

Alcoholic's Anonymous – Area 75
9:00a.m., 01/15/2012
Winter Service Assembly
Madison Senior Center

MINUTES

OFFICERS PRESENT:

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

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON PRESENT:

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

DCM'S PRESENT:

D1-Jeanette S.; D2-Bob F. (alt); D3-Pietje M. (alt); D6-Chris D.; D7-Jill G.; D8-Kurt S.; D9-Tori K.; D10-Ernesto N.; D11-Wendy A.; D12-Karen K.; D13-Mel F.; D15-John B.; D16- Mark V.; D17-John H.; D4/22-Herbert P.; D23-Thomas B.; D24-Ray M.; D25-Dani C.; D27-Nealy R. (Alt); D29-Lynn G.; D30-Sue M.; D31-Charley M.; D32-John W.; D34-Tony S. (alt); D35-Bob L.

GSR'S, ALT GSR's, and District Committee Chairs PRESENT(please note: many new members of the assembly were not aware of the sign in sheets and did not sign in):

D1-Joe S., Mike J., Carl K., Ken S., Leigh Ann W., Randy O, Steve S.; D2-Julie W., Bob T.; D3-Deb T., Patrick M., Mary M.; D6-Daniel M.; D7-John M., Bruce D.; D12-Craig J., Loreen S., Clint S., Russ M.; D13-Chris P., Perry C., Wendy B.; D15-Todd W., Eric M.; D16-Eddie M.; D17-Tara H., Steve N., Darrel S., Cindi A., Nicholas R.; D20-Elizabeth B., Jon C., Mark H., Dan K.; D22-Teresa O.; D23-Rich J.; D24-Erv S., Maryann L., Nita B., Brian P.; D25-Jeff Z., Les M.; D28-Terry R., Greg L., Chris S., Chris H., Rick H., Bill K.; D29-Kim N., Dan K., Lisa W.; D30-Joel B., Joe H.; D31-Charlie M.; D32-Bret T.; D34-Tony S., Ann W., Tom R.; D35-Mark M., Dave P., Vicki H., Joe H Others: Ricardo, Humberto D., Bruce D.,

OTHERS PRESENT: Past Delegates: John B., Joan J., Ken G., Jo M., Nancy G.; George P., Stu E

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Matt K.

Minutes from the October 16, 2011 Fall Service Assembly were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Drew A.

Treasurer's Report
Winter Assembly 2012

Total Assets	<i>Dec 31 2010</i>	<i>Dec 31 2011</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Banking Account			
General Funds	\$25,708.17	\$21,890.90	(\$3,817.27)
Corrections Literature Fund	\$2,133.20	\$1,582.18	(\$ 551.02)
Prudent Reserve ¹	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 0.00
Banking Account Total	\$32,841.37	\$28,473.08	(\$4,368.29)
Conference Seed Money ²	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	(\$ 500.00)
Total Assets	\$34,841.37	\$29,973.08	(\$4,868.29)

Net Gain / Loss	<i>Dec 31 2011 YTD Total Income</i>	<i>Dec 31 2011 YTD Total Expense</i>	<i>Gain (Loss)</i>
General Funds	\$22,690.78	\$27,208.59	(\$4,517.81)
Conference Proceeds	\$200.54	\$0.00	\$200.54
Corrections Literature Fund	\$3,979.41	\$4,530.43	(\$ 551.02)

Budget vs Expenses as of Dec 31 2011			
Officer / Chair	Budget	Actual	Difference
Alternate Chair	\$984.00	\$491.13	\$492.87
Alternate Delegate	\$2,490.00	\$1,681.88	\$808.12
Alternate Secretary	\$275.00	\$65.57	\$209.43
Alternate Treasurer	\$341.25	\$126.60	\$214.65
Archives Chair	\$700.00	\$-	\$700.00
Archivist	\$3,300.00	\$3,197.88	\$102.12
Area Chair	\$2,337.00	\$1,796.57	\$540.43
CPC Chair	\$1,970.00	\$475.00	\$1,495.00
Corrections Chair	\$5,201.81	\$2,301.65	\$2,900.16
Delegate	\$4,665.00	\$3,946.52	\$718.48
Grapevine Chair	\$2,087.00	\$991.50	\$1,095.50
Overhead	\$9,185.00	\$7,424.12	\$1,760.88
PI Chair	\$1,198.00	\$748.96	\$449.04
Secretary	\$2,148.00	\$1,060.37	\$1,087.63
Special Needs Chair	\$1,181.00	\$179.68	\$1,001.32

¹ Prudent reserve will be increased to \$6,750 in 2012 in accordance with Assembly Actions.

