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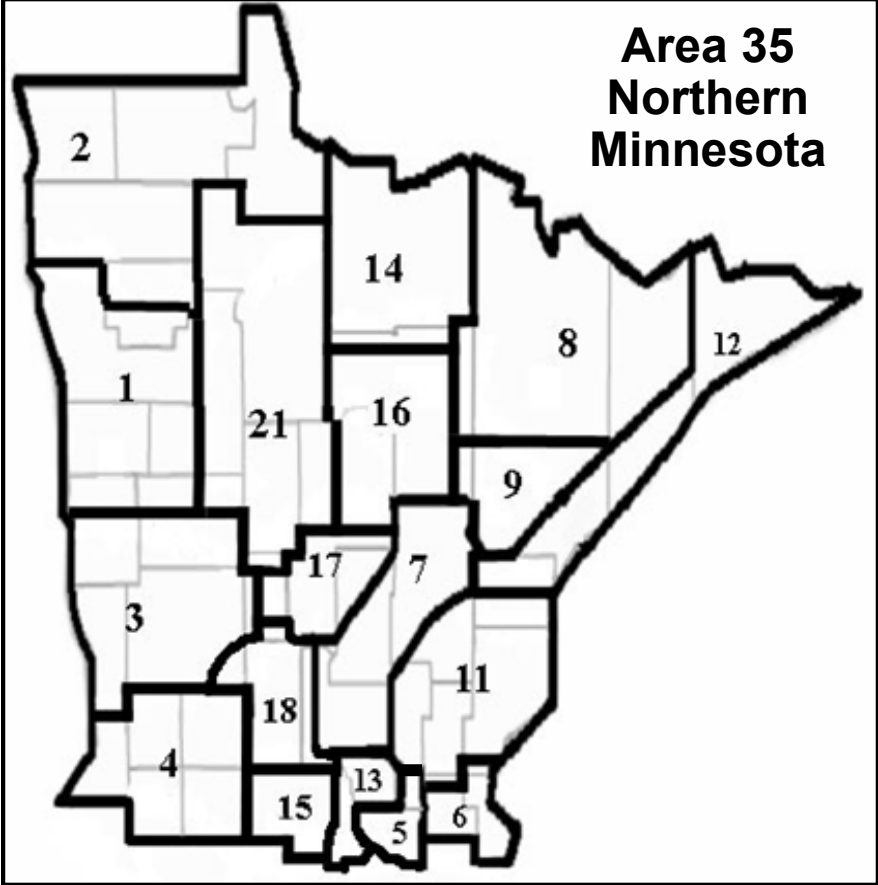
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Zone I

- 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

** 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
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

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

District 13
1st Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
St. Cloud Alano Club
127 7th Ave NE
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

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
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

District 4 - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Osakis, Morris

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

Zone III

District 5 - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman

District 6 - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City

District 7 - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager*, Wahkon

District 11 - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River

District 13 - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley

District 17 - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River

District 18 - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

District 8 - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Nett Lake, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia,

District 9 - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*, Zim

District 12 - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors

District 14 - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario,Canada)

Area 35 August 2023 ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
August 6, 2023

Call to Order: Area Chair Christine G. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 6, 2023, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Delegates In Attendance: Mike J, Panel 64; Kelly D, Panel 66

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

- Welcome to all who have joined via Zoom. Please keep yourself muted, raise your hand when you have something to share. Raise your hand by pressing the REACTIONS icon at the bottom of the screen, next to RECORD or SHARE SCREEN. Then select RAISE HAND. Once you have been called on, you can select LOWER HAND.
- After we are done discussing and voting on the (4) proposals, we will log off Zoom and proceed with reports.
- We will be using 2/3 majority for the vote being these items are being forwarded to the GSC. Voting members are Area Officers, Area Action Committee Chairs, DCMs (Alt DCMs if your DCM is not present) GSRs (Alt GSRs if your GSR is not present) – District Action Committee Chairs do not vote. All voting members please raise your hands. (Take a count)
- We will be allotting 2 mins of sharing at the microphone with sharing only once until everyone has had an opportunity.
- Let’s avoid cross talking as it gets disruptive and hard to hear discussions.
- When asking questions or speaking, please go to the mic or raise your hand on Zoom. We will alternate between microphone and Zoom.
- The purpose of this discussion is to determine if the (2) proposals should get forwarded to the Conference Committees for them to determine if the proposal should be added to 2024 GSC Agenda Items.

