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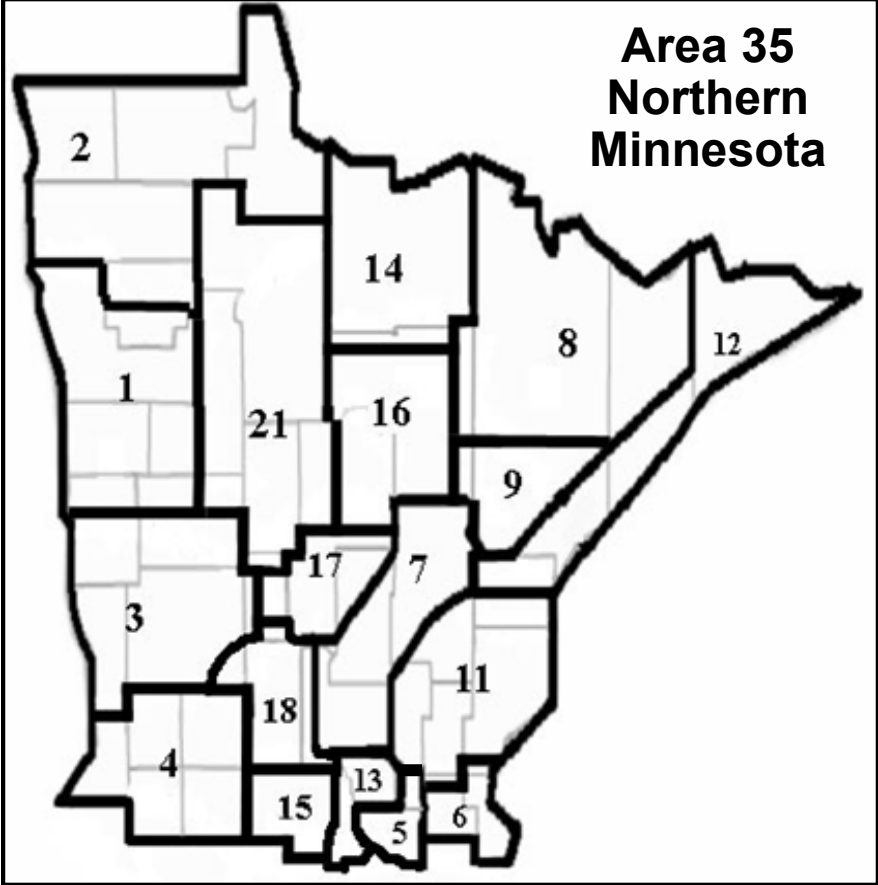
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Zone I

- 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
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, New London, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

Zone III

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

Zone IV

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

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

District Meeting Location Information		
<p><u>District 1</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>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></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u></p> <p>1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible,</p> <p><u>District 13</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u></p> <p>1st Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u></p> <p>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></p> <p>2nd Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p>

Area 35 June ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
June 6, 2022

Call to Order: Area Chair Christine G. called the meeting to order at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2022, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.
Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Charlie C, Panel 54; Jim S, Panel 70
Additions to Agenda: Saint Cloud Intergroup; Joint Area 35/Area 36 Workshop; Proposal to General Service Conference from the Gilbert Tuesday Group and District 8
Approval of February 2022 ACM Minutes: Nels P. motioned to approve the minutes, Jim R. seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – STEVEN L

I’m Steve L. serving as your Area Delegate. Things were slow for a few weeks after the Spring Assembly. Then I went on a trip to New York and things became busy really fast. The first week back from the conference I took it easy. I talked at two different treatment centers then attended the Iron Range Get-together. Karen said she thought I took a few extra naps. Since coming back from the conference I’ve given reports to Districts 12, 9 and 14. I have scheduled upcoming conference reports to give to Districts 13, 8, 7, 6, 5, 11 and 3. Please contact me to schedule a report for your District.

My PowerPoint presentation along with all the reports, presentations, and PowerPoint presentations from the 72nd General Service Conference (GSC) are posted on our website for your viewing pleasure. If you have any questions, please call to discuss your concern.

Because my report back from the GSC took two hours it’s not repeated in this report. I’m looking at a way to have it included in this issue of the NL without it being ten pages of PP slides.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W

Greetings Area 35, I have been busy getting a venue selected for the 2023 Service Workshop, which is in Zone IV, according to our actions book. I did select Duluth because I have some good memories from past area events that were held there. I had asked for pricing from 3 hotels, the Country Inn and Suites, the Radisson, and the Holiday Inn. The Country Inn was the best priced, but their meeting space was inadequate. The Radisson mandated that we commit to booking all of the rooms for 2 nights. I signed an agreement with the Holiday Inn yesterday.

We don’t have the flyer or agenda yet but should have that available at the August ACM. The room rate is \$159 per night and our cutoff date for registration will be December 14th. The meeting space will come to \$1475 for both days so I’m thinking it’s pretty reasonably priced.

We have a pre-conference meeting scheduled on Monday, June 13th to discuss the setup and logistics to make sure that they know what we are expecting.
In service, Justin

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greeting Area 35, It’s been a busy month of May. We do have the Treasurer position open and at the Fall Assembly in Crookston we will be accepting nominations and have a vote to fill the position. I would also like to thank our Alternate Delegate for stepping up and helping with getting all our reports printed for this period. I will be receiving contributions and making deposits to the bank. I would also like to thank Cindy for everything she has done for Area 35. All her hard work is very much appreciated and did not go unnoticed. The temporary address for contributions is printed in the Northern Light. It is 126 13th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301. Once we have a new treasurer this address will change.

We had a total count of 130 that attended the Spring Assembly in Ely. Once again, thank you to District 8 for hosting and doing a great job. The results of the evaluations are printed in the May/June issue of the Northern Light. Spring Assembly 2023 will be at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria hosted by District 4. I will start working on the Fall Assembly location this month. I am looking at a facility in Isle and we have the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud as two options right now. I will not have this finalized by the time budgets are due. I will get some rough estimates for hotel prices. Then I will start working on the next rotation’s events so those are set for the incoming Chair.

On April 25th, Area 35 Group Records and myself sent an email to the Digital Product Manager at GSO regarding the duplication of meetings in District 13. There were meetings being listed by Area 35 and meetings being listed by St. Cloud Intergroup. We were requesting information on why this was happening as we did not authorize any change in how meeting updates are handled. All meetings are updated with Area 35 Group Records.

On May 5th, I sent another email requesting an update on the previous request. I received a response that acknowledged the problem and that they could not offer a solution to duplication at this point but would be working at getting the situation fixed I replied stating that we look forward to a resolution and update on how this will be prevented from happening again.

On May 17th, I sent a detailed email showing them how the duplicated meet-

ings are showing incorrect directions to the meetings. I expressed concerns as to how this is sending members to incorrect locations.
On May 25th, I received an email from the Digital Product Manager recognizing the information and she assured me that they would be having a meeting internally to consider the next steps.

On May 28th, Area 36 Chair and myself, had a lunch meeting with AAWS Board Chair, Deborah K., to discuss Meeting Guide App and the disunity that is constantly eroding within Area 35 and 36. We learned that there is policy in place with the Meeting Guide App and that will be addressed. Policy is continuously being refined and hopefully we will see some defined protocol.

On June 1st, all duplicate meetings have been removed. I have not received an email outlining the resolution.
I continue to have meetings via phone and I person with Area 36 Chair as we work at restoring our area’s relationship. We would like to propose having a virtual Area 35/36 Joint Workshop on September 18th from 1-4pm. We will have an open discussion on this under new business later today.

I continue to work on our Area Inventory process, and I have been thinking about conducting the initial area inventory via survey monkey and then take that information and present it at the Fall assembly and get feedback from the assembly on each item. So mainly the survey would take the place of the traditional breakout sessions. I would still bring in a guest, outside of Area 35, to facilitate the floor discussion. If you have any feedback regarding this inventory process, please contact me. I am open to ideas.

We will need to decide on how we are going to include the GSRs in our August Committee meeting as we have a GSC Proposal that we will need to vote on prior to the September deadline. This will be discussed under new business.

The first 6 months of this position has been very trying. I have a new relationship with my higher power and have learned to trust His Will in a whole new way. I have learned that this has nothing to do with me and everything to do about Area 35 and the groups that are a part of it. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve Area 35. In Unity and Service, Christine G

SECRETARY – SALLY L

Greetings, Area 35. I do not have much to report. I got the minutes out, and also sent them to Heidi B. for the Northern Light.
When you make a motion during the meeting, please write a clear and concise motion and provide it to me so I can make sure to put exactly what the motion says into the minutes, also so we know exactly what we are voting on.

Please email your reports to me by June 12, 2022. If you do not have email, please provide a written report to me by the end of today’s meeting. If I do not receive a report by the due date, I will have to write “No Report” in the minutes. In service, Sally L.

TREASURER – CINDY SK

Hi this is Cindy and I am an alcoholic, I am also your elected treasurer. At this time I have to step away from service and resign as treasurer. My higher power has other plans for me. I get to care for my mom as she walks to the end of her life and for that I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I hope to see you in the future as we all trudge the road. Cindy

TREASURER (TEMPORARY) – JUSTIN W

Greeting Area 35, The treasurer position has opened as of last month. Christine and I will be standing in to handle the treasury responsibilities temporarily, pending the election of a new treasurer at the fall assembly. We have a process written for the position and are looking forward to getting our next treasurer up to speed.

I received the treasury from Christine a couple of weeks ago and have since gotten things caught up. Christine is making the deposits and signing checks, and I am doing the bookkeeping. Legally, neither Christine nor myself can hold this position for the remainder of the rotation so let’s get the position filled. We don’t necessarily have to assign someone who is already serving the area.

Last rotation when I was treasurer there were several instances of contributions being sent to the old addresses. Steve mentioned to me that he just received one at his address. I wasn’t in general service when Steve was the treasurer, so that mailing address is from about 10 years ago. I was wondering if it might be feasible for the Area to obtain and keep the same PO Box and just use the post office to forward the mail each time we rotate.
In service, Justin W

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS
CPC – GREG C

The World of Contact with the Professional Community (CPC) continues to evolve. It presents a remarkable picture of how our society is changing as it attempts to meet the needs of a variety of addictions and mental health issues. I recently attended the annual state MACPO (MN Assn. of Correction and Probation Officers) Conference held near Brainerd in May. It was exciting to discuss and exchange ideas with attendees as well as explore the growing number of programs and facilities targeting the addiction/mental health/criminal market. This group of multi-issue facilities is expanding at an in-

credible rate. In Area 35 alone, there are no less than a dozen, new, brick & mortar facilities for housing men, women and children as young as 9 who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction, mental health diagnosis and a variety of social and environmental issues. These are not your traditional treatment centers. And while they provide important short and long term programs (with not yet well documented outcomes), the treatment for Alcoholism, while including SOME 12 step principles, does not include much direct involvement with the AA program. In fact, my impression is that they are a direct alternative to Alcoholics Anonymous. As we are not in the promotions business, we need to expand our CPC and PI work to the groups of professionals who recommend these facilities and send their clients to them. This includes the afore-mentioned corrections/probation officers...county social workers...law enforcement...medical staff. Our message hasn't changed. I don't believe it needs to change. I DO believe we need to be stronger and louder in letting these professionals know who we are and how to find us. While we don't claim to have an answer for ALL of life's problems; we do have an answer for the still suffering Alcoholic. And if we aren't the primary source of help being sought, we certainly should be a consideration for long-term after-care for Alcoholism for anyone leaving any type of treatment program. So, fire up those websites and hot-lines, get out and visit these professionals, put together short effective information outlines and presentations, get the AA name in the hands of the front-liners who work with Alcoholics every day! Thanks for the opportunity to serve Area 35. Don't be a stranger! Greg C

DISTRICT 18 – SCOTT S

No report.

DISTRICT 15 – LISA M

My name is Lisa and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM of District 15. We will be having a booth at the Stearns County Fair, along with Al-Anon, July 27-31st. Zonal Forum on August 13th at the Perham Alano Clubhouse, for Districts 15, 3 and 4. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

LITERATURE – PAT M

Hello area 35 Pat M here. I hope you're all having a great summer so far. Sorry I could not be there this weekend. I really enjoy going to Aitkin and sitting down and visiting with all of you. I've been moving some books and some pamphlets. It's been a little slow, hopefully it picks up here. I would like to talk to you about one pamphlet - it's called the AA group Where it all Begins. There is so much information in this pamphlet about AA groups to service structure and anonymity and even talks about the main purpose of it. I think it would be a good read for all GSRs to share with their groups and DCMs to share with your districts. It's a good read for anybody in AA. There is a great value of information in that pamphlet. Hope to see you all in August. If you need anything (pamphlets, books)I will get to them to you one way or another. I still would like to visit districts to share on the literature that we have in AA so if your district is interested in having me visit please let me know. I would sure enjoy doing that. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your literature chair. Pat M

DISTRICT 12 – TERRY A

(Richard G gave a report for DCM Terry)

Greetings, Area 35. The updated District 12 pamphlet is done and will be distributed to all meetings and Area events. Two billboards have been approved, one in Duluth and one in Superior, WI. It says, "If you want to drink, that is your business. If you want to stop, we can help." Treatment and Correctional meetings still on pause. St. Louis Co. Health Fair Convention is being worked on and will take place in October at the DECC in Duluth. Yours in service, Richard G

DISTRICT 5 – JARRIN V

Hi Everyone, Jarrin district 5 DCM. Happy to report everything has been going quite smoothly in district 5. Our district meeting is held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran church in Princeton. Attendance has been outstanding I would say averaging around 16 present. All chair positions are filled and we have a lot of participation with the GSRs from the district 5 groups. Our secretary Hannah has been adding lots of items to our website, district5online, which I think is a great improvement. Gives us much more to look at when browsing around the site. I thank all of the chairs in district 5 for their efforts in their roles. Our treatment chair has been out and we are now bringing meetings into some of the treatment centers in our area. Also our PI chair Steve has a running commitment with the Sherburne county probation office, which is an orientation to AA. I know that Mark our corrections chair has been hard at work trying to get us back in to correction facilities such as Milaca and Sherburne county, but as of right now nothing is opened up. They're still holding on to the no entrance due to covid and staffing, hopefully soon something will open up. Other than that waiting to hear back from district 6 to hopefully get together and hear what Steve can share with us for the delegate reports back. Also spent last weekend at Gopher State and seeing numerous friends from the program. thanks for the opportunity to share. Yours in service, Jarrin V

WEBMASTER – KYLE H

No Report.

NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35, We had 6 in attendance in our NL/Webmaster/Group Records meeting this morning. We met Budd, the new DCM for District 3, along with Melvin. We discussed our NL article submissions policy, event submissions to our webmaster and meetings in District 3.

The third issue of the 2022 Northern Light was shipped over a week ago. I hope you have all had time to read through it. It was a smaller edition than usual, so I included a few images from an issue from 1983. I have to apologize to Denise (again) for missing her article in this issue. I will include it in the July/August issue. The deadline for article submissions is July 8.

If you did not receive your copy or would like to be added to the mailing list, please let either myself or our Group Records Chair, Denise R, know. I appreciate all of your article submissions. Please continue to share your experience, strength, and hope by submitting your articles to me at northern-light@area35.org. All article submissions are approved by the Northern Light committee.

If you'd like your upcoming event flier printed in the Northern Light, please email it to me. You must follow the guidelines listed in the Northern Light to be included. There is no cost to include it in our events section. If you'd like it printed as a separate piece and blown into the Northern Light, there are costs involved and these are listed in the back of the Northern Light. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Heidi B

DISTRICT 3 – BUDD M

Budd M Reporting as elected District Chairperson attending the Area 35 meeting.

