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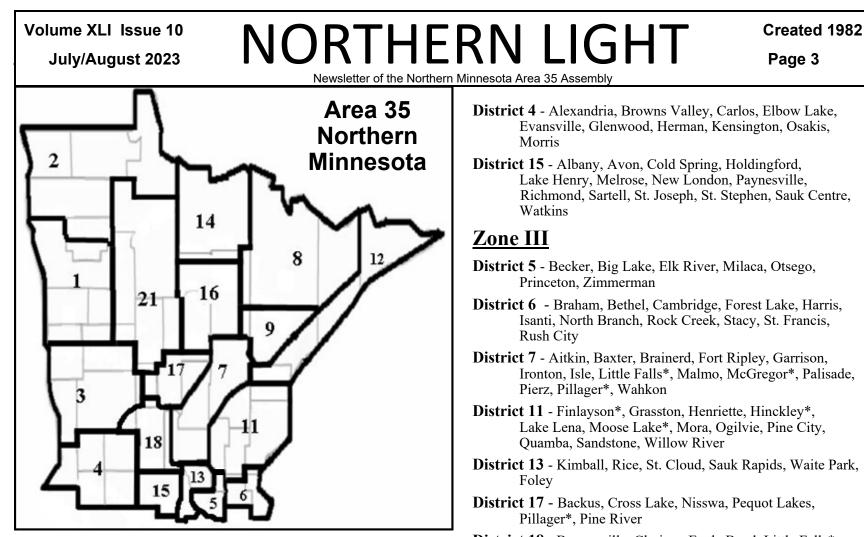
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Zone I

- 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 Big Fork, Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer, Warba
- **District 21** Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

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

- District 4 Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Osakis,
- Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre,
- **District 6** Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis,
- District 7 Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade,
- District 11 Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City,
- District 13 Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park,
- District 17 Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes,
- District 18 Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

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

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

District Meeting Location Information

District 1

2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill Street Fertile, MN 56540

District 2

1st Sunday of odd months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave Thief River Falls, MN 56701

District 3

District 7

3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401

District 8

Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Day and location rotate. Contact DCM for info.

District 9

District 14

3rd Thursday of month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649

District 15

1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307

District 16

3rd Sunday of month, 12:00 p.m. Perham Alano Club 43452 County Hwy 34 Perham, MN 56573

District 4

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.

District 5

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

District 6

3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056

Last Sunday of month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746

District 11

1st Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735

District 12

 3^{rd} Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible

<u>District 13</u>

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

1st Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible

District 17

Not currently active or unknown

District 18

1st Tuesday of month, 6:00 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21

2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601

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AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Area 35 June 2023 ACM Minutes Aitkin, MN June 4, 2023

Call to Order: Area Chair Christine G. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2023, and opened with the Serenity Prayer. There were 41 people in attendance.

Recognition of Past Delegates In Attendance: Jim K., Panel 62; Kelly D., Panel 66; Jim S., Panel 70

Approval of February 2023 ACM Minutes: Motion to approve – Heidi B. Second – Pat M.

Delegate Steve L. report back from Conference

Additions to agenda: None

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

Thank you to the kitchen for the wonderful lunch!

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – STEVEN L

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, Wow, I was working on my truck yesterday and it was hot in the nineties hot, too hot. Since I've come back from the conference, I have given two conference reports, the first in District 12 and the second in District 6. The first one lasted 3 hours, I cut a bunch of fat and the second took only 3 ½ hours. For today's report, I took the veg-omatic to it so I can be done before lunch. I have reports scheduled for; Thursday, June 8, for District 8, Saturday, June 10 in St Cloud, Sunday, June 11 for District 9, and Monday, July 10 at District 21. If your district hasn't scheduled a Conference report yet see me to make a date.

Talking with other Delegates at the conference many of their Areas hold an Assembly soon after the Conference so the Delegate can present their report on the Conference to the full Area. I was thinking along those lines and maybe we could discuss making the June ACM a one-day Assembly for the Delegate to give their report back to all the GSRs in one setting. Start at 11 am and finish around 5 pm so everyone can make the drive to and from in one day easily.

I have made my reservations and travel arraignments for the Forum in Missoula MT August 25-27 at the Hilton Garden Inn. You can now register (it's free) at AA.org just type forum in the search.

In Service, Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W

Greetings, Area 35. I do not have anything new to report. Justin W

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area Committee, Evaluations from Spring Assy were printed in the May/June issue of the NL. I appreciate everyone who participated in the evaluations, it helps getting feedback and in planning the upcoming events.

After the Spring Assembly and seeing the confusion that was created with the agenda format, I made some adjustments to the agenda. I have put all reporting under the report sections versus under old business. I also wanted to touch base on the concern that the 2022 June Financial Oversight Committee report that was not in the Northern Light. After further review, the minutes from the June ACM did reflect that the Financial Oversight Committee did approve the financials. The June 2022 ACM minutes can be seen in the July/August 2022 NL printing on page 7, and it is the first item listed under old business. So, the concern that it was not reported and that there are

The August ACM will open as an assembly for the GSRs to participate in the proposed GSC Agenda items. We will offer the assembly portion as a ZOOM option to ensure that all GSRs who want to participate are able to do so. At this time, we will not have the remainder of the ACM on ZOOM unless the committee requests us to do so.

I continue working on locations for the upcoming rotations assemblies. Hotel room rates are on the rise, and I am trying to stick with facilities that we have used in the past if we are able to continue having the event rooms for a reasonable rate.

I will be putting together an agenda for the Area 35/36 Joint Committee meeting that we will be having July 22 via ZOOM from 1-3pm. With it being 2 hours, we will mainly be having introductions, meeting in our committees, and gathering for a closing.

I would like to thank all the groups, districts, and individuals for their contributions to the area. I would also like to thank all committee members for their prudence with area finances.

There are recommendations that the committees came up with, from the Area Inventory, that you can share with your districts/groups. At the Fall Assembly, you will be able to bring forward any of those for with a motion and we will take a vote to see if the assembly would like to move forward with implementation.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Christine G

SECRETARY – SALLY L

I attended the Officers meeting this morning. We discussed Zonal Forums and the fact that Zone 4 is up this year for having one. We discussed that it might take place at the Tri-District workshop for districts 8, 9, and 16. The workshop is in September, and perhaps the districts would be willing to include the Zonal Forum. We also discussed expenses and how they are budgeted, and how we are going to review the Area Inventory questions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Sally L.

TREASURER – VICKI R

Hello! Group finances through 5/31/23:

YTD

Group Contributions	\$ 24,618
Birthday/Other	<u>\$ 12,580</u>
Total	\$ 37,198
Total Expenses	\$(26 541)

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Net Income	\$ 10,657

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Group Contributions	\$ 10,139
Birthday/Other	<u>\$ 3,465</u>
Total	\$ 13,604
Expense	<u>\$(8,083)</u>
Net Income	\$ 5,521

There continues to be several larger donations from groups, and 4 Districts have made contributions.

Apr group contributions was \$5,770, previous high was \$2,929 May group contributions was \$4,369, previous high was \$2,188

161 groups have contributed through May 31, 9 =>\$400 or 6%: 13 =>\$300 or 8%

5 districts and 1 Alano club have contributed \$1,650

The budgeted income is \$42,000; minus \$37,198 leaving \$4,802 to take in the rest of the year.

unresolved issues, was a mistake on my part for keeping the item under old business. My apologies for creating confusion. This leads me to the second change I will be making with the agenda. I will have two agendas, one for the assemblies and one for the ACMs.

If ever you have concerns or questions on the agenda or its business, please come and ask me, there may be a quick explanation or clarification. We can always address your concern in front of the body and be better prepared to do so. By having conversation and understanding your concerns ahead of time, it will help create less confusion. I want your voice to be heard and your concerns to be addressed.

Delegate resumes have been received and will be printed in the July/August issue of the NL. The nominees will be mentioned under new business. We will be accepting WCR Trustee nominations at the Fall Assembly and using third legacy procedure if there is more than one nominee. All past delegates are eligible to stand if they have not been WCR Trustee.

I am working on collecting all the trusted servant guidelines that the officers and committee chairs have updated. If you have not updated your guidelines or talked with me, please get those to me by the end of this week so I am able to start my review. 5

Cash projections:	
Register balance at 5/31/23:	\$ 18,795
Expected receipts June/July:	\$ 6,198
Expected expenses July:	(\$4,526)
Net cash on July 31:	\$ 20,467

Projections are my best guess based on information at hand, they may or may not be accurate.

I've sent the April and May files to the Financial Oversight Committee for review.

Yours in service, Vicki R

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

<u>FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT – JIM S</u>

Jim S and Brent T each reviewed independently all the documents Vicki emailed to them, then talked on the phone and agreed that everything looked accurate. There is now \$18,000 in our account, after expenses, which was

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wonderful to see as we started the year broke. The groups knocked one out of the park! Great to see all the contributions.

WEBMASTER – KYLE H

I visited Districts 21 and 7 to discuss websites and answer some questions. Office 365 is basically done and the email is just about switched over. There are some security issues to be dealt with, and it will be done in the next 5 days.

<u>NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B</u>

In our committee this morning, we had 7 in attendance, including Denise on Zoom. We discussed group records and issues regarding registering groups and meetings.

The May/June issue of the Northern Light has been printed and you should have received it by now. I apologize for being slow with the online version. It's been a very busy and complicated month in my world. I should finish removing all personal information next week and will send it to Kyle to post on the website.

