., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting at 1130 AM with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer on Sunday, June 22nd, 2014.

Drew A. read the Twelve Concepts.

Bob S., Area Secretary, took Roll Call.

Secretary's Report – Bob S.

Bob made a request to help out regarding reports and getting the minutes out on a timely basis.

Treasurer's Report – Matt K.

Income and Expenses		Income and Expenses	
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01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014		01/01/2013 - 06/20/2013	
Account	01/01/2014 - 06/26/2014	Account	01/01/2013 - 06/26/2013
INCOME		INCOME	
Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,550.88	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,555.93
General Contributions	\$10,309.12	General Contributions	\$12,196.03
INCOME - TOTAL	\$11,860.00	INCOME - TOTAL	\$13,751.96
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$800.36	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,341.42
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$136.12	Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$142.03
Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$1,362.99	Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$325.01
Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,194.14	Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,223.39
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$665.99	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$813.81
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,124.28	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$831.36
		Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$424.48	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$302.69
Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$975.49	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,023.54
Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,761.61	Delegate - TOTAL	\$2,094.69
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$1,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00
Overhead - TOTAL	\$2,698.86	Overhead - TOTAL	\$1,869.65
PI Chair - TOTAL	\$534.39	PI Chair - TOTAL	\$790.68
Secretary - TOTAL	\$849.15	Secretary - TOTAL	\$463.12
Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$237.33	Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$396.40
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$627.16	Treasurer - TOTAL	\$699.69
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$15,992.35	EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$21,000.53
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$4,132.35)	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$7,248.57)

Budget: Area Chair

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,770.00	\$665.99	2104.01	24.04%

Budget: Archivist

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,250.00	\$2,194.14	1055.86	67.51%

Budget: Archives Chair

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,769.00	\$1,362.99	406.01	77.05%

Budget: CPC Chair

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$2,669.00	\$1,124.28	1544.72	42.12%

Budget: Conf Advisory Chair
01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$499.40	\$0.00	499.4	0.00%

Budget: Corrections Chair
01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,660.00	\$424.48	3,235.52	11.60%

Budget: Delegate
01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,095.00	\$1,761.61	2333.39	43.02%

Budget: Alternate Delegate
01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget

Total Expenses	\$2,730.00	\$800.36	1929.64	29.32%
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Budget: General Service Conference
01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$5,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	28.57%

Budget: Grapevine

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$1,757.00	\$0.00	1757	0.00%

Budget: Overhead

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$5,231.50	\$2,698.86	2532.64	51.59%

Budget: PI Chair

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,538.00	\$534.39	1003.61	34.75%

Budget: Secretary

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,227.00	\$849.15	1377.85	38.13%

Budget: Alternate Secretary

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$525.00	\$0.00	525	0.00%

Budget: Special Needs Chair

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,419.00	\$237.33	1181.67	16.73%

Budget: Treasurer

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,729.00	\$627.16	1101.84	36.27%

Budget: Alternate Treasurer

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$480.00	\$136.12	343.88	28.36%

Budget: Treatment Chair

01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,164.00	\$0.00	1164	0.00%
Corrections Literature Fund Out		975.49		
Grand Totals	\$43,112.90	\$15,992.35		

Actual vs Budget 2014

34.83%

Account Balances		Account Balances	
As of: 06/20/2014		As of: 06/20/2013	
Account	Current Balance	Account	Current Balance
Bank Accounts		Bank Accounts	
Conference Funds	\$8,246.31	Conference Funds	\$8,798.19
Operations Account		Operations Account	
Corrections Literature	\$2,589.42	Corrections Literature	\$934.22
General Funds	\$670.91	General Funds	\$155.55
Prudent Reserve	\$750.00	Prudent Reserve	\$5,750.00
Operations Account - Total	\$4,010.33	Operations Account - Total	\$6,839.77
Bank Accounts - Total	\$12,256.64	Bank Accounts - Total	\$15,637.96
Assets		Assets	
Area Conferences		Area Conferences	
		2013 Conference	\$948.12
2014 Conference	\$2,500.00	2014 Conference	\$2,500.00
2015 Conference	\$500.00		
2016 Conference	\$2,000.00	2016 Conference	\$1,000.00
Area Conferences - Total	\$5,000.00	Area Conferences - Total	\$4,448.12
Assets - Total	\$5,000.00	Assets - Total	\$4,448.12
Total	\$17,256.64	Total	\$20,086.08

Delegate's Report – Randy R.

Delegates Report – Randy R.

Summer 2014

There have been many correspondence's and memorandums between myself and the GSO. I will do my best to cover them all one by one so you too can be as current as possible.

Letter from Phyllis H. General Manager for the General Service Office U.S./Canada: Letter dated January 2014

As an addendum to my message yesterday on the new aa.org Web site launch, I'm happy to

include the news that the mobile site is active and accessible on all smart phones and tablets with internet browser access. Please be aware there will be a different look as it is designed and written specifically for a mobile application. However, for tablets, you have the ability to switch to full Web site view on your device. Enjoy!

Correspondence between Publishing Director of AAWS, Inc. and myself on the 75 Anniversary Addition Big book:

Questions and Answers:

- How many copies have been ordered to date (we had 100,000 pre ordered in the beginning of April 2014, as reported at the GSC). *We have printed 250,000 copies of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.*
- 2) What is the exact cost or close approximation cost of each replica? *The approximate unit cost (incorporating latest sales and invoices paid for paper, printing and binding) is \$3.54. This is \$1.10 greater than the original estimate of \$2.44, primarily due to much greater than expected cost of paper for this special edition. (The unit cost was never estimated at \$8.20; that was probably an estimated gross profit margin number that was quoted.)*
- 3) Are there projections for the total number of Big Book replicas to be sold, again only asking for projections if you have them. *No projection of total sales at this point, though I am expecting a rate of sale of approximately XXXXX copies a month through the balance of this year. (Note: I would appreciate it if you would **not** share my estimated monthly rate of sale publicly at this time.)* We had sold 155,496 units at the end of May.

Conference of Delegates Past and Present Held on February 7,8,9, 2014 in Schaumburg IL:

As you are aware from my last report I stated that I was asked to be an author of a proposal that I greatly believe in. This has taken a great deal of time from me and we will be presenting this proposal in a “Question and Answer “ session in Perrysburg, Ohio at the ECR Conference.

I visited the West Central Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference on the Weekend February 28th thru March 2nd, 2014

- Why do you care:
 - ❖ My visit was to witness the West Central’s combination of the DP&P immersed along with the West Central Conference. I am on a proposal at the ECR CDP&P to possibly change the ECR venue which would include combining both CDP&P with the Conference. My feeling was the West Central has a great program. If you want more detail as to what I am talking about see me later. This is slightly similar as to what we will be doing at the ECR Conference in Perrysburg, OH.

I really hope you can attend ECR Conference this year.

