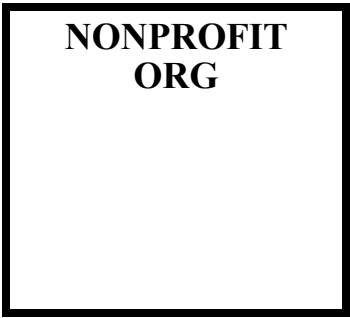
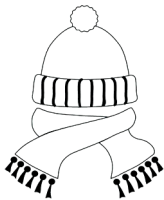


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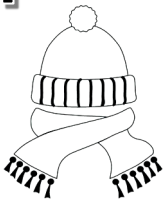


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## Area 35



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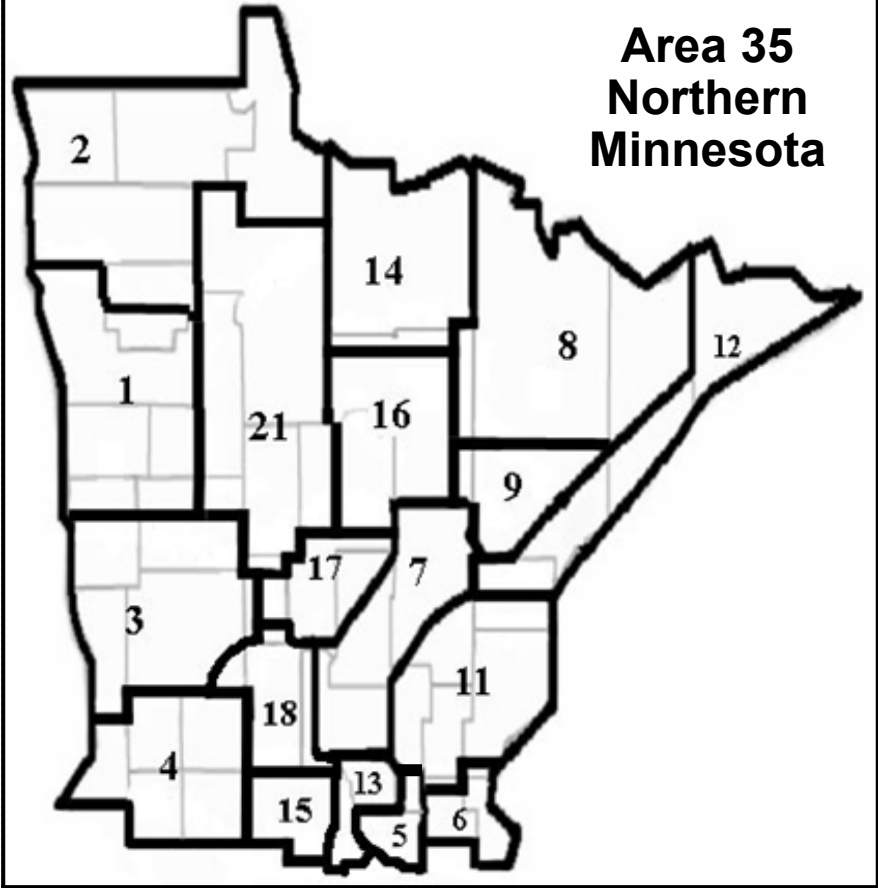
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Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), 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, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, 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, Pilager\*, 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, Nashwauk\*, Zim\*
- District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork

*\* 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

District 1

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.  
Fertile Community Center  
101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540

District 2

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m.  
Thief River Falls Alano Club  
614 Davis Ave.  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

District 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.  
Alano Club  
827 Summit Avenue  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

District 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.  
Contact DCM for location (It Rotates)  
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.  
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.

District 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month, 7 p.m.  
Freshwaters Church  
12475 273<sup>rd</sup> Ave NW  
Zimmerman, MN 55398

District 6

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
Spring Lake Lutheran Church  
8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.  
North Branch, MN 55056

District 7

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
First Congregational United Church  
415 Juniper Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401

District 8

Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”

District 9

Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.  
Hibbing Alano Club  
3725 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hibbing, MN 55746

District 11

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran  
2177 Hwy 18  
Finlayson, MN 55735

District 12

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m.  
1100 E. Superior Street  
Duluth, MN  
Handicap Accessible,

District 13

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.  
St. Cloud Alano Club  
127 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

District 14

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 6:30pm  
Coffee Landing  
444 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
International Falls, MN 56649

District 15

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.  
Albany Community Center  
741 Lake Ave.  
Albany, MN 56307

District 16

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Church  
1701 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking

District 18

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.  
Long Prairie Alano Club  
21 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club  
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

District 17

Not currently active or unknown

## AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

### Delegate:

Greetings Area 35,

I can't believe that I have one more report to write for the Area. This two-year rotation went by fast and I have mixed emotions about it coming to a close. I do know that Area 35 is in good hands with the next rotation of Officers. Congratulations to Jim, Steve, Gayle, Heidi and Justin for your election into your new positions. You will all do a fantastic job serving our Area.

I was happy with the involvement and participation at the Fall Assembly. I saw many new faces, I am excited to how many more we will see at the January workshop. Jim has been working hard at putting together this workshop and it is one that you don't want to miss. There are going to great presentations, which always lead to fantastic discussion. Remember, that no business will be conducted at this event. Grab a friend and come learn a little bit more about service and Area 35.

I will be attending the Area 35/36 Joint workshop on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. By my next report in December, I will be able to report on that event.

We will have a WCR Conference call to discuss revisions made to the WCR Charter that we would like to adopt to make banking easier. This call will also be an update, from WCR Trustee, of what went on at the quarterly meeting. I will have a summary report in December.

I sent out the resume for Michael J., our WCR Trustee nominee. The other WCR Trustee nominations from other WCR Areas are as follows:

Area 24 (IA): Mike L.  
Area 35 (No. MN): Michael "Jake" J.  
Area 36 (So. MN): None at this time  
Area 40 (MT): Gerry R.  
Area 41 (NE): Trent G.  
Area 52 (ND): Mike R.  
Area 63 (SD): John T.  
Area 76 (WY): Brooke C.

I have been having conversations and making sure that Jim is appraised of all communications that take place with Area 35 members and with GSO as it related to the Delegate position. I am sure we will have some more conversations as we make the transition. I encourage everyone to start sharing your information at not only the area service level but also in your groups and at your Districts.

I look forward to seeing you all at the December Area Committee meeting and remember that December 15<sup>th</sup> is the date that proposed agenda items need to be turned in to the General Service Office.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35!

In Unity and Service,  
Christine G.  
Area 35 / Panel 68 Delegate



*"They've asked him to pick up ashtrays."*

### Alt. Delegate:

Good Evening Everyone,

I have been busy working on the Annual Workshop. Please get your reservations in as soon as you can so you don't miss. I was able to get the pricing off Trivago as we are getting in our room block so I reserved my room there instead of taking up a room from the block. I would encourage everyone to reserve early as there is a hockey tourney that weekend. You can either reserve at the TimberLake lodge or the Super 8 connected by the parking lot. I have contacted everyone that is presenting at the end of Oct. While I did hear from most Districts, I have not heard back from several. I do have a

ND phone number so you may have thought it was spam, but my number is. If you see me calling or leaving a message it isn't a spam or robo caller. I want to make sure you have what you need to be prepared for your presentation. I am using a format from back in 2012 that doesn't have a question period after each presentation but one after two presentations. I also asked Cate W. to present a Concepts 101 for us. I will be contacting everyone presenting at the workshop towards the end of November to see how you are coming along.

I hope to see everyone at the Joint Workshop this month. Please do your best to bring someone along so we can generate as much conversation as possible.

I would like to give another heart felt thank you for electing me the incoming Delegate. I am truly touched by this.

In Service  
Jim S.  
Alt Delegate

### Area Chair:

Greetings Area 35,

It has been great to serve as your Area 35 Chair.

A special thank you is in order for the Area 35 Officers and Action Committee Chairs who made the 2018-2019 rotation a success. You all fulfilled your responsibilities as trusted servants.

I will remain forever grateful for the opportunities you have given me to serve Area 35. From serving as a DCM in District 13 to Area 35 Action Committee Chairs in PI and CPC and then Area 35 Officer positions as Secretary, Chair and Alternate Delegate. I have become more spiritual, humble and have always strived to do my best for Alcoholics Anonymous.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Area 35 and Area 36 Joint Workshop on November 16, 2019 in St. Cloud MN and at our final Area 35 Committee Meeting on December 1, 2019.

In service and warmth,  
Roger R.  
Area 35 Chair

### Secretary:

Greetings Area 35,

It has been such an honor and privilege serving Alcoholics Anonymous. I hope that all of you are doing well. I had an amazing time at the Fall Assembly and I look forward to seeing what takes place in the next rotation. I know that the people who have been chosen to serve are going to do an amazing job in the upcoming rotation and I look forward to seeing who is going to be serving as Area Action Committee Chairs at the ACM in December.

I have continued working on updating the Area Actions Booklet with the information that I have received that needs to be updated from the Area Officers and Chairs. I appreciate everyone who has already sent Roger and myself the information to be updated. If you have yet to send any information that needs to be updated within your service position please send Roger and myself an email with the updates and or corrections that need to be made.

If I can help in anyway please reach out to me, I am willing to serve and help in anyway that I can.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service this past rotation it is such an honor and privilege to be able to serve Area 35.

I hope that you all have an amazing weekend!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,  
Melissa A.  
Area 35 Secretary

### Treasurer:

As I get ready to rotate out of my position and hand over the checkbook and laptop to the next Treasurer, I am grateful for the privilege of having served Area 35 as your Treasurer. The incoming Treasurer is Justin W., the current DCM from District 13. Congratulations Justin!

