

# Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

## Fall Assembly

### Meeting Minutes

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October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 • Madison Senior Center • 330 West Mifflin Street • Madison, WI 53703

#### Officers Present:

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

#### Standing Committee Chairpersons Present:

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

DCMs Present: D-1; Bart V., D-2; Ted B., Alt.; Camela S., D-9; Brett C., D-10; Noe V., D-13; Wendy B., D-14; Frank S., D-15; Stephen E., D-17; Ted B., D-19; Gordon M. Jr., D-20; Sean McC., D-22; Mark M., D-23; Pam F., D-24; Larry M., D-25; Les M. Sr., D-27; Jay R., D-28; James J. U., Alt. Karen McK., D-29; Alt. Charlie K., D-30; David A., D-31; Thomas W., D-32; Steve E., D-34; Jim F., D-35; Anne S.

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

D-1; Jasmine S., Mike G., Jennifer B., D-2; Fred K., Mary B., Glen, D-3; Mary M., Kirk K., D-4; Bob B., Andre K., D-10; Luis H., Jose M. H., D-12; Diana K., D-13; Char K., Shawn W., Vanessa L., Katherine G., D-15; Fiona S., D-16; Terry W., D-17; Dean C., Rebecca B., D-18; Jim D., Dan W., John H., Don G., Mike D., Kurt M., D-19; Dolly H., Mary K., D-20; Travis C., Gavin M., Zack O., Pam S., Jack K., Rick C., Jimmy M., Tom D., Travis E., Mike S., Jim L., Bren R., D-23; Laurie S., D-24; Jenni K., Anne N., D-25; Stephanie M., Dennis E., Marian B., Sandra M., Mike M., Jeff Z., Dean R., George B., D-27; Nealy R., D-29; Bryan P., D-31; Judy C., Terry T., Charlie M., Pat G., D-32; Greg W., Keith L., Jeff B., John G., John P., Mark S., D-35; Carolyn G., Anne S., David A., Kirt C., Steve K., Terry R., Thomas B., Zach L., Rick B., Gary S., Bill C., Bob M., Bonnie N., Patrick S.

#### Past Delegates Present:

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

Todd U., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer on Sunday, October 19, 2014.

Drew A. read the Twelve Concepts.

Bob S., Area Secretary, took Roll Call.

Secretary's Report – Bob S.

No written report.

**Treasurer's Report – Matt K.**

Income and Expenses		Income and Expenses	
01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014		01/01/2013 - 10/17/2013	
Account	01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014	Account	01/01/2013 - 10/17/2013
INCOME		INCOME	
Conference Proceeds	\$756.00		
Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$2,351.47	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$2,708.91
General Contributions	\$18,854.73	General Contributions	\$20,530.49
INCOME - TOTAL	\$21,962.20	INCOME - TOTAL	\$23,239.40
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,048.59	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,938.43
		Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$218.73
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$136.12	Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$325.01
Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$1,362.99		
Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,577.27	Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,759.84
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$1,200.10	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$1,909.80
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,338.42	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,337.64
		Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$677.65	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$1,135.82
Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,399.56	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,415.84
Delegate - TOTAL	\$2,611.10	Delegate - TOTAL	\$2,508.26
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$1,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00
		Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$855.74
Overhead - TOTAL	\$3,580.82	Overhead - TOTAL	\$2,835.72
PI Chair - TOTAL	\$609.39	PI Chair - TOTAL	\$865.68
Secretary - TOTAL	\$1,053.65	Secretary - TOTAL	\$544.99
Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$237.33	Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$856.85
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$909.28	Treasurer - TOTAL	\$950.17
		Treatment - TOTAL	\$140.71
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$21,342.27	EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$27,285.83
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$619.93	TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$4,046.43)

Budget: Area Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,770.00	\$1,200.10	1569.9	43.32%

Budget: Archivist

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,250.00	\$2,577.27	672.73	79.30%

Budget: Archives Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,169.00	\$1,362.99	806.01	62.84%

Budget: CPC Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$2,669.00	\$1,338.42	1330.58	50.15%

Budget: Conf Advisory Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

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

Budget: Corrections Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,660.00	\$677.65	2,982.35	18.52%

Budget: Delegate

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

Budget: Grapevine

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,757.00		1757	0.00%

Budget: Overhead

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$5,231.50	\$3,580.82	1650.68	68.45%

Budget: PI Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,538.00	\$609.39	928.61	39.62%

Budget: Secretary

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$2,227	1053.65	1173.35	47.31%

Budget: Alternate Secretary

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$525	0	525	0.00%

Budget: Special Needs Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,419	237.33	1181.67	16.73%

Budget: Treasurer

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,095.00	\$2,611.10	1483.9	63.76%

Budget: Alternate Delegate

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,730.00	\$1,048.59	1681.41	38.41%

Budget: General Service Conference

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

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

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,729	909.28	819.72	52.59%

Budget: Alternate Treasurer

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$480.00	\$136.12	343.88	28.36%

Budget: Treatment Chair

01/01/2014 - 10/17/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,164	0	1164	0.00%

Corrections Literature Fund Out		2399.56		
Grand Totals	\$43,512.90	\$21,342.27		

Actual vs Budget 2014

43.53%

Account Balances		Account Balances	
As of: 10/17/2014		As of: 10/17/2013	
Account	Current Balance	Account	Current Balance
Bank Accounts		Bank Accounts	
Conference Funds	\$11,502.31	Conference Funds	\$9,746.31
Operations Account		Operations Account	
Corrections Literature	\$1,965.94	Corrections Literature	\$1,694.90
General Funds	\$5,290.67	General Funds	\$2,597.01
Prudent Reserve	\$750.00	Prudent Reserve	\$5,750.00
Operations Account - Total	\$8,006.61	Operations Account - Total	\$10,041.91
Bank Accounts - Total	\$19,508.92	Bank Accounts - Total	\$19,788.22
Assets		Assets	
Area Conferences		Area Conferences	
		2014 Conference	\$2,500.00
2015 Conference	\$500.00		
2016 Conference	\$2,000.00	2016 Conference	\$1,000.00
Area Conferences - Total	\$2,500.00	Area Conferences - Total	\$3,500.00
Assets - Total	\$2,500.00	Assets - Total	\$3,500.00
Total	\$22,008.92	Total	\$23,288.22

**Delegate's Report** – Randy R.

**Fall 2014-final report for P63**

Good Morning

Much news has come in since the summer assembly.

Starting with what's new:

2014-2015 International AA Directory

2014-2015 Canadian AA Directory

2014-2015 Western United States AA Directory

2014-2015 Eastern United States AA Directory

Alcoholics Anonymous 2014 , General Service Offices, Central Offices, Intergroups and Answering Services Overseas

Circles of Love and Service (\$0.08 each)

Many Paths to Spirituality (\$0.30 each)

Sober and Out (published by Grapevine)

Box 459 Fall 2014 "A Brief History of the Big Book" in Canada

2015 Alcoholics Anonymous (Conference Approved) Literature and other AA Material

AA Speakers needed for the 2015 International Convention. We are searching for people who are not afraid to speak in front of large crowds and who can focus on the AA's Primary Purpose " recovery in AA from Alcoholism". There are fifteen separate titles to choose from for speaking. All meetings at the International Conventions are Open Meetings. See me for details and forms.

### **Literature Price Increase beginning October 1, 2014**

On July 3, 2014 Bill N, AAWS Board Chair, and Phyllis H, General Manager GSO, announced a literature price increase that will be effective October 1, 2014. The rationale given in their letter was "Our last price increase was on July 1, 2009, five years ago. We have had several reviews since then and were able to delay any action until now."

On August 4, 2014 another letter was received from Bill N and Phyllis H with further explanation of the price increase; "As you know, literature prices help to cover costs for services provided by the General Service Office. As we strive to become more self-supporting it is necessary for the Board to raise prices to maintain the level and quality of those services and the financial health and stability of the office." The new pricing schedule for October 2014 has been released and every piece of our literature has been increased, some by as much as 20%. If you include the price increase from 2009 the combined increase can be as high as 39% on certain pieces of our literature with the highest increases being applied to our "Big Book", "12x12", and "Daily Reflections"; our largest seller to those of us doing 12 step work.

In the August 4<sup>th</sup> letter there was an announcement that shipping on orders up to \$50 would remain the same (\$10), but those orders of \$51 - \$500 would be lowered by a slight 4%. Orders over \$500 would continue to be shipped at no charge to the purchaser, with the costs being absorbed from the profits of the literature.

With the profits from the sale of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition (cost to produce is about \$3.54 vs cost of the book being \$12.00, **net profit of \$8.46**) and the increase of all literature sales that traditionally occur before a price increase goes into effect, the amount of unbudgeted excess revenue should be quite substantial at the end of 2014. If we sell one million Big Books (average over last five years) in 2015, the profit from those sales alone could be an **additional** \$1.5 million. Questions that should be asked are; what is the stated purpose for this additional profit and where will this money be used to help the alcoholic who still suffers?

