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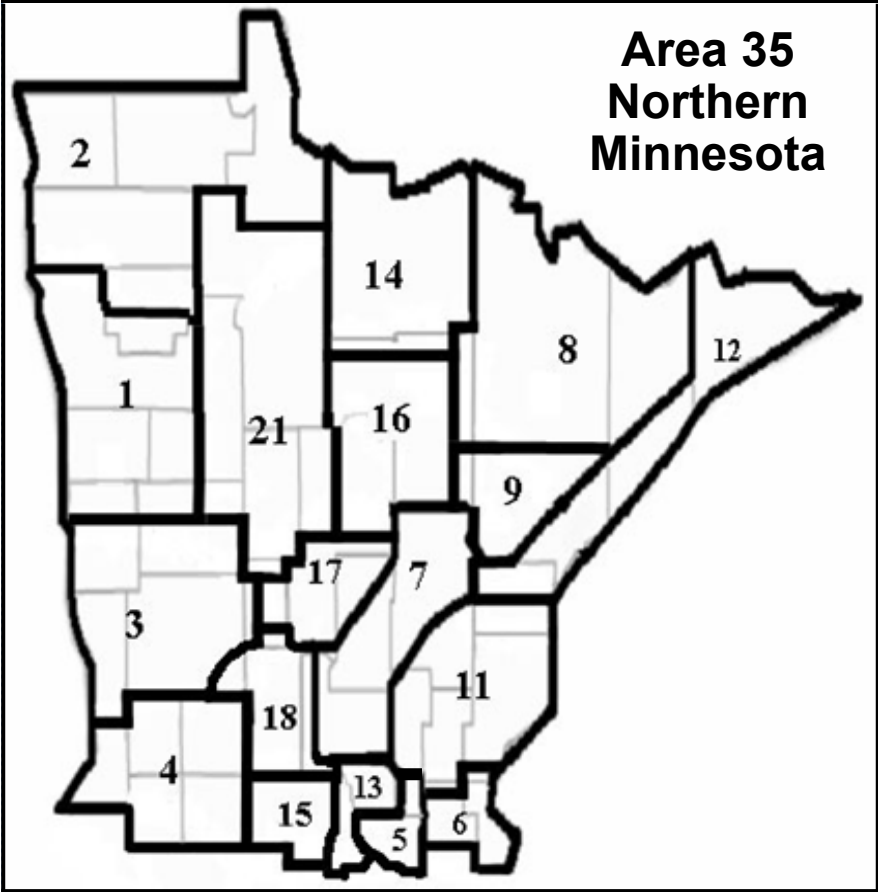
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Zone I

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

Zone II

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

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

Zone III

- District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, 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, Zim*
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*
- District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario,Canada)

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

District Meeting Location Information

<p><u>District 1</u> 2nd Sunday of Even Months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill St, Fertile, MN 56540</p> <p><u>District 2</u> 1st Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave Thief River Falls, MN 56701</p> <p><u>District 3</u> 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u> 3rd Saturday of Month, 5:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location (It Rotates) Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>District 5</u> 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. (use side door that opens to parking lot) Trinity Lutheran Church 111 N 6th Ave Princeton, MN 55371</p> <p><u>District 6</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p><u>District 7</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u> Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”</p> <p><u>District 9</u> Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible,</p> <p><u>District 13</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Cloud Alano Club 127 7th Ave NE Saint Cloud, MN 56301</p>	<p><u>District 14</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u> 1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p> <p><u>District 17</u> Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u> 2nd Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p>
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Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes
Aitkin Alano Club, Aitkin
August 1, 2021

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

Recognition of Past Area 35 Delegates in Attendance: Tom A – panel 50, Susie A – panel 48, Jake J – panel 64 and Kelly D – panel 66.

Additions to the Agenda: Past delegates being in service. District 9 proposal.

Approval of the June 2021 Area Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Jim S
Good Morning Everyone,

The West Central Regional Forum will be held virtually on Sept 10, 11 and 12. Gayle has forwarded an email with information about it. The zoom information has not been published at this time but as soon as I get it I will forward it out to you. I will be hosting a workshop with a topic I am supposed to come up with. This is not something I am good at and will likely just call my sponsor and ask him what he thinks. I have the privilege to be asked to speak at this District 9 and 16 workshop on Sept 18th. I do not have the address for this but I’m sure Ricco will be talking about it in his report today.

With elections this Fall, I hope everyone is thinking about the next rotation and that there will be a challenge to get people involved and moving again. As I have heard from DCM’s and seen here at the Area we have a lost some people over the pandemic.

Something I forgot to mention in the verbal report at the committee meeting was that I did have a delegates report in District 2, 3, 8 and 11. I want to thank them all for having me and what a pleasure it was to visit those districts.

In Service Jim S.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Steve L
Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,
What a big turnout for an August meeting. I attended the July 1st NAAD (North American Alt Delegates) meeting and the West Central Region was the host. The topic was our Areas history, Area communication and ice cream social. We were supposed to pick an ice cream flavor that defines our Area. I said, “we were the ice box that holds all flavors”. You can read my report in the August Northern Light. Being August 1st I have another NAAD meeting tonight.

Remember the Area Workshop is at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes, January 15th and 16th 2022.

Next time we meet will be at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center in Alexandra at the Area Assembly in October which is an election Assembly. Now is the time to find experienced people willing to stand for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Action Committee Chairs. This gives them time to look at the duties of the position and ask other people who have previously held what it entails.

I’m looking forward to staffing the AA State Fair Booth. It’s fun, rewarding and I would highly recommend it if you have never tried it before.

Thanks for letting me be of Service, Steven L.

AREA CHAIR – Gayle R
Greetings Area 35. I have been busy finding sites for our 2022 assemblies. I have Crookston Inn, in Crookston for fall of 2022. I have not secured a location for spring. I have mentioned the updated position details for the Area 35 Actions Book. We should have this done already, but I want to put a date on this. Every Action Chair, every Officer should have some updates. Especially if we cannot meet in person. Please revise your action committee description and details by the Fall Assembly. Send them to Heidi and myself.

I think we have all said this rotation is not a normal one, me making mistakes are still normal. I thought I sent the Delegate resumes to Cindy, but I cannot find the email that I did. So they are not in this edition of the Northern Light, I printed our candidate’s resumes, make sure you take them. I will also send them via email to all Chairs, Officers and DCM’s.

The Alano Club here in Aitkin has put in internet so have a virtual ACM could now be an option, if ever needed. Thank you to the board for making our jobs a little easier.

It is great to see roundups coming back, make sure we send flyers to Thomas, our webmaster, and Cindy, our Northern Light editor.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Gayle R.

SECRETARY – Heidi B
Hello Area 35, Nice to see you all in person again.

The minutes from June’s Area Committee Meeting were typed up, distributed to the area and the Northern Light for publication. Thank you all for sending me your reports in a timely fashion. Please send me your reports from today for our meeting minutes, which will be published in the next issue of the Northern Light. Reports are due one week from today, Sunday, August 8th.

DCM’s, thank you for continuing to send your district minutes to me! I enjoy reading what everyone is doing in their districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Heidi B.

TREASURER – Justin W
(See enclosed financials)

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS
CPC – Brian P
(See PI – Greg C for report)

DISTRICT 9 – Ricco R
I visited all the A.A. Groups in our district and brought a rotation flier to remind the fellowship it is rotation time. I listed the open service positions that the district will be taking nominations for and voting on and the dates this will take place. We have a date that we will be explaining the service positions, the duties, responsibilities, and any other questions that may come up. I also sent out the position descriptions with the duties on them so they can be prepared when the two dates come up to discuss and vote on the positions. So far, there has been some positive responses from the groups.