Since my last Northern Light Treasurer's report in early September, I have:

- Reconciled two monthly bank statements and prepared reports for review by the Financial Oversight Committee
- Deposited all contributions and paid all expenses received as of November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Completed a balance sheet and an income/expense/contribution statement for Period 5 of 2019 (August/September)

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Below are our year-over-year comparisons of account balances and income, contributions, and expenses:

Account Balances on November 1st -- Comparison 2019 vs. 2018				
	Nov 1, 2019	Nov 1, 2018	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Checking/Savings				
1000 - Area 35 Checking Account	\$ 14,898.18	\$ 17,892.57	\$(2,994.39)	-17%
1100 - Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,048.24	6,046.42	1.82	0%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 20,946.42	\$ 23,938.99	\$(2,992.57)	-13%

Income/Expenses/Contributions -- Year-to-Date Comparison 2019 vs. 2018				
	Jan 1 - Nov 1, 2019	Jan 1 - Nov 1, 2018	\$ Change	% Change
Group Contributions	\$ 23,681.01	\$ 25,762.95	\$(2,081.94)	-8%
Birthday Contributions	160.00	85.00	75.00	88%
Special Contributions	1,500.00	1,943.95	(443.95)	-23%
Miscellaneous Area Income	3,022.11	3,423.82	(401.71)	-12%
Total Income	28,363.12	31,215.72	(2,852.60)	-9%
Miscellaneous Expense	5,873.57	6,815.30	(941.73)	-14%
Officers/Chairs Expense	26,905.52	25,452.52	1,453.00	6%
Total Expenses	32,779.09	32,267.82	511.27	2%
Income After Expenses	\$ (4,415.97)	\$ (1,052.10)	\$(3,363.87)	320%

**Income After Expenses:** Currently, expenses for 2019 exceed income by **\$4,416**. The principal expenses for the remainder of the calendar year will be for the Area 35/Area 36 joint workshop, the December ACM, and the last Northern Light issue. I would expect that Group contributions will exceed expenses for the remainder of the year and help bring our expenses more in line with our income.

**Bank Account Balances:** as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, our checking and savings accounts have a combined balance of **\$20,946**, which is \$2,993 (13%) less than on this date last year. However, we are solvent, and we have a prudent reserve.

**Group Contributions:** as of November 1<sup>st</sup>, our year-to-date Group contributions are **\$23,681**, which is \$2,082 (8%) less than on this date last year. If our Group contributions were to continue to come in at the same rate as they have thus far, we can expect to receive approximately **\$28,400** for the year. That would be somewhat less than in 2018 (\$30,566), but substantially more than in 2017 (\$24,961). Thank you for your continued support!

**Special Contributions:** these are contributions made to the Area by various roundups. Thus far we received a contribution of **\$1,500** from the Gopher State Roundup!

**Miscellaneous Area Income:** this includes registration fees from the service workshop, coffee income from assemblies, Grapevine sales, and Northern Light flyer insert fees. We have received **\$3,022** thus far, about \$402 less than on this date last year.

**Miscellaneous Expense:** this includes all costs associated with the service workshop, both assemblies, the joint workshop with Area 36, Area Committee Meeting rent, Grapevine purchases, and Financial Oversight Committee travel/meals. Our miscellaneous expenses thus far are **\$5,874**, which is 14% less than on this date last year.

**Officer/Chairs Expense:** this includes all expenses submitted for reimbursement by Officers and Action Chairs for meals, travel, lodging, supplies, printing, postage, and audio equipment. These expenses thus far are **\$26,906**, which is 6% more than on this date last year.

**Budget:** Year-to-date we are **\$12,340 below budget**.

**To summarize our current financial position** (compared to November 1, 2018), our bank account balances are down 13%, our group contributions are down 8%, overall income is down 9%, and expenses are down 2%.

We are self-supporting through our own contributions, so please continue to encourage members to show their gratitude for their sobriety by contributing to the GSO, Area 35 and their District.

If you have questions or concerns about our finances or your Group contributions, please email me at [treasurer@area35.org](mailto:treasurer@area35.org).

The current address for mailing contributions is:

**NMAA  
PO Box 114  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-0114**

Please remember to include your group number on all contributions. This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your Group. I have noticed that most contributions do include it and that makes my job a lot easier. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of Area 35, and thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Service,  
Mike F.  
Area 35 Treasurer



## Archives:

Greetings Area 35,

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK Area 35 for allowing me to serve as you Archives Committee Chair and to also congratulate all incoming Area Officers and newly appointed Committee Chairs.

Our committee was blessed with very wonderful people and it was definitely the highlight of this rotation, getting to know each of you. Our committee was presented with challenges this past rotation, chiefly the loss of our Archivist. It had been difficult to do anything with our Archives given the distance and time constraints that we had to work with. I pray that the Area will find an Archivist soon and that the incoming committee will be able to pick up where we left off.

I feel good knowing that I've made so many friends from throughout Northern MN, and hope to see all of you somewhere in my travels, as my journey in General Service has come to a close for now. God bless you all.

Yours in Service,  
Scott M.  
Area 35 Archives Chair

## Archivist:      Resigned (No report)

Looking for a Person to replace Steve D.

## Cooperation with the Professional Community:

Greetings from Northern Minnesota!

Thank you for allowing me to participate in a fellowship that helps me when I am willing to serve. I had the opportunity to share my experience, strength, and hope at the Duluth Round Up. I am truly humbled that by giving it away, I get to keep it.

I was able to attend the final day of the Fall Assembly and participate in the voting for the upcoming Area Officers. My congratulations to everyone. I have no doubt our Area is in good hands. I also attended the WCRF and learned a lot. In the spirit of rotation, I encourage anyone to participate in Service Work. It is an opportunity to strengthen our commitment to sobriety in ways too numerous to list.

Yours in Service,  
Antonette F.  
Area 35 CPC Chair

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## Responsibility Statement

*I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

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**Corrections:** (No Report)

**Grapevine:** (No Report)

**“The simplicity of this program never changes -- what works is constant: trust in God, clean house, and work with others.”**

Concord, California, Mary 1997,  
“Take My Advice -- I'm Not Using It,” Emotional Sobriety

## **Group Records:**

Greetings, Area 35.

The FNV database is shut down while the switch to the new ERP system is made. I have been making updates as I can to the aaminnesota.org website. Please send any Group information changes or new Group information to me so I can get them uploaded on **aaminnesota.org** before I send them to GSO. The meeting locator app on your phones takes information from **aaminnesota.org**, so we need to keep the information current as best we can.

I look forward to attending the Joint Area 35/Area 36 workshop on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud.

In service,  
Sally L.  
Area 35 Group Records Secretary

**Literature:** End of the rotation.

I would like to thank all of you who for your service during this rotation.

I am also looking forward to the next rotation. It's always fun to meet the new people coming into service. There were quite a few new people at the Literature Committee meeting. We went through the Literature Order booklet, how to look up literature and what the Area Literature Chair can do for your Group.

It seems to be a busy time of year for things going on in AA with Roundups, Fall Assembly, New Elections, New people taking new positions. It's a good time to restock the shelves with AA approved literature and AA Books.

I would like to congratulate the new Area Officers and the new Area Chairs.

Yours in Service  
Brian P.  
Area 35 Literature Chair

**Northern Light:** Greetings Area 35,

One thing I am surprised of is the lack of Groups and Event committees uploading/sending fliers of their happenings to the WEB master (Rillis) to post on Area 35's WEB calendar. As the NL editor, there have been times I've looked in a past issue of the NL and noticed I didn't get a notification of an annual event coming up and I tried to get hold of someone to see if it is still on and what the dates and location were. I go to the WEB calendar to check if I've missed anything or to see what new upcoming events there are to list in the *Calendar of Events* in the NL.

I don't know about you, but I have heard of a speaker meeting I wanted to attend. I think I'll remember the date and place. I don't. I go to the Area calendar to check on the date and location and it's not posted. Now because of my memory lapse, I'm out the experience of hearing that person's message. It's very easy to upload a flier to the Area 35 WEB master. Even my wife, who is not computer savvy, has uploaded many of our Groups Speaker meeting fliers to the Area WEB master to post. (She gave permission to say that). These tools are only as good as you make them, by keeping the WEB master and the NL editor informed.

**PLEASE DO NOT KEEP YOUR EVENT A SECRET!** Please share your Round-ups, speaker meetings and fellowship with the rest of us in the Area. Helpful guidelines for creating fliers are listed in the Northern Light. Directions for uploading fliers are on the Area 35 Web site.

This is my final issue of the Northern Light. Time to pass the torch. This has been a very fulfilling commitment for me these past twenty issues. The NL is a group effort. I couldn't have done it without your help. A big shout out to JoAnne N. for her proof reading skills, the people in St. Cloud for picking up the NL from Cold Spring, all Area Committee members for turning in their reports, Melissa for getting the minutes to me and all of you who submitted articles. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Time to move on to a new experience. Past Area 35 officers have set the bar high, and I am humbled to be your new Alt. Delegate, thank you for your support.

Thanks for reading. That's a rap.

Yours in Service,  
Steven L.  
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

## **Public Information:**

Greetings Area 35,

As this rotation winds to an end, gratitude fills my heart. Grateful to Roger for giving me the opportunity to be of service to Area 35. It's easy to do a job we know we can do, and are qualified to do. But doing a job we have no clue how to do and thinking we are lacking in the knowledge, I think is a form of humility. Putting one's self out there knowing we would make mistakes, not knowing all the answers to the asked questions. Being willing to go to any lengths, such as sitting all day long at the State Fair booth because all others had to cancel. I am not a perfect person by any means, I grew in service and I grew in Sobriety. Thank you Roger and Area 35 for allow me to be of service.

I look forward to the next rotation and I am scared to death! I have started finding Chairs for the next Area 35 Committee and will be ready in December.

Thank you for allowing me to serve ... .

Gayle R.  
Area 35  
Public Information Chair



## **Treatment:**

This may be one of the last articles I write. What fun it has been to be the Area Treatment Chair.

I have been able to work with so many folks who represent so many of our Districts.

One of the most interesting and rewarding facets is the enthusiasm of the GSRs, chairs and DCMs. Service is a key for all of them. It is great to meet with them at the quarterly Area Meetings and listen to what they are working on.

Perhaps, we need to consider how really important service is – not just becoming a Delegate but becoming a greeter or group secretary. When WE participate in the AA structure we all benefit. It is our participation that keeps AA going.

I think the most discouraging comment someone can make is that they've already done "their time." No one has done their time – we all need to roll up our sleeves and get involved – at any and every level.

So I want to thank you all for my opportunity to serve and to say that I will see you soon.

Regards,  
Cathy R.  
Area 35 Treatment Chair

## **Webmaster:**

Greetings Area 35,

Since the last ACM I have updated the email forwarders for Antonette's position and the DCM for District 3. I have placed several events sponsored by Groups and Districts onto the Area calendar as well as the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop. The information for the 2020 WCRAASC and the 44<sup>th</sup> Area 35 Service Workshop can also be found on the area calendar. I also added to the website several documents written by Christine G. regarding the 2019 General Service Conference. They can be clicking the heading General Service Conference on the left hand side of the Area 35 website then scroll all the way to the bottom of that page to find the four documents. A password in required which is gsc201935.

