

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

Conference Assembly

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2014 • Madison Senior Center • 330 West Mifflin Street • Madison, WI 53703

Officers Present:

Randy R. – Delegate, Drew A. – Alt. Delegate/Literature, Todd U. – 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, Tara H. – Special Needs, Kristi C. – Treatment, Jon Klema. – 2014 Conference, Chris S. – 2015 Conference

DCMs Present:

D01 – Bart V., D02 – Ted B., D08 – Wanda F., D09 – Brett C., D13 – Wendy B., D14 – Frank S., D17 – Ted B., D19 – Alt., D22 – Mark M., D25 – Les M., D27 – Alt., D28 – James U., D29 – Scott L., D30 – David A., D32 – Steve E.

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

Past Delegates Present:

John B., Bob B., Ken G., Jo Mc., Nancy G., George P., Nancy H.

Todd U., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer on Sunday, , 2014.

Drew A. read the Twelve Concepts.

Bob S., Area Secretary, took Roll Call.

Secretary's Report – Bob S.

Treasurer's Report – Matt K.

Account Balances		Account Balances	
As of: 05/16/2014		As of: 05/16/2013	
Account	Current Balance	Account	Current Balance
Bank Accounts		Bank Accounts	
Conference Funds	\$9,246.31	Conference Funds	\$9,798.19
Operations Account		Operations Account	
Corrections Literature	\$2,701.34	Corrections Literature	\$1,334.89
General Funds	\$453.92	General Funds	\$1,993.80
Prudent Reserve	\$3,750.00	Prudent Reserve	\$6,750.00
Operations Account - Total	\$6,905.26	Operations Account - Total	\$10,078.69
Bank Accounts - Total	\$16,151.57	Bank Accounts - Total	\$19,876.88
Assets		Assets	
Area Conferences		Area Conferences	
2014 Conference	\$2,500.00	2013 Conference	\$1,000.00
2015 Conference	\$500.00	2014 Conference	\$2,500.00
2016 Conference	\$1,000.00		
Area Conferences - Total	\$4,000.00	Area Conferences - Total	\$3,500.00
Assets - Total	\$4,000.00	Assets - Total	\$3,500.00
Total	\$20,151.57	Total	\$23,376.88

Budget: Area Chair
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage
Total Expenses	\$2,770.00	\$540.66	2229.34	19.52%

Budget: Archivist
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage
Total Expenses	\$3,250.00	\$1,200.00	2050	36.92%

Budget: Archives Chair
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage
Total Expenses	\$1,769.00	\$530.19	1238.81	29.97%

Budget: CPC Chair
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage
Total Expenses	\$2,669.00	\$1,011.25	1657.75	37.89%

Budget: Conf Advisory Chair
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

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

Budget: Corrections Chair
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014

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

Income and Expenses		Income and Expenses	
01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014		01/01/2013 - 05/16/2013	
Account	01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014	Account	01/01/2013 - 05/16/2013
INCOME		INCOME	
Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,292.45	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$1,214.15
General Contributions	\$7,843.86	General Contributions	\$10,416.38
INCOME - TOTAL	\$9,136.31	INCOME - TOTAL	\$11,630.53
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$767.16	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,080.99
Alternate Secretary - TOTAL		Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$142.03
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$136.12	Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$122.43
Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$530.19		
Archivist - TOTAL	\$1,200.00	Archivist - TOTAL	\$1,871.07
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$540.66	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$443.15
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,011.25	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$270.28
		Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$424.48	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$302.69
Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$605.14	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$1,281.09
Delegate - TOTAL	\$973.84	Delegate - TOTAL	\$722.42
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$1,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00
		Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$855.74
Overhead - TOTAL	\$1,414.75	Overhead - TOTAL	\$1,436.25
		PI Chair - TOTAL	\$335.00
Secretary - TOTAL	\$489.65	Secretary - TOTAL	\$224.19
Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$237.33	Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$261.10
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$443.16	Treasurer - TOTAL	\$464.44
		Treatment - TOTAL	\$140.71
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$10,373.73	EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$15,640.18
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$1,237.42)	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$4,009.65)

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

Budget: Delegate
01/01/2014 -
05/16/2014

Budget: Special
Needs Chair
01/01/2014 -
05/16/2014

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,095.00	\$973.84	3121.16	23.78%	Expenses				
Budget: Alternate Delegate 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Total Expenses	\$1,419.00	\$237.33	1181.67	16.73%

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,730.00	\$767.16	1962.84	28.10%	Expenses				

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: General Service Conference 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Total Expenses	\$1,729.00	\$443.16	1285.84	25.63%

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

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: Grapevine 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Total Expenses	\$480.00	\$136.12	343.88	28.36%

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: Treatment Chair 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$1,757.00	\$0.00	1757	0.00%	Total Expenses	\$1,164.00	\$0.00	1164	0.00%

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: Overhead 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$5,231.50	\$1,414.75	3816.75	27.04%	Total Expenses	\$1,164.00	\$0.00	1164	0.00%

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: PI Chair 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Corrections Literature Fund Out		605.14		
Total Expenses	\$5,231.50	\$1,414.75	3816.75	27.04%	Grand Totals	\$43,112.90	\$10,373.73		

				Percentage					Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget	Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Budget: Secretary 01/01/2014 - 05/16/2014					Actual vs Budget 2014	22.66%			
Total Expenses	\$1,538.00	\$0.00	1538	0.00%					

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,227.00	\$489.65	1737.35	21.99%

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

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

Clay R. - GSO Representative/Special Needs Desk

Clay shared information about his responsibilities and gave high praise to all who work at the General Service Office in New York.