The District 16 and District 9 GSR Service workshop committee put on another workshop on June 19. We had excellent participation from people attending the workshop in our question-and answer-sessions. It was an overall success, and we also had a lot of fun. I must also mention how grateful I feel to be working with District 16 and our district on the workshops. District 16 and 9 will be having another workshop on Saturday, September 18th in Hibbing at the Abundant Life Church at 1537 east 40th Street across from McDonalds. The workshop is from 12:00 to 4:00pm. Our open Speaker will be Jim, our Area 35 Delegate and we will be having a potluck lunch. Fliers will be out shortly to explain the other items included in the workshop and the people giving the presentations of said items.

Many other members of the fellowship, too many to mention, have been giving me support and help in putting together the three proposals and background information. Our District 9 voted on the three proposals and passed them. We are presenting them today to the Area 35 Committee to discuss and vote on them. We have such love for Bill W. and his writings we owe it to Bill and the A.A. fellowship to give it a try to see if we can protect his writings once again like the past conferences have done.

In Unity and Service, Ricco

DISTRICT 4 – Bumper L (no report)
WEBMASTER – Thomas H
Hello Area 35. Since we have last met things have returned to normal for my position. I've uploaded flyers and made small changes to contact information here and there.

I am also extremely happy to announce the calendar is now usable on mobile devices.

I look forward to seeing you all again in October!

Thank you, Thomas H.

LITERATURE – Bruce M
Sales are going up. I’ve made 3 deliveries. Please send orders to me by the 15th of the month before Area functions. This way I have time to fill everybody’s requests.

DISTRICT 14 –
DISTRICT 3 – Gene M (no report)
NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K
The Northern Light newsletter was sent to the printer July 19th for publication and mailing. This is the largest newsletter 40 pages I have put together to date. I was informed on Friday morning that the newsletter is not mailed yet due to the size.

We are not lacking in events in our fellowship from camp outs to roundups AA is alive and in person.

Thank you for allowing me to be the editor of the Northern Light newsletter. If anyone is interested in doing this for the next rotation I would be happy to talk with you. If I can do it, anybody can do it. I had no experience when I started this rotation and now I'm pretty comfortable so that must mean I need to move on to something else that will make me uncomfortable and grow in this program. Well anyway, 2 more issues to go but who's counting?!

Your Northern Light editor, Cindy S-K

DISTRICT 8 – Nels P
Greetings Area 35. In District 8, we will be having our district meeting August 3rd via zoom. Our elections for service positions will be held September 8th. As things continue to open up, I am hopeful that we will have a great rotation in the district for next year. My homegroup the Happy Joyous and Free held its 15-year anniversary on July 30th and we had a great turnout.

Steve L. was our speaker and we had a potluck as well. Our webpage district8online.org is fully operational and updated. Our phone line is also fully operational and being attended to.

Yours in service, Nels P.

GROUP RECORDS – Sally L
Greetings, Northern MN. I have been making changes to group information as they come in. When sending changes to me, please send them on Group Information Change Forms so I can enter the info as correctly as possible. Please include email addresses for each person as well. I also update the meetings on aaminnesota.org.

After our last ACM in June, I sent an email to GSO requesting that they resend the email they previously sent about read-only access to the Fellowship Connection database for DCMs and delegates. They have not let me know if they have done this or not. I hope they have re-sent the link.

Most meetings are back to meeting in person, some are hybrid, and some groups shut down and haven’t come back. Please let me know if your group’s status changes.

There are a few messages via the Contact Us link on aaMinnesota.org every week. Some of these are concerning Area 36 and so I forward those to the group records person for southern MN. Others I answer personally or forward to the DCMs or others in the district the contacts are coming from. It is rewarding to be able to help people reach AAs or find meetings in their vicinity.

For the first time ever, I missed writing a report for the last Northern Light. It totally escaped me until I was preparing the mailing list for Cindy, by which time she had the NL already set up! I apologize for forgetting to send in a report.

In service, Sally L.

DISTRICT 2 – Danny W

District 2 held its bi-monthly meeting May 9, 2021, at 2 PM at the Twin Rivers Clubhouse in Thief River Falls. There were 4 attendees present: DCM, District Treasurer, 1 GSR, and another group member from TRFs. Minutes from the last District meeting were approved. A current Treasurer’s report was presented and approved. There has been no financial activity for the past several months.

DCM – I gave a report from the Spring Assembly and reviewed some highlights of agenda items. A full report will be presented during our July District meeting when Jim S. is scheduled to attend and give his Delegate’s report.

We had group reports from 3 local Thief River Falls groups. Attendance is slowly returning to pre-Covid numbers.

DCM – I reported the upcoming events: The area 35 Fall Assembly. Our next District meeting, July 11th. As well, I sent the meeting minutes out to others on my District email list.

In service, Danny W.

DISTRICT 15 – Lori L

How do you do Area 35!! I am Lori and I am an alcoholic - an excited and grateful alcoholic who is now serving as the BRAND NEW DCM for District 15. As some meetings in my district begin to open up again, due to Covid, the general consensus is thankfulness. Members who I have talked to are so grateful to make the human connection again. Zoom meetings are very important to keep the connection so we can stay sober.

But our Fellowship thrives on the personal contact. In June, our District 15 had the district meeting via Zoom. In July, our District meeting was in person at the Albany Senior Center. Going forward, I pray that God guides me in my new position. Covid has proved to be a huge obstacle for us AA’s, but we are stronger. We will take it one day at a time...

Humbly yours in service, Lori L.

TREATMENT – Melissa M (no report)

DISTRICT 13 – Denise R

Greetings all from District 13!

Last month our district meeting continued to meet in person and via zoom with a total of 15 people.

We did vote to discontinue Zoom and meet in person only next month!

Yeah!

During our last meeting our Chad our Web Master/PI Chair gave the district a “tour” of the new aastcloud.org website. People were excited to see the information on the Website. Chad is working on our Events section so we can post event flyers. Hopefully more people will begin to use the Website and pass it on to others.

The PI Committee is busy distributing information packets to Hotels, Motels, Salvation Army and Detox etc.

They also are verifying meetings and plan to print a new meeting schedule in October. Our first printing of the schedules this rotation! Normally we print each year but with Covid the meetings status’s were unpredictable and we wanted to wait until we had more accurate information. Most, if not all meetings have come back to in person again and new meetings are starting. Our Corrections Chair continues to work with jails and prisons in our District. Currently only Benton County Jail is meeting and still only by zoom. The St. Cloud Prison and Stearns County jail are currently not allowing meetings.

Diane is doing an awesome job selling literature. We had a long time member of AA pass away recently and 14 Big books were donated in his memory to the Beginners’ meeting. A new 12x12 meeting started and Diane was able to supply the books for these plus fill other orders.

I continue to make some connections with Treatment Centers, trying to fill John T.’s job of Treatments Chair. Hopefully we can get someone for this position soon. We did receive a \$100 donation from John posthumously.

Our finances are good and we look forward to spending some money going to the “in person” Fall Assembly at the Arrowwood. I anticipate all our Officers and Chairs will be attending as well as many GSR’s.

I have also encouraged the whole district to attend the West Central Regional Forum in September since it’s still a virtual event, we can all go! Sounds like there are many new members of the General Service Structure to meet and I look forward to seeing you all there too!

I attended the Area Service Sharing Session that was held July 14. This is a monthly meeting is hosted by Monica F. from Chicago Area 19 Delegate Panel 71. The last Topic was Additional Tools in AA- The AAWS Publishing Director and Acting Grapevine Publisher were some of the presenters as well as Past Delegates and also the Chair of the National Corrections Call Committee. I heard a lot of good information and learned of the National Corrections Conference. Anybody that is interested in doing service in Corrections is encouraged to attend. They also hold a weekly meeting on Sunday’s via zoom if anyone is interested I can get you the information.