The Norton Antivirus will expire next month and I will renew it before the deadline. If you have an area computer, I will send you information on updating Norton on your computer the first part of December. It has been a pleasure to serve Area 35 as webmaster and I want to thank you for letting me hold this position. I wish everyone well in the new rotation!

Thank you for letting me serve,  
Rillis E.  
Area 35 Webmaster

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

\*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

December: 1<sup>st</sup> : Area 35 Committee Meeting \*  
Alano Club 9:00 am –2 pm  
322 1st Ave. NE  
Aitkin, MN

2020

January: 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>: Area 35 Workshop  
Timberlake Lodge  
144 SE 17th St  
Grand Rapids. MN

February: 23<sup>rd</sup> : Area 35 Committee Meeting  
Alano Club 9:30 am –2 pm  
322 1st Ave NE  
Aitkin, MN

February: 28<sup>st</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup> : WCRAASC  
Billings Sports Plex  
5000 Southgate Dr.,  
Billings, MT

April : 4<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> : Area 35 Spring Assembly  
Hibbing Park Hotel and Suites  
1402 E Howard St.  
Hibbing, MN

Fellowship Events

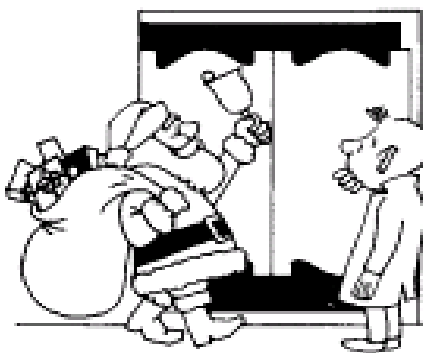
January: 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup> Wild Rice Round-Up  
Shooting Star Hotel & Event Center  
777 SE Casino Rd,  
Mahnomen, MN

February: 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> : 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Warm Up \*  
Dilworth Community Center,  
709 1st Ave NW  
Dilworth, MN

March: 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>th</sup> : 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Ole Roundup  
Holiday Inn Alexandria  
5637 MN-29,  
Alexandria, MN

March: 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> : 41<sup>st</sup> Winter Rap-Up  
Mountain Iron Community Center  
8586 Enterprise Drive  
Mt. Iron, MN

April: 17<sup>th</sup>– 19<sup>th</sup>: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunlight of the Spirit Weekend  
Holiday Inn  
1201 Torgerson Dr.



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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

December 15<sup>th</sup>

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

February 15<sup>th</sup>

Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service Office. Then creates a "Hot Topic List" and sends it along with the Agenda Items and Background Information to the Area 35 Webmaster.

The Webmaster posts the material on our website(www.area35.org) with a Protected Password. The Delegate sends out an email to the Area 35 Committee with the "Hot Topic List" along with the password information. Which is used to get the Agenda Items and background Information off the Area 35 Web-site.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 by hard copy or CD

along with the "Hot Topic List" from the Delegate at the Aitkin Committee Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in March

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

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in April

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Week in April

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

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT

Christine G.  
Area 35 Panel 68 Delegate  
delegate@area35.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

\*See area35.org for printable flyers

### Founder's Day Weekend 2019

November 29, 30 &amp; December 1, 2019

Celebrating 79 Years of AA in the Upper Midwest  
and Honoring AA Members With One Year of Sobriety!Register Online at: [www.FOUNDERSDayMN.org](http://wwwFOUNDERSDayMN.org)

#### Friday, November 29

4:00 PM Registration Opens  
7:00 PM \*History of AA in the Upper Midwest  
9:00 PM \*AA Speaker:  
Beth H. (Cary, NC)

#### Saturday, November 30

10:30 AM \*Panel of Weekend Speakers  
1:00 PM AA Open Call-Up Meeting  
1:00 PM Al-Anon Open Meeting  
3:00 PM \*Al-Anon Speaker:  
Kathy H. (Cincinnati, OH)  
6:00 PM Banquet  
7:30 PM \*AA Speaker:  
Don L. (Bellingham, WA)  
9:00 PM Dance

#### Sunday, December 1

9:00 AM Breakfast  
10:00 AM \*AA Speaker:  
Sharon C. (Los Angeles, CA)

\*These meetings are ASL Interpreted



Pre-Registration \$20.00

At the Door \$25.00

Registration required and must be paid to attend Founder's Day Weekend events.

Banquet (Limited Seating) \$40.00

The Banquet begins at 6:00 PM Saturday evening.

Breakfast \$20.00

The Breakfast begins at 9:00 am Sunday morning. Theatre seating will be provided at 9:45 AM for the Speaker Meeting.

#### Archive Room

Friday  
Saturday  
Sunday until 10:00 AM

Founder's Day Weekend Dance

Saturday 9:00 PM

#### Activities and Accommodations at

DoubleTree Bloomington - Minneapolis South - Bloomington, MN

7800 Normandale Blvd, Bloomington, MN 55439 • 952.835.7800 or 800.222.8733

Special Room Rates are available with early reservations.

Please make reservations directly with the DoubleTree Bloomington Hotel.

Indicate they are for Founder's Day Weekend.



JOIN US AND MAKE THE LEAP!

2020 WCRAASC (West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference) Billings MT

FEBRUARY 28-29, and MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2020

#### BILLINGS SPORTS PLEX

5000 SOUTHGATE DR., BILLINGS MONTANA 59101

THE SPORTS PLEX IS A FABULOUS EVENT CENTER AND WILL ALLOW US TO HAVE PLENTY OF SPACE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: (W/ FEES-ENDS FEBRUARY 14, 2020)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wcraasc-2020-tickets-58677460865>MAIL IN: 2020WCRAASC-DISTRICT 11, POBOX 21291, BILLINGS, MT 59104  
REGISTRATION CHAIR: LINDA B. 406-670-7247 STYLINWITHLINDA@YAHOO.COM

FOR QUESTIONS OR SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: 2020WCRAASC@GMAIL.COM

REGISTRATION-\$15 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2020 WCRAASC

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

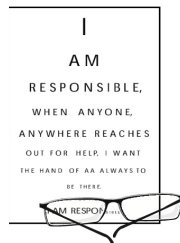
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AREA \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

SERVICE POSITION \_\_\_\_\_



### 39TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN MINNESOTA AREA ASSEMBLY RECOVERY, UNITY AND SERVICE CONFERENCE

HOLIDAY INN, LAKE ELMO, MN  
JANUARY 24, 25 & 26, 2020

2020: A CLEAR VISION FOR YOU



#### FRIDAY PM

##### Who Is Missing From Our Rooms?

- 5:00 PM - Registration Opens
- 7:30 - 7:45 PM - Welcome (Conference Chair)
- 7:45 - 8:45 PM - Session 1  
So Freely Given - Who Is Missing?
- 9:00 - 10:00 PM - Session 2  
Our Usefulness To Others

#### SATURDAY

##### Practicing Our Principles

- 8:00 AM - Registration Opens
- 9:00 - 10:00 AM - Session 3  
Our H.P.'s Mission For Our Group
- 10:15 - 11:15 AM - Session 4  
Creating Attraction Through Action
- 11:15 - 1:00 PM - LUNCH (On Your Own)
- 1:00 - 2:15 PM - Session 5  
Break-Out 1 - Humility and Unity  
Break-Out 2 - Our Traditions Create Unity  
Break-Out 3 - A Group Inventory Process  
Break-Out 4 - Conscience vs Business

#### SATURDAY PM

##### Practicing Our Principles

- 2:30 - 3:45 PM - Social Time w/ Snacks & Beverages
- 3:45 - 5:00 PM - Session 6 (Repeats of Session 5)  
Break-Out 5 - Humility and Unity  
Break-Out 6 - Our Traditions Create Unity  
Break-Out 7 - A Group Inventory Process  
Break-Out 8 - Conscience vs Business
- 5:00 - 7:00 PM - DINNER (On Your Own)
- 7:00 - 8:30 PM - Speaker - Francis G. N.E. Regional Trustee
- 8:45 - 10:00 PM - Ask-It-Basket

#### SUNDAY AM

##### Keeping A.A. Relevant

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM - Session 7  
Social Media & A.A.'s Future
- 10:15 - 11:15 AM - Session 8  
Future of A.A. - How Do We Get There?  
Francis G. — N.E. Regional Trustee
- 11:15 - 11:30 AM - Closing Remarks (Conference Chair)

15 Minute breaks between all main Sessions during the weekend.

#### Hotel Information:

HOLIDAY INN  
8511 HUDSON BOULEVARD  
LAKE ELMO, MN 55042  
651.714.8068

Room Rate: \$92.00/Single - \$92.00/Double  
(Appropriate tax will be added)

Reservation Code: SMAA or RUSC

Reservation Deadline: 12/27/2019

#### THREE WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Register Online:  
Go to [www.rusc2020.eventbrite.com](http://www.rusc2020.eventbrite.com) (Credit Cards Only)  
(Total Cost is \$20.00 - prior to 01/14/2020)
- Mail-In:  
Mail in the completed form below by 01/13/2020.  
(Total Cost \$20.00 if mailed prior to 1/14/2020)
- On-site:  
Total Cost is \$23.00 at the door.

Please call the hotel directly for reservations in order to use the reservation code!

#### Registration Form

Use mail by JANUARY 13, 2020. Mail the completed form, along with your check made payable to "SMAA" to: SMAA P.O. Box 2812, Minneapolis, MN 55402

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

TY, STATE, ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

RVICE RESPONSIBILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUESTED NAME ON BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

This conference is a service function of Area 36 and any shortfall of registration to cover costs is supported through the Area general funds.

## 44th Area 35 Service Workshop

"A Clear Vision For You."

January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Timberlake Lodge

144 SE 17<sup>th</sup> St. Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Phone: 218 326-2600

#### Timberlake Lodge

King suite room \$149.00 plus tax (3 people/room)

#### Super 8 Hotel

Single/double rooms \$110.00 plus tax

Our block of rooms is under Area 35 Northern Mn  
You have until December 23, 2019 to reserve your room

This is an annual service training workshop in which Districts and other Service members, will be presenting and engaging members in attendance. The workshop is designated for Alcoholics Anonymous members, GSR's, District Chairs and Officers and Area Chairs and Officers. Please join us for this outstanding weekend of unity, recovery and service learning.

Workshop begins at 9:15 on Saturday January 25, 2020.



## Seasons Greetings & A Happy New Year



BLAST FROM the PAST

Minutes from the October Fall Assembly 1964

Dated November 30, 1964

The Northern Minnesota A.A. Assembly Fall Meeting was held at Brainerd, Minnesota, Sunday afternoon, October 25, 1964.