After considering the budget presentation given to the Delegates at the GSC the question that comes to mind is; does it seem that our Office is in need of financial stability and help in maintaining the level and quality of services that a literature price increase of this scale is warranted? The GSB Treasurer very clearly pointed out that the Groups have increased contributions to the highest levels in history in 2012 and 2013. For the last two years there has been “excess revenue over expenses” or what we might call profit, even though losses were budgeted for each year. The pension liability fund is in great shape, as is the Reserve Fund even to the point that an extra \$1.5 million could be applied to the Pension Asset fund from the Reserve Fund. In the closing remarks of the Treasurer’s report to the GSC in May of **2014** cited no financial problems were on the horizon.

At the end of 2013 our fellowship contributions were the highest in history to the GSB surpassing \$6.9 million. By the way this surpassed the previous highest amount which was set in 2012 of over \$6.5 million. Percentage of Groups contributing continues to decline reaching an all-time low of 42.5%. Area 75 group’s that continue to donate have decreased from 27.53% in 2013 to 26.59% in 2014 ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

In reviewing the financial statements as they were presented in the General Service Conference reports 2005 thru 2014 and the General Service Board Treasurer’s presentation at the 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference I have arrived at the following conclusion. Over the last nine years Alcoholics Anonymous has made a profit (excess revenue over expenses) every year except for one for a sum total of \$5.9 million dollars and the GSB has budgeted for a profit of \$295,000 in 2014. Our Prudent Reserve has risen from 8.8 months in 2005 to 10.9 months in 2013. Contributions since 2005 have been steadily increasing by about 27%, with total revenue up about 24%. It appears to me like our Fellowship has been providing the funding “to continue provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of our Reserve Fund” and that a price increase was not warranted this October? Since 2005 we have been responding as our co-founder Bill W. once said that the Fellowship will respond if the need is expressed. In the closing remarks of the GSB Treasurer’s report to the GSC in May of 2015, he cited no financial problems were on the horizon.

<b>AA Literature Pricing since 2009 (with PerCent Increases) updated 08/19/14</b>							
<b>ITEM#</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Price Literature 7/1/2008</b>	<b>Price Increase 7/1/2009</b>	<b>PerCent Increase</b>	<b>Price Increase 10/1/2014</b>	<b>PerCent Increase</b>	<b>Percent Increase Since 07/01/09</b>
B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th edition)	\$6.00	\$8.00	25%	\$9.50	16%	37%
B-30	Portable Big Book	\$5.60	\$7.60	26%	\$9.10	16%	38%
B-16	Large-Print Big Book	\$6.30	\$8.30	24%	\$10.30	19%	39%
B-24	Large-Print, Abridged Big Book		\$6.00		\$6.00	0%	0%
B-35	Pocket-Size Big Book	\$3.50	\$4.00	13%	\$5.00	20%	30%
B-20	Experience, Strength & Hope	\$9.00	\$5.00	-80%	\$5.50	9%	-64%
B-2	Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions	\$6.40	\$7.40	14%	\$8.90	17%	28%
B-15	Twelve & Twelve (soft cover)	\$6.00	\$7.00	14%	\$8.25	15%	27%
B-4	Twelve & Twelve (gift edition)	\$6.25	\$7.25	14%	\$8.25	12%	24%
B-17	Twelve & Twelve – Pocket-Size	\$4.50	\$5.50	18%	\$6.50	15%	31%
B-14	Twelve & Twelve (Large Print)	\$6.75	\$7.75	13%	\$8.25	6%	18%
B-3	A.A. Comes of Age	\$7.50	\$8.50	12%	\$9.50	11%	21%
B-5	As Bill Sees It	\$7.00	\$8.00	13%	\$9.00	11%	22%
B-18	As Bill Sees It (soft cover)	\$6.60	\$7.60	13%	\$8.60	12%	23%
B-8	Dr. Bob & The Good Oldtimers	\$8.50	\$9.50	11%	\$10.50	10%	19%
B-9	Pass it On	\$9.00	\$10.00	10%	\$11.00	9%	18%
B-12	Daily Reflections	\$7.25	\$8.25	12%	\$10.25	20%	29%
B-19	Daily Reflections – Large Print	\$7.75	\$8.75	11%	\$10.75	19%	28%
B-10	Boxed Set (B-8 & B-9)	\$17.50	\$19.50	10%	\$21.50	9%	19%
B-11	Boxed Set (B-1 & B-20)	\$15.00	\$13.00	-15%	\$15.00	13%	0%
B-6	Came to Believe	\$3.75	\$4.25	12%	\$5.00	15%	25%
B-7	Living Sober	\$3.75	\$4.25	12%	\$5.00	15%	25%
B-13	A.A. In Prison: Inmate to Inmate	\$2.00	\$2.25	11%	\$2.50	10%	20%
B-25	Living Sober – Large Print	\$4.25	\$4.75	11%	\$5.25	10%	19%
B-26	Came to Believe – Large Print	\$4.25	\$4.75	11%	\$5.25	10%	19%
B-27	As Bill Sees It – Large Print	\$7.50	\$8.50	12%	\$9.50	11%	21%



AAWS & GSO Revenue and Expenses 2005 - 2014										
Calendar Year	Contributions		Literature Profit & Other Income		Total Revenue		Operating Expenses		Excess Revenue over Expense	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
2005	\$5,275,000	\$5,417,046	\$5,736,127	\$6,686,030	\$11,011,127	\$12,103,076	\$11,094,644	\$11,126,906	(\$83,517)	\$976,170
2006	\$5,520,000	\$6,068,172	\$7,238,400	\$6,884,002	\$12,758,400	\$12,952,174	\$12,283,425	\$12,294,290	\$474,975	\$657,884
2007	\$6,200,000	\$6,526,002	\$6,563,000	\$7,056,555	\$12,763,000	\$13,582,557	\$12,673,550	\$12,563,980	\$89,450	\$1,018,577
2008	\$6,675,000	\$6,462,760	\$6,832,500	\$6,954,108	\$13,507,500	\$13,416,868	\$13,326,704	\$13,692,233	\$180,796	(\$275,365)
2009	\$6,500,000	\$6,296,110	\$7,733,900	\$8,236,559	\$14,233,900	\$14,532,669	\$13,398,788	\$13,259,109	\$835,112	\$1,273,560
2010	\$6,350,000	\$6,408,421	\$8,453,850	\$7,864,983	\$14,803,850	\$14,273,404	\$13,795,855	\$13,018,115	\$1,007,995	\$1,255,289
2011	\$6,500,000	\$6,264,454	\$7,948,800	\$7,961,980	\$14,448,800	\$14,226,434	\$14,148,720	\$13,408,487	\$300,080	\$817,947
2012	\$6,528,000	\$6,557,608	\$7,920,232	\$7,878,390	\$14,448,232	\$14,435,998	\$14,340,340	\$14,283,553	\$107,892	\$152,445
2013	\$6,697,000	\$6,906,371	\$7,783,550	\$8,109,846	\$14,480,550	\$15,016,217	\$15,091,790	\$14,984,663	(\$611,240)	\$31,554
2014	\$7,000,000		\$9,223,960		\$16,223,960		\$15,928,516		\$295,444	
Summary - 2005 to 2014	27%	27%	36%	21%	32%	24%	36%	35%		\$5,908,061

AAWS & GSO Revenue and Expenses 2005 - 2014 are taken from the General Service Conference Final Reports for each year listed  
The actual financial numbers are taken from the General Service Office operating budget for each year

Calendar Year	Reported Number of		Percentage of Groups Contributing	Estimated Number of		Prudent Reserve	
	Groups	Members		Groups	Members	Available Funds	Actual (Months)
2005	58,067	1,294,678	43.2%	60,185	1,353,883		8.8
2006	58,539	1,308,712	45.5%	60,791	1,245,124		8.5
2007	58,340	1,314,552	45.2%	60,971	1,372,361		9.0
2008	60,093	1,342,380	44.1%	60,699	1,375,598		9.3
2009	61,613	1,358,879	44.3%	61,681	1,382,615	\$12,135,909	9.5
2010	62,873	1,373,681	43.9%	63,173	1,398,767	\$14,368,427	11.3
2011	63,845	1,384,699	42.4%	64,435	1,412,724	\$15,296,921	11.9
2012	64,414	1,388,727	42.4%	65,403	1,423,468	\$15,353,752	11.4
2013	64,694	1,389,602	42.5%	65,913	1,425,647	\$15,301,653	10.9
2014				66,184	1,425,472	\$14,079,035*	9.4*
Summary - 2005 to 2014	11%	7%	-2%	10%	5%		

\* As of June 30, 2014 Reserve fund balance

Conference action, the "Prudent Reserve" was defined as an amount equal to the preceding year's combined operating expenses and should be between 9 and 12 months of those expenses

The reported group numbers and members are taken from the report titled contributions from groups, Individuals, Specials, Special Meetings (comparison section)

The percentage of groups contributing is taken from the same section as listed on the previous line above

The estimated number of groups reporting and members are taken from the inset box located in the Conference Report

**The new GSB "Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous" recently approved at the February Board meeting in 2014 states in part: "It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a Reserve Fund." Does this literature price increase follow this Policy? Our "Big Book" talks about "spiritual progress will always come before economic security". Has our General Service Board begun to adopt a "corporate" type of thinking to find economic security for our spiritual based Fellowship? Again our co-founder Bill W. warns us on many occasions that we should maintain an attitude of "corporate poverty".**

**I would be asking for a "census" of the assembly.**

**2 letters to write:**

- 1) To the GSB to review the price increase for AAWS literature, and does this price increase follow the spiritual principle of the "corporate poverty" as Bill W. stated in the seventh tradition essay.