² One thousand dollars in seed money for the Spring 2011 conference was returned to the area and credited to general funds on June 8, 2011. One thousand dollars has been advanced to the 2012 conference and five hundred dollars has been advanced to the 2014 conference.

Treasurer	\$1,890.00	\$1,741.10	\$148.90
Treatment	\$1,278.00	\$980.06	\$297.94
Total Expenses	\$41,231.06	\$ 27,208.59	\$14,022.47

Expense breakdown year-to-date by category		
Expense Category	Expense YTD	% of Total Expenses
Transportation	\$9,041.52	28.5%
GSO Conference Extra	\$4,600.00	14.5%
Corrections Literature	\$4,530.43	14.3%
Lodging	\$2,934.72	9.3%
Misc Office Expense	\$1,769.19	5.6%
Printing/Copies	\$1,616.46	5.1%
Rent	\$1,559.75	4.9%
Archives Rent	\$1,200.00	3.8%
GSO Conference Fee	\$1,200.00	3.8%
Postage	\$897.30	2.8%
Literature	\$753.40	2.4%
Meals	\$719.21	2.3%
Health Fair Booth Fee	\$475.00	1.5%
Registration Fees	\$312.00	1.0%
Web Site	\$75.00	0.2%
Interpreters/Equipment	\$35.00	0.1%

General Funds Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – Dec 31 2010	Jan 1 – Dec 31 2011	Difference
Income ^{3 4}	\$29,847.55	\$22,891.32	(\$6,956.23)
Expenses	\$18,732.43	\$27,208.59	\$8,420.61

Corrections Fund Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – Dec 31 2010	Jan 1 – Dec 31 2011	Difference
Income	\$5,379.86	\$3,979.41	(\$1,400.45)
Expenses	\$5,290.40	\$4,530.43	(\$ 759.97)

Expenses by department: Year-over-year comparison				
Officer / Chair	CY 2010 Budget	CY 2011 Budget	Dec 31, 2010 Actual	Dec 31, 2011 Actual
Alternate Chair	\$895.00	\$984.00	\$135.82	\$491.13
Alt Delegate	\$2,245.00	\$2,490.00	\$616.77	\$1,681.88
Alt Secretary	\$416.00	\$275.00	\$ 0.00	\$65.57
Alt Treasurer	\$315.00	\$341.25	\$0.00	\$126.60
Archives Chair	\$638.00	\$700.00	\$209.99	\$0.00
Archivist	\$3,301.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,290.80	\$3,197.88
Area Chair	\$1,309.00	\$2,337.00	\$ 946.90	\$1,796.57
CPC Chair	\$1,810.00	\$1,970.00	\$1,807.83	\$475.00
Corrections Chair	\$2,063.00	\$5,201.81	\$1,936.34	\$2,301.65
Delegate	\$4,111.00	\$4,665.00	\$3,206.10	\$3,946.52
Grapevine Chair	\$1,568.00	\$2,087.00	\$1,009.25	\$991.50
Overhead	\$4,180.00	\$9,185.00	\$2,991.98	\$7,424.12

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

⁴ 2011 figures include Spring Conference 2010 proceeds of \$200.54.

PI Chair	\$1,090.00	\$1,198.00	\$75.00	\$748.96
Secretary	\$1,968.00	\$2,148.00	\$777.83	\$1,060.37
Special Needs	\$1,077.00	\$1,181.00	\$426.60	\$179.68
Treasurer	\$1,456.00	\$1,890.00	\$572.81	\$1,741.10
Treatment	\$1,083.00	\$1,278.00	\$728.41	\$980.06
Total Expenses	\$29,525.00	\$41,940.06	\$18,732.43	\$27,208.59

DELEGATE'S REPORT – Nancy H.

