



# The District View

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District 05 meeting in  
Menomonie Wisconsin!  
1412 6th Street E  
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331  
10/14/2015 at 6:45pm

If you have or know of an alcoholic with the willingness to serve at the district level, this is the chance and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

\*Always looking for experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.

**Step 10** Continued to take personal inventory, and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

**Tradition 10** AA has no opinion on outside issues, hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

**Concept 10** Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined

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## AA Area 74 Service Structure

Delegate Mary Jo R.  
Area Chair Kim R.  
Secretary Char V  
Treasurer Derek T.

### AA District 05

DCM Nicholas S.  
Alt. DCM Paul H.  
Secretary Shane S.  
Treasurer Ron S.

## AA District 05 Committees

Archives Derek B  
Corrections Molly M.  
CPC Jim P.  
Grapevine Gary S.  
Literature Wayne W.  
Newsletter Andy W.  
Public Info Myron M  
Treatment Kevin K.  
Webmaster Jason L.

District 05 meeting

September 9, 2015

6:45pm opened with serenity Prayer

Introductions: 19 GSR'S

### Secretary Report: Derek B. filling in for Shane

- Reports Due: Treasurers
- **Reports Due next month:** Archives, CPC, Treatment, and Treasures

### Treasure Report: Ron S.

- Savings Acct: \$455.51
- Checking Acct: \$667.10
- Cash Assets: \$ 1,347.61
- Reimbursement for Ron Ink Approved!
- Reimbursement for Nicholas \$103.34 Approved!
- Reimbursement for Gary \$97.68 Approved!
- Reimbursement for Archives supplies to Derek B, \$33.00 Approved

### Election Results:

Position descriptions will be read followed by nomination and vote. (Note: All nomination declines were issued respectfully)

DCM – Bryon B. (Accepted), Paul H. (Declined), Myron M. (Declined), Dave K. (Declined)  
**Bryon B. wins by acclimation**

Alternate DCM – Jim P. (Accepted), Ann G. (Declined), Dave S. (Accepted)  
**Jim P. wins with 2/3's vote**

Secretary – Derek B. (Accepted), Sara D. (Declined)

**Derek B. wins by acclamation**

Treasurer – Dave S. (Declined), Ken P. (Declined), Kevin K. (Declined), Jason B. (Declined), Mary Beth S. (Accepted), Austin S. (Accepted)

**Mary Beth S. wins by 2/3's vote on 4<sup>th</sup> round of voting**

Corrections – Ken P. (Recommended by Corrections Committee, Accepted), Jessica B. (Declined)

**Ken P. wins by acclamation**

Treatment – Sara D. (Recommended by Treatment Committee, Accepted)

**Sara D. wins by acclamation**

CPC – Robert S. (Recommended by CPC, Accepted)

**Robert S. wins by acclamation**

PI – Paul M. (Recommended by PI Committee, Accepted)

**Paul M. wins by acclamation**

Special Accommodations – Shawna R. (Declined), John P. (Accepted)

**John P. wins by acclamation**

Newsletter – Austin S. (Accepted)

**Austin wins by acclamation**

Literature – Bob B. (Declined), Myron M. (Accepted), Nancy F. (Declined)

**Myron M. wins by acclamation**

Archives – Jason B. (Accepted), Todd F. (Declined), Kevin K. (Accepted), Adam R. (Accepted)

**Adam R. wins by Plurality Vote**

Grapevine – Paul H. (Declined), Steve G. (Accepted), Jason B. (Declined) Warren O. (Declined)

**Steve G. wins by acclamation**

Webmaster – Election will be in November

## **New Business:**

Fall Assembly: Bryon B. will be leaving Saturday morning, returning same day. Mary Beth S. will be leaving Friday returning Sunday. Jason B. will be leaving Friday night returning Saturday. Contact them with rideshare information.

Motion made for Bryon B. to put forth a bid at the assembly for fall conference 2016 if no other district does so. Motion passed.

District wide fall workshop will take place on Sunday November 1 2015. Nicholas will be taking the lead.