Meeting was opened by Don P. with a moment of silent meditation and repetition of the Serenity Prayer.

Self introduction of all present, 12 groups represented.  
Secretary's and Treasurer's reports read and approved.  
Discussion on the following topics comprised the contents of the meeting.

The usual lack of interest at Assembly Meetings. It was noted that the Southern Minnesota Assembly hold their bi-annual meetings in conjunction with their area banquets and attendance was very good. Outside speakers being engaged so frequently at our regular A.A. meetings, could be a factor in "detracting" from the lack of attendance at Area banquets and 'Assembly meetings of the Northern Area.

Arno A. of St. Cloud emphasized the importance and the responsibilities of the G.S.R.'s and committeemen. These duties should not be accepted by anyone unless they are fully ready and willing to fulfil the capacity to their very best. Bill N. of Wadena, stated that some groups still persist in the use of A.A. on their envelopes and letterheads. Please note that this is an "anonymity break", and should be discontinued by all concerned. The importance of this should not be taken lightly. Let's check with our groups individually whether we too are guilty of the practice. Do what we can to correct it.

An interesting report on the New York Conference by Don F. followed. He stated that the G.S.O. fell short in the necessary quota required to get the annual budget, and that the Grapevine Incorporated will for the first time be out of the "Red". He also, reported that Bill W. (C. Founder), stressed we need not be concerned about the "detrimental" articles being written by certain individuals about A.A. If evident and necessary, G.S.O. will take care of the matter. However, caution was urged in what we do and say.

Meeting closed with an enlightening film strip on the functions and purposes of G.S.O. and repetition of the 'Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl 97

Area 35 Guidelines

for flyers to be posted on the website or in the Northern Light

A good flyer should answer the following questions:

- Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
  - AA Group
  - District
  - Area
- What type of event is it? Examples:
  - An open or closed meeting
  - Speaker meeting
  - Call up meeting
  - Big Book meeting
  - Workshop
  - Conference
  - Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
  - AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
- When is the event to take place? Examples:
  - 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 carrying 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.

Please submit flyers in PDF or JPG format when possible. Flyers will be posted on the Area 35 Website and in the Northern Light at the Area 35 Webmaster's and Northern Light Editor's discretion. Email the webmaster at [area35.org](mailto: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

Panel - The Two Year Rotation a Delegate Serves  
(Ours is an Even # Starting with Panel 2 in 1952)

PI - Public Information

PSA - Public Service Announcement

WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)

WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service  
Conference (same as above)

WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)

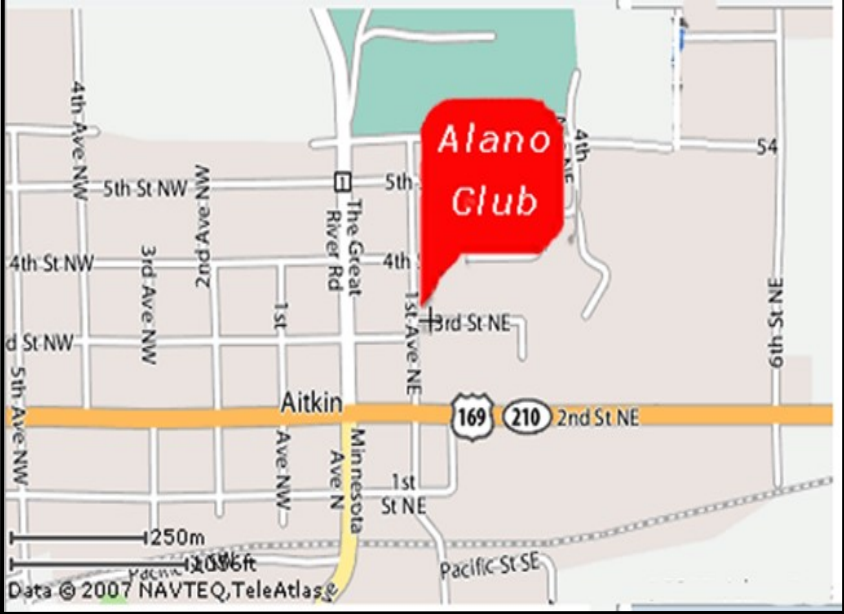
WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum  
(same as above)

AREA 35  
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.

Come join us!



Area 35 Fall Assembly Minutes  
Hampton Inn and Suites, Bemidji, MN  
October 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Call to Order: Roger R.** Called meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

**Recognition of Past Area 35 Delegates in Attendance:** Bruce B.- Panel 44, Tim C.- Panel 52, Charlie C.-Panel 54, Jon C.- Panel 60, Michael “Jake” J.- Panel 64, Jim K.- Panel 62, Kelly D.- Panel 66

**Recognition of GSR’s in attendance:** Twelve New GSR’s

**Move to New business instead of Old business:**

- Proposal for all-important Area 35 decisions Rico District 9- asked to move in front of old business
- Safety card for AA Groups for old business
- AA meeting is being added at 4:30pm

**Approval of the 2019 Spring Assembly Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**DELEGATE-Christine G.**

Greeting Area 35,

As I am writing this report, I am reflecting on how quickly the past twenty-one months have went and what is left to accomplish. We are at a voting assembly, going to elect new group of officers on Sunday, but that does not mean our work is done. We have a lot of work to do and I challenge all of you leaders, what are you going to do to leave your position a little bit better for the next person?

As we enter into the last quarter of our rotation, I encourage you to get with your counter parts and share information and work at getting up to speed on the projects that are taking place. Set the next person up for success. This is another attribute of a good leader.

I have finished all my post conference reports and I would like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all Districts for inviting me to give this report. As I have mentioned, it is really important for all GSRs to be attending these post conference reports. This is the place where you find out what happened at the GSC and how the items you voted on at the Spring Assembly turned out at the Conference. Attending this is part of your responsibility as GSR and to your Groups.

As you may have seen laying on the tables, The Final Conference Report is available for your taking and review. This is what happened at the Conference. There are presentations and reports plus all the Committee Recommendations, Considerations and Conference Advisory Actions. Please share these with your Groups and let me know if you would like more to pass out. The WCR had a phone call on 9/10/19 to discuss a Charter for the WCR to all ease of transferring banking accounts between the areas and to get the WCR current with the IRS, which we currently are not. The charter provides the West Central Region with an official founding document for tax purposes. It contains some standard “boilerplate” language that allows the Charter to stay very limited in scope while still allowing the West Central Region to be recognized as a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization. We will be having a following up call on 10/8/19 to discuss the revisions and vote on whether or not to proceed with this option.

After the WCR Forum, I was approached by Cathy, Area Treatment Chair, with some concerns that she voiced regarding Google AdWords/Grants and how these grants would be reported to the IRS. I have been working with the Delegate PI Chair in getting Cathy’s questions answered. I was hoping to have answers for this weekend but I do not. We will share the information as it becomes available.

I would like to share an email from WCR Trustee, Tom A., that was sent out to Area Officers after a discussion Tom and I had on the phone. I am so excited about this opportunity we may be having in near future. Another great way to cooperate with Area 36.

Tom’s email reads:

Because I cannot be at the Area 35 Assembly this weekend, I wanted to share with you a project currently underway that may include Area 35.

A recently rotated Class A that some of you may have met at the WCRAASC, Judge Ivan Lemelle, referred me to an associate he had in Louisiana that had accepted a position in Minnesota last fall. Chief Kito Bess is head of the pretrial and probation services for the federal court system in Minnesota. He is a great supporter of AA, and had presented at the 2015 International Convention on AA’s positive effects on felons. Susie,

Kito and I had lunch in August. He shared that he wants to implement a program whereby people with problems with alcohol can have the opportunity to get in contact with AA as well as have an AA contact. This is likely similar to the current statewide Temporary Contact Program for the state corrections system. He has a positive experience from Louisiana with AA, and foresees something similar. He is in the midst of staffing and training in his office, and one aspect is to work with AA. Federal districts do receive support and training from a central office in Washington D.C., and they are coming out soon to work with his office. Coincidentally, I recently had a conversation with the staff member on corrections at the GSO, and it was indicated there is also the beginnings of conversations with AA and this central office in DC, so likely Kito’s effort would serve as a prototype or example of how the federal system can work together with A.A.

Initially, Chief Bess would focus these efforts on the courts in the Twin Cities, but foresees this as a statewide effort – that is why I wanted to introduce this to you. I’ve shared with Christine much of what I shared above as it began to unfold. Of course, as of today it is in the early planning stages. This Thursday I am meeting with Chief Kito and staff members for a brief time followed by a more comprehensive introduction on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Since this is initially in Area 36 only, I contacted their chair who then connected me to their Temporary Contact Coordinator, Laura S.. She will also attend these two meetings with me, and in fact, it is best that I transition out of this and it gets picked up by the AA service structure in MN.

Because this has statewide and possibly national implications for cooperation with the federal system and AA, I hope to see active participation in the discussions going forward. I wouldn’t doubt Area chairs and Area Corrections chairs will soon have more information on the issue. As I said earlier, this is in its infancy, but Chief Kito Bess has evidently picked this as a matter of importance, and I didn’t want AA in MN to fall behind the curve on this.

I wish you all the best at the Fall Assembly and will share more information as it unfolds.

Yours In Service,

Thomas L. A.  
WCR Trustee

I want to take this time to thank all of you for your presence at this Fall Assembly and for your Service to AA and to the still suffering alcoholic. Without these assemblies, we would not be gathering and sharing our experience and successes. These assemblies are important in making sure that we are perpetuating AA.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate for the past two years and I would like to extend my services to your Districts and Groups. Please let me know if there is anything, I can do to assist you.

In Unity and Service,

Christine G.  
Area 35 / Panel 68 Delegate

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE-Jim S.** Good Morning Everyone,

The dates for the Annual Workshop are January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Timberlake Lodge. There is also a Super 8 hotel connected by a parking lot owned by the same people. You can stay at either hotel. We have a block of rooms at the Super 8 under Area 35. The itinerary will be a little different then in years past. There won’t be a Q & A after each presentation but after two. I have also included a third presentation by our guest Cate W. on the Concepts. The presenting Districts this year are Districts 15, 13, 11, 12, 7, 2 and 4. Please remember that it is not only on the DCM to make the presentation. Anyone can present who takes the time to research the topic in our service literature. The topics are about service, not our personal story so please make use of the service material that is out there. If you have any questions about your topic or where to find information talk to me or the past Delegates will be a great resource for you. The presentations are to thirty minutes with Q & A in addition to that.

