

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

Fall Service Assembly

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2013 • Madison Senior Center • 330 West Mifflin Street • Madison, WI 53703

Officers Present:

Randy R. – Delegate, Drew A. – Alt. Delegate/Literature, Todd U. – Chair, Brent W. – Alt. Chair, Kara R. – Secretary, Bob S. – Alt. Secretary, Matt K. – Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairpersons Present:

Rick M. – Archives, Jim McL. – Corrections, John H. – CPC, Nancy H. – Grapevine, Jeanette S. – PI, Tara H. – Special Needs, Kristi C. – Treatment, Alan B.-Webmaster, Chris S. – 2015 Conference

DCMs Present:

D01 – Bart VanV. Stacy M. (Alt.); Cynthia S. (ALT); D07 – John M.(Alt.) D08 Russ K. ; D09 – Brett C.; D10 – Arturo H.; D12 – Clarence K.; D13 – Wendy B.; D15 – Stephen E.; D16 – Mark V.; D17 – Ted B.; D19 – John M.; D20 – Sean McC., Fiona G. (ALT); D22 – Herbert P.; D24 – Larry M.; D25 – Les M.; D27-Jay R.; D28 – James U., Karen McK.; D31 – Charles M.; D34 – Tony S.; D35 – Steve K. (Alt.); D36-Dennis L. (Alt.)

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

D01 – Rob N., Mike G., Tom M.; D02 Edward B., Jim D., Fred k, Jo M.; D10 – Luis H., Noe V.; D12 – Diana K. Robert S., Pat S., Tony G., Mary F.; D13 – Terry H., Randy W., Cheri C., Vanessa L.; D15 – Bobby M., Fiona S.; D16 – David L.; D17 – Steve N., Kimberly D., Wagner L.; D19 – Jude J., Russ N.; D20 – Tracy L., Jim L., Helen S., Jason B., Dan D., Jimmy M., Jenn F.; D22 – Andre K.; D24 – June B., Nita B., Donnamae L.; D25 – Dennis E., Tom B.; D27 - Nealy D28 – Chino A., Tom L., Karen M.; D29 – Dawn B.; D32 – Chris E., John E.; D36 - Mike D., Jim O. Others present: Terry R., Troy A., Jeff Z., Sandy M., Marty P., Rick B., Sue M., Sarah L., Gavin M., Gary S., Terri N., Bonnie N., George B.

Past Delegates Present:

John B., Ken G., Jo McL., Nancy G., George P.

Todd U., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer at 9:05 a.m. on Sunday, October 20th, 2013.

Drew A. read the Twelve Concepts.

Kara R., Area Secretary, took Roll Call. Minutes from Summer Assembly were approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Matt K.

Income and Expenses		Income and Expenses	
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013		01/01/2012 - 10/18/2012	
Account	01/01/2013 -	Account	01/01/2012 -

	10/18/2013		10/18/2012	
INCOME		INCOME		
		Conference Proceeds	\$3,363.76	
Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$2,708.91	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$3,103.72	
General Contributions	\$20,530.49	General Contributions	\$18,922.53	
INCOME - TOTAL	\$23,239.40	INCOME - TOTAL	\$25,390.01	
EXPENSES		EXPENSES		
		Alternate Chair		
		Registration Fees	\$15.00	
		Transportation	\$250.61	
		Alternate Chair - TOTAL	\$265.61	
Alternate Delegate		Alternate Delegate		
Literature	\$56.50			
Lodging	\$540.58	Lodging	\$183.22	
Meals	\$186.59	Meals	\$39.00	
Misc Office Expense	\$22.25	Misc Office Expense	\$12.95	
Registration Fees	\$67.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00	
Transportation	\$1,065.51	Transportation	\$288.03	
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,938.43	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$538.20	
Alternate Secretary		Alternate Secretary		
Misc Office Expense	\$36.22	Misc Office Expense	\$20.98	
		Registration Fees	\$15.00	
Transportation	\$182.51	Transportation	\$339.47	
Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$218.73	Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$375.45	
Alternate Treasurer				
Registration Fees	\$15.00			
Transportation	\$310.01			
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$325.01			
		Archives Chair		
		Lodging	\$245.26	
		Meals	\$39.00	
		Registration Fees	\$15.00	
		Transportation	\$158.66	

		Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$457.92
Archivist		Archivist	
Archives Rent	\$1,200.00	Archives Rent	\$1,200.00
Lodging	\$204.30	Lodging	\$417.42
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$53.00
Misc Office Expense	\$787.72	Misc Office Expense	\$355.59
Printing/Copies	\$228.95	Printing/Copies	\$90.79
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$35.00
Transportation	\$285.87	Transportation	\$358.63
Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,759.84	Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,510.43
Area Chair		Area Chair	
Lodging	\$207.60	Lodging	\$302.02
Meals	\$74.00	Meals	\$39.00
Misc Office Expense	\$35.84	Postage	\$45.00
Printing/Copies	\$49.39	Printing/Copies	\$94.80
Registration Fees	\$42.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$1,500.97	Transportation	\$725.42
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$1,909.80	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$1,221.24
CPC Chair		CPC Chair	
Health Fair Booth Fee	\$400.00	Health Fair Booth Fee	\$450.00
Literature	\$29.00		
Lodging	\$202.50		
Meals	\$25.00		
Misc Office Expense	\$88.03		
Registration Fees	\$15.00		
Transportation	\$578.11		
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,337.64	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$450.00
Conference Advisory Chair		Conference Advisory Chair	
Transportation	\$86.60	Transportation	\$203.76
Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60	Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$203.76
		Conference Expense	\$65.57
Corrections Chair		Corrections Chair	
		Literature	\$681.45
Lodging	\$104.47	Lodging	\$122.00
		Misc Office Expense	\$100.85
Postage	\$9.00	Postage	\$18.00
Printing/Copies	\$7.37	Printing/Copies	\$13.24
Registration Fees	\$25.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$691.59	Transportation	\$491.55
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$837.43	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$1,442.09

Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,415.84	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,310.29
Delegate		Delegate	
Lodging	\$432.06	Lodging	\$1,001.44
Meals	\$167.00	Meals	\$92.00
		Misc Office Expense	\$56.12
Postage	\$55.20	Postage	\$44.00
Printing/Copies	\$637.42	Printing/Copies	\$242.24
Registration Fees	\$72.00	Registration Fees	\$40.00
Transportation	\$1,144.58	Transportation	\$1,723.89
Delegate - TOTAL	\$2,508.26	Delegate - TOTAL	\$3,199.69
General Service Conference		General Service Conference	
GSO Conference Additional Donation	\$4,000.00	GSO Conference Additional Donation	\$4,000.00
GSO Conference Standard Fee	\$1,600.00	GSO Conference Standard Fee	\$1,200.00
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,200.00
Grapevine Chair		Grapevine Chair	
Literature	\$177.37		
Lodging	\$221.76	Lodging	\$235.99
Meals	\$57.00	Meals	\$28.00
		Misc Office Expenses	\$37.26
		Printing/Copies	\$7.50
Registration Fees	\$25.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$374.61	Transportation	\$550.71
Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$855.74	Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$874.46
Overhead		Overhead	
Interpreters/Equipment	\$320.00		
Misc Office Expense	\$7.50	Misc Office Expense	\$42.45
Postage	\$634.80	Postage	\$669.80
Printing/Copies	\$245.77	Printing/Copies	\$640.73
Rent	\$1,610.75	Rent	\$1,976.25
		Transportation	\$227.02
Overhead-Other	\$16.90		
Overhead - TOTAL	\$2,835.72	Overhead - TOTAL	\$3,556.25
PI Chair		PI Chair	
Literature	\$15.00		
Lodging	\$74.92	Lodging	\$122.63
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$39.00
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00

Transportation	\$647.76	Transportation	\$343.45
Web Site	\$75.00	Web Site	\$75.00
PI Chair - TOTAL	\$865.68	PI Chair - TOTAL	\$595.08
Secretary		Secretary	
Meals	\$38.00		
		Lodging	\$122.63
Printing/Copies	\$347.62	Printing/Copies	\$812.14
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$144.37	Transportation	\$397.89
Secretary - TOTAL	\$544.99	Secretary - TOTAL	\$1,347.66
Special Needs Chair			
Literature	\$90.15		
Lodging	\$102.15		
Meals	\$25.00		
Printing/Copies	\$96.66		
Registration Fees	\$15.00		
Transportation	\$527.89		
Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$856.85		
Treasurer		Treasurer	
Lodging	\$102.15	Lodging	\$212.32
Meals	\$38.00	Meals	\$77.68
Misc Office Expense	\$78.43	Misc Office Expense	\$252.93
Postage	\$182.00	Postage	\$135.00
Printing/Copies	\$71.81	Printing/Copies	\$160.72
Registration Fees	\$15.00	Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$462.78	Transportation	\$650.87
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$950.17	Treasurer - TOTAL	\$1,504.52
Treatment		Treatment	
		Literature	\$43.20
		Lodging	\$122.63
Misc Office Expense	\$11.63		
		Registration Fees	\$15.00
Transportation	\$129.08	Transportation	\$303.19
Treatment - TOTAL	\$140.71	Treatment - TOTAL	\$484.02
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$26,987.44	EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$26,602.24
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$3,748.04)	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$1,212.23)

Budget: Area Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,385.00	\$1,909.80	475.2	80.08%

Budget: Archivist
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,550.00	\$2,759.84	790.16	77.74%

Budget: CPC Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,199.00	\$1,337.64	861.36	60.83%

Budget: Conf Advisory Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$499.40	\$86.60	412.8	17.34%

Budget: Corrections Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,230.00	\$837.43	3,392.57	19.80%

Budget: Delegate
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,728.00	\$2,508.26	1219.74	67.28%

Budget: Alternate Delegate
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,667.00	\$1,938.43	728.57	72.68%

Budget: General Service Conference
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget

Total Expenses	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	100.00%
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Budget: Grapevine
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,104.00	\$855.74	1248.26	40.67%

Budget: Overhead
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,921.25	\$2,835.72	2085.53	57.62%

Budget: PI Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,540.00	\$865.68	674.32	56.21%

Budget: Secretary
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,227.00	\$544.99	1682.01	24.47%

Budget: Alternate Secretary
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$480.00	\$218.73	261.27	45.57%

Budget: Special Needs Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,419.00	\$856.85	562.15	60.38%

Budget: Treasurer
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,070.00	\$950.17	1119.83	45.90%

Budget: Alternate Treasurer
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget

Total Expenses	\$490.00	\$325.01	164.99	66.33%
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Budget: Treatment Chair
01/01/2013 - 10/18/2013

Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Percentage Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,334.00	\$140.71	1193.29	10.55%
Corrections Literature Fund Out		2415.84		
Grand Totals		\$26,987.44		

Account Balances		Account Balances	
As of: 10/18/2013		As of: 10/18/2012	
Account	Current Balance	Account	Current Balance
Bank Accounts		Bank Accounts	
Conference Funds	\$9,746.31	Conference Funds	\$10,798.19
Operations Account		Operations Account	
Corrections Literature	\$1,694.90	Corrections Literature	\$2,375.61
General Funds	\$2,895.40	General Funds	\$5,962.74
Prudent Reserve	\$5,750.00	Prudent Reserve	\$6,750.00
Operations Account - Total	\$10,340.30	Operations Account - Total	\$15,088.35
Bank Accounts - Total	\$20,086.61	Bank Accounts - Total	\$25,886.54
Assets		Assets	
Area Conferences		Area Conferences	
2014 Conference	\$2,500.00	2013 Conference	\$1,000.00
2016 Conference	\$1,000.00	2014 Conference	\$1,500.00
Area Conferences - Total	\$3,500.00	Area Conferences - Total	\$2,500.00
Assets - Total	\$3,500.00	Assets - Total	\$2,500.00
Total	\$23,586.61	Total	\$28,386.54

Delegates Report – Randy R.

Good Morning to all.