The Next Area Service Sharing Session – Topic – Keeping Digital Progress – Wednesday August 11th - 6pm CT. I would encourage anyone to attend as it is a good way to hear a lot of information and ask questions on these topics. An upcoming topic may be on Intergroups/Central Offices and the part they play?

That’s it from District 13. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Gratefully submitted, Denise

DISTRICT 18 – Scott S

Greetings everyone from District 18. We have our District meeting the first Tuesday of every month. Pat the Area Grapevine chair came to our meeting and gave a great presentation about Grapevine. There have been a few cam-pouts and speaker meetings.

Yours in service, Scott S.

ARCHIVIST – (no one at this time)

ARCHIVES – Peter T

Hi, my name is Peter and I am an Alcoholic and your Area Archives Chair. Area Archives Committee met this morning August 1,2021, and in attendance were Dave C. District 16, Diane R. District 9, Steve E. District 12 and myself. We discussed the Area 35 storage situation.

I been in contact with Jeremy Janzen from Cummings Janzen Real Estate from Aitkin and explained that we were looking for a space of 300-400 square feet for a price from 200.00-400.00 dollars a month. I explained that it was kind of unusual request because we would not need retail exposure and the space would be used for Archive materials and accessed a limited times a year. He said he did not know of any space right off hand and he would see what he could find and let me know.

We discussed who might be interested in the Archives Chair for next rotation. We will have more discussions before the end of this rotation.

We had the continuing discussion when a new Archives Chair takes on the position and is handed boxes full of things what to do with it, what to save and what is not necessary to archive.

I started a conversation with a person who has cold storage space to see if they would be at all interested in finishing a portion of the space for us if we could guarantee a long enough term and money to make the build out pay for itself. We are going to meet and see what we need, and what we can possibly make work.

I would like to thank Christina for accepting the audio recorder position and received the June’s 2021 ACM recording and was able to Archive it.

If anyone knows where we might be able to relocate the Area 35 Archives please contact me and we will check it out.

I would like to remind all DCM’s to send me monthly meeting minutes or any other Archive materials.

Thank You for allowing me to serve you! Yours in Service, Peter T.

DISTRICT 16 – Katy P

Greetings from District 16. My name is Katy and I am an alcoholic serving as DCM for District 16. I'm sorry I cannot be there today.

Our last District meeting was held July 7, 2021, at United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids with nine in attendance.

Our jail meetings are ongoing and going well. We always need volunteers.

We are able to speak at Hope House men's and women's programs and are looking for volunteers for that as well. Speakers will be required to be fully vaccinated.

Our website is up and running!

In District 16, we are continuing to see more people at meetings as they become more comfortable and with COVID restrictions lifting.

We do have our new directories ready and will be printed this week.

We are planning another joint workshop with District 9 for September 18.

The theme is going to be "Spirit of Service" and we will be discussing the various service positions and how people are nominated and voted in. I think this is important now as we will be rotating at the end of the year.

I am continuing to attend the different meetings in the District and will do my best to get to everyone by the end of the year.

The summer is flying by and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours in Service, Katy P.

DISTRICT 12 – Shelly H (no report)

CORRECTIONS – Butch R (no report)

DISTRICT 1 – Laura C (no report)

DISTRICT 11 – Kurt N

District 11 reports AA meetings are returning to more normal levels of attendance, though there is still a ways to go yet. Virtual meetings are diminishing in number, though a few remain. District meetings are in person, though with less than 10 people attending. District finances are reasonably healthy, with contributions increasing, though far from normal. Expenses have been way down. Corrections activities are also picking up with in person meetings at MSOP-Moose Lake, and Pine County Jail resuming in person. Other DOC facilities have approved and are on the verge of resuming in person meetings. Activities now focus on visiting meetings and getting more to the District meeting. Our website is up and running at District11online.org.

Yours in Service, Kurt N.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Greg C

The CPC/PI committee met Aug 1st in Aitkin with 13 participants from 7 Districts in attendance. Conversation centered around District activities following 18 months of Covid related shut-downs and cut-backs. Most Districts are busy re-establishing contact with meetings and starting up regular activities. Many Districts have developed new websites and/or developed new hotline services which should help in working with targeted CPC/PI groups. There are still a number of public and private organizations offering only limited access, so our job is still uphill. On an AREA level I have been working on trying to establish a connection with County Social Services on a Regional basis, but that effort has failed so far. As several Districts either do not have a designated PI or CPC Chair or are struggling to develop some direction; I have offered to come out wherever I can to help in whatever way I can. The AREA weekend to man the State Fair Booth (Aug 28th-29th) is ALMOST full. Call or email me for remaining slots. As I outlined when I spoke at the Aitkin meeting, there is a fabulous article in the June Grapevine regarding a larger study posted in the New York Times. (look to the very last article in the June addition) It contains some very good material for those approaching groups regarding AA and its effectiveness in dealing with Alcoholism.

Yours in service, Greg C

DISTRICT 7 – Tim V

Hi, my name is Tim V. I am DCM for District 7. I attended the CPC/PI Action Committee meeting this morning. We are having a meet and greet at (?) Park in Brainerd on Aug 8th. There will be food. We have a booth at Crow Wing County Fair, stop in and say hello. We have a committee assessing our phone service to see if there is a more reasonable service available. We were sorry to see our Lit Chair had to resign because of health concerns. We were able to fill the position. Meeting is 3rd Thursday of the month.

Thank you, Tim V.

DISTRICT 6 – Mike U

Greetings everyone. Our meetings are starting to get back to some normalcy, a lot of newcomers showing up. At our District meeting, some GSR’s said that their group was questioning some of the changes like the preamble and why it got changed. The district set up a Venmo account so groups and individuals can send contributions to district easier. District is doing well in contributions. We are looking to fill some of the chair positions that got vacated during covid. Thank you to all the area officers for all the encouragement this past year. Without you I’m not sure I could have done my job. You are all an inspiration. There are some big shoes to fill in this next rotation. It has been an honor to serve with you.

In Service, Mike U.

GRAPEVINE – Pat M

Greetings to all Area 35. I’m Grapevine Chair Pat M. I sit here four days late and getting my report in to the area 35 Secretary Heidi. Why? I could come up with a hundred different excuses, but the real thing is I’m frustrated. I attended the Fall Assembly we had three in attendance. We had trouble with zoom. There were some people trying to get online - when we finally got it up and running they were gone.

So what's going on in Grapevine? I really don't know what's going on in the districts in Area 35. I reach out to the grapevine chairs and I sometimes get a response, more times not. Saddens my heart. I believe I have 10 more districts to visit. I will be in contact with your DCM’S and I hope I get to visit all your districts. I will continue to reach out to the Grapevine Chairs of the districts. Covid 19 has changed a lot of ways on how we have done traditional AA. I always need to remember what it took to get me to what it was like, what happened and how it is now.

That brings me to Grapevine literature. We have a lot of great literature for the still suffering alcoholic, such as *AA in the Military*. Many stories of recovered alcoholics of our veterans. People who fought for our freedom, so we can have AA meetings. The list goes on such as *Voices of Women*. In the Alcoholics Anonymous, emotional sobriety *Best of Grapevine* include three individual books getting back to 1944 until our present time. Some of the best stories of the Grapevine magazine, which is international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Grapevine magazine has the ability to carry the message to so many who suffer from this the disease of alcoholism, which includes all who suffer from alcoholism. Including the families of an alcoholic, but not if we don't work together. I know all districts do not have a Grapevine Chair, but the ones that do let's see if we can't work together and carry this message together.