I would like to encourage everyone to consider standing for the open positions that will be available for this next rotation. If you have any questions about a position please ask. We don’t elect the pre qualified, we elect the willing.

In Service  
Jim S.  
Alt Delegate

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**“AA is more than a set of principles; it is a Society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven’t been given the truth will die.”**

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1955,  
What Is the Third Legacy?“, The Language of the Heart

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**AREA CHAIR–Roger R.** Greetings Area 35,

Hello, I'm Roger R. and I am also an alcoholic.

I am also serving Area 35 as your Chair and the Chair of this Assembly.

If you are new to an assembly or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

As your Chair, I've been working on this Assembly and planning facilities for 2020.

Area 35 Spring Assembly in 2020 will be in Hibbing, MN and the Area 35 Fall Assembly will take place in St. Cloud, MN. This morning I was invited to conduct the new GSR Training Session and attending the first GSR Sharing session of this Assembly. The second GSR sharing session will take place at 4:30 today.

As we near the end of this rotation I'd like to encourage you all to be thinking about how you can continue to serve your Groups, Districts and Area 35. All of our service positions are great opportunities – let's encourage others to get involved in general service.

A few housekeeping details follow. At 4:30 today, there will be an AA Meeting in the Diamond Point Room. We need a volunteer to Chair that meeting. At 7:30 tomorrow morning, there will be an AA Meeting in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room and we also need a volunteer to Chair that meeting.

I'm looking forward to Area Officer and Chair Report and DCM reports this afternoon. We have several new and old business items and an interesting presentation by Christine G. our Delegate this evening. Tomorrow morning we will engage in Third Legacy Voting for of a new slate of Area 35 Officers.

At the August Area Committee Meeting, a motion was passed to form an Ad-hoc committee to look at Area 35 re-districting. To date I have had one volunteer for this committee and need a few more volunteers. I would like to have a dinner meeting today with this committee to lay out suggestions for what a redistricting process would look like for Area 35, in the next rotation.

Let's all enjoy a productive and fun Assembly this weekend.

In service and warmth,  
Roger R.  
Area 35 Chair

**SECRETARY–Melissa A.** Greetings Area 35,

It has been such an honor and privilege serving Alcoholics Anonymous. I hope that all of you are doing well and that you enjoy the weekend ahead of you. Since serving in Alcoholics Anonymous and attending Assemblies such as the one we are attending this weekend, I always try to remind myself of what it felt like to be new to General Service Work. I remember sitting in this room exactly where you are sitting and not knowing anything that anyone was discussing and being so confused. One of the main things that I continued to hear was "keep coming back."

I continued to attend and I continued to show up and continued to have the willingness to learn. I have learned from my sponsor "to always remain teachable." I want to thank everyone who is serving at any capacity within Area 35 and Alcoholics Anonymous. I look forward to this weekend and learning (which is something that I am still doing) learning.

I have started working on updating the Area Actions Booklet with the information that I have received that needs to be updated from the Area Officers and Chairs. I appreciate everyone who has already sent Roger and myself the information to be updated. If you have yet to send any information that needs to be updated within your service position please send Roger and myself an email with the updates and or corrections that need to be made.

I want to thank everyone for being here this weekend. I also want to say that if you are fearful to stand for a position try and remember that you will not be serving in that position alone. There are going to be people who are willing to help you so that you do not feel alone and try not to allow the "fear of the unknown" prevent you from serving in General Service Work. I know for myself getting involved and staying involved in General Service Work has made such an amazing impact on my recovery.

If I can help in anyway please reach out to me, I am willing to serve and help in anyway that I can.

Please make sure to get your reports to me by October 14, 2019, that way I can get the minutes to Steve on time for the Northern Light.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service this past rotation it is such an honor and privileged to be able to serve Area 35.

I hope that you all have an amazing weekend!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,  
Melissa A.  
Area 35 Secretary

**"I don't foresee outgrowing my need for help."**

Harrisonburg, Virginia, May 1991,  
"Lonely at the Top," Emotional Sobriety

**TREASURER–Mike F.** Greetings from your Area Treasurer.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Since my last ACM/Assembly report in August, I have:

- ♦ Reconciled two monthly bank statements and created reports for review by the Financial Oversight Committee
- ♦ Deposited all contributions and income received as of September 30<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Paid all bills and expenses received as of September 30<sup>th</sup>
- ♦ Completed a balance sheet and income/expense/contribution statement for Period 5 of 2019 (August/September)

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, our checking and savings accounts have a combined total balance of **\$24,424**.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, our year-to-date total income and expenses are **\$26,281** and **\$27,220**, respectively, giving us a net expense of **\$938**. Thus far we have covered four of five of the most expense-heavy events, with only the Fall Assembly remaining. Year-to-date group contributions are **\$22,149**. Our projected Group contributions are approximately **\$29,500**. We are solvent and we have maintained our prudent reserve as well.

To summarize, our bank account balances are down 4% from this time last year. Our Group contributions are down 4%, overall income is down 4%, expenses are up less than 1%.

If you have questions or concerns about your Group contributions or anything related to my duties as treasurer, please email me at [treasurer@area35.org](mailto:treasurer@area35.org).

Please remember to include your Group number on all contributions. This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your Group. I have noticed that most contributions do include it and that makes my job a lot easier. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of Area 35 and thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Service,  
Mike F.  
Area 35 Treasurer



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS & DCM REPORTS

**CPC - Antonette F. (No Report)**

**District 9– Jim S.**

Hello everybody, my name is Jim and I am an alcoholic.

As my rotation as DCM is winding down and new people are coming in, I am getting the feeling that in some ways I've done ok. And on the flip side many more ways I could have done better. I brought a person with this weekend who is relatively new to AA and feel this is a good way to carry the message and share what AA is a little bit more about. Welcome Paul.

We have elected a new DCM, Alternate DCM, Treasurer, CPC/PI and Literature. The remained I'll get after to fill. Some of the current issues District members are concerned with are that notebooks as the club are disorganized and hard to find in a hurry, some people are kidnapping meetings, taking over. Suggestion was to take it back.

A Group inventory was done and how to go about it using the AA Group handbook pamphlet. District 9 is in the process of getting a PO Box for the Treasurer to try to make transitioning easier for everyone. Also the new DCM will be getting their signature added at the bank for writing checks should the need arise.

**SUBSTANTIAL UNANIMITY-** District 9 had this month to ask our Groups how they would like use to vote on a proposal by the Thursday Morning Group that all important decisions at the Area level be made by two-thirds or greater vote (from Warranty X11). There was a good question: Does this Warranty relate to only the GSC in New York? S15 in the Service Manual defines the service structure as the Groups, Districts, Area committees, Delegates, Trustees, the GSO and the Grapevine. The wording in a warranty can be changed only by six months discussion and a ¾ vote of

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the entire registered Groups of AA. District 9 voted 5/3 to support the Substantial Unanimity proposal at this Fall Assembly this weekend. I am aware the Area functions under Roberts Rules of Order and listed in Article V111 are the motions requiring a two-thirds vote.

Yours in service,  
Jim S.  
District 9 DCM

**District 13– Justin W.** Greetings from District 13.

We are preparing for the next rotation and working on the new budget. All officer positions are filled and have been throughout the rotation.

Archives continues to take care of their responsibilities as always.

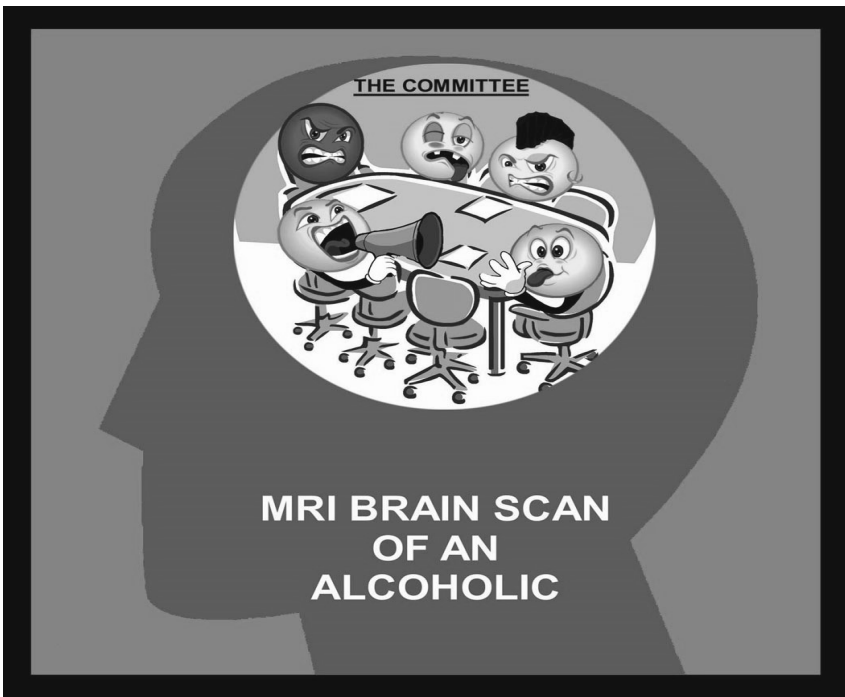
Our finances are in order. Our Treasurer has stepped down due to recent unexpected health issues and I have unofficially assumed the responsibility until the end of the rotation. We'll find out if the Group conscience is in agreement with this Monday at our District meeting, but it seems to make the most sense since I was Treasurer during the last rotation. We hope to get our next treasurer involved in receiving the baton here over the next few months.

- Our corrections committee continues to keep the commitments in our District filled and is doing well.
- CPC and Treatment have been lacking from a District committee perspective, but we have a number of Groups involved in treatment facilities, and the intergroup has been pretty heavily focused on CPC, so some work is being done for sure. We have a GSR that has expressed an interest in the chair position for these and I believe she will do a great job and hope that she is willing to stand for the next rotation.
- The Public Information Committee has been a great example of how a committee works as a team to get an immense amount of work done.

We did implement a tri-fold pamphlet that we are now using to communicate the District meeting schedule, 12th step opportunities for the Groups, and contact information for the officers and committee chairs, as well as some information about the purpose of the District. and why we need to be involved in service. I have actually used it during my visits to the Groups in the District and it has been a great tool for us.

We have seen a tremendous amount of progress in the District this rotation and I am honored to be a part of this Group. We have some truly dedicated folks.

