

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75
11:30a.m., 06/24/2012
Summer Service Assembly
Area 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.

DCM'S PRESENT:

D1-Jeanette S.; D3-Jarrold S.; D4/22-Herbert P.; D6-Chris D.; D7-Jill G.; D9-Tori K.; D10-Ernesto N.; D11-Wendy A.; D12-Karen K.; D13-Mel F.; D15-John B.; D16-Mark V.; D17-John H.; D19-John M.; D20-Jessica S.; D23-Thomas B.; D25-Dani C.; D27-Jay R.; D28-Gregory L.; D30-Sue M.; D31-Charley M.; D32-John W.; D34-Steve L. (alt); D35-Steve K. (alt); D36-Pete W.

GSR'S, Alt GSR's, and District Committee Chairs Present:

D1-Mike J., Randy O, Michele K., David A., Corey H., Paul O.; D3-Mike S.; D6-Daniel M.; D7-John M.; D10-Dave D.; D12-Craig J.; D13-Jennifer G., Wendy B; D15-Erik M., Todd W.; D16-Gregg R., Gerald W.; D17-Steve N., James B., Tara H; D20-Doreen H., Paul C., Laura W., Les S., Gavin M., Justin P., Kevin P., Jan M., Dave S.; D22-Julie L.; D24-Ellen P.; Cindy S.; D25-Mark B., Pat S., George B., Jeff Z., Chris S., Tom L.; D27-Leigh Ann W., Diane G.; D28-Chris S., Steve H., Terry R.; D30-Kara R., Joel B., D31-Shelly I.; D32-Rick M., Chris E., Brent T.; D34-Steve L., Chris C., Ann W.; D35-Joseph L., Steve K., Michael K., Diane B., Kouyn J., Glenn H.

OTHERS PRESENT: Past Delegates: Joan J., Ken G., Nancy G., Others: Alan B., Bob M.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Drew A.

Treasurer's Report

Summer Service Assembly 2012
Corrected

Total Assets	<i>Dec 31 2011</i>	<i>June 20 2012</i>	<i>Difference</i>
Banking			
General Funds	\$ 21,890.90	\$ 5,121.50	(\$16,769.40)
Corrections Literature Fund	\$ 1,582.18	\$ 1,299.04	(\$ 283.14)
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$1,750.00
Conference Reserve Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,798.19	\$9,798.19
Banking Total	\$ 28,473.08	\$22,968.73	(\$5,504.35)
Conference Seed Money ¹	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Hotel Deposits ²	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
Total Assets	\$ 29,973.08	\$25,468.73	(\$4,504.35)

Net Gain / Loss	<i>Jun 20 2012 YTD Total Income</i>	<i>June 20 2012 YTD Total Expense</i>	<i>Gain (Loss)</i>
General Funds	\$ 11,836.78	\$ 18,356.18	(\$6,519.40)
Corrections Literature Fund	\$ 1,449.15	\$ 1,732.29	(\$ 283.14)

Budget vs Expenses as of June 20 2012			
Officer / Chair	Budget	Actual	Difference
Alternate Chair	\$980.00	\$265.61	\$714.39
Alternate Delegate	\$2,667.00	\$442.73	\$2,224.27
Alternate Secretary	\$640.00	\$309.88	\$330.12
Alternate Treasurer	\$490.00	\$-	\$490.00
Archives Chair	\$769.00	\$457.92	\$311.08
Archivist	\$3,600.00	\$2,347.08	\$1,252.92
Area Chair	\$2,387.00	\$496.55	\$1,890.45
CPC Chair	\$1,999.00	\$450.00	\$1,549.00
Conf Advisory Chair	\$499.40	\$-	\$499.40
Corrections Chair	\$3,866.00	\$782.00	\$3,084.00
Delegate	\$3,728.00	\$1,630.53	\$2,097.47
General Service Conf	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$-
Grapevine Chair	\$1,990.00	\$734.19	\$1,255.81
Overhead	\$4,950.00	\$2,465.47	\$2,484.53
PI Chair	\$1,104.00	\$520.08	\$583.92
Secretary	\$2,974.00	\$960.70	\$2,013.30

¹ Conference seed moneys: 2013 Conference = \$1000; 2014 Conference = \$1000.

² 2014 Conference = \$500 hotel deposit.