Please continue to send fliers for inclusion in the Northern Light's events page. When creating your flier, please review the guidelines for flier inclusion in the back of the Northern Light. Fliers must be for AA sponsored events only - this means sponsored by an AA group, District, Area or Round-up committee. Deadline for the July/Aug issue of the Northern Light is July 2nd.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Heidi B

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S

Hello Area 35, First of all, our district has decided to move the district meeting from Detroit Lakes Alano club at 10am. to the clubhouse in Perham at noon .We will still meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The slightly later time will hopefully accommodate people wanting to attend church services, as was expressed in our district meeting.

I have been on a quest to visit meetings in district 3 to let them know that the district is active, thank them for contributions and to confirm that meetings are still there. I spent some time in our southeast corner of the district visiting meetings in Fergus Falls, Underwood and Battle Lake. In the northeast, Wadena. Also visiting Lake Park, Hawley, St. Mary's of the Lakes, Pelican Rapids and Erhard. I also found 5 more meetings that have been discontinued but still on meeting schedules.

I attended the May Round Robin in Battle Lake. It was a great turnout, about 75 in attendance, some as far as Fargo. Erhard is trying to put together a Round Robin in July.

We are still in discovery mode with the Fargo/ Moorhead intergroup and meetings choosing to relocate from Moorhead, Minnesota to Area 52 of North Dakota. There are 3 or 4 meetings in our district that have not been heard from in a long while. I hope to visit these meetings soon to see what might be their intent.

Our Treatment chair Patti D. has been busy learning about the Bridging the Gap Program and attending zoom committee meetings. She is also finding out about a Peer Support program that is new in Dist.3

Our Corrections chair Bill D. has men lined up to go to jail meetings but he's hitting a brick wall with bureaucracy to get them to be able to start meetings.

I'd also like to mention about a new person coming out of treatment and attending some of our meetings that are vision impaired and to watch members carry the message in a different way showing unconditional love in the process.

I met up with an old friend at the Hawley meeting recently who has done plenty of service work in the past. He was a previous DCM in Fargo years ago. He and some of his group members in Twin Valley have been visiting nursing homes talking to residents that have had issues relating to possible alcohol problems like drinking and falling, signs of acute alcohol abuse even old timers that can't get to meetings anymore. messages were from people new to AA that just want to know how to start. It is a joy to be able to help others through this website.

After reading through the GSR Orientation report there seems to still be an issue with GSR's not receiving their GSR packets from GSO. If you are new and still have not received your packet, please let me know and I will check into it for you. There is also a way to download a digital GSR packet although I know sometimes, we still like getting it in the mail. Please let me know if you need help with that.

For any snowbirds that are back and want to receive your Northern Light Newsletter, please let me know your change of address so we can get that to you.

That's it for this month!

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise R.

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C

Greetings. District 16 has two upcoming events that we would like to invite you to. First on June 10th will be our Founders Day Celebration at Cohasset Community Center starting at 1pm with AA history by Scott J from Aurora then at 3:30 an Oldtimers panel. POTLUCK at 5:30 bring a dish to share. 7pm Al-anon by Elaine L from Hibbing 8:15 AA by Jay A from Alborn Mn. Come Help Us Celebrate our roots!

Also don't forget the annual Weekend with Bill and Lois on July 7th and 8th at camp Hiawatha Deer River Mn. There are flyers in the back for both. Or go to our website district16online.org. Hope to see you all there.

The district is doing fine and looking to reach out to the still surfing Alcoholic through workshops, going to treatment centers, and the Itasca County jail. And being available to help our groups as much as we can Also, we have 2 more new groups started 1 in Marcell one in Lawrence lake their information is on our web also.

Thanks for the opportunity to service! Dave C

LITERATURE – PAT M No report.

no report.

DISTRICT 12 – TERRY A No report.

DISTRICT 5 – JARRIN V

Hello everyone Jarrin V DCM for district 5. District 5 holds a monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month at Trinity Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. in Princeton, Minnesota. I do not have a lot to report. Presently things have been fairly calm in district 5. Our last district meeting we did have a new GSR, I guess she has been coming for 2 months now. So, it's nice to see another new meeting get started with the GSR. I am thankful though that all of our positions are filled in the district, and we have had a fairly good attendance at our district meetings. Many of the gsr's attended on a regular basis. Also we are planning on the upcoming Mille Lacs County Fair where I hope district 5 will have a booth again this year. In Service, Jarrin

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

Greetings Area 35, I'm sorry I'm not able to be in attendance at the June ACM due to some health issues. I want to touch on the state fair and remind everyone that 58 different foods in a stick will be available as well as all the milk you can drink for two dollars. What a great opportunity to meet people from all over our state, to enjoy some fellowship and carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. My wife and pal is the one to see at the ACM, as she has the signup sheets to volunteer to be in the booth. The slots are in twohour increments and two people will be needed in the booth on both days August 26th and August 27th.I will be day captain on the 26th but we still need a day captain on the 27th. I need to tell the Area that this is a commitment that was voted on to continue and that this was important and when we take a commitment, we need to fulfill that commitment or it sends a message that we don't honor our commitments. I was given the right of decision last year and I declined the commitment because it couldn't be met. Several people got up to the microphone and stated this was too important to not be a part of so it that's truly how the area feels, then we need to fill these time slots. Please reach out to me by email or phone to get on the list please. Nels 218-235-3819

He asked me to bring this up to the Area as an opportunity for service work. I even recall a presentation at an international convention about reaching out to Seniors. Food for thought.

In Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, I am sorry I cannot be there in person due to a family obligation. I have asked to attend the 9:00 Area Committee Meeting via Zoom and Christine was able to set that up. Thank you, Christine! I am grateful to attend at least part of the day.

It's been business as usual updating Group changes. Any Group Records changes that are sent to member services at the General Service Office are now forwarded to Area 35 Group Records for processing. It seems to make things more efficient, so please send any changes or New Groups directly to Area 35 Group Records at grouprecords@area35.org.

I have received and responded to several inquiries through aaminnesota.org, one of which was a High School student working on a report for a class and wanted to learn more of what Alcoholics Anonymous was about. At least 3

DISTRICT 2 – DAVID N

No report.

DISTRICT 4 – JAMES W

No report.

TREATMENT – RICCO R

Hello everyone, GREAT NEWS. I spoke to Jeff M. from Area 36, the Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator. I told Jeff about the Area 35 Treatment Committee's idea of having a Statewide Treatment Committee. Jeff is the one that gave us (Area 35 Treatment Committee) the presentation on 7/17/22 on how the Bridging the Gap Program is working in Area 36. That was the fire that got us going in Area 35 to put something together for our area. I talked about our BTG Program and Jeff talked about the Area 36 BTG Program. We then talked about the Statewide Treatment Committee, which he is on board to put it together with us. During our talk I was getting excited, and I could tell Jeff was getting excited.

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I have been privileged to sit in on the Statewide Correction Committee during their monthly meetings. I told Laura I was just there to learn, and she said fine. Now Mark is the chair, and he allows me to sit and learn also. I don't know the workings of the corrections program, so I don't contribute anything. What I did learn was that they have, an excellent, well run Statewide Corrections Committee. I also learned that the purpose of the Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) is to: carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to persons in custody by fostering communication, cooperation, and collaboration between Northern Minnesota Area 35 and Southern Minnesota Area 36.

The Statewide Treatment Committee (SWTC), if it does get put together, I believe should have the same purpose: to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to persons in treatment by fostering communication, cooperation, and collaboration between Northern Minnesota Area 35 and Southern Minnesota Area 36.

The Area 35 Treatment Committee met on 6/4/2023 and had 10 committee members present. Julie N. DCM District 6, Robert N. DCM District 7, Nate C. Treatment Chair District 6. Dennis N. Treatment Chair District? Jeff T. Alt. Treatment Chair Alt. DCM District 16, Peggy M. Treatment Chair District 13, Patti D. Treatment Chair District 3, Dani L. GSR District 13. Jeff Jarrett Treatment Chair District 9, Ricco Area 35 Treatment Chair.

Dani gave a detailed report on the BTG Spreadsheet Information Guide she made. There is some problem for a few districts not able to access and put the volunteer form information on the spreadsheet. I will send the Spreadsheet Information Guide to all Districts again as Dani has made a few changes to it and would like everyone involved to have the latest copy. If any District still is having problems, please contact me. The committee also talked about the possibility of Joining Area 36 and becoming a Statewide Treatment Committee. Out of 10 members present 9 signed up to join the Statewide Committee. I would make a wild guess they are just as excited as Jeff M. the Area 36 Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator, and I are. Ricco

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Hello, Hello, from District 6, We are back spreading the love through tailgating. It's nice to get into the spirit of district 6. We have had lots of people interested in how things work at district level, and area and GSO. Our alternate DCM Aaron has been putting on a meeting going through the service manual to learn how things work. Treatment chair is moving along with finding help with Bridging the Gap and loading new names weekly. Literature chair has been delivering literature and sharing pamphlets at our district meeting. PI/CPC has been working hard informing the public with flyers and business cards in stores, bars and public places. Corrections has some help getting in different county jails and has also been working hard with statewide correction and is excited about that. We at district 6 have put a general letter together regarding the plain and simple language book to stop them from changing the steps in this book. We have gathered 150 letters signed we will be sending them out this upcoming week. We have nominated Pat M to stand as delegate. God speed, Julie N

DISTRICT 7 – ROBERT N

No report.