It has been 3 months since we were last together at the Fall Service Assembly in October. Some of my activities since October 16th have included:

- Attended the Archives Movie day on November 6th.
- Gave a presentation at the East Central Regional Forum in Miamisburg, OH on the 7th Tradition titled "Getting Beyond A Buck In The Basket". (November 11-13). More than 340 members attended the Forum including 193 first-timers.
- Attended the District 3 meeting in Manitowoc on November 16th.
- Attended the District 19 meeting in Baraboo on November 30th.
- Spoke at several meetings and talked about service, the traditions and the concepts.
- Talked to or emailed members about group or district problems or requests for information.
- Starting work on selection of a hotel to recommend for the East Central Regional Forum which our area will host in 2015. (G.S.O. Will make the final selection and all arrangements with the hotel.)

I have begun receiving mailings about the General Service Conference, which will be held in Rye Brook, NY from Saturday, April 21 thru Saturday, April 28, 2012. The Literature Committee remains my assignment. Proposals for items for the conference agenda are due today. The board will finalize the agenda at their meeting at the end of this month. The final agenda and background material should be available by February 15th.

When I receive the agenda I will be sending it out to the area committee and others on my mailing list. If you want to receive a CD of the entire set of background material please make arrangements with me. I will send the background for a specific committee via email on request. When working with the background material please remember that it contains full names of AA members and therefore must be held confidential. I have flyers for our Delegates Workshop here today. Please plan to attend and encourage other interested AA's to come with you on March 25th.

I received a call regarding a violation of tradition 11 in our area. Members full names and pictures were published in articles in which they stated they were members of AA. To me this occurrence reinforces the importance talking about our traditions in our meetings. I'd like to quote from a 1951 Grapevine article. It read: "There never was a chance that AA could 'police' anonymity or effectively reprimand those who flout it. In fact, to do so would be to destroy the very purpose of the tradition. Besides, there are automatic penalties. The anonymity-breaker may have acted in innocence, and may

consider himself still to be a perfectly good AA. But, beyond our power to judge, he probably isn't. He has cut himself off from the spiritual oneness which has given us an almost unbelievable unity". We need to encourage others, in a gentle manor, to take another look at our very important principle of anonymity.

At the end of October last year my email account was hacked. In the short time the hackers had control of my account they managed to send out an email that I had been mugged in Spain. I was not in Spain nor was I mugged and hopefully no one sent them any money. The biggest problem to me was the deletion of my entire contact list along with saved emails etc. I have recreated part of the list but some of you who may have received mailings from me in the past are no-longer getting them. If you would like to receive copies of the information I occasionally send out please send an email to delegate@area75.org and ask to be put on my email list.

A job description for a senior editor on the Grapevine staff will be listed in the Spring Box 459. If you know of anyone who may be interested please have them contact me and I will see that they receive the necessary information.

The e-book launch took place early December. It is currently available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. An e-reader app compatible with mobile devices running on Google's Android software will be available in early 2012. Future plans will be discussed at the board meeting later this month.

The Archives Department has produced a document entitled "Archives Preservation Guidelines" to assist local archives in the preservation of our A.A. History.

I will be sending out information following the January board weekend once I receive it from Pam. Please email me if you would like to be added to my mailing list.

I received the 3rd quarter contribution report for the area. In the first 9 months of 2011 33.93% groups contributed to G.S.O. compared to 40.83% in 2010. I would like to encourage you to remind your groups to help support the work of G.S.O. If each group would give what they can the amounts can add up so that we are truly self supporting through our own contributions.

I want to thank those districts who have been sending me your minutes. It helps keep me informed about happenings in the area. I would also welcome your invitation to participate in one of your district meetings or events. Please contact me so that I can get your district on my calendar.

Nancy H., Area 75 Delegate, Panel 61

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Randy R.

Greeting's to all,

As always it is a pleasure to serve and to report my activities since the Fall Assemble. Even though the season was beautiful and unusually long Fall went by way to quickly.

I would like to thank all of you who have contacted me in regard to the Area Officer's/ Chair's about sitting up front in front of their appropriate name/position placards. These conversations have reminded me to alert all in Area 75 about the upcoming elections at the 2012 Fall Assembly. This seems like a long time away but it really isn't. Please take into consideration your part in Area Service and begin to ask questions to the current chair holder or officer for which you may have an interest in serving or take a look at the Area 75 Handbook available on the Area 75 Web page. Get an EARLY START please.