Special Needs Chair	\$1,294.00	\$-	\$1,294.00
Treasurer	\$2,070.00	\$888.29	\$1,181.71
Treatment	\$1,304.00	\$405.15	\$898.85
Total Expenses	\$42,511.40	\$18,356.18	\$24,155.22

General Funds Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – May 31 2011	Jan 1 – May 31 2012	Difference
Income	\$8,910.90	\$10,771.86	\$1,860.96
Expenses	\$14,347.04	\$16,850.44	\$2,503.40

Corrections Fund Income and Expenses: Year-over-Year Comparison	Jan 1 – May 31 2011	Jan 1 – May 31 2012	Difference
Income	\$1,633.45	\$1,214.79	(\$ 418.66)
Expenses	\$3,387.01	\$1,732.29	(\$1,654.72)

Expenses by department: Year-over-year comparison				
Officer / Chair	CY 2011 Budget	CY 2012 Budget	May 31, 2011 Actual	May 31, 2012 Actual
Alternate Chair	\$984.00	\$980.00	\$-	\$-
Alternate Delegate	\$2,490.00	\$2,667.00	\$588.05	\$442.73
Alternate Secretary	\$275.00	\$640.00	\$-	\$309.88
Alternate Treasurer	\$341.25	\$490.00	\$126.60	\$-
Archives Chair	\$700.00	\$769.00	\$-	\$457.92
Archivist	\$3,300.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,012.46	\$2,347.08
Area Chair	\$2,337.00	\$2,387.00	\$424.75	\$496.55
CPC Chair	\$1,970.00	\$1,999.00	\$475.00	\$450.00
Conf Advisory Chair	\$-	\$499.40	\$-	\$-
Corrections Chair	\$5,201.81	\$3,866.00	\$583.76	\$782.00
Delegate	\$4,665.00	\$3,728.00	\$2,130.58	\$856.90
General ServiceConf	\$-	\$5,200.00	\$-	\$5,200.00
Grapevine Chair	\$2,087.00	\$1,990.00	\$615.95	\$734.19
Overhead	\$9,185.00	\$4,950.00	\$5,762.49	\$1,998.97
PI Chair	\$1,198.00	\$1,104.00	\$-	\$520.08
Secretary	\$2,148.00	\$2,974.00	\$633.75	\$960.70
Special Needs Chair	\$1,181.00	\$1,294.00	\$-	\$-
Treasurer	\$1,890.00	\$2,070.00	\$364.20	\$888.29
Treatment	\$1,278.00	\$1,304.00	\$629.45	\$405.15
Total Expenses	\$41,231.06	\$42,511.40	\$14,347.04	\$16,850.44

General Funds Cash Flow
01/01/2012 – 06/20/2012

Source/Destination	Amount
Conference Funds (Expenses)	\$6,500.00
M&I Bank:Prudent Reserve (Expenses)	\$1,750.00
Area Conferences:2013 Conference (Expenses)	\$1,000.00
Area Conferences:2014 Conference (Expenses)	\$1,000.00
Alternate Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Alternate Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$250.61
Alternate Delegate:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.63
Alternate Delegate:Meals (Expenses)	\$39.00
Alternate Delegate:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$12.95
Alternate Delegate:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Alternate Delegate:Transportation (Expenses)	\$253.15
Alternate Secretary:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$20.98
Alternate Secretary:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Alternate Secretary:Transportation (Expenses)	\$273.90
Archives Chair:Lodging (Expenses)	\$245.26
Archives Chair:Meals (Expenses)	\$39.00
Archives Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Archives Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$158.66
Archivist:Archives Rent (Expenses)	\$1,200.00
Archivist:Lodging (Expenses)	\$349.36
Archivist:Meals (Expenses)	\$53.00
Archivist:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$355.59
Archivist:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$35.00
Archivist:Transportation (Expenses)	\$354.13
Area Chair:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.64
Area Chair:Meals (Expenses)	\$39.00
Area Chair:Postage (Expenses)	\$45.00
Area Chair:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$94.80
Area Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Area Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$180.11
CPC Chair:Health Fair Booth Fee (Expenses)	\$450.00
Corrections Chair:Literature (Expenses)	\$187.45
Corrections Chair:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.00
Corrections Chair:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$32.56
Corrections Chair:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$13.24
Corrections Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Corrections Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$411.75
Delegate:Lodging (Expenses)	\$619.14
Delegate:Meals (Expenses)	\$92.00
Delegate:Postage (Expenses)	\$44.00
Delegate:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$205.52
Delegate:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$40.00
Delegate:Transportation (Expenses)	\$629.87
General Service Conference:GSO Conference Additional Donation (Expenses)	\$4,000.00
General Service Conference:GSO Conference Standard Fee (Expenses)	\$1,200.00
Grapevine Chair:Lodging (Expenses)	\$235.99
Grapevine Chair:Meals (Expenses)	\$28.00
Grapevine Chair:Misc Office Expenses (Expenses)	\$37.26