GSC Proposals
GSC Proposal 1, Big Book – District 9
District 9 DCM Diane R. read the motion:
Proposal 1. We propose the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the current draft of the Plain and Simple translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book.

Diane R. read the Motion (proposal), John M., a GSR, seconded.
Discussion

- People are not able to log in. Webmaster addressed that problem.
- Some groups in District 6 are against changes to the 12x12 and the Big Book.
- Most people in one group are against any changes in either book.
- Leave Bill’s writings alone.
- There is so much help out there – there are plenty of books out there to help with reading.
- The 12x12 has some harsh words.
- Sometimes we need harsh words.
- If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.
- Outside interests are pushing the changes.

VOTE – Area Chair read the motion.
Steve L. offered an amendment to **remove the first two lines to clear up the motion.** Diane R. said amendment not accepted. Vote was taken, most in favor of the motion, no one opposed, one abstention. **MOTION PASSED.**

GSC Proposal 2, 12x12 - District 9
District 9 DCM Diane R. read the motion, Mike U. seconded the motion.
Proposal 2 We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase “opposite sex with the word “partner” Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health” with “no one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony” in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.

Discussion

- Are the changes made to the 12x12 a translation? NO
- Keep the changes, footnotes are clear and concise. We need to be inclusive.

VOTE – Area Chair read the motion. 52 were in favor of the motion, 10 were against, one abstention. Need 2/3, **MOTION PASSED.**

Minority opinion

- If there are already footnotes, it is not fiscally responsible to make changes.
- There are already books with changes out there. If we change it back, it could be confusing.

- Both proposals will be submitted to the General Service Board before the September 15th deadline.
- Area Chair Christine G. thanked the GSRs for bringing their groups’ consciences to the Assembly portion of the meeting, then closed the Assembly portion at 11:02 a.m. and logged off the hybrid session.

Area Committee Meeting
Opened at 11:02 a.m.

Additions to agenda: Articles of Incorporation; Treatment Contact Coordinator email; Alternate Delegate position; Statewide Corrections workshop budget; Zoom discussion.

Points of order:

- Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic
- The purpose of the Area Committee and this meeting is focused on the health of the area and thus on growth and harmony in the AA Fellowship. The area committee does not create policy. We take care of “maintenance and upkeep issues.”
- Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear
- When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic

Approval of June 2023 ACM Minutes: Heidi B. motioned to approve the minutes, Pat M. seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – STEVEN L
Good morning ladies and gentlemen, I have given all of my GSC reports to Districts that have asked for one. It was a pleasure and a humbling experience visiting with everyone and allowing as much time as needed to thoroughly discuss what happened at the GSC. I will be reporting on the GSC via Zoom for all that missed my in-person reports. The Zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22nd starting at 6:00 pm. The Zoom details will be emailed out shortly.

At the monthly Delegates' meeting on July 24th, Kerry M., our Regional Point of Contact, reported that the following weekend is the July Trustee General Service Board weekend. Since the WCR Delegate meetings are scheduled on the 4th Monday of the month, we decided to move the month-end meeting to Thursday, August 10th so the Delegates can receive the information from Kerry M. on what happened at the General Service board week-end earlier.

Our main topic of discussion was the WCRF being held in Missoula MT. GSO is seeking an AA member who is deaf or hard of hearing for the workshop, “Who Is Not In The Rooms”. Currently, they are not finding anyone. It was brought up that perhaps GSO would want to have another topic for that workshop's time frame, Kerry M. is going to bring that issue up at the board meeting.

Current registration numbers for the WCRF are pretty low, hopefully they will pick up closer to the date of Forum. Room rates and availability were a concern for the WCRF. A few people mentioned that they were not receiving the room block rate of \$139. Instead, they were charged \$1,200 for their 3-night stay. If anyone is having this kind of trouble, try calling the hotel directly, they might be able to help because there was some trouble at the being of May with the flier codes. Otherwise, let me know and we can get hold of the METS / Regional Forums people at the GSO to straighten this out. As of the July 28th meeting, there are no longer rooms available through the WCR room block for the Forum. Kacie N., the Delegate from Montana, spoke with Eileen, our Regional Forum Staff person, and said if anyone still needs a room to contact Attallah at sophasa@aa.org.