2) We would like the GSC Literature Committee to review all proposed literature pricing and then send to \_\_\_\_\_ Conference for disapproval of those prices as it had at past General Service Conferences in 1955, 1957, and 1964.

We would like the GSC Finance and Trustees committee to review the price increase and determine if the price increase follows:

General Service Board "Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous" in particular the following statement: "It is the policy of the General Service Board that income from literature sales should only be in amounts required to allow continued provision of vitally needed services and maintenance of a Reserve Fund."

Tradition 7: "... principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy. . . . At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition."

Concept XII Warranty Two; "Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample Reserve, should be its prudent financial principle."

I'm sorry that my report was shorten at the Assembly. Area 75 had much on the agenda that day. Please feel free to call or email me on any questions you may have after reading this report.

I received the survey information kits for thirteen lucky groups to participate in the survey. It was no treat for me to track down the majority of the "Group Contacts", some of which I never did find or get return phone calls from. Out of the thirteen only five were sent back to me in time to meet the deadline at GSO. Sad to miss out on such a group honor to participate.

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](mailto: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). I have only done this log so the next delegate or person thinking about being delegate can get a reality shot at the events that he or she may be asked to attend.

My goodbye:.....you had to be at the Fall Assembly to here it.

For all the people that helped me in my time of need, I have and will continue to give back in service.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Randy R.

Panel 63, Area 75 (Southern WI)

### **Delegate Travels Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 Ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

- 1) 1/12/13 Speaker Gathering of the Groups (Workshop) District 1, Sparta, WI
- 2) 1/13/13 Speaker at the Sunday Night Surrender Group Lake Park Lutheran, Milwaukee, WI
- 3) 1/19/13 Serenity Club, Past ECR Speaker, Cudahy, WI
- 4) 1/19/13 In Home Meeting, Portage WI
- 5) 1/20/13 Winter Assembly
- 6) 1/25-27/13 WICYPAA, Living in the Answer Conference, Oconomowoc (Olympia), WI
- 7) 2/2/13 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Speaker Meeting, Waldo, WI
- 8) 2/3/13 Westfield 12 X 12 Meeting, Westfield, WI.
- 9) 2/15-17/13 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Delegates Past and Present, LA Porte, Indiana
- 10) 2/13/13 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Open AA Meeting, United Christian Church, Campbellsport, WI
- 11) 2/27/13 Grapevine Committee Meeting, District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 12) 3/2/13 In-home Meeting, Portage, WI
- 13) 3/3/13 First Sunday Breakfast Meeting, Ripon, WI
- 14) 3/12/13 GSR Meeting (Inventory Questions), District 25, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 15) 3/14/13 By the Book Speaker Meeting, covenant Church, 40 Ohio Street, Racine, WI
- 16) 3/16/13 Tri-County Conference, Washington Road, Kenosha, WI
- 17) 3/16/13 Open AA Speaker Meeting, Lomira, WI
- 18) 3/17/13 Delegates Workshop
- 19) 3/17/13 Speaker, District 31, Pardeeville Library, Pardeeville, WI
- 20) 3/30/13 Speaker, Open Speaker Meeting, Masonic Temple, Sparta, WI
- 21) 4/7/13 Pre-Conference, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 22) 4/13/13 Panel Speaker, District 9, Cuba City, WI
- 23) 4/20-27/13 General Service Conference, New York, New York
- 24) 5/11/13 District 7 Workshop, Kenosha, WI
- 25) 5/11/13 Open Speaker Meeting, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 26) 5/17-19/13 Area 75 Conference, Janesville, WI
- 27) 6/1/13 Wisconsin corrections, Appleton, WI
- 28) 6/8/13 District 25 "3 Legacy's workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 29) 6/22/13 Open speaker Meeting, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 30) 6/23/13 Summer Assembly, Madison, WI
- 31) 7/13/13 Chilton, speaker, Chilton, WI "substitute Bob Mayer"
- 32) 7/19-21/13 ECR Conference, Appleton, WI
- 33) 7/28/13 Conference Advisory Meeting, Brookfield, WI
- 34) 8/7/13 District 12, Guest speaker, Jensen Park, West Bend, WI
- 35) 8/11/13 Tri-District Workshop, Area 75 Archives Room, West Allis, WI
- 36) 8/20/13 Genoa City, Guest speaker at AA Meeting, Genoa City, WI
- 37) 8/24/13 Traditions & Unity Workshop, District 2, Montello, WI
- 38) 9/7/13 District 24, Working with Others Workshop, Mequon, WI
- 39) 9/10/13 District 36 Meeting, Guest speaker, Burlington, WI
- 40) 9/15/13 Have Fun with Service Workshop, Serenity Club, Cudahy, WI
- 41) 10/5/13 District 25, Annual Intergroup Workshop, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 42) 10/19/13 District 1, Fall Workshop, CTH B, LaCrosse, WI
- 43) 10/20/13 Fall Assembly, Madison, WI
- 44) 10/26/13 Big 36, District 20 Mini-Conference, Madison, WI
- 45) 10/27/13 Movie Day, Archives Room, 7109 Orchard St., West Allis, WI
- 46) 11/26/13 District 25, District Meeting, Unity Club, Fond Du Lac, WI
- 47) 11/15-17/13 ECR Forum, Fort Wayne, Indiana

- 48) 11/23/13 District 10 Spanish Conference, Panelist, 1236 S. Layton Street, Milwaukee, WI
- 49) 11/25/13 Fox Hall, speaker, 1904 Winnebago Ave., Madison, WI
- 50) 12/6-8/13 Concepts Retreat, Pine Lake, Westfield, WI
- 51) 1/18/14 District 23 Workshop, A. A. Club, Beaver Dam, WI
- 52) 1/19/14 Winter Assembly, Madison, WI
- 53) 2/7,8,9/14 41<sup>st</sup> Annual CDP&P
- 54) 2/15/14 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open Speaker Meeting "Group 48" speaker
- 55) 2/21,22,23/14 Dale Hollow State Park, Kentucky
- 56) 2/28/14 thru 3/2/14 West Central Alcoholic's Anonymous Service Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 57) 3/8/14 District 1 Delegates Question and Answer Session, Sparta, WI
- 58) 3/15/14 Lomira 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Open Speaker Meeting, Lomira, WI
- 59) 3/17/14 Delegates Workshop, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 60) 3/22/14 District 29 AA Fun Day, Speaker, Pass It On Club, Milwaukee, WI
- 61) 4/6/14 Pre-Conference Assembly, Madison Senior Center, Madison, WI
- 62) 4/12/14 District 12 Open Speaker Meeting, Jackson, WI
- 63) 4/25/14 thru 5/3/14 64<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference, Rye Brook, New York
- 64) 5/16,17,18/14 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual spring Conference, Racine, WI
- 65) 6/7/14 19 Annual Corrections Conference, Fond du Lac, WI
- 66) 6/14/14 District 22/4 Open speaker Meeting in Estrabrook Park, Milwaukee, WI
- 67) 9/6/14 District 2 Montello, WI
- 68) 9/20/14 District 36 Burlington, WI
- 69) 9/20/14 Winnebago Land Intergoup, Fond du Lac, WI
- 70) 10/19/14 Fall Assembly, Madison, WI
- 71) 10/25/14 District 20, Monona, WI
- 72) 11/12/14 District 23, Juneau, WI
- 73) 12/23/14 District 25, fond du Lac, WI

### **Chairperson's Report** – Todd U.

AA Trivia: *What was the name of the person who wrote the chapter "To Employers"?*

I would like to thank you for attending the Area 75 Fall service Assembly.

This summer my main effort was to get the word out about the 2014 Fall Elections and the nine proposals we will be voting on shortly....

Remember when voting on the proposals and the elections.....

*Tradition 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.*

*And Concepts.....*

*III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision".*

*V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.*

If you like what you've done at the district level and are interested in serving at the Area level fill out a resume. I have printed some out and they can be found on the back table. Please submit resumes today so I can forward them to the newly elected Chair. 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.