CPC – GREG C

At the June 4th ACM, the PI/CPC committee met with 6 in attendance. Mary from District 16, Tom from District 9, Sharla from District 11, Scott from District 6, Chad from District 13, (thanks for taking notes Chad!) and myself. With our rotation-long question of "How do they find us?" we all talked about projects and means of spreading contact information throughout our Districts and Area 35. Websites are continuing to expand and those in attendance reported monthly hits of 2000-4000! We talked about hotlines and touched on the source of E-Voice as a good choice to seek if your District does not currently have a hotline or is looking for better cost/service. The use of a QR code introduced by Scott some time ago, is continuing to be a quick and cost-efficient means to tag all public information regarding AA and/or a District...from labeling flyers and pamphlets to including in emails or adver-tising. We also briefly touched on "Why do we continue to do this Service work?" Answers were pretty similar. We feel a deep responsibility to do so and it is wonderfully rewarding! If your District has anything to add to the discussion of PI/CPC work, please contact myself or PI Chair Nels P and we vill add it to our next committee meeting. Or if you need some help getting things moving or expanding in your District, reach out! We are there to provide ideas, support and man-power to assist you. Thanks everyone, and thanks for letting me serve you.

- Opportunities for donations/contributions:
 - Several years ago an Action Item was approved by the assembly. That being for Archivist to buy and inventory all new or revised publications of Literature and Grapevine. This action was mostly neglected. There ought to be an effort to make this happen going forward and if/when possible, to collect past items; or maybe rescind the previous motion.
 - There are many grapevine magazines missing from our collection. A specific list of the ones missing is available, ask me for the list. Books published by Literature and Grapevine after 1995 would be welcome.

Reminders:

Districts send copies of meeting minutes to archivist. Districts and events send copies of fliers to archivist.

And now a bit about the next rotation:

- It would be good to have persons younger in age and with shorter term of sobriety in the archives committee roles. This will facilitate balance of ideals for the future of our archives and how it is presented. I am an old guy with many years of sobriety, (I have OCD, old, cranky, and delusional) thus my ideals might not portray the manner in which archives helps the still suffering alcoholic.
- The Archivist Role in the next Actions Book will have some updates. If interested, ask me about the changes.

In humble service, Marc N

ARCHIVES – RENELL P See Archivist report.

DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M No report.

DISTRICT 14 – No DCM

<u>GRAPEVINE – MIKE U</u> No report.

DISTRICT 1 –

No DCM

DISTRICT 13 – JIM R

Our district meeting is held the 1st Monday of each month at the St Cloud Alano Club.

Our PI committee & Treatment chair & committee continue to be strong along with our literature chair. The other committees are vacant, however I continue to be the contact for our corrections committee.

We will be discussing at our next district meeting about having a booth at the "Celebrate Minnesota" to be held in St Cloud on Aug 11-12, 2023.

We also are looking for volunteers for the upcoming "Project Connect & Stand down" booths.

We are currently getting volunteers for the upcoming Fall Assembly at the Rivers Edge convention center in St Cloud.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jim R

DISTRICT 21 – JENNIFER T

Greetings. My name is Jennifer T, District 21 DCM.

Our district meeting is at the Bemidji Alano Club at 7pm in Gratitude Hall on the second Monday of the month. Attendance averages 15. We have a monthly potluck speaker's meeting on the last Saturday of the month.

Since the last assembly, we have had both our area literature and grapevine

DISTRICT 18 – SCOTT S

Hello everyone and greetings from district 18. I've been busy with planting so sorry I've missed so much. District 18 has a couple campouts coming up June 30 - July2 is the Motley Three Legacy campout. Aug 11 - 13 is the Staples Dower Lake campout. Hope to see everyone soon. Scott

DISTRICT 15 – LISA M

No report.

ARCHIVIST - MARC N

Hi, I'm an alcoholic named Marc, and your archivist for the near future. My bad, there was an error in my April Northern Light report, please forgive me: "Budgets are due for review, due to be submitted by the June ACM...." That would be June of next year.

In May I attended a district get together in District 11 to present a small exhibit. I also briefly attended the Gopher State Roundup, mainly to acquaint myself with Area 36 Archives Chair and Committee. Area 36 archivist is unable to do an archive display at 2218 on June 24, so Area 35 will fill in.

chairs visit. We also have had our area treatment and CPC chairs visit. We were able to fill our district treatment chair position and look forward to a visit from our area corrections chair in June. Our delegate will be visiting in July.

We are hoping to arrange tailgating with district 7 in August.

We have open Corrections and CPC/PI positions.

CORRECTIONS – MARK R

There were three of us in attendance today, sad to say, but yes, only three. Though we were a small group, we took up the whole hour and 15 minutes! Meetings in my District 5 at Sherburne & Mille Lacs County jails are going strong, and we have several volunteers at both facilities! Every Tuesday at Mille Lacs County (in-person) and every other Wednesday at Sherburne County (via Zoom).

Gary H (District 11 Corrections Chair): * Kanabec County jail remains closed. * Weekly meetings at Pine County (4 volunteers). * Weekly meetings at Rush City (3 volunteers). * Weekly meetings at Moose Lake-General Population. * On Monday & Wednesdays every other week, meetings at MSOP-Willow River Work Camp (several volunteers).

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Diane R (District 9 DCM & Corrections): There are no corrections facilities in District 9. However, Diane has volunteered herself & Ricco to assist in hosting an A.A table at MCF Transition Fairs and help with CTCP!

I have a spreadsheet of all Area 35 correctional facilities and a list of respective Area 35 District Corrections Chairs and/volunteers and DCM's. Included in this spreadsheet will be the names of volunteers who want to participate in the Corrections Temporary Contact Program (CTCP) and DOC or BOP contacts.

Attended the Transition Fair at MCF-St Cloud on May 3, 2023, with Laura S. from Area 36. We had 23 Requests for Temporary Contact, 7 of which were for Area 35! I would like to thank Kevin K and Fred from District 3 (Moorhead area), and Terry A from District 12 (Cloquet), as well as Vicki R/Kathy M from District 11 (Finlayson) who all helped in finding Temporary Contacts for (4) men from MCF-Stillwater & MCF St Cloud!

Attended Orientation and Appreciation Dinner at FCI-Sandstone this past Thursday, June 1. Honored to sit with Arden A our former Area 35 Corrections Chair! Vicki Z also attended from District 7.

Jennifer T. - DCM for District 21 has invited me "Up Nort" on Monday, June 12th to do a presentation on being an A.A. Corrections Volunteer, and what it is like and what's involved in being a District Corrections Chair.

I have started attending the International Corrections Meetings.

Working on ensuring our Area 35 Corrections facilities have A.A. Literature.

Sent out an initial email to all DCM's and corrections contacts soliciting a good date/time to have a monthly zoom to get to know each other better and help and assist each other to better Carry the Message of A.A. into jails & prisons in Area 35.

Working with Aaron (District 6 Corrections Chair) on developing a complimentary CTCP form for Area 35 to use in County Jails in area 35. More to come

I have QR Application Software. I have an annual subscription for unlimited QR code generation and will have this license for several years to come! I have created QR codes that have District website URL's, Meetings, Flyers, and so on. If interested, contact me. Cost is \$1.00 per QR code.

Truly humbled to serve you, Mark R

<u>STATEWIDE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (SWCC) CHAIR RE-</u> <u>PORT – MARK R</u>

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. I attended meeting on May 2nd. We did our final review of the proposed SWCC Guidelines. We will approve the Guidelines June 7th.

At the June 7th meeting, we will also concentrate on the Annual Corrections Workshop hosted by Area35 & Area 36. Anyone interested in helping please reach out to me. I will post the Zoom meeting information below

Upcoming MCF Transition Fairs. Any interest in volunteering, please get a hold of me as soon as possible!

<u>FACILITY</u> <u>TR</u>	ANSITION FAIR FAC	CILITY APP DEADLINE
MCF-Faribault	June 7, 2023 (Filled)	May 17, 2023
MCF-Shakopee	August 8, 2023 (Filled)	July 18, 2023
MCF-Moose Lake	September 19, 2023	August 29, 2023
MCF-Willow River	October 3, 2023	September 12, 2023
MCF-Rush City	October 12, 2023	September 21, 2023
MCF-Lino Lakes	November 14, 2023	October 24, 2023
Applications that are not received by the deadline date for each		
facility fair will not be approved.		

SWCC Monthly Zoom Meeting Information:

The Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm via zoom. Our next meeting is June 7 at 6:00 PM.

FCI:	Federal Correctional Institution (Bureau of Prisons Facility)
FMC:	Federal Medical Center (Bureau of Prisons Facility)
EDC.	Federal Drison Comp (Durson of Drisons Feeility)

- Federal Prison Camp (Bureau of Prisons Facility)
 ADC: County Adult Detention Center (These facilities typically hold individuals pending sentencing)
- ACF: County Adult Corrections Facility (Work release facilities with stays up to one year)

DISTRICT 9 – DIANE R

Hi, I am Diane R. and I am an alcoholic and DCM for District 9. We usually meet the last Sunday of the month at the Hibbing Alano Club at 6:00pm. We also have a Zoom connection to attend the meeting.