Again, as I stand before you I cannot help but to feel privileged, this is truly an honor. This report will start out by going over my vote at the 2013 General Service Conference concerning the 75th anniversary edition of the Big Book. If you were at the Spring Conference you would have heard how and why I voted the way I did on this proposal. I personally am against this reproduction. The first round of voting I voted no, it did not pass and the delegates had their time at the microphone. After hearing some of the voices (at the mic) I changed my vote to yes and the proposal passed unanimously. I changed my vote to yes according to how the Area 75 Archives Committee voted at the Delegates Workshop. I still have not changed how I feel personally on this issue. I would personally vote against this. Now there are a certain number of delegates that have second guessed (buyers remorse) their own yes vote and have asked the AAWS Service Board to check their consciences about the \$12.00 price tag on the Big Book. There are a number of delegates who think this is not in the “Spirit of Alcoholics Anonymous” to charge that price. I will not be one of those delegates with buyer’s remorse. As I said I am against the reproduction of the Original Big Book. But I will be buying a case of them on November 15, 2013.

A new book published by the AA Grapevine Inc. “No Matter What; Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety”. The stories in this book show how AA members use the tools of the program and embrace the Fellowship to deal with tough issues. Tough issues, such as a serious illness, an ugly divorce, the death of a child, the loss of a house due to fire or to the bank. **“No matter what drinking is not an option”**. This book is a must read and could also be a great gift idea.

There is an opening for a Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustee’ Committee on Public Information. If you are interested in this position please contact me for further information and an application. Applications must be filled out and in the hands of Mr. Jim Malone, Public Information Committee by January 2, 2014 no later than 400pm EST.

I have been asked by many people, “If I had only one East Central Regional Event to go to what would it be”. There are three events that take place each year 1) ECR Conference 2) ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP) or 3) ECR Forum. The answer I would give any individual in Area 75 would be the ECR Forum. This is the event where you can ask the GSO Staff, AAWS Chair, AA Grapevine, Inc. (who ever shows up) any questions you want to ask, as long as it pertains to Alcoholics Anonymous. The East Central Regional Forum will be held this year in Ft. Wayne Indiana on November 15th- 17th, 2013. If you need more information please contact me through the Area 75 Directory information. Area 75 will be hosting the forum in November of 2015, a great opportunity to serve and participate.

The Conference of the Delegates Past and Present will be held in Schaumburg, IL. On February 7-9, 2013. This event if interested is the closest it will be for a few years. Area 75 will be hosting this event in 2016, Check it out if not for the weekend at least for the entire 8th (Saturday). This event should be of interest to all who think they might want this awesome experience as a delegate.

To all of the Districts sending me your minutes please keep sending and for those who aren’t please add me to your mailing list rwrogness@gmail.com. Please keep all of the Standing Chairs, Officers, Delegates Past and Present in mind for a visit to your District meeting.

I have also attached my log of where I been and when I was their (starting on 1/12/13 and ending on 10/26/13.

Thank all of you in Area 75 for allowing me to hold this honor as your Delegate.

Delegate Travels Beginning January 1st, 2013

- 1/12/13 Speaker Gathering of the Groups (Workshop) District 1, Sparta, WI
- 1) 1/13/13 Speaker at the Sunday Night Surrender Group Lake Park Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI
- 2) 1/19/13 Serenity Club, Past ECR Speaker, Cudahy, WI
- 3) 1/19/13 In Home Meeting, Portage WI
- 4) 1/20/13 Winter Assembly
- 5) 1/25-27/13 WICYPAA, Living in the Answer Conference, Oconomowoc (Olympia), WI
- 6) 2/2/13 9th Annual Open Speaker Meeting, Waldo, WI
- 7) 2/3/13 Westfield 12 X 12 Meeting, Westfield, WI.
- 8) 2/15-17/13 40th Annual Conference of Delegates Past and Present, LA Porte, Indiana
- 9) 2/13/13 31st Anniversary Open AA Meeting, United Christian Church, Campbellsport, WI
- 10) 2/27/13 Grapevine Committee Meeting, District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 11) 3/2/13 In-home Meeting, Portage, WI
- 12) 3/3/13 First Sunday Breakfast Meeting, Ripon, WI
- 13) 3/12/13 GSR Meeting (Inventory Questions), District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 14) 3/14/13 By the Book Speaker Meeting, covenant Church, 40 Ohio Street, Racine, WI
- 15) 3/16/13 Tri-County Conference, Washington Road, Kenosha, WI
- 16) 3/16/13 Open AA Speaker Meeting, Lomira, WI
- 17) 3/17/13 Delegates Workshop
- 18) 3/17/13 Speaker, District 31, Pardeeville Library, Pardeeville, WI
- 19) 3/30/13 Speaker, Open Speaker Meeting, Masonic Temple, Sparta, WI
- 20) 4/7/13 Pre-Conference, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 21) 4/13/13 Panel Speaker, District 9, Cuba City, WI
- 22) 4/20-27/13 General Service Conference, New York, New York
- 23) 5/11/13 District 7 Workshop, Kenosha, WI
- 24) 5/11/13 Open Speaker Meeting, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 25) 5/17-19/13 Area 75 Conference, Janesville, WI
- 26) 6/1/13 Wisconsin corrections, Appleton, WI
- 27) 6/8/13 District 25 "3 Legacy's workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 28) 6/22/13 Open speaker Meeting, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 29) 6/23/13 Summer Assembly, Madison, WI
- 30) 7/13/13 Chilton, speaker, Chilton, WI "substitute Bob Mayer"
- 31) 7/19-21/13 ECR Conference, Appleton, WI
- 32) 7/28/13 Conference Advisory Meeting, Brookfield, WI
- 33) 8/7/13 District 12, Guest speaker, Jensen Park, West Bend, WI
- 34) 8/11/13 Tri-District Workshop, Area 75 Archives Room, West Allis, WI
- 35) 8/20/13 Genoa City, Guest speaker at AA Meeting, Genoa City, WI
- 36) 8/24/13 Traditions & Unity Workshop, District 2, Montello, WI
- 37) 9/7/13 District 24, Working with Others Workshop, Mequon, WI
- 38) 9/10/13 District 36 Meeting, Guest speaker, Burlington, WI
- 39) 9/15/13 Have Fun with Service Workshop, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 40) 10/5/13 District 25, Annual Intergroup Workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 41) 10/19/13 District 1, Fall Workshop, CTH B, LaCrosse, WI
- 42) 10/20/13 Fall Assembly, Madison, WI
- 43) 10/26/13 Big 36, District 20 Mini-Conference, Madison, WI

Chairperson's Report – Todd U.