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

Since I have been elected I have visited these district meetings and events,

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1) 12/ 9 / 2012<br><u>2013</u> | Handoff Meeting       |   |
| 2) 6-Jan                       | District 13           | District meeting                              |
| 3) 10-Jan                      | District 4 and 22     | District meeting                              |
| 4) 16-Jan                      | District 24           | District meeting                              |
| 5) 23-Jan                      | District 14           | District meeting                              |
| 6) 27-Jan                      | District 15           | District meeting                              |
| 7) 16-Mar                      | District 13           | The 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Badger Intergroup |
| 8) 17-Mar                      | Area 75               | Delegates Workshop                            |
| 9) 20-Mar                      | District 3            | District meeting                              |
| 10) 27-Mar                     | District 11           | District meeting                              |
| 11) 2-Apr                      | District 34           | District meeting                              |
| 12) 3-Apr                      | District 16           | District meeting                              |
| 13) 11-May                     | District 1            | District meeting                              |
| 14) 17-May                     | District 30           | Area 75 Spring Conference                     |
| 15) 28-May                     | District 20           | District meeting                              |
| 16) 3-June                     | Area 75               | Meeting with Delegate / Alt Delegate          |
| 17) 8-Jun                      | District 25           | 3 Legacy work shop                            |
| 18) 17-Jun                     | District 28           | District meeting                              |
| 19) 22-Jun                     | District 29           | District meeting                              |
| 20) 23-Jun                     | Area 75               | Summer Service Assembly                       |
| 21) 1-Jul                      | District 28           | District meeting                              |
| 22) 7-Jul                      | Area 75               | Area Conference meeting                       |
| 23) 13-Jul                     | District 6            | District meeting                              |
| 24) 14-Jul                     | District 2            | District meeting                              |
| 25) 15-Jul                     | District 7            | District meeting                              |
| 26) 19-Jul                     | Area 75               | ECR Conference                                |
| 27) 31-Jul                     | District 19           | District meeting                              |
| 28) 3-Aug                      | District 10           | Workshop                                      |
| 29) 7-Aug                      | District 12           | District meeting                              |
| 30) 11-Aug                     | District 14, 16, & 29 | Tri District Round up                         |
| 31) 20-Aug                     | District 24           | District meeting                              |
| 32) 24-Aug                     | District 2            | Workshop                                      |
| 33) 26-Aug                     | District 9            | District meeting                              |
| 34) 27-Aug                     | District 32 & 33      | District meeting and the W.E.L.L. group       |
| 35) 7-Sep                      | District 24           | Workshop                                      |
| 36) 10-Sep                     | District 36           | District meeting                              |

37) 15-Sep	District 28	Workshop
38) 16-Sep	District 12	Open meeting
39) 22-Sep	District 31	Workshop
40) 28-Sep	Area 75	Area Conference meeting
41) 11-Oct	District 35	District meeting
42) 13- Oct	District 17	District meeting
43) 20-Oct	Area 75	Fall Assembly
44) 1-Nov	District 8	District meeting
45) 12-Nov	District 25	District meeting
46) 15-Nov	Area 75	ECR Forum / OHIO
47) 23-Nov	District 8	Open meeting
48) 16-Dec	District 25	Open meeting

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49) 9-Jan	District 4 and 22	District meeting
50) 11-Jan	District 13, 32, and 34	Workshop
51) 18-Jan	District 23	Workshop
52) 3-Feb	District 34	District meeting
53) 19-Feb	Area 75	Delegates Workshop planning
54) 23-Feb	District 15	District meeting
55) 25-Feb	District 32	District meeting
56) 26-Feb	District 11	District meeting
57) 2-Mar	District 13	District meeting
58) 2-Mar	District 10	District meeting
59) 5-Mar	District 12	District meeting
60) 6-Mar	Area 75	Pre Conference Assembly
61) 13-Mar	District 4 and 22	District Meeting
62) 22-Mar	District 29	Workshop
63) 29-Mar	District 13	Badger Intergroup
64) 12-Apr	District 29	Workshop
65) 15-Apr	District 24	District meeting
66) 19-Apr	District 27	District meeting

67)	21-Apr	District 28	District meeting
68)	2-May	District 30	District meeting
69)	7-May	District 16	District meeting
70)	18-May	Area 75	Conference
71)	21-May	District 3	District meeting
72)	10-Jun	District 25	District meeting
73)	16-Jun	District 7	District meeting
74)	21-Jun	Flying Buttress	Open meeting in Manitowoc
<b>75)</b>	22-Jun	Area 75	Summer Service Assembly
76)	24-Jun	District 20	District meeting
77)	25-Jun	District 19	District meeting
78)	8-Jul	District 36	District meeting
79)	19-Jul	District 20	District workshop
80)	1-Aug	District 20	District meeting
<b>81)</b>	12-Sep	District 35	District meeting
<b>82)</b>	13-Sep	District 1	District meeting
<b>83)</b>			
<b>84)</b>	19-Oct	Area 75	Fall Assembly

As your Area Chair I believe it was my job is to visit all of the districts in Area 75 each year of my term. Districts visited 2014-15 **61** / 31 I will be helping District 2 with their inventory in the upcoming months.

Several things I have noticed over the 2 years visiting all of the Area 75 districts

- Information sometimes has not been passed on regarding....
  - District to GSR's
  - Area Events

- Upcoming Proposals
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition practices

Central office does not split contributions to the districts

Address or PO box of your district

Past practices

- E-mail address for Area Chairs and Officers
  - Correct District meeting Time and Location
- I think a supported Archives chair in your district might forward past accepted practices.
  - 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 that have sent me your minutes.... thank you,

We still have two months left until rotation....So 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.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the district secretaries that forward copies of their meeting minutes to me. It's been an invaluable tool to me, all of our Area officers and Standing Committee Chairs, in determining the needs of our A.A. community.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of our outstanding committed Officers, Chairs, and DCMs, for the past 22 months. There has been plenty of opportunities to use the Steps, Traditions and Concepts.

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I would thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to give back to an organization that saved my life many times over. I'd like to thank all of you for continue to keep me sober. I plan on standing for upcoming Area 75 positions in the elections held today. I know God will determine what type of service work I will do next.

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

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



## 2015 Events

- Winter Service Assembly – January 18 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- Conference of Delegates Past and Present – February 13-15 in Bay City, MI
- Delegates Workshop – March 15 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- Pre-Conference Assembly – April 12 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- General Service Conference – April 19-25 in New York
- Annual Area 75 Conference – May 15-17 in Fond Du Lac, WI
- Summer Service Assembly – June 21 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- International Conference – July 2-5 in Atlanta, GA
- Fall Service Assembly – October 18 at the [Madison Senior Center](#)
- East Central Regional Forum – November 13-15 in Milwaukee, WI

“Faith without works is dead”,

Todd U. – Area 75 Chair

1. AA Quote....."As we felt new power flow in, as we enjoyed peace of mind, as we discovered we could face life successfully, as we became conscious of His presence, we began to lose our fear of today, tomorrow or the hereafter. We were reborn. - Reprinted from Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 63 with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.

Answer AA Trivia: *Henry “Hank” Parkhurst*

Slogans.....

- three suggestions for making an AA speech:
  - 1).BE INTERESTING
  - 2).BE BRIEF
  - 3).BE SEATED
- when you are a sponsor, you get out of yourself. If I serve, I will be served
- why recovery never ends: the disease is alcoholISM, not alcoholWASM!
- the AA way of life is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions
- the smartest thing an AA member can say is, " help me "
- you are exactly where god wants you to be
- god will never give you more than you can handle
- slow but sure
- in AA we say a "coincidence" is a miracle in which god chooses to remain anonymous

- it takes the good and bad AA meeting----the good and bad AA talk -----to make this fellowship "work"
- give time .....time
- faith is a lighted doorway, but trust is a dark hall
- the lesson I must learn is simply that my control is limited to my own behavior, my own attitudes
- the AA paradoxes:
  - from weakness(adversity) comes strength
  - we forgive to be forgiven
  - we give it away to keep it
  - we suffer to get well
  - we surrender to win
  - we die to live
  - from darkness comes light
  - from dependence we found independence
- I drank: too much---too often---too long
- AA will work if you want it to work
- minds are like parachutes----they won't work unless they're open
- what you hear and see here, stays here
- alcoholism is the only disease that tells you you're all right
- if you turn it over and don't let go of it, you will be upside down.
- an AA meeting is where losers get together to talk about their winnings
- AA is a school in which we are all learners and all teachers
- god taught us to laugh again but god please don't let us forget that we once cried
- serenity is not freedom from the storm but peace amid the storm
- AA may not solve all your problems but it is willing to share them
- it isn't the load that weighs us down-----it's the way we carry it
- principles before personalities

**Alternate Chair/Dark District Report** – Brent W.

No written report.

**Archive Report** – Rick M.

People that are new to hosting an Area Conference, or haven't done it in years, are using the Archives to get back into the swing of things or to help figure out their particular budgets. What they need is the most up-to-date set of minutes and treasury reports from the most recent Conferences. Let's try to get them in, in a timely manner, to help our future Conferences be a success.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Movie Day, which is held by the Area 75 Archives, will be on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Archives Room will be open at 11:30 for your viewing pleasure and the first of two movies will start at 12:30. Food and drinks will be available for purchase with coffee being free. Afterwards there will be a raffle drawing.

I still have dates booked for this year. I and the Archives Display are still available until the end of the year and so far, I'm still within my budget. Dates for next year are already being reserved.

It has been an honor to serve as your Area Archives Chair. An honor which I intend to pass on at the end of the year.