-The District has open positions that we have been trying to fill for over a year or two.

-Open Position(s): Our DCM (Gene M.) attended his last district meeting in May 2022. I (Budd M.) will chair upcoming meetings.

-Literature chair position is open, Bill D. has all the literature and will train whoever would like to opportunity for this service position.

-Corrections Chairperson is another open position. Becker County Jail is now holding meetings and there is a mask mandate due to the increase in Covid in the County.

-Our current CPC/PI person: Pete S. has done a great job getting the word and materials out in the district. He recently offered to help out with the webmaster position since the last webmaster came ill.

-Pete S. has contacted the server to get assistance with the webpage but got no response and needs to find alternative contact information. We need to get the information on website payment and when and how it is paid. Kyle H. from Alexandria is willing to help and visit us after the fall assembly.

- Alternate DCM is also an open position that should be filled during the June 2022 District meeting. The position will be updating the District Meeting List and Round Robins speaker meetings and Pot Luck meal. Round Robin last month was a huge success. meeting was well attended. Next RR potluck Speaker Meeting is June 11th, Kelvin D from Fargo and fliers were sent out. Potluck meeting at MTNG July 14th Moorhead, Pot Luck.

-The District Helpline usually handles several calls per month, mostly people looking for meeting.

-Treatment Centers have had several groups throughout the District attend meetings in their facilities and have been well received.

-Grapevine Chairperson, Melissia M. continually reminds members to read the grapevine, check out a factoid online at aagrapevine.org. She let us all know there is a New Book out: Fun in Sobriety Armed Forces Initiative Podcast .

-District GSR's have been Reporting meeting attendance has grown in the past 6 months and looking Good!

- Past Delegate Jim S. will be chairing a Zonal Forum, August 13th at the Perham Alano Club.

In service, Budd

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

I continue to handle many requests for meeting changes and updating aaminnesota.org which feeds into the Meeting Guide App. I am still waiting for a new computer from the Area to use so things are still running a bit slow with my own personal computer.

I have had some confusion in some requests as I have not been able to locate the correct groups that changes are being requested for. It would be very helpful to include the Group Number when you need to make a change to the meeting listing or in particular if you find you have a group that is not listed on the Meeting Guide App or Minnesota meeting locator. Most of the time I find if a meeting is not listed on the Meeting Guide App or Minnesota meeting locator it is because the group hasn't been listed with GSO and I have no record of it.

I have been able to work with Gayle from the Greater Minneapolis Inter-group to make changes to some of Area 35 Groups' meeting listings that are listed with their intergroup on MN meeting locator. In some cases Groups' meetings are listed with the Minneapolis Intergroup and Area 35/36 which causes a duplicate listing. I have been working with them to clean up the duplicate listings.

I have also been working with our Area Chair and App Support to clean up duplicate meeting listings for District 13 Groups the St. Cloud Intergroup has created. That has been recently taken care of and once again District 13 meeting listings have been corrected.

In talking with Sally, the past Group Records person, I have decided it would be easier to use older forms for New Groups and Group Changes. I need more information than what GSO is asking for and their new forms do not have what I need. I have brought copies for you to take with you. Please use these forms going forward and return them to me at grouprecords@area35.org and I will make sure GSO is included with any new groups or any group changes.

I have also had several DCM's ask for their Groups information in a simpler format than what Fellowship Connection offers and I have not been any help there. I have asked Sally to instruct me on how to use the Group information sheets that she created. I will work on sending each DCM their Group Information sheets starting with DCM's from District 5 and 9 as they have already asked for them.

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As always if you haven't received your NL, please let me know so I can verify your address or add your name to the Mailing List. Thank you for your patience! And allowing me to serve as your Group Records, Denise R

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C

Hi my name is Dave C and I'm an alcoholic and District 16 DCM. First off I and the District would like to thank Steve L for his Delegate report back to our district yesterday. I'm happy to report that all Chairs are filled and there are a fair number of GSRs attending district meetings which are held the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. District 16 has planned two workshops, First one will be a founders day workshop on June 11th at 12 noon to 5 at the United Methodist Church Grand Rapids. Scott J. will present Founders Day & Minnesota AA history from 12:15 to 2 then Q&A and an old timers panel too follow. Also we have a Big Book Study weekend on Friday Oct 21 @ 7 to 9pm, Saturday Oct 22 @ 9am to 5 pm (noon potluck) Sunday Oct 23 to noon at Kiesler Wellness Center (this is across the street from Walmart on the west side). The presentation will be by Dennis B and Roger B. Bring your Big Book. Flyers are on the back table for more information. Or check out our website at district16online.org. Yours in service, Dave C

TREATMENT – RICCO R

The treatment committee meeting consisted of 6 people, me included. We had a very spirited, fun, and productive meeting and this is how it went. Bob N. DCM District 7: Bob talked about addiction vs the disease of Alcoholism. He also addressed the shortage of literature at AAWS and how if it isn't possible to get it shipped. An alternative would be to get a PDF file from AA.org and they allow an AA member to make a free copy of it. Bob also gave a talk on how treatment centers are money driven in some cases. Sally T. District 8 Treatment Chair: The Donovan Treatment Center in Virginia MN is taking AA speakers currently, some at early hours of the day also. Sally said there is a new treatment center starting in Virginia MN and will see if there is an opportunity to help any alcoholics that are attending the treatment center with literature or any other way the center would want us to help. She also said she also got her foot in the door at the Arrowhead Center on Problem Drinking in Virginia MN to see if they would need AA member participation in any way.

Sally T. is looking for temporary contact lists from all the districts in Area 35 to have when someone is getting discharged from a treatment facility, she will have a contact with Alcoholics Anonymous in the area they are headed. Jeff T. Alternate DCM District 16: Jeff just joined our Area 35 Treatment Committee on 6/5 in Aitkin. We are glad to have him join us, and the committee will help to let him know what we are working on now and possible other projects we are thinking about doing. Jeff has a lot of enthusiasm and says he is ready to learn what the Treatment Committee is doing and biting at the bit to get going. Jeff is also interested in giving talks at two treatment facilities in our area.

Jeff J. Treatment Chair District 9: Jeff gave a talk on Spiritual vs Religion in our AA program. Jeff also is interested in learning more about the Bridging the Gap program for people being discharged from treatment facilities. A few others on the committee jumped on that same topic so I think we are going to do that for another topic to work on and utilize in our treatment work.

Mike P. DCM District 6: Mike also works with corrections (similar work like working with treatment centers). Mike is also interested in learning and working with the Bridging the Gap Program. And what I mentioned earlier we are going to do that.

Some things I have been doing in the time since we last met is attending two District 9 PI/CPC meetings as I am a member of the committee. I have attended our Tri District workshop meetings a couple times as I am a member. I have spoken twice (once a month) at the Treatment Center in Virginia which is my scheduled meeting every month. I have put together a few more Military workbooks so I can hand out some of them to our Treatment Committee at the upcoming Aitkin Committee Meeting. The workbooks are meant to help contact Remote Communities (in this case past and present Military personal) to give the A.A. recovery program to people that have various reasons to need assistance in contacting us. We have been trying to educate ourselves through the PI/CPC District 9 Meetings so we can do the best job we can when we contact the various places of the Military establishments. My workbooks are just an aid with various items and literature I have found in AA.org's Box 459 articles and other sources on the internet and individuals in AA.

I also attended or Delegate Steve's report back from the 72nd Conference. Steve did a wonderful job in not only bringing the Area 35's A.A. Group's Conscience to the Conference but also in reporting the results of the conference back to us. I feel I don't have to go into detail of Steve's presentation because everyone that has attended one of the many presentations Steve has been out giving will say just what I just said. In Unity and Service, Ricco

DISTRICT 6 – MIKE P

Our alternate DCM has put together a tailgate social in our district and it is a hit. Nice turn out and groups getting to know what district does and who we are. Our corrections chair ordered 10 big books for the Cambridge jail. We started backup a Round Robin Potluck, which was started in 1970, down because of covid but now it's backup. It's being headed up by Tim S. Also our CPC chair, Scott N. got some business card holders Donated to district. And we have Steve coming to the Isanti Alano club to speak to our district and districts 5 and 11 will be there too. Also it will be a potluck. Yours in service, Mike P

DISTRICT 7 – ROBERT N

Greetings from AA District 7. We meet the third Thursday of every month. At our April meeting we had a discussion on the primary purpose of AA. We discussed the singleness of purpose and the traditions. We are going to have a booth at the Crow Wing county fair. The fair runs from August 2-6, 10am-10pm every day. The booth needs to be manned. We are unsure about the Aitkin fair at this time. Things are picking up we had roughly a dozen GSR's at our last meeting. We are looking into having a District 7 informational picnic. Steve L. our area delegate will be attending our June 16th meeting. We will be having a potluck at 5:30pm, and at 6:30pm. Steve L will be reporting on his week in New York at the GSC. Bob N.

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

First of all I don't know if I should name drop to acknowledge and thank for service work, so please be assured that your work is appreciated. The archive move was completed on May 5, under budget. Roughly 800 of 1200 dollars was spent. We had eleven volunteers doing the move, use of an enclosed trailer was volunteered. The archive repository is open any AA member by appointment with the archivist.

On May 14 a few people unpacked most of the Big Books, 12x12s, Grapevines, and several other boxes of books. Many books and magazines remain in boxes. There are several banners that were one time use. There are several boxes of financial records. And several boxes of audio tapes (cassette and reel to reel), some phonograph records, and a couple 16mm movies. And there is more... I contacted Brad I a previous archivist to inquire of what had been digitized, he responded that he turned over a few cloud drives to Steve D, his successor. I have tried without response to contact Steve. I attended the archives display at Gopher State Roundup. I learned a lot, but also now have many questions. Many items displayed included full names, a conflict with AA tradition of anonymity. Many visitors asked questions about people involved with AA early history, again full names were used. There was also an issue of people taking pictures with cell phone camera, I don't know that this conflicts with AA traditions, but does disrespect propriety, and is possibly a copyright concern. Areas 35 and 33 had some interesting artifacts shared and some creative fixtures to display those items. As an observation that concerns me; there is lots of history from the founding years, but the history of AA events, writings, etc during the years since the sixties is missing.

As we sort the materials at the repository, we (archives committee) need some advice regarding the archiving of financial records, district and area business records, and other items. I believe financial and business records of a certain age can be destroyed, but group conscience needs to be heard. Gopher State Tape Library is a non-profit organization that has recordings of stories of sobriety and others, not just AA but also other 12 step organizations and more. Anyone can purchase recordings from GSTL.

Other digitizing... If we are unable to get the previously digitized items, then I suggest that we catalog those items and digitize by request. The catalog would be referenced on the Area 35 website and be available by request, not via checkout, but rather via viewing/listening at the archive repository. Please be aware that many paper originals and many recordings include things that compromise AA traditions, mainly names dropped during the talks or in text that are not in keeping with the tradition of anonymity. The items could be edited to adhere to traditions, but that could involve challenges via copyright laws. Swap gun cases for table and chairs? Locked file cabinet? Does anyone know how to unlock? If not I will destroy the lock, to gain access. Things to archive can be sent to the archivist.

ARCHIVES – RENELL P

Attendees today 6/05/22: Steve R. and Rodney S. from Dist. 12, Vicki R. from Dist 11, Sharna J. from Dist 6, Archivist Marc N., and Archives Chair Renell P. Marc gave a report on his experiences on displaying at Gopher State Roundup this past weekend. We need to really be grateful for all the time and effort he is putting into being our Area's Archivist. Marc, we appreciate your enthusiasm in displaying our archives appropriately. On May 14th several committee members met at our new storage location, 9 3rd St. Aitken, MN. We spent several hours unpacking and organizing boxes of books and magazines and displaying on bookshelves. Much left to do! Thank you. All your help was appreciated. We will be gathering again on Thursday June 30th at 2:30 pm at 9 3rd Street, Aitken. If you want to help, join us. Bring a chair. Vicki will create a guideline for us to follow as we sort through the treasures. Yours in Service, Renell P

DISTRICT 11 – VICKI R

We have held 3 Dist meeting at district groups: Pine City Mon night, Mora open speaker, Thurs night Moose Lake. The Dist members provide a potluck for the group, held the Dist meeting open to group members, and attended the AA meeting We had 1 new Treatment Chair and 3 new GSRS emerge as a result. We also have a volunteer to take literature - mid month Smaller attendance 8-10 Corrections on pause, but the jails are doing orientation in preparation for reopening Contributions to the district continue to lag pre-Covid We voted in an Alt DCM at our last meeting We distributed group directories to groups and requested changes so we can update area records.

DISTRICT 14 -

CORRECTIONS – ARDEN A

We had another good meeting today with six in attendance. Aaron from Dist. 6 was given contact info for Isanti Co. Jail in Cambridge taking speakers. Chisago Jail is starting to open for meetings. Gary from Dist. 11 Pine Co. is open. Sandstone Fed is open. Orientation for State Prison, they are asking that we start filling out applications to go in. Diane said no jails in Dist. 9 have opened, but they are asking for meeting schedules for St. Louis

Co. Jail. Tim, Dist. 7, and I went to orientation for Sandstone with 8 others from AA in Aitkin & Crow Wing. Yours in service, Arden A

DISTRICT 9 – DIANE R

Hello to Area 35 from District 9. We had 11 AAs in person and no one online at our last District 9 meeting held on May 22,2022. Our district treasury continues to have money to make 12 step work possible. The district treatment/corrections chair, Jeff, is back home for the summer. Our Literature Chair Sandy received the literature for the CPC committee. Tom, CPC/PI chair handed out literature for the committee to read. This is literature gave us information on how to approach the professional. His next committee meeting will be on June 12 at 6pm, in person and on Zoom. The Nashwauk Friday Night Group is open as of May and reported good attendance. The Alternate DCM has been visiting daytime groups in District 9. He discussed where to send donations, literature that is available, and who they can contact about any questions. Our District GSRs, Officers and Committee members have been busy.

I have continued to attend our District 9 CPC/PI committee. I had met with two groups in the last month. One of the groups is actively seeking a GSR. The Workshop Committee with District 9, 16, and 8 has continued to meet with our workshop coming up on June 18 in Virginia and on Zoom. See the flyer on the back table and in the Northern Light pages. Our open speaker will be Heidi B.

Thank you to Steve L, our delegate, who came to Hibbing on May 21 with his report back. We had 13 in attendance and one online. He did an excellent presentation and answered some tough questions. We had three young people who are young in sobriety, the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. Steve also did a wonderful job of keeping us on topic at report back from the conference. Thank you again Steve.

We discussed the moving of the Spring Assembly to Mid-April. We passed a motion to do phone service through E-voice which will be done through the CPC/PI committee.

We discussed the groups making a proposal regarding GSO paying for Google Ads and not taking Google Grants which, many feel it violates our traditions. The GSO proposal form was sent out, so a group or groups make this proposal to the district discuss and vote on. If approved by the district, it would be given to Area 35 to vote on. There are two other proposals that will be discussed at the group level and if passed will be brought the District and then Area for a vote.

Thank you to our great secretary, Sandy, for her service with providing our district with thorough minutes. In Service, Diane R.

