

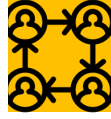
The District View

Serving AA in Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau counties, and portions of Saint Croix, Dunn and Chippewa counties

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June 2020



District Meetings

Monthly

Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

1412 6th Street E

Menomonie, WI 54751-3331

Zoom ID: 7160819669 Password: 300255

The District Meeting is where you can serve AA. You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

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Meeting online or in-person?

New rules are encouraging some groups to resume meeting in person. You may update your meeting status by contacting webmaster@district05.org with:

- ♥ First name, first initial of last name, contact email and phone number, if you wish.
- ♥ Group name requiring a change.
- ♥ The physical address of the meeting place.
- ♥ The day and time of the meeting.
- ♥ The change required.

Examples?

- ♥ Our building is closed to the public and we do not meet virtually. Our meeting is temporarily closed.
- ♥ We can now meet in our building. Remove our temporary closure.
- ♥ Please remove Zoom information. Our meeting is now in-person.
- ♥ Our building is closed, and we are starting a virtual meeting. Our meeting ID and password are...

In this edition:

- ♥ June event calendar
- ♥ April district minutes
- ♥ May district minutes
- ♥ Area 47 meeting minutes

You can access the *Grapevine* and *LaVina* free at www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help

Tradition 7

“Self-supporting through our own contributions”

Apple Pay, Cash-App, Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and Zelle

Alcoholic Anonymous

Box 459, Grand Central Station,
New York, NY 10163

District 05

New PO Box 1902,
Eau Claire WI, 54702



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Send your events to:

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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
	1 Cooperating with the Professional Community 6:30 p.m. Alano Club, Eau Claire	2	3	4	5 Virtual Recovery on the River 7 p.m. AA and Alanon Panels Zoom ID: 844 8306 5941 Password: 532418	6
7	8 Public Information Committee 6:15 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, Eau Claire Treatment Committee 6:45 p.m. Club 12 Eau Claire	9	10 District 5 6:45 p.m. Menomonie Leisure Center, Menomonie Zoom ID: 7160819669 Password: 300255	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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District 5 April minutes

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

April 8, 2020

6:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751 (usual meeting place)

Opening

- “We” version of the Serenity Prayer

Introductions Etc.

- 5 GSRs present.

Reports

- **Secretary** – Shannon S.

o Read last month’s minute highlights.

o **Approved:** *Last month’s minutes approved without objection.*

- **Treasurer** – Amy B.

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o **Approved:** *Concerns were made about anonymity, in the future using last initial instead of full name*

o Outstanding Bill for yellow pages should be carried into PI budget since it didnt get paid last year and is now in collections...motion made to add 113.25 to PI budget to cover it. Motion carried

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Shane S.

o Shane submitted a written report, which he read in person

DCM report for April 2020

Hello District 05, Shane Speckien alcoholic. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the GSR's, committee members, and officers for what you do for the alcoholic that still suffers. Since our last GSR meeting I've watched individuals work with their home groups and start up Zoom meetings which has inspired me. A special thanks goes out to our webmaster Robert for getting the zoom meetings posted on our website. These are unprecedented times with covid 19 and for an alcoholic to be isolated usually doesn't bode well for us, with that being said if you are looking to start up a zoom meeting for your home group there are many of us that can help! Since our last GSR meeting I've been attending to 2 to 3 Zoom meetings a week and will continue to hit different



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District 5 April minutes, continued

Zoom meetings in district 05 and asking how we can help in any way! I attended the delegate feedback session Zoom meeting on April 4th. We spent seven hours that day giving are delegate, Char feedback on how area 74, districts, and groups feel on agenda items that were discussed at our last delegates workshop. We also voted to cancel the area 74 spring conference, but with that being said area 74 will still have our assembly on

May 16th and 17th through Zoom! Also, if you haven't heard, the 2020 international convention in Detroit has been cancelled. Next stop Vancouver in 2025! Be safe out there, see you in the zoom meetings!

In love & service

Shane Speckien

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DCM Report- Approved

Subcommittees-

- **Corrections** – Derek B.
 - They cant go into the jails right now
 - he will be speaking at Eleva Potluck via zoom

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- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)** – Monica B
absent and no report

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- **Public Information (PI)** – Nicholas SS

District 05: Public Information Report

Greetings District 5 GSRs, committee chairs, and officers. The PI committee met on 03/09/2020 and 04/06/2020.

Our committee took a moment to check in with committee members and see how everyone was coping with the “new normal”. After sharing we opened the meeting with the following reading; “the spiritual principle service is behind A.A.’s Step Twelve: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.” Step twelve is where we A.A.’s step away from ourselves and step up to help others.

The committee discussed our previous projects are on-hold and we needed to face a more urgent



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need. How do we inform the public that Alcoholics Anonymous is alive and well during these difficult times? The committee decided to create an email that can be send to organizations traditionally served by the PI committee. The PI committee will be reaching out to media outlets, churches and other forms of disseminating publicly how to contact A.A. and how to find a meeting.

Our committee is interested in collaborating with CPC and Treatment on also getting this information into the hands of the professional community as well.

Our committee has discussed the possibility of doing a “virtual workshop on anonymity in the digital age” as well. Our committee intends to meet weekly to address the rapidly changing and emerging needs of our fellowship and the still suffering Alcoholic.

The District 5 PI Committee brings forth a motion that all meetings from Western Wisconsin that wish to be put on our district website be listed. We ask this as District 14, District 6, and District 7 have no active website and during these unprecedented times the still suffering alcoholic has no place to turn for meetings other than online.

Background, unreached Alcoholics continue to suffer all around us and District 5 is a situation to be helpful. Our meetings are widely accessible on www.district05.org and the A.A. meeting App. By adding any virtual meeting that is occurring in Districts 14,6, and 7 we could be carrying the message to a still suffering Alcoholic. This practice in not unprecedented and occurs in many districts where AA meetings are listed on their website to help carry the message. A small and section can be Page 2 of 4 added to our site that says similar to the following; Our neighboring communities have meetings as well.....