We now have our flyer out on the Tri-District Workshop at the Hibbing Alano Club on 9/23/23. We are grateful to have Christine G., Area 35 Chair, share her service story. She will also talk about the Third Legacy Procedure and Roberts Rules of Order. Other presentations will be: Service Sponsorship; Newcomers to Service who will research and report on district service positions. After the workshop, we will grill food. This workshop will start at 1:00pm and will also be available on zoom.

Our report back from the Conference with Steve L. is on June 11 starting at 1:00pm at the Hibbing Alano Club. This will also be available on Zoom. Let me know if you would like the Zoom numbers. You can find information for all our service functions on our website, www.district9online.org.

Our CPC/PI chair, Tom T, printed off 1,000 QR code stickers for the District 9 website. They will be used to attach to literature that is given out by the CPC/PI committee. Our Treatment Chair, Jeff J., is now back in the area and will be working with the area treatment committee. Our Alternate DCM, Chuck R, has put together a District 9 Inventory. We will be taking about 3 questions a month to discuss. Our web manager, Phyllis, does an excellent job keeping on website up to date.

The Web Manager position in our district was discussed and clarified. This will be a voluntary position not a chair position and will fall under the CPC/PI committee. The Web Manager wrote up a position description which was unanimously approved by the district.

Thank you Nels, Area 35 Public Information Chair for attending our District meeting in April. He presented information on Public Information and the State Fair.

We talked about Safety and Disruptions at meetings. The "Dealing with Disruptions" is from the Service Material from the General Service Office titled "Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare".

District 9 nominated Diane R. to stand for Area 35 Delegate. Tom T., made the nomination and seconded by Jack P. this nomination. There were no other nominations. This motion passed unanimously. My resume has been submitted to the Area Chair, Christine.

I attended twice on Zoom the report back from the Conference regarding the West Central Regional Trustee with Steve L. Steve answered all our questions. Thank you, Steve.

In Service, Diane R.

DISTRICT 8 – HEATHER L

My name is Heather. I am DCM of District 8. We meet once a month rotating from Monday to Friday Hosted by a meeting in the district.

Our district did an inventory on April 12th, which I feel gave lots of insight on what we are doing right and where we may need to pick up some slack.

Our April District meeting was canceled due to weather, which made us realize we don't have an updated process for canceling in a timely fashion. We have been discussing a new cancellation policy.

May District meeting was filled with lots of information from the spring assembly and other business that was missed in April.

Our June District meeting was a report back from our Delegate Steve. Thank you, Steve, for keeping us in the loop about what is going on in New York.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 867 9832 0579 Passcode: Y7Wrq7 One tap mobile +13092053325,,86798320579#,,,,*796061# US

So grateful for our awesome volunteers from Area 35 – Aaron (District 6), Tim V & Vicki Z (District 7), Kelly D (Past Delegate), Diane R & Ricco R (District 9), Lucy K (District 15), and Mike U (District 6 & Area 35 Grapevine Chair). God Bless you all!

Humbled & honored to serve, Mark R, Statewide Corrections Committee Chair

ACRONYMS for STATE & FEDERAL CORRECTIONS

- CTCP: Corrections Temporary Contact Program
- MN DOC: Minnesota Department Corrections
- MCF: Minnesota Correctional Facility (MN Dept of Corrections Facility)
- CIP: Challenge Incarceration Program (MN Dept of Corrections Facility)
- BOP: Bureau of Prisons (Facilities include FCI's, FPC's, FMC's)

Our chairs for our committees are working hard, I would like to personally thank them all for carrying the message and serving our district! Sally - Treatment Doug /Garrett - PI/CPC John - Archives Kathy - GV/Lit I appreciate all of the work you each do.

OLD BUSINESS

Review Area finances for WCR Forum

The motion that was made and passed at the 2023 Spring Assembly stated: "Send and pay for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate only to the West Central Regional Forum. If in June the finances look better, we can reevaluate sending others." We can now re-evaluate whether to send others to the Forum.

Discussion -

Treasurer gave some current and projected figures – with projected income, the new projection is \$20,466. WCR Forum budgeted at \$16,782. After today's expenses, that would leave \$1671 at the end of July. The Fall Assembly and August ACM have a total budget of

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\$10,500. If we sent everyone to the Forum and counting July-December expenses and contributions, we would leave the next rotation -\$7.00. The new rotation would need money for the January Workshop.

No further discussion was had. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

February ACM discussion

Secretary made some points about why we should change the timing of the February ACM from the last weekend in February to the first weekend in February:

- Agenda items no longer have to be delivered in paper form to Area Committee Members and DCMs. They are available digitally soon after February 15th.
- There would be more time between the ACM and the WCRAASC the first weekend in March.
- It would leave more time to get the minutes and the Northern Light out before the April Spring Assembly.

Scott made a motion "To move the February ACM to the first Sunday in February." Heidi B. seconded.

Discussion -

- Steve L. made a suggestion to have a one-day event to get all the GSRs together where he can make a presentation.
- Northern Light editor made a clarification about deadlines This year the NL deadline occurred before the WCRAASC, which left only a week to get the minutes done and the NL put together to be ready for printing. People hadn't even had time to report on the WCRAASC.

Do we want to move the ACM because of the agenda items? NO Motion "To move the February ACM to the first Sunday in February." *Vote: 38 in favor of the motion, 3 against. Motion passed.

Minority opinion – Needed clarification about whether this was about Steve presenting the agenda items. It was about timing and deadlines, not the agenda.

*This motion came from a non-voting member and therefore the vote is invalid. Per email sent on 6/5/23 from Area Chair

Spring Assembly Evaluations

Chairperson went over some of the items in the evaluations.

- Some people thought the Assembly went well with the business being first and reports at the end.
- Some commented that Officer reports should be given before the business as some of the information is important.
- Why do we have such a late start on Saturdays? We start late on Saturdays because some people travel and arrive in the morning, and we need to allow them some time.
- There was a comment about having reports before the business so others can hear what is going on before we start making motions and decisions about what we need to do. This is a minority voice that we should consider.
- Someone commented that we could start later and have shorter lunch and dinner breaks. This was tried previously, and we ended up in a time crunch. Chair tries to communicate to the facilities how many people will be attending so they will be aware of our needs.
- Some items under Old Business should be addressed under reports. This was discussed previously and was taken care of.

Booking Next Rotation Assemblies

Area Chair is working on booking the next rotation Assemblies. We need to use facilities that have Conference space. Conference room rental and hotel room rates are on the rise, and we need to consider that. It has been suggested that we use conference spaces that don't have hotels attached. The issue with this is that not everyone drives. We share rides and not everyone has a car to get from the hotel to the conference space.

The Area Action Book chairperson guidelines state that the chair is to set up the next two years for the Assemblies, so Area Chair is going to proceed with that unless the Area Committee feels differently. Respectfully submitted,

Sally L. Area 35 Secretary

NEW AREA 35 TREASURER

Effective immediately, please send all AREA contribution checks to:

NMAA 37258 Lakeland Rd Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783

NEW GSO CONTRIBUTION ADDRESS

Effective immediately, please send all GSO contribution checks to:

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

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



Panel 74 Delegate Nominations District 6 has nominated Pat M District 8 has nominated Heidi B District 9 has nominated Diane R District 11 has nominated Justin W

The delegate nominee's resumés will be in the July/August issue of the Northern Light. Thank you to all those who are willing to stand for the position.*

*After the ACM, it was verified that Justin W. was not nominated by District 11. This was a misunderstanding, by the Area Chair. Area 35 has the three listed nominations for Panel 74 Delegate, District 6: Pat M; District 8: Heidi B.; District 9: Diane R. per email sent on 6/7/23 from Area Chair

Calendar of Events was read.

Motion to adjourn – Bob N. made a MOTION TO ADJOURN, Mike U. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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Your experience, strength and hope...

Visiting NY on the Arm of a Delegate

Hello Area 35. I want to thank you for allowing Steve to serve as your Delegate. You see, as a result of his service, I got to visit NY as his guest while he attended the General Service Conference in April 2023. Experiencing NY had been a dream of mine since I was a young woman. The opportunity had never risen before and I grabbed onto this chance to go with apprehension. Fears came flooding to my thoughts. What will I do for a whole week by myself? Will I meet any friends? (In case you didn't know, there would be little time spent with the Delegate - he would be preoccupied morning, noon and night with Conference responsibilities, I would be on my own). Will I get lost? Will I be safe? After I faced my fears and made the commitment to go, things started to happen rapidly. I got numerous emails containing agendas for us visitors. Information on how to get tickets for guided tours and fun events, introductions of the AA volunteers who were selflessly giving their time to make our trip fun, safe, exciting and memorable.

We arrived to NY on Saturday April 22, 2023. On our way to our hotel I was amazed at the skyline. Buildings that stretched for miles and miles like a mountain range. I was awestruck. On Sunday afternoon there was a meet and greet meeting for all of us guests. We got to meet each other and our volunteer guides. We were also given information for the week's activities. They answered our questions and quelled any concerns or fears we may have had. Everyone was friendly and I began to make new friends immediately. Sunday night was the big dress-up banquet for all the Delegates, Trustees, GSO employees and their guests. The room was filled with color and joyful sounds of laughter. After our scrumptious meal there were 5 speakers to end the festivities. The last speaker was an elderly woman who had reviewed archive tapes from Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks. She helped recommend choices for my favorite AA book "Our Great Responsibility." I was mesmerized by her.