Grapevine Chair:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$7.50
Grapevine Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Grapevine Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$410.44
Overhead:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$42.45
Overhead:Postage (Expenses)	\$185.00
Overhead:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$456.28
Overhead:Rent (Expenses)	\$1,610.75
Overhead:Transportation (Expenses)	\$170.99
PI Chair:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.63
PI Chair:Meals (Expenses)	\$39.00
PI Chair:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
PI Chair:Transportation (Expenses)	\$343.45
Secretary:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.63
Secretary:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$512.43
Secretary:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Secretary:Transportation (Expenses)	\$310.64
Treasurer:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.63
Treasurer:Meals (Expenses)	\$39.00
Treasurer:Misc Office Expense (Expenses)	\$229.83
Treasurer:Postage (Expenses)	\$90.00
Treasurer:Printing/Copies (Expenses)	\$146.85
Treasurer:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Treasurer:Transportation (Expenses)	\$244.98
Treatment:Literature (Expenses)	\$43.20
Treatment:Lodging (Expenses)	\$122.63
Treatment:Registration Fees (Expenses)	\$15.00
Treatment:Transportation (Expenses)	\$224.32
General Contributions (Income)	\$11,836.78

DELEGATE'S REPORT – Nancy H.

It has been a busy time since our Pre-Conference Assembly in April. Some of my activities since then have included:

- 4/20 – 4.29 – Rye, NY for General Service Conference
- 5/4 – 5/6 – Area 75 Conference – Gave Delegates Report and attended requested committee meeting
- 5/12 – Attended District 12 open meeting
- 5/19 – Spoke on service at District 19 workshop in Baraboo
- 6/9 – Gave Delegate Report and spoke on Anonymity in the Digital Age at District 1 Workshop in Sparta
- 6/16 – Attended District 16 Picnic in Milwaukee
- 6/18 – Spoke on service at the District 7 meeting in Kenosha
- 6/23 – Attended Wisconsin/UP Corrections Conference in Montello and gave a report on Corrections items from the General Service Conference
- 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.
- Wrote a presentation to be given at the Additional East Central Regional Forum

on “Self-Support – What it Means to Me”

- Forwarded information on hotels for the 2015 East Central Regional Forum which will be held in Area 75. Waiting to hear from Regional Forums Desk at G.S.O.

I received the 2th quarter contribution report for the area. In 2012 19.44% groups contributed to G.S.O. compared to 16.37% in 2011. The report by district that I was sent was initially prepared with all contributions received thru the date prepared instead of thru 3/31/12. I made copies to hand out by district with the additional information. 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 have copies of the report by district and would ask each DCM or their alternate to pick up the copy for your district today.

Area 75 was drawn from the hat to have a panel at the ECR Conference which is being held in conjunction with the Michigan State Convention next weekend in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our topic is Young People – We have FUN, FUN, FUN. I will be moderating the panel and I am still looking for young people who will be attending the conference to be on the panel. I have backups from the Michigan area but would love it if our area could be represented. Please let me know today if you are going to the convention and consider yourself a “young people” and are willing to speak on the panel.

Our region will be electing a new Regional Trustee at the General Service Conference in 2013. In addition a new Trustee At Large – U.S. will be elected. If Area 75 is going to submit a nominee for either of these positions the nomination of that person must be made at our Fall Service Assembly in October. I have the application forms and will send them to anyone interested. Duties and expectations are included with the application information.

Later today we will be having a discussion on ideas we could suggest to improve awareness of the need for monetary support for G.S.O. How can we achieve the spiritual ideal of self-support through member contributions? I am anxious to hear any ideas you may have.