Your Area 35 grapevine chair thank you for allowing me to serve, Pat M.

DISTRICT 5 – Terry P (no report)

DISTRICT 21 – John W (no report)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FOC Report – The FOC has reviewed and reconciled Area 35’s Period 4 financials. We are pleased to report all is well, as the Area 35 Treasurer, Justin is doing a good job. In Service, Roger R.

Fall Assembly – Oct 2 – 3, 2021, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria. Make reservations by Sept 1 to receive Area room rates. This is a new facility for us.

West Central Regional Forum – Sept 10 – 12, 2021, . Zoom only. Please register at link below. Early registration is strongly encouraged. Same-day registration available.

Program with login information will be emailed to registrants one day prior to the event.

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums

District 9 Proposals (3) – Ricco, DCM District 9

Proposal One – I make a proposal that we follow the 1995 advisory action. “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewords, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Dr. Bob’s Nightmare,” and Appendices remain as is. Updates to the Appendices III & V can be via additional information immediately following the existing text of the respective appendix.

Follow 1995 Advisory Action: Leave everything as is, original appendix 3 and 5. Q - What was the 1995 Advisory Action? Tom A – If the agenda item passes by 2/3 majority, it becomes an advisory action. Does your proposal include 4th edition or 5th edition? Is your intent to prevent any change to appendix 3 & 5 in the new 5th edition. Jim – this is regarding #17 in delegate’s report. Ricco – yes. The appendix to remain as is. If they must change the appendix – the new text would follow the existing text which would be left alone. Appendices 3 & 5 are medical and religious. Discussion – Motion made by Tim regarding voting on the proposal. Pat seconded. Motion I make a motion that we follow... Discussion – pending it’s development of the draft 5th edition. There will be updates to foreword, as with every edition. We are asking that the first 164 pages stay the same. Proposal states no changes to preface and forwards, but we are asking them to change them. Jim – there will be a new preface and forwarded added to the 5th edition. In the new 5th edition the 4th edition preface and forward will not be changed, new 5th edition forward and preface added to existing text. Voters include area officers and committee chairs and DCM’s. 17 in favor and 1 opposed. No minority. Jim is abstaining from voting. Motion passed.

Proposal Two – I make a proposal that the 2002 GSC Advisory Action be followed: “The text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remain as is, recognizing the fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published” (which coincides with the fellowship’s [long-standing] wishes) and change page 117 of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions back to the original text and also recommend a footnote that would address the current sentiment of the fellowship, which is to be more inclusive by changing ‘opposite sex’ to read ‘partner.’

Keep as is but add footnote to include ‘partner’ instead of ‘opposite sex.’ If the current sentiment be more current (partner), why not add that and footnote ‘opposite sex?’ Keep Bill’s writings as is. Justin- Ricco’s proposal is expressing the sentiment of AA’s traditions and Bill’s writings. Keep Bill’s writings as is. Motion made to accept proposal 2 as written. Seconded Bruce. Discussion: Will we be voting on this again at Fall Assembly? No, agenda items are now due on 9/15. To be included in the 2022 GSC, must vote now. 17 in favor, 1 opposed. Minority opinion: we should use inclusive language in our materials. Motion passed.

Proposal Three – I make a proposal that the 2002 GSC Advisory Action be followed: “The text in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, written by Bill Wilson, remain as is, recognizing the fellowship’s feeling that Bill’s writings be retained as originally published” (which coincides with the fellowship’s [long-standing] wishes) and change paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions back to the original text and I also recommend a footnote that would address the current sentiment of the fellowship that the text, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health” is outdated and should read “no one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.”

Keep as is and add footnote with changes. Discussion: Denise – motion as is. Pat seconded. Discussion – 17 in favor, 1 opposed. Minority opinion – Don’t think it should be changed and no footnote. Should be left as is. Motion passed.

New Preamble – Add new preamble to area website? Jim – Floor actions 1 and 2. Both refer to changes made to the preamble. Both were approved.

Change 1 will go directly into archives. Change 2 will be used in Grapevine as of July. Area35.org we have previous/original verbiage. Do we want the Preamble on our website to stay or implement changes? We will vote on this at Fall Assembly. Please discuss with groups.

Past Actions Book – Current book is on area website. Every rotation we ask for the chairs to update the booklet with job duties, etc. This rotation there are changes - everyone will have changes due to Covid and Zoom. Send these changes to Heidi or Gayle by Fall Assembly.

Past Delegates Bring of Service - It is a tradition that when a person gets to Delegate they are no longer eligible to participate in service. Discuss role of past delegates. Can they serve on committees after being delegate? Jim – district pattern is DCM stops serving district. Was discussed that delegates still have much to offer and should be allowed to serve as committee chair. Gayle – nothing is written in actions book that prevents this. Nels - Not prohibited but 80% of people do 20% of work. It’s always the same people and if we don’t step back, no one will step forward. Kelly – What you’re discussing isn’t true. As I’ve stepped back, I’ve done much – district inventories, group inventories, area assemblies, etc. Can’t be GSR after delegate. I’m ok with sitting in the back but if asked, will step up. Justin – what prevents past delegate to serve in positions they haven’t served. Gayle – other areas allow delegates to be of service – from Delegate to Chair. Jim – completely agree with Nels. Committee chairs are appointed by Area Chair. These aren’t elected positions. It is so important that the chair doesn’t pick the same people over and over again. They do need to rotate. In my first few years, someone pointed out that a certain chair picked positions from certain district. Yes, they can agree to serve. The body does still approve or disapprove the committee chairs in December. This is just a conversation. NO vote now but discuss with groups.

Calendar of Events

September 10 – 12, 2021, WCR Forum via Zoom

October 2 – 3, 2021, Fall Assembly. Reservations due 9/1.

December 5, 2021, – Area Committee Meeting, Aitkin

Motion to adjourn 1:45pm followed by responsibility statement.

And the work Continues...

Morning Everyone,

I haven’t been that busy over the past month. I have been meeting with the other delegate’s throughout the West Central Region preparing for the upcoming Regional Forum this Sept 10th through the 12th. I will be hosting a workshop titled Zoom in AA’s future. As the host of the workshop, I am not presenting myself as the expert on the technical aspects of zoom, but merely to get a conversation started on where virtual platforms will exist as AA moves forward through this pandemic and afterwards. What did we learn from using it, pros and cons, how did AA members survive or didn’t. I hope to see you at the forum. Once you register for the forum, you will receive an email confirmation of your registration, but you will not receive the zoom information until the day before the event. So don’t concern yourself about not seeing it. I do not understand why we have to wait until the last minute to get the zoom information but that is the way it GSO is organizing this. I did have a great opportunity to attend a meeting in the other week. I received an email from a GSR, along with some other members asking for help with a meeting. I was asked to come and discuss the traditions of the meeting as some members were upset about how the meeting was going. When I got there I found that both sides were quite upset with each other about the meeting. I saw people pointing fingers at each other, others were standing up, making declarations about how the meeting should be but for the most part I saw people who were truly passionate about how meetings are to operate but there was no middle ground for the two sides to come together on. I have been through this twice in my time in AA, once very new in sobriety when a district became torn apart and once in a meeting. I saw all the same things here that I did in those two experiences.

Ultimately, in both experiences since there was no middle ground to come to, it became clear that a split between the parties was necessary and the only spiritual path. So I suggested to them that perhaps those that were upset with how the meeting was going leave the meeting and start a new one. By no means am I taking credit for what was about to happen as there were others who had great input on coming to the eventual solution, but by the end of the group conscience, everyone had calmed down and an agreement to part ways was concluded. The members staying, divided up some literature so the new meeting had some, a new treasurer was elected, the outgoing one made arrangements to get the checkbook signed over to the remaining members and it appeared everyone parted peacefully going their own way. Watching God work in all these people was a great pleasure and a great reminder to myself that just because I think something should work one way doesn't mean that others will agree nor that it is likely that I will persuade them to think my way by forcing my will onto them. I am looking forward to the Fall Assembly this coming Oct. to see who the next rotation will be. I hope you are all soul searching, talking with your sponsors and your groups about standing for these positions that we need to fill. If you have any questions about a position I have held I will be happy to answer any of your questions.

