

Area 74 Assembly Minutes

April 7, 2018 – Three Lakes, Wisconsin

8:30 AM – New GSR / DCM Orientation

- 1. 9:00 AM – Welcome and Housekeeping by Jeff Davis, Area Chair. All present agreed to guidelines.**

There were 26 GSRs in attendance.

- 2. The Assembly opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.**

The Twelve Steps were ready by Brian.

The Traditions were read by Tanya.

The Concepts (short form) were read by Kim.

The counters were Paul, Barry & Shawna.

The timer was Kathy.

- 3. Roll Call**

- a. Area Officers:**

Alternate Delegate/Area Chair, Delegate, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer.

- b. Area Committee Chairs:**

Archives, CPC, Corrections MI, Corrections WI, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

- c. DCMs:**

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23

- d. Past Delegates:**

Panel 26 Len D

Panel 50 Bob M (also past ECR Trustee)

Panel 56 Jeff C

Panel 62 Marty L

Panel 64 Mary Jo R

Panel 66 Derek T

- 4. Approved October 28, 2017 Assembly minutes**

A motion was made by Jason L to approve the Minutes. Gail 2nd. Passed unanimously.

- 5. Area Officer Reports (see page 4)**

- Delegate's Report (see page 9)

- 6. Reports from Committees on Conference Agenda Topics – This is a separate document titled “2018 General Service Conference Agenda Topics” and the following were the reports and discussion covered before lunch:**

- Archives
- International Conventions and Regional Forums
- Cooperation with the Professional Community
- Corrections
- Agenda
- Finance and Policy/Admissions

~ 12:00 – Lunch ~

Reports and discussion after lunch:

- Grapevine
- Literature
- Public Information
- Report & Charter (Structures & Guidelines)
- Treatment/Accessibilities
- Trustees

Agenda was modified at this point:

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Voluntarily tabled with approval of District 02 to be placed on the May Assembly Agenda:
"Motion from District 02 on making the Now & Then Co-Editors 2-year rotational position."

Items B & C have been moved to the end of the agenda:

8. New Business:

a. Confirm new Now & Then Co-Editor. Jeff C. (Editor)

Terri B is interested. She announced her qualifications and background. The Guidelines state the Newsletter Editors are confirmed by the voting membership. The body did agree to have Terri B as co-editor. Congratulations to Terri B!

b. Nominations and possible election of Finance Committee Member

Jason L read Guidelines of procedure for new Finance Committee Member.

Nominations were made by:

1. Sara P, Area Delegate. Nominated Brian M. 2nd by Len D. Brian Accepted.
2. Dawn M nominated Nicholas. 2nd was made. Nicholas accepted.

- Voting took place. Simple majority.

- Result:

Brian = 31 votes

Nicholas = 26 votes

Congratulations to Brian M. The newest Finance Committee Member.

c. Item C have been moved to the end of the agenda:

9. Conference Updates & Bids:

A. 2018 Spring Conference Update Report – District 01 - May 18-20, 2018, Matt B.

B. 2018 Fall Conference Update Report – District 08 – September 14-16, 2018, Randy O.

C. 2019 Spring Conference Update Report – District 02 – May 17-19, 2019, Jodi.

Looking for guidance from the Area. Raise Conf registration fee. Bryon.

Yes, stay local with speakers to save on costs.

Marty: Area 74 will cover conference expense. Realistically our Area attendance is 250-300 people.

Bob M: Question, did your committee look at maybe converting a one-day event? And compare costs? No, it was not considered.

Len: Because we're going to meet again in 5 weeks, bring back expenses for one day conf.

Jaime: other churches were considered. Unfortunately, we would forfeit the \$2000 down payment.

Brent commented on how the donation announcement got released.

Gerri Ann does not agree with the outrageous potential expense. Says to lose the \$2000 and back out.

Jason: make sure we're all aware, 30% of room cost would

Len: Can you let us know by next assembly what the total cost would be if we walked away.

Bob: we forfeit our reimbursements for this conference.

Derek: we re-negotiate.

Randy: Partial solution, meet with the other people that are holding their event too.

Char: shared "that \$5,361.31 was paid in Officer, Committee Chair, and committee expenses last year in May. Conference was in Munising."

- D. 2019 Fall Conference Update Report – District 04 – September 13-15, 2019, Mike R, GSR and Conf Chair.** Committee chair is set. Theme "Our daily reprieve" still have seed money.
Len: Hotel negotiations need to be in writing.
Char: Written contracts and email string. Agreement was not honored. Because new management changed.