In my report in the July NL, I mentioned that there will be 11 trusted servants from GSO, GV, and Trustees available for Share A Meal. Share A Meal is having lunch or Dinner with one of these servants to ask questions and get to know them a little better. I have Area 35 booked with Mike L. our WCRT and the interim GSB chair for Saturday’s Lunch. We might be able to squeeze in one or two people in one of the other meals if there is an interest. The other people are: Carolyn W., Non-Trustee Director AAWS, 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 and who you would like to dine with.

I sent out three notices of vacancy to the DCMs. One is 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 someone 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”.

I received a second 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.

We are going to discuss Area 35's Articles of Association later today. At the last ACM the officers wanted to take a look at the Articles of Association, what they are, can they be changed, and how to go about updating them. There are copies of Area 35's Articles of Association on the back table. I'll send pdf copies of the Articles of Association to the DCMs to forward to the GSRs so they can discuss them at their Groups before the Assembly.

In service, Steven L

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – JUSTIN W
Area Chair read Justin W.'s report:

Greetings Area 35, I have experienced an overwhelming sense of discouragement during this rotation and have spoken with a few people about it. In trying to determine the source of the discouragement, I realize it really started during covid, when for the first time I was presented with the idea that I must not attend an AA meeting, in spite of the fact that my primary purpose really was the carrying of this message to a potential alcoholic that stood at the door of my meeting place. I can see now that this conflict was the direct result of our sacrificing the principles that this fellowship is built on, specifically that Alcoholics Anonymous at all levels had begun to develop an opinion on this outside issue. The admission of this issue into the fellowship in direct opposition to our principles was irreconcilable in my own heart, and still is to this day. Since then, we have seen a plethora of other outside issues, some political in nature, some extremely personal, and our unity, without which we as a fellowship cannot survive according to our own literature, has been absolutely shattered. We have seen even the most fundamental of principles embodied in our twelve steps abandoned for the sake of personal grievances by our own trusted leaders, the wrath of vengeance being ruthlessly executed upon us here in the service structure by the very people that taught us better...for almost two years now. This browbeating discouragement has all but eliminated the participation of the groups in our general service structure and without that participation the Area committee seems to have lost its purpose. "How do we get the groups involved" should not be a question in the General Service Structure, yet we continue to try and work out this top-down management of the groups, as if *we* are supposed to direct *them*. The principles in our steps, traditions and concepts are simply being cast to the side at all levels of the service structure, and I believe we have some real work to do in our home groups. It is my opinion that we need to prioritize the recovery of our own home group members, so that recovered AA members might start to flow back down into the service structure from the top of the upside-down triangle.

When I started in general service there was a real sense that I was doing the right thing, that serving in the fellowship was directly connected with the carrying of the message to the still suffering alcoholic, the perpetuation of our twelfth step. This is where all of my passion originated, and it was the basis of my commitment and the justification for the sacrifices that I had made in order to participate. But if a District isn't in service to its GSR's, and an Area isn't in service to its Districts and groups, then I cannot see where my participation at the Area can possibly serve our primary purpose and I cannot reconcile this.

In spite of all of this, I am sober and living a reasonable life by the daily graces and providence of God alone, for which I am eternally grateful. He is the Spirit of our principles, the substance of our steps, traditions, and concepts, and I pray that our fellowship would return again to Him by the honoring and reverence of these principles above all personalities, and certainly to the exclusion of all outside issues.

I am no longer willing to attend any event that is held on Sundays because I will not sacrifice my attendance at church services on Sunday mornings. Obviously, that precludes me from fulfilling my responsibilities as Alternate Delegate with regards to attendance at ACM's, Area Assemblies, and West Central Regional events, which unfortunately has been almost the sum total of my service tenure.

As such, I must resign my position as Alternate Delegate and hope that you will find another AA member who is able to meet the responsibilities of the position.

Thank You.

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G
Greetings Area 35, In remembrance of Arden A., there is going to be a memorial BBQ and campfire meeting on August 19th at Quiet Shores Trail in Wright, MN. Contact Tim V. for more information.

Since my last report in the latest issue of the Northern Light, I have been working on the details of this August ACM and upcoming Fall Assembly. Make sure you make your hotel reservations by September 6th for the Kelly Inn, Best Western and by September 7th for the Courtyard by Marriott. Both hotels are next to the River's Edge Convention Center.

Please remember there are recommendations that the committees produced, from the Area Inventory, that you should be sharing with your districts/groups. At the Fall Assembly, you will be able to bring forward any of those for with motions and we will discuss and 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 are available at the back table.