In Service
Jim S
Area 35 Delegate

Greetings Area 35. Since the ACM in August, not much has happened.. I served at the State Fair. I appreciate everyone who volunteered or tried to at the AA booth.. It was very different this year.. I was there on Saturday, a beautiful day, then it rained. The big storms missed us. The first few days were about half the normal attendance. This is the second to the last Northern Light in this rotation, it's hard to believe this rotation is almost over. It's been the most difficult for sure.. But learning what we need to do not only to maintain our own sobriety but how to keep in touch with each other, when meeting together may not be safe.. I look forward to the West Central Regional Forum this month. And I hope to see you there.. I also look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Assembly... It has been an Honor and a privilege to serve Area 35 as your Area Chair--
In Service Gayle R

Area 35 Group Records Report
September 3, 2021
Greetings, Area 35.
I have been working on creating a group information sheet for each group in Area 35, which I will distribute to the DCMs so they can verify the information with the groups. I'm a little rusty on doing mail merges. Hopefully I will be able to do it. There have been a number of changes of group information, which get processed as they come in. I have also added a couple of new groups which are now in the hands of the GSO records department for them to verify. I have also added a few people to the Northern Light mailing list. Some of the duties of the Group Records Secretary include creating budgets for the position, providing group records to the DCMs so they can stay current and verify the information, inform DCMs of new groups in their districts, produce mailing lists for the Area and for the Northern Light, keep in touch with the Area 36 Group Records Secretary and keep Area 36 officers and committee chairs contact information current as they will receive the Northern Light, send Area 35 officers and committee chairs information to Area 36, keep aaminnesota.org updated with group information, update the Fellowship Connection database (formerly FNV database), work with the Area 35 webmaster on any changes to aaminnesota.org, communicate with groups about information needed to make changes, and have fun doing this rewarding job!
I am looking forward to the Fall Assembly in Alexandria and hope to see a lot of GSRs there!
In service,
Sally L.

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,
Since the Aug. ACM, I've attended the Sept. NAAD (North American Alt Delegates) meeting. The Northeast region was the host this month. I was surprised at how many Areas were still planning on holding their Assemblies by zoom this fall and what expenses they were willing to pay (up to \$3,000). Some Areas even contracted out the tech services to help smooth the zoom meeting process. It was with a heavy heart that I bailed my post at the State Fair AA booth this year. After much discussion with my wife and much soul searching, we came to the conclusion not attending the fair was the right choice. I always enjoyed my experience of manning the AA booth. By the time you read this, a few things I'm planning to attend will be over with, like the West Central Regional Forum and a workshop in Hibbing hosted by Districts 9 and 16. I'll give a full report on the WCRF at the October Assembly. I am looking forward to cohosting the bookfair break out room at the WCRF. Remember this Assembly is an election Assembly. If you or someone you know is thinking of standing for an office or willing to Chair an action Committee and need more information on that service position resources to check are: Ask previous holders of the position what the job entails, go to our website Area35.org and click on the Area officers page than click on the duty you are thinking of and read the Trusted Servant Guidelines for that position, lastly you can read the service manual to get the big view of the service structure. Remember helping the fellowship is rewarding, fulfilling, gratifying and on rare occasions a pain in the butt. Or, if you are so inclined just jump in feet first.
Humbly, in service
Steven L

Hi this is Cindy your Northern Light editor. I am grateful for this experience of being the editor. I can say this has been an uncomfortable , exciting, eye opening thing I would never in my wildest dreams have done. Thank you for trudging this road with me as I tried to carry the message when the world seemed to shut down and now as it is trying to come back. I know I will be better for this experience. I want to thank Steve L. for all his help and advice. I really want to see reports from everyone in the next issue. It saddens me to add (no report) after an area chair or DCM's name. We need to let everyone know what is or what's not happening in our areas. Let's get moving, as all of our positions are ones of action!!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.
Cindy S-K

After our Aitkin meeting there have been a few districts and individual PI chairs that have reached out for assistance or direction. Always more than happy to lend a helping hand, especially in Districts that may not have a current PI chair. The State Fair booth is always a big event in August. As I had previous, un-cancelable commitments for that weekend, I was not able to attend personally. Did a lot of recruiting June and July with most of the slots being filled. Worked with Area 36 PI chair Patrick S. and got some additional assistance from Gayle R to cover all the needed staffing. Thanks so much to Patrick, Gayle and all of you who volunteered your time. One last note. I was approached by an organization, Safe Families for Children. After meeting for several hours with the director for the West Central area (Douglas, Pope, Grant and Stevens counties) Sarah Boll, I had to inform her that due to our traditions, we could not, as an organization; join with or lend our name to their efforts. However, since their organization targets families in crisis often due to the effects of Alcoholism; I offered to at least expose them to our Area membership in hopes that some of you might choose to volunteer. They also have a chapter in the Brainerd/Baxter/ Aitkin area and are looking to start up in Stearns county. It is Safe Families for Children...888-290-7590 ext.701 or log on to: westcentralminnesota.safe-families.org
That's all for now! Looking forward to seeing you all in Alexandria for the Fall Workshop.

Greg C.

“No generation is a carbon copy of the previous one ... Young people in the meetings today are in many respects luckier: They have learned more in less time. If they seem to dwell at length on how they are feeling at the moment, it doesn't mean they are less dedicated to stopping drinking one day at a time and practicing the Steps of the program. Nor does less shame, brought about by less stigma, mean less dedication.”

“...And the Wisdom to Know the Difference,” New York, New York, June 1994, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

	<u>Jun - Jul 21</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 21</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
146992 · 102471 Early Monday Group	75.00	300.00		
4000 · Group Contributions				
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions				
676989 · 104920-Fosston Thursday Night	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>		
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	0.00	150.00		
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions				
107962 · 80715-Stephen Group	100.00	100.00		
117847 · 110006-Helping HandsGroup	50.00	50.00		
161335 · 33539-Williams AA Group	5.00	5.00		
716253 · 10884-TRF Twin Rivers Recovery	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	155.00	180.00		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	75.00	125.00		
119323 · 103393-Erhard Group	0.00	100.00		
120337 · 83617-Sunday Eye Openers Group	0.00	50.00		
144731 · 45425-Ottertail Thurs Nite	100.00	100.00		
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	<u>300.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>		
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	475.00	675.00		
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				
107752 · 13822-Glenwood Tuesday Night	65.00	105.00		
137624 · 5284-Kensington Wednesday Night	35.00	65.00		
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	50.00	275.00		
647047 · 84237-Sun Night 630 12 & 12	50.00	70.00		
661987 · 37888-Noon Step & Tradition Grp	0.00	100.00		
663064 · 104638-Elbow Lake AA	0.00	75.00		
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	0.00	25.00		
672997 · 103511-Evansville AA	0.00	100.00		
690185 · 62983-Sat 10am BB Study Grp	50.00	100.00		
717046 · 90330-12 & 12 Step Trad Study	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>		
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	275.00	940.00		
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions				
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	100.00	175.00		
145149 · Squad 10 Elk River	0.00	20.00		
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	0.00	50.00		
319745 · A design for Living	0.00	90.00		
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	150.00	300.00		
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	0.00	25.00		
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>		
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	250.00	760.00		
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions				
107656 · 95486-Bethel Community Group	0.00	20.00		
107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community Group	0.00	30.00		
122300 · 14065-Tues Night AA Isanti	20.00	42.00		
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	45.00	118.05		
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	0.00	60.00		
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00	15.00		
142131 · 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study	0.00	10.00		
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	0.00	30.00		
307923 · Daily Reprieve Group	20.00	160.00		
349376 · Saturday Night First 164	0.00	24.78		
672898 · 70426-Simple Not Easy BB Group	0.00	60.00		
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	25.00	75.00		
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	10.00	25.00		
699264 · 14361-Long Lake AA	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>		
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	220.00	769.83		