The District 5 PI Committee brings forth a motion that each meeting be identified by their geographic location, open/closed, and if it is a specialty meeting to ensure we maintain the integrity of our meetings. Essentially, we ask that any registered groups or regularly listed meetings that have gone virtual be listed as they are on our regular District 5 directory.

- Background, The still suffering Alcoholic knows little to nothing about Alcoholics Anonymous and when access the list of virtual meetings through the District 5 Website the directory does not indicate if the meeting is open/closed, region it is in, and if it is a specialty meeting. Our district needs to ensure we help protect anonymity by labeling meetings as open or closed, guide people to any specialty meetings they may be incline to attend and that the still suffering alcoholic be able to identity a meeting from a geographic area he/she wishes to in order to begin to con-



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nect with other alcoholics that will be there for him/her when we are able to gather in person.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Be of service! Regular meetings take place at a time yet to be determined. (for info call Nicholas 414-803-9906)

Motion 1 and 2 approved

- **Treatment** – Megan S.
- They cannot go into treatment centers
- They will be meeting via Zoom

Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire.

- **Special Accommodations -Jim S**

- No Report

Other Reports

- **Fall Conference-** Bryan B

- No Report

Be of service! Next Meeting: Call Bryon or Hannah for any changes

- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative

- no report

- **Eleva Potluck**

- Will be a zoom meeting
- 3 speakers

- Derek B-Corrections

- Nicholas SS- PI

- Zach H-GSR

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Old Business

- Roundups/ Recovery on the River/ Club 12 Banquet
- No motions on the table keep announcing and supporting
- No objections

Open Sharing

- GSRs share on zoom meetings etc



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District 5 May minutes

District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

May 13, 2020

6:45 PM

Zoom Meeting

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751 (usual meeting place)

Opening

- “We” version of the Serenity Prayer

Introductions Etc.

- 6 GSRs present.

GSR Sharing

- GSRs share on zoom meetings etc
- Hannah-Freedom From Bondage Womens meeting is having good attendance they plan on keeping the zoom meeting going as an extension of the reg. meeting once they start in person meetings back up
- Kyle-Back to Basics is having good attendance including out of state people haven't yet discussed keeping zoom
- Shane R-FlimsyReed is having good attendance having fellowship before and after, Trying to keep meeting as normal as possible by continuing celebrating birthdays etc., continue 7th tradition via venmo
- Jon S-SNA is having 20-40 consistent attendance, still collecting 7th tradition and paying rent, will have business meeting
- Natalie H-Tuesday night Step, good attendance including out of towners, will continue zoom also for those who want it, hasn't been having group conscious or 7th tradition, will discuss with group
- Chuck S-Gay Chatter zoom meetings regular attendance including out of towners, paying full rent, collecting 7th Traditon via Venmo

Reports

- **Secretary** – Shannon S.
 - o Read last month's minute highlights.
 - o **Approved:** *Last month's minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Amy B.

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- Paid yellow page ad for 2019 which was 113.25 as discussed
- Yellow Page ad for 2020 for 90.60 the check must have got lost in the mail or something because it was never cashed which explains the discrepancy in the books when they were handed off...So we still need to Pay 90.60 fro 2020
 - Take it out of the PI budget again?
- We need to pay rent at the Liesure Center owe for February and March and should we pay April?
- PO Box is 148\$/year should we switch to a smaller box for 106\$/year?

Voted yes to taking money out of PI/adding more to budget no objections

Voted yes to switching to smaller mailbox no objections

Voted to continue paying Rent and Pay Rent up to date

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Shane S.
 - What are other Areas and Districts doing to Reach Out to the still suffering alcoholics
- Page 1 of 3
- Continuing reach out to treatment centers
 - Using Intergroup
 - Area 74 Assembly is this Saturday May 16

DCM Report- Approved

Subcommittees-No Reports this Month

- **Corrections**

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November, 6:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire.

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC)**

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Eau Claire.

- **Public Information (PI)**

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- **Treatment-** Megan

- wants to bring regular meetings into treatment centers in addition to bridging the gap

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- **Special Accommodations**

Other Reports

- **Archies-No Report**

- **Grapevine-** Pat T

- No Report
- Grapevine is FREE at AA.org

- **Newsletter-** Debbie F

- Still learning everything will try to have something for June.

- **Fall Conference-** Bryan B

- Will it happen?
- Will it be zoom?
- Are we willing to lose money if it does go on and there is very little attendance?

Be of service! Next Meeting: Call Bryon or Hannah for any changes

- **Intergroup** – Jennifer H

- Lots of stuff at a stand still
- Picnic on hold
- Reaching out/Field Trips to Larger Cities to see how they are run ON HOLD
- keeping a stock of literature and selling it during the pandemic
- Welcome Packs for groups-on hold
- Maintaining website

Be of Service! Regular Meetings take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6pm, Club 12, Eau Claire

(Check website for Covid-19 updates could be meeting on zoom)

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- **Chuck S speaks on 7th Tradition**

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Area 74 May minutes

74 Spring Assembly Agenda Saturday, May 16th, 2020

Secretary's Note: All reports submitted prior to the Area Event will be printed in their entirety at the end of the document under the corresponding appendix number. The document below will capture discussion, and day of events. Items in black and regular font are from the agenda and all items in red and italics are day of discussion.

CST

11:15 – 11:45 PM – New GSR and DCM Orientation with Past Delegate Derek T.

12:00 PM – Welcome and Opening Remarks -**Meeting opened at 12:00pm**

Moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer

Zoom / Housekeeping

Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCMs Present:

Area Officers: Area Chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer

Committee Chairs: Archives, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Public Information, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23

Past Delegates that are present today:

39 - Karen, 42 – Chuck S, 50 – Bob M (also past ECR Trustee), 54 – Torv T, 56 – Jeff C, 62—Marty L, 64 – Mary Jo R, 66 -Derek T, 68 -Sara P

Approval of Area Assembly minutes from October 26th, 2019

Minutes approved.