AA Trivia: *Which Co-Founder Bill W. or Doctor Bob had Tattoos?*

As your Area 75 Chair I am thinking ahead to the Winter Assembly, so I am asking all of the GSRs and DCMs that are rotating out of their positions to suggest to your replacements to make sure to make it to the DCM and GSR school.

In 2014 my main effort will be to get the word out about the 2014 Fall Elections....

- Elected Officer positions:
 - Delegate,
 - Alt Delegate / Literature,
 - Area Chair,
 - Alt. Chair / dark Districts,
 - Treasurer,
 - Alt. Treasurer,
 - Secretary,
 - Alt. Secretary
- Appointed Standing Committee positions:
 - Archives
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - Corrections
 - Public Information (PI)
 - Special Needs
 - Treatment
 - Registrar
 - Agenda Planning committee
 - Treasury committee

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

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

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

The Agenda planning committee's current agenda:

- Archives proposal
- Conference proposal
- Agenda for Winter Service assembly

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

Districts visited this year 28

Districts left 3

Miles this year 4300+

Since my last report, in June I visited these district meetings and events,
1-Jul District 28

7-Jul	Area Conference meeting
13-Jul	District 6
14-Jul	District 2
15-Jul	District 7
19-Jul	ECR Conference
31-Jul	District 19
3-Aug	District 10 Workshop
7-Aug	District 12
11-Aug	Tri District Round up
20-Aug	District 24
24-Aug	District 2 Workshop
26-Aug	District 9
27-Aug	District 32, 33 and the W.E.L.L. group
7-Sep	District 24 Workshop
10-Sep	District 36
15-Sep	District 28 Workshop
16-Sep	District 12 Open meeting
22-Sep	District 31 Workshop
28-Sep	Area Conference meeting
11-Oct	District 35
13- Oct	District 17
19-Oct	Due to a family emergency I did not attend District 19 Workshop
20-Oct	Fall Assembly

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

To all of the Districts sending me your minutes thank you, and for those who aren't please add me to your mailing list. You can find my contact information in the current directory.

Please keep all of the Standing Chairs, Officers Delegates Past and Present in mind for inviting them to your District meeting, workshop, meeting..... remember we are here to help, and it helps us. Remember ...Step 2 " A power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity"

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

- East Central Regional Forum – November 15-17 in Fort Wayne, IN

2014 Events

- Winter Service Assembly – January 19th at the Madison Senior Center
- Delegates Workshop – March 16th at the Madison Senior Center
- Pre-Conference Assembly – April 6th at the Madison Senior Center
- General Service Conference April 27th - May 3rd 2014 Rye, NY
- Annual Area 75 Conference – May 16 – 18, 2014, RACINE, WI
- Summer Service Assembly – June 22nd at the Madison Senior Center
- Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center

AA Quote...."The trouble with us alcoholics was this: We demanded that the world give us happiness and peace of mind in just the particular order we wanted to get it-- by the alcohol route. And we weren't successful. But when we take the time to find out some of the spiritual laws, and familiarize ourselves with them, and put them into practice, then do we get happiness and peace of mind..... There seem to be some rules that we have to follow, but happiness and peace of mind are always here, open and free to anyone" - Reprinted from Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers, p. 308 with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Not too commonAA Slogans

- "F.E.A.R. = Frantic Efforts at Avoiding Responsibilities"
- expect miracles
- I can'the can.....I think I'll let him (steps 1,2,3)
- if it works.....don't fix it
- keep coming back.....it works if you work it
- stick with the winners
- keep right size
- sobriety is a journeynot a destination
- faith without works is dead
- poor me.....pour me.....pour me another drink
- to thine own self be true
- I came; I came to; I came to believe (steps 1,2,3)
- live in the NOW
- if god seems far away, who moved ?
- turn it over
- aa=altered attitudes

AA Trivia answer:

Biography: "Dr. Bob's Nightmare" Robert ... A tattoo he wore the rest of his life was probably from those days at Dartmouth: a dragon ...

Alternate Chair/Dark District Report – Brent W.

I want to thank Bart V and Stacy M from District 1 for reaching out to District 37. Stacy was able to get information on current meetings in District 37 and I plan on attending a meeting there during the month of November. District 37 has been dark for several years and it doesn't seem that interest in the AA service structure will grow any time soon but hopefully I can get contacts so our Area secretary can keep them informed about what is happening in other Districts, Area 75 and AA as a whole.

District 23 is still dark, no DCM, but does have members that participate in the Area Assemblies. Conversations with these members leave me hopeful that 23 will soon have regular District meetings and a DCM.

I asked the DCM's from Districts adjacent to District 5 to consider absorbing that District. All AA meetings currently in District 5 are Spanish speaking and considered to be part of District 10. If one or more Districts are willing to absorb District 5 a proposal will be brought to the Area for consideration, discussion and a vote.

I'd like to thank the Assembly for allowing me to be of service

Archive Report – Rick M.

A lot of time has elapsed since the Area Conference. Cataloging and preserving materials in the Archives is always an ongoing, time consuming event that I personally am enjoying. When finished with a particular binder, it feels good to step back and see that I played a small part in preserving the history of Alcoholics Anonymous in Southern Wisconsin.

Along these same lines, only in greater depth and detail, our Area 75 Archivist, Nancy S., has been researching and writing about AA in Southern Wisconsin and AA in general. You can go to the Archives link on our Area web site (area75.org) and find the piece titled Alcoholics Anonymous

History in Wisconsin. There are 9 new binders containing verifiable stories, dates, and pictures pertaining to pre A.A., the beginnings of AA, pioneers of A.A., and the beginning of AA in Wisconsin. Nancy finished the binders in time for the "AA Mini-Conference at the VA with Alanon participation" and the binders are now part of the traveling Archives display.

THE 8th ANNUAL AREA 75 ARCHIVES MOVIE DAY will be Sunday, October 27th at the Archives Room. Doors open at noon. The documentary of Bill Wilson will be shown at 12:30 followed by a raffle. If there are no flyers on the back table they can be found by going to the Archives tab on our Area website (area75.org) and the info is also posted on the area calendar. Come join us for food, drink, fun, and fellowship. Check out the Archives Room, your history, and the new binders.