Delegate's Report – Randy R.

The Business of the 63rd General Service Conference

How it works

If an agenda item was RECOMMENDED by the committee to the full Conference it is noted as either Passed (2/3 majority), or Failed. Committee recommendations automatically become a seconded motion on the conference floor. Recommendations that pass with 2/3 majority are Conference Advisory Actions which are acted upon and implemented by the Trustees' committees and the General Service board during the conference year.

If an agenda item received ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION this is listed. These items serve as “strong suggestions” to the corresponding Trustees' committee but do not come forward as items to be voted on by the full conference. Questions are asked about how the decision was made in the Conference committee but no deliberation is allowed on the item itself e.g. it is not debatable. The agenda item in question may need a more thorough review, or need additional input or work by the trustees' committee. It is also possible that the Conference committee could not reach substantial unanimity during their committee meetings and thus did not “recommend”. But as a committee it can also use Additional Considerations to send a communication to the trustees.

If an agenda item was not acted upon as either a recommendation or an additional consideration by the committee it is noted as NO ACTION. This is not necessarily a negative response to an agenda item – an item may be “no action” if it is deemed unnecessary at the present time, not beneficial to the Fellowship as a whole, or perhaps because the committee itself could not reach substantial unanimity in bringing the item forward.

There were six floor actions during the 64th GSC. Floor actions are handled after the completion of all other Conference business on Friday. They can be made at any time during the Conference, they are voiced and submitted in writing, and they are disposed of as VOTE NOT TO CONSIDER, PASSED, or REFER TO COMMITTEE. The GSC now structures the floor actions in a manner that more closely agrees with our respect of the minority opinion. The presenter is given two minutes when the floor action comes up for consideration to present his/her motion. After this presentation the chair asked for a motion to decline to consider. If that motion was made and seconded then a vote was taken – if the motion to decline did not receive a 2/3 majority vote then the motion went to the floor for debate.

Conference Agenda Items

(paraphrasing and/or abbreviation used in this report, not all items are included however, all Advisory Actions are so noted. See the Final Conference Report when it is published by GSO for exact details)

I. Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities

Recommendations - none

Additional Committee Considerations:

The committee reviewed the request to expand the scope of the Bridge The Gap pamphlet to include corrections and decided to take no action. However, they did agree to forward a request to the General Service Board to consider the need for a pamphlet addressing bridging the gap activities for corrections.

II. Grapevine

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that the Grapevine Board have the right to exercise their right of decision for all formatting decisions in producing the Grapevine and La Vina noting that this recommendation removes all formatting restrictions on Grapevine and La Vina. (This would rescind the “spiritual parity” requirements previously imposed by the Conference).

Failed: less than 2/3 in favor. I voted against. WA75

Additional Committee Considerations:

The committee reviewed the report from the A.A. Grapevine Board on the feasibility of producing one book in (ASL) format. The committee agreed with the conclusion of the report that it was not feasible at this time to produce one book in (ASL) format due to cost considerations and a lack of expressed need (only one request in 5 years).

The committee discussed the request to reconsider publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” (“gray pages”) section of the Grapevine and took no action, as there was a split vote. (They are currently included in both Grapevine and La Vina). This became a Floor action.

III. Corrections

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that the section “What A.A. Does Not Do” in the pamphlet "A Message to Corrections Professionals" be revised to add clarifying comments.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in favor. WA75

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that a new video be developed to replace “It Sure Beats Sitting In A Cell” at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted against. AA75

IV. Policy/Admissions

Recommendation: The 67th General Service Conference will be held April 23-29, 2017, since these dates do not conflict with any significant holidays or hotel availability.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% WA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended a two-year trial of electronic voting.

(Advisory Action) Failed: Y 84 / N 43, Minority Opinion, Passed: Y 94 /N 37. I voted in favor. WA75

V. Literature

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the revised pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service" be approved.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor no area 75 answer

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the pamphlet on spirituality with the title "Many Paths To Spirituality" be approved (originally proposed in 2009). Several proposed amendments all failed.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor no area 75 answer

Recommendation: The committee recommended removing the following text on page five of the Living Sober booklet: "Many of us have come to believe that our alcoholism is an addiction to the drug alcohol; like addicts of any sort who want to maintain recovery, we have to keep away from the first dose of the drug we become addicted to."

Failed: Y 50 / N 68. I voted Against AA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended that "Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers" be added to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (Blue) Card (F-17) in all three languages when the inventory of the English version is depleted. The statement will read as follows:

"THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are glad you are all here - especially newcomers. In keeping with our singleness of purpose and our Third Tradition which states that 'The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking,' we ask that all who participate confine their discussion to their problems with alcohol. **Nonalcoholics are welcome to attend open meetings as observers.**" (Bold text reflects addition)

Passed: Y82 / N 41; Minority Opinion; Failed: Y 60 / N 55. I voted Against. WA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended a correction to inaccurate text related to the addition of appendices on page XI in the Preface of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which currently reads:

“The second edition added the appendices, the Twelve Traditions, and the directions for getting in touch with A.A.”

Be replaced with:

“ The second printing of the first edition added the appendix ‘Spiritual Experience’; in the second edition, the appendices on A.A. Tradition, the ‘medical view’ and ‘religious view’ of A.A., the Lasker Award and information on how to contact A.A. were added, and the appendix on the Alcoholic Foundation was discontinued.”

