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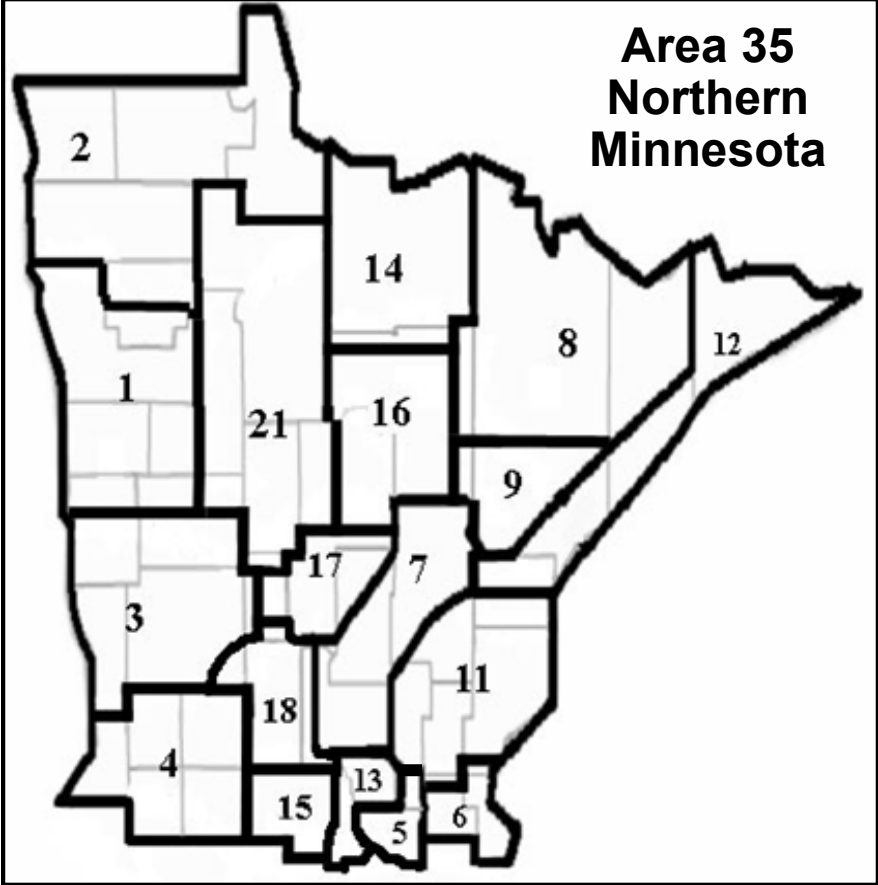
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Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Halma, Middle River, Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Effie, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead, Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena

- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Osakis, Morris
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, New London, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

Zone III

- District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager*, Wahkon
- District 11** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

- District 8** - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Nett Lake, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia,
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*, Zim
- District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario,Canada)

** In cities marked with an asterisk, some meetings consider themselves to be in one District, and some meetings consider themselves to be in another District.*

District Meeting Location Information		
<p><u>District 1</u> 2nd Sunday of Even Months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill St, Fertile, MN 56540</p> <p><u>District 2</u> 1st Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave Thief River Falls, MN 56701</p> <p><u>District 3</u> 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u> 3rd Saturday of Month, 5:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location (It Rotates) Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>District 5</u> 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. (use side door that opens to parking lot) Trinity Lutheran Church 111 N 6th Ave Princeton, MN 55371</p> <p><u>District 6</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p><u>District 7</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u> Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”</p> <p><u>District 9</u> Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible,</p> <p><u>District 13</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Cloud Alano Club 127 7th Ave NE Saint Cloud, MN 56301</p>	<p><u>District 14</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u> 1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p> <p><u>District 17</u> Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u> 2nd Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p>

Area 35 August 2022 ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
August 7, 2022

Call to Order: Area Chair Christine G. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 7, 2022, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Charlie C, Panel 54; Jim K, Panel 62; Jim S, Panel 70

Area Chair opened the Special Assembly:

We will now open for a Special Assembly session to allow voting on the GSC proposals and to allow GSRs to participate and vote.

- ♦ Welcome to all who have joined via Zoom. Please keep yourself muted, raise your hand when you have something to share. Raise your hand by pressing the REACTIONS icon at the bottom of the screen, next to RECORD or SHARE SCREEN. Then select RAISE HAND. Once you have been called on, you can select LOWER HAND.
- ♦ After we are done discussing and voting on the (4) proposals, we will log off Zoom and proceed with reports.
- ♦ We will be using 2/3 majority for the vote being these items are being forwarded to the GSC. Voting members are Area Officers, Area Action Committee Chairs, DCMs (Alt DCMs if your DCM is not present) GSRs (Alt GSRs if your GSR is not present) – District Action Committee Chairs do not vote. All voting members please raise your hands. (Take a count)
- ♦ We will be allotting 2 mins of sharing at the microphone with sharing only once until everyone has had an opportunity.
- ♦ Let’s avoid cross talking as it gets disruptive and hard to hear discussions
- ♦ When asking questions or speaking, please go to the mic or raise your hand on Zoom. We will alternate between microphone and Zoom.
- ♦ The purpose of this discussion is to determine if the (4) proposals should get forwarded to the Conference Committees for them to determine if the proposal should be added to 2023 GSC Agenda Items.

GSC Proposals

GSC Proposal Service Material – District 8
District 8 Alt. DCM Craig T. read the motion:
Any new, updated or addition to existing service material be sent to the appropriate conference committee for review before being printed or posted on our website www.aa.org. Those items that clearly do not fit under a specific committee can be referred to the Report and Charter Committee. Sally T. seconded the motion. Charlie C. from the Gilbert Group gave a review of the background material. Discussion: Anything on www.aa.org is assumed to be AA’s voice. Vote was taken, none opposed, **Motion PASSED unanimously.**

GSC Proposal BB Translation - District 9
District 9 DCM Diane R. read the motion:
We are making a proposal regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. We propose that the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts, not to be translated into plain language in any way; that these remain in the existing form in English as in the Fourth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous. Denise R. seconded the motion. Discussion: Delegate Steve L. brought this item up as a floor action at the Conference, and the Conference voted not to consider, so District 9 is resubmitting the proposal. Diane R. read parts of the bylaws, including the part about needing ¾ written consent of groups to make changes. Calling the changes, a translation makes it an accessibility issue. It is not a translation because it is English to English. Have to stick to what it is being called, a translation. Vote: 39 in favor, 7 opposed, **motion PASSED with substantial unanimity.** No minority opinion given.

GSC Proposal Blue Card - District 13
District 13 Jim R. read the motion:
We propose to change the wording of the Open Meeting Statement on the Primary Purpose Statement F-17 (blue card) to incorporate the Open Meeting Statement in the AA Group Pamphlet-

The new "Open Meeting Statement" to read:

This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. We are glad you are all here - especially newcomers. In support of our Third Tradition that states "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking" we ask that non alcoholics attend as observers only. Heidi B. seconded the motion. The reason the proposal was made was that there is confusion about what is an open meeting and what is a closed meeting. The blue card does not match what the literature says. Discussion: Don’t exclude families. One group will not vote for the proposal if it does not include the phrase “singleness of purpose.” **Greg C. made a friendly amendment to add “singleness of pur-**

pose” to the motion. Friendly amendment accepted by Jim R. Revised motion reads:

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The new "Open Meeting Statement" to read:

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Further discussion: Issue with word “non-alcoholics.” What if there is a new-comer who does not know if they are an alcoholic or not? One group does not kick anyone out for not knowing whether they are an alcoholic. We need clarity to eliminate confusion. Groups that let anyone in, including non-alcoholics, was torn apart by “trying to fix everything.” Vote: 38 in favor, 8 opposed. **PASSED** Point of order: Need to count abstentions. 3 abstained. Recount: 40 in favor, 6 abstentions. Point of order: Went over who can vote- 53 voters. Revote: 44 in favor, 8 opposed, one abstention. **Motion PASSED with substantial unanimity.** Minority Voice did not wish to speak.

GSC Proposal 12x12 - District 9
District 9 DCM Diane R. read the motion:
The 2002 Conference unanimously recommended the Advisory Action that the text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill W, remain as is recognizing the Fellowships’ feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published. We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference:

Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner”
Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health” with “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony” in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text.
Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.

Denise R. seconded. Reason for proposal: The Conference not to consider when it was brought up as a floor action by our delegate. Discussion: Return the language to what it was. Language at the time it was written is Bill’s writing. It may be outdated but it can be explained. One woman said she is not offended by the language since if she takes a drink, she may be capable of all of it. Vote: 44 in favor, 8 opposed, one abstention. **Motion PASSED with substantial unanimity.** Minority Voice did not wish to speak.

All four proposals will be submitted to the General Service Board before the September 15th deadline.

Area Chair Christine G. thanked the GSRs for bringing their groups’ consciences to the Assembly portion of the meeting, then closed the Assembly portion at 11:40 a.m. and logged off the hybrid session.

Area Committee Meeting
Opened at 11:40 a.m.

Additions to agenda: Hybrid format for Fall Assembly; Microsoft Office for Group Records computer; Literature/Grapevine

Point of order: Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic

Approval of June 2022 ACM Minutes: Nels P. motioned to approve the minutes, Denise R. seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – STEVEN L
Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I apologize for not being here. Currently, I’m on a big silver bird heading home from Las Vegas. I was attending a conference for another organization that I’m involved with.

I have given nine General Service Conference reports since I’ve been back from the GSC. The latest reports were given to District 21, Bemidji and at the Isanti Alano Club for Districts 5, 6 and 11. Coming up in the middle of August are reports for Districts 3, August 13th and District 4, August 20th. Also, on August 13th, is a Zonal Forum at the Perham Alano Club. I can’t thank you all enough for the wonderful hospitality and participation I have received from all the Districts regarding GSC reports.

The Joint Trustees’ Literature Committee and the Conference Committee on Literature is having a zoom meeting Aug. 8th. We are going to discuss two agenda items (draft pamphlet, “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” and the existing version of the pamphlet, “Twelve Traditions Illustrated”). I’m hoping A.A.W.S. has something to show us about the changes we requested.

At the July 25th WCR Delegates' meeting a few things of interest were discussed.

I asked the question about the cost of the *Plain and Simple Big Book*. Mike L., our WCR Trustee, stated that in 2021, \$15,000 was budgeted and spent on its development and in 2022, \$50,000 has been budgeted for development of the *Plain and Simple Big Book*. Mike will find out more info during the next Trustees' finance committee.

There is a printing error in some editions of the English-language book, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" (both in hard and soft cover editions). Only 80,000 copies were printed, and half had been distributed before finding the misprint.

Because of an advisory action from the 71st GSC, the same one that changed the text of Bill's writings, included in that Advisory action was the inclusion that the long form of the Traditions be added at the end of each Tradition essay. The typographical error is, that the text of the Long Form of Tradition Eight was inadvertently repeated in the Long Form of Tradition Nine (page 177) in the newest printing. The accurate full text of Tradition Nine (Long Form) appears on page 178. For you amateur archivists, here is an easy hunt for you to locate for your displays.