10. Report from Shawna R. WICYPAA Liaison for Area 74

Greetings from WICYPAA,

The new Host City for WICYPAA 2019 is Waukesha. They attracted our attention with the new theme of "Insidious Insanity" and their love of carrying the message and of service.

Host elections were held at 1 pm on Feb 24th at the Waukesha Alano Club. WICYPAA Advisory participated when several members were invited by the Waukesha Host Committee to facilitate third legacy voting. We have a full committee!

In other news, we have a scheduled hotel walk through set! This is when the Advisory committee goes to the prospective hotel and discusses the prospective contract and ensures the Hotel will be able to meet the needs of this ever-growing State wide AA conference. It will be May 19th, 9 a.m. at the Hyatt in Milwaukee. We have a contract that is under negotiations as we speak. We will be voting on the final contract on May 19th after the walk through. I will then have a final date for the January 2019 WICYPAA Conference. I have the Waukesha's bid packet available if you would like to see what a winning bid entails. I am available all day for any questions.

Thank you, in service Shawna R.

*The following items did not get discussed at today's Assembly and will be placed on the Assembly Agenda for May 18, 2018:

Unfinished Business:

-Tabled motion from October Assembly from CPC Chair proposing to change the Now & Then Newsletter distribution to primarily electronic.

-Tabled Motion from PI to direct Area 74 Webmaster to publish the Now & Then in the password secure area of the Area 74 website.

New Business:

-Motion from Treatment/Accessibilities committee to provide ASL sign-language interpreter for all Area 74 events. (Mike M. – Chair)

4:45 PM – CLOSE MEETING with Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: May 19, 2017 at 9 am in Green Bay

Officer Reports:

1. Registrar Report:

I am sure you noticed the balloons in the back of the room..... That is where we are located. Stop by at any time with your Group Change forms / DCM Change forms / or New Group Change forms. We would be happy to answer any questions about the groups in your district.

We would like to thank you for the quick responses to the emails and spreadsheets that have been sent. It has truly been a joy to make the changes you have requested. OK back to the table.....

On the table are printouts about what a Group Status means and how it became that way. Suggestions on how to Name a Group as well as the usual Group and DCM change forms.

As far as I know the last email I sent out with the Area Contacts – and the DCM's is correct. Please feel free to stop by and help me to make any corrections necessary.

If you have any suggestions on how to make this process easier for you – please don't hesitate to speak up. We will be happy to look at whatever you suggest.

Wow - I can't believe that is has been almost 4 months since we started this position. Kathy and I met in Munising and swapped information about the Registrar Position and how to use the Area Laptop. Kathy P. has definitely taken the lead on the care of the Area Laptop.

We started with 77 invalid addresses - In March we had 45 – In April we have 23. • We still have 5 Incomplete Groups. • We did start with 129 Unknown Groups and it is now 124.

There have been a few hiccups in this process – you have all received a million Area Officers Lists as well as the DCM / Alternate DCM lists. At this point it should be safe to print this in the Now and Then for next month. GSO doesn't like some of the addresses that I have been sent. Some of the addresses we have been able to fix others I am still working on. This is definitely a work in progress.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to be of service to Area 74,

Gerri Ann K.
Area Registrar
Gsrdistrict18@GMAIL.COM

Kathy P.
Alt. Registrar
katey_21@yahoo.com

2. Secretary Report:

Dear Area 74 Assembly,

When Area 74 voted me in as Secretary for 2018-2019 term, I felt very honored and pretty excited to do the job! I thought it was amazing to have a part of something so big. Now mind you, my ego is lurking around and that I have had previous minute taking/recording experience in my early 20's working at one of my first secretarial jobs. So getting to do this job, I thought, would be a smooth and easy transition. I also have found in my previous AA service positions, that when asked to do any service work in AA, it is usually a job or position I would least likely care to do, but most likely needed to do for some kind of humbling learning aspect in my path of recovery. I have found this service position requiring several evening hours of typing and formatting minutes, reviewing the recordings over and over, reviewing the Agenda and reviewing notes. I am very appreciative of Sheryl D taking notes alongside me for back up. I also appreciate everyone that

had feedback on what was worded wrong. Learning (big time!) the difference between ACM and Assembly meetings! Along with that, I needed to build a new Area 74 contact email address group. Thanks to Gerri and Kathy with their prompt newly built contact lists, I had plenty of time to convert these addresses into my new contact list. But ended up procrastinating and taking all that time I had for granted.....