Monday was my start at being a NY tourist. We traveled by foot and subway. We saw The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and we visited the 911 Memorial. The memorial was extremely heavy with emotion. I am old enough to vividly remember everything about that sad day. Seeing the bent steel, crumbled staircases, burnt and damaged fire trucks and haunting pictures. Tears came easily. Everyone was quiet and mentally preoccupied. After leaving the memorial, we were encouraged to visit the "Surviving Tree", the only tree to survive that day. It was beautiful and a welcoming sight of life and hope. Monday evening we went on a harbor cruise to see the lights of NY city and the surrounding areas. It was chilly, but I saw sights I had never seen before and that out weighed my discomfort. Tuesday morning I woke to blisters on my feet. I had definitely bought the wrong walking shoes. Luckily I had brought some blister band aids from home and they helped to keep me mobile. This day we were going to visit GSO with the Delegates and Trustees. I found it interesting but not at all like I had expected. In my mind the GSO was warm and colorful. The rooms would be full of wood, well lit with lamps, and comfy overstuffed chairs. In reality it was the exact opposite. Black, grey and white. Modern furniture and very sterile. The people I met were very nice (of course). I met a past class A Trustee. We had a warm interesting conversation. I asked him why he cared about AA and us alcoholics. I had always been curious about that topic. He smiled as he answered me. No, he wasn't raised in an alcoholic home nor were any of his family alcoholic. He said he worked as a psychologist and he was a man who tried to live a spiritual life. He found great benefit in serving mankind. He loved our program and spiritual principles. He was the highlight of my GSO tour. When we got back to our hotel a woman and I volunteered to walk to a Trader Joe's to purchase a gift for some Delegates to give to one of their peers. We had a map. We got lost anyway. What fun we had talking and laughing and finally feeling success at finding our destination. This was a good way to see parts of NY that I might not get to see otherwise. People really do hang out on the street corners. NY is a city of concrete, steel and glass, very little green. The shops were surprisingly small and there seemed to be a pizza shop on every block. The sidewalks were crowed with people, most were talking on their phones. I heard many foreign languages. Chinatown and Lit tle Italy were surprisingly small in area. Their food was great. People were not rude, I never saw a rat and people thought I had an accent. I found that idea amusing. I found a walking buddy. We watched out for each other, stuck together and became good friends. I was impressed by the NY workers whose job it was to direct and keep the tourists in line and moving. They kept hawking "Stay to your right", "Keep moving, keep moving", "Watch your step". I thought their job would be perfect for some Al-anoners I know.

receive from an outside source. I felt so proud of him. That's another reason he was Delegate and I was not.

So, comes the closing to my NY adventure. I was impressed and overwhelmed by the AA volunteers who gave their time to see to it that we visitors were kept safe and entertained. They were amazing. The visitors were friendly and fun to be with. If you are lucky enough to be partners with a future Delegate, my advice to you is -Go- just go to NY. You'll have an adventure of a lifetime.

Thank you again, I am very grateful. Karen L/Biwabik

> Share your experience, strength & hope with Area 35 by writing an article for the Northern Light. We want to hear from you!

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

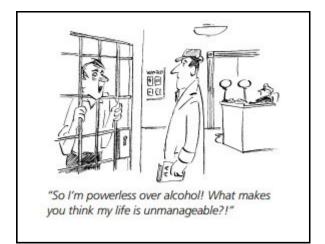
northernlight@area35.org.

All submissions must be approved by the Northern Light committee.

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.



On Wednesday evening while eating in Chinatown, I got a call from home informing me about a serious family crisis. I was devastated and in shock. My Higher Power had put me in good hands. I was surrounded by caring compassionate people who stayed with me until we could get back to the hotel. Steve didn't get back to our room till late that night. (Delegates are kept so busy) when I told him about our family crisis we considered returning to MN. We decided to stay after getting more information and hearing that our loved one was in good hands and out of danger. As for me, my trip to NY was over. I stayed by my phone and anxiously waited to return home to be with my loved one. I was impressed by my husband's ability to continue to do his Delegate's work. He carried on with the strength you can only

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AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE – STEVEN L

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen, Since the June ACM, I have given three GSC reports to Districts 8, 9, and 13. I have four more GSC reports scheduled in July for Districts 21, 7, 3, and 5 with District 16 booked for August. I attended the monthly WCR Delegates' meeting and have a full Delegates' meeting set aside by Zoom in the middle of July.

The WCR Delegates' meeting was mostly about confirming the planning for the WCRF in Missoula MT, August 25-27. Everything is moving forward as planned. I'll be giving a presentation on "Making Structure in A.A." It's important to let all members know how they fit into the decision, and what a privilege it is to have a voice in the future of A.A." That's a mouth full, eh? Here is a treat for the people attending this year's WCRF. There will be eleven people from GSO and GV staff along with Trustees that will be available to have breakfast, lunch, or dinner with. Each Area can have up to sixteen people be part of the meal discussions. With approximately seven to eight people at each table. At the Grand Forks ND Forum in 2021, I was fortunate to attend both a breakfast discussion with a Class A Trustee who happened to be on the Trustees' Corrections Committee and a lunch meeting with the person at the PI desk. Wow, the discussions were eye-openers for me, it made going to the WCRF so much more worthwhile. Here is a list of the service people available to have a meal with: Carolyn W., Non-Trustee Director AAWS, Mike L. WCR Trustee, and Interim GSB Chair, Kevin P. Class A Trustee and GSB Treasurer, Cindy F. GV Director, Hon. Kerry M. Class A Trustee and current WCR Liaison, Eileen E GSO Staff, James H GSO Staff, Bob W. GSO General Manager, Chris C. GV Publisher, Robert Trustee At Large - Canada, Karina C, WCR GSO staff contact and Groups Services. Please let me know if you are interested in dining with one of the GSO, GV staff/GSB members and who you would like to dine with.

I sent out three notices of vacancy to the DCMs'. One for the West Central Regional Trustee position. Mike L.'s term is over next year at the end of the 74th GSC. The Area has a chance to vote on a nominee for this vacancy at the fall Assembly. There is also a vacancy for a GV Non-Trustee Director which starts at the end of the 74th GSC. There was also a vacancy for some-one to be part of the working group for the pamphlet for "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic." There is also a call for stories for the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic." Deadline for submission is October 31, 2023 Please submit via email to: pamphletstories@aa.org. Use the subject line: "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic" For more information, look at the 2023 spring edition of Box 459 found at aa.org. I received a notice from GSO that the District Quarterly Contribution Statement Summary Reports are having some trouble being distributed. Seems there was a glitch in the new software launch and things got messed up. Supposedly it is now fixed, so look for these reports in the near future.

I just received a financial report from Vicki R., great job! Thanks for stepping up and bringing financial stability to the Area.

Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W No report given

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area 35, Since the June Area Committee meeting, I have created the agenda and emailed that out for the Area 35/36 Joint Committee Meeting that will be taking place on July 22, 2023, via ZOOM. I have also been in communication with the Area 36 Chair in the planning process.

I have also procured the Crookston Inn for the Spring Assembly on April 6 - 7, 2024. A flyer will become available in the September/October issue of the Northern Light. Please make your room reservations as soon as possible as it seems the rooms fill up fast. I continue to work on the fall assembly and 2025 events. Hotel room rates are expensive, and I am trying to find alternate locations that may suit our needs.

Please remember there are recommendations that the committees came up with, from the Area Inventory, that you can share with your districts/groups. At the Fall Assembly, you will be able to bring forward any of those for with a motion and we will take a vote to see if the assembly would like to move forward with implementation. If you need the recommendations, they are printed in the March/April 2023 issue of the Northern Light and printed copies were made available at the June ACM and I will have them available at the August ACM.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the August ACM on August 6th at the Aitkin Alano Club. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Area 35 Chair.

In Unity and Service, Christine G.

<u>SECRETARY – SALLY L</u>

Greetings, Area 35, I do not have anything to report other than that I got the minutes done and sent out via email. Sally L

TREASURER – VICKI R

Thank you to all the groups who are contributing and those that have increased their contributions!

June showed record contributions in \$5,876 with other income of \$1,638 totaling \$7,513. Thank you to DCM's who are reaching out! I believe it is worth noting that District 14 contributed after being dark last year. A special thank you to them.

Year to date 6/30/23:

Income	\$44,517
Expenses	\$30,362
Net Income (Loss)	\$14,155

I have reconciled May bank statements and continued the business of the Treasurer.

The current reconciled bank balances are: Checking \$22,292 Prudent Reserve: \$6,055

Yours in service, Vicki R

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – KYLE H No report given

NORTHERN LIGHT - HEIDI B.

It's been a quiet month with the Northern Light. I attended Steve's delegate report for District 8. Thank you, Steve! So much agenda item information to absorb. I also sent updates for the Northern Light trusted servant guidelines in the Actions Book to Christine, as requested. I plan to attend the Area 35/36 Joint Comm Mtg on July 22.

I received many fliers for AA events this summer. Just a friendly reminder to please review the flyer guidelines at the back of each issue. For your event flyer to be published in the Northern Light and on area35.org, it must be an AA sponsored event (AA group, district, area) and that must be on your flyer. We publish Area 35 events only. Deadline for the next Northern Light is Sept. 2. Thank you for allowing me to serve! See you in August.