The 2013 General Service Conference approved a commemorative 75th Anniversary Edition of the first edition, first printing of our book Alcoholics Anonymous. Mid-November is the start for preorders and books will be shipped to you in April 2014. Watch for the order forms in the Box 4-5-9 and the forms will also be prominently posted at www.aa.org. Nancy contacted Michelle Mirza at GSO archives; Nancy believed there must be some difference between the "exact replica" and an actual 1st edition, 1st printing, or someone could try to pass a replica off as the real deal. This was Michelle's reply: "On the inside copyright page there will be wording that reads commemorative 75th edition produced by AAWS or some similar language. This distinguishes it from any other ones that may be published."

From West Allis to Montello and from the VA to Reedsburg, the Archives display has been traveling. Of special note; the Milwaukee Tri-District Roundup (Districts 14, 16, and 27) was held in the lower level of Holy Assumption School. They utilized the whole Archives area, and I didn't have to travel or set up anything.

The Archives Room will be closed for the month of December but we still travel.

CPC Report – John H.

Since our last summer assembly I was able to attend events regularly. In July, the ECR Conference, which sparked yet another level of interest in our service.

In August, the 24th, District 2, Montello, I was part of a workshop, talking about the history of CPC and building solid referrals with professionals.

In September, IST on the agenda, the Serenity Club asked for participation with traditions. Tradition 9 and 10 were mine to elaborate on.

Then the 21st of September I was invited up to Lomira-District 21 at the Trinity United Methodist Church. My part was to put on a presentation and help answer questions. Not a lot of professionals showed up: not because of lack of effort-over 100 invitations were sent out to local professionals. We had a wonderful sharing session and I learned a lot.

On the 22nd and 23rd, District 19, Wisconsin Dells, the 32nd Annual WI Corrections Association. A first for our area, since this was for the professional that service the prisons. We had a nice exhibit set up for AA-a huge event and I had help from Jim, Area 75 Corrections Chair, Steve N. District 17 CPC Chair and Area 75 Special Needs Chair Tara H. We passed out lots of literature and shared our experience.

Oct 12, District 16 had a mini-conference at the VA hospital. I set up a display and shared info and met many more wonderful people.

Corrections Report – Jim McL.

We received around 50 Prerelease Contact requests during this last quarter. Soon to be released inmates fill out these forms and mail them back to the Area 75 PO Box. They are forwarded to me and I pass them on to the Corrections Chair in the District where they are going after release. District Corrections Chairs then find local volunteers to write back to the inmates and arrange to meet and take them to a local meeting when they get out. Most Districts have this process well organized at the local level.

There has been a lot of other Corrections activity during the past few months. At the Area 75 Spring Conference the end of June I delivered a Corrections Committee update report and also met with a number of District Corrections Chairs who were in attendance. In July I attended the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton. In addition to hearing a couple of great speakers I had the opportunity to meet and talk with a number of individuals who are involved in AA Corrections in other areas, especially Area 74 where the Conference was held.

During the month of August I participated in a District 2 Service Workshop in Montello. I was on a panel presenting and discussing Corrections service opportunities. In September I joined John H. in staffing an AA Information Booth at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Corrections Association. Our participation in this event was arranged by John, the CPC Chair.

Later in the month I attended a Corrections Workshop in Waukesha that was a combined effort of individuals from 3 Districts in Waukesha County. This was a great opportunity for me to establish additional Corrections contacts and improve communication to routinely handle the Pre-release Contact Requests for inmates released to Waukesha.

Earlier this month of October I participated in a Re-entry Fair held at Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution near Fond du Lac. Chris S. who is an Outside Sponsor for AA meetings held in this institution joined me staffing an AA Information Booth. We passed out AA literature and talked to a number of inmates at this event. Chris knew some of these guys so they were comfortable approaching our booth. These events are held annually at a number of minimum and medium security institutions, usually in the fall. We are scheduled to participate in similar events at the Taycheedah Women's Correctional Institution next week and at the Prairie du Chein Institution early in November. I have local AA Outside Sponsors lined up to participate with me to staff our booth at these two events.

Yesterday I enjoyed attending the District 19 Fall Workshop in Reedsburg. The speakers delivered a strong AA message on service and sponsorship and some great ribs were served for lunch. I got to meet and talk with the District 19 Corrections Chair, Mary Jo D. for the first time and with her help updated the contact information I have for AA meetings held at the Sauk and Richland County Jails.

PI Report – Jeanette S.

Due to an unusually hectic summer, I was unable to attend several of the District workshops that I was invited to. My apologies to those Districts. I did attend the District 25 service workshop in Lomira on Sept 21st. They hosted the event to share information about AA to the professionals in their District. They shared information about the Area website and the many resources that are available on aa.org.

Again, I want to remind DCMs or PI chairs to get your meeting lists posted to the Area 75 website and to check the website to make sure your posted meeting lists are current. If your district meeting info has changed, please get that information to me so I can make those changes for you. If you have elected a new PI chair, please get the contact info to me so I can connect with them.

I appreciate the opportunity to be of service in Area 75. If you would like me to visit your district or if I can be of help to your district, please let me know.

Special Needs Report – Tara H.

Since our last assembly meeting in June there have been many events that I have participated in and attended.

In July, as an attendee, I attended the ECR Conference and listened to the different speakers from GSO and our new trustee William F.-quite informative and good fellowship.

August 24th, I attended and participated in a workshop that was put on by District 2 in Montello. It was well attended by other chairs and we were asked to describe our chair positions and what we have found out about what are some of the projects or issues that the districts are dealing with. In District 2 it was having handicapped accessibility noted on meetings lists correctly for the different meeting places. Also what can we do to make our meeting places more accessible to the alcoholic in need and discussing the types of reconstruction that places would have to go through to make them handicapped accessible. The codes involved for the different municipalities, the cost and maybe sparking an interest in fellow AA's of the different meeting places and to get on board for such an undertaking, in the clubs. Several people stepped up and expressed an interest in forming a committee. I have a script that was passed on to me, I edited it and thought it might be a good idea to have copies made and passed around to the different meeting places, so people could be introduced to special needs and what we are able to provide if possible. Our district special needs chair and our area special needs chair have their emails and phone numbers on the script for anyone who has a need. Also a questionnaire that we can also leave at the different meeting places. There are copies on the table in the back if you are interested.