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% no area 75 answer

VI. Cooperation with the Professional Community

Recommendation: The statement in the section Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities in the pamphlet “If You Are a Professional...,” be revised to be broader, less specific with better flow

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor WA75

Recommendation: The statement on page 6 in “A.A. as a Resource” on smoking be deleted (out of date)

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor WA75

Additional Committee Considerations:

The Committee reviewed the contents of the Cooperation With the Professional Community Kit and Workbook and suggested:

- Adding an index of past issues of About A.A. to the publications tab.
- Including a copy of the A.A. Grapevine, La Viña and La Vigne in each Kit
- Include a copy of the April, 2010 A.A. Grapevine article entitled, “Spirituality and ‘God Talk’” by former Class A Chair of the General Service Board, Ward Ewing, and a copy of the Fall, 2003 About A.A. C.P.C. newsletter entitled, “The A.A. Program – Spiritual But Never Religious”

The Committee suggested that changes be made to the service piece Information on Alcoholics Anonymous (F-2) under the section “Proof Of Attendance at A.A. Meetings” to reflect changes proposed for the pamphlet “If You Are A Professional”

VII. Report and Charter

Recommendation: Several clarifying definitions in the service manual, including the role of “Registrar”.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% no area 75 answer

VIII. Public/Information

Recommendation: The Committee recommended several changes to the questions in the planned 2014 A.A. Survey and also that it be random as it was in 2011.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor WA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended discontinuing videos “Living In Chaos” and “We Know What It’s Like”

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% WA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended that a new PSA be produced in 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$30,000

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor WA75

Recommendation: The committee recommended that the Anonymity Card (F-20) which currently reads:

A.A. ANONYMITY

(ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READING AT MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”

Thus, we respectfully ask that A.A. speakers and A.A. members not be photographed, videotaped, or identified by full name on audiotapes and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including those reports on new media technologies such as the Internet.

The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that “A.A. principles come before personalities.”

Be changed to read: **(new or changed text in highlighted in bold)**

A.A. ANONYMITY

(ANNOUNCEMENT FOR READING AT A.A. MEETINGS)

There may be some here who are not familiar with our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level:

“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.” **Anonymity breaks on the Internet, social media and all other forms of public communications are contrary to our Tradition of personal anonymity at the public level. When we break our anonymity at the public level, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others, and adversely affect A.A. as a whole.**

In keeping with this spiritual principle, A.A. speakers and A.A. members ought not be photographed, video recorded, or identified by full name on audio recordings, and in published or broadcast reports of our meetings, including online resources accessible by the public.

The assurance of anonymity is essential in our efforts to help other problem drinkers who may wish to share our recovery program with us. And our Tradition of anonymity reminds us that “A.A. principles come before personalities.”

Failed: 55 Y / 61 N. I Voted Against AA75

IX. Archives

Recommendation: The Committee recommended the updated video Markings on the Journey be approved.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor no area 75 answer

X. Finance

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that GSO develop a plan to translate all conference material (background, Conference manual) into French and Spanish for use during the conference.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 2/3+. I voted in Favor WA75

Additional Committee Considerations:

The committee reviewed the suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference and felt an increase was not necessary at this time. It was noted that the Fellowship is funding the conference; only a part through a direct fee to Areas. Raising the direct fee may present a hardship for some Areas.

XI. Agenda

Recommendation: The theme for the 2015 General Service Conference be: “Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future”

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% WA75

Recommendation: The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2015 General Service Conference:

“Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action”

- Diversity in AA – Our Heritage of Inclusion
- Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
- Safeguarding our Traditions through the evolution of Technology
- Inventory – Looking Back to Look Ahead

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% WA75

Recommendation: Conference Evaluation Form Be Available in English, French, Spanish beginning 2015

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% WA75

Recommendation: ‘Add “and Conference Evaluation Questionnaire” to the list of things the Agenda Committee Reviews and Approves in the Service Manual’

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% no area 75 answer

XII. Trustees

Recommendation: The following slate of trustees be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. in May 2014:

Class A Trustees

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE

Frances L. Brisbane, Ph.D.

Corliss R. Burke, B. Ed.

John Fromson, M.D.

Michele Grinberg, J.D.

The Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle

David M. Morris, C.P.A.

Class B Trustees

Richard B.

Joel C.

Joe D.

William F.

Nancy H.

Barbara K.

J. Gary L.

William N.

Chet P.

Clayton V.

Andrew W.

Robert W.

Albin Z.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100%

Recommendation: The appointment of the following officers be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2014:

Officers of the General Service Board

Chairperson

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE

First vice-chairperson	The Honorable Ivan L.R. Lemelle
Second vice-chairperson	Nancy H.
Treasurer	David M. Morris, C.P.A.
Secretary	Albin Z.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100%

Recommendation: The February 2014 appointment of the following officers by the Chair of the General Service Board be approved at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board in May 2014:

Assistant treasurer	Donald W. M.
Assistant secretary	Julio E.

This appointment process is in accordance with the 2007 General Service Board Bylaws.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100%

Recommendation: The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board in May 2014:

Carole B.	J. Gary L.
Beau B.	David N.
Joe D.	William N.
Julio E.	Chet P.
Phyllis A. H.	

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100%

Recommendation: The following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board in May 2014:

Lynda B.	Paz P.
Ami B.	Andrew W.
William F.	Albin Z.
Nancy H.	[vacancy]
Ed M.	