Area Officer Reports

· Secretary Nicholas S. – see appendix 1

No questions

· Registrar Dean C. – see appendix 1

No questions

· Treasurer Barry B. – see appendix 1

Question asked by GSR from District 5 regarding budgeted expenses vs. checking account balance. Asked what the total budgeted expense is.

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Clarification on international hospitality refund.

Barry shared a finance committee conversation regarding considering online/virtual financial contributions. A straw poll was conducted. Straw poll results, Yes-36, No-7, IDK/Need More Info-9.

- Area Chair Dawn M. – see appendix 1

Clarification on when Dawn attended Delegate feedback session

Old Business

- Updates

- o Past Grapevine Motion Sara P. –

Sarah shared that no action was taken on the motion. – see appendix 2

- o Cab Reloaded Dean C. – see appendix 2

Question regarding what does CAB stand for – “Conducting Area Business”.

Question regarding Area committee meetings happening after the assembly so that motions do not need to wait until the following assembly. – Clarification stated it was not the scope of the survey or no responses indicated that.

Suggested that the Area Committee could discuss when the ACM could happen.

Question seeking clarification on difference between workshop and presentation. – Stated that it might be semantics and could be discussed at the assembly.

Clarification regarding “under the conclusion” Regarding area assemblies, 2 was the most popular and that 3 and 4 were tied. Asked about the trustee coming to facilitate elections and that there are no hotels for them to stay at – that was not discussed.

Comment shared that it is up to the assembly and committee meetings need to act on it.

Question regarding the report and the data and what should be questioned. Also stated that the report should consistently use lower case c or upper-case c regarding Area Committee Meetings and the Area Committee.



Area 74 May minutes continued

Question seeking education on where the information came from – referred to the information in the report.

Follow up question regarding the how many responses – 86 was reported from the committee.

Comment or suggestion that when the ACM begins to discuss this that we need to be cognizant of adjust current budgets is discussed as well.

Additional comment that the word “group” never appears in the document.

Motion made “Move to add this Area Committee meeting today.”

Seconded, Additional comment that the word “group” never appears

- o Area 74 Inventory Gerri Ann K - see appendix 2

Question on who can vote at the inventory – shared that yes, any AA member.

Question regarding Zoom Conference rooms – multiple rooms.

Question regarding facilitator – replied that those recommended were not available.

New Business

Election/Confirmations

- o Elect Secretary Chair

Nicholas was nominated and accepted; the nomination was seconded. No other nominations were presented. – Vote numbers were not captured.

- o Present/Confirm Alt Secretary Secretary

Diane D was confirmed as alternate secretary. Vote numbers were not captured.

Discussion on Diane's eligibility to vote based on conflict of dual roles, Alt-Sec'y and GSR in District 07.

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Confirmed that the alt-positions and "co's" are not officers.

Point of order that there is no provision that excludes the position and should not be up for debate or discussion.

- o Present/Confirm Alt Treasurer Barry B.

Kendra R. was presented as co-treasurer. Approved by a vote of 39 to 1.

- o Present/Confirm Alt Registrar Dean C.

Mike M was presented as alt-registrar. Approved by a vote of 43 to 0

CPC Motion

Sara S.

*"Area 74 CPC Area recommends "the Linked-In Page" of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued."
see appendix 3*

Question if this motion has already been discussed at the GSC as it is happening simultaneously and if passed, to move to inform her right away.

Comment that the spirit at the conference was not have the delegate check in once at the conference.

Committee member of CPC did not agree with the idea that Class-A trustees are allowed to be on public media platforms because they are not alcoholics. Follow up comment that this was regarding Class-A trustees posting their own information.

Comment regarding can we forward this our delegate?

Comment from GSR that a statement that saying "linked in" is not effective based on 80 clicks – we are not able to give meaning to that number. Additional comment that there was no information put forward that stated we are "depending on" Linked in" and that this is our only means and that it is replacing a different mode of carrying the message.

Comment agreeing with previous comment.

Vote was conducted: 42 total votes, 25-yes, 16-no.

Minority Opinion:

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The gist of the matter is that we are online and people can see who we are, we have traditions, and that the most important part of the background information is about the breaking of the traditions and that there was a lot of background being broken by this. The committee felt that until changes are made, they stand behind how the traditions are written.

Another comment with concerns about Linked-In being owned by Microsoft and that we should keep it pure.

Another comment that the perception of linked-in is that it is a business environment and that was a hat that AA should be wearing.

Another comment that 80 clicks on AA.org from linked-in seems very ineffective and virtually useless.

Another comment that the committee put a lot of work and research into this and we should trust what they did.

Another comment that the goal was to lead professionals to the website. The number of clicks is relevant to the effectiveness of linked-in guiding people to the website

Another comment that this has no place for AA.

Another comment people can take any post and post to someone else's pages and "put anywhere". The studies and articles they want to put on there would be a reputable source and there is no way to know who that is and have no control.

Another comment that if it is violating traditions there should be no questions.

Comments are vote to reconsider.

Vote to reconsider passed 25-18

Discussion to Resume



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Does not see the tradition violations listed in the background information and feels that the additional information is relevant to the motion

2 things stand out as newcomer; anonymity – keep in mind that we are talking about a social media platform. Promotion is also important. Believes that anytime you begin promoting on social media you put things at risk.

Another comment is that the reason I voted out was a friendly amendment was not approved by the body.

Another comment that the vote was not because it is not clear as to who/what this motion is going to. If the motion is for Panel 71 we could table it. What do we do with this vote?

Another comment on what traditions are being violated, tradition 4, tradition 11.

Another comment that perhaps we should consider tabling this for the following year as the chance for a floor actions is not likely.

Another comment that was looking for a button to abstain as he is not familiar with linked-in and trust his higher power the trusted servants of Area 74 are working for the good of AA and why he changes his vote to yes.

Vote to end discussion, passes 41 to 0

Vote to approve motion passes 38 – 6, vote passes with 84%.

Date for General Service Conference Delegate Report Back – see appendix 4

Comment that if she is willing to travel around that it would be ideal.

Clarification if she can't give it at 3 lakes how can give it at district level?