I was given the privilege by all of you to attend the East Central Regional Forum on November 11-13, 2011 in Miamisburg Ohio. I thought the Forum was well attended and very educational. A great weekend, for those who may be considering the next Forum, which is the "Additional" East Central Regional Forum held in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, held on August 10 -12, 2012.

On December 17th the Agenda Planning Committee (Nancy H., George P., Mark V., Frank S., Lynn G. and myself) met at my home at 800am and we finished around 1030 am. It was a very productive meeting and the next Agenda Planning Committee (Nancy H., George P., Lynn G. Matt K., Ray M., Sue M., Mel F., myself and including a guest Drew A.) meeting will be on March 3rd, 2012 same time same place, and I'm positive this meeting will be as productive as they all have been.

I had an opportunity to visit:

District 34	District 23 (wrong day and time)	District 14 (wrong location and time)
District 12	District 36	District 8
	District 13 (wrong location listed)	

The District Meetings that I attended reassured me that the Hand of A.A is out their. It was a real pleasure to witness the districts on their turf and listen as they conducted their business. The autonomy of each district is very much alive.

The listing of districts with the outdated time and places has inspired me to remedy the problem to the best of my ability. We will start correcting this today with the DCM's that have attended this assembly.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Tri-District workshop on January 7th, 2012, what I had witness and seen was all good. Unfortunately I left early to attend the District 23 meeting in Beaver Dam which is one of the districts listed on the Area Web with the wrong time and day.

I plan on attending the Delegates Past and Present Conference in Miamisburg, Ohio on February 10th -12th, 2012. I will also attend the Delegates Workshop on March 25th, 2012.

I believe “WE” as an assembly and members of Alcoholics Anonymous have the obligation to remedy the problems within Area 75’s Web page. I now have first hand knowledge of two areas of concern that need to be updated and brought up to a level of accuracy that “WE” all expect. What is our personal A.A. commitment , is it to keep pushing it on the next rotation and letting them do what is necessary or should “WE” as members all play a part in making sure that our Web Page is “Accurate and Current”!

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

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

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

Yours in Service
Randy W. R.
Area 75 Chairperson

ALT CHAIR / DARK DISTRICT—Lee Ann F.

My report begins when we were last here on 10/16/11. The DCM share was the last matter of that day and I'd like to thank the 2 GSR's and 13 DCM's who attended! Some of the discussed concerns included having various district chairs take the position without showing up to district meetings and/or not doing the work they said they would do. We also discussed encouraging district chairs to show up at the Area 75 meetings so they can participate on their respective committees. We also discussed the value of the home group, and having a home group.

Thank you District 16 for inviting me to speak on your How to Stay Grounded in Sobriety panel at your 11/13/11 workshop. It was an excellent workshop with great attendance!

Today we had our DCM School/DCM Share. I'd like to thank the 4 Alternate DCM's and 16 DCMs who actively participated. I'd also like to thank John B. and Nancy G. for facilitating. Thank you for our guest speakers: JD, George, Joan and our Delegate Nancy. We discussed making sure the time and location of the District Meetings are accurate on our Area 75 Website. Like Randy, I too went to a posted location for a District Meeting which had previously relocated but did not post their updated information. Fortunately I was able to call someone who helped me find the correct location so I was able to attend!

We discussed the importance of having a District meeting agenda and share that with GSR's, District Chairs, Area 75 and other interested parties ahead of time (before the actual date of the meeting). We also discussed the benefit of sharing minutes the same way. Sometimes I receive agendas from Districts regarding their meetings but I don't receive the minutes or I receive minutes but not an agenda. There are times where I wonder what the outcome was of something listed on the agenda which is why I would like to please receive the following minutes.

We discussed how helpful it is for DCMs to use the Area 75 calendar to post dates for their workshops, special events, etc. as soon as the date is known--this way we can try not to conflict with each other's events. This is a "save the date" which later can be followed up by attaching the awesome flyers as soon as they are available. We discussed the importance of using the Service Manual.

Joan also shared the importance for all of us to be sure to invite all A.A. to attend the Delegate's Workshop because we need participation from everyone, including the newcomer. She reminded us that often it is a suggestion or opinion from someone not necessarily in service or may be new to the fellowship who has an idea that we may overlook as we may not always see the forest through the trees.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if either the Dark District Committee or I may be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Ann F.