September 15th I was invited to the Serenity Club in Milwaukee for a workshop. My topic was to discuss traditions 7 & 8. This is to always remind me that we are always self-supporting through our own contributions and to remain non-professional in matters of carrying the AA message to the next alcoholic – both are spiritual principles which help keep us in check. Our traditions are valued principles which keep us together. The Serenity Club in Milwaukee hosts many AA events. I have been able to assist District 10 – Spanish speaking district at large – with translating equipment so other who do not understand Spanish can attend their functions and enjoy the message from the speakers. I was able to attend and help out John, our CPC chair, at the 32nd WI Correctional. It was quite a large event and there was a lot of interest for the booth he had set up for AA. Our chairs can work hand in hand with each other – ever reminding us that we are not in this thing by ourselves. In my District – we have a new special needs chair – who in her life has done a lot of volunteer work and seems eager to take on this chair.

Treatment Report – Kristi C.

Good morning – my name is Kris C and I will always be an alcoholic. The Big Book of AA tells me that nothing will so much insure impunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics so I thank you for this opportunity to work with you as your Area 75 Treatment chairperson. I have

had an awesome summer and early autumn, a direct result of the time I've spent around the tables, picnic tables and the campfires of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Since our last assembly I have attended numerous AA events and learned something new or met someone new at every one. On July 19th I traveled to Appleton to the East Central Regional Conference. I left that conference with a better understanding of our service structure, our 12 concepts, and the importance of participation. On August 11th I was asked to give a short presentation on my position as Treatment chair at the Milwaukee Tri-County Round Up hosted by Districts 14, 16, & 27. Not sure about my presentation but our archivist Nancy gave a talk on local AA history which was incredibly enlightening. On August 24th I attended the District 2 service workshop in Montello where an amazing wealth of AA experience was shared. That afternoon I traveled to Prairie du Sac for the MAICO Reps picnic and heard some wonderful speakers share their stories.

The weekend of Sept 6-8th I attended the National Bridging the Gap Conference in Schaumburg, IL. I was astounded by how much I don't know! There is actually a Bridging the Gap website – btgww.org – to facilitate requests for contacts. I heard a panel, consisting of two judges who preside over drug courts, share their experience and I gained a new understanding and appreciation for the work they do. Ideas were shared throughout the weekend on ways we can best be of service implementing the program of Bridging the Gap – what works and what doesn't I will share more on this during our committee meeting this afternoon.

On Sept 15th I was invited to be part of the Have Fun with Service workshop hosted by the One Day At A Time group in Cudahy. I learned that even though we had a minor-as in no one was hurt-car accident on the way there, service in AA is fun. I met some new faces and the speaker Larry S, Past Delegate from Northern IL was inspiring.

Sept 21st I stayed home – sort of. I attended my home District 31 workshop, Three Pertinent Ideas in Poynette. Chairperson Todd came up and served as our keynote speaker that morning and did an awesome job. Oct 12th brought me back to Milwaukee to attend the AA at the VA Miniconference where I met Tom M, the AA liaison for that facility. I was pleased to hear the Bridging the Gap program is being used there and hope to hear more from Tom in the future.

Yesterday I attended the fall workshop hosted by District 19 in Reedsburg which focused on the third legacy of service. Ken G gave a great presentation describing how the individual voice of AA can and needs to be heard all the way to the General Service Conference. I met their district Treatment chair, Mary and plan to get together with her in the next few weeks.

One of the most amazing and motivating things to happen in the past months was a phone call I received from a woman in Montana in early August. Her name was Sharon and she was on staff at a treatment facility there. After trying for a month to get contact for a patient that about to be released, she contacted GSO and they gave her my number. Unfortunately the man was being released the following day and returning to WI. I called our MAICO office and got a number of a group in that vicinity, called the DCM for that district but could not reach an individual in that limited time. I called Sharon back with those same numbers and a list of meetings in the area where he would be released. I spoke with her a couple days later and she told me the patient's contact phone was no longer in service but gave me his home address so I sent him a list of meetings and some AA information. I have some new contact numbers I just received from Barb and will be passing those on as well. This whole experience reinforced my conviction that the Bridging the Gap

program is a necessary and vital tool of AA and it is our responsibility to see that it is in the best working order possible.

Grapevine Report – Nancy H.

Since my last report at the Summer Service Assembly in June I have brought the Grapevine display to the following

- 8/4 – District 13 Meeting in Waukesha
- 8/11 – Tri-District Workshop (14/16/27) in Milwaukee
- 8/24 – District 2 Service Workshop in Montello
- 9/15 – District 28 Service Workshop in Cudahy
- 9/28 – Tri-District Corrections (13/32/34) in Waukesha

I also attended many other meetings and events in the area.

The Corrections Literature fund is used to buy Grapevine subscriptions or other GV materials for prisons or jails. Next year a number of subscriptions will be due to be renewed and your contributions will be needed. Does your group contribute??

There is a new book available from Grapevine – “No Matter What. Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety”. About 15 Grapevine books are now available in eBook format in addition to the print version.

Free Shipping on all products from November 1 until December 31. This is a good time to send in your order. Visit the Grapevine Store to purchase a calendar or book. They make great gifts for sponsees and program friends.

Add a back issue of Grapevine or LaVina to information given to newcomers.

Go to www.aagrapevine.org to find information on the GV, writing articles, how to be a GVR and more. A new item that was available mid August is a “Grapevine Workbook”. It is 99 pages long and will give you much information about the Grapevine magazine and its history along with ideas of things Grapevine Representatives can do. Download a copy for your use today.

Grapevine recently published articles written by members from our Area. It is fun to see an article written by someone you know. Did you read them??

If you would like me to attend a District Meeting or event to talk about Grapevine and display some Grapevine materials please contact me.

Alternate Delegate/Literature Report – Drew A.

I serve as both your Area 75 Alternate Delegate and your Area 75 Literature Chair. As your Alternate Delegate, I assist the Delegate in whatever capacity he requires. As your Literature Chair, it is my job to keep you informed of new developments and changes to the conference-approved literature available from A.A. World Services Inc. and encourage the use of Conference Approved Literature.