Yours in service,  
Justin W.  
District 13 DCM



**WEBMASTER - Rillis E.** My name is Rillis E., I'm an alcoholic and your area 35 Webmaster.

Since the ACM in August things have been a little slow for the webmaster position. I attended the WCRF in Grand Forks, which was very informative and interesting. I paid the registration for the domain names for the Area website and AA meeting locator, the amount was \$58.23. I placed on the website a flyer and registration information for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 35 Service Workshop which will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at the Timberlake Lodge in Grand Rapids. I placed a flyer for the 2020 WCRAASC on the website. The dates for this event are February 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> in Billings MT.

As a reminder, please check the Area calendar of events before scheduling a Group or District event to make sure the events are not scheduled on the same day this way we might increase attendance at all events and people won't need to make a decision about which event to attend.

Rillis E.  
Area 35  
Webmaster

**LITERATURE - Brian P. (No Report)**

**District 15– Pat M. (No Report)**

**District 3- Kevin K.**

District 3 held our regular monthly meeting September 15, 2019. The legacy of service was in play as our District deliberated and came to decision to hold our District elections before the Fall Assembly. This would allow new incoming officers to attend this weekend. In addition to our election we decided to alternate a few of the Standing Committee Chair positions. This offsets all elected positions changing every other year.

Each District meeting we review Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee, Alternate DCM (Round Robin and meeting lists), District Webmaster, Grapevine and DCM reports.

We study and discuss the Tradition and Concept for the calendar month September number nine, 9<sup>th</sup> Tradition and 9<sup>th</sup> Concept.

Our District is very pleased to announce that Tom O. is our new DCM. All of our remaining positions also were filled or extend for the rotation.

The one position that remains open is Alternate DCM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin K.  
DCM District 3

**NORTHERN LIGHT - Steve L.** Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen.

I'm your NL editor. We had five in attendance at our meeting. My main concern is we had a Round-up send their flier to Cold Spring for printing and use Cold Spring's bulk mail permit. It wan't even inserted into the NL just printed and sent without informing me or any one in the Area this was done. It was found out only when Mike (we) received the bill from Cold Spring. Not sure how to proceed.

This is my 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the NL with one more to go and I haven't had a perfect one yet. Wheeew! These past nineteen papers that I over saw wouldn't have happened without help. A big thanks to JoAnne N. for proof reading, the Area people in St. Cloud for picking up the papers from Cold Spring. All the Area Committee members for turning in their reports, mostly on time, to Melissa for getting the minutes to me, all of you who submitted articles and all of you for reading the paper and giving feedback. Thank you.

At my first Assembly, the NL was passed into becoming the Areas newsletter. I thought, that is one job I would NEVER want. I had misgivings about taking this job and it is a job. It has turned out to be an extremely rewarding experience. Way more than I could have imagined. Taking a position you say never to just might be the job you should take. I encourage everyone to become involved in a service position do your best and leave it just a tad better then when you took it.

Its not ego feeding to say you would like a position if you can be of service. Think of taking a job out of your comfort zone and use it for growth. Heck I don't know a verb from a dangling participle and my spelling is atrocious. So I've come a long way baby.

If this is your first election Assembly or you fifth please submit an article about your experience.

Thanks for reading

Yours in Service  
Steven L.  
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

**GROUP RECORDS - Sally Lammi** Greetings, Area 35,

I attended the Group Records/Northern Light/Webmaster breakout session at the Fall Assembly. We had discussion about how to get more people to participate in service work, which seems to be a problem everywhere. We talked about the duties of the positions and who might fill them in the next rotation.

I have been receiving "Temporarily Away" and "Unable to Forward" notices from the Post Office, which cost \$0.61 each to the Area. If you are moving, please give me your new address so I can update the records. If you are temporarily away, please let me know when you are leaving and when you will be back so I can remove you from the mailing lists for that period.

It is possible to get the Northern Light if you do not have a service position. Just let me you want it and give me your mailing address.

There are currently 527 active Groups in Area 35, three new pending Groups, and 36 Groups with Unknown status. The monthly update to [aaminnesota.org](http://aaminnesota.org) has been done for this month.

Shortly after the Fall Assembly, I received a letter from GSO informing me that on October 18, Group records on FNV would be unavailable until sometime in January. GSO has to shut down the Fellowship New Vision

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database in order to complete the switchover to the Enterprise Resource system. Any changes that are made I will have to submit by email to the Records department. Please send your changes to me so that I can update what I can on [aaminnesota.org](http://aaminnesota.org). I will do my best to ensure accuracy on that website. Ordinarily that website is updated with information from FNV, but I can't download that information since FNV is shut down. I did get the October upload done just before the Assembly.

In service,  
Sally L.  
Area 35 Group Records Secretary  
[grouprecords@area35.org](mailto:grouprecords@area35.org)

## District 4- Colleen S. (No Report)

## District 8- Heidi B. Greetings from District 8

We started our elections in September and they continued at the October and November District meetings. I'm happy to share that we have now filled all Officer and Chair positions, except for Secretary. We are currently looking for someone to fill the Secretary position as well as any Alternate Chair positions.

We are planning our annual District Workshop, which will be on February 22, 2020, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia. The workshop will be on the Twelve Concepts. We invite all AA members to join us. A flyer will be posted on the Area website.

We've had a few meeting changes in the District. The Wednesday night and Saturday night Ely hospital meetings have moved to First Lutheran Church in Ely and have also changed their meeting time to 7:30. The Mountain Iron 12x12 meeting will now meet at 7:00pm.

Our next district meeting will be Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at First Lutheran Church in Ely. The meeting will be hosted by the Miracle on Camp St. Group and will start at 7pm.

I want to thank all of our Area Officers and Chairs for their service this past rotation. I am grateful to be able to serve our District and Area, as it's a very important part of my program.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Heidi B.  
District 8 DCM

## District 18- BR Borders Greetings from District 18.

I am BR Borders. I am DCM for District 18. Lots of activities going on in are District.

1. November 21<sup>st</sup> - Staples Gratitude Dinner
2. Eagle Bend Christmas Dinner- not sure of date yet
3. February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fourth Annual Drunks On Ice Extravaganza/Chili Cook off

Flyers will be available when available

Elections are next month and we will be electing in a new DCM along with new secretary.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

BR B.  
District 18 DCM

## TREATMENT- Cathy R. Hello,

Recently I had the opportunity to spend time with the Northern St. Louis County Mental Health Court. They allotted one hour for me to speak about AA and Bridging the Gap. I was able to give a short version of my story and a lot of information on Bridging the Gap both participant and volunteer. As always, I asked for any questions one of the attendees asked about sponsorship, one of the participants asked about a Christian Group. He stated he didn't always want to have to say that he was an alcoholic. He wanted to be able to say "I'm\_\_\_ and I am very grouchy!" I was honest and taken back but my response was "Are you staying sober?" he said "Well sorta!" the only thing I felt I could say was: "Well I'm glad you found sobriety, the only thing that worked for me is the 12 steps in AA and that's been for 27 years." I was able to hand out District 9 schedules, what AA is and Bridging the Gap information. It felt successful and I gave them my cellphone number.

This morning the Area Treatment Chair met. We had a wonderful meeting. District 16, 8, 15, 6, 12 and 5 all attended. All chatted through the issues we agreed and recommended the following: "that Area 35 gets in touch with all the DCM's in order to have (renew) Zonal Forums. We feel that the result could be more service participants and better involvement.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Area 35 Treatment Chair.

In Service,  
Cathy R.  
Area 35 Chair Treatment

## District 16- Glenn M.

We just had our District meeting Wednesday night and had our officer and committee chair budgets presented for discussion and were working on out position descriptions for the next rotation.

We have some nominations at present for District 16 officers and Committee Chairs and more will be presented at the November meeting. We will vote on these at the December District Meeting.

We had good feedback from our GSR's on the voting this weekend.

Thursday October 3, 2019 at the Grand Rapids "Community Greet" of local and surrounding area services we had a PI table from 1pm-6pm. Co-Literature chair Dave C. coordinated the setting up of AA books, pamphlets, District 16 meeting directories and the volunteers to man the table and filter the various AA Q&A. from those visiting our table.

The "Community Greet" is very informative and allows us to get knowledge on other services and networks locally for win, win situations to help out program and members locally.

On Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, I had attended for the first time (with Mark A. GSR) Heartland Round-Up in Park Rapids with 397 other attendee's. I was fortunate to get in a cabin with eleven other campers? Or cabiners? Mark is a tenter. This is an example of sober activities that all are welcome to attend.

In service,  
Glenn M.  
District 16 DCM



"God give me patience — Now!"

## District 5- Skip D. Good day Area 35,

District 5 is alive and serving our Groups and community as best we can, with the lack of participation in the District. We have added a Archives and Treatment Chair and a new GSR to the District. That makes five District committee members and six GSR's in District 5.

The District did put on a workshop on August 24<sup>th</sup> at the Milaca Alano Club, it was on Traditions, Service, and Sponsorship. We had approximately twenty -three people in attendance; there was plenty of participation, which took us forty-five minutes past our allotted time. (We did take Group continence on the extra time) Thank you all for your participation. We have had no interest for the next rotation in most District positions; there are a couple people that are willing to serve. I just need to remember this is how it started in this rotation. He will provide.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Skip D.  
District 5 DCM

## ARCHIVIST - Resigned (No Report)

## ARCHIVES - Scott M. Greetings Area 35,

The following Districts were represented: District 13, 16, 5, 11

We have a question for the group? Where are the minutes for Groups that send in going? (Was advised to email them to Area 35 Secretary)

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## A Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to A.A.s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.*

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We are in need of an Area Archivist. Scott got a laptop for Archive committee and will be setting it up. We are trying to contact former Archivists. Brad and Steve to get any prior information from their computers.

Asking for open link for Area recordings on Google Drive so we can Archive minutes of Area 35.

We also need to ask Jim if he is okay to leave Archives at his place.

Yours in service,  
Scott M.  
Area 35 Archives



**"No, I have not been nipping — that's make-up!"**

## District 7 - Bob B. (No Report)

**District 11- Cindy S.-K.** Hello from District 11,

We meet at 7pm the first Tuesday of the month in Finlayson. Its been a great couple of months.

I was able to attend the West Central Regional AA Forum, in August. What a great experience. When the weekend was over I left with a great sense of comfort that AA is in good hands at the General Service Office in New York.

I did not know they actually practice the spirit of rotation there too! They take the Traditions very seriously be assured of that. The Class A Trustees each spoke over the weekend I saw passion for this program in people that support in whole heartedly, tears fell as experiences were shared.