East Central Regional Calendar of events for this year, 2014

- 2014 has one date to pay attention to:
 - ❖ July 25-27, Perrysburg, Ohio the ECR Conference.

Please check your calendars to see if you can participate in our ECR Conference. It's a great time just getting there and back. The AA meetings and conversations in the car are indescribably fantastic.

"80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free" 2015 Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention:

- When:
 - ❖ July 2-5, 2015
- Where
 - ❖ Atlanta, Georgia
- Questions
 - ❖ www.aa.org or 2015ic@aa.org Frequently asked question attached to the handout on back table dated February 20, 2014

"In spite of the great increase in the size and span of this Fellowship, at its core it remains simple and personal. Each day, somewhere in the world, recovery begins when one alcoholic talks with another alcoholic, sharing experience, strength, and hope"

District 1 Invite Pre-Delegates Workshop

- Excellent Workshop, Delegate explained briefly as to how the "Process" works at the GSC. Talked about a couple of Agenda Items from 2013 then talked about current agenda items, then we had question and answer's. FANTASTIC PARTICIPATION.
- My hope is that more Districts will follow District 1's lead and ask the next Delegate to attend numerous districts for next years Delegates Workshop. My feeling was that the people that attended the workshop were engaged and enthused, I also think that they, who attended, were better informed before the Delegates Workshop started and contributed more to the Delegates Workshop.

2015 International Convention

Information will start to come, I will hand all information over to Drew A. Drew

will be the go to person on all information once I receive it. You can start to make reservations on September 3, 2014.

Authorization of Limited Use of the 2015 International Convention Logo: Memorandum dated March 12, 2014

- “This notice represents a limited licensing authorization to all Area and Districts Web sites to use the Service Mark, 2015 International Convention Logo, ***ONLY as an icon link*** on their Web sites to GSO’s A.A. 2015 International Convention Web page. We ask that this A.A.W.S. Service Mark not be used for any other purpose.”
- The 2015 International Convention logo is an A.A.W.S. Service Mark and may only be used with permission from A.A.W.S.
- For future reference, on September 3, 2014, links to online Convention registration and housing will be added to our 2015 International Convention Web page.

On the Information table you will find the most recent staff assignment list, please take one with you for your group and district to refer to.

Birthday donation envelopes are always available. Remember the statistics from the Delegates Report? It cost GSO to service each member per year \$6.84, contributions per member per year is \$4.97 a deficit of \$1.87 per member per year. Take an Anniversary/birthday envelope and send in an anonymous personal contribution to celebrate your sobriety birthday or belly button birthday.

I received the survey information kits for thirteen lucky groups to participate in the survey, you will soon find out.

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.

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

For all the people that helped me in my time of need, I give back in service.

Randy R.

Panel 63, Area 75 (Southern WI)

Delegate Travels Beginning January 1st, 2013 Ending December 31st, 2014

- 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
- 31) 7/13/13 Chilton, speaker, Chilton, WI "substitute Bob Mayer"
- 32) 7/19-21/13 ECR Conference, Appleton, WI
- 33) 7/28/13 Conference Advisory Meeting, Brookfield, WI
- 34) 8/7/13 District 12, Guest speaker, Jensen Park, West Bend, WI
- 35) 8/11/13 Tri-District Workshop, Area 75 Archives Room, West Allis, WI
- 36) 8/20/13 Genoa City, Guest speaker at AA Meeting, Genoa City, WI
- 37) 8/24/13 Traditions & Unity Workshop, District 2, Montello, WI
- 38) 9/7/13 District 24, Working with Others Workshop, Mequon, WI
- 39) 9/10/13 District 36 Meeting, Guest speaker, Burlington, WI
- 40) 9/15/13 Have Fun with Service Workshop, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 41) 10/5/13 District 25, Annual Intergroup Workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 42) 10/19/13 District 1, Fall Workshop, CTH B, LaCrosse, WI
- 43) 10/20/13 Fall Assembly, Madison, WI
- 44) 10/26/13 Big 36, District 20 Mini-Conference, Madison, WI

- 45) 10/27/13 Movie Day, Archives Room, 7109 Orchard St., West Allis, WI
- 46) 11/26/13 District 25, District Meeting, Unity Club, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 47) 11/15-17/13 ECR Forum, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 48) 11/23/13 District 10 Spanish Conference, Panelist, 1236 S. Layton Street, Milwaukee, WI
- 49) 11/25/13 Fox Hall, speaker, 1904 Winnebago Ave., Madison, WI
- 50) 12/6-8/13 Concepts Retreat, Pine Lake, Westfield, WI
- 51) 1/18/14 District 23 Workshop, A. A. Club, Beaver Dam, WI
- 52) 1/19/14 Winter Assembly, Madison, WI
- 53) 2/7,8,9/14 41st Annual CDP&P
- 54) 2/15/14 42nd Annual Open Speaker Meeting "Group 48" speaker
- 55) 2/21,22,23/14 Dale Hollow State Park, Kentucky
- 56) 2/28/14 thru 3/2/14 West Central Alcoholic's Anonymous Service Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 57) 3/8/14 District 1 Delegates Question and Answer Session, Sparta, WI
- 58) 3/15/14 Lomira 22nd Anniversary Open Speaker Meeting, Lomira, WI
- 59) 3/17/14 Delegates Workshop, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 60) 3/22/14 District 29 AA Fun Day, Speaker, Pass It On Club, Milwaukee, WI
- 61) 4/6/14 Pre-Conference Assembly, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 62) 4/12/14 District 12 Open Speaker Meeting, Jackson, WI
- 63) 4/25/14 thru 5/3/14 64th General Service Conference, Rye Brook, New York
- 64) 5/16,17,18/14 63rd Annual spring Conference, Racine, WI
- 65) 6/7/14 19 Annual Corrections Conference, Fond du Lac, WI
- 66) 6/14/14 District 22/4 Open speaker Meeting in Estrabrook Park, Milwaukee, WI

Chairperson's Report – Todd U.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Todd U.

6/22/2014

AA Trivia: *What was Dr. Bob's wife's name?*

- A. Anne
- B. Nancy
- C. Ester
- D. Lois

Welcome Area 75, its finally summer, Thank you for coming today.

Are there any new comers to Area 75 Assembly.

The new comer is the most important person at an AA meeting. As a new comer to Area 75 you are the most important person here today. Please don't forget step 2, a power greater than your selves could restore us to sanity. Please ask others for help, we don't have to do service work alone. So ask for help from anyone here. Get a service sponsor. You are not alone

Very important.... please make sure to register any changes in your district, i.e. Rotation of DCMs, Officers, Chairs, district meeting time change, location, etc...with the Area 75 PI chair, your Central office and Barb W. our registrar. Tried to attend a district 10 meeting and they had changed the time and day. Please make it easy for all members to attend.