Comment that gathering as an entire area should be available to hear the report.

Suggested that it be held at the fall conference and left up to Char decide.

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Comment that in favor of providing an opportunity that a report to get the information to districts and gsrs as quickly as possible.

Comment that pick a date 6/27/20 that a virtual report back be given.

Comment that we do not know what social distancing will look like in the future. Perhaps we can explore setting something up if need to convert to a zoom meeting.

Comment that we should have a virtual meeting and that Char expressed willingness and the delegate should go where asked.

Question regarding if Sara made a motion for 6/27/20 and if so, it would be seconded. Sara clarified she had not made a motion.

Comment that motion is supported and that Char would like to meet in person. Stated that just because "we are open for business" does not mean we are able to meet. Comments also that the need to meet soon is important due to recent financial concerns.

Motion: "Delegates report back from the 70th general service conference be held on Saturday, June 27th via Zoom platform."

Motion passed, 37-4, passes with 90%

Minority Opinion:

Comment that vote was no and you can still have an in-person meeting if you invite the delegate.

No revote:

Fall 2020 Conference regarding Covid-19 Bryon B – see appendix 5

Comment made that the unknown if the hotel is open to host a group of that size. Personal thought is that there is too much risk to ask this many people to come together.

What is the "drop dead date" – There is not one. Brian has asked for direction in 2 weeks.

Comment regarding Eau Claire County Health Department issuing order in regards to Stay-at-home.

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Comment was that the order expires on May 28th.

Comment was to want feedbacks from the groups.

Area Chair stated she would email out the information from the Committee and calling an emergency meeting on Saturday morning, May 30th.

Comment is overriding concern for health.

Comment regarding it isn't safe to meet in person.

Discussion ended, emergency meeting will be held on 5/30/20.

Conversation continued.

Comment regarding will 2 weeks be enough time for a decision.

Comment about moving forward to agenda.

Area 74 will have emergency meeting Sat. May 30, 9:00 CST to vote on Fall Conf.

Danni - PI chair: Motion states "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login." This motion is being presented so it can be addressed at today's Area Committee Meeting. It does not need a 2nd because it is coming from the PI Committee. This will be placed at the end of the Agenda to be addressed.

Michelle question – is this for Assembly or for ACM. Danni and Chair commented that this was brought up at Assembly so it can be moved to ACM agenda for discussion and direction from them.

Jeff C.: Point is to bring this through Assembly, to the ACM, so all DCM's can be informed of this at ACM, take back to groups and come to next Assembly prepared for discussion on this motion.

Dawn: Great job, Danni and PI committee really did



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Terry: Past PI chair. This motion was also brought to assembly. Was this approved two years ago?

Dawn: has not been approved, and this is what Danni is doing...closing gaps by presenting motion.

Conferences

- o 2020 Spring Report - Sunny L./Marty L. - see appendix 6
 - § *Dawn extended thanks for getting the Registration checks back so quickly.*
- o 2020 Fall Report - Bryon B. - see appendix 6
 - § *No discussion*
- o 2021 Spring Report - Derek T. - see appendix 6
- o 2021 Fall open bids – *no report*
- o 2022 Spring open bids –
 - § *District 13 is interested in pursuing a bid for this conference and are in discussion with the hotel.*
- o WIYPAA Liaison Report – *Representative not available.*

Derek moves to refer the CAB Reloaded report to the ACM scheduled for today. This motion is to place on the ACM agenda. Call question by Brent, 2nd by Michelle, simple majority to go to vote. 35 yes. 0 no. passed.

Motion: "Move the CAB reload to the Area Committee Meeting."

Vote: 33 yes 0 no. 100% passed. Now it is on the ACM agenda for today.

Danni's motion from PI committee: Derek moved to refer the motion "The Public Information Committee recommends that the Now and Then, Area 74 digital newsletter, be posted on the Area 74 Webpage under the Secured Service Login.", 2nd by Barry. Brent calls the question, Michelle 2nd. Vote simple majority.

Vote: 31 yes 0 no. passed. Added to ACM agenda for today.

Close the Assembly with The Declaration of Unity

Closing time: 5:44 pm CST

Appendix 1

Area Officer Reports:



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Secretary:

Good Afternoon Fellow Members of Area 74,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your alternate secretary for the past few months. It has been exciting navigating the twists and turns the road of happy destiny has laid before us. My goal is to get the minutes to the Officers, Committee Chairs, and DCM's in a timely fashion. In doing so I ask that you take the time to read them carefully and review with your own notes to ensure our accuracy. Much like our meeting today, it takes many people contributing to make it successful. The same, goes for our Area Minutes as well.

We will be having an election for secretary today and pending the outcome of that election I will be assisting in transitioning to the new secretary or if I shall be elected I ask the chair for a few minutes of tie to address the body with some requests regarding sending in your reports.

Thank you for trusting me to serve,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

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Area 74 - 2020 YTD Budget Report
Year To Date 04-01-2020 - 04-30-2020

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	248.00	1,052.00
Treasurer	700.00	30.00	670.00
Registrar	700.00	52.00	648.00
Secretary	700.00	-	700.00
Archives	700.00	30.00	670.00
Corrections MI	700.00	40.00	660.00
Corrections WI	700.00	30.00	670.00
CPC	700.00	24.00	676.00
Finance Expenses	700.00	39.00	661.00
Grapevine	700.00	30.00	670.00
Literature	700.00	41.70	658.30
Now & Then	700.00	68.38	631.62
Public Information	700.00	29.00	671.00
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	15.00	685.00
Treatment	700.00	-	700.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,677.06	\$ 12,022.94

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 31,087.00	\$ 8,056.33	\$ 23,030.67
* Other Revenue *	2,500.00	1,038.31	1,461.69
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	350.00	50.00	300.00
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 33,937.00	\$ 9,157.64	\$ 24,779.36