4000-07 · District 07 Contributions		
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	0.00	100.00
123531 · 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	0.00	50.00
129660 · 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason AA	61.00	154.00
179367 · 12589-New Hope Group	0.00	13.35
609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	116.96	175.28
609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	100.00	100.00
642096 · 90198-11th Step Group	0.00	75.00
648541 · 99843-Our Common Welfare	0.00	100.00
693934 · 36217 Mon Night Mens Nisswa	0.00	100.00
699168 · 23087 Mille Lacs Prim Purpose	0.00	222.97
705579 · 112000 Isle Big Book	0.00	150.00
710094 · 73044 Sober Sailors Group	0.00	25.00
727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	277.96	1,365.60
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
107486 · 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	50.00	225.00
107537 · 19851 Virginia Wed AM	50.00	50.00
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	50.00	125.00
107732 · 103232 Ely Wed. Nite AA	50.00	50.00
107733 · 103231 Ely Saturday Night	134.00	134.00
107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	150.00	250.00
120255 · 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	0.00	46.00
128079 · 100191 Cotton Big Book	0.00	50.00
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	129.00	236.00
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	36.00	75.90
674017 · Happy, Joyous & Free Grp Ely	50.00	50.00
697556 · 94205 Babbitt Thursday Night	40.00	40.00
709534 · 6306 Ladies by the Lake	0.00	50.00
716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	<u>0.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	739.00	1,441.90
4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hibb	50.00	75.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	30.00	90.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00	50.00
107861 · Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	0.00	84.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	0.00	50.00
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	50.00	80.00
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	25.00	50.00
634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	0.00	25.00
677065 · 64685-Keep It Simple Hibbing	0.00	20.00
694149 · 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	75.00	200.00
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	<u>40.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	270.00	844.00
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00	100.00
173665 · 24312 Saturday Sobriety Group	0.00	50.00
603818 · 104296 Finlayson Wed Night	0.00	50.00
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	0.00	50.00
685409 · 78656 - Mora Wed Morning Women	25.00	25.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	<u>10.25</u>	<u>23.50</u>
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	35.25	298.50
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions		
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	0.00	14.55
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	0.00	100.00
123391 · 9916 A Vision for You Group	250.00	250.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	0.00	125.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	50.00	50.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	90.00	315.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	0.00	100.00
167706 · Proctor AA Group	0.00	40.00
172668 · 78663 Tuesday Night AA Group	0.00	15.00
632924 · 84886 Esko Sun. Night Group	0.00	43.40
635620 · 47870 Pattison Park Group	100.00	100.00
637117 · On Awakening Group	0.00	150.00
643667 · 22195 Not a Glum Lot	30.00	30.00
695769 · 13560 Grand Marais Tue Night	0.00	15.00
698824 · 6053 There Is A Solution Women	<u>0.00</u>	<u>17.00</u>
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	520.00	1,364.95

4000-13 · District 13 Contributions

107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	0.00	175.00
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group(Tue)	100.00	130.00
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	150.00
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	0.00	200.00
120216 · 27549 A New Found Freedom	0.00	50.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	100.00	300.00
123219 · 105732 Fri Living Sober Grp	0.00	75.00
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	50.00	100.00
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	40.00	80.00
146877 · 102573 Early Wed. Night	0.00	75.00
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	100.00	325.00
670436 · 37950 Wmns Willingness to Grow	0.00	50.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	0.00	75.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	<u>50.00</u>	<u>125.00</u>
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	440.00	1,910.00

4000-15 · District 15 Contributions

107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	100.00	100.00
107881 · 47996 Paynesville Wed Night Grp	0.00	100.00
118632 · 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	0.00	75.00
137718 · 121119 St Joesph Smokers Group	50.00	50.00
150662 · 65276 Sauk Centre Friday Night	135.00	135.00
167100 · 7217 Sauk Centre Thurs. Morning	75.00	75.00
679438 · 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	100.00	100.00
718858 · 19361 Back 2 Basics	<u>93.00</u>	<u>143.00</u>
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	553.00	778.00

4000-16 · District 16 Contributions

107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	80.00	80.00
117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	123.00	123.00
118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	65.00	65.00
120344 · 103049 Effie Group	0.00	200.00
616207 · 7371 Thurs. Night BB Study	0.00	80.00
696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	268.00	698.00

4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	0.00	66.65
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4000-18 · District 18 Contributions

107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	0.00	200.00
107785 · 19219 Little Falls AA Club	150.00	150.00
107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	0.00	100.00
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	200.00	500.00

4000-21 · District 21 Contributions

139141 · 76830 Spiritual Awareness Group	0.00	165.00
145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	150.00	270.00
158263 · 82268 Straight-Talk Group	0.00	40.00
662565 · 13687 Living Sober Group	30.00	60.00
663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	0.00	100.00
679835 · 105769 Big Book Study Bemidji	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	380.00	835.00

4000 · Group Contributions - Other	<u>10.00</u>	<u>388.00</u>	<u>14,882.00</u>	<u>25,512.00</u>
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	5,068.21	13,965.43	14,882.00	25,512.00

4100 · Birthday Contributions	0.00	45.00		
4700 · Grapevine Sales	204.50	264.50		
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	729.25	2,070.95		
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	150.00	150.00		
4800 · Interest on Deposits	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.35</u>		
Total Income	<u>6,227.07</u>	<u>16,796.23</u>	<u>14,882.00</u>	<u>25,512.00</u>
Gross Profit	6,227.07	16,796.23	14,882.00	25,512.00
Expense				
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	75.00	75.00	100.00	200.00
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	2,056.80	3,836.79		
5200 · Service Workshop				
5201 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
5203 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	886.00	886.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	0.00	0.00	1,516.00	1,516.00
5300 · Spring Assembly				
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
5302 · Coffee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
5360 · State Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
5400 · Fall Assembly				
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
5402 · Coffee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee				
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	28.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>108.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,131.80</u>	<u>3,911.79</u>	<u>3,924.00</u>	<u>7,032.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,095.27	12,884.44	10,958.00	18,480.00
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
6100 · Delegate				
6100-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	354.00	438.00
6100-02 · Travel	57.66	57.66	254.12	1,196.74
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	750.00	1,500.00
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6100-06 · Printing	345.63	345.63	1,200.00	1,200.00
6100-08 · Other	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,825.00</u>	<u>1,825.00</u>
Total 6100 · Delegate	2,203.29	2,203.29	4,433.12	6,209.74
6200 · Alternate Delegate				
6200-01 · Meals	8.50	8.50	534.00	728.00
6200-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	605.00	1,305.00
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	910.00	1,170.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6200-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	28.50	28.50	2,279.00	3,433.00
6300 · Chairperson				
6300-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	274.00	348.00
6300-02 · Travel	11.00	11.00	289.00	493.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	440.00	720.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	205.00	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>375.22</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 6300 · Chairperson	43.18	386.22	1,395.63	2,204.08
6400 · Secretary				
6400-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	294.00	408.00
6400-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	240.00	400.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	700.00	855.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	810.00	820.00
6400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 6400 · Secretary	20.00	20.00	2,069.00	2,508.00