Are you planning on attending the Additional East Central Regional Forum in Mount Vernon, IL August 10-12, 2012? Registration is free but please pre-register to aid in planning. Registrations must be received by G.S.O. before August 8th in order to be processed. Hotel reservations must be made no later than July 22nd for the special room rate (mention group code AAW). Call the Holiday Inn directly at (618) 244-7100. Rooms are \$79 per night plus tax. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staff will be present to share experience, respond to your questions and hear suggestions. If you have never attended a forum before an orientation for first-time attendees will be held at 6:45 p.m. On Friday evening. There will be simultaneous translation available from English to Spanish. Information forms were sent to every group. You can also download a flyer at aa.org or contact me and I will send you one.

This will be our last assembly before elections are held in October. I hope each and every one of you are searching your heart for what you can do to keep A.A. alive in Area 75. It would be wonderful if we had several people stand for each of our elected positions. That we would receive multiple resumes for each Standing Committee position. If you are thinking about a position talk to the current person about the job, read the Area 75 Handbook and the Service Manual. I'm looking forward to the "traditional" appointment to Area 75 Grapevine Chair ... what would you like to do??

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. I've had a couple events/meetings I was not able to attend due to conflicts. Don't let that happen to you.

Nancy H., Area 75 Delegate, Panel 61

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Randy R.

As always it is a pleasure to serve and to report my activities since the Pre-Conference Assemble. Today I do not have much to report. I along with my family have been on a roller coaster ride with many highs and many low and it's not over yet

I had the opportunity to attend the:

- District 20 on May 29 and it was a good visit
- My apologies to District 3 for not attending their workshop on "How to Carry the Message through General Service". I have no excuse other than the highs and lows I mentioned early.
- I just attending the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Correction Conference held at the Trinity united Methodist Church in Montello, WI for those of you who have never attended one of these this is truly your loss. I could only stay for the morning session and I can tell you I was moved. The "Shot in the Arm" that I needed I received. Thank you to District 2 who hosted this and to the Corrections Conference Committee.
- I'm 50/50 (life's highs and lows) on attending the East Central Regional Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan
- I have been busy talking to people on considering a run for Officer or Standing Chair positions. As of today I have not received a **Resume** or a concrete confirmation on volunteering for a position. The Election is not to far off in the future so please get you resume to me.

There will be more to come on how the updated Assembly Actions and Area 75 Handbooks will be distributed to the area.

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.

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. My goal as your Area Chair is to visit at least once all the Districts in Area 75. As far as I can tell I still need to visit District 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 17, 19, 23, 30, and 37. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you at your district meetings.

Yours in Service
Randy R.
Area 75 Chairperson

ALT CHAIR / DARK DISTRICT—Lee Ann F.

No written report.

Ad Hoc Assembly Action Committee—Joan J.

Members: Joan J., Nancy H., Drew A., Bob S., Jo M.

The committee reviewed the Area 75 Assembly minutes from 2007 – 2012 for all passed proposals and updated the assembly actions.

To accomplish our directive, the committee has two proposals for consideration on the agenda. If approved, these proposals will keep the Assembly Actions current.

The updated Assembly Actions are now on the website.

ARCHIVE CHAIR – David K.

During the months of June, July, August, and December we are open by appointment only. Call Nancy or myself and we will discuss when it would be the best day and time for each of us. Otherwise the 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 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 start now so that your district history and experience will be handed down to the future Alcoholics in Area 75.

We will be having our 7th annual movie day again this year. There will be more information in the future. Look for it on the Area 75 calendar.

The next time we meet is in November for elections. If anyone is interested in being the archives chair please fill out a resume. If you want to find out more about the position please do not hesitate to call either Nancy or myself and we will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Area 75 Archives Chair: Dave K

Area 75 Archivist: Nancy S

CPC CHAIR – Brent W.

We had a great table location for this year's WAAODA Conference held in Madison. About 75 % of the available GSO literature was handed out over the three days of the Conference. A.A. was very visible to all the attendees and many stopped to ask questions.

I attended the CPC/PI committee meeting at the Area 75 Conference and took part in the discussion. We had a huge group and not all had a chance to share what was going on in their districts...good problem to have.

In Service,
Brent W.
Area 75 CPC Chair

CORRECTIONS CHAIR – Ken N.