For the rest of the summer my main effort will be to get the word out about the 2014 Fall Elections....

- 2015-16 Elected Officer positions:
 - o Delegate,
 - o Alt Delegate / Literature,
 - o Area Chair,
 - o Alt. Chair / dark Districts,
 - o Treasurer,
 - o Alt. Treasurer,
 - o Secretary,
 - o Alt. Secretary

- 2015-16 Appointed Standing Committee positions:
 - o Archives
 - o Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - o Corrections
 - o Public Information (PI)
 - o Special Needs
 - o Treatment
 - o Registrar
 - o Agenda Planning committee
 - o Treasury committee

This is challenging and rewarding service work! We are looking for as many individuals as possible who can bring ideas, enthusiasm, and energy to our Area. If any AA is looking for service work that can enhance their spiritual program of action, this opportunity is not to be missed.

If you like what you've done at the district level and are interested in serving at the Area level fill out a resume and forward it to the Area Chair...me! The resume can be found at <http://www.area75.org/forms/resume.pdf> Please submit resume's by October 19th, 2014 so I can forward them to the newly elected Chair.

For more information or guidelines on any of these positions go to <http://www.aa.org/subpage.cfm?page=36>

The Agenda planning committee's current concerns:

- Next year's schedule at Madison Senior Center
- Archives proposal
- Assembly actions proposal
- Service manual proposal
- District 5 proposal
- (2) Conference proposals
- Special needs proposal

Since my last report, in April I have visited these district meetings and events,

13-Mar	District 4 and 22	District Meeting
22-Mar	District 29	Workshop
29-Mar	District 13	Badger Intergroup
12-Apr	District 29	Workshop
15-Apr	District 24	District meeting
19-Apr	District 27	District meeting

21-Apr	District 28	District meeting
2-May	District 30	District meeting
7-May	District 16	District meeting
18-May	Area 75	Conference
21-May	District 3	District meeting
10-Jun	District 25	District meeting
16-Jun	District 7	District meeting
21-Jun	Flying Buttress Open meeting in Manitowoc	
22-Jun	Area 75	Summer Service Assembly

As your Area Chair it is my intent to visit all of the districts in Area 75 each year of my term.

Districts visited 2014 **24 / 31**

I have thoroughly enjoyed the spirit and the commitment of all of our fellow service volunteers throughout Area 75. Your enthusiasm is truly inspirational !!!!

Several things I have noticed over the past year and a half visiting all of the districts

- Information is not passed on regarding
 - o District to GSR's
 - o Area Events
 - o Upcoming Proposals
 - o 7th Tradition

- Central office does not split contributions to the districts
- Address or PO box of your district
- o E-mail address for Area Chairs and Officers
- o District meeting Time and Location

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 and any other Area Officer and Chair contact information in the current directory on the back table.

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.

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

2014 Events

- Summer Service Assembly – June 22nd at the Madison Senior Center
- East Central Regional Conference, Perrysburg, OH. July 25-27/2014
- Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center
- AA Quote....."We're not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition." - Reprinted from Alcoholics Anonymous p. 85 with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Answer AA Trivia: A. is the correct answer. Anne was a huge part of helping the families of A.A.

"Faith without works is dead",

Todd U. – Area 75 Chair

Slogans.....

⌘ there are two days in every week which we have no control over----yesterday and tomorrow. today is the only day we can change.

⌘ it is not the experience of today that drives people mad----it is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

⌘ slippers in AA use the rdp---revolving door policy

⌘ pain is the touchstone of spiritual growth

⌘ god has no grand kids

⌘ there is a god and I am not it

⌘ the road to disappointment (resentment) is paved with expectation

⌘ be nice to newcomersone day they may be your sponsor

⌘ denial is not a river in Egypt !

⌘ guilt is the gift that keeps on giving

⌘ the flip side to forgiveness is resentments

⌘ there is no magic in recovery only miracles

⌘ fear is the absence of faith

⌘ courage is faith that has said its prayers

⌘ depression is anger turned inward

⌘ alcoholics heal from the outside in.....but feel from the inside out

⌘ 3 A's in AA-----affection (thoughtfulness)

-----attention (listening)

-----appreciation (gratitude)

⌘ if it is meant to be.....I can't stop it

if it isn't god's willI can't make it happen

⌘ there are AA members who MAKE things happen

there are AA members who WATCH things happen

there are AA members who DON'T KNOW anything happens

WHICH ARE YOU ??????

Alternate Chair/Dark District Report – Brent W.

Summer Service Assembly Dark District Report

6/22/2014

More good news from District 23. Since our last assembly District 23 has had a business meeting and elected a DCM. Congratulations to D-23 and thank you to all who's participation helped make this happen.

District 37 remains dark at this time. I would like to encourage my fellow AA's in Area 75 to continue to reach out. If your summer travels take you to Juneau County try and make time to attend a meeting while you are there. MACO has information on Juneau County meetings. Districts 1, 18 and 19 share a border with Juneau County. Many groups from these districts will be having summer fellowship events attracting AA's from the surrounding counties. As you have conversations with your friends and meet new ones, please keep an ear out for those who are from Juneau County. That's a perfect time to share how rewarding your experience has been with the service structure of your Group, District and Area75. Maybe the conversation you have will be the one that makes a difference.

I have yet to hear back from any adjacent District that's willing to absorb District 5. If the DCM's and GSR's from Districts 15, 4, 16, and 28 will continue to bring this up for discussion at their District meetings, it's likely that one or more of these Districts would be willing to expand.

In service,

Brent W.

Archive Report – Rick M.

Area 75 Archives Chair Report
Summer Service Assembly
June 22, 2014

The inventory list of your Archives is growing; your Archives Chair has been packing on the miles, and I have been busier than ever. Thank you, for all of the above.

Business minutes have been coming in so well that new binders are needed to hold them. Some Districts will have their minutes combined in a bigger binder. Some will be condensed in their present binders to save room and money. Some have just out grown their space and need an extra binder added. All of which requires new index pages and new labels on the side of the binders and the updates of everything on the computer. And then to complete the process, our Area Archivist, Nancy, gets to do this all over again to the confidential set of minutes. Let's give her the thanks that are so well deserved.

The 4 ingenious bookshelves that hold the binders in their upright position and can be folded for travel were made by her husband Rob. They have grown so small over the years that he volunteered to make 2 more of them. Thank you Rob. I can't think of any excuse not to send in minutes now. If have been – thank you, and please continue to do so. If it's been awhile, I encourage you to start. These can be sent to our Archivist Nancy S. Her info is on the Area Directory. The next step could be like Jim K. did in his District. Ask Nancy for a copy of the index to your District binders and distribute them at your District meeting and ask people to review the list and provide information that is missing. Job well done to those who do that.