DISTRICT 8 – HEATHER L

District 8 meets once a month, rotating locations Monday through Friday Hosted by different groups from the district. We are reading 15 minutes per meeting from the service manual. Our next district meeting we have the honor of Steve L reporting GSO information from the conference. We had the Tuesday Gilbert group submit a proposal that is being brought to the area. Our Tri-District Workshop will be held June 18th at Peace United Methodist Church in Virginia from 1-4 with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL to follow. I ventured down to the Gopher state roundup and had a great time. Meetings in our district and seeing the return of our snowbirds! Thank you. In service and Unity, Heather L

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

Greetings Area 35, Districts are reporting that district websites are being utilized and are very helpful for us to put the word out. District 12 reports that they are going to have two billboards in the Duluth area and that they are going to sign up for an upcoming health fair. District 13 has a new webpage aastcloud.org and they are utilizing the phone line. District 8 reports the webpage is very helpful and they are looking for more ways to carry the message. District 4 is reporting good success as well with their webpage. Yours in service, Nels P

DISTRICT 2 –

DISTRICT 4 – BUMPER L

No Report.

GRAPEVINE – MIKE U

Greetings everyone I'm Mike Urman your Grapevine Chair. There is a new book out called *Fun in Sobriety*. I should have some on hand the next time we meet. I would like to extend the hand of Grapevine to come and visit your district and put on a talk about the Grapevine and what it is. I don't have much to report about. In service Mike U

DISTRICT 1-

DISTRICT 13 – JIM R

Earlier this year SCI contacted the AA Meeting guide app at GSO and made a claim they were more knowledgeable about the AA groups in district 13 than the district itself. What then happened is ALL the district 13 meetings had the contact info changed from area 35/36 to the SCI on the AA meeting guide app. After several weeks, our area chair was able to get this reversed. Subsequently, the SCI mirror-imaged EVERY AA group in district 13 by CHANGING a part of each groups address to get them on the AA meeting guide app. Again, even though they put the INCORRECT addresses down for them, we heard reports of people using the meeting guide app and getting frustrated because they were not able to find the CORRECT location of meetings if they were clicking on the duplicate meeting that the SCI placed. Once again, our area chair, after several weeks was finally able to get this reversed also. In the May 2022 SCI newsletter, they wrote "District 13

doesn't sell literature." District 13 has sold literature for the past several years I have been a part of it, and we have NOT ever stopped. 2 weeks ago., my home group, The Wed Night Happy Hour, in our business meeting voted UNANIMOUSLY NOT to recognize the SCI as a legitimate AA entity. A number of other district 13 and area 35 groups are following suit. Thank you for allowing me to Serve, Jim R

DISTRICT 21 – BRENT T

My name is Brent , I am a grateful recovering alcoholic and DCM for District 21. Our District meetings are held at the Bemidji Alano Center at 7:00 pm in Gratitude Hall on the second Monday of each month. Attendance continues to be very low. The committee positions we have filled are archives and literature. Our jail meeting commitments are being made weekly, but the corrections chair position is open as are all of the other action committee positions. The fliers are now being mailed out for the Heartland Roundup that will be held on September 9th, 10th, and 11th in the Park Rapids area. In service, Brent. Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Oversight Committee – Everything in the financials checked out fine. No discrepancies were found. Some checks are still outstanding from 2021.

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

Area Inventory – Will be conducted at Fall Assembly in Crookston.

Web – Webmaster has been posting quite a few updates, including Conference report stuff, on the Area website. Working on the calendar app on the website.

Northern Light – Articles and reports due to Northern Light Editor by July 8th.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of new Treasurer – Will take place at the Fall Assembly. Spread the word that we are in need of a new Treasurer. Bob N. asked if we need someone to fill in temporarily, so Alt Delegate and Area Chair don't get overwhelmed. Justin and Christine said that is not needed, they are doing fine.

Spring Assembly 2023 – Will be held in Alexandria on April 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn.

St. Cloud Intergroup – Area discussion is needed. DCM 13 stated that District 13 does not want or need services from SCI. The Area and District 13 are in service to the groups. Suggestion: Have a District 13 GSR bring it up at their district meeting to vote on whether they want to recognize SCI as a part of AA. Then it can be brought to the Area and the Assembly for a vote.

2023 Budgets – Complete the Area budgets by June 26 so they can be included in the next Northern Light. The 2023 West Central Regional Forum is in Missoula, Montana, on August 25-27, which is peak season for them. The 2023 West Central Regional Service Conference is in Omaha, Nebraska on March 3-5. Spring Assembly 2023 will be held in Alexandria on April 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn.

Ad Hoc Tech Committee – Webmaster is working on solutions for email using Microsoft or Google. Forwarding emails is a problem. He has a few volunteers for the committee, and he will put some information area35.org. The committee will meet on Zoom.

State Fair PI Booth – PI Chair has been talking with the Area 36 PI Chair, who said Area 36 can fill all the volunteer positions if needed. Area 35 has one weekend. Maybe instead of just displaying literature we could have displays about the history of AA in Minnesota. There was not a lot of interest shown in the PI Booth. The Chair asked for a show of hands, and the **sense of the meeting was to let the PI Chair decide** whether to participate in the State Fair PI Booth this year.

Hybrid August ACM – Do we want a hybrid (in person and via internet) meeting for the August ACM so GSRs can vote on any proposals the Area wants to submit for Agenda items? Background: At the Fall Assembly 2021 we voted to include GSRs in the 2022 and 2023 August ACMs for this purpose. **The sense of the meeting was to use the hybrid format.**

Statewide Corrections – On June 15 at 6 p.m. there will be a Zoom meeting to decide where the Corrections Workshop is going to be, and what to have on the agenda.

General Service Conference Proposal – Charlie C. from the Gilbert Group gave the background and read the proposal, which was submitted by the Gilbert Tuesday Night Closed AA Group in District 8, and which states, "**Any new, updated, or addition to existing service material be sent to the appropriate Conference Committee for review before being printed or posted on our website www.aa.org. Those items that clearly do not fit under a specific committee can be referred to the Report and Charter Committee.**" District 8 voted unanimously to forward the Proposal to Area 35. GSO has an Ad Hoc Committee on Service Material which will discuss the letter sent by the Gilbert Group. It will then be discussed the AAWS Board. Deborah K. at GSO encouraged the Gilbert Group to proceed with the proposal, which they did.

Discussion – The Board was previously given the responsibility of reviewing and updating the service material. More eyes are needed to review stuff. Proceed with agenda item – it will give the Board an "out." Things are changing too quickly; literature is changing too quickly.

Any other proposals that are being submitted must be given to Area Chair by June 30th so that information can be sent out to GSRs so they can have an informed vote in August.

Joint A35/A36 Workshop – Area 36 agreed to having an informal Joint Workshop. A good time to have it is September 18th on Zoom. **The sense of the meeting was that the Area Chair can proceed with planning the informal workshop with Area 36.**

Calendar of Events was read.

Motion to adjourn – **Jim R. made a motion to adjourn, Kyle H. seconded.** Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Sally L.

PANEL 72 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT

This is my General Service Conference report. I’ve tried to convey the contents of my PowerPoint in this report. I’ve left out the pictures and graphs and I only included conference considerations that seemed important to our Area. If you want more clarification or have any questions about the conference, please drop me an email or a phone call.

Data on Area Delegates

Average Age	57
Oldest	80
Youngest	35
Average Length of Sobriety	22
Longest Sobriety	43
Shortest Sobriety	8
Average Length of Service	17
Longest Service	37
Shortest Service	6

I was surprised that 3/5 of people attending the conference were women.

2021 GSO FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 7th Tradition of Self-Support – **\$10.78 million** (set another record up 5.07% from \$10.26 million in 2020)
- Operating Expense - **\$15.28 million** (down)
- Program Service Expense - **\$7.59 million** (down)
- Supporting Services Expense - **\$7.70 million** (down)
- Self-Support - covered **70.5% of operating expense** and **142.0% of program service expenses**
- AAWS publishing gross profits - **\$6.30 million** (down)
- Operating surplus of \$1,697,141** (but operating cash increase of only \$53,177)

2022 GRAPEVINE BUDGET

- Print magazine circulation to increase to 62,000 from 56,081 in 2021.
- Online and e-Pub circulation to decrease to 8,842 from 8,972 in 2021.
- Gross profit on subscriptions \$1,236,434 compared to \$1,091,404 in 2021.
- Grapevine net operating surplus of \$19,234 compared to \$112,618 deficit in 2021.
- La Viña magazine circulation to increase to 7,500 compared to 6,312 in 2021.
- General Fund La Viña support of \$402,067 compared to \$388,646 in 2021.

GRAPEVINE FIRST QUARTER OF 2022

- Grapevine paid print subscriptions decreased 12.2% in 1Q of 2022. Subscriptions for the online and mobile app magazine decreased 20.73%
- 2022 Grapevine 1Q results were a gross profit of \$218K on the magazine and a gross profit of \$182K on other published items. Operating expenses of \$493K resulted in an operating loss of \$85.7K compared to an income of \$32K (Excluding the \$180K insurance payment) in 2021.
- General Fund support of La Viña service activity was \$120K in 1Q 2022, compared to \$96K (invoiced in early April 2021).
- La Viña magazine circulation increased by 3.4% in 1Q 2022 compared to a 33.9% decrease in 2021.

Info update on Corrections
Tablets for Correctional Institutions

- Is there a cost? No not to AA
- Who pays the cost? Correction Facility & Software vender
- 1000s of inmates reading our literature RIGHT NOW
- 248 institutions across the US have access to our literature for free.
- Working on getting them in more places.

This is talking about Federal Correction Facilities. Which in time can trickle down to state and local facilities.

Reports and Presentations

- Picnic Table PP
- Participation of Online Groups in the US/Canada Service Structure PP
- Remote Communities PP
- Grapevine Chairs PP
- Board Reports
- GSO & Grapevine Reports
- Signed Financial Statements
- Conference Presentations

These presentations have been uploaded to our website for your reading pleasure.

Composition of the General Service Board

21 Trustees
7 Class A Non-Alcoholic
14 Class B Alcoholic
8 Reginal Trustees
4 General Service
Trustees professional in nature
2 Trustees at Large one US one Canada

The General Service Board is made up by combining the trustees of the Grapevine Board and the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service (A.A.W.S.) Board, look on page SM F-116 on how the General Service Structure is laid out and how the Conference Committees and Trustee Committees mesh into our service structure.

Literature Committee

- Discussed Other ways of communication (QR codes)
- There were very early and brief discussions about QR codes. We change our technology of how we reach alcoholics all the time. We used to do filmstrips and 16mm film that have gone by the wayside. Today we use podcasts, animation, YouTube and etc.
- Trust the process - Was heard a lot. Both in committee and on the conference floor. On the floor, it was to mean trust the committee processes and in committee, it was to mean trust the GSB and GSO staff.
- In a hurry – With the heavy load we had in the Literature Committee a few second year Delegates didn’t wat to get into the details of some items. We only meet early one time and it was suggested we could meet in the evening too. That was dismissed.
- Passing the buck- On a couple of items discussed I and another Delegate thought we didn’t have full discussion and we just pushed the item to the floor to take action on. More on that later.

Can You Speak General Service Conference?

- Committee Recommendations - Automatic motions that have been made and seconded. They are discussed and voted on by the Conference.
- Floor Actions – Need approval by the whole Conference body with substantial unanimity (2/3 vote) to be discussed.
- Conference Advisory Actions - Recommendations of Conference Committees, or floor actions, that have been approved by the whole Conference body with substantial unanimity (2/3 vote).
- Committee Considerations – Actions Committees took that didn’t make to the whole Conference floor for consideration.

AdvisoryActions – of the 2022 GSC

- Committee Recommendations – 32
- Committee Considerations – 76
- FloorActions – 9
- Passed AdvisoryActions - 35

Conference Business is done through Motions and Discussion

Committee Recommendation - Presented in the committee report. Automatically Seconded Is Debatable? YES Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? YES

Amending a Motion - A motion on the floor is owned by the entire Conference body, no longer by the Committee which recommended it. The committee is not asked to vote on the motion to amend; any motion to amend a main motion depends on the approval of the Conference. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? YES Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? YES

Tabling a Motion - Tabling a motion postpones discussion to a later time during the same Conference. Made without comment. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? NO Vote Required for Approval Simple Majority Minority Voice Heard? NO.

Moving to Recommit - The motion to recommit returns a motion or proposal to the respective trustees’ committee or appropriate corporate board for further consideration. Made without comment. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? YES Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? NO

Calling the Question - Calling the question brings debate to a halt while Conference members decide whether to proceed directly to a vote (the question) or go on with the debate. Made without comment. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? NO Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? NO

Reconsidering a Vote -A motion to reconsider a vote may be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side, but it can be seconded by anyone. If the majority votes to reconsider, full debate, pro and cons, is resumed. No action may be reconsidered twice. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? NO Vote Required for Approval Simple Majority Minority Voice Heard? NO

Making a Floor Action - Made without comment. Introduced any time during the Conference except at the Sharing Sessions. Is submitted in writing by the maker to the Conference secretary. Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? YES Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? YES

Declining to Consider a Floor Action - Made without comment. May be made after the maker of a floor action is provided time to state the rationale for it.

Requires a Second YES Is Debatable? NO Vote Required for Approval Two-thirds Minority Voice Heard? NO

Minority Opinion - After each vote on a matter of policy, the side which did not prevail will always be given an opportunity to speak to their position. If the motion passes with two-thirds vote, the minority may speak. If the motion receives a majority vote, but fails to pass for lack of a two-thirds vote, the majority may speak.

If you look, you can see there are five motions that say,” made without comment”. In other words, if I go up to the mic and say “we have kicked this around long enough, I call the question.” That motion will be called out of order, because a comment was made. All you can say is, “I call the question.”. There are no friendly amendments. All amendments are owned by the entire Conference body. Any motion to amend a motion depends on the approval of the whole Conference. The motion declining to consider a floor action is voting in the reverse. If you vote yes you are voting to not have floor discussion on the motion. A no vote means you want to have discussion on the motion. You will see how this works later on, when we discuss the floor motions.

ROLE CALL

- 93 Delegates
- 21 Trustees
- 6 A.A.W.S. & GV Directors
- 14 GSO Staff
- 133 Voting Members

During roll call, every voting member is called out by name and position, they stand and state they are present. It is quite moving. It’s very similar to the flag ceremony at an International Convention. I felt this was the real deal, the weight of AA is on my shoulders and not only do I carry the sentiment of Area 35 but have to be willing to listen and make the best decisions for AA as a whole.

Committee Recommendations

Remember these are presented in the committee report and automatically Seconded.

I. Agenda Committee

A. The committee recommended the following theme for the 2023 General Service Conference:
“A.A.’s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution.”

Vote 129 Yes 0 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

B. Review presentation the committee recommended the following presentation theme and topics for the 2023 General Service Conference:

Presentation Theme: “General Service – Our Mighty Purpose and Rhythm”

Presentation Topics:

- 1. “Our Common Perils and Common Solution”
- 2. “Using A.A.’s Literature in Carrying the Message”
- 3. “Fostering a Thriving Three Legacy Culture”

Vote 122 Yes 3 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2023 General Service Conference.

The committee recommended the following workshop topic for the 2023 General Service Conference: “Practicing Our Twelve Traditions Across All Group Settings”

Vote 125 Yes 1 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

New business:

The committee recommended that the General Service Board develop a status report on the progress and outcomes from the 2013-2015 Conference inventory and include a draft plan for another Conference inventory with considerations of its value, timeline and approach to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Agenda.

Vote 120 Yes 11 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

What is approved is to start the process to have a conference inventory probably at the 2025 conference.

II. CPC Committee

The committee accepted the report of the trustees’ committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference. Six Committee Considerations were made.

III. Literature Committee

A. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”

The committee recommended that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be revised to add the following text regarding safety and A.A.:

1. In the section "For the person wanting to be a sponsor" (p. 14) under the heading "What does a sponsor do and not do?":

Stresses the importance of A.A. being a safe place for all members and encourages members to become familiar with service material available from the General Service Office such as "Safety in A.A. – Our Common Welfare."