Since our last meeting I have received about thirty requests for outside contacts. I have heard no complaints so I guess all is going well. I wish to thank all who have been so dedicated in corrections service.

Also, we have put Big Books in Green county jail, Iowa county jail, and Portage jail. Please remember that outside sponsors need to get literature for their facility through the corrections committee.

On June 23 I attended the Wisconsin/UP corrections workshop in Montello, WI. I spoke and there were about 75-85 people that attended and all had a good time. Next year the conference will be held in Area 74.

I was at the Racine Alano Club for a workshop on May 19, 2012 and spoke at the Dodgeville open meeting on May 26, 2012.

I would like to thank District 25 for their generous contribution to the corrections literature fund. It sure helps with getting literature to the institutions in less fortunate districts. The committee would like to encourage all districts that are able to donate to do so.

Yours in service,
Ken N.

PI CHAIR – Barb W.

Since the Spring Conference, I have attended District 20's meeting and gave a small talk. There were a couple of questions regarding the area website. The first; is there any way to print the calendar? I have asked our web master if this is an option. He thought it was a great idea and said he would look into it.

The second question; can we search for a meeting by town? At this point, we cannot, but our web master is currently working on a real map application and is hopeful that searching by towns will be an options.

I don't have a completion time for either of these requests, but they are being worked on.

Al B., our Area Web Master, provided some statistics on the website. There is an average of 300 visits per day to the website. The section with the most hits is the "find a meeting" section, followed by the "submit an event" section. Al also mentioned, that while we can see what section of the website is visited, we cannot see by whom, or tell anything about who visited the site.

It was mentioned in our committee meeting that the Area Calendar is being under utilized. People who are looking for things to do would like to see more events posted on the website. Please encourage your groups to post their event on the Area Website.

WWW.area75.org

I have no other district meeting visits scheduled at this time, so please ask. I will be glad to attend.

Also, I have six months left in my rotation as Area PI Chair. Please consider this position for the next rotation.

Regards,
Barb W.

AREA WEBMASTER Allen B.

No report.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHAIR –Thomas D.

No written report.

TREATMENT CHAIR – Lori S.

No written report.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR – Stu E.

Greetings. I would like to share some news about the Grapevine and about the activity of our Area 75 Grapevine Committee since our last gathering. That was on Saturday afternoon of the Area 75 Spring Conference.

The Area 75 Grapevine Committee met this morning. All members had an opportunity to share their experience, strength, and hope on matters related to the A.A. Grapevine and *LaVina*.

I would like to announce that the new Grapevine book *Young & Sober* is now available in print at \$10.99 per copy. The *eBook* version is to be available soon in several formats. It looks like a GREAT book!

Many thanks to all districts who have been emailing me your district minutes. For any of you who are not, and for any of our central and intergroup office representatives who care to send your service notes and materials, my email address is listed in the Area 75 Directory.

Since my last report to this body was appended to the Spring Conference Assembly minutes and is available at www.area75.org under Area Business, I have fairly little to report today. I did make visits at the invitation of the DCM's to the district meetings of Districts 17 and 36. And I participated as a panelist at a service workshop in District 3. DCM's, I am always eager to visit your meetings, workshops, and gatherings. If you would like me there as your Area Grapevine Chair or as a Past Delegate, please contact me so we can get it on the calendar.

In her report on the General Service Conference, our delegate noted that the Grapevine Board reported a 2011 profit of about \$23,000.00. That might sound like a large number at first glance. But please remember that is measured on about 90,000 twelve-issue subscriptions plus book and other sales. That means that the margin of profit per subscription is slightly less than a quarter dollar. It is a pretty slim margin on which to live! So, PLEASE consider subscribing to the AA Grapevine or *LaVina* and encourage your friends and sponsees to do the same. Consider any of our excellent Grapevine books or *eBooks*. Grapevine and *LaVina* Reps--do not forget to register at www.aagrapevine.org for inside information on our magazines and books.

Finally, the July issue of Grapevine and *LaVina* is, as usual, the "prison issue". When you are finished with your copy, there are plenty of local corrections committees and outside sponsors who would like to have extra copies of that issue. And ... don't forget that the Area 75 Corrections Literature Fund relies upon contributions from members, groups, and districts to put A.A. and Grapevine literature and magazines into jail and prison settings. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

And, I thank you for this opportunity to be of service to you!