Besides preserving and cataloging materials in the Archives Room I have been crisscrossing Area 75 to display the Archives at various A.A. events. The past 3 months I've put on 1600 miles and for the remainder of the year over 1400 miles will be traveled just for the

dates that are already booked and I know I'll be requested to travel even further. I don't mind short notice on Archives requests but if the date you want is already booked, I'll have to pass. I have volumes of mileage and expense reports and all are welcome to view them if you wish.

I need to apologize for my actions at the Area Conference. I make it a point to try and say hello to all who visit the Archives display. This year I was overwhelmed and couldn't keep up with all the visitors. Please don't feel slighted and please keep coming back.

Thanks for your questions about our history. I sensed a lot of genuine interest and humility in the seeking of knowledge. I hope I was able to help.

The Annual Archives Movie Day is scheduled for November 2. We are unsure of the movie that will be viewed, so, be sure to check the Area calendar for details or click on the Archives tab on area75.org to see if a flyer is available, and while you're there you could print out a flyer for the Archives Room location and days and times we are open. Remember, we're not open every Sunday. Check before you come.

Any contribution to the Archives Room will be put in its proper place. All of the Movements from the Washingtonians up to the Oxford Groups are a part of A.A. History and probably one of A.A.'s most important principles came from all of those different Movements. All of these Movements did work (*at saving lives*). They changed, (*from their primary purpose*) and they failed. That was noted by our co-founders. Let's not change A.A. to the point of failure. Let's stick with our primary purpose, our singleness of purpose, the sole purpose of the Group, and our real purpose.

If you or I forget where we come from, we have a very good idea what will happen to us. It's the same thing with A.A., without our past there is no future.

Rick M.
Area 75 Archives Chair

CPC Report – John H.

Memorandum

To: AREA 75

CC: JUNE 22ND, 2014

From: JOHN H.

Date: 6/22/14

Re: COOPERATING WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY/CPC

Hi my name is John and I am an alcoholic

On May 13th 2014 - I attended the District #25 District MT to support the Committee on Cooperating with the Professional Community. This time I shared my personal story involving CPC, and how it could be of interest to many of the members of the fellowship. Which led into how we can inform professionals within our own areas of interest, which in turn helps us to stay involved and informed about what is going on in our communities? My share was well received and I thank District#25 for the invite

May 16-thru the 18th I attended the Area #75 Conference in Racine and set up a display for the weekend with pamphlets and info for interested parties. May 17th we had our committee meetings at our area #75 assembly. Public Information and Cooperating with the Professional Community sat together. We discussed sharing information thru the PI-CPC News Exchange that comes out several times a year and is shared information between different areas and districts thru ought the Us and Canada Great information to know what is shared between these two different committees

We then shared on the newest proposal to be brought up and voted on about better sharing Area #75's website on Wheelchair Accessibility information to standardize with an already used symbol and possibly work out more information as the DCM's work with PI and Special Needs in the future

Thank you-Respectfully Submitted /John H.

Corrections Report – Jim McL.

Corrections Committee Report – Area 75 Summer Service Assembly, 2014

Volunteer Training

In this report I want to primarily address a number of Corrections volunteer issues we are currently experiencing. New regulations and volunteer policies are being implemented in both WI State Prisons and WI County Correctional Facilities. For State Prisons there will finally be a uniform process in place for registration and training of all volunteers. Now volunteers will need to go through a comprehensive training session every 2 years. Once you are approved and in the DOC computer for any State Prison you will not need to repeat the training to volunteer at another WI State Prison. Implementing a “standard” volunteer registration process and training program at all State Prisons will help us to understand and comply with the new policies.

There is one new change that will require us to modify how inside AA meetings are being conducted in State Prisons. The new volunteer policy states that “Inmates are not allowed to lead programs or services for other inmates”. This means that inmates are not permitted to chair AA meetings. AA volunteers must now take a more prominent role in leading inside AA meetings.

They also want us to maintain a more “professional relationship” with inmates. To establish “professional boundaries” we may no longer address inmates by their first names, instead referring to them as Mr. / Ms. and their **last name**. Inmates will be required to address us in the same way, so our last names will now appear on the volunteer ID badges we are required to wear.

A new federal regulation became effective for all federal, state and local corrections systems in 2012 called the Prison Rape Elimination Act, PREA. A presentation on this material is included as a component of the DOC standard training program for State Prison volunteers. No objections have been raised by AA volunteers who have completed this training in a classroom setting at a couple of different State Prisons.

Implementing the federal requirement of PREA training for volunteers in WI County Jails however has created some real problems for us. Unlike the State Prisons there is no administrative authority directing how and when individual County Jails will be introducing this program. There is no schedule available describing a timetable for implementation at specific County Correctional Facilities. We only know that some version of this training will likely be required for all volunteers in WI County Jails in the near future. To date we have learned that PREA training is now required for volunteers at the Racine and Waushara County Jails. Instead of including it as part of other on site volunteer registration and training activities these two counties have outsourced the training to a company named educorr. These counties are requiring that all volunteers complete the online training and testing program for PREA as provided by this company.

To meet this requirement AA volunteers will need to have access to a computer (and know how to use it) and will have to pay to register and use the online training program. In Racine the reported cost of educorr training is \$40. There is a test at the end of the program that must be passed in order to get a PREA Training Completion Certificate. I am hearing complaints that some AA members will not “pay to volunteer” and understand this reaction. This is a one-time training expense to use this online training program however that can’t be avoided by volunteers.

At this time we don’t know how this is going to roll out in other counties – how many will use this educorr program with its associated cost to volunteers to complete the required PREA training. We also don’t know how quickly other counties will be moving to comply with this Federal regulation. What we need now is more information on what other counties are doing.

Other Corrections Activity

I participated in two major events since the last Service Assembly in April. At the Annual Area Conference last month in Racine I was on an Old Timers Panel at the end of the day on Saturday. This panel was very well attended and it was my privilege to share the microphone with a couple of local guys with a lot of years of sobriety. A few weeks ago I chaired the 38th Annual WI/UP Corrections Conference, this year hosted by Area 75 and held in Fond du Lac. The program included multiple panels, including 2 groups of recovered ex-offenders and another made up professionals working in Corrections. The featured speaker at the event was Clement C. from GSO who recently moved into the Corrections Chair.

Jim McL.

6/22/14

PI Report – Jeanette S.
See Additional Reports

Special Needs Report – Tara H.