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Greetings! Group Records is carrying on as usual with nothing new to report. I look forward to attending the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop coming up. I continue to update the mailing list for the Northern Light Newsletter. This past mailing I received several returns again that were undeliverable for a total of \$8.88. If you no longer want to receive the Northern Light, move or want to be added to the list to receive it, please let me know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35 as your Group Records, Denise R.

I have been asked by district 9 to present at their Tri-District workshop on September 23, at the Hibbing Alano Club. I will be presenting - Roberts Rules of Order and the Third Legacy Procedure, and I will share my story and it will include my service work.

We will be taking nominations for WCR Trustee and vote using Third Legacy procedure at the Fall Assembly in St. Cloud. We will also be voting for Area Officers. Delegate resumes are published in this edition of the Northern Light.

I have signed up to help with the State Fair Booth on August 27th. I was surprised at the little number of volunteers that have signed up when there was such concern of us thinking about not participating in this joint effort with Area 36. If this is a service you support, we need to support with our time as well.

LITERATURE – PAT M No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

Greetings Area 35, Not much to report in PI other than we have the state fair coming up quickly - August 26 - 27.. We really need to fill the remaining slots for our commitment for the AA booth at the State Fair. These spots must be filled at the upcoming ACM. We still have many slots available, this should give you enough time to look at your schedule to see if you're available that weekend. So, if you're able, please attend the ACM and signup so we can get these slots filled in our commitment with Area 36. If you voted to support this commitment last fall, please choose an open slot to serve. Call me or email at pi@area35.org for open slots.

TREATMENT – RICCO R

We had our first Statewide Treatment Committee Meeting on 6/11/2023. 7 members were present. Patrick Area 36 Treatment Chair, Jeff, Area 36 Treatment Coordinator, Dani GSR District 13, Peggy M., Treatment Chair District 13, Tom T. CPC, PI Chair District 9, Nate C. Treatment Chair District 6,

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Ricco Area 35 Treatment Chair.

We had a very productive meeting and we got to meet each other. Patrick and Jeff from Area 36 both gave a Report on the Bridging the Gap Program they are using and upgrading. Dani and Peggy gave a report on the Bridging the Gap Program Area 35 is using and upgrading. Tom gave a report on how the Bridging the Gap Program works in a Treatment Center he works in. Nate and I were both listening to the conversations. After listening to both areas, it appears we are in a good place to start putting the Statewide Treatment Committee together because of the state of upgrading both areas are in. It was mentioned often by the technology talk of both areas that it could possibly work to our benefit that we are upgrading and keeping our focus on how it may help us to work together.

The only structural things we came up with for the Statewide Treatment Committee is that Jeff will be the primary contact for Area 36 (Jeff is the Area 36 Treatment Coordinator), and the primary contact for Area 35 will be the Area 35 Treatment Chair which is Ricco.

Regarding our work in Area 35, after learning more about how Area 36 coordinates their program, I would like our committee to reconsider our current process and discuss the possibility of having a Bridging the Gap Coordinator. After talking with Christine G, our Area Chair, it appears I have the right to appoint a person to fill this position, though, because fellowship input is so important in Alcoholics Anonymous, I would like to get feedback from the committee before making any decisions. Please consider the following proposal which we will discuss at our next Area 35 Treatment Committee meeting on Sunday, June 25 at 4:30 pm via zoom.

The Area 35 Treatment Chair would appoint a Bridging the Gap Coordinator to do the following:

- a. Be the primary contact for treatment centers when a client is requesting a temporary contact through Bridging the Gap.
- b. Work with each district to collect volunteer information which would be updated in the spreadsheet by the coordinator.
- c. Attend all Area 35 Treatment Committee meetings and be prepared to provide an update on the program.
- d. Keep track of how many contacts are made and share with the committee.
- e. Be the primary contact for District Treatment Chairs related to the program.

We will use our next meeting on June 25 to discuss the proposal as well as identify a coordinator if there is support for the proposal. Dani L has expressed interest in the coordinator role.

<u>Area 35 Treatment Committee Meeting 6/25/2023 Report</u> We had eight members present, <u>Bob N.</u> DCM District 7, <u>Tom T.</u> CPC/PI District 9, <u>Jeff T.</u> Alt Treatment Chair, Alt DCM District 16, <u>Patti D.</u> Treatment Chair District 3, <u>Dani L.</u> GSR District 13, <u>Jeff J.</u> Treatment Chair District 9, <u>Diane R.</u> DCM District 9, <u>Ricco R.</u> Area 35 Treatment Chair.

Our focus for this meeting was the proposal referring to how Area 36 coordinates their program of Bridging the Gap having a separate Coordinator and the possibility of our committee reconsidering our current process and have a coordinator like Area 36. One reason it would be helpful is for our Statewide Treatment Committee (Area 35 and Area 36) to be more compatible having the same process to work with. There is more than one reason which we will find out as we go along.

The committee discussed the change in our process and are in support with having a coordinator for the Area 35 Treatment Committee. As I mentioned Dani has expressed interest in the coordinator role. I asked the committee members that were present if after reading the list of duties that go along with the coordinator service position if anyone else was interested in the position and nobody was. So, it was unanimous that Dani's expressed interest is now a fact, and she is now our Area 35 Treatment Committee, Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator (TTCC).

After Dani accepted the service position I asked if she would like to give the committee an idea where she is headed in this new service position. Dani

for display and some is for researching the past. There is also a part that regards business records.

Regarding displays or exhibits, caution needs to prevail so that we don't violate copyright laws, so that we preserve anonymity, and so that we maintain our singleness of purpose. This will greatly limit our display items but should not limit our collection of items for research purposes. Research can be done in person at the archive repository by appointment with the archivist.

Business archives (meeting minutes and recordings, treasurer reports, etc.) are available for viewing by appointment with the archivist or archives chair.

Archivist, Marc

ARCHIVES – RENELL P No report given

<u>GRAPEVINE – MIKE U</u> No report given

CORRECTIONS - MARK R

With the assistance of several District DCM's and Corrections Chairs, continue to add to and grow the Area & District contacts on the Area 35 Corrections Facilities and District Corrections Chairs/volunteers. Included in this spreadsheet are names of members who are participating in the Corrections Temporary Contact Program! Also in the list are the DOC or BOP facility contacts. Revised list to be sent out the week of July 4th.

Attended District 21's monthly District meeting on Monday, June 12^{th.} I did a presentation on what it is like to be a District Corrections Chair and what are the responsibilities that are involved in the position. Offered ideas on how to get other A.A. members involved and excited in being a Corrections Volunteer as well as hosting a workshop or attending individual group meetings to talk corrections. As the Area 35 Corrections Chair, discussed what things I'm working on and what help I can offer to the District from my position. There was an awesome turnout of over 20 District and Individual group members including 14 GSR's!

Weekly I attend the International Corrections Meetings.

There are many Corrections Volunteers that do not have or even know of the A.A. Corrections WORKBOOK. I have passed out several workbooks to volunteers in and around District 5. If anyone would like one, please contact me

Yours in Service, Mark R

<u>STATEWIDE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (SWCC) CHAIR RE-</u> PORT – MARK R

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. I attended meeting on June 7.

At the June 7th meeting, we discussed the Annual Corrections Workshop. We talked about the good things from last year's workshop and things needing improvement. A lot of feedback from last year were complaints about the location, lack of room, lack of coffee, and the difficulty of parking and the long walk to get to the conference room. For this year we are currently evaluating other locations and are working on Speakers. We hope to finalize a date and location at our July 5th meeting. Anyone interested in helping please reach out to me. I will post the Zoom meeting information below.

The MCF Faribault Transition fair went well. I received 3 CTCP requests and will be contacting Area 35 DCM's/Corrections Chairs to find volunteers for these requests.

Upcoming MCF Transition Fairs. Any interest in volunteering, please get a hold of me as soon as possible!

FACILITY	TRANSITION FAIR	FACILITY APP DEADLINE
MCF-Shakopee	August 8, 2023 (Fille	ed) July 18, 2023
MCF-Moose Lak	e September 19, 2023	August 29, 2023

gave us a rundown of the direction she will be going, and it involves a variety of steps too many to mention but it was comforting to me and I'm sure others that she is going to do her level best to do a good job and she has her direction in mind.

Things are happening and changing at a fast rate right now, (Statewide Treatment Committee, the new coordinator position, and our new Bridging the Gap Program to mention a few), when I know more, I will let you know.

Ricco

CPC - GREG C

No report given

ARCHIVIST - MARC N

Hi all! Archives remain quiet. On June 24 I was invited to exhibit archives at 2218 Alano (Area 36 had assembly so could not), but I failed. I got lost in south Minneapolis, it was and is embarrassing!

During this quiet time I am building my knowledge of how and what we exhibit and who we exhibit to. As an archivist I am to preserve items of importance to AA as a whole and to individual members. Part of archiving is

MCF-Willow River	October 3, 2023	September 12, 2023
MCF-Rush City	October 12, 2023	September 21, 2023
MCF-Lino Lakes	November 14, 2023	October 24, 2023
Applications that are not received by the deadline date for each		
facility fair will not be approved.		