Yours in Recovery, Unity & Service,
Stu E., Area 75 Grapevine Committee Chair
Panel 59 Area 75 Past Delegate

ALT DELEGATE/LITERATURE CHAIR – Todd U.

I would like to thank you for attending the 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 [Annual Area 75 Conference](#) – May 4-6 in Middleton, WI

News Flash....I was invited to a district as Literature Chair. I was asked to join a workshop in Sheboygan for District 3... 2 days prior to the event, I could not attend, I already had an earlier commitment.

In the future I am planning to attend the:

- East Central Regional Conference – June 29-July 1 in Grand Rapids, MI
- East Central Regional Forum – August 10-12 in Mt Vernon, IL

I would like to take this opportunity to talk about the upcoming service positions available.

Why is AA volunteer work called "12th Step Work?"

THE 12th STEP:

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to **carry this message to alcoholics** and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

Maybe if we replaced the word "**work**" with "**opportunities**", more people would get involved? Service work can be tremendously fulfilling... most of you already know this, ask any of the Area officers, Chairs, DCMs, GSRs, and Conference Committee members!

Look how many times the word "**we**" is used in AA. It's used over and over again because it is what it is...a **fellowship of recovering alcoholics working together** to help another person suffering from the disease of alcohol addiction.

There are many, many ways that you can get involved to "help give back what was so freely given to you. The next time you're at an AA meeting, the newcomer or the stranger, or the next time you call central office, ask "how may I be of assistance?" Please consider sharing your Experience, Strength & Hope.

Being involved in Service Work doesn't have to involve a lot of your time. **Even once a month, exchanging a few hours of watching TV for a few hours of helping another person can have a huge impact** on other people trying to get & stay sober AND can have a surprising positive impact on you as well.

Do you know the reason why I am so involved in service after 22 years? It keeps me sober, sane, and active. I have proof that it helps me and hopefully it helps other alcoholics.

If you're interested in staying sober, volunteer for the upcoming area servicepositions.

Remember, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the "Hand of AA" always to be there - for that...I AM RESPONSIBLE.

If you're interested in working with Area 75, here's the link for standing Chairs:

<http://www.area75.org/forms/resume.pdf>

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

Really!!!!.....I am still available to attend district meetings or workshops as long as I am your Area Literature Chair.

I look forward to seeing all of you again at the upcoming ☐ Fall Service Assembly – October 20, @ 9 am. Here at the [Madison Senior Center](#)

I hope to see you all there.

In Service,

Todd U. - Panel 61 Alternate Delegate & Literature Chair

CONFERENCE ADVISORY REPORT CHAIR – Bob S.

These are still busy times, what with two conferences currently being planned, and another in the works. I was assured that we would have a bid presented today for the 2015 conference. This bid is coming from a district that has done an excellent job in the past, and I would expect that they would continue the tradition.

Nancy and Ken G. are still working with Janesville, and I've heard and read some very positive things about their plans. I know the committee in Janesville has been busy, mostly because they were put into a situation where they only have 15 months to put everything together. I have great confidence that all will turn out well.

Joan and I are still traveling over three counties to cover the Racine conference for 2014. This is because Dist. 17 chose to include three other districts on the planning committee. Because of this, they are moving the meetings around to all of the districts. Needless to say, it has been interesting finding some of the locations.

The Racine conference committee has decided that they wish to look into the aspect of using Pay-Pal, or some other venue, where people could pay for the conference online. The Conference Advisory Committee, with the help of our current Delegate, is also doing some investigation. Some of the feedback has been very interesting. There are fees attached to everything that has been done by others. One party stated that the fees were passed along to the parties that used the online convenience. Regardless of what the investigation uncovers, no decisions will be made without a proper proposal being made before the fellowship. With the changing times, this needs to be looked at fairly, but will not be an easy decision, and not without controversy.

As for my other project, involving past conference reports, it is still a work in progress. I hope to have it finished by the time I rotate. I may not benefit from it, but I hope it helps someone.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob S.
Conference Advisory Committee Chair

SPRING 2012 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Nancy G. Penny R.

Final Report 2012 conference:

Pre-registered	309
Total registered	580

Also 150-200 unregistered attending the Assembly only, Saturday night meeting and Sunday morning meeting.