Date:	June 22,2014
To:	Area #75
From:	Tara H./Special Needs Chair
	Report

Hi my name is Tara and I am an alcoholic-

Since our last area assembly - I have received a few email's from different Districts that I would like to share with you. One of the email's was the proposal that Ted B-District# 2 sent out about wheelchair accessibility information capability on the Area #75 web site. A copy of that proposal is on the back table for everyone to consider and vote on. In District #20- Gary S gave me quite a bit of info on his findings

and research. Gave the Central Office permission to give out his number to people directly-instead of going thru 3rd parties-removing that layer for better communication .Also Gary contacted GSO regarding the pricing of Audio Visual materials . It seems that he feels that the pricing is not in line with advances in technology-such as the Big Book CDS at \$55.00.There is a new special needs request at a local nursing home. She would appreciate an audio version of the Big Book. . Special needs can help out with that-but the pricing is out of my area. Also many good ideas that came as a result of discussion were

1. Meetings on wheels-coordinate with central offices to bring meetings to people that can't get to meetings
2. Give people rides to meetings
3. Try to set up volunteer list by geographies
4. Visit and contact places where special needs people might be, such as nursing homes, hospitals behavioral health units
5. Investigate Big Book and other literature in Braille, audio tapes and eds
6. Look into Big Book in other languages
7. Look into finding people able and willing to be a signer
8. Talk to club houses regarding donation boxes for special needs, cd, tape players, etc.

[also received an email for District #13-Rick S who was looking for help in financing sign language interpreters as their state funding is running out They are looking for a group or groups, district or area to help out. Since the cost stated was over twice

what our annual budget is for special needs-I needed to look at what GSO has to offer. What I found was a fountain of information to share with your groups, district and area-this can be found in the flyer-A.A Guidelines-Carrying the A.A. Message to the Deaf Alcoholic-in that particular flyer there is a wealth of information. I have printed up copies of that flyer and they are on the Back table-

Please take one or two back to share with your groups In the meantime I received an email that was forwarded to me in regards to the WICYPAA XXI 1 IN January 2015, also requesting info about finding a ASL interpreter . The flyer would be of great benefit to you also. I also heard from a person out in Jefferson County that was looking for an AA meeting that included brain injury survivors-I know from my personal experience that I attended a meeting years ago in Burlington at the 12XI2 that included Brain Injury .Survivors that were in a facility in Waterford.. I passed this info on to the person and hopefully they will find this info helpful. The only other resource was to contact The Brain Injury Resource Center of Wisconsin. If there is any other info out there- please let me know. And right now we are working on procuring Spanish Translators for the area conferences and the area assembly. I was contacted thru Tom D and Nancy G about a possible contact here in Madison . I called the number and they said they could be here today to help out if needed. Thank you very much for our friends from District #10 The area #75 conference in Racine, WI was a wonderful event and the participation was high. I was able to put out a nice exhibit and supply of materials and information to share with the community. Thank you for letting me be a part of such a wonderful society.

Respectfully Submitted-Tara H./Special Needs/ Area #75

Treatment Report – Kristi C.

Area 75 Treatment Committee

Summer Assembly Report

June 22, 2014

Good afternoon all-My name is Kris C. I am always going to be an alcoholic and am currently serving as your Area 75 Treatment Committee Chairperson. The past few months have not been extremely busy for me on the Treatment committee front. The personal side of things is a

different story. I am currently going through the process of becoming a homeowner and what a process that is-lots of opportunities to practice patience and tolerance to say the least.

The end of April I was able to attend District 9's workshop in Cuba City.-awesome event! I set up my display and info and participated on a panel with Todd, Drew and Rick. It was a nice road trip there and back as well.

In May I attended the Area 75 Conference in Racine, another awesome event. We had a nice committee meeting in the outside courtyard. We talked extensively about the bridging the Gap program and various ways we can help orientate out-coming patients to the meetings in their communities-sharing info on topics such as the home group, sponsorship, what AA is and what it is not.

This month I attended the Area 75/74 Wi. and Upper Peninsula Correction Conference in Fond du Lac. Very interesting and informative event.

Yesterday(June 21)I attended District 2's Summer meeting in Montello. I gave a short presentation on my position as Area 75 Treatment Chair and the process that brought me to it such as prior service experience and filling out a resume. I explained more about the Bridging the Gap program and the Bridging the Gap website-www.BTGWW.org.

In the months to come I look forward to more invitations to your workshops, meetings and events. I will be attending the Washington Island Campout July 10-13 and the East Central Regional Conference in Ohio July 25-27. I hope to be moving into a new home in September. Scheduling may be a bit tricky but I will accommodate as best I can. Thank-you again for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely grateful,

Kris C.

Grapevine Report – Nancy H.

Grapevine Committee Report
Summer Service Assembly
June 22, 2014

Flyers are available for the Grapevine committees event to celebrate

Grapevine's 70th anniversary. It is being held on Saturday, August 2, 2014 at St. Aidan's Church, 670 E. Monroe Av., Hartford from 10:00 until 2:00. There will be panels, displays, skits and sharing with a pot luck lunch. The theme is "We Heard It Through The AA Grapevine". Flyers are also available on the area75.org web site.

Grapevine is holding a contest which will award a set of Grapevine books to seven winners drawn from members who entered by choosing from amongst 12 past covers. Go to aagrapevine.org to enter.

Today we had 6 district Grapevine chairs in attendance. Each shared what they have been doing in their district. Common comments were "read quote of the day at meetings" and "relay information about Grapevine at district meetings". One District raffles a Grapevine subscription at their meeting, a couple have Grapevine displays they will take to groups in their district, give Grapevines to newcomers and encourage groups to have Grapevine representatives.

On April 12th I took the Grapevine display and spoke at an event in Cuba City The Grapevine Display was at the Area 75 Conference in Racine along with a combined committee meeting with the area Literature committee.

On June 7th I took the Grapevine display to the WI-UP Corrections Conference in Fond du Lac and spoke on use of the Grapevine in jails and prisons. Several packs of Grapevines were given out for use in corrections work.

If you would like me to attend your district meeting or event to talk about the Grapevine and display Grapevine materials please contact me so that I can put it on my schedule. I love to promote our meeting in print.

Nancy H.
Area 75 Grapevine Chair

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. and encourage the use of Conference Approved Literature.

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 Area 75 Conference and Conference Assembly.

If you would like the Literature Display exhibited at your District workshops or like for me to speak at a service workshop, please let me know.

International Convention

Our Delegate, Randy R., has asked me to keep you informed of developments regarding the International Convention scheduled to be held July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. The Spring 2014 edition of Box 459 had a nice write up on the convention and copies of the article can be found on the back table. I encourage everyone to give attending the event serious consideration.

Registration Forms for 2015 Convention (From Box 4-5-9, Summer 2014, pg 5)

Registration forms for the 2015 International Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, will be mailed around the world in August. You can get your form from your G.S.R., your area structure, your local intergroup/central office, from your G.S.O., and, of course, on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, www.aa.org. You may also register online starting September 3.

The preregistration fee is \$100 USD; after May 12, 2015, registration will be \$110.00 USD. Your registration badge entitles you to attend all Convention events, including the Thursday night Party in the Park, the Stadium meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Georgia Dome, and all of the marathons, panels, workshops, and topic, special interest and other meetings at the Georgia World Congress Center and nearby hotels.