We then discussed the 72nd GSC final conference report. I received an email stating that the 72nd GSC final report would be late. Their excuse was that they were being impacted by major circumstances they could not control. This included unforeseeable staffing changes that were affecting all projects and timelines in the Publishing Department as well as global supply chain issues. To be honest, I wasn't too concerned at first, but after our discussion, I became alarmed. Given that the Equitable Distribution Workload trial, the final report will not be distributed until after the deadline for the GSC agenda item submissions Sept. 15th, and that's the problem. Katie B., the Delegate from S. Dakota, stated that her Area was submitting an agenda item on this issue. Concern was raised by all Regional Trustees too. If you have any questions about the final GSC report, please email conference@aa.org or contact the Conference Coordinator at 212-870-3122.

There is an update on 2023 WCRAASC per Cara G., the Nebraska Delegate. She stated that we now have a signed agreement with the Doubletree by Hilton in downtown Omaha Nebraska, 1616 Dodge St., Rooms will be \$119/night. There are 200 Rooms blocked for the event. Parking will be \$10/night for hotel guest, slightly higher for non-guests. The host committee is working on lowering the parking allowance for us. Mike asked if there was a force majeure clause (in the event of a covid outbreak we could cancel with no fees or costs charged to us) answer was, yes there is.

There is an update on the Regional Forum in Missoula, Room charges for the 2023 Forum will be \$139/night. Dates for the event will be August 25 – 27, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula Montana.

My apologies again for missing out on the four agenda item discussions and discussing the upcoming Area inventory. I think the Google forms' poll is a great idea and the questions are spot on. Enjoy the day. In Service, Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W

I've been working on the arrangements for the service workshop in January and there are flyers on the back table. We're going to have two speakers and I have commitments from both of them. Dennis B from Saint Paul, a past delegate from Southern Minnesota, has agreed to speak as well as Brooke C, a Past Delegate from Wyoming. This year we will have an emphasis on learning about general service, from the structure, to the concepts, to why we're doing it.

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Duluth downtown hotel the weekend of January 14th and 15th. All of the pertinent information such as the location, dates and times, etc are final, as well as the speakers. There may be some minor changes to the theme and/or the presentation topics and these will be finalized once the agenda is completed. All of this information will be available at the Fall Assembly.

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area 35, I will be attending a Zonal Forum in Perham on August 13th. We have received the agenda and it will be a great time. Zonal Forums are a great opportunity for districts in the zone to get together and learn more about the Area. If you would like to have a zonal forum, please contact our Alternate Delegate. For next year, zones II and IV have the opportunity to have forums.

I will be attending the Fall Assembly in Crookston October 1 – 2 and have made my room reservations. I will be arriving Friday September 30th to ensure everything is in place. Please make your reservations by 8/30/22 or room prices will increase. I will need to make a trip up to the facility to make sure we are in order. I have been having some conversations with a GSR in District 2 to see if we can gather some volunteers for hosting the assembly. He agreed to help fill some of the volunteer positions.

I have asked Ted S to facilitate our area inventory. Ted is a Panel 42 Past Delegate for Area 63 (South Dakota) and served as WCR Trustee from 2000 – 2004.

Area inventory questions have been created and have been put into Google Forms so we can start conducting the inventory online. The dates that the survey will be open is August 12th – September 23rd. I will send out a link that the DCMs can share with the GSRs in their districts. We will compile all the responses and make those available prior to assembly. We will also go over the questions and have discussion at the Fall Assembly. An inven-

tory is only good if we take action so after the Fall assembly, so I would like to create an Ad hoc committee to review the responses and create a list of action items. We can have more discussion about this inventory under old business if anyone has any concerns that need to be addressed about this proposed process.

I have signed the contract and paid \$700 deposit for Fall Assembly 2023 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. The dates are October 7th and 8th, 2023. The cost for the weekend is \$2675 for the room and I still need to work on coffee. As of right now, the convention center does not have coffee available so I will need to work with one of their approved caterers.

I continue to make weekly deposits for the contributions that we receive. Thank you to all the groups that are contributing to the area. Your contributions are appreciated. And a huge thank you to A35 Alt. Delegate for all your hard work and commitment to keeping our checkbook balanced and reports completed.

Been working with A36 and A35 Statewide Correction's in obtaining a facility for the Statewide Correction Workshop that will be held in October. Contract is being reviewed and need to have the contract returned by 8/8/22. I will also be working with Area 35 Corrections Chair to get coffee lined up for the workshop. The committee is doing a great job and could use some more volunteers. DCMs please take back to your district and share A35 Correction's Chair contact information so they can get involved with this activity. It is important that we get volunteers to help with this activity. I would really like to the attendance increase.

The date and time are set for the Joint A35/A36 Zoom gathering. It will not be the "traditional" joint workshop you are used to. Area 36 Chair and myself will be working to set the agenda. We hope to bring in GSRs and district committee chairs so they can learn more about the area along with the area's being able to have some discussions on how we can better work together. There are fliers on the back table for this event. More information to come. I had conversation with the incoming DCM for district 6 and helped her get information together for her first district meeting. If any DCMs need help in any way, please feel free to reach out and I will see what I can do. I am here to serve as you need me.

DCM's please make sure you get today's information and business items back to the GSRs and make sure they are informed so they understand to get their group conscience for the Fall Assembly. I will start working on the agenda for the assembly so if there is anything you would like added, please have that to me by August 26th. The agenda is a place for YOU to discuss activities and actions that you would like to see happen at the area.

The Area Trusted Servants are here to serve you. If there is not participation or feedback, we don't know what you want. For example, the State Fair topic that was on the agenda last ACM. Area 35 PI Chair asked for guidance and feedback on the State Fair participation and there was some sharing but no motion to take any sort action. I expressed the importance of giving the PI Chair some direction and still no response. That is when I asked if it was the consensus of the room the you are giving the PI Chair the "Right of Decision" whether or not to participate and all were in favor. Past actions show that this is a discussion that is had, whether or not to participate time and finances, every year. We need active participation and discussion, if there is none, it is hard to tell how important the activity is. This will be on the agenda for the Fall Assembly, so please discuss this with your groups and we will be making a decision about the involvement for next year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area Chair. It is very hard to fill these shoes and you are constantly critiqued and criticized. If you ever want to know what TRUE HUMILITY is, accept a nomination for Area Chair. In Unity and Service, Christine G.

SECRETARY – SALLY L

Good morning. Reports are due to me by August 15, 2022. I will be attending the Zonal Forum in Perham on August 13th. I borrowed a few pamphlets and an AA Comes of Age book from our Literature chair, Pat M. I traveled to St. Cloud in mid-July to meet with Christine G. to brainstorm on questions and format for the Area Inventory to be held at the Fall Assembly, which I will attend. I will be meeting with Denise R. after the ACM today to work on group information sheets for the DCMs to review. When you are making motions, please be sure to write them down in a clear and concise manner so I can put them in the minutes correctly. Thank you. In service, Sally L.

TREASURER (TEMPORARY) – JUSTIN W

Greetings Area 35. Christine and I continue to satisfy the treasury requirement here in the short term. I'd like to reiterate that neither of us can fill the treasury position after the Fall Assembly according to the bylaws for the Area, so we need to fill the position at the Fall Assembly for sure. I'd be glad to show someone how to take care of it. Don't let the reports intimidate you, they're generated at the click of a button from the system. Please let me or Christine know if you are interested as we're taking nominations and would like to have more than one nominee at the Fall Assembly if possible. We are financially solvent. I just looked it up. It means "that we can pay all our bills with cash on time, with cash to spare. We had a positive cash flow for this period around \$1450, but...we are -\$12,200 for the year so far. We've spent \$29,800 (\$5,000 more than budgeted) but have only taken in \$17,600 (About half of what was budgeted).

As always, please make sure to include your group number on your contribution. As well, if your group isn't contributing to Area 35, we'd love an opportunity to hear your concerns. Thank you for this opportunity.

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COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS WEBMASTER – KYLE H

No Report.

NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35, we had 6 in attendance in our NL/Webmaster/Group Records meeting this morning. We discussed requirements for events fliers in Northern Light and the website. We also discussed the technology needed to offer hybrid assemblies and committee meetings.

The fourth issue of the 2022 Northern Light is in the mail. Some of you have just received your issue. I was crossing my fingers that everyone would receive it prior to this meeting, but it sounds like some didn't. Thank you to Christine for picking them up.

The deadline for the next issue is September 1. All fliers, article submissions, Northern Light reports are due prior to that date. I've got one week to lay everything out before it needs to go to the printer, so your timeliness is very appreciated. The printer needs at least 3 weeks to print and mail before the Fall Assembly. And as usual, send me your fliers to be included in the events section. If you would like to receive a copy the Northern Light, please see Denise R, our Group Records Chair. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Heidi

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S

Melvin S was voted in as DCM 6/19/22

District 3 still struggles with filling service positions. Members are shifting to cover most important roles while doing their best to cover previous roles. Melissia M.- moved to Alt.DCM from Grapevine Stephanie H.- secretary Pete S - web master from CPC/PI Gene G - treasurer Patti D - treatment Bill D - District 3 hotline Open positions - Literature, CPC/PI, corrections, Grapevine Meeting attendance is up for summer due to snowbirds and visitors. Jail meetings on hold in Becker County due to outside sources noncompliance with mask mandates. Discussed possible backup plan in case of another covid shut down (some meetings were locked out). Out of approximately 50 meetings in dist.3, Six GSR were present. I attended the July 14th Moorhead Thursday night round robin meeting . The meeting celebrated. 52 years anniversary. Great turnout, speakers gave a talk about meeting history. Perham Alano club hosting the Zonal forum for districts 3, 4and 15 on August 13th. New York Mills round robin will be later that evening. Yours in Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, I met with our Area 35 Webmaster to receive the new computer for the Area Registrar which I am excited to receive! Thank you!! I am learning how to use this as it is a Chrome Book? computer and it is all different from Microsoft Office and Excel which is what the Area Records has been in the past. It has been recommended that I may need to have the Area purchase these tools for me to use so I am compatible with past records. I have not been able to figure out how to create the Group Contact and Meeting Information sheets that some DCM's have asked for. Sally and I are planning on staying late today to see if we can figure it out using Google Chrome new computer? Wish us luck!

It is super nice to have a computer just for receiving Area 35 emails and related messages from aaminnesota.org. I still get a fair amount of spam emails, but at least I know what they are and can just delete on sight. I continue to receive meeting changes particularly from the Superior Area meetings and also the Brainerd Area meetings.

I was able to attend most of the Group Registrars Quarterly meeting held by GSO. I find it helpful to meet other Area Registrars and hear how things are going with them and listening to their suggestions. I was informed there is a monthly Registrars meeting and I have made connections to join that this month. It sounds like there is much talk of online meetings and how to make sure they are involved in the service structure, so I am curious to attend my first meeting and hear what it's all about.