## **NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 "A NIGHT WITH THE DELAGATE"**

### **Q and A about service in Alcoholics Anonymous. – Tina M. Minneapolis MN**

#### **What was your first service commitment?**

My very first service commitment was cleaning the ashtrays at Club 76. Hated it.... lol....but, it kept me coming back. My first commitment within the service structure was as alternate GSR for the Tuesday Night New Hope Group in Chippewa Falls, WI. Our GSR had to stop her commitment after only 6 months, and so I became the GSR. I had maybe 2 years sober at that time.

#### **What other service positions have you had?**

I have served as founder, secretary, treasurer, literature person, set up and clean up crew, "commitment cop" and "commitment general" at the group level. In addition to GSR, I have been DCM of district 6, bringing it back from a dormant state. At the District level, I have served as DCM, secretary, treasurer, and newsletter person. At the Area level (74): Secretary, Registrar, Finance Chair, and Treatment committee member. Area 36 (southern Minnesota): Group Records Chair and Alt PI chair I have also served as Conference Co-Chair for Area 74 Fall Conference in 2004 and served on the Founder's Day Committee in 2013 in Minneapolis.

#### **Which one was the most difficult? and why?**

The one that was most labor intensive was Group Records chair for Area 36. This was primarily due to the fact that there are just so many groups in this area. I actually had to step down about 4 months before my term was up because I was in the last semester of nursing school, and I just could not keep up with the 8 hours a week that the commitment required. Even though it was a VERY tough decision to make to step down (a blow to my ego and worried about what everyone would think of me), it was the right thing to do for me and those I was serving. Fortunately, there was a willing participant to pick up where I left off - the transition was smooth and the groups were unaffected. The most difficult one emotionally was when I was DCM of district 6. It was tough trying to get the ball rolling in a district that had been inactive for six years. A group of us had formed and we did our best.

It was kind of the blind leading the blind. I was voted in as DCM, but when I exercised the right of decision at an assembly and went in on a bid for the 2004 Fall Conference with Dodie A (DCM of District 11, I believe, at that time), I was met with ALOT of resistance. So much so that I lost a friend or two through the process and many hurtful things were said about me in a public venue. A Trusted Friend. told me when I started that commitment that there would be "shots fired" and "when the smoke clears, you will be surprised who is holding the gun". I thought he was crazy at the time, but I am forever grateful that he shared that with me because when it happened, even though I was upset, it was comforting to know that I wasn't the only one it had ever happened to and that I had someone to talk to about it all.

### **Which one was the most rewarding? and why?**

Believe it or not, the previously mentioned. When I had to step down, I learned that service is about the group of people you are serving being served in the BEST possible way, and that could possibly mean it's not me. There are MANY people who care about AA and want to be a part of keeping it going, and I don't HAVE to do everything all the time. I was responsible about the timing and transferring of information, and I did everything very transparently. The DCM position really helped me "grow up" emotionally. I realized I cannot please all of the people all of the time. There will be times when I am asked to make a decision and that the people I serve may not always like it. It doesn't mean that I am a rebel and do whatever I want. If I truly believe in my heart of hearts that this is what the majority of people in the group I am serving would like for me to do, then I have to have the emotional stability to accept that there will be some who won't like it. I must accept the criticism they offer, be transparent about why I made the decisions I made, apologize when wrong, and remember that ALWAYS, ultimately, I am working for the greatest good and to please GOD.

### **What does the future hold in your service journey?**

Currently, as of this year, I have no service commitments at the District or Area level. I took a break to finish my graduate degree at St Catherine University in Holistic Health Studies. I continue to hold little commitments at the meetings I attend, like "coffee supply buyer" and "shusher". It keeps me coming back 22 years later!!

### **Any advice for AA members that might be interested in Service?**

Do it! Constant contact with the God of your understanding, continuous inventory and being able to admit you are wrong are essential. Also, keep transparent with your sponsor and other service minded people - they can be VERY helpful. Finally, don't try to please all of the people all of the time. Take issues to God in prayer - more than once, take the "answer" you may get to those you respect and check it out. Trust your gut, trust god and BE NICE :-)

Thank You Tina for your participation and your service to Alcoholics Anonymous

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**Monthly District 05 Events:** District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 7:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** meets at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at Club 12 in Eau Claire.

**Public Information Committee** meets on the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club

**Chippewa Valley Intergroup** meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

\*\* Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.

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