2. In the section "For groups planning sponsorship activity" (p. 23), under the heading "How does sponsorship help a group?" add a fourth paragraph:

Sponsorship can also help a group to create a welcoming and secure environment. Safety is an issue affecting all members and it is important for groups to remain accessible to all who are seeking recovery. Sponsorship can help keep the group focused on the common welfare.

First Vote Vote 105 Yes 24 No
Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted No
Reconsider Vote 68 Yes 64 No
Passed with Simple Majority I Voted Yes
Amendment 1 Including material about safety in AA
Vote 36 Yes 96 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
Recommit to the Trustees Literature Committee (TLC)
Vote 60 Yes 67 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes
Amendment 2 Mention Service Material on Safety is Available From the GSO
Vote 46 Yes 84 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
Second Vote Vote 101 Yes 28 No
Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted No

This was about a two-hour discussion and the original recommendation passed.

The committee recommended that the booklet Living Sober be revised to add the following paragraph regarding safety and A.A. in chapter 29, page 76:

“Of course, A.A. is a reflection of the larger society around us and problems found in the outside world can also make their way into the rooms of A.A. But by keeping the focus on our common welfare and primary purpose, groups can help provide a safe and secure environment for all their members.”

Vote 114 Yes 6 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted No

B. Review draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”

The committee recommended that the draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” be approved with minor editorial revisions.

Vote 40 Yes 92 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No

I went up to the mic and asked, “Is this dead then, no further action to be taken?” Sorta, kinda, yes was the response. More to be revealed later. In our committee we discussed that the pamphlet needed more work. We called in the A.A.W.S. publisher and discussed what changes we wanted. We felt we had a meeting of the minds and we would trust the process. What we wanted would be changed and ok’d the printing of the pamphlet without further review. That is why it was voted down with no further review.

C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”

The committee recommended that the video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated" (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain) be adapted and produced by the Publishing department.

Vote 121 Yes 10 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

D. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”

The committee recommended that the draft of the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.” be approved

Recommit to the TLC Vote 29 Yes 96 No
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes
Vote 111 Yes 17 No
Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

After discussion on Recommit to the Trustees Literature Committee, it was explained that this has been a work in progress for about four years. A young woman who worked on the ad-hoc committee on this pamphlet who went to many Young People’s Conferences and held focus groups with young people there stated this was approved by the audience it is attended for.

E. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”

The committee recommended that the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” be updated with non-offensive, contemporary text and illustrations.
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Amendment That a draft be brought back to the CCL for review in 2023
Vote 120 Yes 9 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes
Vote 101 Yes 31 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

We called in the A.A.W.S. publisher and discussed what changes we wanted. We felt we had a meeting of the minds and the publisher knew what illustrations were offensive. He also stated he had an illustrator who could surgically remove the offensive illustrations and put new drawings in their place. Again, we would trust the process. What we wanted would be changed and we ok'd the printing of the pamphlet without further review. This is the reason for the amendment.

The next four pamphlets were revisited and updated per A.A.W.S. print policies. We looked them over and had little to no discussion and pushed them through as a committee.

F. Discuss G.S.O. Publishing updates per the A.A.W.S. print policy:

1. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?"

The committee recommended that the updated pamphlet "Is A.A. for You?" be approved.

Vote 122 Yes 6 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

2. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?"

The committee recommended that the updated pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?" be approved.

Vote 122 Yes 6 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

3. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A."

The committee recommended that the updated pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." be approved.

Vote 120 Yes 6 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

4. Review the draft update of the pamphlet "This Is A.A."

The committee recommended that the updated pamphlet "This Is A.A." be approved.

Vote 125 Yes 5 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

G. Consider an update of the book Experience, Strength and Hope.

The committee recommended that a second volume of the book Experience, Strength and Hope be developed with the stories dropped from the Fourth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and that a progress report be brought to the Conference Committee on Literature once development of the publication is in progress.

Vote 14 Yes 14 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes

It was felt there wasn't a sufficient number of stories after the printing of the fifth edition to warrant another volume of this book. Basically, this conference kicked it down another 20 to 40 years when the sixth or seventh editions are published.

IV. Finance Committee

The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference.
Four Committee Considerations were made.

V. Public Information Committee

A. Review suggested revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."
The committee recommended the following revisions to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." The question and answer that currently reads:

Anonymity in the digital age

Q. I maintain an Internet website and a personal page on a social media site. I also belong to an online meeting. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?

A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.

Be changed to:

Anonymity in the digital age

Q. I maintain a website and social media pages. At what level should I protect my anonymity on the Internet?

A. Publicly accessible aspects of the Internet such as websites featuring text, graphics, audio, and video can be considered the same as publishing or broadcasting. Unless password-protected, a website requires the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio, and film/video. Simply put, this means that A.A.s do not identify themselves as A.A. members using their full names and/or full-face photos.
It is suggested that when A.A.s gather as A.A.s or as an A.A. group on social media pages and other similar platforms that these pages are set to "private" rather than "public."

Vote 122 Yes 1 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

B. Review suggested text addition to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

The committee recommended the following text addition to the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity."

Q. Are virtual A.A. meetings considered "Public"?

These online gatherings are not streamed to the general public; however, information about the meeting is provided to A.A. members, potential members, and the general public similar to in-person meetings. Many members feel comfortable using their full names and making their faces visible to fellow members and those new to A.A. However, some members/attendees have felt more comfortable having their camera off and just listening or using first name and last initial only. For safety purposes, some groups have provided helpful reminders in their group format that picture taking, or screen shots are not in keeping with anonymity principles.

Recommit to the TPIC	Vote 71	Yes 57	No	Failed no 2/3 votes
Amendment	While some members feel comfortable using their full names and faces, other members feel comfortable using their first name and last initial or turning their video off.			
Question	Vote 104	Yes 17	No	Passed with Simple Majority
Amendment	Vote 96	Yes 27	No	Passed with Substantial Unanimity
Reconsider	Vote 96	Yes 26	No	Passed with Substantial Unanimity
Vote with Amendment	Vote 89	Yes 36	No	Passed with Substantial Unanimity

This was about a two-hour Discussion and the original recommendation with the amendment passed.

C. Consider request to retire and replace the "A.A. Fact File."

The committee recommended that the outdated "A.A. Fact File" be retired.

Vote 120 Yes 03 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

D. Discuss 2022 Analysis Report on the A.A. Membership Survey.

The committee recommended that format changes, two new questions and six changed questions on a 2022 membership survey questionnaire, be approved.

New questions

12. Have you attended an A.A. meeting virtually (online or by phone)? (if yes, answer question 12b)

12b. Do you prefer virtual meetings or in-person meetings?
___ In-person
___ Virtual
___ Both equally

13. What attributes do you prefer or need in meetings you attend?
___ accessibility (such as no stairs, or served by public transportation)
___ held in a particular language (please list language)
___ other members similar to me (please describe how)
___ additional characteristics (please describe)

Changed questions:

14. What is your age? _____ years

15. Which of these best describes you:
___ Male
___ Female
___ Prefer to describe

16. Relationship status:
___ Single, never married
___ Married or Life Partner
___ Divorced
___ Separated

☐ Widowed
☐ Prefer to describe _____

17. Racial and ethnic background (Check all that apply)
☐ Asian
☐ Black, or African American
☐ Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
☐ Native American, Alaska Native, First Nations, or Indigenous
☐ Pacific Islander or Hawaiian Native
☐ White, Caucasian, or European American
☐ Prefer to describe _____

18. What is your employment status now? (Check one only)
☐ Employed full time
☐ Employed part time
☐ Unemployed and looking for work
☐ Unemployed, not currently looking for work
☐ Student
☐ Retired
☐ Homemaker

19. If you are employed, what is your job? _____

Vote 120 Yes 06 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted No

The Canadian Constitution, the label Indigenous covers First Nation (question 17) so it was suggested not to pass this because it might offend some members in Canada. This comes up again in Floor actions.

D. After a thorough review of the professional survey methodologist report detailing actions to perform a sound membership survey, the committee recommended that a 2022 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted with a budgeted cost not to exceed \$20,000. The process will include mailing, digital back-end response and analysis, creation of message and distribution, including a “How to video” for groups/members.

Vote 115Yes 05 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

VI. Trustees Committee

Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of trustees of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Vote 120 Yes 03 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

The committee recommended that the following slate of officers of the General Service Board be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the General Service Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Vote 118 Yes 02 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

B. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the A.A. World Services Corporate Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Vote 120 Yes 01 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

C. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.

The committee recommended that the following slate of directors be elected at the annual meeting of the members of the AA Grapevine Corporate Board on April 30, 2022, following presentation at the 2022 General Service Conference for disapproval if any:

Vote 114 Yes 03 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

For the details of who the slate of directors are in all four boards, you can find their names in the upcoming full conference report.

D. Discuss the revised “Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards.”

The committee recommended that the “Suggested Procedure to Reorganize the General Service Board and the boards of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc.” be approved as one acceptable pathway to a whole or partial reorganization of the Boards, understanding that, as provided by the Conference Charter, the final process will be determined by whichever General Service Conference might be considering reorganization.

Vote 111 Yes 16 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

As Bill writes in the Concepts that if the board does something to put AA in jeopardy, then we have the right to reorganize one or all the service boards. Unfortunately, there is no provision on how to reorganize the

boards. This details how to go about a reorganization. For the particulars, you can read in the upcoming full conference report the full procedure on how this is to be done.

E. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” gives a path to how to reorganize. For more to include stories reflecting greater diversity.

The committee recommended that the trustees’ Literature Committee revise the pamphlet “Do You Think You're Different?” to update the stories to represent greater diversity and bring back a draft pamphlet or progress report to the 2023 General Service Conference.

Vote 110 Yes 13 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

VI Grapevine/La Viña

The committee accepted the report of the trustees’ committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference. Five Committee Considerations were made.

VII Policy/Admissions Committee

A. Discuss the procedure: “Process for Approving Observers to the Conference.”

The committee recommended that the “Process for Approving Observers to the Conference” be changed. The revised process would allow the Policy/Admissions committee to approve routine admissions from structures outside the U.S. and Canada without having to poll the full Conference. As with the current process, the trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference and then the General Service Board would first need to approve the request before it would be forwarded to the Policy/Admissions committee for their action.

Vote 119 Yes 6 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

The committee recommended that the Scope of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions which currently reads:

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

To approve routine requests from qualified representatives of other A.A. service structures to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

Be revised to read:

Admissions function: Is responsible for reviewing all requests for admissions to the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference; and for approving routine requests for admissions from A.A. service structures outside of the U.S./Canada service structure to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

And that the following be added to the Procedure of the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions:

Procedure

To approve routine requests from qualified representatives of other A.A. service structures to observe the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference.

Vote 117 Yes 06 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

B. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

The committee recommended that the paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” which was removed due to pagination issues from the fourth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous be restored in all future printings and publications in which the story is included.

Vote 35 Yes 93 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No

This was voted down because it included future printings of the 4th edition and people worried about causing a cascading effect. Other stories were truncated, do we untruncated them too? I was under the impression it was to be added in the 5th edition. Given there few years until the fifth edition is to be printed, this might not be a totally dead end for this issue.

C. Discuss report on the Equitable Distribution of Workload process.

The committee recommended that the compilation of all conference committee background be made available annually on or before February 15 in English, French, and Spanish.

Amendment “Simultaneously” be added without a date
Vote 95 Yes 29 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted No
Question on Amendment
Vote 111 Yes 11 No Passed with Simple Majority I Voted Yes
Reconsider Vote 36 Yes 87 No Failed Passed with Simple Majority I Voted Yes

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Recommit to the TP/AC Vote 47 Yes 80 No
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
Question to Recommit Vote 101 Yes 21 No
Passed with Simple Majority I Voted No

Vote with Amendment Vote 90 Yes 30 No
Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

This was a very long debate - two to three hours. All about giving everybody the same time frame to assimilate background information. The English version of the background information was received Feb 15th. The French translation was received the end of February beginning of March. The Spanish translation didn't come out until the middle of March. It was felt that all versions of the background information should be distributed at the same time. The intent was to do what was needed so that all the versions background information could be distributed by the middle of February. We didn't want to lengthen the duration GSO has to complete the work to issue the background information. Being concerned that this was the first year to distribute background information all at the same time, I was worried it would take longer and not be on time. Mike L., our Reginal Trustee, has reassured us that the translations will be on time. He is on the committee that oversees this process.

VIII. Report & Charter Committee

Review The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2021-2023 edition.

The committee recommended that chapters 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of The A.A. Service Manual be revised to correct inaccuracies and to provide clarity and consistency on the roles, responsibilities and relationships between the General Service Office, AA Grapevine, and A.A. World Services, Inc.

Note: Because 2023 is a printing year these changes would be reviewed by the A.A.W.S. Board, AA Grapevine Board, and the General Service Board prior to being brought to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. This process is in keeping with the 2018 advisory action regarding review of The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.

First Vote
Vote 77 Yes 42 No Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes
Reconsider Vote 105 Yes 13 No Passed with Simple Majority
 I Voted Yes

2nd Vote Vote 110 Yes 07 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity
 I Voted Yes

B. Discuss Conference Committee on Report and Charter Composition, Scope and Procedure.

The committee recommended that items 5 and 6 that relate to Regional Directories be removed from the Scope of the Report and Charter Composition, Scope and Procedure.

Vote 114 Yes 08 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

(Note: Regional Directories are no longer being produced and haven't been for about a decade.)

IX. Treatment & Accessibilities Committee

Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.

The committee recommended that the Long Form of Tradition Five be added to the pamphlet, The A.A. Group on page twelve in the section "What is an A.A. Group?" at its next printing.

Vote 117 Yes 03 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

X. Corrections Committee

The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference.
Four Committee Considerations were made.

XI. International Conventions/Regional Forums

The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference.
Two Committee Considerations were made.

XII. Archives Committee

The committee accepted the report of the trustees' committee and made no recommendations to the whole Conference.
One Committee Considerations were made.

Committee Considerations

I. Agenda Committee Considerations

The committee expressed appreciation for the special Board presentation related to the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada service structure at the 72nd General Service Conference.

The committee agreed that a sharing session with more time for a broader range of perspectives from among Conference members would be helpful. The committee requested that the General Service Board conduct an inter-active sharing session at the 73rd General Service Conference on the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada service structure and include the following question within the framework of the sharing session:

What are the successes and challenges at the group, district and area levels with respect to this topic?

II. CPC Committee Considerations

The committee reviewed a progress report on the LinkedIn page implementation and an update from the senior digital communications analyst. The committee requested that a progress report be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on C.P.C. and suggested that it include the following content:

An additional cadence strategy that increases the number of posts per month developed over the year.

A strategy of posting often, to increase the search result ranking.

Posts targeted to professionals on topics such as A.A. anonymity, Self-Support, cooperation without affiliation, and our public relations policy.

The committee reviewed a progress report on the development of an outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals and expressed their appreciation. The committee noted that utilizing a focus group was a useful approach to explore and identify the needs of mental health professionals when they are addressing the suffering alcoholic. The committee asked that the staff secretary forward a memo with additional suggestions to the trustees' C.P.C./T.A. committee. The committee requested that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community.

III. Literature Committee Considerations

The committee reviewed a progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.

The committee reviewed the Subcommittee Report on Tools to Access the Big Book (TABB) and several requests for development of study guides from the Fellowship. The committee also reviewed the minutes of the discussions on this item by the trustees' Literature Committee. The committee noted that additional information would be needed in order to provide direction on these requests. The committee requested that the trustees' Literature Committee provide further information regarding the purpose of the proposals and examples of what Big Book or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions study guides would look like.