It's been a pleasure to be on the Archives Committee. A pleasure that I cannot pass on. If you want some, come get some. Join the Committee, but be aware, like me, you could be set for life and at the end of this year I will be putting in for the position of "*Life-long Member of the Archives Committee*". It's the only way I know of to pay Nancy back for all the help and advice she's offered to me these past two years.

Thanks to all who have helped our history come alive and thanks to all who helped make history. Thanks for the Archive requests and for putting up with me. A special thanks to our Area Chair. He didn't have to choose my name for this position. With Nancy's work schedule she couldn't make any of the displays except for the Conference. I'm glad I was there to help. If any of the future Archives Chairs runs in to conflicting hours for displaying the Archives, please give me a call to see if I'm available for the dates in question. I will be more than willing to help.

My biggest learning experience has been getting to understand the saying, *big fish in a small pond*. After floundering around in the ocean these past two years and seeing how much room I have to grow, I can honestly say thank you to my service sponsor and to all of you.

Rick M.  
Area 75 Archives Chair

**CPC Report** – John H.  
No written report

**Corrections Report** – Jim McL.  
Corrections Activity

October is a busy month for Reentry Fairs in the WI State Prisons. These scheduled events give us an opportunity to pass out AA literature and talk with hundreds of inmates who will be released into local communities in the near future. We have the opportunity to connect them with local AA contacts or meeting locations in the area of the state where they will soon be living. I participated in three such events this month at the Kettle Moraine, Prairie du Chein and Jackson-Black River Falls Correctional Institutions, accompanied by a local AA volunteer in each instance. I will be attending the last of these events scheduled this year on Thursday at the Taycheedah Women's Prison near Plymouth.

Volunteer Training

New regulations and volunteer policies are being implemented in both WI State Prisons and WI County Correctional Facilities. For State Prisons there is a uniform process in place for registration and training of all volunteers. Both current and new volunteers need to go through a comprehensive training session

every 2 years. Once you are approved and in the DOC computer for any State Prison you will not need to repeat the training to volunteer at another WI State Prison. Having a “standard” volunteer registration process and training program at all State Prisons is helping us to understand and comply with the new policies.

DOC has provided a list of scheduled trainings in Adult Correctional Institutions for the remaining months of 2014 as follows:

10/22	5:00 PM	Milwaukee Women’s Correctional Center
11/29	1:00 PM	Racine Correctional Institution
12/02	5:30 PM	Oregon Correctional Institution

Later this year they will send us an updated schedule of trainings / locations that will be offered in 2015.

There is no training schedule available for County Correctional Facilities. Unlike the State Prisons there is no central administrative authority directing how and when individual County Jails will be introducing their training programs. We only know that some version of the federal PREA training will likely be required for all volunteers in WI County Jails in the near future. Implementing this training for volunteers attending AA meetings at the Racine and Waushara County Jails has been difficult. Instead of including it as part of other on site volunteer registration and training activities these two counties have outsourced the training to a company named educorr. These counties are requiring that all volunteers complete the online training and testing program for PREA as provided by this company.

We don’t know how quickly other counties will be moving to comply with this Federal regulation. What we need now is more information on what other counties are doing about volunteer training.

Jim McL.

10/19/14

**PI Report** – Jeanette S.  
See additional reports

**Special Needs Report** – Tara H.

No written report

**Treatment Report** – Kristi C.

Good morning to you all. Thanks for being here today.-My name is Kris C. I am always going to be an alcoholic and am currently serving as your Area 75 Treatment Committee Chairperson. Since our last assembly, I have only received a couple of invitations for your district events and two requests for Bridging the Gap contacts.

On Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> I attended the District 2 Fall Meeting in Montello where our Grapevine and Literature chairs Nancy and Drew spoke about those service positions and Randy shared his Delegate report from the Spring Conference. Very interesting and encouraging.

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> District 20 hosted a Work Among Workers session at Foxhall in Madison. It was an opportunity for people to come and find out more about the service positions available and volunteer requirements in District 20. I spent the morning working with Patrick, the alternate treatment chair for the district, helping answer questions about Treatment service and displaying the literature available to assist with that service. This was a very informal and very informative event-Good job District 20!

District 31 (Columbia County) hosted its Fall Workshop Sept 20 which I attended. The keynote speaker, Dennis C from Lodi, kicked off the event sharing his experience with sponsorship, having one and being one. Excellent talk! Good panels followed, good food, good fellowship.

I mentioned that I received two request for Bridging the Gap contact this past quarter. Both requests were sent to me thru our Correction Chair, Jim M. The first came on Aug 15 for a gal being discharged on Aug 19. Due to closing on a new home that same day and beginning the moving process I did not get the e-mail until the day of release. The home phone number given was tried but with no contact. This is in the West Salem area so anyone available to follow up with this contact please see me after the Assembly or during our break.

The second request came on Oct 16 for a gentleman being discharged to Madison. I immediately contacted District 20 Treatment Chair Gavin M and he assured me that one of his team would make contact.

As a member of Alcoholics Anonymous I have also attended some other awesome events-Washington Island Campout July 10-13 and the East Central Regional Conference in Ohio July 25-27, managing to include a day trip to Akron which was incredible!

I am looking forward to being a part of the District 20 Mini Conference next Saturday in Madison and hope to stop in to the District 19 Workshop later that day in Baraboo. Halloween will offer some speaker meeting/party opportunities and I plan to attend a District 23 meeting Nov 12<sup>th</sup> in Juneau.

As November brings the focus to Gratitude, I am absolutely inspired by the people I have had the opportunity to work with while serving in this position. I am deeply grateful for the chance to learn and grow. I am humbled to know that none of this would be possible without you. So again, thank-you for being here today, and for allowing me to be of service. It has enriched my life.

Sincerely grateful,

Kris C.

**Grapevine Report** – Nancy H.

It is with mixed feelings that I give you my final report as your Area 75 Grapevine Committee chair. I want to thank you for the opportunity I have had to serve you these past 2 years. It has been a wonderful experience and I have enjoyed the many events that I was able to attend with the Grapevine display.

The Grapevine Committee hosted a fun 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hartford. Grapevine was first published in June, 1944. We celebrated with some skits, a panel of members who have had articles published in Grapevine sharing about their experience and a speaker who had served on the General Service Conference Grapevine Committee. A wonderful potluck lunch was served. After expenses we were able to donate \$59.74 to the Area Corrections Literature fund. About 70 people attended the open meeting representing over 12 districts.

I was only asked to bring the Grapevine Display to a few district events since the summer service assembly in June.

- District 2 – Montello – 9/6
- District 12 – West Bend – 9/13
- District 36 = Burlington – 9/20
- District 11 – Watertown – 10/18

Grapevine published a new book “Sober and Out” in September. It is available at central offices and at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org).

If you don't subscribe to our meeting in print, please consider doing so. The print copy is only \$28.97 a year or you can get the digital version which includes additional stories each week and access to the Grapevine archives for only \$34.97. Sign-up for the Grapevine Quote of the Day at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) (it's free) and it is a good way to start your day.

Think about Grapevine for holiday gifts. From 11/1 until 12/31/2014 you can get free shipping when ordering from [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org). Over 21 books and 18 e-book titles; wall calendars and pocket planners, gift certificates and gift subscriptions (2 for \$42)

Thank you again for allowing me to serve. I look forward to continuing to see you in the rooms of AA.

Nancy H.

Area 75 Grapevine Chair

**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 the Summer Conference Assembly, spoke at District 2's meeting and was the speaker for District 13's open meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service this past two years.

**International Convention**

Our Delegate, Randy R., has asked me to keep you informed of developments regarding the International Convention scheduled to be held July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Registration forms for the 2015 International Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia, July 2-5, were mailed around the world in August. You can get your form from your G.S.R., your area structure, your local intergroup/central office, from your G.S.O., and, of course, on G.S.O.'s A.A. website, [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). You may also register online.

The preregistration fee is \$100 USD; after May 12, 2015, registration will be \$110.00 USD. Your registration badge entitles you to attend all Convention events, including the Thursday night Party in the Park, the Stadium meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in the Georgia Dome, and all of the marathons, panels, workshops, and topic, special interest and other meetings at the Georgia World Congress Center and nearby hotels.

Housing reservation information, including the Housing Bureau's contact information, will be included with your registration confirmation. Similar to the 2010 Convention, housing for the 2015 International Convention is on a first-come, first-served basis. However, you must be registered for the Convention before you can make your reservations. Once your registration form and payment have been received, you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration. If online, a link to the Housing Reservation website will be sent to your email address along with your registration confirmation. You will then be able to complete your hotel reservation online.

If you register by mail or fax, housing information will be sent to you by postal mail. Complete your housing and deposit information and send it to the address indicated on the Housing Reservation Form. Your hotel reservation will be processed and a confirmation mailed to you.

As at other International Conventions, many A.A.s will be accompanied by Al-Anons and Alateens (check appropriate badge box on form), and Al-Anon and Alateen have scheduled a variety of daytime activities, including meetings and workshops at the Marriott Marquis. Of course, Al-Anons and Alateens will join in the festivities at the Party in the Park, the Big Meetings and more.