The total for undeliverable Northern Lights this period is \$7.37 As always if you have a change of address, please let me know- Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C

Hi, I'm Dave C and I'm an Alcoholic and District 16 DCM! Things in our District are moving along smoothly. We are planning a weekend-long Big Book workshop put on by Dennis B from Farmington Mn and Roger B from Mpls. Mn. Starting on Friday Oct. 21 at 7pm to 9pm then Saturday Oct. 22 from 9am to 5pm with a potluck at 12 noon. And Sunday Oct. 23 from 9am to 12 noon. Also helping plan Tri-District workshop with Districts 8, 9 and 16 these workshops are not only informative but fun to plan and put on.

I've been very fortunate to have very active committee members that are active and helpful as we take care of district 16 business without them, I would not be able to get things done, a big thank you to them. We will be short of our secretary next month as she is taking to month off to have a baby, I've told her to bring baby by and we will all spoil Her. But our web master has stepped up to fill her spot. Talking about our webmaster, Pam is doing a great job keeping us up-to-date so if you want to know what's going on in District 16 just check our web page at (district16online.org.) Yours in service Dave C

LITERATURE – PAT M

Hello Area 35 I am Pat M and I am an alcoholic and I am your area 35 literature chair. At our August 7th area committee meeting there was 10 of us present. We shared on literature, discussed do the members of AA realize all the literature that AA has for them and how can we get this literature to them. We will be discussing this some more at the fall assembly in October. I have been moving literature, a lot of literature. Some literature still on backorder but it is slowly coming in. We do have Big Books, 12 and 12s and Daily Reflections now but in large print only. We had a district that ordered \$101 worth of pamphlets. That is a lot of pamphlets, and it was all for CPC work. Way to go district 9. Still wanting to come and visit districts and give a presentation on the literature and discuss the importance of some of the literature. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your area 35 literature chair. Pat M

DISTRICT 12 – TERRY A

Greetings from Terry A, DCM for District 12.

District 12 has a website: twinportsaa.org., finally up and running. And also has placed 2 billboards stating "If you drink, that's your business, If you want to stop, we can help..." The billboards have the phone number to our intergroup office and website. One billboard is located in downtown Duluth and the other is on Tower Ave in Superior WI.

District 12 will be having a booth with AA materials and meeting guides at the DECC for the St Louis County Health and Human Services Conference from 10/12/22 to 10/14/22. Yours in Service, Terry A

DISTRICT 5 – JARRIN V

Hello everyone, I'm Jarrin The district 5 DCM I'm happy to say that everything has been going okay in district 5. I did make it to the Isanti Alano club last month to hear from Steve on the delegate reports back from New York had two GSR's and 3 district 5 chair members along. At our last district meeting we did manage to set a date for a workshop for district 5 it won't be until next year in February. We're going to be doing a 'Meat the District Workshop' for everyone from all the meetings in district 5 to come and find out what happens at a district meeting and what district chair members do in their duties. We will be serving smoked brisket and pulled pork. getting ready next week to go to the Mille Lacs County Fair we are having a booth there I believe almost all of the time slots have been filled but I don't think of as Thursday that they were completely done yet looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair I think that's all I have from district 5 yours and service, Jarrin

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

Greetings Area 35,It was good to see everyone at the ACM!

During our public information group at the ACM it was felt by all that we definitely need to have a conversation at the fall assembly about the state fair participation from the area both financially or staffing the booth due to lack of interest from the area in participating. We all agreed that for this year it was best to help area 36 financially and the area agreed.

District 11 reports working with district 6 in unison getting into jails and counseling centers.

District 13 reports that their webpage has had 3,756 hits last month and they are participating in phone line training. They are trying to reach hotels and temp agencies.

District 9 reports they participated in the tri district workshop with district 8 and district 16.They also have a new phone line and they are working on getting into the vets clinic and treatment centers.

District 6 reports they have been visiting groups and they have been tailgating and having fellowship to talk about service. They have had success using their hotline as well their webpage and has been working with the county.

District 12 reports they are gearing up for the St Louis county health fair (I hope to attend also). They currently have two billboards with the phone number to the intergroup and report a big increase in phone calls coming in. They are also participating in the vets outreach program.

District 4 Greg C Area 35 CPC Chair reports that the changes in rule 25 have changed the dynamics of how and where people are being placed into treatment and what kind of treatment. He mentioned that it was his thought that the elderly alcoholic needs to be addressed more frequently and to visit care facilities. In District 4 they have been averaging 9000 hits on their webpage the last few months. They are getting into large employers and colleges to carry the message,

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall assembly, Nels P

DISTRICT 2 –

No DCM present

DISTRICT 4 – GREG C (gave report)

All meetings in the district reporting good attendance and stable financials. We continue to have monthly Round Robins which consist of a District meeting, pot luck and speakers. There is also a monthly Medallion Night that is for celebrating sober birthdays. Family and friends are welcome and after presentations we also have a featured speaker. We have filled all the offices at present.

TREATMENT – RICCO R

The Treatment Committee held its first zoom meeting on Sunday 6:00pm 7/17/2022. We had seven people present. Jeff, the Area 36 Treatment coordinator of the contact program for Bridging the Gap gave us a presentation of the program. Jeff did an excellent job in his presentation and answered all the questions we had. Everyone present at the meeting also gave their experience about the Bridging the Gap program and the temporary contact program. Jeff sent us some literature that will also help us learn more about the temporary contact program and will be sending some more. Our next Zoom Treatment Committee meeting is Sunday, September 18, 2022.

I Attended the North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum--A.A. in Remote Communities on Saturday July 16, 2022. I loved it. It was very informative and gave our Treatment Committee a bunch of stuff to chew on. Peggy M. Treatment Chair from District 13 also attended the Forum. Tom T. CPC Chair of District 9 formed a committee and is working with Jeff J. the Treatment Chair for District 9 to help contact and work with the treatment facilities in our district. The CPC Committee is also working with remote communities which involves Veterans Groups (which is a remote community). I also joined the CPC committee in District 9 and it has been a joy and good experience to see how the Treatment and CPC Committees can work together to get the A.A. services done.

One of our new projects for our Area 35 Treatment Committee is putting together An Area 35 Temporary Contact program for Bridging the Gap. We are receiving material from Jeff the coordinator of the Bridging the Gap Temporary Contact Program of Area 36. The Area 35 Treatment Committee will be working to put something together to bring to the Area 35 Fall Assembly.

We are planning our next workshop for District 8, 16, and 9. Treatment will tentatively be getting a one-hour time slot for a presentation. We only had a one meeting so that is all I know at this time. Our next meeting will be August 14, at 5:00 pm, on zoom.

We have a new addition to our Treatment Committee. Her name is Dani and she is from District 13. In our discussion about the Treatment Temporary Contact program Dani volunteered to create the template for an excel spreadsheet to keep track of current treatment chairs and the temporary contacts. We are very happy to have someone with the knowledge, experience and service to do that for the committee.

Sally T. District 8 Treatment Chair brought her temporary contact list to the committee which will help others to remember that we are going to have a temporary contact list from every district in Area 35 hopefully. Sally also made a list of things (Questions and Concerns) we couldn't get done at the meeting because we ran out of time but will cover in the next batch of meetings. I think it is a good thing to do so we don't forget these issues.

Peggy M. District 13 Treatment Chair gave us a progress report of the pamphlet she is making for A.A. in treatment centers.

Jeff J. District 9 Treatment Chair, Bob N. District 7 DCM, Jeff T. Alternate DCM District 16, also joined in and gave their thoughts, experience, and direction to help us to keep going in the right direction. In Unity and Service, Ricco

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Good morning area 35. I'd like to go ahead and introduce myself, my name is Julie N. I have been sober continuously since June 5th 2017. I have been around this program for 15 years. My dedication is to work with women through the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have seen the miracles happen right in front of my eyes. What a true blessing.

I would like to thank our past DCM Mike P that has stepped down, unfortunately. He has done great service work at area and our district and district 13. Thank You. I was voted in to become the new DCM on 7/21/2022 with the body of district 6. We also voted in Aaron A as alternate DCM. These past months We have been busy. Having fun in sobriety with tailgating. You're asking what is tailgating? Well we go out to visit each group in our district bringing a grill and providing the meat and have some fellowship before the meeting given each member a chance to meet our district. We have had lots in attendance. Where normal groups have only six to eight people we are bringing in another 32 people. I would have to say, most of the people are very new in sobriety.

This past Sunday we had Steve L come out to visit at the Isanti Alano Club. Districts 5, 11 and 6 came to learn what happened with our vote at GSC. We look forward to the upcoming months of service. We have a PIG Roast on August 20th, speaker and fun at the club. Please come join us in some fun in sobriety. We are also putting our heads together to figure out how we can reach more newcomers. So stay tune with district 6 about our bright future. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Julie N

DISTRICT 7 – ROBERT N

In June, our Delegate Steve L came to our district meeting and gave a report on what went on at the GSC. We had a good attendance at the meeting. At our July meeting we checked on volunteers for manning the booth at the crow wing county fair.

We still have some committee slots to fill. I heard that the focus unit is opening up for meetings, I need to find out more on that subject. I will have more to report at our next area event. Bob N

CPC – GREG C

New person to person out-reach at social services has proven to be successful. In Douglas County at least, they want to connect with AA as part of an

over-all program of follow up and long-term care for those either coming out of treatment or finishing up with legal problems stemming from Alcohol abuse. We exchange information linking a client with a sponsor before they attend their first meeting.

Also working on getting in front of corporate boards and human resource groups as a way of initiating programs for their employees. I have a simple Power Point presentation if anyone is interested.

A lot of contact back and forth with Area 36. They have produced an 8 min video for CPC as well as a fabulous new CPC brochure. I am working to procure working copies of the video and purchase some brochures for use in Area 35. You can view the video on YouTube.

If you are needing any assistance or want to share ideas, don't be shy about reaching out! I'm always ready for new adventures! Greg

DISTRICT 18 – SCOTT S

Hello area 35. Scott for dist18 here wishing I could be there. Stuff going on in Dist 18. Our Dist meeting is the first Tuesday of every month. We are still looking for a treatment chair. Motley had a great turn out at their campout. We have been working on starting a web page and it is close to being done. HOPE to see everyone soon. Scott

DISTRICT 15 – LISA M

My name is Lisa and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM of District 15. In July, we had a booth at the Stearns County Fair, which was shared with Al-Anon. On August 13th, a couple of members from our District attended a Zonal Forum with District 3 and 4. A new women's meeting was started in New Munich, Minnesota. As a District, we continue to meet monthly. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

I have been reading the past archivist reports as published in Northern Light. I have also been reading the actions book and the archives workbook. There have been lots of discussion and there are guidelines that help make decisions about what an archive should include and what parts of archives should be displayed. We need to remember that the displays at roundups, recordings of speakers, and more are not exclusively AA events. The displays and talks carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, but at the same time we need to preserve anonymity. The Archives Committee and I will sort and assemble display items for public display. We see these exhibits as ticklers, aka invitations to help AA members find resources to carry the message. We will do our best to preserve the anonymity of the contributors.