NOTE: The A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Bylaws state that its board shall be comprised of “no less than seven (7) and no more than ten (10) directors.”

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100%

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that an anonymity-protected photograph of the Flag Ceremony be taken at the 2015 International Convention.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% no area 75 answer

Recommendation: The Committee recommended that an encrypted, anonymity-protected internet broadcast of the opening Flag Ceremony be approved for the 2015 International Convention.

(Advisory Action) Passed: 100% no area 75 answer

FLOOR ACTIONS

1. FLOOR ACTION – Delegate from Washington State: to add a single line item to the General Fund budget for LaVina. This motion is being submitted as a result of previous conferences. It should be understood that the GSC spiritually supports LaVina and the general fund to support.

MOTION TO DECLINE TO HEAR FLOOR ACTION: NONE

Discussion: Not clear on why we haven't done this....could we have additional information on this?

Class A – David M. – consolidation financial statements exhibit B already does show that the general fund does support LaVina. It is not part of the expense base at the GSO. I would recommend that we do not approve. Delegates allow the special subcommittee that I have set up to look at all the issues from a variety of sources that need to be considered including IRS...what the implications of taking that out would mean under IRS rules. Implications under NY State law, accounting principles and also the implications of management responsibility of putting that from Grapevine into AAWS..

Let subcommittee perform its job first.

FLOOR ACTION DOES NOT PASS

2. FLOOR ACTION – The 64th general service conference reaffirm the right of decision of the Grapevine Board to making formatting decisions for the AA Grapevine and LaVina magazine noting:

- A. That right is already exercised by publication of LaVina in color and**
- B. The 2010 advisory action recommended a beginning point in bringing LaVina on spiritual parity with the AA grapevine:**

DISCUSSION: We came to agreement on three ideas. We used recommendation and should have used reaffirm that we are publishing LaVina in color. We need to trust our trusted servants to do this and bring clarity to the 2010 advisory action entailed.

MOTION TO DECLINE TO HEAR ACTION: 117 VOTE: NOT TO HEAR FLOOR ACTION was 65 and No 52...

We will hear floor action.

DISCUSSION: Lavina is in not in color. Cover is in color. Let the staff edit as they see fit. There was not a minority opinion for me to change my vote. I would speak in favor of this. 2010 advisory action was not clear...formatting and spiritual parity was confusing and I believe that when they are trying to make things better. Favor because it is in keeping with principles and sensitive to Spanish speaking members. 2010 advisory action recommended a beginning point, I was against this and I am in favor of this motion. Original motion was to enhance the verbiage of spiritual parity to ensure that LaVina has spiritual parity. This is already in the advisory action but does not say that we are removing the requirements of that advisory action by voting on this. This implies that the spiritual parity is asking for improvement. This motion takes away from formatting decisions and improving and not improving the magazine.

More discussion – we bat this term around – spiritual parity – love and tolerance an equality seem to be there already. LaVina is the same with this. We are not taking about material parity instead of spiritual parity. In light of this, I think the terminology should be material parity.

Direction – AAWS – do not think it is necessary. Pointed out that the 2010 does state beginning does not dictate that it stay in that formatting. Not necessary. I was trying to remember why we did this and I believe it was because LaVina was with staples and not perfect bound. Concern that LaVina was not useable to take into correctional facilities. That was the main reason we pushed this and use the additional cost but not pushing it over the edge to make more unprofitable. I do not feel that the LaVina editors hands have been tied.

I think because we seem to have a short memory, it re-enforces the need to affirm. Helps us deal with the confusion or lack of definition of...

Irene D. – laVina editor – unclear motion. How staff feels and especially the Editor. 2010 was my conference when I came here. After the action was passed I was worried we would have more pages and editor will not have the ability to do my job. My job is to make sure the magazine is good quality and motivate the members to tell them that this is OK. The action gave me to do this. We have writing workshops, start to connect districts...they do belong.

VOTE: Motion fails

3. FLOOR ACTION – The conference consider the use of the circle and triangle on conference-approved literature as a historical reminder of AA's there legacies of recovery, unity and service.

We would like to have the return of the circle and triangle and trying to find meetings out of town.

VOTE: Motion fails

4. FLOOR ACTION – The AA Grapevine discontinue publishing the “Alcoholism at Large” section of The Grapevine Magazine.

This is our meeting in print – alcoholism at large clearly is outside issues. Yet lots of others think this is AA. This keeps coming up at every conference and grapevine has acknowledged this. We have violated 5th and 10th tradition.

MOTION TO DECLINE: VOTE: 125 – Yes – 74 and No is 51.

WE WILL HEAR THE FLOOR ACTION

Discussion – submitted this agenda several times – gray pages – this has become controversial and our fellowship believes when things become controversial – we need to look at it. Traditions 5 and 10 – affiliation. What about meeting in print? Wrong information – I am different – does not support primary purpose.

AAWS – Roberta – when I read the history and what Bill W said and charter, we were encouraged to publish current information on what would help us.

This causes disunity. There were no newcomers who said they would not buy this because of the gray pages. I do not think the real reason was heard. The topics are not about alcoholism.

Received 3 e-mails from districts – want the pages removed.

We do need current information and friends – but with new technology, we have the ability to get our own other information.

Tradition breaks – the magazine would complete without this information. We shouldn't provide it. This is our meeting in print – it is our book. Those articles are ridiculous and I cannot see how they would help anyone understand anything.