This was pushed back to the TLC for guidance because there was no real information in the background information on what was wanted. Was this supposed to be a workbook on the steps or a study guide of the BB? At first, we discussed turning it over to the GV. Then we decided we didn't want another GV book on the steps. As for a conference approved step guide, we thought we were in dangerous waters, we have enough people who say, "This is how it must be done".

The committee discussed the changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions resulting from advisory actions of the 71st General Service Conference and took no action. The committee noted that there does not appear to be a consensus on the changes among A.A. members at the local level.

This was the most contentious discussion our committee had. The second year Delegates dug their heels in and didn't want to address the changes. They all agreed that they took a lot of heat for voting on the changes. Still, they didn't want to overturn a previous advisory action. Many reasons for overturning the actions of the previous year were given. We couldn't reach a consensus. So, it was voted to let the conference floor decide if discussion was warranted on this change. We took a short recess to compose ourselves and give hugs all around.

The committee reviewed a progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. The committee requested that a progress report or draft manuscript be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature.

IV. Finance Committee Considerations

The committee discussed the agenda item "Consider request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" and took no action. The committee agreed that the current introduc-

tion in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions already addresses concerns regarding the language in the book.

The committee discussed the agenda item “Consider request that all proposed changes to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions be handled in footnotes” and took no action. The committee agreed that they did not want to mandate a specific format for possible changes to a future Conference. The committee noted that future proposals for changes should be considered by the group conscience of each Conference.

V. Public Information Committee

The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 trustees’ Public Information Committee report on the Google Ads performance. The committee encouraged G.S.O. to develop an annual project calendar relating to Google Ads. The committee noted that the office should continuously optimize the Google Ads campaigns based on standard best practices in keeping with A.A. Traditions focusing on target audiences utilizing A.A. literature we currently have and that may be developed. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to the report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information: The G.S.O. Communications Department in cooperation with the staff secretary should make the following updates to the campaigns to ensure improved campaign performance.

- Evaluate and experiment with ad targeting
- Creation of more and diverse content
- A/B test ad copy and design
- Add/remove keywords and negative keywords
- Change keyword match type
- Test multiple landing page options
- Approve/deny basic campaign suggestions provided by Google Ads
- Review analytics on messaging to ensure it is reaching the target audience
- Include keyword testing of AA Google Ads searches to ensure they are being made available to those seeking help with a drinking problem.

The Trustees and GSB like Google Ads. When this was brought up and because of the discussion at the Spring Assembly I questioned,” If we like Google Ads so much why don’t we pay for it out of pocket like the 7th tradition states”? I got no answer from the floor, but had a lengthy discussion with a Trustee out in the hall. We had no meeting of the minds. Sad to say, GSB feels that because we are not asking for any special preference because we are AA, then it is ok to be part of the Google Ads program. Justified by the reasoning that we are just taking what other non-profits are using.

The committee reviewed and accepted the G.S.O. Communications Services Department report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide App. The committee looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information. The committee suggested that the Meeting Guide App keep its focus on providing information on locating A.A. meetings.

The committee reviewed and accepted the 2022 trustees’ Public Information Committee feasibility research on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms and requested that further research be conducted. The committee offered the following suggestions and looks forward to a report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Committee members would like to see additional research comparing paid versus donated media value ads and the effectiveness of these different approaches.

Include research on Canadian streaming platforms to better understand PSA regulations and the specific streaming platforms found within Canada.

Focus on obtaining A.A. member feedback from various age groups on the desire from the Fellowship to embark on A.A. paid placement ads on streaming platforms.

The committee reviewed the progress report and G.S.O. Podcast Plan and considered all the proposals, and the work completed this past year. The committee met with the Grapevine publisher, Communication Services staff, and Publishing staff who responded to key questions. The committee suggested that the trustees’ Public Information Committee, G.S.O. Communication Services Department, and A.A.W.S. Publishing Department in cooperation with the staff secretary, focus on proposal one, to consider moving in the direction of creating a G.S.O. Podcast using the AA Grapevine podcast experience.

The committee shared that the focus described in the 2021 Advisory Action, “Podcasts providing sharing within the Fellowship and information about A.A. to the public be produced and distributed by G.S.O. in cooperation with the Grapevine Office,” is on target and that G.S.O. can create episodes on many service-related discussion topics. The committee feels that the different topic focus will help avoid competing with the Grapevine Podcast. To support the successful continued development of the G.S.O. Podcast the committee offers the following suggestions and looks forward to a progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Public Information.

Entrust G.S.O. to manage the podcast’s creation and adherence to A.A. principles to allow the seamless production of a regular series of episodes.

Ask the trustees’ Public Information Committee to research the best methods for future podcast episodes to be completed in Spanish and French.

Develop the methodology to invite participants in recorded sessions based on topics to include our trustees, staffs, and members in the episodes.

Establish internal and external resources to support the production of the G.S.O. Podcast. It may be helpful to engage freelance support that brings experience on creative Podcast development and formatting.

Implement analytics as described in the G.S.O. Podcast Plan to report annually to the Conference Committee on Public Information.

The PI committee liked the podcast idea and wants the TPIC and GSO to progress with the podcast model.

VII. Grapevine/La Viña Considerations

The committee discussed the wide-ranging impact the AA Preamble change has had on the Fellowship. The committee felt that after careful consideration of Fellowship feedback, it would be premature to quantify the impact when many A.A. members are still either uninformed or ambivalent about the change. The committee emphasized that at every level of our Conference process there is a reciprocal responsibility of all A.A. members and trusted servants, of participation and communication, to embrace the guiding principles of trust and transparency.

IX. Report & Charter Committee Considerations

The committee reviewed the progress report from A.A.W.S. Publishing on a new section to be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled “Amendments.” Bill W. references an Amendments section in the introduction to the Twelve Concepts for World Service and the committee wanted to reaffirm the 2021 advisory action that: “A new section be added at the end of the Twelve Concepts for World Service titled ‘Amendments,’ and that it contain an updated version of the Concept XI essay that incorporates the information in the current footnotes and endnotes, along with comprehensive descriptions of the current General Service Board committees.” The committee requested that the staff secretary work with A.A.W.S. Publishing on a draft update of the section to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Report and Charter.

The service manual Concept XI can be hard to follow because of all the footnotes. This report is asking to look at a possible rewrite to make it easier to follow and understand.

XI. Corrections Committee Considerations

The committee discussed the request to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous and took no action. While the committee discussed the concerns expressed by the Fellowship, the committee noted that we operate on a system of trust and checks and balances, and agreed that A.A.’s Twelve Concepts adequately provide guidance to our trusted servants to make decisions that reflect the informed group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole.

The committee suggested that during the development of the 5th Edition Big Book the trustees’ Literature Committee consider including a reference in the section of Appendices III and IV that additional information is available on www.aa.org.

Floor Actions

Floor Action #1:

It was recommended that:

With the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language, that the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions, and the Twelve Concepts, not be translated into plain language in any way: that these remain in the existing form in English as in previous editions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Submitted on April 28, 2022 by
Steve L
Panel 72 A35 Northern Minnesota

Motion to decline Floor Action	Vote	82 Yes	37 No
Passed with 2/3 votes	I Voted No		

This is the advisory action that was voted on at the spring Assembly for me to bring to the GSC. I brought this up in the Literature Committee but didn’t get any traction. After discussion, it was voted 7 to 2 against, including as a recommendation for guidance to the TLC. It took three tries before I was able to get this as a floor motion. After using my two minutes to make our case, before I could sit down, someone was at the mic making a motion to decline the floor action. More than two thirds of the conference didn’t want to discuss this, whether by lack of understanding the importance or ramifications this can have or some other reason. This might be something to be brought up again after we see the first draft and how

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the steps are presented.

Floor Action #2:
It was recommended that:

The Trustees’ Committee on Literature continue to make edits to the draft pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated” with a new draft or progress report to be brought back to the 2023 Conference Committee on Literature, keeping in mind: color, diverse expressions of spirituality and accessible interpretation of meaning in the illustrations.

Submitted April 28, 2022 by: Jenn D
Panel 72, Area 07 California Northern Interior
Vote 108 Yes 11 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

This draft pamphlet recommendation was killed by the conference because there was no provision to send it back to the CCL for review next year, this keeps it going for review at the next conference.

Floor Action #3:
It was recommended that:

The 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire receive final editorial review by the Trustees Public Information Committee after consulting with our professional survey methodologist, to address concerns raised by the 72nd General Service Conference related to the survey questions about Racial and Ethnic Background, and Employment Status.

Submitted April 28, 2022 by: Trish L Trustee-at-Large Canada

Vote 107 Yes 09 No Passed with Substantial Unanimity I Voted Yes

This was in response to the survey questions to be looked at again by the Trustees Public Information Committee because of the Canadian Constitution.

Floor Action #4:
It was recommended that:

The General Service Conference impose a one-year moratorium on any new agenda item received through September 15, 2022, with new agenda items held to be placed on the agenda for the 74th General Service Conference, allowing the General Service Board and its corporate affiliates time to adjust and align their processes to accommodate the 2022 Policy and Admissions recommendation to provide simultaneous translation of all background material.

Submitted by: Pam K Panel 71 A39 Western Missouri

Motion to decline Floor Action
Vote 80 Yes 38 No Passed with 2/3 votes I Voted No

This was made to help with the Equitable Distribution of Workload processed earlier. That the compilation of all conference committee background be made available simultaneously in English, French, and Spanish. This failed since we didn’t want a backlog at the 74th GSC. We experienced that problem with the 70th and 71st GSC’s because of Covid.

Floor Action #5:
It was recommended that:

The trustees' Ad Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups develop a plan to create one or more non-geographic Areas for online and telephone groups in the U.S./Canada General Service Conference structure, with a progress report on the plan to be presented to the 73rd General Service Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions.

Submitted by: Matt K, Panel 71 Area 11 (Connecticut)

Motion to decline Floor Action
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
First Vote
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes
Reconsider
with Simple Majority I Voted Yes
2nd Vote
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted Yes

Vote	48	Yes	68	No
Vote	51	Yes	65	No
Vote	73	Yes	45	No
Vote	48	Yes	68	No

Passed

Floor Action #6
It was recommended that:

That the following GSR Preamble be added to the pamphlet “Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
The GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.
We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage

to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.

Submitted by: Gordon N Panel 71 Area 21 Southern Illinois

Motion to decline Floor Action
Passed with 2/3 votes I Voted Yes

Vote	80	Yes	39	No
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Floor Action #7
It was recommended that:

The trustees’ Committee on the General Service Conference evaluate the current process of developing Conference background material and bring back to the 2023 General Service Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions a plan that describes the process of developing background material, keeping in mind the Conference desire for background material to be targeted, balanced and with relevant historical content.

Submitted on April 29, 2022 by: Monica F, Area 19 Chicago

Motion to decline Floor Action
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
Amendment
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No

Vote	27	Yes	92	No
Vote	50	Yes	69	No

Targeted, balanced and with relevant historical content

Question on Amendment
Passed with Simple Majority
Reconsider
Failed no Simple Majority

Vote	108	Yes	10	No
I Voted	Yes			
Vote	47	Yes	71	No
I Voted	Yes			

Floor Action #8:
It was recommended that:

The Advisory Actions from Panel 71:

Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner”

Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, "No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health. Changed to “no one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.”

That the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to the original text.

Submitted on April 28, 2022 by: Steve L Panel 72 A35 No Minnesota

Motion to decline Floor Action
Passed with 2/3 votes I Voted No

Vote	86	Yes	31	No
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Since there was no action taken in the Literature committee, thereby passing it to the Conference floor to see if there was any need for discussion. I waited to see if any other Delegate wanted to bring this to the floor, no one did. Seeing that no other Delegate brought this up I felt I would be in remiss if I didn’t bring a floor motion to discuss this issue. Before I could sit down someone was at the mic making a motion to decline the floor action. More than two thirds of the conference didn’t want to discuss the 12X12 changes any further and I assume they are happy with the changes.

Floor Action #9:
It was recommended that:

The 1995 Conference Advisory Action be reaffirmed that the first 164 pages of the Big Book, the Forewords, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Doctor Bob’s Nightmare” and the Appendices remain as is.

Submitted on April 29, 2022 by: Donna K, Panel 71, Area 53 Central SE Ohio

Motion to decline Floor Action
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
First Amendment
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No

Vote	75	Yes	43	No
Vote	51	Yes	64	No

Appendices remove remain as is

Reconsider original motion
Passed with Simple Majority
2nd Amendment add preface
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No
Vote original motion
Failed no 2/3 votes I Voted No

Vote	76	Yes	40	No
I Voted	Yes			
Vote	61	Yes	50	No
I Voted	No			
Vote	38	Yes	75	No
I Voted	No			

We canceled the last sharing session so we could end the conference at a reasonable time. This was a three-hour discussion, not counting a break for dinner. It came down to changing the appendices. It’s agreed that the “Forewords”, “The Doctor’s Opinion,” “Doctor Bob’s Nightmare” and the first 164 pages **remain as is**. One appendix up for change was to change the way people could find AA. Right now, it only gives the Box 459 address and no other way of reaching AA. The other appendix to change was some controversy over one of the Dr.’s personal history that gave AA a recommendation.

Winding up

There were two Reginal Trustee Elections at the conference one for the Eastern Canada Region & one for the Pacific Region. Trustee elections are very interesting. All the delegates move to a roped off section of the floor and the names of the Trustees Committee are drawn out of the hat to make the voting body. Then each Delegate is allowed to give up to a two-minute presentation on why the person standing for Trustee from their Area is qualified to be a Trustee. Both elections went to the hat. Watching the election process, I thought that it might be useful if Area 35 did something similar. Since Delegate nominations have to be nominated to stand by a District, let the DCM from the District that nominates a Delegate give a 90 second presentation on why they think their candidate would make a good Delegate. Do this also for the remaining candidates standing for elected positions; Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Just something to think about for the fall assembly.

There was an outbreak of Covid during the Conference. On Monday, two people in the morning tested positive. By Friday, twenty people tested positive. The quarantined was a mix of Delegates, GSO Staff and traveling companions. Several others tested positive once they returned home. For those who were quarantined arrangements were made so that the voting members could only hear the goings on at the conference by conference call. The quarantined members were not able to participate in discussions or vote. This is being addressed for future conferences.

Every second-year Delegate obtains a responsibility to perform at next year's conference. Either by being a committee chair/alt-chair or giving a five-minute presentation at one of the workshops. I was talking to, Jake, a past Delegate, a few weeks before the conference about the GSC and he suggested I go to the morning Serenity meeting every day, this meeting is similar to the BB morning meetings at our Workshop and Assemblies. So, I went and was asked to fill out on a piece of paper my name and the panel I was on. I was told this information was for a book/ GV subscription drawing being held on Friday. Well, my name was drawn out of the box and I won, not a book, but the opportunity to be the Chair of next year's Serenity Group which meets at 7:30 a.m. – Monday through Friday. THANKS JAKE!!

Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve you.
Steven L, Panel 72 Delegate

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**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.