ARCHIVIST REPORT—Nancy S.

Our Archives Room schedule has changed for the year of 2012. During the months of January, February, June, July, August, and December we are open by appointment only. Call me and we will discuss when it would be the best day and time for each of us. We are closed on the Sunday's of March 25th, April 15th, May 6th, and October 21st. Otherwise your Archives room will be open Sundays from 12:00 to 3:30 rather than until 4:00.

The Archives Room is located at 7109 West Orchard St. West Allis, Wisconsin 53214 in the Lower Level of Holy Assumption School. Orchard Street is 1 block South of Greenfield Ave.

I have been asked why the change. Did you see the movie, Field of Dreams? They said, "Build it and People Will Come." Well not so with the Archives room. We have an average of about 35 people all year come to the Archives room. For Movie day this year about 30 people showed up. So it isn't that I'm not getting the help as much as when they staff the Archives room nobody shows up anyway. Then they wonder why they are there. It's almost discouraging, but I love to do it for the future of Area 75.

The Archives materials of Area 75 are yours. Come and find out where you have been.

You can read any of the 46 original Newspaper style Grapevines that we have of the 51 issues from June 1944 – August 1948. Or sit down and go through early correspondences between cities in Wisconsin and New York between the years of 1939 – 1952. We also have the first Milwaukee Between Us from October of 1952 and most of them from the 1950's and 1960's when they too were a newspaper style. See the Alcoholics Anonymous stamp that was issued on August 19, 1981. These are only a few of the materials you will find when you come to visit.

I would like to take this moment to thank the districts that are sending district meeting minutes, district fliers, district when and where's, and other donated materials. I want to encourage the districts that have not yet sent district materials to me to start now so that your districts history and experience will be handed down to the future Alcoholics in Area 75.

Thank you for letting me serve you,
Nancy S
Area 75 Archivist

ARCHIVE CHAIR – David K.

The Archive display is currently scheduled to travel to Waldo, WI on February 4th for an open meeting. Also, is scheduled to go to Wiscipaa January 27th-29th. If there is anyone that would like to have the Archives appear at any group functions, please call me or Nancy S. I will be the one to appear at the district meeting, if requested by the district, to give information about what the archives is about, and what the archive district chair responsibilities are. I will also have info at the district meetings about what the archive room holds, including the districts meeting minutes from past to present.

David K.

CPC CHAIR – Brent W.

Since the Fall Service Assembly I have had phone and email conversations with 3 new CPC's who either filled vacant District positions or rotated in. I did get to speak with a Milwaukee area AODA treatment center staff, approx 30 people, and answered questions for over an hour. I left them with GSO literature and local AA meeting lists. I would like to say thank you to District 27 who invited me to attend their business meeting and share my experience with CPC.

The email with the registration form for the next WAODA conference is out. This year the conference will be in Madison this coming May and I will be asking the local Districts to help me staff the 3 day event.

In Service,

Brent W.
Area 75 CPC Chair

CORRECTIONS CHAIR – Ken N.

To start with we had a great amount of inmate contacts mostly from DACC facility in Oshkosh, WI. We received about 50 requests for writers from DACC.

I would like for all the volunteers that go into jails and other correctional facilities to have the inmates get their request in ASAP. As some time it's hard to find writers. Which there is a big demand for, especially GSO at the New York office. Please try and make sure that the inmates requesting help are A.A.'s. We've had a few NA's and CA's get in the mix and I try to find help but sometimes it's too late.

There will be a Corrections Conference in June 23-2012 that Area75 and 74 will be putting together. The Conference will be at the Trinity United Methodist Church W. 3032 Park St. in Montello, Wis

This is not an Area 75 function, but the two Areas' get together and exchange ideas and such.

Please have your Groups donate to the Corrections Fund if possible as we need funds to help carry the A.A. message inside the walls.

I would like to thank everyone that has helped in writing to the Inmates.

Your Trusted Servant,

Ken N

PI CHAIR – Barb W.

Report not read at assembly—electronic version included in the minutes only.

Since the last time I reported in, on Saturday December 17, 2011 I attended District 27's meeting to share a bit about PI. I talked about how important it is for people to be able to find us. I also talked about the public information literature that GSO provides for free, so it does not have cost a lot to do Public Information work.