As Area 74 Secretary, I have read our Area 74 guidelines and SOME of the A.A. Service Manual. I have learned that Our Area Minutes are to be sent to the following: Area Officers we have 5 Officer positions and 3 co/alt service positions. As for the Standing Committee Chairs and Committee Members there are 22 service positions here, and we currently 13 past delegates. We have 19 active DCM'S out of the 24 Districts and we currently have 7 Alternate DCM's.

Have you ever heard the phrase, "When the student is ready, the teacher appears?". Well working in this service position, I find more and more interest in the information sent out from GSO. Our current Delegate Sara has managed to find the time to forward them. I have actually read the copy of last year's GSC Report. It was very enlightening to see how those meetings are structured and what is being said and reported there.

AA has an amazing positive impact on my recovery program and saved my life in so many ways.

I have a quick summary on the following minutes I have done thus far:

1. December 10, 2017 ACM minutes are printed and signed and ready to hand over to our Archivist.
2. As for our last set of minutes from our Delegate's Workshop and Area Committee meeting held on March 10, 2018, they have been typed and sent. There were a couple of minor corrections reported back. So I will send the minutes with the corrections this Sunday. The corrections will be highlighted in yellow. These minutes will then be ready for approval at our next ACM held on May 20, 2018 in Green Bay.
3. I also attended the CPC Committee Delegate Workshop. I have chosen this committee because I feel it would help me reach out to some medical professionals I currently work with in my hometown.

In conclusion, I am looking forward to working with everyone and more learning for the next 2 years as well as getting to know everyone a little better.

And I have one request for reports, please send typed and if at all possible, send in Microsoft Word to my email. Thank you to everyone who submitted their reports promptly and or ahead of time. I find your reports interesting and another way of getting more familiar with our Area 74 AA groups.

Sincerely in loving service for AA,

Vickie A
Area 74 Secretary

5. Area Chair/alt Delegate Report to the Area 74 Winter Assembly 4-7-18

Since beginning my new role as Your Area Chair/alt Delegate January 1st of this year, my Netflix and Amazon tv time has steadily been decreasing. I live in fear that this trend will continue and put a serious hiccup in my already declining golf game this spring, summer, and fall. Seriously though, this has been a great experience already, and I am excited about the next 20 months to come.

I have been increasingly busy with correspondence from many of you in Area 74 and hope that trend continues as I do enjoy being of service in any small way, plus it affords me the opportunity to get to know all of you better. I was privileged to be able to attend my first East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present in Indianapolis this February and it was an awesome experience despite driving through the Illinois state tollway. I want to thank Mike M. our Area 74 Treatment and Accessibilities chair for braving the trip with me and it was nice to have not only our Delegate there, but also Derek, Dawn, James, Bob, and Leonard from our Area in attendance. I have written articles each month for the Now & Then and will continue to do so for the next 20 months. I was invited to join the monthly Dcm phone call in March and I would like to thank the DCMs for a good conversation and would very much like to be invited again if they so choose. We had our Delegates Workshop a month ago in March followed by the first Area Committee meeting of the year. It was the largest attendance I have seen in my 9 years of coming to the Delegates workshop with 77 people signing in, 23 of which were GSR's. I must admit I thought getting ready for these events would be no more difficult than preparing agendas for my district meetings when I was a DCM. A lot of back and forth correspondence the prior week leading up to that weekend and 6 straight hours of computer work the day before dispelled me of that notion. In preparation for this Assembly, I mailed the Agenda to the Now & Then for printing in April 5 times, and not because I hit enter 5 times. It is clear to me that things can change quickly and a lot, in our Area, especially given the number of enthused and conscientious servants we have.

I was concerned about not being asked to do anything outside of Assemblies and Area Committee meetings up until a few weeks ago, and I was beginning to think you guys didn't like me. But then I was asked to participate in a workshop in Marquette in August, and speak at a Workshop in Rhinelander May 5, so now I am back to worrying about finding time to golf. Seriously though, I am honored to be invited and would like to thank Shannon and Michelle for the invites and am looking forward to both events. All kidding aside, I truly do enjoy travelling around to different districts to participate in any way people need; I will do whatever I can to make myself available should any of you have need of me. I welcome the chance to get to know you all better; coming to your districts for workshops or whatever else, is a nice opportunity to do so. I feel very blessed to be put to good use as your servant and it is an honor to serve you.

Thank you all and God bless.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis
Alt Delegate/Area Chair.