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	400.00	285.28	114.72
Corrections Committee MI	720.00	183.71	536.29
Corrections Committee WI	700.00	-	700.00
CPC Committee	1,070.00	22.00	1,048.00
Finance Committee Expenses	1,190.00	335.74	854.26
Grapevine Committee	500.00	-	500.00
Literature Committee	162.00	44.10	117.90
Now & Then Committee	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Public Information Committee	385.00	14.95	370.05
Registrar Committee	251.00	-	251.00
Secretary Committee	195.00	-	195.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee	250.00	-	250.00
Treatment Committee	4,800.00	-	4,800.00
YTD Committee Expenses	12,613.00	885.76	11,727.24

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Revenue		0.75	
Refreshment Contributions		77.52	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		-	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		-	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		960.04	
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		450.00	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,038.31	\$ 961.69

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Seat Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
Registrar Internat	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	550.00	100.00	450.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	275.00	48.97	226.03
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	(0.01)	100.01
ECR Conference	750.00	-	750.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
East Central Regional Forum	750.00	-	750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years	-	-	-
International Convention	750.00	-	750.00
International Convention Hospitality Room donation	400.00	480.00	(50.00)
Sec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens	-	-	-
Prudent Reserve	-	-	-
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 8,495.00	\$ 4,396.96	\$ 4,098.04

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,677.06	\$ 12,022.94
Committee Expenses	12,613.00	885.76	11,727.24
Other Expenses	8,495.00	4,396.96	4,098.04
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 34,808.00	\$ 6,959.78	\$ 27,848.22

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Main Menu		Year To Date 04-01-2020 - 04-30-2020	
CARRYOVER FROM 2019			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$	5.00	
Carryover prudent reserve		\$3,000.44	
TTL CARRYOVER 2018	\$	35,178.72	
REVENUE SUMMARY			
Group Contributions		8,069.33	
* Other Revenue *		1,488.31	
Anniversary & Individual Contributions		50.00	
YTD Total Revenue	\$	9,607.64	
OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES			
Delegate	\$	1,000.00	
Area Chair-Alt Delegate		248.00	
Treasurer		30.00	
Registrar		52.00	
Secretary		-	
Archives		30.00	
Corrections MI		40.00	
Corrections WI		30.00	
CPC		24.00	
Finance		39.00	
Grapevine		30.00	
Literature		41.70	
Now & Then		68.38	
Public Information		29.00	
Structures & Guidelines		15.00	
Treatment		-	
YTD Chair Expenses	\$	1,677.06	
* OTHER REVENUE *			
Interest Income	\$	0.75	
Refreshment Contributions		77.52	
Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference		-	
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference		-	
Fall 2019 Conference Gain		960.04	
ECR International Hospitality Return		450.00	
Total Other Income	\$	1,488.31	
EXPENSE SUMMARY			
Chair Expenses	\$	1,677.06	
Committee Expenses		885.76	
Other Expenses		4,398.98	
YTD Total Expenses	\$	6,959.78	
TOTAL ASSETS			
Bal-Checking Account April 30 2020		\$34,850.58	
Outstanding Checks		\$29.00	
CHECKING BALANCE April 30 2020		\$34,821.58	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		\$5.00	
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 31, 2020		\$3,000.00	
TOTAL ASSETS April 30 2020		\$37,826.58	
TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF			
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2019		\$32,173.28	
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		5.00	
Carry Over Prudent Reserve		3,000.44	
YTD Total Revenue		9,607.64	
YTD Total Expense		6,959.78	
TOTAL ASSETS April 30 2020		\$37,826.58	
Prudent Reserve Activity			
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance		\$3,000.00	
YTD Accrued Interest			
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking			
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve			
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$	3,000.00	
YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS			
YTD Total Revenue	\$	9,607.64	
YTD Total Expenses		6,959.78	
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$	2,647.86	
GROUP PARTICIPATION			
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2020		647	
Institutional Groups		22	
Groups Contributing		114	
			18.24%
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Archives	\$	-	
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		285.26	
Corrections Committee MI		183.71	
Corrections Committee WI		-	
CPC Committee		22.00	
Finance Committee		335.74	
Grapevine Committee		-	
Literature Committee		44.10	
Now & Then Committee		-	
Public Information Committee		14.05	
Registrar Committee		-	
Secretary Committee		-	
Structures & Guidelines Committee		-	
Treatment Committee		-	
YTD Committee Expenses	\$	885.76	
OTHER EXPENSES			
Seat Delegate	\$	1,800.00	
Registrar Internet			
Rent - ACM / Assembly		100.00	
Treats - ACM / Assembly		46.97	
Conference Seed Money		2000.00	
Other Misc Expenses		-0.01	
ECR Conference			
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)			
ECR Forum			
CDPP - Trustee Election			
International Convention			
International Hospitality Room		450.00	
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense			

Area Chair/Alt Delegate:

Date: 5-16-2020

To: Area 74 Spring Assembly

From: Dawn Marx Panel 70

Subject: Area Chair/Alt Delegate Report

- Attended East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past & Present February 14-16, 2020
- Updated Area 74 Charts
 - o Thank you Area 74 Webmaster Lucas M. for posting them on our website
 - o Revisions will be made to the Area Map when the Printing Company is back to work
- DCM monthly meetings have gone from Conference call to Zoom, allowing us to get to know each other better.



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- Attended and participated in District 02 Pre Delegates Workshop on February 29th, 2020
- Delegates Workshop March 7th, 2020
- Zoom Delegate Feedback Zoom session March 28th, 2020

Thank you,
Dawn Marx

Appendix 2



February 20, 2020

Sara Plansky-Pecor
splansky@centurylink.net

Dear Sara-

Warmest greetings from chilly New York.

Thank you for sending the request that AA Grapevine, Inc. "develop a digital service material piece in looped audio/visual format and make available for use and download by groups, GVRs, district & area Grapevine Committees and workshop presenters. This service material could be used in displays via tablet, smart phone or laptop to assist trusted servants in carrying the message of AA GV and therefore reach more alcoholics who still suffer. The looped presentation might include all things Grapevine: history, ways to subscribe, how to submit personal stories, etc." be sent to the 70th General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine.