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

Find a Meeting lists the AA Meetings

District Meetings lists the District Meetings

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

I received a notice from GSO regarding the press release announcing the ebook format of the Big Book and 12 x12 . There was an error in the original release, so they have provided a correct press release. See the last page of this report for the updated release.

Of course I am available to come to your district to talk about Public Information. So far I have no districts scheduled for this year. I am here to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb W.
Area 75 PI Chair

AREA WEBMASTER Allen B.

No written report.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHAIR –Thomas D.

1. As a result of the mailing the SN Committee did in 2011, we received several requests to meet with the staffs of non-profits to discuss alcoholism and AA and how we might make a difference for people with disabilities. The Committee Chair met with Mental Health America (in Wisconsin) at their Milwaukee offices on November 9 and met with an Independent Living group in Stevens Point on December 7 and presented an in-service on AA and the disease of alcoholism, provided some materials and brochures, and received information on their populations.
2. We have completed the travel banner and structure for the Special Needs table and it was on display at the Area Assembly on January 15. The remainder of the display – materials, brochures etc., will be decided upon in February and be at the next Assembly and other District events we may attend.
3. We have a Special Needs Committee meeting scheduled for February to finalize plans for the Area Website materials and to finalize the look and content of the Handbook we are creating for District Chairs of SN Committees. This manual is designed to help them start, manage and effectively run Special Needs Committees in their districts. Based on experience, we believe this local handbook is sorely needed to assist newly involved Chairs in performing their responsibilities and should make the job a little easier.
4. Special thanks to Nealy for the work she put in on the mailing to the non-profits and special thanks to Bill and District 16 for all the work on the display and banner.

TREATMENT CHAIR – Lori S.

From District 3: Patrick has had contact from NOVA treatment center in Oshkosh, which is in Area 74. I will attempt to contact the Area 74 treatment chair and forward the info to the district 3 treatment chair. District 3 has four facilities: Marco services in Manitowoc – Rebois, Genesis, and 1-K which is a detox facility at Sheboygan Memorial Hospital.

Individuals are coming out of treatment without the concept of AA. This leads to difficulties in early recovery.

Marco services is having a sponsorship working at the Alano club in Manitowoc on February 25.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori S.
Area 75 Treatment Chair

GRAPEVINE CHAIR – Stu E.

Good morning, and welcome to all. A special welcome to those joining us for the first time at an Area 75 Assembly. If your experience is anything like mine has been, some of the things presented here might be a little difficult to get the hang of at first. But persistence at understanding and participating does pay off. Most of us find that involvement in A.A. General Service also enhances our basic sobriety.

The Area 75 Grapevine Committee met jointly with the Area 75 Literature Committee this morning. We shared experiences and information as we generally do. If your district or Group Grapevine or *LaVina* Rep is not present today, please tell him or her that we do meet and that we place a high value on the shared experiences of GvR's and RLV's.

The big news from the A.A. Grapevine is the publication of the Grapevine book, *The Language of the Heart*, in eBook formats. It can be had for \$9.99 formatted for Apple iBook, Kindle (from Amazon), and Barnes & Noble Nook Book. Of course, *The Language of the Heart* remains available in print (hard cover, soft cover, and large print versions priced from \$12.95 to \$14.95. Check out any of these versions of *The Language of the Heart* in the Store tab at www.aagrapevine.org.
Subscriptions to the A.A. Grapevine magazine:

The traditional print magazine subscription remains priced at \$28.97 per year, though there are some excellent Gift Subscription offers on the website which provide savings up to 27% at present.

Digital and Audio Grapevine subscriptions are available bundled a number of ways priced from \$5.00 per month billed monthly (automatic renewal) up to \$49.97 per year for Grapevine Complete.

The new books Step By Step and Emotional Sobriety II were released in the latter half of 2011. They cost \$10.95 and \$9.95 respectively.

The Grapevine Store at www.aagrapevine.org has continually been updated in order to streamline your A.A. Grapevine and LaVina shopping.

Digital Subscriptions recently got a huge boost from subscription drives at two California events. These added approximately 1,400 new digital subscriptions for a total of about 2,500 digital subscriptions in effect. Remember too, for those unsure about subscribing digitally, a FREE 7-day trial subscription can be had at the Grapevine Online.

I have recently received some new display material from the A.A. Grapevine offices.