September 21<sup>st</sup> District 11 held a workshop on sponsorship. Skip D. and Beth K. from District 5 were the presenters. District twenty-one people also attended. It was a great few hours of sharing experiences and comments.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

In service,  
Cindy S.-K.  
District 11 DCM

## CORRECTIONS - Paul M.

We had four Districts represented today. District 3, 8, 11 & 18, we discussed about bringing meetings into correctional facilities and the application being different in many correctional facilities. All correctional facilities in these Districts are being met.

I've been informed that Area 36 has discontinued the Area 35/36 Corrections State Wide Workshop.

I would like to thank all Correctional Facility members for the last two years of service. This has been a rewarding "challenging" two years of service.

Thank you,  
Paul M.  
Area 35 Corrections

**District 12- Richard G.** Greetings Area 35,

This is what is happening in District 12:

Treatment: Tammy has all Treatment Centers covered with meetings and has added a Military Veterans meeting still in the developmental stage.

PI/CPC: Plans are complete for a presence at the St. Louis County Health Fair October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Several hundreds of separate health care facilities will be present.

**"The future belongs to you."**

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1958, "Guardian of AA: Our General Service Conference," The Language of the Heart

Corrections, Archives and Literature committees continue effectively.

DULYPAA (Young People in Recovery) is experiencing a renewed ... in participation and will be holding a potluck November 9, 2019, at Trinity Lutheran, 6pm-midnight.

A request for a meeting in a locked apartment building for vulnerable adults and we will assist them in starting their own AA meeting.

Grateful to be of service,  
Rich G.  
District 12 DCM

## District 14- Paul E. Not present (No report)

### PI - Gayle R.

Hi everyone, Gayle, Alcoholic, serving as your Public Information Chair. Since we last met I attended the State Fair.

I am grateful for Melissa for taking care of Saturday and for Sharna, DCM District 6, for taking care of Sunday. I was very happy that most who volunteered showed. Thank you for all who came to help at the State Fair.

I was set to help at a AA booth at the Sobriety Fair in District 8, in Mt Iron but the date changed and I didn't get the email in time to change the vacation request at work.

Today at our Committee meeting we had twelve persons present from Districts 4,6,7,8,13,and 16.

- ♦ **DCM-Colleen District 4**, talked about their focus on the older alcoholic. This is a passionate topic - that the nursing homes and assisted living places are being overlooked. District 4 also presented three presentations to Ecclesiastes Ministries. Greg (Alt DCM) added, "We are both in the God business - we approach at different angles." When District 4 has a CPC luncheon, they have PI following with literature and pamphlets.
- ♦ **Sally PI/CPC District 8**, did go to the Sobriety Fair - being past Literature Chair, she had the literature and she also played "AA Hope" video. Fortune Bay sobriety Fair had good attendance and the fair in Mt. Iron, not so much. The fair did have great networking like with Al-Anon, Treatment Centers, NA and a Narcon person. District 8's treatment center presentation has been getting harder to find volunteers. Working on printing updated schedules.
- ♦ **Sharna, DCM District 6**, had a breakfast/luncheon PI/CPC workshop. Sent out 150 invites had seenteen people served, mostly clergy and mental health professionals. Which brought up the question, are the Doctors and medical staff getting the invitations? Sharna also Co-Chaired as day captain at the state fair for Sunday. The other co-chair had a conflict come up.
- ♦ **Bob, DCM District 7**, PI/CPC is interested in District 13's phone line. Would like to see how they change who answers their phone line. There are 110 Groups DCM is trying to visit including neighboring District 17 that is a dark District.
- ♦ **Justin, DCM District 13**, reports CPC chair has not been kept filled, but the St. Cloud Intergroup is doing a lot of the CPC work, not exactly what is done, since no report is given at the District meeting, but District 13 is grateful.
- ♦ **Amy, GSR, District 13**, also a member of the St Cloud Intergroup states they are reaching the professionals by attending the Recovery Network Community.
- ♦ **Peggy, PI District 13**, has a six person committee that meets every month. Previous PI chair had position for better part of six years, so started off in great shape. Guided by PI task list, the 24/7 phone line is going well, meeting schedules and Beginners Meeting flyer are distributed to motels/hotels, treatment centers and police stations. We have saved a lot of the budgeted dollars by switching phone carriers. We had two phone line training sessions. PSA's are on Charter and we renew monthly. We will be updating and printing schedules and a holiday meeting flyer will go out with the next batch of schedules.
- ♦ **Curt GSR, District 16**, stated no one as PI was at the Community Connection AA Booth, this is for lower income and veterans. There was a lot of Young People and Native American pamphlets distributed.
- ♦ **Jim DCM, District 9**, received a text message requesting an AA booth at Substance Abuse fair.
- ♦ **Arden, PI/CPC District 7**, has formed a committee and trying to get Public Information to hospital and clinics. CPC to attend Health fairs, trying to figure out what pamphlets are needed.
- ♦ **Gene, PI/CPC District 3**, Still delivered & sent packets to professionals. Distribution from PI discount package. Received CPC discount package. Ordered more literature from online store including a disc set for radio broadcasters. Arvig television network is still playing four PSAs from the website GSO on channel 14 Arvig cable. They rotate each PSA 4-6 week's Door's, my world, I have hope & Changes.

Please search the Northern Light for the **Public Information Poster Board Picture...**

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.  
Gayle R.  
Area 35 PI Chair

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**District 6- Sharna O.-J.** Greetings- Sharna Alcoholic-DCM District 6

Our District held a PI/CPC workshop in August. It was a small turnout but lots of good information exchanged. There was clergy and mental health represented by the community.

I had the honor of being a co-captain for the state fair booth. It was my first experience and certainly won't be my last. I found it to be a spiritual experience. It was an easy service commitment to fill. I would recommend everyone to try it at least once.

I had another first, I attended the West Central Forum in North Dakota. Talk about a spiritual experience, I recognized faces from the West Central Conference and it made me feel right at home. I had lunch with the GSO PI staff (Racy Joseph) on Saturday. It sure is nice to put faces to names we see on our information we receive from New York. This forum opened my eyes to a better understanding of the operation of GSO. It's a "WE" not a "us" or "them" program.

Glad to be of service,  
Sharna O.-J.  
District 6 DCM

**District 1 Not present (No Report)**

**GRAPEVINE - Jerry B. (No Report)**

**District 2- Danny W.**

Our last District meeting was held September 1, 2019 at the Twin Rivers Club House in Thief River Falls with five people in attendance.

We reviewed the new safety card and discussed how it can apply.

We discussed service work and brainstormed on how to get more people participating in service work.

We had a report from the WCRF that was held this past August in Grand Forks, ND.

I continue to visit more Groups in District 2. I now have email contact information for most every town. That allows me to send out correspondence quickly along with follow up reminders, if needed. I will continue to visit Groups and encourage them to become active in District and Area activities. During my visits I discuss how AA works as often I sense that many folks have no idea of AAs structure or how AA operates. I explain how Group representation can ensure their Groups voice, concerns, and ideas that may result in helpful ideas that other Groups or individuals can use to enhance individual sobriety and the Groups ability to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

In service,

Danny W.  
District 2 DCM

**District 21- ???**

Our DCM has not shown up for our last meeting. We are working hard to keep things moving along. People are helping and are very helpful to keep things moving along.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Proposal for all-important Area 35 decisions to be made by substantial unanimity, Ricco District 9**

**Motion:** was approved, seconded, discussion

**Jim-** my question is how do we determine what is an important decision in area 35, if we have this kind of motion who is going to be the deciding person that this is important and not important, I would suggest that we would just do all motions.

**Jon** - this motion I make a friendly amendment, all area 35 decisions to be made by substantial unanimity.

**Ricco-** do not accept it as a friendly amendment  
Original motion

**Steve-** this is talking about the conference, they do things way different then we do, a lot of stuff never moves to the body to be talked about at all at the conference We get the information here and do not have the time to digest it and take it back- other concern- DCM- rotating Area Assemblies and workshops- when that changed. If we did not change it then we would not be doing what we are doing right now. Minority opinion does work, there are a lot of different things, and processes that we do not use when it is

talk ing about the conference, here we do not have that, people bring something forward and we vote.

**Paul-** District 9- mentioned the discovery of this list of Roberts rules of order that describe specific topics what is considered as an important topic. If we are following Roberts's rules of order there is a list there, as a side note, the 2/3rds majority does not apply on a revote.

**Paul M.-** the system we have in place now is working, I think the reason this got brought up is because that minority opinion should not have been a valid minority opinion because it was given by a non-voting member

**Cathy R.-** I disagree with the proposal, this majority works just fine, I want the minority opinion valid. The warranty apply to the conference not the assembly, it does not apply to us.

**Jim S.-** You are creating an impossible situation for the chair. You are putting the responsibility on an alcoholic, not a paid professional, just one of us sitting around the table, to put the pressure on that person at that moment, to make that decision, they are going to look out at the people and they are going to want some sort of validation, this is going to cause so many problems, when we have a system that already works. I would have enjoyed seeing the friendly amendment added. I truly hope no one votes in favor.

**Justin-** I have heard It said twice that we are not a part of the conference, we may not be present, but I think that Christine was there as a representative of this area, I believe that we are part of the conference,

**Steve-** everything comes out of committee, everything here comes off the floor, here people hear something and 5 minutes later they are voting on it, unless we want every proposal to go to the Groups every time.

**Jim** - Warranty 4- what they follow at the conference, respectfully disagree with Paul, what we are trying to do there that when we take actions as an area, we all want to be on the same page, that is the spirit behind this warranty, when we see votes that are really close, there is this unrest, it does not feel right. We want to find out what the best thing for AA and Area 35. I think that it is fair to say that there was not substantial unanimity in the Area. What's best for AA and Area 35- it was an attempt saying that maybe we need more information and then we can make a decision on if we support it, we are going to hold this vote but what does it require? It would require a simple majority. We strive for unity. Whatever we decide today.

**Jim-** if we opt this motion today, will this go into effect at ACM voting and to consider that also you would have to have a clear count of the amount of people in the room at the time of the vote, 2/3rds on every motion.

**Paul** - I think that this should be tabled and be brought back to the Groups as well and let them make an informed decision.

Taking a vote on the motion:

Favor: 5, all opposed- motion has failed.

## Safety Card

How are your Groups using the safety card? Are the Groups using it? Are there any improvements that have happened? Do we discontinue it?

Discussion: No discussion



“Here’s Harry, giving his first AA talk.”

## GSR Sharing Session Report

The session was led by Jim R., Chairperson. There were forty GSRs in attendance. There were twelve new GSRs.