Clayton -If you so the video “markings on the journey, who will have noticed that the very article on first page of grapevine dealt with developments in regard to alcoholism. It is also named the international journey of AA. When I was a delegate why we wanted to tell the Grapevine what to do.

Strongly opposed – differentiate between what I learned in the treatment center and what AA was. Read other books, etc., and if I had found the Grapevine sooner, it would have helped. The gray pages - I know this is an outside issue.....in meetings....we read it in the grapevine.

Problem with these pages. 2007 it was recommended that LaVina and Grapevine put in a “medical view”, etc., there is a disclaimer, but you cannot see it. Eyes cannot see the this disclaimer.

I was disturbed by some of the content in AA at large....or gray pages. What it used to be would be more factual....and why do we have drinking games etc.?

My area wants the gray pages gone. Crossing Tradition 10. Had the gray pages been there at the beginning, it might have helped....I feel those pages would be better served with a Class A trustee. Not a lot of recovery there.

We are dealing with life and death. Gray pages are contrary to one alcoholic talking to another.

I have heard comments that if they take them out, I will stop subscribing. Grapevine charter clearly states that we have generally concerning the topics of alcoholism, we can bring in some of these topics.....

Subscriptions have declined because of the gray pages, is not true, but subscriptions in general have declined. Grapevine – the whole field of alcoholismwhat about the grapevine charter?

Andrew – The very first article was from a non-alcoholic – he was also writing as a friend of AA. Articles haven't been written by friends or potential friends. In favor of taking anyone's excuse to not subscribe.

Homer – Meeting in print – I think it is my meeting in media. Gray pages would not be appropriate in my home group. If it is a meeting in print, let's have the content that would honor that.

Is this our meeting in print? Or is it more. Staff is still responding that this is our international journal.

I question if Grapevine is the place for the gray pages. Is this our best?

CALL THE QUESTION – TOO LONG OF A BREAK/LUNCH

MOTION TO DISCONTINUE GRAY PAGES:

Vote: total 123 – FOR – Yes 70 - No 53 – motion failed

Minority opinion - those for – just hope that the Grapevine committee reconsider 2007 request that the disclaimer be more prominent on page.

5. FLOOR ACTION – The General Service Conference recommended that literature, which focuses on “Alcoholics in Recovery with Mental Health Issues”, be developed.

I believe this could have been done with better background. Just a few years ago we did this with spirituality pamphlet. We have a lot of people with mental health issues; these are in our survey, why do we not address these issues. Our BB and 12x12 refers to great mental disorders. What is the true cost lies lost. We need to open the discussion. Support of fellow Delegate and Class A trustee.

DECLINE FLOOR ACTION: 118 vote 54 yes – no 64- we will hear the floor action:

Discussion – Lots of GSR's in my area through their delegate and preconference assembly, that the stories in our present literature is in adequate. Lots of personal stories that were shared in a public way to get this heard. We hope that we can let people who have problems with this issue, know that they can be heard.

People have a huge fear of people, problems with medications. There are unique problems that are not addressed. Mentally ill desperately need a pamphlet to address their needs. Every time we create a pamphlet, card, it is a step for the alcoholic who stumbles in the darkness from alcoholism.

Newcomer suffering from mental illness and having a problem with AA and walking in the rooms, they think there is no hope because they already have one disease. We need stories that they can find hope in AA.

Most of our literature tells us to stick to what we do best.....opposed and we need to know we are not an expert in any field. We are not responsible for every illness out there. Mental health patients end up in our group and they are not AA. There is a lot of other information out there. We need to go back to sponsorship. It is our responsibly is alcoholism and not mental illness. There is a lot of depression out there, Bill W suffered with this too.

Class B trustee – mental health issues, depression, anxiety – nearly 70% will experience depression in their life time. AA is an expert on alcoholism and simply a way to reach out to alcoholic very much like anyone else. Advocate that this be put on the website, or an app created – very little monies involved.

Discussion – some background in Area 79 – 3 times have submitted requests and all 3 times – feel it is not necessary. To not base your vote on this. Opposition would actually make good information on the pamphlet. We do not need to agree on the content in moving this forward.A lot of people with mental health issues in big metropolitan areas. Sponsors tell sponsees to stop taking your medication – this pamphlet would educate.

Discussion: Pamphlet might have made some feel a little less out of place. This is a pamphlet for those in the rooms who still do not understand. Through the program of AA, I have been able to address these issues. Depression is mentioned many times by Bill W in the literature.

Class A trustee – I am in favor but not thinking a pamphlet – the floor action is about literature.....maybe in a different way and not a pamphlet.

We are not mental health professionals, a large amount of mental health professionals know nothing about AA. They refer their patients to AA. We have “problems other than alcoholism” and need to have something to help them decide whether they are alcoholics or not.

Against all pamphlets.

I am not in support of this to develop a pamphlet to help with mental illness. We need something to help welcome these people. I do not think a pamphlet will help people to be kinder and more welcome. We have literature that tells people we do not have opinions on outside issues. I do not believe a pamphlet is the way to do this or literature.

Medications and other drugs – have these in it. Grapevine has this information in it. We have literature on this. Background material states that were mention of other fellowships that deal with this. There is much help and we are not one of those fellowships. We are not the dually addicted fellowship.

There are over 100 instructions in “working with others” on how to carry the message to an alcoholic. Mental illness by itself is an outside issue. Alcoholism with mental illness is an AA issue.