The display has been updated. We hope to have it at the WICYPAA Conference January 27-29th in Madison. It is also available for your district and other local events after the Delegate's Workshop in March.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you and our Fellowship.

Yours in Recovery, Unity & Service,
Stu E.

Area 75 Grapevine Chair

ALT DELEGATE/LITERATURE CHAIR – Todd U.

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

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

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

I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Miamisburg, OH.

We met with many past, present and alternate delegates.

Great speakers, great Q & A, awesome fellowship...long drive.

Literature news from AA

The trustees Literature Committee heard progress reports from two subcommittee's tasked with collecting stories for the spiritual pamphlet and the update of "AA and the armed services"

The committee discussed a request from an area to add the Twelve Concepts of World Service to the current edition of the twelve steps and twelve traditions book

From box 459.... Publishing

☐☐The 2011-2012 edition of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, reflecting actions of the 2011 General Service Conference, is now available in English, French and Spanish.

☐☐Big Book unit distribution for the first nine months of 2011 was 716,084, as compared to 672,524 in the same time period in 2010. The distribution of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions through the end of September 2011 totaled 299,844, as compared to 280,340 through September of last year.

☐☐Large purchaser online sales totaled 34% of gross sales for the first nine months of 2011.

☐☐In the first nine months of this year there were 15,828 paid orders processed, 5,871 complimentary orders, 177 French orders, and 1,938 large purchaser online orders. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the district secretaries that forward copies of their meeting minutes to me. It's an invaluable tool to me, all of our Area officers and Standing Committee Chairs, in determining the needs of our A.A. community

I look forward to attending the 2/10-12/12 -- Conference of Delegates Past and Present.... again in Miamisburg, OH

I am available to attend district meetings as your Area Literature Chair if you would like.... and I look forward to seeing all of you again at the upcoming Delegates workshop– at the [Madison Senior Center](#) on 3/25/12

I hope to see you all there.

In Service,

Todd U. - Panel 61 Alternate Delegate & Literature Chair

CONFERENCE ADVISORY REPORT CHAIR – Bob S.

The first thing I need to do is apologize for something I did at our last assembly meeting. I stated that we would not be holding an Area Conference during the year 2015. This was totally inaccurate. Due to my misreading of past minutes. I managed to put the wrong voting tallies together with the proposal I was reading.

That said, we will need a district to host a conference for 2015. Any or all districts interested, even if you haven't yet asked the rest of your district, please feel free to converse with me, or any of our conference advisors. Any of us would be more than pleased to help you to present this prospect to your district so they may experience the positive outcome as many before you have.

The conference experience does not need to be a tedious chore. Yes, it is a lot of work, but if we choose, it can be fun, and the final result is very rewarding.

During the past year, the Conference Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to assemble two contracts; one with the Holiday Inn in Janesville, and one with the Racine Marriott. These both presented challenges, as the one in Janesville was a very different style of contract, and the one in Racine, being that they tried to be difficult. Little did they realize that Joan and I knew better how to stand our position without giving anything up. I think we've had more practice.

I haven't had time yet to get to the Archives room to retrieve some of the missing information that would be helpful in negotiating these contracts. The new Archives room schedule is going to make that a little more difficult, but it is what it is, and I understand and support the reasoning behind it. I know that if something is important enough to us, Nancy will try to make the room available to us and the work will get done.

Something that is totally unrelated to my job description, is the fact that I have been working on repairing and updating our Assembly Actions. The reason I say repairing, is that we had to convert them from PDF to RTF/WORD in order to be able to edit them. As most of you know, the conversion is not very pretty, so the first order of business is to repair the conversion. Then the updates can be worked with. This is very time consuming. I've been told that at one time there may have been a copy of the Assembly Actions in WORD format. Nobody seems to know what may have happened to it. This may take a while, but it will get done.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob S.
Area 75 Conference Advisory Committee Chair

SPRING 2012 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Nancy G. Penny R.

No written report.

SPRING 2013 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Joel B.

The 2013 Area Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Janesville on May 17-19, 2013. Our first planning meeting will be next Saturday, January 21st at 5pm at Club Wesley in Janesville. We will be reviewing the Conference Guidelines, appointing committee chairs, and getting started on the process for choosing a conference theme and speakers along with anything else or conference advisor, Nancy G suggests. I have been in contact with AMOT and they will be providing samples of speakers as part of their service to the Area conference. Dist 30 is excited to be hosting the conference in 2013.