Past Archive Chair and Archivist reports presented in Northern Light and at Assemblies/ACMs reflect a lot of effort to catalog our artifacts and to digitize the paper articles, photo reprints, and audio and video recordings. In the past both the Archives Committee Chair and the Archivist did a lot of traveling to display our archived items, this has resumed post pandemic.

There had been a proposal to add a link to our digital archives on our website, this has not happened, we need to approach this with caution, so that anonymity is protected and copyright law is respected.

There seems to be an abundance of archived items from many years past, but not so much recently. I am receiving, via email, the district secretary reports from a few districts, thank you. If you are not sending secretary reports, please begin to. Technology should not hinder this effort, if you are not computer or typewriter savvy, handwriting is welcome. Send the reports by mail, or hand them to me when we gather together.

One last thing, we are just emerging from a stressful time for AA members and groups. The pandemic lockdowns impacted all of us. Let's create a record of how we survived. Please send an article about your group's survival to me. In Service, Marc

ARCHIVES – RENELL P

Present at our meeting today were: Marc N. Area 35 Archivist, Rich W. District 5, John M. District 8, Vicki R. District 11 and myself, Renell P.

Marc brought up some questions and concerns about digitizing AA speaker cassettes. We discussed the possibility that we should do it on a request basis only, since it is so time consuming. We also talked about the need to make all speakers and the persons they refer to, anonymous. This is not easy. Thank you, Marc, for all the time you have put in, to research what needs to be done and how to do it.

Vicki proposed a detailed outline of our policies for the position of Area 35 Archivist and Archives Chair. We went through most of what she compiled and made some changes, which she will go ahead and update. Thanks for all the hard work put into creating this document for us to better understand our responsibilities.

Marc, Rodney, and I met at the storage unit on June 30 to sort through and organize a few more boxes and crates. There is much more to do. We are meeting over there after our meeting today. Everyone is welcome to stop in to see it and/or to help organize it. Yours in service, Renell

DISTRICT 11 – VICKI R

Smaller attendance 6-8; have 2 new GSRs in attendance.

Corrections slow to open Pine City and MSOP are open.

Contributions to the district continue to lag pre-Covid.

I attended the Potluck meeting at Isanti to hear Steve's report in July with

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Dist 5 and 6.

Discussed the GSC Proposals and asked the GSR's to bring back to groups – encouraged everyone to vote.

DISTRICT 14 –
No DCM present

GRAPEVINE – MIKE U

Greetings everyone this is Mike U Grapevine Chair. At the ACM meeting in August we had five districts represented. We talked about the importance of having The Grapevine rep or the literature rep come to the district and give a presentation of the literature.

DISTRICT 1 –
No DCM present

DISTRICT 13 – JIM R

District 13 recently PASSED A MOTION TO ALLOW PAST DISTRICT & AREA TRUSTED SERVANTS TO SERVE DISTRICT 13 CHAIR POSITIONS THEY HAVE NEVER SERVED BEFORE, so we filled our literature chair position with a past district 13 & area 35 trusted servant who has never served as literature chair who eloquently shared it is not my intention on taking the place from any other servant. I would like to be elected as temporary or ALT literature chair with the understanding I can and will step aside if another servant steps up, I feel District 13's literature needs are that important for me to step up. The alternate DCM is filling in as PI chair until we can fill it. I continue to be the corrections contact until we can fill that position as well. Our treatment chair is currently working on bridging the gap for our district. We are also gathering information to have a correction's bridging the gap for district 13. Currently Benton County is the only jail in district 13 allowing meetings, both men and women and they do a virtual meeting right at the jail. We currently have 10 active GSR's, and all district officer positions are filled.

I will be attending the fall assembly in Crookston.

District 13 has decided on the fall workshop we will be doing and the topic is "Basis & Intro to Service Work". We are in the planning stages and will announce to the area the specific date we choose in the next few weeks.

District 13's website had 3,756 views in the month of July.

District 13 will be participating in 2 events in October; on the 20th we will have a booth/table at the "Stand Down" event and on the 27th will have a booth/table at the "Project Connect" event. These are both events we have participated in the past to share the good news of AA.

Due to the additional service event this year (WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL) I looked over our finances for 2022 and have found a few groups have stopped donating to district 13 that have donated for years. I set up a meeting with the district officers to put together a plan of action in an effort to have some guidelines to follow if possible i.e.; share rooms, share travel expenses, etc... to reconcile with the 2022 budget that was passed and make a recommendation to the district on the remainder of the 2022 year (specifically the fall assembly). We did hear from one group that they stopped donating to district 13 due to the fall assembly of 2021, they also mentioned that they were not happy that area 35 was not participating in the state fair this year, as well as budgetary/financial concerns. Thank you for allowing me to Serve, Jim R

DISTRICT 21 – BRENT T

My name is Brent, I am an alcoholic and DCM for District 21. Our District meetings are held at the Bemidji Alano center at 7:00 pm in Gratitude Hall on the second Monday of each month. Attendance continues to be very low. Most of the AA meetings in the District are doing well, only one meeting remains on Zoom.

At our July 11th District meeting Our Delegate Steve L presented his report on the General Service Conference. There were about a dozen members present for Steve's presentation. We thank Steve and Area 35 for their commitment to District 21.

On September 9th 10th, and 11th the Heartland Roundup will be held at the Northern Pines Assembly grounds on Fish Hook Lake near Park Rapids.

The committee positions we have filled are archives and literature. All remaining action committee positions are open.

For personal reasons, and after much thought, prayer, and consideration I find it necessary to resign my position as DCM of District 21. I will not be able to commit the time needed to serve my District properly.

Christine asked if I would be willing to complete this rotation on the Financial Oversight Committee, and I will honor that commitment. It became real clear to me after I read yesterday's Daily Reflection Reading. I need to stay active in service work, but I also have a growing responsibility at home. In service, Brent. Thank you.

CORRECTIONS – ARDEN A

We met this morning with 8 in attendance Gary H Dist. 11, Diane Dist 9, Mark Dist 5, Aaron Dist 6, Gary Dist 7, Tim Dist 7, Joe Dist 5.

Mark Dist 5 reported Sherburn Co. is starting a Zoom Meeting. Gary reported Sandstone, temporarily closed. Joe is taking meetings into Anoka Co jail. Gary Dist 11 Rush City closed, Kanabec is doing Zoom, Pine Co. open but no one covering it. Moose Lake MSOP open. Diane no meetings in her dist. Aaron Isanti Co. open they are trying to get a hold of old vol. the ones that have already been cleared to go in until they can get new vol. cleared. Tim Dist 7 Aitkin and Crow Wing are open with people going in. Jim Dist 13 Benton Co virtual mtg. both men and women. St Cloud closed.

We are going to have a workshop on Oct 8, flier will be coming out shortly. The workshop will be held in St. Cloud at the convention center.

I know there are a lot of you out there doing corrections work that I don't hear about please let me know what jails and prisons you are going into we would like to make sure all are being covered Thank You. Yours in Service, Arden A

DISTRICT 9 – DIANE R

Hi. My name is Diane R., and I am an Alcoholic. Hello from District 9. We meet the last Sunday in the month. We met on June 26, 2022, but did not meet in July as it has been traditional not to meet in July.

We updated our meeting schedules and sent them to the printer. They were proofed again and will be ready for pick up August 8 or 9, 2022 so they should be out soon.

The new phone number for District 9 is now active. We voted to pay for this phone yearly. It has been a learning curve as it went to my phone and my phone decided it was a spam call. That is now fixed. The new phone number will be one the new meeting schedules. An email was sent to the Area 35 webmaster to update the phone number on the Area 35 website.

The District 8, 9, and 16 Workshop was a success. Thanks to all the presenters, all Area 35 chairs, and officers and to Heidi for telling her story. We found a few things we need to work on at the last committee meeting. If you tried to attend by Zoom, the Zoom number was wrong. My apologies for if you tried to get on and couldn't. We also had internet access problems. We are planning another workshop for September 24, 2022, to be held at the Hibbing Alano Club 1-4pm. More details to follow.

District 9 passed two proposals that were presented to the Area 35 today. Both passed with at the District 9 with substantial unanimity. Our literature Chair, Sandy, has been ordering and receiving literature to be used by the CPC/PI Committee.

Our Treatment Chair, Jeff, and CPC/PI Chair, Tom, are working together to contact treatment facilities in our district. Also, Jeff and Skip are contacting the Veteran Facilities in our District. At the last CPC/PI meeting, we agreed on a business card that we are in the process of printing.

Our alternate DCM, Chuck, continues to be active by attending District meetings and events. He has agreed to contact day meetings in our district. When attending groups, we let them know when the next district meeting is, where to send donations, that there is literature available through the district, and answer any questions they might have.

I attended one session on Zoom of the North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum. It was interesting to listen how someone in Argentina would travel up the mountain to attend a meeting weekly and not know if any else would attend. I believe it took a few hours up the mountain. It was a long way up, a very remote community.

I attended a get together at the Hibbing Alano Club for someone with 50 years of sobriety. How special it that. AA Works.... In Service Diane R.

DISTRICT 8 – HEATHER L

My name is Heather L I am District 8's DCM. Our district meetings are held different days of the week Monday through Friday, each month a different group from the district hosts the meeting. This month's meeting is August 11th at Peace United Methodist Church in Virginia starting at 630pm. We are continuing to read 15 minutes each meeting out of the Service Manual. Our Tri-District Workshop was held July 18th and, in my opinion, very successful, and informative. I hope to continue to work with both districts 9 and 16 for future workshops. Not much else is happening as a district. Though there are some district members that are part of the Keep Simple Committee working hard to put on the event for the first time in 3 years. That event is August 12th through the 14th. It's a blast! I won't be at the Fall Assembly, as I will be in HAWAII!! Hope everyone is enjoying our wet but beautiful summer! YOURS IN SERVICE, Heather L

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Oversight Committee – Everything in the financials checked out fine. No discrepancies were found.

Tabled Motion from April 2022 Spring Assembly – "Past Delegates are eligible to be nominated for Area service positions not previously held." Will be voted on at October 2022 Fall Assembly in Crookston.

Area Inventory – Will be conducted at Fall Assembly in Crookston. It will take 2 hours. Questions can be answered online or at the Assembly. Questions will also be in the Northern Light. Area Chair will email out the

questions. Groups are to complete the inventory. Online inventory will be made available from 8/12/22 - 9/23/22.

Ad Hoc Technology Committee - Web – Webmaster is still gathering info. Can we use Google Docs, or do we need MS Office? He is still figuring out the best way to communicate.