Housing reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be included with your registration confirmation. Similar to the 2010 Convention, housing for the 2015 International Convention will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, you must be registered for the Convention before you can make your reservations. Once your registration form and payment have been received, you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration. If online, a link to the Housing Reservation website will be sent to your email address along with your registration confirmation. You will then be able to complete your hotel reservation online.

If you register by mail or fax, housing information will be sent to you by postal mail. Complete your housing and deposit information and send it to the address indicated on the Housing Reservation Form. Your hotel reservation will be processed and a confirmation mailed to you.

As at other International Conventions, many A.A.s will be accompanied by Al-Anons and Alateens (check appropriate badge box on form), and Al-Anon and Alateen have scheduled a variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops at the Marriott Marquis. Of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join in the festivities at the Party in the Park, the Big Meetings and more.

News from G.S.B., A.A.W.S, & G.S.O.

A.A. Website

The A.A. website www.aa.org has been redesigned. It is easier to navigate, has improved search engines, links to literature and more. There is also a mobile device version of the website optimized to work with your phones and tablets. I encourage you to check it out.

eBooks

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition, is now available in English, French and Spanish via Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Apple. Likewise, the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* are also available from the

three vendors in English, French Spanish. The French and Spanish versions of *Daily Reflections* recently joined the English electronic version released earlier this year. *Living Sober* and *Came to Believe* (English versions) are now available as electronic books. Over the next few months, our entire catalog of A.W.W.S. titles will be offered as e-Books through the major third-party vendors for the various platforms and e-reading devices and in the three languages of our General Service Conference.

Large Print Abridged Edition

Now available: Alcoholics Anonymous — Large-print version of the abridged edition, containing all front matter, Prefaces, Forewords and Doctor's Opinion, text of pages 1-164, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and Appendices. B-24, \$6.00

Literature Catalog

The 2014 Literature Catalog is available on line at www.aa.org.

Webmaster Alan B.

The current site is about 12 years old. It's time for an update.

We are in the planning phase for the next version of the area75.org and are looking for qualified members to help with the creation of the web site. If you have the skills and the willingness to help please send a note/resume. I'd like to know what your experience is. I'm currently using technologies such as php, css, html, JavaScript.

My web site Haiku:

alone, afraid, drink?
check area 75 dot org
meeting, sharing, peace

MAICO –

Winnebago Land Central Office –

Milwaukee Central Office –

Racine Area Central Office –

Conference Advisory Report - Nancy G.

2014 Conference Report – Steve N.

See Additional Reports

2015 Conference Report – Chris S.

See Additional Reports

2016 Conference Report – Nancy H.

2016 Conference Report.

The conference is scheduled for May 13-15, 2016 at Olympia in Oconomowoc. The conference is being hosted by Districts 34 and 12. The theme selected at the last meeting is “Happy, Joyous, Free”. Committee meetings are scheduled to be held on the last Sunday of the month at the Northwest Alano Club in Menomonee Falls at 2:00 pm.

WICYPAA 2015 Conference Report – Reese K.

WICYPAA Summer Assembly Report to Area 75

2016 Conference Report.

The conference is scheduled for May 13-15, 2016 at Olympia in Oconomowoc. The conference is being hosted by Districts 34 and 12. The theme selected at the last meeting is “Happy, Joyous, Free”. Committee meetings are scheduled to be held on the last Sunday of the month at the Northwest Alano Club in Menomonee Falls at 2:00 pm.

WICYPAA is the Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous . We define “Young People” as anyone with room to grow. There are no age restrictions. In the past we have had people in their teens and into their late 70’s involved. The conference provides an opportunity for AA members from all over Wisconsin and the rest of the world to come together to share their experience, strength, and hope. Like any other conference it is an opportunity to learn more about the program of sobriety.

WICYPAA XXI was held in Madison on January 10th-12th. Attendance was between 500-700 covering ages of early teens and all the above. Many traveled from all over the state of Wisconsin including Illinois, Minnesota, and Louisiana.

WICYPAA XXII will be held in Eau Claire Wisconsin on January 9th-11th in Eau Claire , hotel TBD.

The Eau Claire Host Committee (who resides in Area 74) is doing an excellent job as our Host Committee for WICYPAA XXII. Their level of outreach to the northern parts of Wisconsin has been tremendous and we are looking forward to the next conference.

Please refer to Wicypaa.org website for additional details.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. If you have any questions please see our contact details below:

Reese K.
WICYPAA Advisory Council - Area 75 Liaison
www.wicypaa.org
Respectfully submitted , Reese K.

Proposals:

Area 75 Proposal Form

Date May 18, 2014

Proposal Sponsor(s) Nancy Seelen Area 75 Archivist (414) 339-3934

Rick Modjeska Area 75 Archives Chair (262) 567-2420

Terry Reno Past Area 75 Archives Chair (414) 321-7845

Justin Packard District 20 Archives Chair (414) 217-1752

Toni Malik District 8 Archives Chair (608) 449-0759

What is your proposal?

All submitted Area Archives histories (including those that have been removed from past GSO Archives Workbooks) be compiled in future printings of the GSO Archives Workbook.

How did this proposal originate?

In 2008 the GSO Archives Committee requested that Areas submit their Archives history for the 2008 printing of the GSO Archives Workbook. In 2008 six Area Archives histories were printed in the GSO Archives Workbook. (Including Area 75)

The 2012 printing removed these six Area histories and replaced them with seven new Area Archives histories.

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

The fourth bulleted purpose in the GSO Archives Workbook states; “Serve as a resource and laboratory to stimulate and nourish learning.”

The first page of the GSO Archives Workbook states; “This workbook is service material, reflecting A.A. experience shared at the General Service Office. A.A. workbooks are compiled from the practical experience of A.A. members in the various service areas.”

We are not fulfilling the purpose of this workbook by removing these shared experiences.

What will happen if we adopt this proposal?

Our Delegate will submit this proposal to the General Service Office for

consideration for the agenda of the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

Our Delegate will not submit this proposal to the General Service Office for consideration for the agenda of the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

Estimate any costs to the area

None

Final comments (optional)

There is a lot of research, time, and energy that goes into creating an accurate history of an Area Archives. It is not only discouraging for the Areas that had their history removed, but will create hesitation for future Areas to submit their history.

Proposal Sponsor(s): Ted Brophy

Sponsor's Phone: (920) 229-1653/ebrophy.world@gmail.com

Sponsor's Service Position: Agenda Planning Committee, DCM Member

What is your proposal?: Clarify the publication process for Area 75 *Assembly Actions* (see Attachment A)

How did this proposal originate?