SWCC Monthly Zoom Meeting Information

The Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm via zoom. Our next meeting is July 5th at 6:00 PM. Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 867 9832 0579 Passcode: Y7Wrq7 One tap mobile +13092053325,,86798320579#,,,,*796061# US

Humbled & Honored to Serve, Mark R, Statewide Corrections Committee Chair



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PANEL 74 AREA DELEGATE RESUMES

Full Name:	Diane R
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Home Group:	Hibbing Downtown Group, Hibbing MN
Sobriety time:	Continuous sobriety since November 19. 1977 (45 years)

A.A. service experience:

Group Chairperson and Group Set-up Person for A.A. Meetings

Group Treasurer for A.A. Meetings

PI Chairperson for District 9 from 1979-1980

I have a Sponsor and Service Sponsor and I am a Sponsor.

"Those who follow the AA program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance."

AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, July 1944, "On Cultivating Tolerance", Best of the Grapevine, Volume 1



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PANEL 74 AREA DELEGATE RESUMES

Full Name:	Heidi K B
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Home Group:	Happy, Joyous & Free
Sobriety time:	15 years sobriety - Jan 15, 2008 sobriety date

A.A. service experience:

GSR: 2011 - 2013
District 8 Corrections Chair: 2016-2017
District 8 Secretary: 2017
DCM District 8: 2018 - 2019
Area Secretary 2020 - 2021
Area Northern Light Editor: 2022 - 2023
Area 35 Inventory Ad-Hoc Comm 2023
I am sponsored and sponsor other women. I have shared my story with various entities in District 8: DUI classes, multiple treatment centers, workshops and a high school class. I have had multiple rotations of District 8's informational phone line and am on the contact list. I share service responsibilities with my home group. Started a women's virtual AA meeting during Covid. Currently work with local medical professionals as a contact for women struggling with alcohol.

Full Name:	Pat M
Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
Home Group:	Melrose Big Book
Sobriety time:	11 years 5 months

A.A. service experience:

Group Level- chaired meetings, treasure, literature chair, coffee maker, treatment chair	
GSR 2014-2015	
District Treatment 2016-2017	
District DCM 2019 2010	

Area Grapevine 2020-2021	
Area Literature 2022-2023	
Service work very humbling	



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

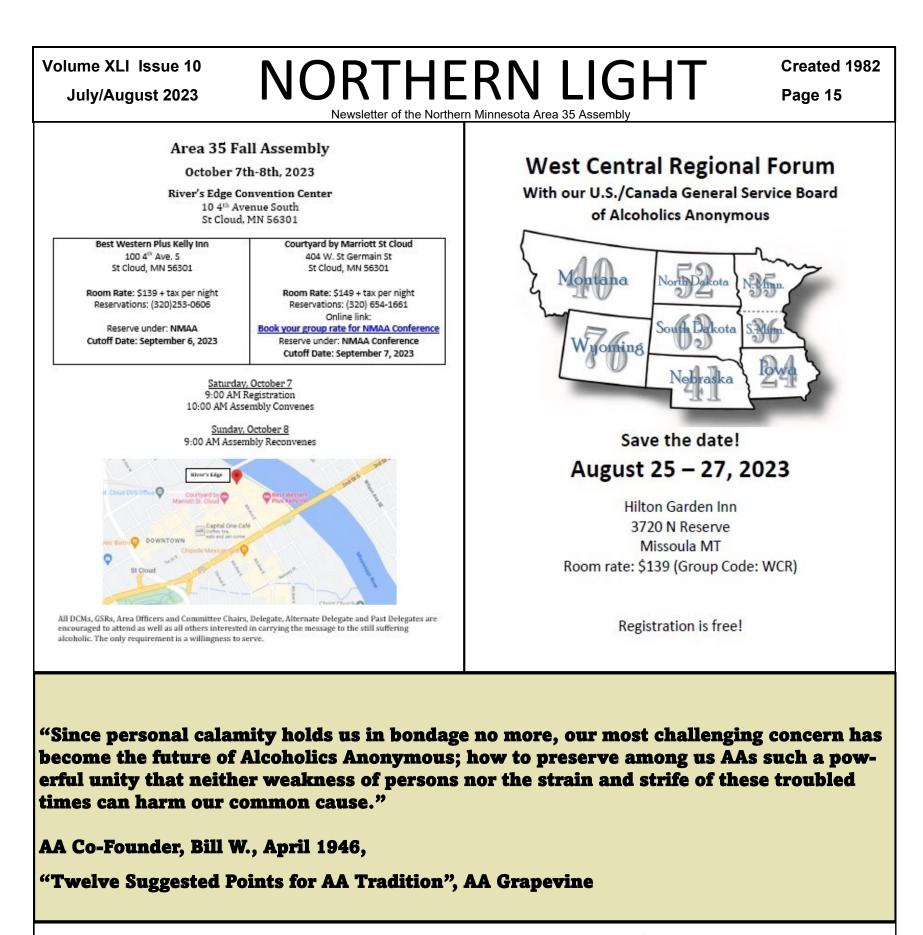
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Area 35 and Area 36	<u>2023 S</u>	<u>2023 Service Events</u>				
Joint Committee Meeting	July 22: Comm	Area 35/36 Joint Meeting - Virtual	D	ISTRICT 7	AA P	
	August 6:	Area Committee Mtg Aitkin, MN		and the second second	Level.	
Saturday, July 22, 2023	August 25-27:	WCR Forum, Montana			man and the state	- Hattan and
1:003:00 pm ONLINE only Designed for: General Service Reps, Alt General Service	October 7-8:	Fall Assembly St. Cloud, MN		Please join us for Sunday Ju Please bring a fo	ily 23 ^{rd,} 2023	
Reps, District Committee Members and all District Committee Chairs and District Officers; Area Committee Chairs, Alt Committee Chairs and Area Officers and Past Delegates.	December 3:	Area Committee Mtg Aitkin, MN]	Lum Park Pa Noon	And a state of the	
SPEAKER MEETING & POTLUCK	TRI-DIST	RICT WORKSHOP	1619	Washington St N	NE, Brainero	d, MN 56401
	"Sharing of the Resp	oonsibilities of the District Offices"				
Hosted by ELY MONDAY WOMEN'S MEETING	Sharing will be on the res	ponsibilities and duties of the District offices.		hort	Annual	
SATURDAY, AUG 12	towned at the second	invite you to attend our upcoming workshop:		Keep It Sim	ple Weeker	nd Minnesota)
6:00 Potluck	Saturday, September 23, Hibbing Alano Club – 372	2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.		August 18 th ,1	Into Action 19 th , & 20 th , 2023	
6:30 Alanon Speaker - Steve G - Ely	From 1:00 to 1:30 - "What a			WEEKEND SCH	EDULE OF EVENTS	r to 5:30 PM Friday**
7:30 AA Speaker - Heather L - Virginia	From 1:30 to 3:00 - "What a	are the District Offices"	FRID			
Bring a friend and a dish to share		15 Chair, Christine- Roberts Rules of Order and the will share her story including her service work.	SATU	AA Speaker – An		M
Ledgerock Church • 1515 E Camp St, Ely	And then at 4:00 P.M. until d	ID: 846 8248 1970 Passcode: 705879 one, we will offer grilled brats and burgers. If anyone can use desserts. The rest will be supplied by your	SUNI	NOON LUNCH 1:00 PM Recreation Time 5:00 PM SUPPER 7:00 PM Al-Anon Speaker AA Speaker – Ev <i>Ice Cream Social</i> 1		MN) SATURDAY Bean Bag Tournament Prizes Awarded!!!
Staples Annual Campout				10:00 AM AA Speaker- Nic	ck M. (Blaine, MN) for 2024 after speaker	SAN
- 555 - 555		d ANNUAL	Adult B	REGIS ant/Camper Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$65.00 unkhouse Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$85.00 nclude all meals, gejs[tgip] and lodging)	Children Ter 2 nights & 5 me	nt/Camper Package eals 10 & under \$20.00 es all meals, (eg, and lodging.)
	FRIDAY, SEPT. 8	AND ROUND-UP Registration Begins	50	Admission (all events, not including meals. 0.00 per weekend or \$10.00 per day. 0.00 per person per night (no hookups available)	Saturday Supp	ch (psyable before eating) per: \$10.00 per person. a first comerifist served basis.
	6:00 - 7:00		Bunk	khouses - \$20.00 Per person per night. Soes not include general admission.)	Pre-Registrat	oom for everyone! Ition is not necessary
Who? All of you	SATURDAY, SEI	PT. 9		Bring your own LAWN CHAIR ** Activities include volleyball kayaking, fishing, hiking, c	l, basketball, canoeing, bo	occe ball,
What? Smoked Pork Speakers Friday and Saturday	10:00 Al-A	.Breakfast non Speaker – Mary Clare P. – Columbia Heights, MN		For more info, call Dianna S. 559		3-780-8849
Canoes Available	1:00 - 2:15			SORRY, NO F	PETS ALLOWED.	
Swimming Beach Picnic Areas		AA Workshop – Jimmy A. – Spring Lake, NJ "The Importance of the Home Group" AA Workshop – Rena K. – Punta Gorda, FL		2	40th Ant	nual St. Cloud Roundup
Campfire Fellowship		"Sponsorchip" Al-Anon Meeting			October 2 St. Cloud R	20-21, 2023 Liver's Edge Convention Center
Where? Dowerlake Campground	5:30 - 6:30	Dinner AA Speaker – Rich B. – Ocean City, MD Dance - Muzic By "Big Show Entertainment"			10-4th Avenus St. Cloud, MN	ki Soum 4 56301
When? August 11th-13th Note: first come first server for camping or make	SUNDAY, SEPT.				4	
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Make sure to bring a dish for the smoked pork Saturday!		Lunch				
Come join the Fun and Fellowship[! Any Questions: Call Dan D at 218-640-7228	Maha Var	r Reservations Early!		nentially Bett	er!	
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The 77 th Annual Duluth Round Up	LODGING/CABIN Limited Availability			ty A Al-Anon 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. htato, MN 10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	Recovery Unity	Kelly Inn 100-4th Ave S. St Cloud, MN 56301
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Agenda <u>Deadline Dates</u>

September 15th

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

February 15th

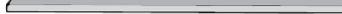
Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service

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 on at the Area 35 Spring Assembly with the Area 35 Delegate.