Your request was presented at the AA Grapevine Board of Directors January 30, 2020 quarterly meeting. The Board reviewed this request with great interest and lengthy discussion and took no action as this matter is currently under management's review and will be discussed further at future AAGV Board meetings.

We at Grapevine truly appreciate your interest and suggestions. On behalf of the Grapevine Board, we extend our appreciation to the Area for their participation in the Conference process.

Yours in fellowship,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Witherspoon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jon Witherspoon
Secretary to the Conference Committee on Grapevine

Cc: Patrick Claymore, Conference Coordinator, Ginger Rhoades Bell, Chairperson,
Grapevine Board of Directors



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CAB Reloaded Ad-Hoc Committee Summary

Introduction (Dean)

My name is Dean and I am an alcoholic currently serving as Area 74 registrar. Phase one of this committee was the survey that ran from May through September of 2019. Char chaired that and got the entire project rolling so a huge thank you to her. She then got kind of busy in another position and I was elected chair for Phase two. Our current committee members are Pamela O. from District 12 (Pam has now moved back to Arizona), Renae S. from District 01, and Derek T., Kathy P. and I from District 20. It has been a great committee and I want to say thank you to everyone.

In May of 2019, the Area 74 Assembly approved the creation of this Ad-Hoc Committee to study the effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee meetings per year. The Ad-Hoc Committee worked for several months to develop an Area 74 membership survey to look at the issue.

The survey was made available via email, hard copy and on the Area 74 website. There was solid participation. The committee collated the data and discussed it at length. The findings were presented to the Area Committee in September of 2019. The committee was then tasked with developing recommendations to the body based on the findings. In addition, the committee reviewed those items that received less than substantial unanimity support in the questionnaire and collated associated responses and comments. The committee's recommendations will be presented first, followed by comments on items that did not receive substantial unanimity support.

CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Recommendations

- **The committee reviewed response data from the survey. The data indicates, with substantial unanimity, that Area 74 finds [associated questions are cross-referenced parenthetically]:** (Derek)
 - Area 74 should hold Service Meetings (Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings) at Area 74 Conferences [Q1, parts 1 and 2]
 - Area 74 Election Assemblies should be held in a central location [Q2]
 - District Committee Members (DCMs) should be giving reports at the Area Committee Meeting and that these reports should be oral reports [Q12 and Q15]

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- o It is necessary that Committee Chairs give oral reports [Q14]
- o That there should be a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies [Q16]
- o Workshops at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- o Presentations at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- o Sharing Sessions at Assemblies are beneficial [Q17]
- o Workshops at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- o Presentations at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- o Sharing Sessions at Area Committee Meetings are beneficial [Q18]
- **Therefore, the committee recommends the following** (Kathy)
 - o Area 74 should continue to hold Service Meetings [Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings] at Area 74 Conferences
 - o The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin
 - o Area 74 Assemblies should continue to include oral reports presented by Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs
 - o Area 74 Area Committee Meetings should continue to include oral reports presented by DCMs within Area 74
 - o The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:
 - "Normal" Assembly
 - Election Assembly



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- Assembly post Delegate's Workshop
 - Delegate's Report Assembly, post General Service Conference
- The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one workshop per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need

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- The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Assembly agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one workshop per year, on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one presentation per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda include at least one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need

CAB Reloaded Ad Hoc Committee - Comments on questions that did not have substantial unanimity so we did not make a recommendation. (Dean)

3. Should the Delegate's Report be a standalone event (no assembly attached)? Majority—**No—52.2%**
 - Very slight support for not having a stand-alone event. Basically a 50/50 split
 - From survey comment section,
 - Yes, unless there is pressing business
 - The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.
4. Should the Area Committee meeting be held the same day as the Delegate's report? Majority—**Yes—59.1%**
 - Though there was about 60% support for this that means 40% did not support it.
 - From survey comment section,



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- o If the ACM was accomplishing something it would be great. The way things are now it doesn't matter.
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.

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5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Assembly Meetings** per year and desired months.

- Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. There is an almost 50 % drop-off in having more than two assemblies a year. Certainly, little support for the current 4 assemblies. April was the top month selected to have an assembly with October and September a close tie for second. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.

o Months to hold Assembly---77 Responses

Apr	53.25 %	Votes	41		
Oct	42.86 %	Votes	33		
Sep	40.26 %	Votes	31		
May	28.57 %	Votes	22		
		Feb	15.58 %	Votes	12

o Number of Assemblies per year

2	41.6%	Votes	32
3	23.4%	Votes	18
4	19.5 %	Votes	15
1	13.0%	Votes	10

5. Based on the Area 74 Calendar, please select what would be the optimal number of **Committee Meetings** per year and desired months.

- Though this data was looked at in multiple different ways; no response removed, by current, previous, or no service experience and by service positions the numbers did not change much. Two committee meetings a year was the top vote getter with a 10 % drop-off to 3 or 4 meetings. There is virtually zero percent support for our current 5 ACMs, if we include the optional August one. While we are not prepared to make a recommendation on number or ideal months, we do this recommend this goes to the Area Committee for further discussion.



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o Months to hold Area Committee Meetings 71 Responses			
Sep	53.5 %	Votes	38
Mar	46.5 %	Votes	33
May	35.2 %	Votes	25
Apr	29.6 %	Votes	21
Jan	23.9 %	Votes	17

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o Number of Area Committee Meeting per year 71 Responses			
2	35.2%	Votes	25
4	23.9%	Votes	17
3	23.9%	Votes	17
1	12.7%	Votes	9
5	2.8 %	Votes	2

6. Would Area 74 benefit from a Parliamentarian? (A Parliamentarian is an expert in meeting procedures serving as an advisor) Majority—**Yes--59.4%**

- About 60% support and 40% do not.
- From survey comment section,
 - o Do too much by letter as opposed to spirit of the law
- The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session.
- 7. Is there a perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority? (Kathy)
 - o Majority—**No—56.4%**
 - o With little over half the respondents didn't believe the perception of the Area Committee having too much power/excessive authority, The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion on the subject within a Workshop or Sharing Session would be appropriate.
- 8. Is the Area 74 Assembly effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work?
 - o Majority—**No—56.9%**