6500 · Treasurer				
6500-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	378.00	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	408.61	616.98
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	600.00	900.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.95
6500-06 · Printing	39.07	39.07		
6500-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 6500 · Treasurer	39.07	79.07	1,416.61	2,676.93
7000 · Archives Chair				
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	-7.00	174.00	283.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	-8.00	220.00	320.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	540.00	950.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	20.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	100.00	250.00	25.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.26</u>	<u>96.78</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	132.26	331.78	979.00	1,618.00
7100 · Archivist				
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	231.50	318.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	537.50	800.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	840.00	1,120.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	112.50	150.00
7100-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>380.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	100.00	2,101.50	3,018.00
7200 · Corrections				
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	234.00	368.00
7200-02 · Travel	25.00	25.00	240.00	340.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	600.00	750.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	60.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>96.54</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7200 · Corrections	57.18	121.54	1,216.63	1,711.08
7300 · CPC				
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	104.00	143.00
7300-02 · Travel	60.00	60.00	355.00	490.00
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
7300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7300 · CPC	60.00	60.00	851.63	1,106.08
7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	194.00	298.00
7400-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	500.00	710.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,500.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	100.00	180.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7400-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7400 · Grapevine	52.18	164.81	1,836.63	2,911.08
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	8.00	8.00	374.00	468.00
7500-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	95.00	130.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	610.00	760.00
7500-05 · Supplies	59.78	59.78	20.00	30.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
7500-07 · Postage	50.40	50.40	11.25	22.50
7500-08 · Other	<u>9.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	147.18	147.18	1,190.25	1,505.50
7600 · Literature				
7600-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	214.00	328.00
7600-02 · Travel	107.00	137.29	124.00	218.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	580.00	860.00
7600-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
7600-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7600 · Literature	107.00	137.29	1,045.63	1,614.08

7700 · Northern Light				
7700-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	394.00	548.00
7700-02 · Travel	20.00	20.00	283.36	358.77
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	750.00	900.00
7700-06 · Printing	371.00	1,503.00	1,125.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	379.41	1,443.73	900.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 7700 · Northern Light	770.41	2,966.73	3,482.36	5,886.77
7800 · Public Information				
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	234.00	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	404.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	560.00	700.00
7800-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
7800-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7800-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7800 · Public Information	0.00	0.00	1,340.63	2,304.08
7900 · Treatment				
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	194.00	298.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	500.00	710.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,500.00
7900-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	40.00	100.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7900-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.12</u>	<u>96.36</u>	<u>112.63</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7900 · Treatment	32.12	96.36	1,776.63	2,831.08
7950 · Webmaster				
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	294.00	378.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	218.00	284.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,200.00
7950-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7950-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>230.00</u>	<u>230.00</u>
Total 7950 · Webmaster	0.00	0.00	1,667.00	2,117.00
8000 · Web Technology				
8000-08 · Software Products	<u>48.32</u>	<u>167.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 8000 · Web Technology	48.32	167.72	0.00	0.00
8050 · Audio Technician				
8050-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	74.00	118.00
8050-02 · Travel	44.80	44.80	150.00	265.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,350.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	<u>44.80</u>	<u>44.80</u>	<u>1,139.00</u>	<u>1,948.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>3,785.49</u>	<u>7,055.29</u>	<u>30,220.25</u>	<u>45,602.50</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-3,785.49</u>	<u>-7,055.29</u>	<u>-30,220.25</u>	<u>-45,602.50</u>
Net Income	<u>309.78</u>	<u>5,829.15</u>	<u>-19,262.25</u>	<u>-27,122.50</u>

“The first thing that captured me at my very first meeting was the way AA members talked with one another. There was a genuineness, something real there, that I wanted ... I saw they were sober and that they were honest with each other.”

“The Real Thing,” New York, New York, February 2001, Voices of Long-Term Sobriety

“The more I change, the more I hope the Traditions and principles of AA don’t change.”

“Ten Minutes of Oneness,” San Mateo, California, December 1995, In Our Own Words: Stories of Young AAs in Recovery

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.

Archives Quiz

By Peter Theisen- Archives Chair

(Questions obtained from the book, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age)

1. In what year were the 12 steps completed?
 - A. 1937
 - B. 1938
 - C. 1939
2. Where was the 1st World Service Office?
 - A. Akron
 - B. Newark
 - C. New York
3. In what year did Dr. Bob die?
 - A. 1953
 - B. 1949
 - C. 1950
4. The person who provided Bill and others with a first contact with John D. Rockefeller Jr. was?
 - A. Leonard V. Strong
 - B. Dr. John Norris
 - C. William Richardson
5. Father Ed Dowling is credited with
 - A. Sharing with Bill an understanding of spiritual life.
 - B. Founding AA in St. Louis
 - C. All of the above
6. When was the first international conference held?
 - A. 1950
 - B. 1655
 - C. 1945
7. When was the first General Service Conference?
 - A. 1949
 - B. 1951
 - C. 1953
8. What was AA `s first club In what year house called?
 - A. Alano Club
 - B. The Old 24th
 - C. AA House
9. When was AA`s Twelve Step and Twelve Traditions published?
 - A. 1953
 - B. 1956
 - C. 1959
10. What year General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous vote to present Dr. Bob`s heirs with a scroll?
 - A. 1951
 - B. 1955
 - C. 1960

“We are again citizens of the world. It is a distraught world, very tired, very uncertain. It has worshiped its own self-sufficiency – and that has failed. We AAs are a people who once did that very thing. That philosophy failed us, too. So perhaps, here and there, our example of recovery can help.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1944, “A Date With Destiny”, The Language of the Heart

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

2021

October : 2nd & 3rd - Area 35 Fall Assembly
Arrowwood Resort
2100 Arrowwood Lane NW
Alexandria, MN

December : 5th - Area Committee Meeting
Alano Club 9am - 2pm
322 1st Ave E
Aitkin MN

2022

January : 15th-16th Area 35 Winter Workshop
Holiday Inn
Detroit Lakes MN

February : 27th Area Committee Meeting
Alano Club 9am - 2pm
322 1st Ave E
Aitkin MN

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
SPIRIT OF SERVICE WORKSHOP

SPONSORED BY DISTRICTS 9 AND 16
SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
1637 EAST 40TH STREET
HIBBING, MN 55746
Across from McDonalds

AND ON ZOOM
948 663 1016
Password: Workshop21
11:00 – 4:00PM

POT LUCK AT 11:00 AM!!!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

Coffee will be provided.

12:00 JAKE FROM HIBBING SPEAKING ON
CONCEPT 9 AND WHAT “TRUSTED SERVANT”
MEANS

1:00 – 2:30 SERVICE POSITIONS AT DISTRICT
LEVEL WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AND AN-
SWERS

2:30 – 4:00 SPEAKER – JIM S. – MOTIVATION
TO SERVE, HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCES
AND STORY

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!! WE WILL BE RO-
TATING POSITIONS SOON! COME FOR INFOR-
MATION, LEAVE MOTIVATED TO SERVE

Date: Nov 26-28th 2021
Place: DoubleTree Bloomington – Minneapolis South
Bloomington, MN
Event: Founder’s Day Weekend;
Celebrating 81 years of AA in Minnesota
Information: Founder’s Day Weekend Chair
P.O. Box 8327
Minneapolis, MN 55408-9998



Area 35
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

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

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

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

Thank you for your Help.

Agenda
Deadline Dates

September 15th

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

February 15th

Delegate receives Agenda
Items from the General Service
Office. Then creates a “Hot Topic
List” and sends it along with the
Agenda Items and Background
Information to the Area 35 Web-
master.

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.

4th 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.