**The group came up with seven topics to discuss.**

1. How can you activate your group to do more service work?

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- Personally invite them to participate.
- Hold people accountable when they commit to doing something.
- Be an example through sponsorship. ( Prod, if necessary.)
- The Group chairperson should make service work look interesting.
- Draw on resources for help.
- Keep talking at meetings about service positions.
- Push to get people involved.
- Invite people. Don't think that you have to do it all.
- Service is a big part of the program. Faith without works is dead.

**2. Is your district involved working with treatment centers? If not, why?**

- Treatment Centers aren't transitioning patients into AA like they use to.
- Some centers (example: Virginia) are still transitioning.
- You cannot talk about God inside treatment centers.
- Our AA website is reaching people.
- Most newcomers have other problems, not just alcoholism.
- Background checks.
- Take speakers into Recovery Houses.
- Talk to individuals one on one. Take literature, meeting schedules and Big Books into the centers.
- The pamphlet "Speaking at non-AA meetings" (P40) is very helpful.

The group was asked if anyone had more information on "Bridging the Gap"? It was suggested that they contact Kevin K. Bridging the Gap material can be obtained by calling (212-870-3312).

**Afternoon GSR Sharing Session Minutes**

**3. How can we keep the Traditions alive in our groups?**

- Do a group inventory.,
- Use the **Traditions Checklist** that you can print off of the Grapevine Website.
- Suggest that your group have a tradition meeting once a month.
- Read the short form at each meeting and the long form once a month.
- Use the "Our Traditions" articles from the Grapevine as your meeting topic.
- Use the Twelve by Twelve at your meeting.
- As a sponsor, educate your sponsees on the traditions.

**4. How can we get others to step up and do service work?**

This topic has been brought up at the last 4 GSR Sharing sessions.

- Get sponsors to do their job of encouraging sponsees to give back.
- Lead by example.
- Educate newcomers on Service.
- Ask "What have you gotten from AA?" Then ask, "Isn't it time that you give back?"

**5. How can you control any chaos after speaker meeting?**

- Have a format and use it.
- Keep the meeting structured.

**6. How can you deal with a strong personality in a meeting who wants to use their time and others time?**

- Have a "Group Conscience" meeting.
- Take them aside and talk to them.
- Chairperson could say "We all need an opportunity to share" or "We need to move on", etc.
- State the "rules" at the start of the meeting. Example: "Please read just one paragraph", "Please limit the time you use." "No cross-talk, please."

**7. Open/Closed meeting. (People speaking about things other than alcohol?)**

- Use the blue card that is available that have the Open and Closed meetings statements on them.

Yours in service,  
Sue H.

**DCM Sharing Session Report**

We had seventeen attendees with DCM's from Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 with a DCM rep from Bemidji. We discussed the following topics:

- Robert's Rules - We ask the chair to review/discuss these with the Area so everyone is aware of what they mean. Bruce B. put together cheat sheet - can we use this in the Area? What did we do previously that we're not doing now.
- Is Area 35 using Steps and Traditions - are we seeing this in our Groups? All Districts attending have step and tradition meetings in their District. Sponsorship is important in learning Traditions. Some members don't know them and don't care to know them. Use Traditions Checklist available on [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or at our literature table. Read long version of Tradition in meetings. Disturbances in District = 100% Traditions fixing the problem. Long form is important - read it.

We like to bend Traditions, they are open to interpretation. They are our solutions. They were "hammered out on the anvils of experience." Tried and true. Attraction not promotion.

- If GSO solicits contributions from individuals, what does that do to Groups? Is the Groups money working it's way up or does it stop at the Group? If individuals give to GSO, are they also giving to their Group? Everyone should ask Group Treasurer to announce where money is going so members are aware. Mechanizing of AA, taking accountability away from AA. Saves service costs to GSO. Must educate members on giving to Groups. Provide addressed envelopes to District at District meetings to mail contributions. Take care of home group first, they take care of three entities. Groups money is Groups decision.
- Who determines what is an AA Group? Long form of 3<sup>rd</sup> Tradition - read it! No other affiliation. Sober squad and other recovery groups - are they doing what we should be doing? We aren't following Steps & Traditions. Attraction! Sponsorship! Work the steps, why aren't members working the steps. Members not reading the Big Book. If it's not AA, don't call it AA

**Area 35 West Central Trustee Nomination**

Jim S.- nominated Mike J.- who accepted the nomination.

**General Service Conference Agenda Item in support of Area 36 for Grapevine to reprint the Best of the Grapevines Volumes 1,2 and 3. - Steve L.**

Trying to find these books and it is extremely difficult. I think that this is a good idea; I think that there is a historical value having these things reprinted. I think that it would be good for Area 35 to support Area 36. It's cost effective.

*Motion* Area 35 supports Area 36's agenda item proposal for the grapevine to reproduce the "Best of the Grapevine" books, Volumes 1, 2 and 3

Motion Carried

**Area 35 Officers Election**

**Voting at the Fall Assembly 2019**

**85 voting members – 57 voting members make up two thirds**

**New Area 35 Officers:**

**Delegate:** Jim S.

**Alternate Delegate:** Steve L.

**Area Chair:** Gayle R.

**Secretary:** Heidi B.

**Treasurer:** Justin W.

**Motion: to allow incoming area chair to select action committee chair's and submit them at the December ACM**

Motion made- seconded- motion carried

**Calendar of Events:**-See the Northern Light and Area 35 website calendar. Email your events to [webmaster@area35.org](mailto:webmaster@area35.org) for posting on the website and [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org) for listing in the Northern Light. There is also an option for a flier to be inserted into the Northern Light. A reminder was made that fliers should include the 5 W's of who, what, when, where, and why; a map is helpful also. Please send the flier in a PDF or JPG format that would be helpful, if not that is okay too.

**Area 35 Fall Assembly Report**

132 members attended this assembly.

A special thanks to Stan and Jen in District 21 for organizing many volunteers to assist with registration and coffee sales.

From the assembly evaluations attendees very much liked attending the Assembly; felt that Area 35 did meet their needs at the assembly; and Area 35 was successful in completing new and old business at the assembly.

Assembly evaluations indicated a need at the GSR Training that I conducted for more training on Roberts Rules and Area 35 voting procedures.

At the Fall Assembly in 2018 I was asked to condense what had been a 11/2 hour of GSR Training by five Area 35 Officers to ½ hour in a solo presentation. This request was done to facilitate two GSR Sharing sessions at the assemblies. My approach was to cover areas that I thought were important. In retrospect it would have been more effective for me to ask the new GSRs which areas they wanted me to cover.

Proceedings of this assembly are covered in Melissa A.'s minutes of the Assembly.

In service,

Roger R.

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 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 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 two D.C.M.s in Area 35. Currently, these have been picked randomly at the start of the new rotation. They also 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. Seek advice and help from former N.L. Committee members and editors.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee meets every other month, before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. Additional meetings may be called for if needed between these times.

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions to the *Northern Light* are very welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to Alcoholics Anonymous. However, 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.

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word or WordPad document to the Area’s newsletter e-mail address: [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org). Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue is printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. They also **can not be anonymous**. Please include the first name, last initial and name of the city where the author is from. 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,  
Steven L.

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & Foremost **Contact the Northern Light Editor** at [northernlight@area35.org](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light

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  
PO Box 114  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

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 only for A.A. Sponsored Events.
- ◆ Fliers needed—625 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and hand outs.

Northern Light Deadlines for 20 are as Follows:

- ◆ January 13<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 6<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 1<sup>st</sup> : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 8<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 1<sup>rd</sup> : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 2<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

## OUR PAST DELEGATES

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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. Some of them even offer great company while fishing!

## The Delegate’s Duties

<div><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"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.</li><li>Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.</li></ul></div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.</li><li>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.</li><li>Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.</li><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.</li><li>Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.</li></ul><div>(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)</div></div>
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I 2 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous (Long Form)			I 2 Concepts for World Service (Short Form)		
<p>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.</p> <p>2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.</p>			<p>I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
			AREA 35 EVENTS		
			INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule.</li><li>◆ Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount</li><li>◆ Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM’s from respective districts either by email or phone for those that don’t have computers.</li><li>◆ Chair notifies the Alano society in Aitkin on food preparations and possible re-schedule to following Sunday.</li><li>◆ Chair contacts webmaster results put on Area 35.org and reschedule date and time.</li><li>◆ Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on cancellation.</li><li>◆ Post procedure in Northern Lights.</li><li>◆ Chair remains available and in close contact as he or she is the focal point and main contact; he or she must make the decision, and be available for calls.</li></ul>		

**Area 35 Committee Meeting Agenda  
Aitkin, MN  
December 1, 2019**

\_\_\_\_\_ **9:00 A.M.** Action Chair Committee Meetings  
(9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **10:30 A.M.** Area Committee Meeting  
\_\_\_\_\_ Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer  
\_\_\_\_\_ Recognize Past Delegates  
\_\_\_\_\_ Add to Agenda  
\_\_\_\_\_ Approve August Area Committee Minutes

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Delegate – Christine G.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Delegate – Jim S.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chair – Roger R.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary – Melissa A.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer – Mike F.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ CPC – Antonette F.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 9 – Jim S.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 13 – Justin W.  
\_\_\_\_\_ WEBMASTER – Rillis E.  
\_\_\_\_\_ LITERATURE – Brian P.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 15 – Pat M.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 3 – Kevin K.  
\_\_\_\_\_ NORTHERN LIGHT – Steve L.  
\_\_\_\_\_ GROUP RECORDS – Sally L.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 4 – Colleen S.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 8 – Heidi B.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 18 –William BR B.  
\_\_\_\_\_ TREATMENT – Cathy R.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 16 – Glenn M.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 5– Skip D.

\_\_\_\_\_ ARCHIVIST –  
\_\_\_\_\_ ARCHIVES – Scott M.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 7 – Bob B.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 11 – Cindy S.-K.  
\_\_\_\_\_ CORRECTIONS – Paul M.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 12 –Richard G.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 14 – Paul E.  
\_\_\_\_\_ PI – Gayle R.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 6 – Sharna O.-J.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 1 –  
\_\_\_\_\_ GRAPEVINE – Jerry B.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 2 – Daniel W.  
\_\_\_\_\_ District 21 –

**12:00 P.M.** Lunch

**12:45 P.M.** Reconvene

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_ FOC Report  
\_\_\_\_\_ Introduction of Area Committee Chairs  
\_\_\_\_\_ Draw Committee Assignments  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2020 Budget  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Calendar of Events  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adjourn

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