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- o With little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective at encouraging participation in general service and committee work, the Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation, but discussion at a Sharing Session or Workshop would be appropriate.
- 9. Has the Area Assembly and/or Area Committee been effective at implementing sharing session feedback?
 - o Majority-**No- 57.1%**
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 - o With a little over half the respondents didn't believe that Area 74 Assembly is effective in implementing sharing session feedback. The Ad Hoc Committee has no recommendation but maybe a Workshop would be appropriate.
- 10. Have Area Committees been effective at encouraging participation on their respective committees and general service as a whole? (Derek)
 - o Majority—**No—61.2%**
 - o A majority of respondents (but not a substantial unanimity) feel that Committees have not been doing their job in this respect. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider this topic appropriate for a workshop, presentation or sharing session. Respondent comments included the follow recommendations:
 - o All standing committees should have monthly service calls and/or meet regularly
 - o Time could be set aside at Area Assemblies or Area Committee Meetings where in-person committee meetings could be scheduled
 - o Each standing committee should plan 2-3 annual service functions
- 11. Should the Area Committee be responsible for setting the Area Assembly Agenda?
 - o Majority—**Yes—61.6%**
 - o While not substantial unanimity, the majority of respondents believe the Area Committee should be responsible for setting the agenda. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation.
- 13. Are Committee Chairs reporting often enough to the Assembly? Majority—**Yes—59.0%**



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- o A majority of respondents feel the Area Committee Chairs are reporting often enough. However, over 40% said 'no'. The Ad Hoc Committee, therefore, makes no recommendation but would consider further discussion appropriate during a sharing session or presentation. Respondent comments including the following feedback:
 - Committees aren't doing much, so they don't have much to report
 - Electronic reporting is sufficient

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- Conclusion (Renaë)

- o One of the most significant takeaways from the data is that most respondents selected two (2) or three (3) as the ideal number of Assemblies per year. Four (4) per year was the third highest selected #. Two (2) was the most popular number of desired Area Committee meeting per year, with four (4) closely following. As this would be such an important decision, we felt this potential recommendation warranted further discussion by the Area Committee and if forwarded on, the Area Assembly.
- o The committee recommends:
 - Service meetings should continue to be held at Area Conferences
 - Oral reporting by Committee Chairs and DCMs should continue at Area 74 Assemblies and Area committee meetings, respectively
 - **The semi-annual Area 74 Election Assembly be held in a geographically central location, such as Three Lakes, Wisconsin**
 - **The Area Chair, in conjunction with other trusted servants, develop a standard agenda format for Area 74 Assemblies for review and approval by the Assembly. Further, the Area Chair develop standard agendas for specific Area 74 Assemblies, including, but not limited to:**
 - "Normal" Assembly
 - Election Assembly
 - Assembly following Delegate's Workshop
 - Delegate's Report Assembly following the General Service Conference

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- The Area 74 Assembly agenda shall include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Area 74 Area Committee Meeting agenda should include at least one workshop, one presentation and one sharing session per year on a topic to be determined by the Area Chair and expressed need
- The Ad Hoc committee recommends that the question related to the number of Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings per year

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- (and the months they are held) be referred to the Area Committee for further discussion

The **bolded** recommendations above indicate a policy change in Area 74, and if adopted, associated changes to the Area 74 Guidelines. The committee respectfully requests that these items be added to Fall Assembly agenda for discussion and vote by the full body.

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Area 74 Inventory Committee Report to the Area Assembly

May 16, 2020

The Area 74 Inventory can be found on the Area 74 website on the Home page. That address is area74.org

We have 14 responses to the inventory at this time. We hope to receive more prior to the August Special Assembly.

The Committee has not had much luck with finding a facilitator for this Assembly. The members which have been contacted were not available for this timeframe.



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I guess the next question would be do we need to reschedule the August Special Assembly?

The thoughts of the Committee are that doing the Inventory in person would be much more helpful. But we are not sure how many people would attend or even if the Reiter Center will be open at that time. If it is open – how many of you would show up in August?

I did check into Zoom Conference Rooms, it can be done, but it would cost \$49.00 per room, per month.

Thank you very much,

Committee Members

Marty L. Barry M. Brent H. Steven S.
Jeff D. Shannon R. Gerri Ann K.

Appendix 3

“Area 74 CPC Area recommends “the Linked-In Page” of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.”

Area 74 CPC Committee **recommends** with unanimity to the Area 74 Assembly that:

“The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued.” In addition, we **recommend** that the Area Delegate carries this Area Conscience to the 70th General Service Conference.

We recommend the following actions to carry out this recommendation:

- If a recommendation similar to this comes to the floor of the 70th GSC then our Delegate votes yes to discontinue LinkedIn or;
 - If no agenda item to discontinue LinkedIn is brought to the floor, then we request our Delegate to present this as a floor action or;
 - If our Delegate is unable to introduce this agenda item, then we would ask that it be sent to the GSC Coordinator as an agenda item, along with our background for the 71st General Service Conference.
- LinkedIn is not effective.
 - o The total number of LinkedIn users is 476 million. There were Total page visits in November 2019 of 692 with ONLY 80 clicks to visit aa.org.