Banquets 213
Breakfasts 117
Met sleeping room commitment as of April 24

Conference proceeds = \$3,363.76
Excess was mainly the result of the Speaker/Guest expenses (\$1,979.66) as well as reduction by the hotel of our banquet meal pricing.

Sincerely in service,

Dave S.

SPRING 2013 CONFERENCE CHAIR – Joel B.

The conference planning process is going well and is not only on track, but we're so ahead of the game that we, along with the conference advisors, have decided to take the summer off and meet again next on Saturday Sept 15th at 5:15pm at the 12x12 Drop In Center in Janesville, WI. We had been meeting monthly up until this point. Registration fliers are available on the back table. There are bundles for each district as well as for each intergroup central office in the Area. Any remaining bundles will be mailed out. My contact information is also on the registration fliers if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel B.
2013 Area 75 Conference Chair

SPRING 2014 CONFERENCE CHAIR—Steve

Hosted by districts 17, 7, 36, and 6

Racine Marriot May 16-18, 2014

All committee positions have been filled, and meetings are held the first Sunday of the month at 1pm at rotating locations.

Chairman John K. sends two emails per month.

The main AA speaker has been confirmed.

MAICO –Read by Nancy G.

No written report

Winnebago Land Central Office –Les M.

No written report

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE –

The meeting room continues to be open for AA functions during off business hours. Anyone interested in utilizing the meeting room for their event should contact Dan F. The office is open Monday through Friday 9am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. The hotline is manned 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. There are 15 meetings per week. All are well attended.

Kathy S. provides a GSR school at 6:30 the second Tuesday of each month prior to the secretaries meeting that she begins at 7:00. Dan F. is responsible for the board meeting the second Wednesday of each month. The board consists of district members but all are welcome to attend.

The annual Jamboree will be held at the Milwaukee County Zoo September 15th from 5pm – 10pm. Hospitality 5pm, Dinner 6pm, Speaker 7pm, dance to follow. The speaker will be Houston S. from Milwaukee. Tickets are going fast but there are plenty still available.

When there is a request we have been proving speakers for schools in the surrounding areas. Generally this is for health classes studying alcoholism. The kids respond well to the speakers and often have questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy S.

RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE-Darrel S.

No written report

New Business

- Proposals to be considered by the assembly:

Actions & Handbook Proposal

Proposal Sponsor(s): Ad hoc Assembly Action Comm. **Sponsor's Phone:** represented by Joan J.

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): Chair of Ad hoc Assembly Action Committee and Past Delegate – Panel 43

What is your proposal?: That effective with the Panel 62 rotation beginning in January 2013, a copy of the Area 75 Assembly Actions and the Area 75 Handbook be given to all incoming officers and standing committee chairs, on their request to the Alternate

Chair, at the beginning of their term, and will be distributed at the turnover meeting normally held in December prior to the start of the rotation. In addition, a copy of the Area 75 Assembly Actions and the Area 75 Handbook will be given to each District Committee Member (DCM), if requested, at the Winter Service Assembly in January 2013. The Alternate Chair will maintain a list of persons/positions who have requested a hard copy. In future years, if a binder is not passed to the next person in the rotation, one may be requested from the Area 75 Alternate Chair.

How did this proposal originate?: During this past rotation it became evident that all members of the area committee did not have current copies of the Area 75 Assembly Actions and the Area 75 Area Handbook. Passing of binders established for each position has not been occurring. Difficulties have arisen when committee members did not possess current information.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any): none attached

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

Members of the area committee (area officers, standing committee chairs and DCM's), who request a copy, will have in their possession the materials necessary to perform and understand their expected duties.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

We will continue to have more misunderstandings and area committee members will struggle with obtaining current information necessary for performance of their duties. Existing custom has been for materials to pass at rotation from the outgoing to the incoming holder of a position. This has not always occurred. Current Assembly Actions and the Area 75 Handbook will be available on the Area 75 website, however all members may not have access to the Internet, or may prefer working with a hard copy.

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

This will be an ongoing expense at the beginning of each rotation. Currently the documents have about 150 pages. At a cost of .09 cents a copy, a set would be approximately \$13.50. Binders and dividers, if needed, would be an additional \$3.00 per set. Bi-annual expense would be included in overhead. The area committee currently has about 48 members. If every member requested a copy, it would cost approximately \$648.00 for printing and \$144.00 for the binders. Following the initial distribution in 2013, the cost should be less as all binders and inserts may not require replacement.