At the Area 75 Spring Conference, the Agenda Committee discussed the ongoing problem of the Area 75 Assembly adopting documents as Assembly actions. While well intentioned, whenever the Area 75 Assembly adopts a document as an Assembly action, it prevents Area 75 Trusted Servants from updating that document in a timely fashion.

The Committee realized this had implications for the *Assembly Actions* document, a document that Area 75 Trusted Servants rely upon to understand the scope and framework of their service responsibilities. The Committee realized there were two pitfalls to avoid in publishing the *Assembly Actions* document. First, the Committee realized that adopting the *Assembly Actions* document itself as an Assembly action would prevent the document from being updated—and that this would have a devastating impact on the conduct of Area business. Secondly, the Committee realized that without some standards for publication, the document would be useless to the members of the Area Committee—that they would be unable to rely upon the document for meaningful guidance in the conduct of their service responsibilities.

The Agenda Committee then considered the standards involved, and reviewed the current update of our own *Assembly Actions* document and the A.A.W.S. Publication, *Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1951 – 2012* in devising the standards contained in the attachment to this proposal.

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

Text of the October 21, 2012 Assembly Action pertaining to updates to the *Assembly Actions* document:

Once updates to Area 75 Assembly Actions or the Area 75 Handbook are approved they are to be posted to the area web site no later than 45 days following the assembly when adopted. Hard copies of the changed or added pages will be available to area committee members (area officers, area standing committee chairs and district committee members (DCM's)) who possess binders at the next scheduled area assembly that occurs at least 45 days following the assembly when adopted. The Alternate Chair will also furnish editable copies of the Area 75 Assembly Action and Area 75 Handbook to the Area Chair and the Area Secretary for backup purposes. This change will take place effective with the panel 63 rotation beginning January 2013. If adopted, this proposal will update the duties of the Area 75 Alternate Chair and the Area 75 Handbook.

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

Area 75 Trusted Servants rely upon *Assembly Actions* to understand the scope and framework of their service responsibilities. Though the *Assembly Actions* document frequently refers to itself, there are no clear-cut standards for publishing this document. This proposal seeks to remedy this deficiency by providing clear standards for publishing the *Assembly Actions* document.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

The *Assembly Actions* document will continue to exist as a matter of long-standing practice, without specific standards for its publication. Without these clear standards, the historical pattern of inconsistent standards in documenting Assembly actions is likely to continue, rendering the document less useful to the Assembly and to Area 75 Trusted Servants.

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

This proposal is unlikely to incur any additional funding over and above what Area 75 currently authorizes for the printing of *Assembly Actions*.

- 1 Every formal action taken by the Area 75 Assembly should appear in *Assembly Actions* at least once. An action may appear multiple times in the document if the action pertains to more than one topic or subject. Each listing

in *Assembly Actions* shall contain the following information:

- a The verbatim text of the proposal that resulted in formal action
 - b The date, location and the type of assembly at which the Area 75 Assembly took the action, and whether the action constituted emergency business.
 - c Each Assembly action should be associated with a single, descriptive tag, used to identify the action in the *Assembly Action* table of contents, with the same tag used in each instance the action appears in the *Assembly Actions* document. The Alternate Chairperson shall attach such a descriptive tag to each action taken by the Area 75 Assembly and report all such tag designations to the Agenda Committee.
- 2 The standards established in this proposal, and any future changes to the publication standards for the *Assembly Actions* document, apply to updates of the document going forward from the date the Area 75 Assembly adopts such changes as a formal action. Where the listings for Assembly actions appearing in prior editions of *Assembly Actions* do not conform to any new standard, the Alternate Chairperson may rely upon the text and information for each entry contained in those prior editions of the *Assembly Actions* document unless and until a member of the Area 75 Assembly challenges that entry in *Assembly Actions*.
 - 3 Any member of the Area 75 Assembly may challenge the text and related information for any Assembly action listed in *Assembly Actions*. The person challenging that entry is responsible for researching the Area 75 Archives for the original proposal that resulted in that Assembly action. Where there is a discrepancy between the original proposal and the text of *Assembly Actions*, the text of the original proposal shall prevail, and the Alternate Chairperson shall include the necessary revision in subsequent editions of *Assembly Actions*. Where no such information is available, prior editions of *Assembly Actions* should prevail, unless in the opinion of the Alternate Chairperson or the Agenda Committee the matter requires clarification by the full Area 75 Assembly. The Alternate Chairperson shall report all challenges and modifications to *Assembly Actions* to the Area 75 Assembly.
 - 4 The *Assembly Actions* document should conform to the following standards:
 - a Each Assembly action should appear in every section of *Assembly Actions* where the category or topic of the section relates to that Assembly action.
 - b Within each section, the Assembly actions should appear in reverse-chronological order—the most recent Assembly action listed first and the oldest Assembly action last.
 - c *Assembly Actions* should contain a title page that includes full document title and the date of the update. Each page of the document should contain the short document title and the date of the document’s update in the footer of the page.
 - 5 The Alternate Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Agenda Committee and in conformity with all applicable Area 75 Assembly actions, A.A. Tradition, and *The A.A. Service Manual*, may without further Assembly action reorganize and reformat *Assembly Actions* to maximize its usefulness to the GSRs and to the DCMs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs.
 - 6 The Alternate Chairperson can update the *Assembly Actions* document to include new Assembly actions and deliver copies of the updated document to the following Area 75 Trusted Servants within 30 days of any assembly where Area 75 takes any formal action.
 - a Full copies to the Area 75 Archivist and the Area 75 Webmaster
 - b Full, digitally editable copies to the Area 75 Chairperson and the Area 75 Secretary for backup purposes.
 - c A document containing only the changes to *Assembly Actions* to the Area 75 Secretary.
 - 7 Updated copies of the *Assembly Actions* document can be distributed as follows:
 - a Within 15 days of receiving an updated copy of *Assembly Actions*, the Area 75 Secretary will distribute the document containing the changes to *Assembly Actions* to all persons on Area 75 Committee.
 - b Within 15 days of receiving an updated copy of *Assembly Actions*, the Area 75 Webmaster will post the updated version of *Assembly Actions* on the Area 75 Website.

Used for Documenting Proposals for Consideration by Area 75

Proposal Sponsor(s): Matt Kuehn
3438

Sponsor's Phone: 262-689-

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): Area 75 Treasurer (mkuehn5@wi.rr.com)

What is your proposal?: Conference Checking Account Protocol Proposal: That the combined total of the conference checking account and the conference seed money shall not fall below \$12,500, of which a minimum of \$5,000 must be maintained as cash in the conference checking account as a conference reserve. Once the combined total of the conference checking account and the conference seed money exceeds \$13,500, then the excess over \$12,500 may be transferred to the general fund at the discretion of the Area 75 Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee.

How did this proposal originate?: The proposal originated from discussions with the Finance Committee, the Agenda Planning Committee, and the Conference Advisory Committee.