September 15th

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

February 15th

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

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

4th Sunday in February

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

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

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	2023 Budget				Position: Delegate								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	GSC <i>Duties</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	65.00	7.00	225.00	85.00	150.00	7.00	7.00	85.00	7.00	225.00	65.00	150.00	\$ 1,078.00
Travel	45.00	43.00	415.00	85.00	1,200.00	43.00	43.00	80.00	43.00	850.00	200.00	1,200.00	\$ 4,247.00
Lodging	145.00		507.00	133.00	450.00			130.00		304.00	200.00	300.00	\$ 2,169.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies		50.00		50.00									\$ 100.00
Printing		600.00		300.00	300.00	200.00						300.00	\$ 1,700.00
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		22.85		600.00								\$ 637.85
Budgeted	270.00	700.00	1,169.85	653.00	2,700.00	250.00	50.00	295.00	50.00	1,379.00	465.00	1,950.00	9,931.85

	2023 Budget				Position: Alt Delegate								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	118.00	7.00	140.00	118.00	7.00	7.00		118.00	7.00	118.00	110.00	110.00	\$ 860.00
Travel	88.00	23.00	212.00	32.00	23.00	23.00			23.00	363.00	122.85	122.85	\$ 1,032.70
Lodging	380.00		456.00	288.00				260.00		304.00			\$ 1,688.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies	150.00												\$ 150.00
Printing	50.00												\$ 50.00
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	801.00	30.00	828.00	438.00	30.00	30.00	-	378.00	30.00	785.00	232.85	232.85	3,815.70

	2023 Budget				Position: Area Chair								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	90.00	7.00	120.00	75.00	7.00	7.00		75.00	7.00	180.00	40.00	60.00	\$ 668.00
Travel	75.00	45.00	175.00	31.00	45.00	45.00		-	45.00	450.00	150.00	150.00	\$ 1,211.00
Lodging	380.00		304.00	266.00				-		304.00	350.00	150.00	\$ 1,754.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies		45.00			45.00			45.00					\$ 135.00
Printing	20.00	50.00		250.00	20.00	250.00		250.00	20.00		100.00	50.00	\$ 1,010.00
Zoom	17.00	17.00		34.00	34.00	34.00		34.00	34.00				\$ 204.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	597.00	164.00	619.00	656.00	151.00	336.00	-	404.00	106.00	934.00	640.00	410.00	5,017.00

	2023 Budget				Position: Area Secretary								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	175.00	80.00	7.00	7.00	30.00	80.00	7.00	275.00	30.00	30.00	\$ 788.00
Travel	30.00	15.00	100.00	45.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	20.00	15.00	250.00	30.00	30.00	\$ 595.00
Lodging	95.00		152.00	145.00			110.00	130.00		600.00	110.00	110.00	\$ 1,452.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing		20.00		20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00		20.00	20.00	\$ 180.00
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	200.00	42.00	447.00	290.00	42.00	42.00	190.00	250.00	42.00	1,125.00	190.00	190.00	\$ 3,050.00

	2023 Budget				Position: Treasurer								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	118.00	7.00	118.00	118.00	7.00	7.00		118.00	7.00	118.00	110.00	110.00	\$ 838.00
Travel	88.00	23.00	212.00	32.00	23.00	23.00			23.00	363.00	122.85	122.85	\$ 1,032.70
Lodging	380.00		304.00	288.00				260.00		304.00			\$ 1,536.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies							319.95						\$ 319.95
Printing		150.00		175.00	150.00	150.00		175.00	150.00				\$ 950.00
Postage							240.00						\$ 240.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	601.00	180.00	654.00	613.00	180.00	180.00	559.95	553.00	180.00	785.00	232.85	232.85	4,951.65

		2023 Budget			Position: Webmaster								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	Misc	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	80.00	15.00	120.00	-	15.00	15.00		80.00	15.00	120.00			\$ 460.00
Travel	140.00	77.00	250.00	-	77.00	77.00		70.00	77.00	700.00		150.00	\$ 1,618.00
Lodging	380.00		456.00	-				260.00		456.00			\$ 1,552.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Hosting Fees							400.00						\$ 400.00
Other	15.00		20.00	20.00									\$ 55.00
Budgeted	615.00	92.00	846.00	20.00	92.00	92.00	400.00	410.00	92.00	1,276.00	-	150.00	4,085.00

		2023 Budget			Position: Northern Light Editor								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	Misc	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	100.00	7.00	180.00	100.00	7.00	7.00		100.00	7.00	250.00			\$ 758.00
Travel	32.50	50.00	205.00	93.00	50.00	50.00		80.00	50.00	410.00			\$ 1,020.50
Lodging	190.00		152.00	133.00				152.00		352.00			\$ 979.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing		375.00		375.00	375.00	375.00		375.00	375.00				\$ 2,250.00
Postage		300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00		300.00	300.00				\$ 1,800.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	337.50	732.00	557.00	1,001.00	732.00	732.00	-	1,007.00	732.00	1,012.00	-	-	6,842.50

		2023 Budget			Position: Group Records								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	Misc	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	100.00	50.00	7.00	7.00		60.00	7.00	100.00			\$ 398.00
Travel	40.00	20.00	100.00	25.00	20.00	20.00		20.00	20.00	350.00			\$ 615.00
Lodging	190.00		225.00	135.00				152.00		152.00			\$ 854.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing				50.00			30.00	50.00					\$ 130.00
Postage		20.00		20.00			120.00	20.00	20.00				\$ 200.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	305.00	47.00	445.00	280.00	27.00	27.00	150.00	302.00	47.00	602.00	-	-	2,232.00

		2023 Budget			Position: Literature								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	Misc	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	75.00	7.00	70.00	60.00	7.00	7.00		60.00	7.00	70.00			\$ 363.00
Travel	100.00	30.00	100.00	25.00	30.00	30.00		75.00	30.00	460.00		150.00	\$ 1,030.00
Lodging	380.00		304.00	266.00				260.00		304.00			\$ 1,514.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Postage												250.00	\$ 250.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	570.00	37.00	494.00	351.00	37.00	37.00	-	395.00	37.00	834.00	-	400.00	3,192.00

		2023 Budget			Position: PI								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	State <i>Fair</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	100.00	7.00	180.00	100.00	7.00	7.00	15.00	100.00	7.00	250.00			\$ 773.00
Travel	32.50	50.00	205.00	93.00	50.00	50.00	100.00	80.00	50.00	410.00		800.00	\$ 1,920.50
Lodging	190.00		152.00	133.00			185.00	152.00		352.00			\$ 1,164.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	337.50	57.00	557.00	326.00	57.00	57.00	300.00	332.00	57.00	1,012.00	-	800.00	3,892.50

	2023 Budget				Position: Treatment								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	135.00	75.00	7.00	7.00		75.00	7.00	225.00		100.00	\$ 698.00
Travel	30.00	38.00	240.00	70.00	31.00	31.00		57.00	38.00	388.00		200.00	\$ 1,123.00
Lodging	190.00		152.00	266.00				130.00		608.00		200.00	\$ 1,546.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies												100.00	\$ 100.00
Printing												96.00	\$ 96.00
Postage												42.00	\$ 42.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	295.00	45.00	547.00	411.00	38.00	38.00	-	262.00	45.00	1,221.00	-	738.00	3,640.00

	2023 Budget				Position: Grapevine Chair								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	100.00	10.00	140.00	100.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	60.00	10.00	180.00		100.00	\$ 770.00
Travel	90.00	40.00	220.00	90.00	40.00	40.00	140.00	50.00	40.00	500.00		400.00	\$ 1,650.00
Lodging	380.00		354.00	266.00				304.00		708.00		200.00	\$ 2,212.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies							500.00						\$ 500.00
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	585.00	50.00	734.00	456.00	50.00	50.00	690.00	414.00	50.00	1,388.00	-	700.00	5,167.00

	2023 Budget				Position: CPC								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	100.00	7.00	N/A	25.00	7.00	7.00		75.00	7.00	200.00			\$ 428.00
Travel	110.25	63.00	N/A	20.00	63.00	63.00		43.00	63.00	575.00		500.00	\$ 1,500.25
Lodging	380.00		N/A					304.00		300.00			\$ 984.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies							100.00						\$ 100.00
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00						300.00						\$ 315.00
Budgeted	605.25	70.00	-	45.00	70.00	70.00	400.00	422.00	70.00	1,075.00	-	500.00	3,327.25

	2023 Budget				Position: Archivist								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	100.00	10.00	140.00	100.00	10.00	10.00	180.00	60.00	10.00	180.00		100.00	\$ 900.00
Travel	90.00	40.00	45.00	220.00	40.00	40.00	480.00	30.00	40.00	500.00		400.00	\$ 1,925.00
Lodging	380.00		354.00	266.00				260.00		354.00		200.00	\$ 1,814.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies							1,370.00						\$ 1,370.00
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00				6,200.00			30.00			\$ 6,265.00
Budgeted	585.00	50.00	559.00	586.00	50.00	50.00	8,230.00	350.00	50.00	1,064.00	-	700.00	12,274.00

	2023 Budget				Position: Archives Chair								
	Service <i>Wkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Misc Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	90.00	60.00	7.00	7.00		60.00	7.00	150.00		50.00	\$ 498.00
Travel	34.00	24.40	175.00	40.40	24.40	24.40	75.00	22.00	24.40	262.40		50.00	\$ 756.40
Lodging	190.00		304.00	133.00				130.00		456.00			\$ 1,213.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	299.00	31.40	589.00	233.40	31.40	31.40	75.00	212.00	31.40	868.40	-	100.00	2,502.40

	2023 Budget				Position: Corrections								
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Statewide Corrections Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	100.00	7.00	200.00	100.00	7.00	7.00	100.00	100.00	7.00	240.00			\$ 868.00
Travel	40.00		125.00	45.00			125.00	25.00		260.00			\$ 620.00
Lodging	380.00		456.00	211.00			100.00	260.00		456.00			\$ 1,863.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies							100.00						\$ 100.00
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00				100.00				500.00		\$ 635.00
Budgeted	535.00	7.00	801.00	356.00	7.00	7.00	525.00	385.00	7.00	956.00	500.00	-	4,086.00

	2023 Budget				Area Events								
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget		Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	State Fair Booth	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget		Zonal Forum Budget		Total Budget
Meals	118.00												118.00
Travel	83.00												83.00
Lodging	380.00												380.00
Rent	1475.00	100.00		1,500.00	100.00	100.00	700.00	2,800.00	100.00		100.00		6,975.00
Coffee	100.00			200.00				200.00					500.00
Printing	300.00			300.00				300.00			50.00		950.00
Postage													-
Other	15.00							-					15.00
Budgeted	2,471.00	100.00	-	2,000.00	100.00	100.00	700.00	3,300.00	100.00	-	150.00	-	\$9,021.00
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*** Printing costs are for flyers													

	2023 Budget				Position: Finacial OS								
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals		5.00			5.00	5.00			5.00				\$ 20.00
Travel		79.09			79.09	79.09			79.09				\$ 316.36
Lodging													\$ -
Phone													\$ -
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Postage													\$ -
Other													\$ -
Budgeted	-	84.09	-	-	84.09	84.09	-	-	84.09	-	-	-	336.36

	2023 Budget				Position: Sound Tech								
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	7.00	-	50.00	7.00	7.00	-	50.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 178.00
Travel	65.00	30.00	-	65.00	30.00	30.00	-	65.00	30.00	N/A	n/a	n/a	\$ 315.00
Lodging	250.00	-	-	250.00	-	-	-	250.00	-	N/A	n/a	n/a	\$ 750.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies	150.00									N/A			\$ 150.00
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other										N/A			\$ -
Budgeted	515.00	37.00	-	365.00	37.00	37.00	-	365.00	37.00	-	-	-	1,393.00

AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE - STEVE L

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen, I hope you had a pleasant 4th of July and still have all your fingers.

Since the ACM, I’ve given conference reports to Districts 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 21 with District 3 scheduled in August and waiting to hear from Districts 1, 2 and 4. Please contact me to schedule a report for your District.

My PowerPoint presentation along with all the reports, presentations and PowerPoint presentations from the 72nd General Service Conference (GSC) are posted on our website for your viewing pleasure.

What consumed most of my time this past month was converting my Conference PowerPoint presentation into a workable word document which will be inserted into this issue of the Northern Light.

I attended the June Zoom Delegates meeting. Kathi C from Wyoming, was elected the new WCR Secretary/Archivist in May. It was interesting to hear how other Delegates were doing on giving their Conference reports to their Areas. A few Delegates had only given a couple of reports, one Delegate was giving most of her reports by Zoom. One stated she was asked to mostly give her impression on what it was like and just a little on the business that was discussed.

Please take the time to read the conference report later on in this NL. If you have any questions, please feel free to get a hold of me.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Humbly, Steven L

ALT DELEGATE - JUSTIN W

Greetings. We have officially selected the Holiday Inn Duluth Downtown for the 2023 Service Workshop and it will be held on January 14th and 15th. Room rates are \$159 plus taxes and fees. They are prepared with all of the setup requirements and I’m considering whether or not we should use their A/V system, at least for presentations. They have 3 projector screens in the main space and the projectors are in the ceiling. We could use 2 of them and they’d be synced to the same presentation. They have agreed to allow the sale of coffee, and they’re ok with our bringing in ice cream as well. They changed their mind after I made them aware of the possible consequences of a hundred or so alcoholics cooped up in a nice hotel with no ice cream or coffee for a couple of days! My sponsor has made ice cream a vital part of my recovery, or at least has supported the idea to some extent.

The cutoff date for the room block will be December 14th, 2022. They provided me with a clickable link and we will email it with the agenda email distribution. This is not something I remember in the past, but in essence, you can click this link from a phone or a computer and it would automatically allow you to book your room reservations from our room block. I was going to include it here but it is long and ugly. The group code is “NMA” so you can mention this if you call and they’ll know you’re with us! The phone number is 218-722-1202 and you can start booking rooms now if you’d like. The address is 200 West First Street | Duluth, MN 55802. Also, I did negotiate a checkout time of 12:30pm on Sunday, so we can avoid the typical “check-out break” and just checkout after we close.

We still have the option of catering the event, but I’d like to get feedback from the groups on this if possible. So if you’re reading this, ask about it. “Would you prefer to have the meals provided at the hotel instead of having to go out for meals?” Past experience indicates it’s been well received, but we have plenty of time to poll for feedback.

Dennis B (Saint Paul, MN) has accepted our invitation to be a guest speaker at the event, for which I’m grateful. I had the pleasure of hearing one of his presentations on the first 3 concepts at CITW a couple of years ago and it was amazing. We haven’t quite settled on a “program” just yet for the presentations, but my thoughts are along the lines of demystifying general service in AA....once and for all!!

I had an initial pre-conference meeting with Alyssa from the hotel on June 13th and she has been extremely helpful and professional. I am satisfied with their accommodations to this point and am confident in their ability and commitment to host us in January! See you all in August!

AREA CHAIR - CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area 35, It has been an eventful month of June; I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and time with the family.

I continue to have communications with the Area 36 Chair and we are still discussing the Joint WS and have not dialed in any details yet. I pray that we can work together and come up with some solutions and have some good conversations and put past issues behind us and look at how we can cooperate.

The Statewide Corrections is looking at having a workshop and I have been working with the Area 36 Chair to find a facility that we could jointly host this event at. I have been working at looking into facilities and have been sharing that information with the Area 36 Chair.

I have signed the contract for the 2023 Spring Assembly which will be held at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria on April 1 and 2nd, 2023. I traveled to Isle on 7/2/22 to check out a facility called McQuoid’s. It is a smaller facility,

similar to Grand Ely Lodge. I feel that it would not suit our needs for Fall of 2023 which is a voting assembly. I have received quotes back from the River’s Edge Convention Center located in St. Cloud. The price for event centers are increasing and the convention center is around 2700 for the weekend. It is the best I can do with the amount of time I have to get something reserved for 2023.

I have been working on collecting area budgets and reviewing them. Thank you to Area 35 Secretary for being a second set of eyes and that you to Area 35 alternate Delegate for keeping up on the area treasury. I continue to collect contributions and deposit them into the area checking account.