SPRING 2014 CONFERENCE CHAIR—Jim

No written report.

MAICO –Read by Nancy G.

Financially MAICO had a very good 2011. Group donations were up, as were Gratitude Month donations also. This helped offset a slight decrease in literature sales. We are very grateful to all of the groups in our service area for their support.

After a thorough and lengthy research process, we will be accepting credit cards soon. The move to our new office space is working out really well. One of the major improvements is that we are now truly handicapped accessible. The MAICO reps are hosting a workshop on February 25, 2012 called "There's No Place Like Home (group)" from 10:00 – 3:00 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison. Please join us for panels and pizza.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam J. / MAICO Steering Committee Chairperson

Winnebago Land Central Office –Les M.

We will now ship orders upon request.

We have recently re-applied for non-profit status with the IRS, they have acknowledged our application and we should receive our official status within ninety days.

Current trustees and officers are as follows: Vickie O (secretary), Les M (treasurer), Scott R. (chairman), Dennis T (literature chair), Terri B (hotline), Debbie B. (trustee), Art C. (chair-elect), Bob B. (trustee), Glen B. (trustee), and Jena L (trustee).

Sadly, we lost a very valued trustee in Dan S. last year.

The construction is completed in front of our building. We are now better able to serve our customers. We are also budgeting and investigating improving our signage for the front of our building for better visibility.

We continue to operate the twenty-four hour/seven day a week hotline. Regarding the hotline, we no longer have the Blandine house to help us on weekends with the incoming calls. We have asked the AA community for their support. We have had some improved response to this request; it started slowly, but people are starting to step up to help.

Our website is up and running thanks to Les M. and help from our past treasurer Scott O. We have made great progress including a discounted Book of the Month selection, currently we are offering "Experience, Strength and Hope" as the feature for only \$5. We will continue to improve the website. Please feel free to browse our website and let us know what you think. We definitely would appreciate your comments. Our website address is www.winnebagolandco.com and our email address is central@winnebagolandco.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Les M.

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE -

No written report.

RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE-Darrel S.

Currently, thirteen meetings per week are held at RACO with attendance ranging from five to fifty.

Income is up from the previous month due to Gratitude cans in November. Gratitude can donations totaled \$842.

Total expenses are up from the previous month and office sales are down.

Hotline is running OK, lost two volunteers, but nine new volunteers are in training. Hotline incoming: 36 calls; RACO incoming: 93 calls; Total incoming of 129 calls.

Currently there are no donations from birthday club but there are nearly \$1,700 in meeting donations.

Newsletter is up and running well and is directly delivered to local clubs. The website is currently down but we are searching for a new webmaster.

Literature sales are down. RACO now has a discount rack to weed out old inventory and make room for new

Currently no workshops are scheduled.

Informational workshop on RACO volunteers at the desk is coming up—no date as of yet.

RACO will present and selling literature at the tri-county conference on March 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Darrel S.

New Business

- Budget Approval:
 - Delegate's budget as submitted: 59 aye, 11 nay

- Secretary's budget as submitted: 73 aye, 1 nay
 - Alt Secretary's budget as submitted: 66 aye, 0 nay
 - Alt Treasurer's budget as submitted: 68 aye, 0 nay
 - Conference Advisory Chair's budget as submitted: 64 aye, 0 nay
- Coffee Volunteers: Delegate's Workshop--District 12; Pre-Conference Assembly—District 25
 - the meeting closed with the **Responsibility Declaration:**

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

Reminders:

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

Upcoming dates:

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

3/25/12 - Delegates Workshop – Madison Senior Center

4/15/12 – Pre-Conference Assembly – Madison Senior Center

4/21-28/12 – General Service Conference – Rye, New York

5/4-6/12 - Annual Area 75 Conference – Middleton, WI

6/24/12 – Summer Service Assembly – Madison Senior Center

6/29 thru 8/1/12 – East Central Regional Conference (ECR), Grand Rapids, MI

8/10 – 12/12 – “Additional” East Central Regional (ECR) Forum – Mt Vernon, IL

10/21/12 – Fall Service Assembly “ELECTIONS” - Madison Senior Center