Literature would be a CPC and PI tool.

Big book tells me if I need any extra help, I should go and get it. I see it as “how do we stay sober in light of it”? How do we work with those who need this literature and not against it. We do need the information because we don’t know everything.

Class A trustee – literature not dealing with problems of attitude and not feeling welcome. We need to address these issues. So many people who have both and it is not well understood. We some strategy around this issue. Our literature serves as a road map...we do use all our documents as to what we model and what we say.

Literature committee – this information is in our basic text.....and other literature, it needs to be experience, strength and hope – like the spirituality pamphlet.

Maybe we AA’s need to be more informed on this topic. Great CPC tool.

We are also getting into an area that is slippery.

The power of the pamphlet rack cannot be denied. Sometimes simply seeing a pamphlet in the rack made it more inclusive. She couldn’t live up to the sponsorship contract that she had been given. We cannot give instructions on how or to take medication.

Concerned about making a separate piece for this issue. Development will take time.

CALLING THE QUESTION: Unanimous

VOTING ON FLOOR ACTION: 126 – Yes 77 – No 49 – Motion fails

Minority – who is the target audience and what should the message be?> Still suffering alcoholic who has a mental health issue – we need to be welcoming into the fellowship. Thank you for the opportunity to discuss....consider this literature that would help the alcoholics who suffer.

Opportunity for us to start developing a pamphlet..

MOTION TO RECONSIDER:

CALL THE QUESTION:

VOTE ON MOTION: THIS NEEDS MORE DIRECTION TO THE TRUSTEES – need to know what kind of mental health issues.....premature – have it come back next year through the appropriate process with groups districts, areas

128 – VOTE: Yes 77 – NO 51 – DID NOT PASS – MOTION FAILED

6. FLOOR ACTION – Anonymity statement might be considered – Proposed Amendment Card:

MOTION TO DECLINE: DECLINED TO HEAR THIS FLOOR ACTION

**64th General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous
Delegate's Conference Report
Randy R. – Panel 63 Area 75 Southern Wisconsin
April 27 - May 3, 2014**

The 64th General Service Conference was held at the Hilton in Rye Brook, New York opening on April 27th and closing on May 3, 2014.



Conference Makeup

Delegates always make up more than two-thirds of the voting members. Delegates represent AA groups in the US and Canada fulfilling the ultimate responsibility for AA's World Services.



There were 133 voting members of the Conference made up of 93 Delegates, 25 Trustees, AAWS directors, Grapevine directors and 15 GSO and Grapevine staff.

2014, 64th GSC Panel 63 and Panel 64 Delegate Statistics

	Years
Average age	59
Oldest	78
Youngest	32
Average Length of Sobriety	21
Longest Sobriety	41
Shortest Sobriety	7
Average Length of Service	17
Longest Service	37
Shortest Service	7

Every Conference member not only has a vote but a voice; not only a right but also a responsibility to express his or her views.

The structure of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous consists of twenty-one trustee members. Originally, the majority of trustees were nonalcoholic, but now only seven, known as Class A trustees, are nonalcoholic. Class A trustees bring to the Board special expertise in areas such as business, medicine, and law, and may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms.

The fourteen alcoholic (Class B) trustees serve four-year terms. Eight are elected to serve regions of the U.S. and Canada. Two are elected as trustees-at-large, one representing the U.S. and one for Canada. The remaining

four general service trustees are selected based on their expertise in areas of finance, publishing, or other fields that would be helpful to the General Service Board and the corporate boards of A.A.W.S. and Grapevine.

Two general service trustees serve on the A.A.W.S. Board, and two serve on the Grapevine Board.

The A.A.W.S. Board oversees the publishing activities of Alcoholics Anonymous (except for Grapevine material) and the General Service Office. This board is composed of nine directors: two regional trustees, two general service trustees, three non-trustee directors, the general manager of G.S.O. and the G.S.O. staff coordinator.

The Grapevine Board oversees the operation of the A.A. Grapevine, and is composed of nine members, including one Class A trustee, two general service trustees, two regional trustees, three non-trustee directors and Grapevine executive editor.

Conference Overview

Conference week began for me on Friday afternoon after I checked in and unpacked. I took it upon myself to meet and greet the new and past Delegates as they wandered in the Hotel. I especially went out of my way to talk to the Panel 64 and tried to make them feel welcome and part of the A.A. family. Saturday morning I continued to do the same and in the afternoon a “meet and greet social” was scheduled. Next I attended a meeting of the Remote Communities Committee and then the 1728 Meeting, a meeting designed to help Class A Trustees learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous. After dinner we had our first of two “Delegates Only” meetings. This is an opportunity for the 2nd year delegates (Panel 63) to offer any experiences that may be beneficial to the first year delegates (Panel 64).

Sunday, April 27 - Registration; opening session; welcome from Terry Bedient, our Board Chair; roll call of the delegates; Keynote address by Roberta L., Class B Trustee; regional delegate orientation lunches; Conference topic presentations; Policy/Admissions and Report & Charter committee meetings; Joint Trustee and Conference Committee meetings, Conference opening banquet and an AA meeting



The conference committees do their business on Monday and Tuesday, providing reports starting Wednesday night and going through Friday morning. On Wednesday morning we met as designated sub committees to do the second phase of the three year plan for the Conference taking its inventory. On Friday we heard reports from all discussion groups on questions 16 – 30. The conference business concluded about 7:00 on Friday night.