**News from G.S.B., A.A.W.S, & G.S.O.**

## **A.A. Website**

The A.A. website [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) has been redesigned. It is easier to navigate, has improved search engines, links to literature and more. There is also a mobile device version of the website optimized to work with your phones and tablets. I encourage you to check it out.

## **New and recently revised literature**

The new pamphlet *Many Paths to Spirituality* has been released and I have brought copies to the Assembly. Please feel free to take one.

The revision to the pamphlet *Circles of Love and Service* is now in circulation.

The updated version of the DVD *Markings on the Journey* has been released.

## **eBooks**

*Alcoholics Anonymous*, Fourth Edition, is now available in English, French and Spanish via Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Apple. Likewise, the *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* are also available from the three vendors in English, French Spanish. The French and Spanish versions of *Daily Reflections* recently joined the English electronic version released earlier this year. *Living Sober* and *Came to Believe* (English versions) are now available as electronic books. Over the next few months, our entire catalog of A.W.W.S. titles will be offered as e-Books through the major third-party vendors for the various platforms and e-reading devices and in the three languages of our General Service Conference.

## **Large Print Abridged Edition**

Now available: Alcoholics Anonymous — Large-print version of the abridged edition, containing all front matter, Prefaces, Forewords and Doctor's Opinion, text of pages 1-164, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and Appendices. B-24, \$6.00

## **Literature Catalog**

The 2014 Literature Catalog is available on line at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

## **Publishing**

For the first seven months of the year, through July 2014, total gross sales were \$9,320,076 -- \$356,335 (2.4%) over estimate for the year to date. For the sales month of July, we saw \$1,172,740 in actual gross sales vs. the \$1,092,300 estimate -- \$80,440 over budget (7.4%) for the month.

Sales in GSO's two Online Stores (bulk orders and direct-to-consumer sales) accounted for 53.23% of all sales in the month of July. For the year to date, web orders total \$4,655,015, or 51.5% of total sales.

The fall 2014 edition of *Box 4-5-9* has been distributed in English and French, with Spanish to follow shortly. The current issue features a front-page story on the 70th anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in Quebec, Canada. Also, a special trilingual publication, titled "A Brief History of the Big Book" (F-166) was mailed with the fall issue. This booklet covers, in digest form, the history of the first English, Spanish and French editions of Alcoholics Anonymous, recounting the stories of the publication of our basic text in each language.

## **Literature Price Increase Shipping and Handling Charge Decrease**

**Effective October 1, 2014**



As you may be aware, it is the policy of A.A. World Services, Inc. to review literature prices every three years for any price adjustments that may be needed. The last price increase was on July 1, 2009, five years ago. On February 3, 2014, the General Service Board accepted the A.A.W.S. Board's recommendation for an increase in literature prices.

Effective October 1, 2014, most book prices in the three languages of our Conference (English, Spanish and French) will be increased. You will find the new price list for books below.

As you know, literature income helps to cover costs for services provided by the General Service Office. As we strive to become more self-supporting, it is necessary for the Board to raise prices to maintain the level and quality of those services and the financial health and stability of the office.

The A.A.W.S. Board has decreased the shipping and handling charges at the same time the literature price adjustment goes into effect, October 1, 2014. You will find the new schedule of those rates on the below.

#### **A.A.W.S. Literature Price Increase as of October 1, 2014**

##### **ENGLISH**

Item Number	Title	Current Price	New Price
B-1	Alcoholics Anonymous (4th edition)	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.50
B-30	Alcoholics Anonymous - Portable	\$ 7.60	\$ 9.10
B-16	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.30
B-24	Alcoholics Anonymous - Large Print Abridged	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
B-35	Alcoholics Anonymous -Pocket Size	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
B-20	Experience, Strength & Hope	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50
B-2	Twelve and Twelve	\$ 7.40	\$ 8.90
B-4	Twelve & Twelve - Gift Edition	\$ 7.25	\$ 8.25
B-15	Twelve & Twelve - Soft-cover	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.25
B14	Twelve & Twelve - Large Print	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25
B-17	Twelve & Twelve - Pocket-sized	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
B-3	A.A. Comes of Age	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.50
B-5	As Bill Sees It	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.00
B-18	As Bill Sees It - Soft-cover	\$ 7.60	\$ 8.60
B-27	As Bill Sees It - Large Print	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.50
B-8	Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.50
B-9	"Pass it On"	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00

B-10	Boxed set Dr. Bob and "Pass It On"	\$ 19.50	\$ 21.50
B-11	Boxed set Big Book/ESH	\$ 13.00	\$ 15.00
B-12	Daily Reflections	\$ 8.25	\$ 10.25
B-19	Daily Reflections - Large Print	\$ 8.75	\$ 10.75
B-13	A.A. In Prison	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
B-6	Came to Believe	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
B-26	Came to Believe - Large Print	\$ 4.75	\$ 5.25
B-7	Living Sober	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
B-25	Living Sober - Large Print	\$ 4.75	\$ 5.25

#### FRENCH

Item Number	Title	Current Price	New Price
FB-1	Les Alcooliques Anonymes (Relié)	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.50
FB-30	Les Alcooliques Anonymes (Souple)	\$ 7.60	\$ 9.10
FB-16	Les Alcooliques Anonymes (Gros Caractères)	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.30
FB-24	Les Alcooliques Anonymes (Abrégée . . . )	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
FB-35	Les Alcooliques Anonymes (Poche 3 1/2 x 5 1/2)	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
FB-20	Expérience, Force & Espoir	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.50
FB-2	12 Étapes at 12 Traditions (Relié)	\$ 7.40	\$ 8.90
FB-15	12 Étapes et 12 Traditions (Souple)	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.25
FB-14	12 Étapes et 12 Traditions (Gros caractères)	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25
FB-17	12 Étapes et 12 Traditions (Poche 3 1/2 x 5 1/2)	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
FB-3	Le Mouvement Des AA Devient Adulte	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.50
FB-18	Réflexions de Bill	\$ 7.60	\$ 8.60
FB-8	Dr. Bob et les Pionniers	\$ 9.50	\$ 10.50
FB-9	Transmet-le	\$ 10.00	\$ 11.00
FB-12	Réflexions Quotidiennes	\$ 8.25	\$ 10.25
FB-6	Nous en Sommes Venus à Croire	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
FB-7	Vivre Sans Alcool	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00

FB-13	Les AA en Prison	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
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**SPANISH**

Item Number	Title	Current Price	New Price
SB-1	Alcohólicos Anónimos - en cartón	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.50
SB-30	Alcohólicos Anónimos - en rústica	\$ 7.60	\$ 9.10
SB-16	Libro Grande - Caracteres Grandes	\$ 8.30	\$ 10.30
SB-24	Libro Grande - Abreviada Caracteres Grandes	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
SB-35	Alcohólicos Anónimos - de bolsillo	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
SB-21	De las tinieblas hacia la luz	\$ 5.60	\$ 5.50
SB-15	Doce Pasos y Doce Tradiciones	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.25
SB-17	Doce y Doce - de bolsillo	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
SB-14	Doce y Doce - Caracteres Grandes	\$ 7.75	\$ 8.25
SB-3	A.A. Llega a su Mayoría de Edad	\$ 6.55	\$ 7.55
SB-18	Como Lo Ve Bill	\$ 7.60	\$ 8.60
SB-8	El Dr. Bob y los Buenos Veteranos	\$ 7.25	\$ 8.25
SB-9	Transmitelo'	\$ 7.60	\$ 8.60
SB-12	Reflexiones Diarias	\$ 8.25	\$ 10.25
SB-13	A.A. en Prisiones	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.50
SB-6	Llegamos a Creer	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00
SB-7	Viviendo Sobrio	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.00

**A.A.W.S. Shipping and Handling Charges as of October 1, 2014**

Order Amount	Current Rate	New Rate
Up to \$50	\$10	\$10*
\$51 - \$250	19%	15%
\$251 - \$500	16%	12%
Over \$500	No Charge	No Charge*

**MAICO** –

See additional reports

**Winnebago Land Central Office** –

No written report.

**Milwaukee Central Office** –

**Racine Area Central Office** –

**Conference Advisory Report** - Nancy G.

No written report

**2014 Conference Report** –Steve N.

See additional reports

**2015 Conference Report** – Chris S.

See additional reports.

**2016 Spring Conference Report** – Jim F.

See additional reports.