I have received (4) General Service Conference proposals from District 8, 9, and the Tuesday Morning group in District 13. These will be voted on at the August committee meeting and there will be a hybrid option for the GSRs to join in. Please check with your DCMs for the login information. This will be the only part of the meeting that will be hybrid. The remainder of the meeting will be completed in person.

I continue to learn more and more as I serve in the capacity of Area Chair. I also have been learning that God needs to be the center of my service and I need to ask His guidance and to be present in our Area. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

SECRETARY - SALLY L

Greetings, Area 35. Since the June ACM, I attended the Tri-District Workshop. It was a good workshop with a lot of participation. Districts 8, 9, and 16 put on the event, and there was an attendee from District 7, Arden A., our Area Corrections Chair. I have also been helping our Area Chair, Christine G., by going over the 2023 budgets to see if I saw anything that might require more information from the person submitting the budget. I am happy to be of service to the Area. In service, Sally L

TREASURER -

Greetings. Not much to report from the treasury here. I am assisting with the treasury until we can elect a new treasurer in October. Though I am stretched pretty thin at the moment, I consider it an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity.

We are grateful for the continued financial support and the accountability that the AA Groups in Area 35 provide. Specifically because it provides a clear-cut and definite chain of command that keeps us from being influenced by or affiliated with outside entities that might otherwise commit our means and resources toward unprincipled ends. If challenged from the outside, we simply ask those of you that have approved of and paid for our functioning and existence, and your voice is loud and clear.

And such is the wisdom of the seventh tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous, which keeps us faithful to the group conscience alone, and insulates our fellowship from all manner of corruption, try as they might. “Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune.” Justin W

WEBMASTER - KYLE H

There were a handful of updates to the website, including the Delegates full report from the GSC. There were also a few system updates that were applied. Group records has a new laptop, and archives is next. We are still looking for volunteers for the technology committee, anyone with interest should reach out to me - webmaster@area35.org. In service, Kyle

NORTHERN LIGHT - HEIDI B

Greetings, Since the June ACM, I have been working on the current issue of the Northern Light. There were several pieces of information that had to be included in this issue, so the layout was revised to share as much of this information as we could. When I was nearly done with the layout, I lost an entire day of edits when I walked away for a break. I guess I’ve learned the hard way to save work frequently! I attended the Tri-District Workshop (8,9,16) and enjoyed hearing about what we can do for CPC/PI and Treatment. See you in August!

GROUP RECORDS - DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, Since our June ACM I am happy to announce that I did receive a new computer on July 8th to be used for Area35 Group Records business! Thank you to Kyle for getting this to me and thank you to Area 35 for purchasing this for me. It will surely help make things easier for me to be of service to you, thank you!!

In the last month I have received a minimum of 10 requests for Group Changes. At least 7 comments through aaminnesota.org from members that went to meeting locations only to find the doors locked and no meeting. It is so important that we have accurate meeting information, especially during the summer traveling season. Most of the comments were from people traveling north to the cabin or on vacations and just needed a meeting. Some have been pretty upset that the doors have been locked and no one there. When this happens, I generally check with the DCM of the meeting location to ask if they can find out about the meeting in question and verify as I hate to inactivate a meeting if it is still active and just had a misunderstanding of some kind. I have also received a few general questions about AA through the website and am happy to help. I have also received approximately 5 new Group submissions, 2 from Warroad Mn in a District that has no DCM. It is nice to see activity and new groups forming.

I have completed and submitted my expected budget for the next year and look forward to participating in as many Area events as possible. I have also been working on producing the group records sheets that Sally had created last rotation. I am looking forward to trying to produce these on the new Area 35 computer using that system and will hopefully have better luck understanding the process. Thank you DCM's for your patience with me in that learning process. The Group Sheets will be coming!!

There have been several changes to the Northern Light mailing list and I did receive 5 return notices from the last mailing for a total of \$4.02 in postage.

I was invited to attend the next quarterly registrar sharing session hosted by GSO on July 13 that I plan to attend.

I have also completed a 16 week study of the new Service Manual and will continue with this study now going through the Concepts in the Service Manual. It is Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm via Zoom hosted by Dee and Billy N. If anyone would like more information or want to join me and about 70 others in this study please let me know! I have become somewhat of a service nerd studying the Service Manual and our literature and love to have different perspectives in learning.

That's all for now- I look forward to our August ACM and discussing the proposals brought to the Area as well as seeing you all. In Service, Denise R

LITERATURE - PAT M

Hello area 35 I am your area 35 literature chair Pat M. I was not able to attend the area 35 Aitkin committee meeting due to some health issues. I shall be there in August. Literature sales have been pretty consistent. We're always moving literature in area 35. A lot of literature was on back order. I did receive two cases of big books now still waiting on 12 and 12, Daily Reflections, As Bill Sees It and some other literature which I should have by the end of July, that's what GSO has informed me. I would like to bring up two pamphlets: A Group - Where it All Begins and Problems other than Alcohol. These are two very good pamphlets to read and study. We talk a lot about what the group is and what singleness of purpose is. Two very great reads for all of us. Still hoping to come and visit some of the districts and share on some of our literature. Please contact me if you're interested. Thank you, Area 35, for allowing me to serve as your area 35 literature chair. Pat M

PI - NELS P

Greetings Area 35, I recently attended the Tri-District Workshop in Virginia and had a great time listening to PI and Treatment ideas as well as a great speaker (I'm biased), Heidi B. I also shared a few PI ideas of my own. The ice-cream social was awesome! I also attended the Northwoods Partner Health Fair at the GEL in Ely and discussed the possibility of having a booth there next year.

I would like to share my thoughts regarding my decision on behalf of the Area to not participate in the 2022 State Fair booth with Area 36. As many of you know, after discussion at the June ACM, the Area chose to give me the right of decision. Please read my correspondence to Area 36 below, with details as to why I felt that for this year, it was not in the Area's best interest to participate. This was not a choice that I made lightly. I prayed about this, talked to my service sponsor numerous times and felt this was the best option for the Area. Many things influenced my decision, including feedback from the PI/CPC committee, previous booth volunteers, the body's comments, suggestions and lack of interest in volunteering during discussion at the ACM. I've had countless conversations about this since the January Service Workshop. I was also told by the Area 36 PI Chair that as long as I let him know right after our June ACM, that it wouldn't be a problem to get the volunteer slots filled. After my second discussion with Patrick following the June ACM, I emailed DCM's and shared the option of working with Patrick in Area 36 directly, as he and I discussed. I've continued to pass this along at AA events and meetings. I do feel it is in our interest to support Area 36 with literature costs as that is a commitment we can fulfil effectively. Below is my correspondence to Area 36 regarding the State Fair booth explaining my decision.

Greetings Area 36, I hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer as well as the gift of sobriety. I wanted to explain the decision not to participate in the state fair this year.

In my initial conversation with Patrick S Area 36 PI Chair, we discussed this as a possibility, and I was told that it wouldn't be a big issue as long as I let him know right after our area committee meeting. We discussed the option of people in our area contacting him directly if they wanted to serve as a volunteer at the booth if we decided as an area to not participate this year.

In my second conversation we confirmed that I would email all districts with the information to sign up with Patrick's contact information and I have done that and as I told him I would continue to help in that capacity.

I'm a bit confused about the reaction I got on the second conversation because in the first conversation it seemed as if there was no concern if we participated as an area or not in the state fair and that area 36 would fill those slots.

The area voted to give me the right of decision and the following are the reasons why I decided against it.

- ♦ *As an area I felt that the level of participation and volunteers was going to be very low so we would have most likely had a commitment we*

could not fulfill.

- ♦ *With current fuel and hotel prices it would be challenging for a good portion of our area volunteers to afford to volunteer.*
- ♦ *Several complaints about confusion on scheduling with people not showing up or being told to go home because of having too many people at the same time slot.*
- ♦ *Several people in our area told me that after the experience last year they wouldn't volunteer again.*
- ♦ *In many conversations it was voiced that the scheduling of time slots should be broader with more options to serve.*

I look forward to seeing everyone at the area joint workshop and having some good conversations about the state fair and other areas of service. Yours in service, Nels P

TREATMENT - RICCO R

I attended the Tri-District Workshop committee meeting and attended the Workshop on June 18, 2022 held in Virginia MN. The workshop was a huge success. There was approximately 25 to 30 people present. The three presenters for the Treatment topic and three presenters for CPC topic did a wonderful job. As a bonus, we had many AA workshop attendees that joined in the discussion with questions and gave their experience and knowledge in both service topics. Then to top the workshop off, Heidi was our speaker and gave a heart-warming talk that made the workshop complete.

I have been organizing a Treatment Committee Meeting on Zoom to be held on July 17, 2022. The purpose is to touch base with everyone on some of our projects we are working on and to just have good old fashion AA fellowshipship.

I registered for the North South Forum to be held on July 16, 2022. It is approximately an 8-hr. forum covering a large agenda and topics on reaching the Remote Communities to help the get the AA message of recovery from alcoholism out to them. I am extremely excited and can't wait till it is here. I continue to attend the CPC Committee Meetings which I belong to. We are working on a few projects, one of which is working with the Military. I am hoping the North South Forum will enhance our knowledge on ways to connect with remote communities. The Military is only one of many considered to be in the category of Remote Communities. In Unity and Service, Ricco

CPC - GREG C

Greetings AREA 35! Nothing earth-shattering for news in the world of CPC this past month. Still reaching out traditional Professional groups such as Health Care, Law Enforcement, Probation, Social Services and Clergy. I have been trying to establish contacts with secondary education facilities, especially those with programs in some of the above-mentioned careers, in an effort to present to students going into these fields. Current curriculum offers little in the way of education on Alcoholism and the role AA plays in its treatment.

Great news from Tyler, our Web-site developer! For those Districts who have used him for their website construction, there is now an administration tab giving you Visitor Analysis...numbers on website hits and a breakdown of areas searched. I was blown away by the actual numbers in my home District! It really becoming a valuable tool!

Had some contact with my counterpart in AREA 36. I shared a number of video presentations I have compiled with them and am waiting on a video one of their Districts put together for possible use in our area. Hope all is going well for everyone! Keep trudging the road of happy Destiny! Greg C

ARCHIVIST - MARC N

Since my last report, in late June, Renell and I unpacked more stuff, we found and sorted a few boxes of Grapevine magazines, these are mostly duplicates of the one copy we have on shelves, we are still looking for more recent Grapevines (1995 and more recent). We would like to make the duplicates available to others, please DCMs and GSRs share with your groups that old Grapevines from the 70s, 80s, and early 90s are available. As an area and group conscience we would also like feedback regarding keeping the Grapevine hardcopies at all considering that the Grapevine archive catalog is shared online, and previously published articles are available with a paid subscription.

We found several vinyl records (33 speed), these will be cataloged, and thoughts are to share the catalog on the Area 35 website, and then to digitize per request. Response to request for digitized records will be slow to develop, I found a machine to do the digitizing, and we will need to develop a policy regarding qualifying the availability to requestors (to preserve anonymity).

A past archivist shared his archive inventory a while ago, we will print and verify that those items remain. After discussion with other past archivists, it seems that whatever had been digitized previously has been lost. It is my intent to not allow the loss of digital information to happen again, working with our Webmaster will hopefully provide a solution. In Service, Marc N.

ARCHIVES - RENELL P

Attendees today 6/05/22: Steve R. and Rodney S. from Dist. 12, Vicki R. from Dist 11, Sharna J. from Dist 6, Archivist Marc N., and Archives Chair Renell P.

Marc gave a report on his experiences on displaying at Gopher State Round-up this past weekend. We need to really be grateful for all the time and effort he is putting into being our Area's Archivist. Marc, we appreciate your enthusiasm in displaying our archives appropriately.

On May 14th several committee members met at our new storage location, 9 3rd St. Aitken, MN. We spent several hours unpacking and organizing boxes of books and magazines, and displaying on book shelves. Much left to do! Thank you. All your help was appreciated.

We will be gathering again on Thursday June 30th at 2:30 pm at 9 3rd Street, Aitken. If you want to help, join us. Bring a chair.

Vicki will create a guideline for us to follow as we sort through the treasures. Yours in Service, Renell

GRAPEVINE - MIKE U

Nothing to report

CORRECTIONS - ARDEN A

Hi everyone in the past couple of months we have got the area 35 and 36 together in a corrections meeting. We are meeting in a zoom meeting once a month it is the first Sunday of the month all DCMs and Dist. Corrections chairs and anyone else interested in corrections are welcome. We will be changing the zoom address we have had unwelcome guest. We are planning a workshop for October 8th in St Cloud. Hopefully we will have a flier out by mid Aug. with Time Place and Speakers.

I have also been attending the international Corrections zoom mtgs on Sundays. Virginia hosted a PI CPC work workshop that I attended. I have attended several meetings in my surrounding area. I am looking forward to seeing you at the area in Aug. Yours in Service, Arden A.



Your experience, strength and hope...

Finding the Answers -Literature and Experience

I am finding myself rediscovering our basic literature to find basic answers that somehow have gotten lost amongst people's thoughts and opinions, including my own.

One of my most recent rediscoveries is the AA Group Pamphlet- I had forgotten or perhaps never knew how much information is in this one pamphlet. Information on how an AA Group Functions, the difference between a meeting and a Group, the definition of an Open and Closed meeting, A. A.'s Single Purpose, Principles Before Personalities, an informed group conscience, how the AA group relates to A.A. as a whole and the General Service Office, not to mention the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts even in long form!

The next time I get into a discussion on what an open meeting is, I can refer to the pamphlet. The next time someone asks what is an informed group conscience? I can refer to the pamphlet. This information comes from a General Service Conference approved pamphlet meaning it was discussed, voted on and approved by the collective conscience of the participating AA Groups. It is not one person's thoughts, experience, or opinions. It's easy to give my thoughts or opinion on an issue, it takes a little more time and effort to pass on correct information and knowledge.

I was also recently given some great information from a member who has served as a General Service Trustee, Delegate, non -Trustee Director of AAWS, and a few other Trusted Servant positions. They told me that I could find Bill's original writings of the 12 Traditions from the Grapevine Archives!? What? who knew??? I went online to the Grapevine Archives and printed for myself copies of Bill's articles "Our A.A. Experience Has Taught Us That" from the April 1946 Grapevine, "Anarchy Melts" from July 1946 Grapevine and Bill's series of articles starting with Tradition One in the April 1952 Issue. Bill writes an article on each of the traditions monthly with the final Tradition 12 article in the April 1953 issue of the Grapevine. For someone who loves AA history, I had no idea these were available to us. If you are a service nerd too that wants to learn more about our history and learn straight from the source, I would encourage you to print them off and read them for yourself. Study them with others and learn for yourself what they mean to you and to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous. Rediscovering our literature has been so exciting for me. I hope you take time to read it, learn it and pass it on.

Denise R/Sartell, MN

Bethel Community Group AA Covid Survival

This story describes the actions of my home group's sobriety survival through the Covid Pandemic.

When the state ordered the closure of certain facilities to stop the spread of Covid, our group was affected. The church we met at decided to hold Sunday services on the parking lot. We decided to hold our meetings on the parking lot as well. We brought our own outdoor chairs, masked and social distanced. We were one block away from a busy 4 lane highway, so background noise had its impact. Surprisingly, I don't recall a rainout, rain delays happened, but no rain during meeting time. We often had visitors who complied with the masking and social distancing. During this time no one was infected with Covid.