I attended the Area 35/Area 36 Joint Committee meeting, and the event was well received although having a summary of what happened in the committee breakouts would have been even better. Hopefully, this will be incorporated during the next Joint Committee Meeting that will take place July 20th, 2024.

More information will be coming.

Area 36 Chair and I are discussing putting an Adhoc committee together to look at aaminnnesota.org.

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 were published in this edition of the Northern Light. Make sure to share this information with your districts and GSRs. I am willing to visit any districts that would like more information on Third Legacy voting or voting in general, and what that would like at the Fall Assembly. I want to make sure we are prepared and understand how the process works.

I have also procured the Crookston Inn for the Spring Assembly on April 6 – 7, 2024. A flyer will become available in the November/December issue of the Northern Light after the Fall Assembly and flyers will be made available at the Fall Assembly. Please make your room reservations as soon as possible as the rooms fill up fast. I continue to work on the fall assembly and 2025 events.

I have signed up to help with the State Fair Booth on August 27th. I was surprised at the small number of volunteers that have signed up, when there was such concern among 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.

Not that I am counting down but there are two area events left for me to chair, the fall assembly and the December ACM. Time flies by when you are busy. I am looking forward to some free time. If anyone is interested in standing for Area Chair, please feel free to give me a call and ask questions. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Area 35 Chair.

In Unity and Service, Christine G.

SECRETARY – SALLY L
Good morning. Reports are due to me by August 14, 2023. When you are making motions, please be sure to write them down in a clear and concise manner so I can put them in the minutes correctly. Thank you.

In service, Sally L.

TREASURER – VICKI R
June ACM
Treasurer Report
8/6/23

Hello! Group finances through 7/31/23:

<u>YTD</u>	
Group Contributions	\$33,428
Birthday/Other	<u>\$14,179</u>
Total	\$47,607

Total Expenses	<u>\$(33,486)</u>
Net Income	\$ 14,121

<u>PD 4 6/1/23 – 7/31/23</u>	
Group Contributions	\$8,860
Birthday/Other	<u>\$1,743</u>
Total	\$10,603
Expense	<u>\$(6,945)</u>
Net Income	\$3,658

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June group contributions were \$5,876, previous high was \$3,024
July group contributions were \$2,984, previous high was \$4,456

195 (up from 161 end of May) groups have contributed through July 31,
32 =>\$300 or 16%.
16 =>\$400 or 8%

Another perspective is that 18 districts currently contribute to the Area. To meet the projected \$88,457 budget, each would need to contribute \$4,914

Grapevine sales and purchases: Sales: \$807 – purchases: \$926 = (119) More purchased than sold.
Literature sales and purchase: Sales: \$6,877 – purchase: \$8,883 = (\$2,006) More purchased than sold.

The budgeted income is \$42,000; minus \$33,428 leaving \$8,572 to take in the rest of the year.

Cash projections:	
Register balance at 7/31/23:	\$22,257
Expected receipts Aug/Sep:	\$ 6,000
Expected expenses Aug/Sep	<u>\$(6,126)</u>
Net cash on Sep 30:	\$22,131

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

I've sent the June and July files to the Financial Oversight Committee for review. I attended the joint Area 35/36 workshop.

Yours in service, Vicki R

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COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – BRENT T

My name is Brent T, I am an alcoholic. Jim S and I reviewed the Area 35 finances, and collectively agree that, based on the Wells Fargo bank statements and the reports and reconciliation details provided to us from our Treasurer Vicki, that the Area’s financial reports are accurate and correct to the penny. Jim and I met via telephone yesterday (8/5/23) morning at 9:00 AM, and again at 6:00 PM to complete our review. Are there any questions? Thank you.

WEBMASTER – KYLE H

No Report.

NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35! In our committee meeting this morning, we had 7 in attendance. We discussed what was shared in the Area 35/36 Committee Meeting, online listings of meetings and virtual meetings and how they fit into the service structure.

I attended the Joint Area Comm Mtg via Zoom on July 22. I had a great discussion with Denny C and Joe S from Area 36 newsletter comm and Denise R, Area 35 Group Records and a member of NL committee. We shared how we each create our area newsletter, and discussed software challenges, requirements for publishing fliers and editorials, anonymity issues, and copyright issues using Grapevine cartoons. It was a very productive meeting and I really appreciated Area 36 taking the time to meet with us.