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

Since my last report, I have attended a number of workshops and conferences including: the East Central Regional Conference, the Milwaukee Tri-district Workshop, District Two’s Service Workshop, the Bridging the Gap workshop, District Twelve’s Annual Picnic and the District 30 mini-conference.

In my role as Literature Chair, I displayed the Literature Display at the Milwaukee Tri-district workshop and the District Two Service Workshop.

I had the honor of speaking at the East Central Regional Conference, the Tri-district Workshop, the District 12 Annual Picnic and the District 30 mini-conference.

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

In other news, the Fall 2013 Box 459 newsletter featured an article "Does Your Group Have a Literature Chair?" Copies of the article can be found on the back table.

News from A.A.W.S.

A.A.W.S. Online Store: The A.A.W.S. Online Store site for bulk orders has been implemented and operational as of May 8, 2013. In the first month that the sales Web site has been operational, they signed up 170 large purchaser accounts. The consumer online sales Web site is in progress with further testing scheduled for late-summer.

A.A.W.S. Use of Third-Party Vendors: Following the Conference Advisory Action regarding the distribution of A.A.W.S. ebooks through third-party vendors, the Publishing Department has initiated discussions with several distributors.

Commemorative First Edition Big Book: The Publishing department is moving forward with the editorial and production requirements of the facsimile edition of the first printing of the First Edition of the Big Book, to be published in April 2014. The A.A.W.S. Board approved the Publishing committee's recommendation that this 75th Anniversary Edition of the First Edition be priced at \$12.00.

50th Anniversary of *Les Alcooliques Anonymes*: At the request from multiple French-speaking area delegates for A.A.W.S. to produce an anniversary sticker to be added to the jacket cover of the French translation of the Big Book, A.A.W.S. approved the Publishing committee's recommendation that the requested sticker be produced to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of *Les Alcooliques Anonymes*.

International Licensing/Translations: There are 70 current Big Book translations, with 18 new translations pending. This year, to date, we have completed 14 translation reviews in seven languages; and completed 54 new licenses in four countries. We have also made further substantial progress on some of the ongoing Big Book translation projects, including Arabic, Navajo, Twi (Ghana) and Thai.

2015 International Convention Souvenir Book: The Board reviewed the concept of a Souvenir Book for the 2015 International Convention presented by the Publishing Director. Total gross sales for the first eight months through August 2013 are \$8,774,270, which is \$166,380 (1.93%) over estimate for the period, and ahead of last year's gross sales at this time by \$172,818. **EBooks Unit Distribution:** For the first six months of 2013, sales data through June 2013 reflect 1,248 Big Books and 1,167 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format have been sold. At their September meeting, A.A.W.S. recommended that the price of e-book versions of A.A.W.S. literature be kept below their print version equivalents.

Also at their September meeting, A.A.W.S. recommended that a soft-cover, abridged, large-print edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* be produced in early 2014.

News from Trustees' Committee on Literature

Development of literature focused on spirituality: Taking into consideration discussion at the 2013 General Service Conference, the committee continued its discussion on the development of literature which focuses on spirituality. They agreed to forward to the Publishing Department suggestions on size, content and format and requested that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought to their November 2013 meeting. EBooks Unit Distribution: For the first six months of 2013, sales data through June 2013 reflect 1,248 Big Books and 1,167 Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in eBook format have been sold.

“Circles of Love and Service”: The committee reviewed the 2013 Conference Committee on Literature suggestions for the draft pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service” and agreed to forward the suggestions to the Publishing Department requesting that a revised draft be brought to their November 2013 meeting.

“Questions and Answers on Sponsorship”: The committee briefly discussed the many suggested changes to the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.” Due to the scope of these suggestions, the chair appointed a subcommittee consisting of Christine H., chairperson, Carole B., Joe D., Teresa F., a member of the Publishing staff and the committee secretary.

“Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated”: The committee reviewed a suggestion to change the last sentence of the first paragraph of the text on Concept XII in the pamphlet “Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated” and recommended that the current sentence which reads: “. . . like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions—be changed only by ‘written consent of three-quarters of all A.A. groups in the world!’ Be changed to: “. . . like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions—be changed only by ‘written consent of three-quarters of the repsonding A.A. groups in the world.”

MAICO – no report

Winnebago Land Central Office – no report

Milwaukee Central Office – no report

Racine Area Central Office – no report

Conference Advisory Report - Nancy G.

The Area 75 Conference Advisory Committee met three times since the last Assembly; on July 7, July 28 and September 28. Those meetings yielded revisions to the Conference Advisory Committee Guidelines and the Area 75 Conference Guidelines, as well as a proposal to change the timing of the annual Area 75 Conference from Spring to Fall.

The Conference Advisory Committee Guidelines are deemed service material by Assembly action and thus the revisions to that document require no formal approval by the Assembly. However, copies are available for those interested. The Area 75 Conference Guidelines document is subject to approval by the Assembly. However, based on the possibility of adoption of the proposal changing the conference to the Fall, we are postponing submission of the guidelines document revision to the Assembly. If the proposal passes, the guidelines will again be revised to reflect that change and subsequently submitted to the Assembly for approval.

The proposed change from Spring to Fall suggests that the transition year be 2016, and that in that year, two conference will be held; i.e. the one currently scheduled in Oconomowoc and one in the Fall yet to be bid. The time needed to secure a hotel contract in order to facilitate that second

conference in 2016 will be limited. Because of that we are asking that the proposal for the conference timing change be submitted to the Assembly as new business today, and to then be considered for a vote at the Winter Service Assembly in January. This will allow an additional 3 months to finalize the hotel negotiations.

The Committee is also working on a Conference Bid Kit for use by the districts wishing to host a conference, along with several other ongoing topics.

If there are items you wish this Committee to consider, please feel free to contact us.

Spring 2014 Conference Report – John K.

The 2014 Annual Conference planning is on schedule according to the area guidelines.

All Conference committee chairs are exceeding their individual responsibilities.

We have online registration, new for the area 75 conference, and are encouraging any from the area that plan on attending to please register soon.

We are confident that the 2014 Annual Area 75 Conference will be a success.

Spring 2015 Conference Report – Chris S.