Actions & Handbook Responsibility Proposal

Proposal Sponsor(s): Ad hoc Assembly Action Comm. **Sponsor's Phone:** represented by Joan J.

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): Chair of the Ad hoc Assembly Action Committee and Past Delegate – Panel 43.

What is your proposal?: Once updates to Area 75 Assembly Actions or the Area 75 Handbook are approved, they are to be posted to the area web site no later than 45 days following the assembly when adopted. Hard copies of the changed or added pages will be available to area committee members (area officers, area standing

committee chairs and district committee members (DCM's)) who possess binders at the next scheduled area assembly that occurs at least 45 days following the assembly when adopted. The Alternate Chair will also furnish editable copies of the Area 75 Assembly Action and Area 75 Handbook to the Area Chair and the Area Secretary for backup purposes. This change will take place effective with the panel 62 rotation beginning January 2013. If adopted, this proposal will also update the duties of the Area 75 Alternate Chair in the Area 75 Handbook.

How did this proposal originate?:

In the past the documents were updated annually if at all. A need was observed to document the procedure to be followed to ensure current updated copies of the documents were obtainable on the area web site in a timely fashion.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any): none

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

Updated documents will be available sooner than in the past.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?

We continue to go on as in the past with updates occasionally not being reflected in documents used by the area members. Existing policy has the Alternate Area Chair responsible for updating the area assembly actions but does not include a time line.

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

This would be an ongoing expense for copies. Actual expense would depend upon the number, if any, of changes or additions to the Area 75 Assembly Actions or Area Handbook. Currently there are approximately 48 area committee members who could receive copies of updated pages. If one page was updated using .09 per copy the cost would be \$4.32 if 48 copies were needed, and would come from the overhead budget.

Election Procedures Proposal

Proposal Sponsor(s): George P. Sponsor's Phone:

Sponsor's Service Position (if any): District 3 PI Chair

What is your proposal?: If there is only one candidate for any elected position at the Area 75 elections, there will be an election by secret ballot. Electors will be asked to vote yes or no. The single candidate will only be elected if a minimum of two thirds of the voting assembly vote yes, that is to say, if there is a vote of substantial unanimity (66 2/3%). If the candidate fails to obtain substantial unanimity (66 2/3%), the position will remain open. In the event that no candidate is elected, the area chair has the authority to appoint an interim officer who will serve until an election can be held and a candidate is elected. An election to fill the position in question cannot occur until the next regularly scheduled Area 75 Assembly.

How did this proposal originate?: Discussion on this issue occurred at the Agenda Committee meeting held in the summer of 2011. This proposal resulted from that discussion.

List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any): The candidates for every position except delegate in the last election cycle ran unopposed and were elected without written ballots.

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

Currently, a candidate running unopposed is considered to be "elected by affirmation" without the benefit of ballots actually being cast by the electorate. If the proposal is adopted, the area will not have to accept a candidate who was not elected by substantial unanimity. An elected candidate would have the confidence of knowing they had actually been elected.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted? Candidates will continue to be elected by affirmation (default) without an actual election by substantial unanimity.

Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense. None.

- Coffee Volunteers: Fall Service Assembly—October 21, 2012—District 20
- the meeting closed with the **Responsibility Declaration:**

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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:

6/29/12—7/1/12—East Central Regional Conference (ECR), Grand Rapids, MI
8/10/12—8/12/12—Additional East Central Regional (ECR) Forum – Mt Vernon, IL
10/21/12—Fall Service Assembly —**ELECTIONSII** - Madison Senior Center
1/20/13 — Winter Service Assembly
2/15/13—2/17/13—Conference of Delegates Past & Present - La Porte, IN
3/17/13—Delegates Workshop
4/7/13—Pre-Conference Assembly
4/21/12—4/27/13—General Service Conference, NY
5/17/13—5/19/13—Area 75 Conference, Janesville
6/23/13—Summer Service Assembly
7/19/13—7/21/13—ECR Conference, Appleton
10/20/13—Fall Service Assembly
11/15/13—11/17/13—ECR Forum, Fort Wayne, IN