We had two special presentations during the week. One was on the 70th Anniversary of the Grapevine. One thing that was pointed out is that the Grapevine is not only our “Meeting in Print” but more so, it is really our “International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous”.

AA GRAPEVINE

The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous

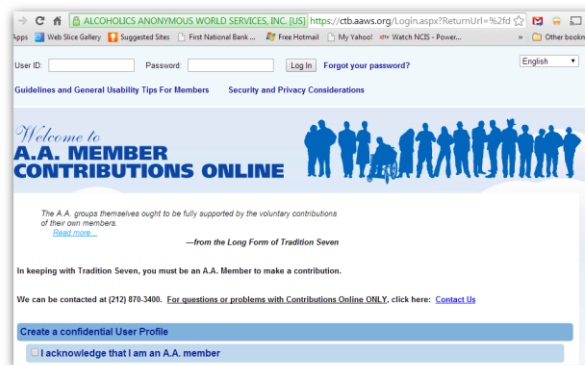
It also pointed us to the many highlights and historical photos that can be found on our website, www.aagrapevine.org. I will give the charts from the Grapevine presentation to Nancy H., our Area 75 Grapevine Chair.

The second was on the 2015 International Convention to be held in Atlanta July 4th Weekend, 2015, celebrating 80 years of Alcoholics Anonymous. They said that the registration packets will be mailed out in August and the online registration website will open on September 3rd!

The General Service Conference officially closes Friday night. There is a farewell brunch on Saturday AM with talks from 3 rotating Trustees.

Highlights – GSC AA News and Business

- We will be trying to get all background information for the 2015 Conference translated into both French and Spanish.
- We updated the great AA history video “Markings On A Journey”
- We approved a new pamphlet, “Many Paths To Spirituality”
- I was not the oldest nor longest sober member at the conference this year.
- GSO now offers an online automated recurring contribution service. Check it out at www.aa.org

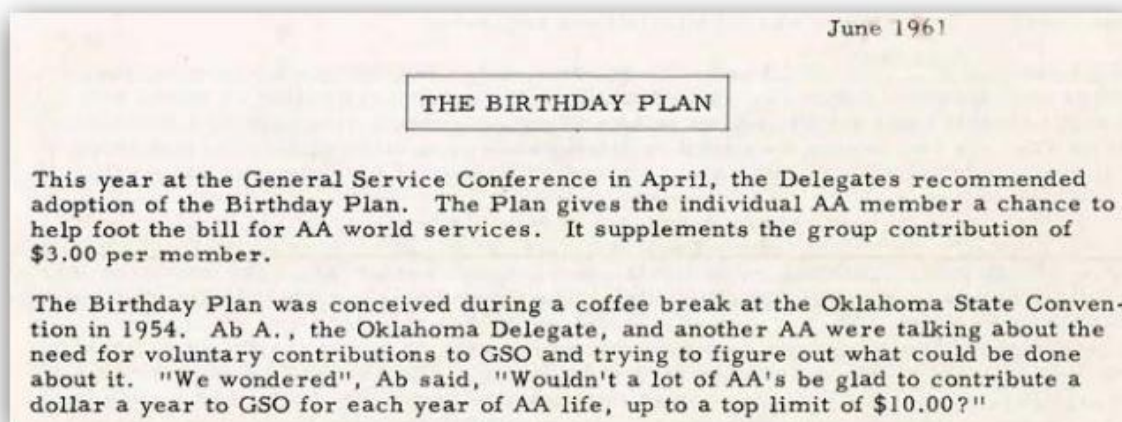


- The Grapevine wants stories for a feature next year on “Sponsoring Your (My) Professionals” Call the Grapevine story recording line, or email or write and send them.



Call the voicemail box at 559-726-1216 and leave up to a 7 minute story. Visit the Audio Portal:
<http://www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal>

- Did you know that our Grapevine office has only 9 paid staff members? They do a lot with only a few!
- There were 972,903 Big Books sold in 2013 (does not include 75th Commemorative) - \$6M in revenue (half of our \$12M literature sales revenue).
- An increasing number of Groups and Events are being asked by their landlord for liability insurance.
- Some Areas now have Young People in AA service committees (New Mexico is one) and others have liaisons to the local ICYPAA organizations.
- There is an increase in awareness and participation in the AA Birthday Plan



- The 2015 International Convention is taking shape. Registration packets will be mailed in August and the online registration is scheduled to open September 3rd.
- The new AA.org website will include "find an AA Meeting near you". It is scheduled to unveil in July.
- The selection of the Delegate Conference Chair is done by the hat. Each region elects/picks their candidate then the conference chair is drawn from those regional names. Jake from the NoMN Area 35 was selected as the conference chair for 2014!

GSC Chronology/ Describing Sequence of events

Friday, 4/25 I traveled to NYC with Cheryl V. Delegate Area 20 N. Illinois. We Limo'ed to the General Service Office (2nd time for me) for the AA meeting at 11:00 a.m. Then a visit to the GSO 11th floor for a quick tour.



Cheryl and I then decided to take a train to the Hilton (1st time for me). Now this was an experience. We boarded the train at 125th Street in Harlem. We looked like and were two obvious tourists with big luggage riding the train to Port Westchester, NY. All went well on the train, but getting off was another story. We were on the wrong side of the tracks with luggage. We needed to go down two flights of stairs and around the block to get to the train station. On this adventure a transport truck saw us coming (I think we gave him a good laugh) and decided to give us a lift to the Hilton only a few miles away. Cheryl and I checked into the hotel and went out with others in the ECR for dinner.