When the weather started getting rough (earwig time, how many are singing that song now?) and the state revised the rules concerning indoor meetings we were allowed to meet indoors again. We did need to practice masking and social distancing. We were perhaps fortunate to be a small group so that we all could share, speak, and be heard. We gained a new member during this time. We did not ask each other about vaccination status, I don't recall anyone having Covid during this time.

A few more months passed by and we were again allowed to meet as we had before the pandemic rules changed things. We gained another new AA member. Since the return to "normal" three of us had mild Covid symptoms (tested positive) and quarantined as recommended. We continue to have masks available and are willing to social distance if a visitor asks.

Marc N., Group Contact/East Bethel, MN

"I know that my errors of yesterday still have their effect; that my shortcomings of today may likewise affect our future. So it is, with each and all of us."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1965, "Responsibility Is Our Theme," The Language of the Heart

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

Did you have a great time at Spring Assembly? Is your home group bringing a meeting to a local treatment center or correctional facility? Please tell us about it. Send an email to: northernlight@area35.org.

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

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

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

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

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

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

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

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

Northern Light Editor, Heidi B

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & foremost, Contact the Northern Light Editor at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number listed on page 2 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 area35.org calendar of events.

3. Once approved 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
126 13th Ave S
St Cloud, MN 56301

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!

RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

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

Northern Light Deadlines for 2022 are as Follows:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2022 Service Events

August 7: Area 35 Committee Meeting
(Casual Dress)
Aitkin, MN
9:00am

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

41st Annual

Keep It Simple Weekend

Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth, Minnesota)

Theme: How It Works

August 12th, 13th, & 14th, 2022

WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**** NOTE: due to CAMP POLICY, there is NO ADMITTANCE into the camp prior to 5:30 PM Friday****

FRIDAY	5:30 PM	REGISTRATION
	6:30 PM	SUPPER
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Speaker – Evelyn F. (Grand Rapids) AA Speaker – Madalynne R. (Ely Women's Group)
SATURDAY	Campfire Call-up Meeting to follow the speakers	
	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
	10:00 AM	AA Open Big Book Meeting Al-Anon Open Meeting
	NOON	LUNCH
	1:00 PM	Recreation Time**
	5:00 PM	SUPPER
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Speaker – Jeni T (Two Harbors) AA Speaker – Donna H. (Orr Tuesday Night)
SUNDAY	Ice Cream Social to follow the speakers	
	8:30 AM	BREAKFAST
	10:00 AM	AA Speaker– Nick D. (Lake Vermillion 12x12)

SATURDAY

Bean Bag
Tournament

Prizes
Awarded!!!

Planning meeting for 2023 after speaker
REGISTRATION

Adults Tent/Camper Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$55.00 Adult Bunkhouse Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$75.00 (Pkgs. include all meals, registration and lodging)	Children Tent/Camper Package 2 nights & 5 meals 10 & under \$20.00 11-17 \$40.00 (includes all meals, reg. and lodging.)
General Admission (all events, not including meals. \$18.00 per weekend or \$6.00 per day.	Meals: \$5.00 each (payable before eating) Saturday Supper: \$7.00 per person.
Camping - \$6.00 per person per night (no hookups available) Bunkhouses - \$20.00 Per person per night. (Does not include general admission.)	All accommodations on a first come/first served basis. There is room for all Pre-Registration is not necessary

Bring your own LAWN CHAIRS, BEDDING, FLASHLIGHTS, ETC.

** Activities include volleyball, basketball, canoeing, bocce ball,
kayaking, fishing, hiking, campfire and lots of fellowship

For more info, call Sam K. 218-780-8849 or Heather A. 218-410-4540
SORRY, NO PETS ALLOWED.

ZONAL FORUM/POTLUCK

DISTRICTS 3, 4 AND 15

August 13th, 2022

LOCATION: PERHAM ALANO CLUB

43452 Co Hwy 34, Perham, MN 56573

11:30am or noon:	Potluck starts
1pm - 2:30 pm	Zonal Forum starts: Speakers Steve L., Delegate, Justin W., Alt Delegate, Christine G., Area Chair, Cindy K., Treasurer and Sally L, Secretary
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Break
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Jim S (topic: rewards of being in service and results of it, includes Q & A)
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm –	Steve S, Area 35 Delegate, Delegate's report back from General Service Conference

FOR MORE INFORMATION: contact Gene M. at (218) 850 2298

Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with the rest
and hear about the Area 35 service structure and the
results of the 2022 General Service Conference.

SPEAKER MEETING & POTLUCK

Hosted by
ELY MONDAY WOMEN'S MEETING
SATURDAY, AUG 20

6:00 Potluck
6:30 Alanon Speaker Madalynne R
7:30 AA Speaker Dennis F

Bring a friend and a dish to share!

**Ledgerock Church • 1515 E Camp St
Ely**

BIWABIK SUNDAY NIGHT OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
501 MAIN ST N. BIWABIK, MN
(basement)

SATURDAY
AUG. 27, 2022 7:00 pm

SPEAKERS:

AL-ANON EMILY H., CAROL T., INGELORE N.
(TUESDAY MORNING BACK TO BASICS)
AA DOUG S. (ELY)

COFFEE & GOODIES



BRING A FRIEND
OR
MEET ONE THERE

The 76th Annual Roundup

Shoulder to Shoulder

September 9-11, 2022

Holiday Inn

200 W 1st St, Duluth, MN 55802

Friday Night -

Candice A. (Manitoba, Canada)

Saturday Morning -

Colleen B. (Duluth, MN)

AL-ANON -

Betty A. (Mankato, MN)

Saturday Night -

Jason J. (Oregon City, OR)

Sunday Morning -

Carla N. (Minneapolis, MN)

free parking in Holiday Inn ramp

panels, workshops,
meetings, & talking circles
Saturday from 12:00 - 4:00

Saturday breakfast at 8:00
Saturday dinner at 5:00

duluthroundup.org



Registration

mail registration form with U.S. funds to
PO Box 16771
Duluth, MN 55816-0771

roundup tickets (\$20)
of tickets _____

donate a ticket (\$20)
of tickets _____

optional add on's for Saturday
breakfast (\$15)
dinner (\$40)
pork _____
steak & shrimp _____
spinach ravioli _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Pick up tickets at the registration desk
at the Holiday Inn

Registration starts at 2:00 on Friday

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

31st ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

3:00 Registration Begins
6:00 - 7:00 Sandwich Bar
8:30 AA Speaker - Tina A. - Hollister, CA
..... Campfire Call-up Meeting following speaker

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Al-Anon Speaker - Heather T. - Grand Forks, ND
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 AA Speaker - Jim K. - Lake Shores, MN
2:45 - 3:30 AA Workshop - Marty J. - Richmond, BC
..... "Sponsorship"
3:45 - 4:30 AA Workshop - Tina A. - Hollister, CA
..... "Into Action"
3:45 - 4:45 Al-Anon Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
7:30 AA Speaker - Marty J. - Richmond, BC
9:30 Dance - Music By "Big Show Entertainment"

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast
10:00 AA Speaker - Michael D. - Sioux Falls, SD
11:30 - 12:30 Lunch
3:00 Check-out

Make Your Reservations Early!

LODGING

Sleeping accommodations are with single double and bunk beds with mattresses. All you need to provide is your own sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, and a flashlight. Monitor weather conditions and bring appropriate clothing.

All Northern Pine buildings are smoke free.

Pets must be leashed or crated at all times and not allowed in indoor recreation buildings.

CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED

Cabins . . . Limited Availability

All have toilet and shower facilities. Call for availability. Some are pet free. Pre-registration required. If you were in a cabin last year, send in your registration immediately.



WEBSITE and FORMS
For more information about the Round-Up
www.heartlandroundup.com

If you prefer:
American 1-218-732-1234
C'Mon Inn 1-800-268-6891
Super 8 Motel 1-218-732-9704
Rattle Inn 1-218-237-2628
For resort information contact
Park Rapids Chamber 1-800-347-0054

Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 1st-2nd, 2022

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

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

To make reservations please call: (218) 470-1000
Reserve under: Area 35 Assembly Block
Cut Off Date: **AUGUST 30, 2022**; After that rate is \$99.99 + tax per night

Saturday, October 1
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 2
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



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

"Experience the Serenity"

FALL . . . brings a coat of many colors to our forest. Enjoy the area foliage while hiking, golfing, fishing or boating on nearby. Headwaters Golf Course is just across the road! Access to the Heartland Trail is down the road!

CAMPING & RV's
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

FISHHOOK LAKE
Waterfront for swimming with lifeguard
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Sat. Only

ON-SITE PLAYGROUND
Volleyball, Basketball, CoCo Ball
Soccer, Tetherball, Disc Golf
Children's Play Area
(Children must be supervised)

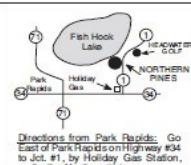
PET POLICY
BRINGING A PET TO THE ROUND-UP?
Please register all pets along with current vaccination records and sign a waiver of responsibility upon arrival.
A fee of \$15.00 is required for designated cabins.
A copy of this policy will be posted at the IRLU website.

31st ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP
SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 - 2022
20033 COUNTY 1
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470

NORTHERN PINES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

20033 County 1 • Park Rapids, MN

Situated on a 40 acre site on the east shore of Fish Hook Lake, in the woods and pines near Park Rapids in the area known as the Heartland of northern Minnesota, Northern Pines is an ideal setting for walking, running, hiking and biking. The headquarters of the Mississippi in Itasca Park is about 20 miles.



Directions from Park Rapids: Go East of Park Rapids on Highway #44 to exit #1. By Highway Gas Station, go 2 miles North on #1 to camp.

Google Maps may be inaccurate, please use these directions.

39TH ANNUAL ST CLOUD ROUNDUP "A New Beginning"

October 21-22, 2022

St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center • 10-4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Excellent Speakers • Fun Workshops • Fellowship!! • Hospitality Rooms • Ice Cream

Speakers Lineup

Friday

7:00 p.m. Ramona C. - Al-Anon
Chicago, IL
8:30 p.m. Marion W. - AA
Boca Raton, FL

Saturday

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

Lodging

Register under St Cloud Roundup by 9/21/22

Kelly Inn

100-4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 320-253-0808
Room rate: \$119/night

Saturday Meetings and Workshops

3 Legacies Workshops

9:00 - 9:50am Recovery
10:00 - 10:50am Unity
11:00 - 11:50am Service

Meetings

8:00 am Big Book Meeting
8:00am Al-Anon Meeting

Online Registration

Now Available with PayPal at www.stcloudroundup.org

\$15.00 Pre-Registration Ends 10/17/22 • Make Checks payable to SCR

Information: 320-296-1693 stcloudroundup@gmail.com	Registration: Pre-Registration \$15.00 Registration \$20.00	Mail To: St. Cloud Roundup PO Box 125 St. Cloud, MN 56302
Name _____		
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
Email (SCR use only) _____		
Pre-Registration	\$15.00	AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Other _____
Copy at will		

ATTN GSR'S, DCM'S & DISTRICT CHAIRS:

We are here for you! Area Officers & Action Committee Chairs are available for presentations and workshops.

What would you like to hear about?

Contact us and let us know!

Contact Christine at areachair@area35.org.

"By our Twelve Steps we have recovered, by our Twelve Traditions we have unified, and through our Third Legacy -- Service -- we shall carry the AA message down through the corridors of time to come."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., November 1951
"Services Make AA Tick"
The Language of the Heart

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

Acronyms

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

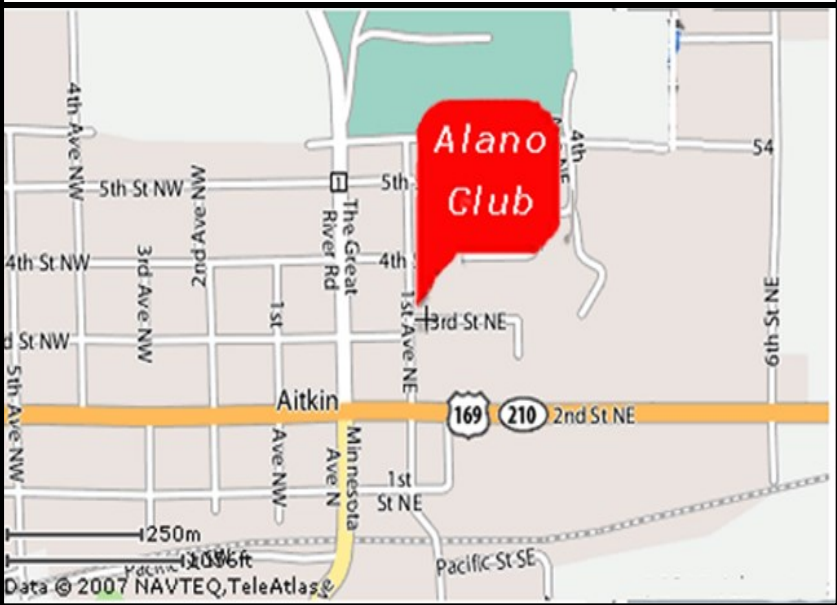
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

AREA 35
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?

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



AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda
Aitkin, MN
August 7th, 2022

<div><div>9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)</div><div>10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting</div><div>Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer</div><div>Recognize Past Delegates</div><div>Add to Agenda</div><div>Approve Minutes from last ACM</div><div>GSC Proposals HYBRID</div><div>GSC Proposal - District 8</div><div>GSC Proposal BB Translation - District 9</div><div>GSC Proposal 12x12 - District 9</div><div>GSC Proposal Blue Card - District 13</div><div>OFFICER REPORTS</div><div>Delegate – Steve L</div><div>Post Conference Report - Delegate</div><div>Alternate Delegate – Justin W</div><div>Chair – Christine G</div><div>Secretary – Sally L</div><div>Treasurer – Open</div><div>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</div><div>WEBMASTER – Kyle H</div><div>NORTHERN LIGHT – Heidi B</div><div>District 3 – Melvin S</div><div>GROUP RECORDS – Denise R</div><div>District 16 – Dave C</div><div>LITERATURE – Pat M</div><div>District 12 – Terry A</div><div>District 5 – Jarrin V</div><div>PUBLIC INFORMATION - Nels P</div><div>District 2 –</div><div>District 4 –</div><div>TREATMENT – Ricco R</div><div>District 6 – Julie N</div><div>District 7 – Robert N</div><div>CPC – Greg C</div><div>District 18 – Scott S</div><div>District 15 – Lisa M</div><div>ARCHIVIST – Marc N</div><div>ARCHIVES – Renell P</div><div>District 11 – Vicki R</div><div>District 14 -</div><div>GRAPEVINE – Mike U</div></div>	<div><div>District 1 -</div><div>District 13 – Jim R</div><div>District 21 – Brent T</div><div>CORRECTIONS – Arden A</div><div>District 9 - Diane R</div><div>District 8 - Heather L</div><div>12:00 P.M. Lunch</div><div>12:45 P.M. Reconvene</div><div>OLD BUSINESS</div><div>Financial Oversight Committee Report</div><div>Tabled motion: “Past Delegates are eligible to be nominated for Area service positions not previously held.” – Fall Assembly</div><div>Area Inventory – Fall Assembly</div><div>Ad-Hoc Technology Committee - Web</div><div>Joint A35/A36 WS</div><div>NEW BUSINESS:</div><div>Election of Treasurer – Fall Assembly</div><div>2023 Budgets – Fall Assembly</div><div>Statewide Correction Committee Workshop–</div><div>Corrections</div><div>State Fair Booth Contribution – PI Chair</div><div></div><div></div><div>Calendar of Events</div><div>Adjourn</div><div>NOTES:</div></div>
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Note - New Address

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to:

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

NMAA

126 13th Ave S

St. Cloud, MN 56301