Joint A35/A36 Workshop, Sept. 18th – The workshop will be about meeting our counterparts in Area 36 online and seeing what each other is doing.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Treasurer – The position is still open, and we need nominees. The Area’s bylaws state that neither the Area Chair or the Alt Delegate can be the Treasurer. A new Treasurer is needed. The program used by the Area is QuickBooks Desktop.

2023 Budgets – The Corrections budget did not get into the Northern Light. Area Chair will send out an email with budget information. Is there a standard for the cost of meals? No, there is no standard. Our total budget is \$83,000+, which seems a bit high. What is our income? West Central Regional Forum in Missoula is expensive. Do we want to send all the officers and committee chairs? Review budget for vote at Assembly. What do the groups want to support?

Statewide Corrections Workshop – Corrections Chair stated that Area 36 said they would contribute 2/3 of the room rental. Area 35 will contribute \$121. Coffee will cost \$165 for 5 gallons. Workshop will also be online, and information will be sent out later. DCMs bring workshop info to districts to get participation. Corrections Chair needs info from districts about what is happening locally. **Jim R. made a motion to pay \$121 for room rental, plus ½ coffee expenses for the Corrections Workshop. Kyle H. seconded. Motion PASSED unanimously.**

State Fair PI Booth Contribution – Area 35 has contributed to the State Fair PI Booth for more than 30 years and we don’t have much say in what is displayed and how things get done. PI Chair would like to participate in cost of the booth. It is not easy to find volunteers to fill all the time slots. Last year we voted to contribute \$700, not half of the total cost. We need to approve \$700, groups voted to do that when they approved the budget. **Diane R. made a motion stating: I propose that we contribute to the MN State Fair this year 1/3 actual costs up to \$700. Jim R. seconded. Motion PASSED.** Minority voice did not wish to speak.

Hybrid Fall Assembly – Do we want a hybrid (in person and via internet) meeting for the Fall Assembly so GSRs whose groups can’t afford to send them to the Assembly can vote? **Denise R. made a motion to make the 2022 Fall Assembly hybrid. Vicki R. seconded.** Discussion: Why can’t we bring them along like we did before all this technology? Not all groups have the money to send GSRs. Logistics for hybrid meeting in a big room can be tricky. Need camera showing the room. Can use polling feature to record votes on Zoom. What about anonymity on Zoom? Can use passwords, and people at home should be on Zoom in a separate location from others – personal responsibility. People online said the ACM today said Zoom was awful. Vote: 52 voted in favor of making the Fall Assembly hybrid, 1 voted in opposition. **Motion PASSED with substantial unanimity.** Minority voice did not wish to speak.

Group Records MS Office – Group Records chair needs the tools to be able to do her job. **Kyle H. made a motion to buy a single license for Microsoft Office 365 for Group Records. Jim R. seconded. Motion PASSED unanimously.**

Calendar of Events was read.

Motion to adjourn – **Jim R. made a motion to adjourn, Kyle H. seconded.** Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally L.
Area 35 Secretary

NEW AREA CONTRIBUTION ADDRESS

**Effective immediately, please send all
AREA contribution checks to:**

NMAA
126 13th Ave S
St Cloud, MN 56301

NEW GSO CONTRIBUTION ADDRESS

**Effective immediately, please send all
GSO contribution checks to:**

Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

*Please remember to include your group service number
on all contributions. This will ensure that your contribu-
tions get credited to your group.*

ATTN GSR’S, DCM’S & DISTRICT CHAIRS:

We are here for you! Area Officers & Action Committee
Chairs are available for presentations and workshops.
What would you like to hear about?
Contact us and let us know!
Contact Christine at areachair@area35.org.

**“Selfishness, self-centeredness! That, we think, is
the root of our troubles. Driven by a hundred
forms of fear, self-delusion, self-seeking, and self-
pity, we step on the toes of our fellows and they
retaliate.”**

**-Bill W
Alcoholics Anonymous, page 62**



Area 35 Inventory 2022

An inventory of Area 35 for Area 35 groups and members to participate in.

Your Current Service Position:

- **GSR/Alt GSR**
- **DCM/Alt DCM**
- **Area Officer/Area Standing Committee Chair**
- **District Officer/District Standing Committee Chair**
- **Other**

Is the Area communicating and sharing information, in an effective and timely manner, with the Groups and Districts to prepare them for Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings?

What keeps groups from sending GSRs to Area Assembly? Is adequate opportunity given to all to speak and participate in Area Assemblies, workshops, and activities?

Are services that are provided by the Area still purposeful, effective and prudent? How can they be improved? *IE. Northern Light, aaminnesota.org, Area35.org, archives office/storage space, financial reports, AA literature, Grapevine literature, audio/recording equipment.*

Is the Area spending 7th Tradition contributions prudently? Consider the following: Expenses, Committee work, Communications (financials, mailings) and Accommodations (coffee, room rates, Area Committee Meetings, Assemblies)

How are we cooperating with Area 36 (Southern Minnesota)? How can we improve? *Some areas we have cooperated are Joint A35/A36 Workshop, State Fair Booth, Statewide Corrections*

When Area decisions are made, is there correct balance between group conscience and the tradition “Right of Decision?” (Concept III)

Are the Traditions and Concepts guiding our decisions and actions when we conduct business at assemblies?

Does the current format and scheduling, of Assemblies and ACMs, effectively address communication and the business to be conducted? *Consider the following: Length of reports, Assembly topics, Time allowed at microphone, Conducting business, Breaks, Sunday format.*

Are Area Officers effectively reporting their activities? Are they making themselves available to groups and districts? Is the Area preparing and providing our Trusted Servants with the tools, equipment and resources needed to effectively perform their duties? What can be improved? *Officers are Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Chair, Treasurer, Secretary*

NOTE: Evaluate the positions not the people

How are Committee Chairs communicating with their District counterparts? Are they making themselves available? Is the Area preparing and providing our Trusted Servants with the tools, equipment and resources needed to effectively perform their duties? What can be improved? *Action Committee Chairs are Archivist/Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Treatment, Group Records, NL Editor, Webmaster.*

NOTE: Evaluate the positions not the people

What other concerns do you have that aren’t addressed in this inventory?



Your Experience, Strength and Hope

The AA Preamble (Old – Wilmington Preamble)

We are gathered here because we are faced with the fact that we are powerless over alcohol and unable to do anything about it without the help of a Power greater than ourselves. We feel that each person's religious views, if any, are his own affair. The simple purpose of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is to show what may be done to enlist the aid of a Power greater than ourselves regardless of what our individual conception of that Power may be.

In order to form a habit of depending upon and referring all we do to that Power, we must at first apply ourselves with some diligence. By often repeating these acts, they become habitual and the help rendered becomes natural to us.

We have all come to know that as alcoholics we are suffering from a serious illness for which medicine has no cure. Our condition may be the result of an allergy which makes us different from other people. It has never been by any treatment with which we are familiar, permanently cured. The only relief we have to offer is absolute abstinence, the second meaning of A. A.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Each member squares his debt by helping others to recover.

An Alcoholics Anonymous is an alcoholic who through application and adherence to the A. A. program has forsworn the use of any and all alcoholic beverage in any form. The moment he takes so much as one drop of beer, wine, spirits or any other alcoholic beverage he automatically loses all status as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. A.A. is not interested in sobering up drunks who are not sincere in their desire to remain sober for all time. Not being reformers, we offer our experience only to those who want it.

We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree and on which we can join in harmonious action. Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our program. Those who do not recover are people who will not or simply cannot give themselves to this simple program. Now you may like this program or you may not, but the fact remains, it works. It is our only chance to recover.

There is a vast amount of fun in the A.A. fellowship. Some people might be shocked at our seeming worldliness and levity, but just underneath there lies a deadly earnestness and a full realization that we must put first things first and with each of us the first thing is our alcoholic problem. To drink is to die. Faith must work twenty-four hours a day in and through us or we perish.

In order to set our tone for this meeting I ask that we bow our heads in a few moments of silent prayer and meditation. I wish to remind you that whatever is said at this meeting expresses our own individual opinion as of today and as of up to this moment. We do not speak for A.A. as a whole and you are free to agree or disagree as you see fit. In fact, it is suggested that you pay no attention to anything which might not be reconciled with what is in the A. A. Big Book. If you don't have a Big Book, it's time you bought one. Read it, study it, live with it, loan it, scatter it, and then learn from it what it means to be an A.A.

Submitted by Area 35 Archivist, Marc N.

Through the AA Looking Glass by Bill W
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This is a plug for the Grapeviners and all their works. May they live long and prosper.

One looks in one's mirror to powder, shave, or admire. But the good AA is apt to look deeper. Every morning he gives thanks for a sober countenance, he asks forgiveness for lingering resentment, he hops for grave to live the coming day well. At nightfall he takes another look, saying, "Well, my friend, how did we do today? Thanks be to thee for the privilege of living."

Thus the AA's mirror reflects not rough, but gratitude; not conceit, but humility; not froth, but reality. It reflects a priceless experience.

Reading the Grapevine is something kindred. But the Grapevine is a far bigger mirror. Here we get an inspiring glance over the other fellow's shoulder as he meditates. We're magically transported into the midst of our brothers and sisters everywhere. We feel at one with them. Alice in Wonderland was never like that. Through the AA looking glass we joyously roam the spacious mansion which Providence has provided us – that incredible freedom house called AA.

For the Grapevine is truly your magazine and mine. Its contents, month by month, are your thoughts, your ideas – about AA and anything else that may be on your mind. Each month more than two hundred of you, on an average, send in something to be printed. The Grapevine is not written by a bunch of high-domed ivory tower boys in New York. You write it.

Acceptance was the Answer

This is one of my favorite readings in the Big Book - pages 416 - 417. It's so important to my recovery and peace of mind. I encourage everyone to read the entire story.

Heidi B/Ely, MN
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

At last, acceptance proved to be the key to my drinking problem. After I had been around A.A. for seven months, tapering off alcohol and pills, not finding the program working very well, I was finally able to say, "Okay, God. It is true that I—of all people, strange as it may seem, and even though I didn't give my permission—really, really am an alcoholic of sorts. And it's all right with me. Now, what am I going to do about it?" When I stopped living in the problem and began living in the answer, the problem went away. From that moment on, I have not had a single compulsion to drink.

And acceptance is the answer to all my problems today. When I am disturbed, it is because I find some person, place, thing, or situation—some fact of my life—unacceptable to me, and I can find no serenity until I accept that person, place, thing, or situation as being exactly the way it is supposed to be at this moment. Nothing, absolutely nothing, happens in God's world by mistake. Until I could accept my alcoholism, I could not stay sober; unless I accept life completely on life's terms, I cannot be happy. I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world as on what needs to be changed in me and in my attitudes.

Shakespeare said, "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players." He forgot to mention that I was the chief critic. I was always able to see the flaw in every person, every situation. And I was always glad to point it out, because I knew you wanted perfection, just as I did. A.A. and acceptance have taught me that there is a bit of good in the worst of us and a bit of bad in the best of us; that we are all children of God and we each have a right to be here.

