

Area 75 Proposal Form

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Used for Documenting Proposals for Consideration by Area 75

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

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

What is your proposal?:

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

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

Corrections Chair

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

How did this proposal originate?:

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

Others feel that reimbursement is appropriate based on the general statement in the Financial

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

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

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

Supporting material available on the internet but not attached:

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

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

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

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

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

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

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

Final comments (optional):

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

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

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

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