**2016 Fall Conference Report** – Tom R.

**Fall 2016 Planning Meeting**

**09/14/14**

Initial Planning Meeting: Organizer: TOM R, Meeting Chairperson

Minutes: NATE L, LuANN M, Meeting Secretary

Attendees:	Tom R, MAN	Nathan L, MAN	LuAnn M, MKE
	Kirk K, MAN	Marv, MAN	Ray Z, MAN
	Melissa M, MAN	Collin B, MAN	Nancy, MAN
	Bonnie W, MAN	Larry, MAN	Mark D, WR
	Eddie M, MAN	Sarah, SHE	Sarah, SHE
	Connie	Cate, SHE	Ann, SHE
	Jim, MAN	George, MAD	Nancy G, MAD

Karen B, SHE Taybee P, MAN

Agenda: See attached, submitted by TOM R

MEETING: October 21-23, 2016

Holiday Inn, Manitowoc, WI

After introductions, the AA meeting guidelines (version: approved draft 2014) were explicitly reviewed. This included:

- Committee descriptions
- Chairperson descriptions, requirements
  - Commitment critical to meeting success
  - Shared mission, shared work, shared results
  - ACTION ITEM: ALL CHAIR/CO-CHAIRS WILL REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENT: ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL PLANNING MEETINGS UNLESS EXCUSED BY THE MEETING CHAIR. ONLY *TWO* UNEXCUSED ABSENCES WILL BE ALLOWED BEFORE ACTION BY THE CHAIR

#### NOMINATION AND CHAIR POSITIONS:

As part of the assignment of chairs, a group discussion ensued regarding nomination and confirmation process. After hearing all opinions and having Nancy G clarify the district/area/national manner of assignment, group consensus was to adhere to the regional/national system of assignment of willing volunteers as trusted servants confirmed by the meeting chair. NO VOTING for confirmation will be performed.

MEETING CHAIR: Tom R

Co-chair: Karen B

- Immediate tasks:
  - Ensure communication method for committee
  - Establish next meeting date and agenda
- Karen brings extensive experience in AA meeting planning as well as regional knowledge of AA community. We thank her for her service

SECRETARY: Nate L

Co-Secretary: LuAnn M

- Immediate tasks:
  - Develop, distribute, and update spreadsheet of all contact information for committee members and potential volunteers
  - Coordinate with treasurer in obtaining a PO BOX for the meeting

TREASURER: Dan P

- Immediate tasks:
  - Obtain PO BOX for meeting
  - Coordinate with meeting chair/co-chair on establishing checking account

REGISTRATION: Ray Z

Co-chair:

PROGRAM PLANNING: Mark D

Co-chair:

PRINTING AND PUBLICITY: Marv L

Co-chair:

GREETING: Kirk K

Co-chair:

ENTERTAINMENT/DECORATIONS: Nancy

Co-chair:

HOSPITALITY: Taybee P

Co-chair

ALANON/ALATEEN: Jim to contact regional al-anon speaker and report back

ALKATHON: Cate

Co-chair: Ann

- CLARIFICATION: Alkathon sessions occur when other programming is NOT in session. It is not a continuous 24 hour meeting; it bridges the gaps in the meeting (including overnight) but does not duplicate existing meetings/speakers

Volunteer Coordinator: Not an official committee chair position, but critical committee member bridging all existing committees

- Melissa M volunteered: we thank her for her service

MEETING THEME: Group conscious decision to decide on theme of meeting at our next planning session. Attendees were encouraged to share ideas for potential theme today. These included:

- Unity (3)
- Trudging the road to happy destiny
- Happy, joyous, and free
- Spiritual Awakening
- Recovery "by the book"
- Diligence
- Service (lessons learned, the "secret") (5)
- Vigilance
- Positive attitude/responsibility
- NEXT MEETING: Review of best meeting times and consensus was Sundays late morning but not to conflict with on-site AA meeting at 10:30

*NOVEMBER 9, 2014 St. Boniface School, Second Floor, Manitowoc, WI*

### WICCYPAA 2015

No written report

### Emergency Business

This emergency proposal passed with a 84 to 2 vote.

**Proposal Sponsor(s) and Sponsor's Service Position (if any):** Incoming Area 75 D-18 DCM Mike DeB. , Past A75 D36 DCM Jim DeB. and Past A75 D36 DCM Don G.

**What is your proposal?** Introduce as emergency business the motion to rescind the Area 75 Assembly Action of September 14, 1997 that dissolved District 18 (Adams County) and incorporated Adams County into District 02.

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

The text of the September 14, 1997 Area 75 Assembly Action that dissolved District 18 and incorporated Adams County into District 02.

“It is proposed that District 18 be dissolved and that the portion of Adams County formerly covered by District 18 be considered part of District 02”.

**How did this proposal originate?** Over 8 months ago the GSR’s of Adams County chose to remove themselves from District 02 and work to bring more localized representation back to the Adams County A.A. Groups. This process began on June 29, 2014 at an organizational meeting held at the Adams-Friendship Alano Club. There was great support for this action and the second meeting was held on August 9, 2014. Officers were elected and future committee meetings have been set to establish District Committees such as: Corrections, CPC/PI and Literature.

**List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal?** Travel time for the Adams County A.A. Groups to attend their district meeting would be greatly minimized. The focus of the A.A. members would be on their own needs and those of the still suffering alcoholics in their county.

Enthusiasm will gain momentum and the message of Alcoholic Anonymous and General Service would spread quickly within Adams County.

**What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?** The GSR’s of Adams County will experience undue stress while trying to “Carry the A.A. Message” to the still suffering alcoholics in Adams County.

**Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense.** District 18 is creating their own district fund to support the ongoing activities of their DCM and other District 18 Committee Members. No cost to the area.

**Final comments (optional):** Thank you for your consideration.

**Proposals**

The following proposal passed with a 73 to 10 vote.

**Proposal Sponsor(s):** Ted B.

**Sponsor’s Phone:**

**Sponsor's Service Position:** Agenda Planning Committee, DCM Member

**What is your proposal?:** Reestablish Service Material

- Classify the *Area 75 Handbook* and *Area 75 Conference Guidelines* as service documents.
- Except matters concerning Area 75 finances, each Area 75 Service Committee may create and revise their own service documents using suggested guidelines published in the *Area 75 Handbook*.

**How did this proposal originate?**



This proposal is based upon the “Service Publications Standards” proposal submitted to the Area 75 Assembly at the June 22, 2014 Summer Service Assembly. From the feedback received at the assembly, this alcoholic came to believe that a simpler version of the proposal might better serve the needs of the Area 75 Assembly. This draft is a suggested friendly amendment to the original proposal—it retains the ideas of the original proposal while simplifying the language and details.

**List any supporting documentation or background material attached to this proposal (if any):** The following quote comes from *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*, page 12 and 13:

[S]ome traditional and practical principle has to be devised which at all levels which at all levels *will continuously balance the right relation between ultimate authority and delegated responsibility*. How, then, are we going to accomplish this?

There are three possible attitudes that we might take toward such a state of affairs. We could, for instance, throw away all corporate charters, bylaws, job definitions, and the like. This would leave it entirely to each group of trusted servants to figure out what its authority and responsibility really is. But such an absence of any chartered structure would be absurd; nothing but anarchy could result.

Then of course we could take the opposite tack. Refusing to give our leadership any worthwhile discretion at all, we could add to our present Charters great numbers of rules, regulations, and bylaws that would attempt to cover every conceivable action or contingency. That would be altogether too much red tape—more than we A.A.’s could stand.

The right A.A. solution for this problem is to be found, however, in the latter part of Tradition Two, which provides for “trusted servants.” This really means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, *how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises*. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of “*The Right of Decision*,” and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of world service. There will always be plenty of ultimate authority to correct inefficiency, ineffectiveness, or abuse.

If the Conference does not function well, the groups can send in better Delegates. If the Trustees get badly out of line, the Conference can censure them, or even reorganize them. If the Headquarters’ services go sour, the Trustees can elect better directors and hire better help. These remedies are ample and direct. But for so long as our world services function reasonably well—and there should always be charity for occasional mistakes—then “trust” must be our watchword, otherwise we shall wind up leaderless.

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

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This proposal gives the Area 75 Assembly the chance to consider a different and perhaps better balance of delegated responsibility to Area 75 Trusted Servants.

**What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?**

The Area 75 Assembly would issue excessively detailed instructions to our Trusted servants (if the original proposal passes), or no direction at all (if the proposal fails.)

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

This proposal is unlikely to incur any additional funding from Area 75.

The following proposal passed with a 71 to 7 vote

**Proposal Sponsor(s):** Ted B.

**Sponsor's Phone:**

**Sponsor's Service Position:** Agenda Planning Committee, DCM Member

**What is your proposal?:** Clarify the publication process for Area 75 *Assembly Actions* (see Attachment A)

**How did this proposal originate?**

At the Area 75 Spring Conference, the Agenda Committee discussed the ongoing problem of the Area 75 Assembly adopting documents as Assembly actions. While well intentioned, whenever the Area 75 Assembly adopts a document as an Assembly action, it prevents Area 75 Trusted Servants from updating that document in a timely fashion.

The Committee realized this had implications for the *Assembly Actions* document, a document that Area 75 Trusted Servants rely upon to understand the scope and framework of their service responsibilities. The Committee realized there were two pitfalls to avoid in publishing the *Assembly Actions* document. First, the Committee realized that adopting the *Assembly Actions* document itself as an Assembly action would prevent the document from being updated—and that this would have a devastating impact on the conduct of Area business. Secondly, the Committee realized that without some standards for publication, the document would be useless to the members of the Area Committee—that they would be unable to rely upon the document for meaningful guidance in the conduct of their service responsibilities.