**Share your experience,
strength and hope with
Area 35 by sending an
article to be printed in the
Northern Light. We want to
hear from you!**

**Did you have a great time at
an Assembly? Is your home
group bringing a meeting to
a local treatment center or
correctional facility?
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****All submissions must be approved by the
Northern Light committee.****

AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – STEVEN L

Howdy Everyone, Summer might be over, and fall is in the air but, there is still loads of things happening in AA. Unfortunately, I was absent for the Zonal Forum at the Perham Alano Club. Covid was in the air. My wife contracted Covid on our jaunt to Las Vegas, so I decided to error on the side of caution and not attend. Luckily, I tested negative through her bout with Covid. She has fully recovered and can now play the piano. I’ve given GSC reports to District 4, Alexandra and District 2, Thief River Falls which makes twelve GSC reports I have given since returning from the General Service Conference. The Final GSC report is out in PDF format. I’ve emailed a copy to all the DCMs to share with their Districts. If you would like me to send a report to you just drop me a line and I will email you the report. The challenge with the Final Report is now that we have it ready to go to print, we don’t have the material to print on. GSO has made a decision to switch the type of paper to use. The paper on the Final Report is going to be a lighter weight, 35 pound, which is similar to the paper we used to use for the directories. Hopefully, I will be bringing copies of the final report to the Area Assembly in Crookston in October.

I sent in the four proposed agenda items to the conference coordinator. I made some slight changes to a couple of the proposals. In the What level of group conscience question I added this phrase,” it passed the District then Area with substantial unanimity.” And I added my name to the contact information.

I attended a Zoom meeting of the combined Conference Literature (CLC) and Trustees Literature Committees (TLC). Most of the discussion was on giving clarity to the Trustees on what the CLC was asking them to do. Such as, the illustrations on the Twelve Traditions Pamphlet and the new Twelve Steps Pamphlet. One thing I was surprised at was that the TLC has had informal discussions on QR coding. It was brought up that their hands were tied until an Agenda Item expressing the need to explore QR codes is brought up.

At the Delegates’ meeting a few important things were mentioned. Grapevine is still experiencing a decrease in circulation of the printed magazine. Offset by an increase of other GV items being published. There is going to be a price increase of the top ten Grapevine books. The price is going up because publishing supply costs are greater than the price, we currently sell the books for. This price increase will go in effect the 4th quarter, around November. This will only affect the top ten selling GV books, we have over twenty GV titles. On a positive side, other ventures we have on the Grapevine side have been doing fantastic. We just got this message that the podcast has over 200,000 downloads and increasing at the rate of about 20,000 downloads every couple of weeks. We budgeted \$187,000 for GV publishing items and the cost has doubled what we anticipated, our publishing expenses are currently at \$350,000. Our actual year-to-date income \$799,585 is \$295 short of what we budgeted. When you look at GV expenses, that is where things get off kilter. The cost of goods for publication has increased significantly. GV had budgeted \$841,000 for expenses, the actual costs came in at \$980,000. This is a difference of \$138,000. Our net income was negative \$181,000 for the year. We are budgeted to be at a deficit of \$41,770. Without the additional materials cost we would be on track with where we were planning to be.

Couple of items on Literature: One of them is the Big Book. Decision was made to not have the dust cover. First printing is scheduled for mid-October and completed by November/December 2022. This is coming out as a cost saving and time saving measure. Nothing is changing in the book. Last order of books with the dust cover will be August/September. There will be a message going out in the Fall edition of Box 4-5-9 as well as communication to all Conference members, Board members and Central Offices. We are also printing without dust jackets the English and French versions of the Twelve and Twelve, with the same timeline as the Big Books.

The expected cost savings on the new jacketless format for the Big Book and the "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.":

Big Books
We should save about \$135,000.00 on just our initial order of 300,000 jacketless B-1s

12 x 12s
We should save about \$25,000.00 on just our initial order of 135,000 jacketless B-2s.

Turnaround time savings:
Once we start printing these jacketless books, we’ll save roughly, between 30 to 60 days in manufacturing turnaround per order, and we’ll be able to get larger quantities of books shipped to our warehouses at once, as opposed to the current shipments that are necessarily staggered over weeks. The savings per Big Book works out to \$0.45 per book and the 12 x 12 works out to \$.0185 per book.

Equally as important as the cost savings, reducing the lead time by 30 to 60 days when we are experiencing out of stock conditions due to supply chain issues is huge.

The Trustees PI Committee (TPIC) must have made the suggested changes to the AA Membership Survey that was discussed during my GSC reports.

TPIC has sent to me a list of randomly picked groups to partake in the survey. Our Area was assigned eight groups to take the survey. Out of the first eight groups, I was only able to get in touch with two of the groups. The other six groups contact information was inaccurate, discontinued numbers and such. In the second batch of eight groups, I was able to confirm and get a thumbs up on seven groups wanting to participate in the survey. The survey will be sent out sometime in October. This is a great example on why it is important keeping our Group Records Secretary up to date on your group’s information.

There has been some staff changes recently. We have a new HR Director. We have a new staff member that is handling legal assistant to Bob, GSO office manager, and will also be handling international licensing and taking care of some of the translations. Other staff changes, Steve S. and Craig W. have moved on and are no longer staff members at GSO. Karina C., La Vina editor has accepted the position of Craig’s role in Group Service the second week of September. There will be another opening posted. Until that one is filled, Sandra will be stepping in to cover some of the responsibilities. Adrienne B. is going to come back and do some temporary work helping with the West Central Region correspondence.

WCR Service Conference Speaker is locked in: Carolyn W. /General Service Trustee from Surry BC. and the coffee will have a Venmo option. Now I have to go do dishes, I lost at backgammon. Humbly in service, Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W

Greetings Area 35, I participated in the Zonal Forum in District 3 at the Perham Alano Club on August 13th. There were about 20 in attendance, and it was a potluck; there was plenty to eat, and we had good fellowship. The former DCM from district 3 had the grill going and we all ate together on the screened patio. Steve was unable to make it, so the Delegate’s Conference Report had to be rescheduled. Christine spoke about the Chair and Delegate positions, Sally covered the Secretary position, and I talked on the Alternate Delegate and Treasurer positions. Afterwards Jim S, our panel 70 past Delegate told his personal story, and it was an honor and a privilege to hear it for my first time. He did a great job. Thanks to district 3 for being such gracious hosts as well as all who attended the forum. I was a pleasure to be a part of.

I did receive the final report from the conference and am looking forward to reading that.

There has been nothing remarkable in the treasury work since the ACM. Standard work of bookkeeping entries for the group contributions we’ve received as well as writing a couple of checks. We are still looking for candidates for the Area Treasury position and will be looking to elect someone at the Fall Assembly in October. It’s a privilege to serve the groups in Area 35.

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area 35, Since the August Committee meeting, I have made the Area Inventory available on Google Forms and have started to receive some feedback. Thank you to all who have participated, you all will have an opportunity again at the Fall Assembly.

There are two Trusted Servant budgets that were missed in the NL. Corrections and Tech/Audio were missed and those will be distributed via email and added to the budgets for the Fall Assembly. The grand total for 2023 budget is \$88,757.21. These will be brought forward for a vote of approval at the assembly.

I met with the event coordinator at the Crookston Inn. We will have to have all the committee meetings in the main room, scattered. There would be additional fees to have all the dividers put up and taken down. We will be able to utilize one of their other meeting rooms for the GSR Orientation which should work out well. There is a restaurant on site, and they will have staff available for lunch on Saturday. It will not be open to the public. Saturday evening may get busy with locals but there are other restaurants in the area. Rooms are equipped with fridge, microwave and coffee pots. There is a continental breakfast for the guests in the morning.

I attended the Zonal Forum in Perham and presented the Delegate and Area Chair duties as requested. I also shared my service experience. There were some great questions and involvement. Thank you to Districts 3, 4 and 15 for hosting this event.

I have been doing research and gathering information about Zoom best practices in getting as prepared as we can for the hybrid option that the area committee voted to have for the upcoming Fall Assembly. I will be working with Webmaster and Audio Tech, so we provide a good experience for all. We are hoping to have breakout rooms for the committees. More information will be revealed in September as I will be working with Webmaster and Audio Tech to dial in the details.

I have also been working with the Statewide Corrections committee in getting contracts set for the facility and coffee.

I have been working with Area 36 Chair on the “Who’s Even? Who’s Odd” trusted servant’s workshop. This will be a great time for the committees to get together and share their experience with one another.

After speaking with the officers, we decided that it would be a good idea to have our guest facilitator, Ted S, speak at the Fall Assembly. I asked Ted and he accepted. What a great opportunity to have a past Delegate and Trustee present and be willing to share their experience, strength and hope.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly in Crookston whether you attend in person or online. In Unity and Service, Christine G.

SECRETARY – SALLY L

Greetings, Area 35. Since the August ACM, I attended a Zonal Forum in Perham, MN. I talked a little about the Northern Light, AA and Grapevine literature, Group Records, and about what I do as Area secretary. I also talked about some of my service history and how I got started in service. The people from districts 3, 4, and 15 were welcoming and attentive. I am happy to be of service to the Area. In service, Sally L.

TREASURER (TEMPORARY) – JUSTIN W

See report under Alt Delegate

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

WEBMASTER – KYLE H

My report is as follows - Greetings Area35 While summer comes to a close, the majority of my time has been spent finalizing some options to present to the Area at the fall conference for consideration.

In Service, Kyle H.

NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35. First, I want to apologize to you all for missing the Corrections and Audio Tech budgets in the last issue of the Northern Light. The budgets have been corrected on the online version, which you can download at area35.org. It is rather humbling to make mistakes knowing hundreds of people may see them. This service position is giving me many wonderful opportunities for growth! Any remaining ideas of perfectionism I have held on to is flying out the door with each issue. And I am grateful for that. Mostly. :-)

I'm currently laying out the Sept/Oct issue of the Northern Light, which should deliver the week before Fall Assembly. As always, we welcome your submissions. Please share with us any service work your group or district is participating in or your personal stories of experience, strength and hope within AA. Email to the Northern Light committee at northernlight@area35.org. We also welcome your fliers for upcoming events. Flier guidelines are listed in the Northern Light, or give me a call and I can send them to you.

I will see you all at the Fall Assembly. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Heidi B.

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Hello all, Since the August Area Committee Meeting, I have been busy getting used to the new Group Records computer and in doing so have seen many emails that I now have access to that I had not seen before. Therefore, I feel like I am catching up and contacting people and apologizing for late replies to messages and getting group records caught up. Thank you for your patience!

After working with Sally, the past group records person, trying to recreate the group forms she used I find I am not able to duplicate them in a consistent manner and have found alternate ways to give the DCM's their Group Records information. As of this report, I have mailed out those Records to District's 5, 9, 13 and am now working on District 3's Group Records' reports. I hope this works and if not, I will try something else. Those that have received them, please give me your feedback and if you find them useful.