Area 74 YTD Revenue / Expense Report

1-1-2018 through 3-31-2018

CARRYOVER FROM 2017

Ending Balance Dec 31, 2017	\$ 8,635.60
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$ 5.00
Carryover prudent reserve	2,402.68
TTL CARRYOVER 2017	\$ 11,043.28

REVENUE SUMMARY

Group Contributions	6,194.40
* Other Revenue *	65.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	65.00
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 6,324.40

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES

Delegate	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	505.00
Treasurer	-
Registrar	-
Secretary	-
Archives	-
Corrections MI	35.00
Corrections WI	21.43
CPC	106.94
Finance	66.22
Grapevine	25.00
Literature	72.50
Now & Then	35.00
Public Information	56.90
Structures & Guidelines	50.00
Treatment	52.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 2,025.99

* OTHER REVENUE *

Interest Income	\$ -
Refreshment Contributions	65.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2018 Conference	-
Spring 2018 Conference Gain/Loss	-
Seed Money Return Fall 2018 Conference	-
Fall 2018 Conference Gain	-
Total Other Income	\$ 65.00

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Chair Expenses	\$ 2,025.99
Committee Expenses	3,358.99
Other Expenses	3,095.09
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 8,480.07

TOTAL ASSETS

Bal-Checking Account March 31, 2018	\$ 7,179.93
Outstanding Checks	1,000.00
CHECKING BALANCE March 31, 2018	\$ 6,179.93
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$ 5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve March 31, 2018	2,702.68
TOTAL ASSETS March 31, 2018	\$ 8,887.61

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF

Ending Balance Dec 31, 2017	\$ 8,635.60
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	2,402.68
YTD Total Revenue	6,324.40
YTD Total Expense	8,480.07
TOTAL ASSETS March 31, 2018	\$ 8,887.61

Prudent Reserve Activity

Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$ 2,402.68
YTD Accrued Interest	0.63
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking	-
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve	300.00
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$ 2,702.31

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS

YTD Total Revenue	\$ 6,324.40
YTD Total Expenses	8,480.07
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$ (2,155.67)

GROUP PARTICIPATION

Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2018	676
Institutional Groups	26
Groups Contributing	93
14.31%	

Area 74 - 2018 YTD Budget Report

3-1-2018 through 3-31-2018

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	505.00	795.00
Treasurer	700.00	-	700.00
Registrar	700.00	-	700.00
Secretary	700.00	-	700.00
Archives	700.00	-	700.00
Corrections MI	700.00	35.00	665.00
Corrections WI	700.00	21.43	678.57
CPC	700.00	106.94	593.06
Finance Expenses	700.00	66.22	633.78
Grapevine	700.00	25.00	675.00
Literature	700.00	72.50	627.50
Now & Then	700.00	35.00	665.00
Public Information	700.00	56.90	643.10
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	50.00	650.00
Treatment	700.00	52.00	648.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 2,025.99	\$ 11,674.01

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 29,900.00	\$ 6,194.40	\$ 23,705.60
* Other Revenue *	2,500.00	65.00	2,435.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	350.00	65.00	285.00
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 32,750.00	\$ 6,324.40	\$ 26,425.60

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	300.00	-	300.00
Corrections Committee MI	300.00	42.87	257.13
Corrections Committee WI	50.00	-	50.00
CPC Committee	1,040.00	13.76	1,026.24
Finance Committee Expenses	1,090.00	150.91	939.09
Grapevine Committee	500.00	-	500.00
Literature Committee	310.00	69.23	240.77
Now & Then Committee	7,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Public Information Committee	230.00	20.00	210.00
Registrar Committee	-	-	-
Secretary Committee	295.00	-	295.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee	650.00	32.00	618.00
Treatment Committee	210.00	30.22	179.78
YTD Committee Expenses	12,975.00	3,358.99	9,616.01

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Revenue		-	
Refreshment Contributions		65.00	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		-	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		-	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		-	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,935.00

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
Registrar Internet	-	-	-
Assembly & ACM Rent	550.00	150.00	400.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	275.00	70.09	204.91
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	-	100.00
CR Conference	750.00	75.00	675.00
CR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	-	-	-
ast Central Regional Forum	-	-	-
conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years	-	-	-
International Convention	-	-	-
International Convention Hospitality Room	-	-	-
onation	-	-	-
ec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens	-	-	-
udent Reserve	600.00	-	600.00
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 6,075.00	\$ 3,095.09	\$ 2,979.91

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 2,025.99	\$ 11,674.01
Committee Expenses	12,975.00	3,358.99	9,616.01
Other Expenses	6,075.00	3,095.09	2,979.91
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 32,750.00	\$ 8,480.07	\$ 24,269.93