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
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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. 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,
Cindy S-K

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

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

3. Upon approval mail to :

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

With an attn.: Northern Light on the mailing address
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
7633 15th Ave NE
Rice, MN 56367

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—725 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and hand outs.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2021 are as Follows:

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

We are always looking for submissions to place in this spot. Please submit to northernlight@area35.org

Area 35 Guidelines

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

A good flyer should answer the following questions:

1. Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
 - a) AA Group
 - b) District
 - c) Area
2. What type of event is it? Examples:
 - a) An open or closed meeting
 - b) Speaker meeting
 - c) Call up meeting
 - d) Big Book meeting
 - e) Workshop
 - f) Conference
 - g) Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
 - h) AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
3. When is the event to take place? Examples:
 - a) Date and time
 - b) Does it reoccur
4. Where will the event take place?
 - a) Name of the facility and the address
 - b) Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
5. Why is the event taking place?
 - a) 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)
 - b) 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 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 with any questions.

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service

ACM - Area Committee Meeting

BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)

BTG - Bridging the Gap

CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service

CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program

CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community

DCM - District Committee Member

FNV- Fellowship New Vision Database

FOC - Finance Oversight Committee

GSB - General Service Board

GSC - General Service Conference

GSO - General Service Office

GSR - General Service Representative

GV- Grapevine

GVR - Grapevine Representative

ICYPAA - International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

NL- Northern Light

NMAA - Northern Minnesota Area Assembly

PI - Public Information

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

WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)

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

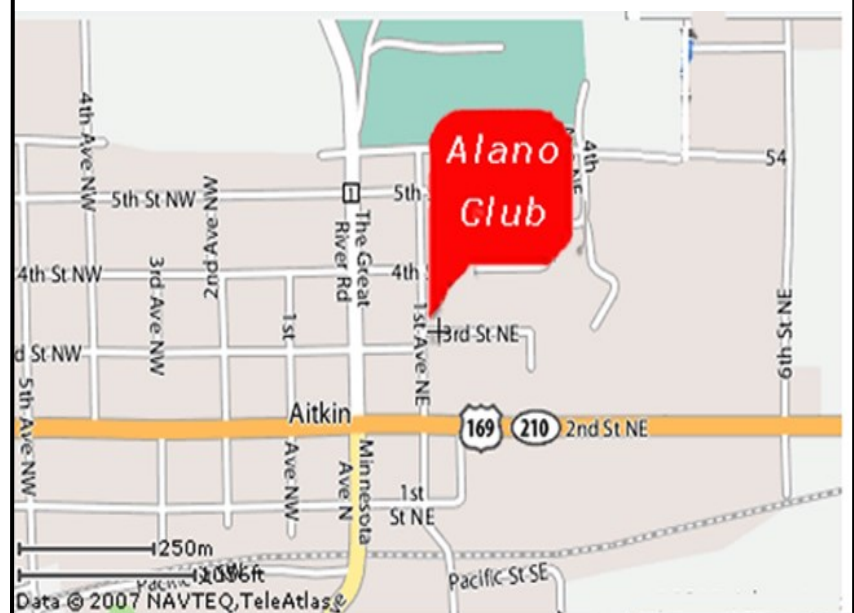
WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)

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

AREA 35 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!



OUR PAST DELEGATES

<u>Panel 68</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Christine G	
<u>Panel 66</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Kelly D	
<u>Panel 64</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Michael “Jake” J	
<u>Panel 62</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Jim K	
<u>Panel 60</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
Jon C	
<u>Panel 58</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
JoAnne M N	
<u>Panel 56</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Jerry S	
<u>Panel 54</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
Charlie C	
<u>Panel 52</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>
Tim C	
<u>Panel 50</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
Tom A	
<u>Panel 48</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>
Susie A	
<u>Panel 46</u>	<u>1996-1997</u>
Bill P (deceased)	
<u>Panel 44</u>	<u>1994-1995</u>
Bruce B	
<u>Panel 42</u>	<u>1992-1993</u>
Greg G (deceased)	
<u>Panel 40</u>	<u>1990-1991</u>
Bob J	
<u>Panel 38</u>	<u>1988-1989</u>

Scott J	
<u>Panel 36</u>	<u>1986-1987</u>
Louie H	
<u>Panel 34</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>
Bob P (deceased)	
<u>Panel 32</u>	<u>1982-1983</u>
Tom L (deceased)	
<u>Panel 30</u>	<u>1980-1981</u>
Don M (deceased)	
<u>Panel 28</u>	<u>1978-1979</u>
Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)	
<u>Panel 26</u>	<u>1976-1977</u>
Vern R (deceased)	
<u>Panel 24</u>	<u>1974-1975</u>
Gordon B. H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 22</u>	<u>1972-1973</u>
Frank P. J (deceased)	
<u>Panel 20</u>	<u>1970-1971</u>
Clarence B (deceased)	
<u>Panel 18</u>	<u>1968-1969</u>
Dave H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 16</u>	<u>1966-1967</u>
Arno A (deceased)	
<u>Panel 14</u>	<u>1964-1965</u>
Donald F (deceased)	

<u>Panel 12</u>	<u>1962-1963</u>
Donna T (deceased)	
<u>Panel 10</u>	<u>1960-1961</u>
Bob B (deceased)	
<u>Panel 8</u>	<u>1958-1959</u>
Pearl N (deceased)	
<u>Panel 6</u>	<u>1956-1957</u>
Waldo H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 4</u>	<u>1954-1955</u>
Wendell H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 2</u>	<u>1952-1953</u>
Arthur R (deceased)	

Answers to Archives Quiz

Sept 2021 Archive Quiz Answers

1.B, 2.C, 3.C,
4.C , 5.C , 6.A,
7.B, 8.B , 9.A,
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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

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:

- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
- Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
- Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.

- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
- Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
- Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
- Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
- Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)

Area 35 Fall Assembly
October 2nd & 3rd, 2021
Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center Alexandria, MN

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation/Sharing Session & Action Chair Committee Meetings
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch** - on your own
- 1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes**
 - Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer
 - Why We Need a Conference
 - Recognize Past Delegates
 - Recognize GSRs
 - Add to Agenda
 - Approve 2021 Spring Assembly Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS

- Delegate – Jim S
- Alternate Delegate – Steve L
- Chair – Gayle R
- Secretary – Heidi B
- Treasurer – Justin W

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

- CPC – Brian P
- District 9 Ricco R
- District 4 Bumper L
- WEBMASTER – Thomas H
- LITERATURE – Bruce M
- District 14
- District 3 Gene M
- NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy

S-K

- District 8 Nels P
- GROUP RECORDS – Sally L
- District 2 Daniel W
- District 15 – Lori L
- TREATMENT – Melissa M
- District 13 Denise R
- District 18 Scott S
- ARCHIVIST –
- ARCHIVES – Peter T
- District 16 Katy P
- District 12 Shelly H
- CORRECTIONS – Butch R
- District 1 Laura C

- District 11 Kurt N
- PUBLIC INFORMATION: Greg C
- District 7 Tim V
- District 6 Mike U
- GRAPEVINE – Pat M
- District 5 Terry P
- District 21 John W

2:30 p.m. BREAK

2:45 p.m. Continue with Committee/DCM reports

4:45 p.m. BREAK

5:00 p.m.

- GSR Sharing Session
- DCM Sharing Session
- Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet
- Open AA Meeting

6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)

7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes

OLD BUSINESS

- Action Book Prepare for next Printing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Action Book Prepare for next Printing.
- GSR Sharing Session Report
- DCM Sharing Session Report
- Area Officer Sharing Session Report
- Elections for: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chair
- December ACM
- Calendar of Events
- Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)
- Adjourn

**Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA
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Rice, MN 56367**