It is important for all DCMs to know that they do have access to all the Group Records and Group Contacts in their District through Fellowship Connection. If you have not been contacted by GSO and been given access, please let me know and I can help you with that process. It is good information to stay updated with any changes to your District's Groups. I have made several changes to groups from District 16 and 12 and as I stated getting caught up on older requests from emails.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly! Thank you for allowing me to be your Group Records Registrar- In Service, Denise R.

LITERATURE – PAT M

Hello Area 35, I'm your Area 35 Literature Chair and I'm also an alcoholic. At the August 7th Area committee meeting, we had nine in and attendance in districts 6 5 16 12. Main topic, that some districts have a budget for literature, and they cannot have all the literature on hand. So, we came up with an idea of having a sample pack of literature so districts can have a copy of every piece of literature, so people know what's out there. I'm sure there's a lot of people that do not know of all the literature and with the sample package then your District literature chair can put an order with me, and I can get it to back to them to sell to you. We're thinking around \$100 package that the districts can purchase. We also talked about some pamphlets: *The AA group Where it all Begins* and another pamphlet *Problems other than Alcohol* by Bill W, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. Two very good reads for all groups.

District 9 CPC purchased \$101 worth of pamphlets that is a lot of pamphlets. Keep up the good work District 9.

Hope to see you all at the fall assembly in Crookston, October 1st and 2nd. Until then God bless you and take care. And thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 35 Literature Chair, Pat M.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

Greetings Area 35, I hope everyone is enjoying summer and it was great to see everyone at our ACM in Aitkin. I'm looking forward to our fall assembly and seeing everyone there. In October I'm looking forward to attending the health fair in Duluth and supporting district 12 in their effort in public information. I also am scheduled to speak in September at the Donovan Frank treatment center and look forward to carrying the message. See you soon. In Service, Nels P

TREATMENT – RICCO R

I attended two District 9 CPC Committee meetings held by Tom our CPC chair. Jeff our District 9 Treatment Chair also goes to the CPC Committee meetings. Jeff and Tom are working together to get the treatment business done.

I attended our Tri District workshop meeting, and we got our Treatment presenters picked for Bridging the Gap and the Temporary contact program topics.

I have been attending the Corrections workshop committee meetings every Wednesday mainly for the opportunity to learn how to put on a larger workshop. There are some people from Areas 35 and 36 that are very knowledgeable about putting together a larger workshop.

I am continuing to study the Bridging the Gap and temporary contact program for the treatment centers. In Unity and Service, Ricco

CPC – GREG C

New person to person out-reach at social services has proven to be successful. In Douglas County at least, they want to connect with AA as part of an over-all program of follow up and long-term care for those either coming out of treatment or finishing up with legal problems stemming from alcohol abuse. We exchange information linking a client with a sponsor before they attend their first meeting.

Also working on getting in front of corporate boards and human resource groups as a way of initiating programs for their employees. I have a simple Power point presentation if anyone is interested.

A lot of contact back and forth with Area 36. They have produced an 8 min video for CPC as well as a fabulous new CPC brochure. I am working to procure working copies of the video and purchase some brochures for use in Area 35. You can view the video on YouTube.

If you are needing any assistance or want to share ideas, don't be shy about reaching out! I'm always ready for new adventures! Greg C

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

There is not much to report at this time. I presented an archive display at the Isanti Alano Pig Roast in August. There are no other requests for archive exhibits at this time.

I have been searching through the boxes at the repository to get a handle on what we have. I am amazed at what we have.

GSRs and committee members, please send me your thoughts regarding how the archives and archivist can be of best service to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Steve L got the big red record digitized. Thank You Steve. If anyone wants to listen (it is about 15-minute drama presentation, a radio spot from many years ago) email Archivist@Area35.org and I will email a copy. In Service, Marc

ARCHIVES – RENELL P

Not given

GRAPEVINE – MIKE U

Not given

CORRECTIONS – ARDEN A

Since the ACM I have been quite busy with the Statewide Corrections Workshop. We meet every Wednesday at 6pm. We have secured the site (Saint Cloud Convention Center). It will be starting at 10am on October 8 and will go to 3pm, both in-person and Zoom. Information is on the flier which will be posted on Area 35 website. We have speakers lined up, one is Judge Kerry M, Class A Trustee.

I also attended the forum in Perham. I have met a lot of people doing corrections work both in our area and southern Minnesota. I have learned a lot and am still learning. Yours in Service, Arden A

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2022 Service Events

October 1 - 2: Area 35 Fall Assembly
Crookston Inn & Convention Ctr
Crookston, MN

December 4: Area Committee Meeting

January 14 - 15 2023: Area 35 Service Workshop
Holiday Inn, Duluth, MN

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8:30 p.m. Marion W. - AA
Boca Raton, FL

Saturday

1:30 p.m. Jim S. - AA
Fargo, ND
3:30 p.m. Rick H. - AA
Plato, MN
7:00 p.m. Kelly P. - Al-Anon
Helena, MT
8:30 p.m. Paul M. - AA
Belle Harbor, NY

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100-4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301
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Room rate: \$119/night

Saturday Meetings and Workshops

3 Legacies Workshops

9:00 – 9:50am Recovery
10:00 – 10:50am Unity
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Meetings

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Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 1st-2nd, 2022

Crookston Inn & Convention Center
2200 University Ave
Crookston, MN 56716

Room Rates: Two Queen Beds or One King Bed \$92.99 + tax per night
(Wi-fi & continental breakfast included)

To make reservations please call: (218) 470-1000
Reserve under: Area 35 Assembly Block

Cut Off Date: AUGUST 30, 2022; After that rate is \$99.99 + tax per night

Saturday, October 1

9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 2

9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The only requirement is a willingness to serve.

Area 35 & Area 36
Statewide Corrections Committee
CORRECTIONS SERVICE WORKSHOP

October 8, 2022

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

St Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
10 Fourth Ave, St Cloud 56301

Or Online

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 1684 1350 Password: dEc58W



Guest Presenter, Class A Trustee,
The Honorable Judge Kerry Meyer

❖ Presentations by AA Members who carry the message into prisons and jails/adult detention centers.

- How does the focus differ in long and short-term facilities?
- How can you register an inside prison meeting with GSO?
- How can you start or join an existing meeting?
- What are common background check/clearance requirements?

❖ Shared experience, strength, and hope by AA member once on the inside.

❖ Bridging the Gap through Temporary Contacts.

❖ Conference Approved Corrections Literature.

Coffee available. Lunch on your own. Several restaurants nearby.

For more information

Contact the Area 36 Corrections Chair at corrections@area36.org
Or the Area 35 Corrections Chair at corrections@area35.org

Area 35 Spring Assembly

April 1st-2nd, 2023

Holiday Inn Alexandria
5637 Highway 29 South
Alexandria, MN 56308

Room Rates: King Leisure Non-Smoking, \$129.99 + tax
Two Queen Beds Non-Smoking, \$119.99 + tax

To make reservations please call: (320) 763-6577
Reserve under: Area 35

Cut off Date is: MARCH 3rd, 2023

Saturday, April 1st

9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, April 2nd

9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The only requirement is a willingness to serve. We will be going over the agenda items for the General Service Conference.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Area 35
47th Annual Service Workshop
“Our 3rd Legacy - So What Are We Doing Here?”

Presentations by
Brooke C – Area 76 Wyoming - Past Delegate
Dennis B – Area 36 Southern Minnesota – Past Delegate

January 14th and 15th, 2023 – Registration 8am – Opening 9am
Registration is \$15
Holiday Inn Duluth - Downtown
200 West First Street | Duluth, MN 55802
Phone: 218.727.7492

Room rates - \$159 plus tax
Mention Group Code “NMAA” by Phone - Or click here to *Book Your Room*
Cutoff Date: *December 14th, 2022*

This is an annual service training workshop and is intended to be an educational experience about General Service in Alcoholics Anonymous. All A.A. members are welcome to attend. Brooke and Dennis will share their knowledge and experience regarding Service - Our Third Legacy with the intention of helping us understand a little better What We’re Supposed to be Doing Here. They will be addressing topics such as...

The Service Structure Explained How and Why We Participate How Our Participation Honors our Primary Purpose of Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic.

They will also share their personal stories on Saturday Night...then ICE CREAM!

Please check the *Area Events Calendar* at Area35.org for any changes.



Area 35
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

The Agenda Items **do not** come out any sooner to the Delegate than the week of February 15th due to the January General Service Board Meeting.

We realize that this timeframe does not give us a lot of time for discussion within our home groups before our April Spring Assembly.

It is the responsibility of the DCM’s to get the Agenda Items along with the “Hot Topic List” to the group GSR’s in their District. It is important that this information be passed on as soon as it is received.

Thank you for your help.

Agenda
Deadline Dates

September 15th

Deadline to receive proposed Agenda Items and submit Agenda Items to GSO from our Area 35 Delegate

February 15th

Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service Office and sends them along with background information to the Area 35 Webmaster.

The Webmaster posts the material on our website (area35.org) with a protected password. The Delegate sends out an email to the Area 35 Committee with the password information, which is used to download the Agenda Items and background information off the Area 35 website.

4th Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 by hard copy or CD from the Delegate at the Aitkin Committee Meeting.

1st Weekend in March

Agenda Items are discussed at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference.

1st Weekend in April

Agenda Items are discussed and voted at the Area 35 Spring Assembly with the Area 35 Delegate

3rd Week in April

Delegate attends the General Service Conference and carries the voice of Area 35 to New York.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT

Steve L.
Area 35 Panel 72 Delegate
delegate@area35.org
(218) 780-0905

12 Traditions of
Alcoholics Anonymous (Long Form)

1. Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.
3. Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.
4. With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.
5. Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.
7. The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.
9. Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.
10. No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.
11. Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.
12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to

12 Concepts of
Alcoholics Anonymous (Short Form)

- I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
- IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in a reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- VI. 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.
- VII. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon traditional and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
- VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- XII. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.



NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

The Northern Light (N.L.), is a general service newsletter that serves Area 35 to facilitate bilateral communication between the Groups, Districts, Area and G.S.O. levels in the Northern Minnesota area. Its purpose is to:

- ◆ Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- ◆ Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what’s happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.

- ◆ Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example “Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN” this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- ◆ Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe to the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- ◆ Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- ◆ Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L.

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

Editor: The Editorial Chair position is a two-year rotation picked by the incoming Area Chair and either approved or rejected by the Area Committee at the first Area meeting after the Fall Assembly Elections.

Desirable qualifications: Current knowledge of MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel and other misc. computer programs as needed. The person should also consider the time needed to complete the task required. The candidate should have a working knowledge of A.A. as a whole, i.e., prior experience in service work such as G.S.R., D.C.M., or related position.

N.L. COMMITTEE: The N.L. Committee consists of the Area Group Records Chair, Area Webmaster and Area Audio Technician along with two D.C.M.s in Area 35. DCM’s are picked randomly at the start of each rotation and serve on a two-year rotation basis. They assist the editor in communications with other area newsletters, in recommendations on general improvements, and with general problems and implementations of new policies. They may also represent the editor at functions when the editor is unable to attend.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Committee meets every other month, before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. If needed, additional meetings may be called.