**Delegate's Report
to the Area 74 Winter Assembly
04/07/2018**

Hello, my name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your panel 68 Delegate. I would like to extend a very special welcome to all the new GSR's and DCM's here today. We are so grateful to have you here today to participate in this important event for Area 74. I also want to thank each of you for allowing me this honor and privilege to be able to serve Area 74 in this capacity. Please know that I will do everything I can to be able to best serve Area 74 and our beloved program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I have been very active in my new service position as Delegate. I am having a hard time believing it is April already. I attended the District 01 AA Intergroup in Green Bay on January 20, 2018. This event had two wonderful speakers who touched my heart as they both were connected to my first sponsor in Alcoholics Anonymous.

On January 27, 2018, I attended the GSR Workshop held in District 02. I will say this Workshop was very well put together and had lots of good information provided.

I had the privilege of attending the 44th Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present during the weekend of February 9 – 11, 2018. This event was held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose of the Conference of Delegates Past and Present is to provide new delegates with a simulated General Service Conference atmosphere and provide a sharing experience relevant to the upcoming General Service Conference. There were eight past and present Area 74 trusted servants in attendance at this event. I learned a lot over this weekend and this experience gave me the opportunity to get acquainted with the other Delegates from our five-state region. I presented my two-minute "Area Highlights" report which I will be presenting at the General Service Conference in April. I could not believe how nervous I was to get up to the podium and present our Area Highlights. It brought me right back here to the first time I stood at this podium two years ago as Area 74 Area Chair. These Area Highlights will be published in the Final Conference Report which will come out later this year.

The background material came out on the Dashboard the same day it was promised which was February 15, 2018. As most of you know this became quite a project for me. I want to apologize for my limitations with using Drop Box for the first time in sending out this background material. I already assured the Area Committee in March that I will not be applying for a job on the Geek Squad at Best Buy any time soon. Thank you for your patience with me concerning this matter. I promise I will do a better job next time in delivering this information to all those involved.

On February 24, 2018, I attended the Pre-Delegate Workshop in District 02. Thank you to all of those who took part in this event as you definitely helped me get started in preparing myself on the General Service Conference Agenda Items. On March 2-4, 2018, I was lucky enough to be able to attend the West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference in West Des Moines, Iowa. This was a wonderful experience that has helped me even more to better

prepare myself for the upcoming General Service Conference. Thank you to Bob M., Past ECR Trustee and Panel 50 Area 74 Delegate, for being willing to bring me along to this event.

On March 10, 2018, I attended the Delegate's Workshop here at the Reiter Center. Thank you to all who participated in this event and helped me to prepare for the upcoming General Service Conference.

I attended the 19th Anniversary of the Came to Believe Group in Wausau, Wisconsin on March 17, 2018. I had the privilege to be able to share for 15 minutes prior to the main speaker about my role as Delegate and what are my duties and responsibilities. We also had some time for questions and answers. I received a very warm welcome and thank Randy O., DCM from District 08 and the Came to Believe Group for this opportunity.

I continue to have almost daily contact either by phone or email with numerous people from Alcoholics Anonymous from Area 74 and elsewhere. I did contact GSO after receiving information from a DCM in our Area that a GSR had to pick up their GSR kit at the post office and pay postage to receive it. I was immediately contacted by the Publishing Operations Manager at GSO and informed that a GSR is not expected to pay postage for the GSR kit. I was told that the post office personnel do occasionally check the package to make sure that it meets all the requirements to be classified as "media mail" and assess additional charges if they deem that it does not. The Publishing Operations Manager thinks that is what happened in this case and asked that I inform her if the group would like to be reimbursed for the additional charge. If anyone else in our Area has experienced this same thing I would ask that you contact me about it.

I have been invited to participate in several upcoming workshops. Please let me know if and when you would like me to come to your District or Workshop to report on the happenings of the General Service Conference or any other topic you desire. I am here to be of service.

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference which will be held on August 24-26, 2018 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The flyer and registration are out for this upcoming event and they are available at the front table. If you are interested in attending this East Central Regional Conference get in touch with me and if there are enough people wanting to go together, we may be able to rent a van.

I have submitted all of the numerous forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference April 22-28, 2018. I am very excited to be serving on the Grapevine Committee at the Conference. There is a custom at the General Service Conference that is totally voluntary in which Delegates bring a token from their area to give to the other Delegates as a nice way to get to know one another. I will be bringing along an Area 74 pin as my memento. I ordered extra pins and will have them available for you at the Spring Conference.