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- § Would a professional go to LinkedIn when they may go directly to aa.org or A.A.W.S.?
- Advertising on LinkedIn
 - o LinkedIn cannot prevent Ads from appearing on a Company Page. Web ads (called “promoted content” by LinkedIn) appear on the far-right column of LinkedIn pages.
 - § This could lead to an appearance of Affiliation or Endorsement, Actual or Implied, and promotion.
 - § Tradition Six “While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
 - § Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”
- Keeping in mind the responsibilities as outlined in the AA Service Manual our committee believes a CPC presence on LinkedIn usurps responsibility from local C.P.C. committees or discouraging face-to-face interactions with professionals.
 - o GSO presence on LinkedIn discourages face to face interaction between an AA Member and the Professional
- Use LinkedIn to broaden the reach of our “About A.A.” newsletter. “Request that the professionals who are quoted or profiled in the issues post about the newsletter to reach their LinkedIn connections”
 - o How is quoting professionals providing the message of AA? Or are we promoting professionals and their views?
 - § This could appear as Seeking Prestige
 - § Tradition Six: “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.” This Tradition reminds us never to give the impression that A.A. itself, or any A.A. group, endorses (or opposes) or finances any other enterprise, no matter what our individual opinions may be. It also points out that seeking prestige always creates problems for us.
- Broaden the search for Class A Trustees

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- o Feature openings for Class A Trustees on our Company Page, “push the information out by posting the opening to all our followers”, “we could push the information out by posting the opening to LinkedIn Groups” and “target certain professions”
 - § Pg. S68 The AA Service Manual “The General Service Board nominates Class A trustees after an extensive search and interview process that begins by asking current and past members of the board, directors, delegates, and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff to submit names and background information for “friends of A.A.” to fill a vacancy.”

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- § Are we changing the process for finding Class A Trustees?
- § Our committee does not see a need to “broaden” the search for Class A Trustees.
- § We believe that “targeting” audiences do not follow AA Principles.
- § We believe that “pushing” for candidates from a “Company Page” sends a conflicting AA message of what AA is about.
- § This type of searching might encourage “Professionals” to apply that have no interest in the AA Fellowship, understanding of AA Principles and are only applying to embellish their resumes.
- “post pieces from current and past Class A Trustees and other professionals who are friends of A.A.”
 - § We believe that publishing Class A Trustee sharing on a public media platform does not follow our AA Principles or past traditions.
 - § Looking at our AA history sharing by Class AA Trustee's was normally accomplished through professional journals and talks at professional conventions and the like.
 - § Tradition 11 (long form) says, in part, “Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves.
 - § This might become an expectation for future Class A Trustee's that part of their responsibilities will be as recruiters.
- LinkedIn to announce national, state, and local conferences where A.A. will be exhibiting.
 - o By posting that we will be exhibiting at a professional conference are we promoting that conference?
 - § Is this Affiliation or Endorsement, Actual or Implied, or promotion?
 - Tradition Six “cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
 - § Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion”
- “post studies, new findings, and new resources that might become available from reputable sources
 - o “Feature links to studies and articles related to alcoholism from reputable sources”, “post these studies and articles to our followers” and “post these studies to the appropriate LinkedIn Groups”
 - § Alcoholics Anonymous does not decide who or what is a reputable source.
 - § Posting “studies, findings, new resources” could imply affiliation or endorsements and both are violations of our AA Traditions
 - o “with appropriate disclaimers similar to what Grapevine uses”
 - § The disclaimer may remove actual endorsement or affiliation, but does leave implications.
 - o “Posting material by reputable sources shows professionals that Alcoholics Anonymous is a subject matter expert on alcoholism.”



6th Tradition Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Area 74 May minutes continued

- § There is no mention in the Alcoholics Anonymous book that we are “Experts.” To imply that we are experts is not in line with our spiritual principles.

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- § Posting studies or articles implies that we agree with or endorse the content –we do not post articles or studies we do not agree with. Or for that matter any other recovery material but conference approved.
- § Tradition Six “cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied.”
- § Tradition Eleven “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion”
- § This type of prestige will divert us from our primary purpose.
- o “authors of the articles or studies might be more inclined to become Class A Trustees because of our support of their work”
 - § We cooperate with others we do not endorse them. Or their work

IMPLEMENTATION: “C.P.C. coordinator and the C.P.C. assistant be the page administrators”. “The Company page administrators need to be LinkedIn members and use their real first and last names, but profile photos are not required. The current C.P.C. assistant is a nonalcoholic so there are no anonymity issues there.”

- o What about the anonymity of the nonalcoholic CPC Assistant?

- § “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.”

- § This implies that a qualification for this position is that they are non-alcoholic.

- § This assistant will fill in when the alcoholic staff on the CPC assignment. What qualifications will the non-alcoholic assistant have to qualify them to work in place of the alcoholic staff member?

- o Do we want a non- AA member as an administer of the LinkedIn page?

- o “Not to say there is no “cost” for LinkedIn, but it is more in the realm of privacy compromised and data collection allowed. LinkedIn is currently owned by Microsoft

- o What is meant by “privacy Compromised”?

Concluding remarks in background

- o LinkedIn effort usurps what should be the domain of group members and local committees. “We have 1.5 million members US & Canada. (2019 GSC Report pg. 58) That should be an adequate resource to carry the message to professionals. If we show up and keep with our primary purpose of helping alcoholics, then we don’t need to promote and professionals will respond accordingly.”



6th Concept The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

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- Regarding the need for more recommendations of Class A Trustees, "rather than depending on LinkedIn we should be improving lines of communication within the Fellowship to make members more aware of this need and how to answer it."

Appendix 4

Greetings Area 74,

As the Virtual General Service Conference is happening now (literally). The earliest I can have the report finalized is Monday June 2, 2020. I am available to travel to Districts to give the report when the stay at home order is lifted. I understand that it is probable there will be limitations on the size of the gathering and the Reiter Center may not be an option, that is why I am willing to travel.

If two or three or four districts combine to host an event for the Delegate's Report back keeping in mind the limited capacity of attendance per state regulations this would thrill me to be able to give the report in person.

As I was talking with a long-timer about this it was mentioned that "this is the way it was done in the past". As we entered a new dimension with the virtual conference perhaps we can bring some of the small t back to the Delegate Report Back event.

As of now I will not be available the weekend of June 19-21, 2020 unless of course Marinette, the city, can schedule something on the Saturday afternoon. I can take time from my Vacation. Please note I will have no online availability this weekend.

I also understand that many people are in love with Zoom and this could be a possibility. However please keep in mind that talking to my computer at home, the same as the conference and the same for the 3 months I have been asked to worked from home is not my ideal.

I miss all of you and look forward to when we can see each other.

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In Gratitude and Service,

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6th Step

Were entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character