Last meeting was held on September 8th. Nothing new to report at this time. As I mentioned before the hotel is booked. We have our conference theme and are proceeding on schedule. Our next meeting will be the first hotel walk through in February, at the Holiday Inn. Date and time to be determined.

Spring 2016 Conference Report – Tony S.

No report.

WICYPPA – Fiona G.

WICYPAA XXI

Jan 10 – 12, 2014

Marriott West, Middleton

DCMs please retrieve your registration packets from the table at the back of the room. Missing District? Tell me and I'll get it mailed this week. Please get these reg flyers to your GSRs. Need more hard copies? email: chair@wicypaa.org. Electronic copies available at: www.wicypaa.org. This is a big conference, 500-550 registrants the last few.

Bidding cities for 2015! Yay! Eau Claire and Waukesha. Interested in bidding? contact Fiona G.

At 10:19 a.m. split into groups for Area Inventory question discussion.

Resumed assembly at 1:05 p.m. for review of Inventory answers (please see attached document for each group's response).

Voting on Proposals:

1. Corrections Chair Proposal

- a. Aye: 71
- b. Nay: 1
- c. Proposal passes with substantial unanimity

New Business:

1. Report of proposals

a.

Conference Proposal

AREA 75 PROPOSAL

Proposal Sponsor: Area 75 Conference Advisory Committee
Nancy G., Co-Chairperson
(608) 843-2265 – nancyt43@charter.net

Date Presented: October 20, 2013

It is proposed:

That the Area 75 Conference, currently held annually in May (or June) of each year, be held in October or November (preferably the third weekend of October) of each year; and,

That the transition year be 2016; and that, in that year, two Area Conferences be held; i.e., the one already scheduled for May in Oconomowoc and the first newly proposed one in October or November; and,

That a one-day Spring Service Assembly be held to facilitate Area business previously conducted at the annual Conference held in the Spring, including but not limited to, the Area Delegate's report on the annual meeting of the General Service Conference and Area 75 Standing Committee meetings.

Benefits of the Proposal

The proposal would:

Eliminate the problem of the delegate sometimes having less than a week to prepare a report following the annual meeting of the General Service Conference.

- Allow us to schedule the Delegate's report with more flexibility when not tied to the Area Conference.
- Allow for more flexibility in booking a facility for the Conference weekend when not dealing with scheduling conflicts such as the dates of the General Service Conference, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and graduations. Also, we will no longer be challenged by increased facility summer room rates.

- Provide that the Regional Trustee may be more likely to attend our Conference due to its separation from the dates of the General Service Conference. Also, in the case of a newly elected Trustee, (s)he would have attended a General Service Board meeting prior to a Conference held in the Fall.
- Allow more time during the Conference to complete business normally scheduled at the Fall Assembly; e.g. Standing Committees would meet during the Conference weekend. Currently at the Fall Service Assembly there is no time for the committees to meet.

Background

Based on the findings of a 2007 Area 75 ad hoc committee, a proposal was passed to eliminate the Area 75 Fall Conference in favor of one Area Conference to be held annually in the Spring. The suggestion of holding the annual Conference in the Spring versus the Fall was made pursuant to preferences indicated by a majority of the Districts via questionnaires and District visits.

Influenced by subsequent questioning and input from the Fellowship, and by declining Conference attendance, the Area Conference Advisory Committee has discussed in depth the feasibility of moving the annual Conference from the Spring to the Fall. After thorough consideration, the Committee believes this to be a very worthwhile suggestion.

Estimated Funding Required

For the transition year 2016, additional funding will be required. The expenses budgeted for the Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairs to attend the Area Conference will be increased due to two conferences in that year.

b.

Archive Proposal

Area 75 Proposal Form

Date: July 2, 2013

Used for Documenting Proposals for Consideration by Area 75

Proposal Sponsors: Nancy S Area 75 Archivist (414) 339 - 3934
 Rick M Area 75 Archives Chair (262) 567 - 2420

What is your proposal? To rescind, “The cost of the rent will be offset by an annual fundraising event and a donation will be placed at the point of display” from the 2005/06/12 Assembly Actions.

How did this proposal originate? Several A.A. members view movie day as a fundraiser (Alcoholics Anonymous does not have fundraisers) but the assembly action states that it is. Because of this there are A.A. members that will not attend movie day. The first movie day we were 5¢ over our cost covering raffle items and food. The following years any money over cost has been used for seed money for the next year’s Movie Day. There have never been any funds to offset the rent for the archives room nor will there be in the future.

List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal? A.A. members will understand movie day is for fellowship and fun. Not for a fundraiser to help offset the cost of rent for the archives room.

What will happen if this proposal is not adopted? A.A. members will continue to believe movie day is a fundraiser for the archives.

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

Final comments (optional): The 2013 8th annual movie day funds come from seed money from the 2012 movie day.

2. Announcements

- a. Sponsorship workshop – All Saints Cathedral every Tuesday at 7pm, starting Nov 5th in Milwaukee
 - b. DCMs that are rotating out please turn in name badge holders
 - c. 14th Spanish Convention Nov 22nd – 24th
 - d. March 28th – 30th Chicago, IL
 - e. Holiday Alkathon – Milwaukee Area: Christmas and New Year's Eve at Bayview
 - f. Vision for You, Nov 8th: Anniversary dinner in West Allis
 - g. District 20 mini Conference October 26th
3. Greeters for Winter Assembly are Wendy Balles, Vanessa, Bobbi, Sheri
 4. Coffee Volunteer for Winter Service Session – January 19th
 - a. District 35 and District 20

Adjourned meeting at 2:45pm.

Reminders:

Reminder that the elections are just around the corner (new rotation 2015) 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:

- East Central Regional Forum – November 15-17th in Fort Wayne, IN

2014 Events

- Winter Service Assembly – January 19th at the Madison Senior Center
- Delegates Workshop – March 16th at the Madison Senior Center
- Pre-Conference Assembly – April 6th at the Madison Senior Center
- General Service Conference April 27th May 3rd 2014 Rye, NY
- Annual Area 75 Conference – May 16 – 18th, 2014, RACINE, WI
- Summer Service Assembly – June 22nd at the Madison Senior Center
- Fall Service Assembly – October 19th at the Madison Senior Center