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

The conference checking account was established by assembly action in fall of 2013, with an initial balance of \$10,000. At the time the account was established, no formal guidance was issued as to when funds could be transferred back from the conference checking account to the general fund.

List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal? If this proposal is adopted, then a minimum allowable balance for the conference

checking account and conference seed money will be established. It will also be clear when a transfer from the conference checking account to the general fund can be made by the Area 75 Treasurer.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted? If the proposal is not adopted, then the Area 75 Treasurer will have to bring future requests to transfer funds from the conference checking account to the general fund as emergency business to the Area Assembly.

Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense. There would be no cost to the Area.

Final comments (optional):

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Proposal Sponsor(s): Todd Unertl

Sponsor's Phone: 414-507-1970

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): Area Chair

What is your proposal?: To consolidate Districts 5 and 28 into one (1) District 28.

How did this proposal originate?: District 5 has been inactive (dark) for many years. There are five meetings in that district.

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

Jim U. current District 28 DCM, informed me that at their district meeting on Monday May,19, 2014 a unanimous vote was passed to absorb district 5.

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

District 5 will be once again represented at the District, Area and General Service conference level.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

District 5 will continue to have no representation at the District, Area and General Service conference level

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

none

Final comments (optional):

Proposal Sponsor(s): Ted Brophy

Sponsor's Phone: (920) 229-1653/ebrophy.world@gmail.com

Sponsor's Service Position: Agenda Planning Committee, DCM Member

What is your proposal?: Reestablish Service Material

- Classify the *Area 75 Handbook* and *Area 75 Conference Guidelines* as service documents.
- Except matters concerning Area 75 finances, each Area 75 Service Committee may create and revise their own service documents using suggested guidelines published in the *Area 75 Handbook*.

How did this proposal originate?

This proposal is based upon the “Service Publications Standards” proposal submitted to the Area 75 Assembly at the June 22, 2014 Summer Service Assembly. From the feedback received at the assembly, this alcoholic came to believe that a simpler version of the proposal might better serve the needs of the Area 75 Assembly. This draft is a suggested friendly amendment to the original proposal—it retains the ideas of the original proposal while simplifying the language and details.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any): The following quote comes from *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*, page 12 and 13:

[S]ome traditional and practical principle has to be devised which at all levels which at all levels *will continuously balance the right relation between ultimate authority and delegated responsibility*. How, then, are we going to accomplish this?

There are three possible attitudes that we might take toward such a state of affairs. We could, for instance, throw away all corporate charters, bylaws, job definitions, and the like. This would leave it entirely to each group of trusted servants to figure out what its authority and responsibility really is. But such an absence of any chartered structure would be absurd; nothing but anarchy could result.

Then of course we could take the opposite tack. Refusing to give our leadership any worthwhile discretion at all, we could add to our present Charters great numbers of rules, regulations, and bylaws that would attempt to cover every conceivable action or contingency. That would be altogether too much red tape—more than we A.A.’s could stand.

The right A.A. solution for this problem is to be found, however, in the latter part of Tradition Two, which provides for “trusted servants.” This really means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, *how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises*. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of “*The Right of Decision*,” and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of world service. There will always be plenty of ultimate authority to correct inefficiency, ineffectiveness, or abuse.

If the Conference does not function well, the groups can send in better Delegates. If the Trustees get badly out of line, the Conference can censure them, or even reorganize them. If the Headquarters’ services go sour, the Trustees can elect better directors and hire better help. These remedies are ample and direct. But for so long as our world services function reasonably well—and there should always be charity for occasional mistakes—then “trust” must be our watchword, otherwise we shall wind up leaderless.

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

This proposal gives the Area 75 Assembly the chance to consider a different and perhaps better balance of delegated responsibility to Area 75 Trusted Servants.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

The Area 75 Assembly would issue excessively detailed instructions to our Trusted servants (if the original proposal passes), or no direction at all (if the proposal fails.)

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

This proposal is unlikely to incur any additional funding from Area 75.

AREA 75 PROPOSAL

Proposal Sponsor: **Area 75 Agenda Planning Committee**

 Ted Brophy, DCM – District 2

 (920) 229-1653 – ebrophy.world@gmail.com

Date Presented: **Sunday, June 22, 2014**

It is proposed:

The Area 75 PI, Special Needs Chair, Webmaster, and the Registrar update the wheelchair-accessibility information-capability on the Area 75 website.

- **The wheelchair accessibility information should consist of a set of single-character indicators that reflect the wheelchair-friendly features of the meeting facility.**
- **The legend for all the indicators should appear on each meeting directory page on the website.**

- A flyer or notice requesting that DCMs update wheelchair accessibility information on the Area 75 Website could be included when sending out Group Information Update sheets from GSO.

Benefits of the Proposal

The proposal would provide more accurate information about meeting facilities for those AA members who depend upon wheelchairs

Background & Supporting Documents

This proposal originated from a discussion regarding wheelchair access to meeting facilities at the Area 75 – District 2 Service Workshop in August 2013. How a “typical” meeting listing might appear with the new information (one suggestion – there are many ways this information could be presented):

The screenshot shows a website header for 'Area 75 Alcoholics Anonymous in Southern Wisconsin'. A navigation menu on the left includes links like 'Home', 'Find a meeting', 'What is AA?', 'The Preamble', 'The 12 Steps', 'The 12 Traditions', 'Area 75 Calendar', 'Map of Area 75', 'Area Business', 'District Meetings', 'A.A. Resources', 'Message to teens', and 'The Structure of AA'. The main content area is titled 'District 2' and lists contact information for Marquette and Green Lake counties. Below this, it says 'Printer Friendly Page' and 'Sunday'. A meeting listing for 9:00am is shown: 'Discussion A.A. Meeting' at 'City Hall, 100 Jackson St., Ripon, WI'. There is a 'Map It' link and an accessibility icon (a wheelchair with a red X over it) followed by the text 'B,G'.

Estimated Funding Required

This proposal would only require additional funding from Area 75 if the Registrar has to send a copy of the request to a DCM via postal mail.

Please See Additional Proposals

Emergency Business:

The Assembly voted to increase the Archives Chair’s budget by \$400.00 to cover additional mileage through to the end of this year.

New Business:

1. Announcements: None
2. District 32 volunteered to make coffee for the Fall Service Assembly.

Upcoming dates:

East Central Regional Conference – July 25 – 27, Perrysburg, OH

Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center

Winter Service Assembly – January 18th at the Madison Senior Center

Delegates Workshop – March 15th at the Madison Senior Center

Pre-Conference Assembly – April 12th at the Madison Senior Center

Area 75 Conference – May 15th to the 17th at the Holiday Inn – Fondulac

Summer Service Assembly – June 21st at the Madison Senior Center

Fall Service Assembly – October 18th at the Madison Senior Center

Closed with Responsibility Declaration.