I have written monthly articles for the Now & Then. I received two emails in the past week in response to my last Now & Then article. Both emails were from AA members from inactive districts in Area 74. This has given me some ideas on how to reach out to these inactive districts in hopes of getting them active in general service. I have participated in the monthly

Finance teleconference calls. I need to apologize to the assembly body as I did not sit with the Finance Committee during lunch at the Delegate's Workshop on March 10, 2018 when the financial reimbursements were being reviewed. The Finance Chair, Jason L., will be discussing an issue under New Business later today that came up that had I been present I believe may have been avoided. You will see me seated at lunch from here forward during all Area 74 events with the Finance Committee as it is my responsibility to review all financial reimbursements as a member of this committee. I continue to participate in two other weekly conference calls: one that is currently studying AA Comes of Age and the other which studies the Service Manual and other service topics.

On February 20, 2018, I did receive a letter that was sent out from the General Manager, Greg Tobin, from the General Service Office of AA stating that a stipulation was filed with the New York State Supreme Court by AAWS to voluntarily dismiss the case between Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. and the holder of the 1939 Printer's Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. I did forward this email out to the Area 74 Committee as well as the Past Delegates. If anyone here has not received a copy of this letter and would like me to send it to them, please let me know either today some time or in an email.

There is an opening for an appointed Committee Member for C.P.C. at the General Service Office. The deadline for submitting applications is May 1, 2018. For more information regarding this opening please see Box 459 or see me for details.

I did forward to the Area Committee and Past Delegates the General Service Board unapproved minutes and committee reports from the Board Weekend in January. I have also sent out the AAWS Highlights from both January and March.

On April 5, 2018, I received a Treatment and Accessibilities Activity Update from the Treatment and Accessibilities Coordinator at the General Service Office, Patrick C. There is now a second request for Shared Experience – A.A. in the Military. G.S.O. received quality sharing however, the number of individual responses (18) was lower than hoped. The trustee's asked staff to perform a second round request for shared experience from two different perspectives.

1. How is your committee and/or local members carrying A.A.'s message to alcoholics who are veterans and active duty members of the Armed Services?
2. If you are an A.A. member who is also a veteran or active duty member of the Armed Services, please share how the A.A. message was effectively carried to you. Within the context of military life, what barriers, if any, did you face in receiving the A.A. message? Share any additional information you believe would be helpful.

Please send your shared experience to the Accessibilities Coordinator, Patrick C. at access@aa.org by June 15, 2018.

As Accessibilities Coordinator at G.S.O., Patrick C. provided an update on the project to produce new American Sign Language (ASL) translations of our books *Alcoholics Anonymous* and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The genesis of the project was inspired by sharing the G.S.O. received from local A.A. members who are Deaf, as well as many friends and supporters from the A.A. hearing population. One of the key points shared was a need for the translations to better reflect a currently updated ASL translation. The expressed need for these materials to be updated was heard and the decision was made to include members from the Deaf

community in the project. A G.S.O. committee was formed and agreed to use a local Accessibilities committee, which included Deaf members, to participate in the video reviews and selection of ASL interpreters for the *Big Book* and *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. The G.S.O. committee was grateful for the local committee's insightful feedback in the selection and review process. A.A.W.S. Publishing assembled a production team that includes a professional ASL consultant with extensive experience in interpreting for the A.A. Fellowship and two professional ASL interpreters. The goal is to develop the best possible ASL translations to help the A.A. members who are Deaf have access to the A.A. message and carry it to the still-suffering alcoholic. The initial filming was completed in January 2018 and the production is currently in the editing phase. Be on the lookout for future communications about the status of this project.

To date, I have used approximately \$550 of my \$2600 annual budget.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 74 and A.A. as a whole. I would like to thank our Area 74 Registrar, Gerri Ann K. and the Alternate Registrar, Kathy P., for all their hard work in getting the Area Contact Directory as well as our Area 74 AA Groups updated. I would like to thank everyone for participating in today's event and being a direct link in shaping the future of our Fellowship. I appreciate your time and thank you for helping me prepare for the upcoming General Service Conference. If I can be of service, please free to contact me at any time. I ask that you keep me and all trusted servants attending the 68th General Service Conference in your prayers over the next several weeks. I am so excited to move forward with you all on this year's rotation of Panel 68 servants in Area 74 and to follow as our Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states on page 77, "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us." I am truly humbled for this experience to serve Area 74 and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Love & Service,
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