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.

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 electronically or by hard copy from the Delegate at the Aitkin Committee Meeting.

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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

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NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

- Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what's happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.
- Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example "Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN" this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe 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 **<u>northernlight@area35.org</u>** 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, <u>contact the Northern Light Editor</u> at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number listed on page 3 of the print version of the Northern Light, for the Northern Light Editor (remember this will change every 2 year rotation).
- 2. Email a .pdf version of your flier to **northernlight@area35.org** for approval. Upon approval a copy will be forwarded to the webmaster to be placed on the Area 35 websites calendar of events.

3.	Upon approval mail to :	Cold Spring Record PO Box 456 403 West Wind Court Cold Spring, MN 56320 With an Attn: Northern Light on the mailin Include a note stating they are to be inserted			hern Ligl	ht	
4.		old Spring Record print your fliers to be Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the					
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5. The cost for having a flier inserted into the Northern Light is \$30. Make Checks payable to NMAA and mail to :

NMAA 37258 Lakeland Rd Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783



RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

- Only Area 35 A.A. Members may submit a flier. Fliers must be for A.A. sponsored events only.
- Fliers needed—750 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and handouts.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2023 are as Follows:

- January 22nd : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- March 1st : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- April 30th: Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- July 2nd : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- September 2nd : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- October 29th: Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

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Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

1. Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:

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

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

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

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

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

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

AREA 35 EVENTS INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- Area Chair asks for weather reports from all DCMs from respective Districts, either by email or phone.
- Meeting format (virtual, in person or hybrid) is based on DOT report and national weather service, individual safety being paramount. Decisions will be made by 9pm the day before the meeting.

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.

- 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.



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OUR PAST DELEGATES

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Panel 70 Jim S	<u>2020-2021</u>	Panel 40 Bob J	<u> 1990-1991</u>	Panel 16 Arno A	<u> 1966-1967</u>	
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Panel 68	2018-2019	Panel 38	<u> 1988-1989</u>	()		
Christine G		Scott J		Panel 14	<u> 1964-1965</u>	
				Donald F		
Panel 66	2016-2017	Panel 36	<u>1986-1987</u>	(deceased)		
Kelly D		Louie H		Panel 12	1962-1963	
Panel 64	2014-2015	Panel 34	1984-1985	Donna T	1/02 1/00	
Michael "Jake" J	2011 2010	Bob P	1701 1700	(deceased)		
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Panel 62	2012-2013	D 120	1000 1000	Panel 10 Bob B	<u> 1960-1961</u>	
Jim K		Panel 32	1982-1983	(deceased)		
Panel 60	2010-2011	Tom L (deceased)		(decedised)		
Jon C	2010-2011	(deceased)		Panel 8	<u> 1958-1959</u>	
		Panel 30	1980-1981	Pearl N		
Panel 58	2008-2009	Don M		(deceased)		
JoAnne M N		(deceased)		Panel 6	1956-1957	
D	2006 2007	Panel 28	1070 1070	Waldo H	1/50-1/57	
Panel 56 Jerry S	2006-2007	Garfield (Duffy) S	<u> 1978-1979</u>	(deceased)		
Jelly S		(deceased)				
Panel 54	2004-2005	(Panel 4	<u> 1954-1955</u>	
Charlie C		Panel 26	<u> 1976-1977</u>	Wendell H (deceased)		
Panel 52	2002-2003	Vern R		(ucceased)		
Tim C	2002 2000	(deceased)		Panel 2	1952-1953	
		Panel 24	<u> 1974-1975</u>	Arthur R		
Panel 50	2000-2001	Gordon B. H	1774-1775	(deceased)		
Tom A		(deceased)				
Panel 48	1998-1999	-				
Susie A	1//0 1///	Panel 22	<u>1972-1973</u>			
		Frank P. J (deceased)				
Panel 46	<u> 1996-1997</u>	(ucceaseu)				
Bill P		Panel 20	<u> 1970-1971</u>			
(deceased)		Clarence B				
Panel 44	<u> 1994-1995</u>	(deceased)				
Bruce B	1777-1775	Panel 18	1968-1969			
		Dave H	1700-1707			
Panel 42	<u> 1992-1993</u>	(deceased)				
Greg G						
(deceased)						

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate's Duties

Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:

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

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

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Tradition Four is a specific application of general principles already outlined in Traditions One and Two. Tradition One states : "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." Tradition Two states: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority — a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

With these concepts in mind, let us look more closely at Tradition Four. The first sentence guarantees each AA group local autonomy. With respect to its own affairs, the group may make any decisions, adopt any attitudes that it likes. No overall or intergroup authority should challenge this primary privilege. We feel this ought to be so, even though the group might sometimes act with complete indifference to our Tradition. For example, an AA group could, if it wished, hire a paid preacher and support him out of the proceeds of a group nightclub. Though such an absurd procedure would be miles outside our Tradition, the group's "right to be wrong" would be held inviolate. We are sure that each group can be granted, and safely granted, these most extreme privileges. We know that our familiar process of trial and error would summarily eliminate both the preacher and the nightclub. These severe growing pains which invariably follow any radical departure from AA Tradition can be absolutely relied upon to bring an erring group back into line. An AA group need not be coerced by any human government over and above its own members. Their own experience, plus AA opinion in surrounding groups, plus God's prompting in their group conscience would be sufficient. Much travail has already taught us this. Hence we may confidently say to each group, "You should be responsible to no other authority than your own conscience."

Yet please note one important qualification. It will be seen that such extreme liberty of thought and action applies only to the group's own affairs. Rightly enough, this Tradition goes on to say, "But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, these groups ought to be consulted." Obviously, if any individual, group, or regional committee could take an action that might seriously affect the welfare of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole or seriously disturb surrounding groups, that would not be liberty at all. It would be sheer license; it would be anarchy, not democracy.

Therefore, we AAs have universally adopted the principle of consultation. This means that if a single AA group wishes to take an action that might affect surrounding groups, it consults them. Or, it confers with the intergroup committee for the area, if there be one. Likewise, if a group or regional committee wishes to take any action that might affect AA as a whole, it consults the trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation, who are, in effect, our overall general service committee. For instance, no group or inter group could feel free to initiate, without consultation, any publicity that might affect AA as a whole. Nor could it assume to represent the whole of Alcoholics Anonymous by printing and distributing anything purporting to be AA standard literature. This same principle would naturally apply to all similar situations. Though there is no formal compulsion to do so, all undertakings of this general character are customarily checked with our AA general Headquarters.

This idea is clearly summarized in the last sentence of Tradition Four, which observes, "On such issues our common welfare is paramount."





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AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING Agenda

Aitkin, MN / ZOOM (Assembly Portion Only) August 6th, 2023

9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings District 1 -District 13 – Jim R (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee) District 21 – Jennifer T 10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting CORRECTIONS - Mark R Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer Statewide Corrections – Corrections **Recognize Past Delegates** District 9 - Diane R Welcome GSR's for this special assembly session.. District 8 - Heather L Vote for the GSC Proposals (HYBRID) GSC Proposal - 12 steps do not translate - D9 12:00 P.M. Lunch 12:45 P.M. Reconvene GSC Proposal - Change 12x12 to original–D9 Log Off Zoom **OLD BUSINESS** Add to Agenda February ACM Discussion Approve Minutes from last ACM **OFFICER REPORTS NEW BUSINESS:** Delegate – Steve L State Fair Booth – PI Chair Alternate Delegate – Justin W Chair – Christine G Secretary – Sally L Calendar of Events Treasurer - Vicki R Adjourn **COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS** Financial Oversight Committee **ZOOM Link** for the Assembly portion to start at WEBMASTER – Kyle H 10:30am: NORTHERN LIGHT – Heidi B District 3 – Melvin S Meeting ID: 864 8648 2188 Password: 479425 GROUP RECORDS – Denise R District 16 – Dave C https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ LITERATURE – Pat M tZEucO2uqj0rEtQCvEtRjvAMTPckXiV6ER3h District 12 – Terry A District 5 – Jarrin V PUBLIC INFORMATION - Nels P District 2 – District 4 – James W TREATMENT – Ricco R District 6 – Julie N District 7 – Bob N CPC – Greg C District 18 – Scott S District 15 – Lisa M ARCHIVIST – Marc N ARCHIVES - Renell P District 11 – Kathy M District 14 – GRAPEVINE – Mike U

*****Note - NEW AREA TREASURER ADDRESS*****

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

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA 37258 Lakeland Rd Sturgeon Lake, MN 55783