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions are welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to AA and Area 35. All submissions will be approved by the Northern Light committee, in accordance with Tradition Two; For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. Please note that if space is limited, first priority will be given to reports from Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs and D.C.M.s from Area 35.

Please send submissions to northernlight@area35.org or my address on page 2. The deadline for each issue is printed on the front page.

All submissions should have a title. Please include the first name, last initial and city where the author is from. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. If you have any questions regarding submitting an item for the *Northern Light*, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Northern Light Editor, Heidi B

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & Foremost **Contact the Northern Light Editor** at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number listed on page 3 of the hard copy, print version of the Northern Light, for the Northern Light Editor (remember this will change every 2 year rotation).
2. Email a .pdf version of your flier to northernlight@area35.org for approval. Upon approval a copy will be forwarded to the webmaster to be placed on the Area 35 websites calendar of events.

3. Upon approval mail to :

Cold Spring Record
PO Box 456
403 West Wind Court
Cold Spring, MN 56320

With an Attn: Northern Light on the mailing address

4. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are 1000 copies printed with @725 pieces to mail. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings.

Number of Copies	Printing Costs		Insertion Fee	Total Cost
	1 Sided	2 Sided		
725	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 123/135
1000	\$ 80	\$ 120	\$ 75	\$ 155/195

5. The cost for having a flier inserted into the Northern Light is \$75. Make Checks payable to NMAA and mail to :

NMAA
126 13th Ave S
St Cloud, MN 56301

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!

RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

- ◆ Only Area 35 A.A. Members may submit a flier. Fliers must be for A.A. Sponsored Events only.
- ◆ Fliers needed—725 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and handouts.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2022 are as Follows:

- ◆ January 19th : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 8th : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 1st : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 8th : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 1st : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 2nd : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

To be included in the Northern Light, all flyers must answer the following questions.:

- Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
 - AA Group
 - District
 - Area
- What type of event is it? Please include itinerary. Examples:
 - An open or closed meeting
 - Speaker meeting
 - Call up meeting
 - Big Book meeting
 - Workshop with itinerary
 - Conference with itinerary
 - Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
 - AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
- When is the event to take place?
 - Date and time
 - Does it reoccur
- Where will the event take place?
 - Name of the facility and the address
 - Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
- Why is the event taking place?
 - The reason for AA events is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic (this doesn't have to be printed on the flyer)
 - Usually covered in Who and What

*For safety reasons, if a phone number is listed on the flyer consider NOT putting a name in association with the number.

Only Area 35 AA members may submit a flier.
Fliers for AA sponsored events only.

Please submit flyers in PDF format when possible. Flyers will be posted on area35.org and in the Northern Light at the Area 35 Webmaster's and Northern Light Editor's discretion. Email northernlight@area35.org with any questions.

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

- AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service
- ACM - Area Committee Meeting
- BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- BTG - Bridging the Gap
- CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service
- CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program
- CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community
- DCM - District Committee Member
- FNV- Fellowship New Vision Database
- FOC - Finance Oversight Committee
- GSB - General Service Board
- GSC - General Service Conference
- GSO - General Service Office
- GSR - General Service Representative
- GV- Grapevine
- GVR - Grapevine Representative
- ICYPAA - International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
- NL- Northern Light
- NMAA - Northern Minnesota Area Assembly
- PI - Public Information
- Panel - The Two Year Rotation a Delegate Serves (Ours is an Even # Starting with Panel 2 in 1952)
- WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)
- WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (same as above)
- WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)
- WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (same as above)

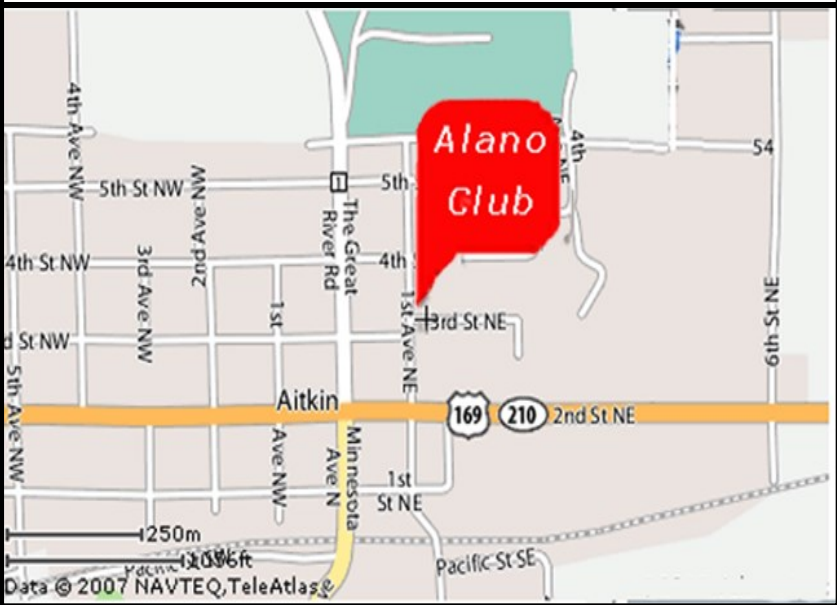
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- Area Chair asks for weather reports from all DCMs from respective Districts, either by email or phone.
- Meeting format (virtual, in person or hybrid) is based on DOT report and national weather service, individual safety being paramount. Decisions will be made by 9pm the day before the meeting.
- Chair contacts webmaster with meeting format information (including any virtual links) which will be posted on area35.org
- Chair notifies the Alano Society in Aitkin on food preparations.
- Chair remains available and in close contact as they are the focal point and main contact; Chair must make the decision and be available for calls.
- Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on meeting format.

AREA 35
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?

Area 35 holds Committee Meetings in February, June, August and December at the Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st Ave. N.E.
Aitkin, MN



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OUR PAST DELEGATES					
<u>Panel 70</u> 2020-2021 Jim S		<u>Panel 38</u> 1988-1989 Scott J		<u>Panel 12</u> 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)	
<u>Panel 68</u> 2018-2019 Christine G		<u>Panel 36</u> 1986-1987 Louie H		<u>Panel 10</u> 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)	
<u>Panel 66</u> 2016-2017 Kelly D		<u>Panel 34</u> 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)		<u>Panel 8</u> 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)	
<u>Panel 64</u> 2014-2015 Michael “Jake” J		<u>Panel 32</u> 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)		<u>Panel 6</u> 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 62</u> 2012-2013 Jim K		<u>Panel 30</u> 1980-1981 Don M (deceased)		<u>Panel 4</u> 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 60</u> 2010-2011 Jon C		<u>Panel 28</u> 1978-1979 Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)		<u>Panel 2</u> 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)	
<u>Panel 58</u> 2008-2009 JoAnne N		<u>Panel 26</u> 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)			
<u>Panel 56</u> 2006-2007 Jerry S		<u>Panel 24</u> 1974-1975 Gordon B. H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 54</u> 2004-2005 Charlie C		<u>Panel 22</u> 1972-1973 Frank P. J (deceased)			
<u>Panel 52</u> 2002-2003 Tim C		<u>Panel 20</u> 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)			
<u>Panel 50</u> 2000-2001 Tom A		<u>Panel 18</u> 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 48</u> 1998-1999 Susie A		<u>Panel 16</u> 1966-1967 Arno A (deceased)			
<u>Panel 46</u> 1996-1997 Bill P (deceased)		<u>Panel 14</u> 1964-1965 Donald F (deceased)			
<u>Panel 44</u> 1994-1995 Bruce B					
<u>Panel 42</u> 1992-1993 Greg G (deceased)					
<u>Panel 40</u> 1990-1991 Bob J					

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

In Alcoholics Anonymous we value experience. Our Twelve Steps did not exist when Bill stepped into the lobby of a hotel in Akron, Ohio. Even after meeting with Dr. Bob and soon founding our program, there were only six steps until the experiences of 100 Alcoholics were summed up. Soon after a book followed, but it was a few years later when the Twelve Traditions were discussed and agreed on. Twelve Traditions that were “hammered out on the anvil of experience”. Our past Delegates are a wealth of experience, an interactive living archive if you will. When you plan your next service workshop or need an outside voice to offer help, consider this resource available to you.

The Delegate’s Duties	
<p>Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate’s job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

Area 35 Fall Assembly
October 1st & 2nd, 2022
Crookston Inn, Crookston, MN

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration</p> <p>_____ 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation <i>(North Shore Room) & Action Chair Committee Meetings (Ball Room)</i></p> <p>_____ 11:30 a.m. Lunch - on your own</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes (Ball Room)</p> <p>_____ Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Why We Need a Conference</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Recognize GSRs</p> <p>_____ Add to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve 2022 Spring Assembly Minutes</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Steve L</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Justin W</p> <p>_____ Chair – Christine G</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Sally L</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Open</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ CPC – Greg C</p> <p>_____ District 18 – Scott S</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Lisa M</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE – Pat M</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Terry A</p> <p>_____ District 5 – Jarrin V</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Kyle H</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Heidi B</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Melvin S</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Denise R</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Dave C</p> <p>_____ TREATMENT – Ricco R</p> <p>_____ District 6 – Julie N</p> <p>_____ District 7 – Robert N</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Renell P</p> <p>_____ District 11 – Vicki R</p> <p>_____ District 14 -</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Arden A</p> <p>_____ District 9 - Diane R</p> <p>_____ District 8 - Heather L</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION - Nels P</p> <p>_____ District 2 –</p> <p>_____ District 4 –</p> <p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Mike U</p> <p>_____ District 1 -</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Jim R</p> <p>_____ District 21 – Brent T</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Area Inventory Session</p> <p>3:45 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Resume Area Inventory Session</p> <p>4:45 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session <i>(North Shore Room)</i></p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session <i>(Ball Room)</i></p> <p>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet <i>(Poolside)</i></p> <p>_____ Open AA Meeting <i>(TBD)</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner (On Your Own)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Finish Reports if needed</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Speaker – Ted S - <i>Panel 42 Past Delegate Area 63 (South Dakota) and WCR Trustee 2000 – 2004</i></p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting <i>(North Shore Room)</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes (Ball Room)</p> <p><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>_____ Financial Oversight Committee Report (Dec ACM)</p> <p>_____ Tabled motion: “Past Delegates are eligible to be nominated for Area service positions not previously held.”</p> <p>_____ Area Inventory – Next Steps</p> <p>_____ Ad-Hoc Technology Committee - Web</p> <p>_____ Statewide Correction Committee – Corrections</p> <p>_____ Area 35/36 Joint WS Update</p> <p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p>_____ Election of Treasurer</p> <p>_____ State Fair Booth – PI Chair</p> <p>_____ 2023 Budgets</p> <p>_____ Delegate Nomination Process Discussion</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</p> <p>_____ Adjourn</p>
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Please remember to include your group service number on all contributions.
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