The Agenda Committee then considered the standards involved, and reviewed the current update of our own *Assembly Actions* document and the A.A.W.S. Publication, *Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1951 – 2012* in devising the standards contained in the attachment to this proposal.

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

Text of the October 21, 2012 Assembly Action pertaining to updates to the *Assembly Actions* document:

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 63 rotation beginning January 2013. If adopted, this proposal will update the duties of the Area 75 Alternate Chair and the Area 75 Handbook.

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

Area 75 Trusted Servants rely upon *Assembly Actions* to understand the scope and framework of their service responsibilities. Though the *Assembly Actions* document frequently refers to itself, there are no clear-cut standards for publishing this document. This proposal seeks to remedy this deficiency by providing clear standards for publishing the *Assembly Actions* document.

**What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?**

The *Assembly Actions* document will continue to exist as a matter of long-standing practice, without specific standards for its publication. Without these clear standards, the historical pattern of inconsistent standards in documenting Assembly actions is likely to continue, rendering the document less useful to the Assembly and to Area 75 Trusted Servants.

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

This proposal is unlikely to incur any additional funding over and above what Area 75 currently authorizes for the printing of *Assembly Actions*.

1. Every formal action taken by the Area 75 Assembly should appear in *Assembly Actions* at least once. An action may appear multiple times in the document if the action pertains to more than one topic or subject. Each listing in *Assembly Actions* shall contain the following information:
  - a. The verbatim text of the proposal that resulted in formal action
  - b. The date, location and the type of assembly at which the Area 75 Assembly took the action, and whether the action constituted emergency business.
  - c. Each Assembly action should be associated with a single, descriptive tag, used to identify the action in the *Assembly Action* table of contents, with the same tag used in each instance the action appears in the *Assembly Actions* document. The Alternate Chairperson shall attach such a descriptive tag to each action taken by the Area 75 Assembly and report all such tag designations to the Agenda Committee.
2. The standards established in this proposal, and any future changes to the publication standards for the *Assembly Actions* document, apply to updates of the document going forward from the date the Area 75 Assembly adopts such changes as a formal action. Where the listings for Assembly actions appearing in prior editions of *Assembly Actions* do not conform to any new standard, the Alternate Chairperson may rely upon the text and information for each entry contained in those prior editions of the *Assembly Actions* document unless and until a member of the Area 75 Assembly challenges that entry in *Assembly Actions*.
3. Any member of the Area 75 Assembly may challenge the text and related information for any Assembly action listed in *Assembly Actions*. The person challenging that entry is responsible for researching the Area 75 Archives for the original proposal that resulted in that Assembly action. Where there is a discrepancy between the original proposal and the text of *Assembly Actions*, the text of the original proposal shall prevail, and the Alternate Chairperson shall include the necessary revision in subsequent editions of *Assembly Actions*. Where no such information is available, prior editions of *Assembly Actions* should prevail, unless in the opinion of the Alternate Chairperson or the Agenda Committee the matter requires clarification by the full Area 75 Assembly. The Alternate Chairperson shall report all challenges and modifications to *Assembly Actions* to the Area 75 Assembly.
4. The *Assembly Actions* document should conform to the following standards:
  - a. Each Assembly action should appear in every section of *Assembly Actions* where the category or topic of the section relates to that Assembly action.
  - b. Within each section, the Assembly actions should appear in reverse-chronological order—the most recent Assembly action listed first and the oldest Assembly action last.

- c. *Assembly Actions* should contain a title page that includes full document title and the date of the update. Each page of the document should contain the short document title and the date of the document's update in the footer of the page.
- 5. The Alternate Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Agenda Committee and in conformity with all applicable Area 75 Assembly actions, A.A. Tradition, and *The A.A. Service Manual*, may without further Assembly action reorganize and reformat *Assembly Actions* to maximize its usefulness to the GSRs and to the DCMs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs.
- 6. The Alternate Chairperson can update the *Assembly Actions* document to include new Assembly actions and deliver copies of the updated document to the following Area 75 Trusted Servants within 30 days of any assembly where Area 75 takes any formal action.
  - a. Full copies to the Area 75 Archivist and the Area 75 Webmaster
  - b. Full, digitally editable copies to the Area 75 Chairperson and the Area 75 Secretary for backup purposes.
  - c. A document containing only the changes to *Assembly Actions* to the Area 75 Secretary.
- 7. Updated copies of the *Assembly Actions* document can be distributed as follows:
  - a. Within 15 days of receiving an updated copy of *Assembly Actions*, the Area 75 Secretary will distribute the document containing the changes to *Assembly Actions* to all persons on Area 75 Committee.
  - b. Within 15 days of receiving an updated copy of *Assembly Actions*, the Area 75 Webmaster will post the updated version of *Assembly Actions* on the Area 75 Website.

The following proposal passed with a 79 to 0 vote.

**Proposal Sponsor(s):** Todd U.                      **Sponsor's Phone:**

**Sponsor's Service Position (if any):** Area Chair

**What is your proposal?:** To consolidate Districts 5 and 28 into one (1) District 28.

**How did this proposal originate?:** District 5 has been inactive (dark) for many years. There are five meetings in that district.

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

Jim U. current District 28 DCM, informed me that at their district meeting on Monday May, 19, 2014 a unanimous vote was passed to absorb district 5.

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

District 5 will be once again represented at the District, Area and General Service conference level.

**What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?**

District 5 will continue to have no representation at the District, Area and General Service conference level

**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 following proposal passed with a 71 to 1 vote.

**Proposal Sponsor(s):** Matt K.

**Sponsor's Phone:**

**Sponsor's Service Position (if any):** Area 75 Treasurer

**What is your proposal?:** Conference Checking Account Protocol Proposal: That the combined total of the conference checking account and the conference seed money shall not fall below \$12,500, of which a minimum of \$5,000 must be maintained as cash in the conference checking account as a conference reserve. Once the combined total of the conference checking account and the conference seed money exceeds \$13,500, then the excess over \$12,500 may be transferred to the general fund at the discretion of the Area 75 Treasurer in consultation with the Finance Committee.

**How did this proposal originate?:** The proposal originated from discussions with the Finance Committee, the Agenda Planning Committee, and the Conference Advisory Committee.

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

The conference checking account was established by assembly action in fall of 2013, with an initial balance of \$10,000. At the time the account was established, no formal guidance was issued as to when funds could be transferred back from the conference checking account to the general fund.

**List the primary benefits of your proposal to the area. What will happen if we adopt this proposal?** If this proposal is adopted, then a minimum allowable balance for the conference checking account and conference seed money will be established. It will also be clear when a transfer from the conference checking account to the general fund can be made by the Area 75 Treasurer.

**What will happen if this proposal is not adopted?** If the proposal is not adopted, then the Area 75 Treasurer will have to bring future requests to transfer funds from the conference checking account to the general fund as emergency business to the Area Assembly.

**Estimate any costs to the area. Outline where funding would come from. Explain whether this is a one-time or ongoing expense.** There would be no cost to the Area.

**Final comments (optional):**

All other proposals were either withdrawn or failed to pass.

**Elections**

The following people were elected to Area Officer positions to serve through 2015 and 2016:

Delegate:	Drew A.
Alt. Delegate:	Barb W.
Area Chair:	Kristi C.
Alt. Area Chair:	Katherine G.
Treasurer:	Pete W.
Alt. Treasurer:	Ted B.
Secretary:	Bob S.
Alt. Secretary:	Vanessa L.

**New Business:**

1. Conference bids:  
District 31, with cooperation from Districts 2 and 19 was awarded the bid for the 2017 Area 75 Conference.
2. Announcements:  
District 20 Mini Conference – Oct. 31, 2014, at St. Stevens Lutheran Ch., Monona – 8:30-2:30  
District 2 Workshop – Nov. 1, 2014, Trinity United Methodist Church, Montello  
2015 Conference, Hospitality Committee is looking for monetary donations, as the food for hospitality must be purchased from the facility.<sup>3</sup>  
Tri District Workshop – Jan 3, 2015, Our Savior Lutheran Ch., Oconomowoc

**Upcoming dates:**

Winter Service Assembly – Jan. 18, 2015, at the Madison Senior Center  
Conference of Delegates Past and Present – Feb.12 – 15, 2015  
Delegates Workshop – Mar. 15, 2015, at the Madison Senior Center  
Pre-Conference Assembly – Apr. 12, 2015, at the Madison Senior Center  
General Service Conference – Apr. 19 – 25, 2015  
Area Conference – May 15 – 17, 2015, Holidome, Fon Du Lac

Summer Service Assembly – June 21, 2015, at the Madison Senior Center  
International Convention – July 3 – 5, 2015, Atlanta. Georgia  
Fall Service Assembly – Oct. 18, 2015 – at the Madison Senior Center  
East Central Regional Forum – Nov. 13 – 15, 2015  
Area Conference, Spring 2016 – May 20 – 22, 2016, Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc

District 2 volunteered to make coffee for the Winter Service Assembly in January.  
Shawn and Chris volunteered to act as greeters.

Closed with Responsibility Declaration.  
Meeting closed at 2:35 PM.