Saturday, 4/26 I spent the majority of the morning meeting new Delegates and saying hello to the Panel 63's. I did this as long as time allowed me.

Saturday afternoon I attended the Remote Communities meeting. Saturday Night the ECR Delegates met for dinner and chatted with Bill F. our ECR Trustee.



Sunday, 4/27 was a full business day that included conference committees meeting jointly with the corresponding Trustees Committees..



The evening was the Opening Dinner and A.A. Meeting. I really enjoyed the dinner – great time to visit with many old friends and to make new ones. There were 5 ten minute speakers. A timing device with green, yellow and red lights was employed to help keep us on schedule. A great evening!

Monday and Tuesday were mainly conference committee meetings and various board and region reports. Long days, ran until around 9:00 pm.

Monday Evening General Sharing Session

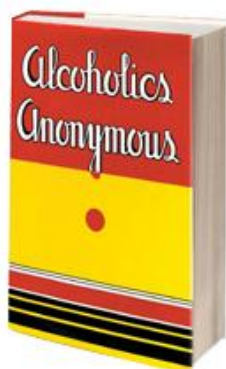
Wednesday 4/30 We met for the Inventory segment of the conference. This is the second of three conferences to discuss inventory questions. I was in a group that discussed the first five questions of round two. The Delegates of the East Central Region met over lunch again. In the afternoon we had elections for new Trustees for Eastern Canada Region and the Pacific Region. I had the opportunity to pass out and collect ballots for both elections – I really enjoyed the activity! In the evening, after dinner, we started our Committee reports and business.

Thursday 5/1 was a long day and night of reports, proposals, discussion and votes. The afternoon was broken up by a very informative presentation on the upcoming 2015 International Convention in Atlanta.

Friday 5/2 started with more reports and discussion and then on to the inventory presentations and discussions. No actions are to be taken until the full inventory is completed at the end of the 65th GSC in 2015. After all other Conference business was finished we dealt with the Floor Actions from this Conference. We finished the Conference business by dinner time. We went on with the Panel 63 Delegate's farewell comments. After we closed we went out for fine dining at a local Italian restaurant.

Saturday 5/3 was a morning brunch followed by the farewell remarks from the three rotating Trustees. I left for the airport right away and could not go to the tour "Stepping Stones" because my granddaughter Alexis's 1st Communion. That decision was not hard to make.

While at the Conference, each Delegate received a copy of the new "75th Anniversary Commemorative



Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous".

I am passing it around for member's signatures today and then I will ask for it to be deposited in the Area 75Archives.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Panel 63 Area 75

Southern Wisconsin

In closing this report I would like to thank everyone for providing me the opportunity to serve at our 64th General Service Conference. I also want to recognize with appreciation everyone who is serving in our area.

Randy W. R

Chairperson's Report – Todd U.

No Written Report

Alternate Chair/Dark District Report – Brent W.

No Written Report

Archive Report – Rick M.

No Written Report

CPC Report – John H.

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 DCMs work with PI and Special Needs in the future
Thank you-Respectfully Submitted /John H.

Corrections Report – Jim McL.

No Written Report

PI Report – Jeanette S.

No Written Report

Special Needs Report – Tara H.

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-eds of the Big Book. .Special needs can help out with that-but the pricing is out of my area. Also many good ides that came as a result of discussion were

1. Meetings on wheels-coordinate with central offices to bring meetings to people that cant' 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 cd's.
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 12X12 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.

No Written Report

Grapevine Report – Nancy H.

No Written Report

Alternate Delegate/Literature Report – Drew A.

No Written Report

MAICO – No Written Report

Winnebago Land Central Office – No Written Report

Milwaukee Central Office – No Written Report

Racine Area Central Office –

Conference Advisory Report - Nancy G. No Written Report

Spring 2014 Conference Report – Steve N. No Written Report

Spring 2015 Conference Report – Chris S. No Written Report

Wicypaa – Rhonda A.

WICYPAA Spring Conference Assembly Report to Area 75

WICYPAA is the Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous and is currently the only state conference in Wisconsin. 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.

The level of outreach to the “young people” community has been tremendous and has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few years.

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 and the location is TBD. The Host Committee is holding a “hotel walk-through” on May 31st at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire to see if this hotel will be a good fit for our next conference.

The Eau Claire Host Committee (who resides in Area 74) is spreading the word about the WICYPAA Conference by holding multiple events throughout the year. So far they have held a “Kick Off” event that hosted a speaker and a dance that followed. A Workshop & Spaghetti Feed. Where there were panels, a speaker, excellent spaghetti, and incredible fellowship. Their next event will be a “Family Summer Picnic” on Sunday June 1st. They are 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:

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Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda A.

WICYPAA Advisory Council – Co-Chair

New Business:

1. Announcements: Grapevine Committee is hosting a 70th anniversary birthday bash on Aug 2nd, at St. Aidens Church in Hartford. 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
2. Wisconsin/UP Corrections Conference, June 7th, Fondulac.
3. 34th annual Green Lake Roundup, August 15th to the 17th. Held at the Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, Wi.

Upcoming dates:

Summer Service Assembly – June 22nd at the Madison Senior Center
East Central Regional Conference – July 25 – 27, Perrysburg, OH
Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center
Closed at 11:30 AM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob S.
Area 75 Secretary