The next issue of the Northern Light is due Sept 2. Please send any fliers for the events page to me prior to that deadline. I also welcome any submissions sharing your experience, strength and hope. All submissions must be approved by the Northern Light/Group Records/Webmaster Committee.

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S

Hello Area 35, It appears that District 3 has been making a little progress lately. We had a very brief district meeting on July 16th before Steve L's presentation. There were about 16 people in attendance with three new GSRs for their first time. I was anticipating much discussion about the 12x12 and the first 164 pages issue but Steve must have explained well enough for them.

I have still been visiting groups in our district. My approach has been sort of casual, nothing formal. Talking about what is going on in the district and Area 35, then I join in on their meetings. The Round Robins that we have been well attended and fun and I’d like to say that we’re seeing more unity in the district.

In Service , Melvin

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, August ACM 2023 Things got busy quickly since my last report. I was notified by Karina the Group Services Coordinator at GSO the following: “The General Service Office is undertaking a widespread project to improve the integrity of the information in our systems. Achieving integrity of the information we have available to communicate to the Fellowship is a high priority here at GSO. This information is the principal means by which we can serve the groups that choose to be linked to our service structure. Our goal is to maintain up to date information and confirm the status of groups and districts in the United States and Canada: We are targeting Groups with the status of “unknown” first. Groups without current primary contact information goes from an “Active” status to “Unknown,” as we are unable to confirm if the group is still active. “ I have sent DCM’s a list of any groups in their District that have an “unknown” status. Please verify that those groups are still active and if they want to remain active with GSO, we will need a Primary Contact for the Group. If they no longer meet or do not provide current information for a Primary Contact, they will be moved to inactive, removed from aaminnesota.org and the Meeting Guide App. A Primary Contact is either a GSR or a home group member willing to be a mail contact for the group. Either way they need to provide their name, address and email if available. This needs to be completed and I will need to report back to GSO by September 29th. While working on this I was able to reach out to a member in International Falls from District 14, which at this time is listed as inactive. They have verified some information and listed some new groups and stated “they will be back”! Thank you to those DCM’s that have responded so quickly to help in this task, it is very much appreciated! I also attended the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop on July 22nd and joined the Group Records breakout room. There was no one else in attendance in the breakout room, therefore after 15 minutes I went to the Newsletter breakout room joining Heidi, which I found very interesting. I was informed Area 36 Group Records resigned however after contacting Doug H, the Area 36 Chair, he informed me they have a new Group Records person, Justin P, that started this week and I offered to assist him if he needed any help. I have sent the Area Chair the updated Trusted Servant Guidelines for Group Records Secretary position. Other than that I continue normal group records work by updating the Northern Light mailing list, making changes to Groups and their meeting listings, Registering any New Groups and answering random and interesting emails from the aaminnesota.org website. Thank you for allowing me to serve as Area 35 Group Records, I have learned much!

In Service, Denise R.

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C

Hi I'm Dave C. and I'm an Alcoholic, District 16 DCM, not a lot going on in 16. We did have the delegate Steve L yesterday, He had a great report, thank you Steve for coming over. We feel a lot more informed; I only wish more of our GSRs would have shown up. Hopefully they will do the Zoom later I

plan to push more for that. Otherwise, our treasury is looking fine. and all is well in the District. Looking forward to the upcoming tri-district workshop in Hibbing on the 23 of September. Yours in service Dave C

LITERATURE – PAT M

No report.

DISTRICT 12 – TERRY A

Greetings from District 12. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at 1st Lutheran Church in Duluth MN. We usually have 12-18 in attendance.

District is working closely with our Intergroup office. The Intergroup Office has moved to 2024 W 3rd street Duluth MN as of June 2023. This has provided easier access both physically and via phone because Intergroup has also extended their hours from 10AM-6:30PM.

We will be hosting an AA booth at the Health and Human Services Conference on October 11-13, 2023 located at the DECC, Duluth MN Billboards in Duluth and Superior did present an increase in the number of hits to our website twinportsaa.org during the time they were up. Our District will do small AA ads in local free newspapers i.e.: Reader, with same wording used on our billboards.

Yours in Service, Terry A

DISTRICT 5 – JARRIN V

Hello everyone Jarrin here district 5 DCM. Sorry I'm not with you this Sunday, had another commitment to attend. I'm happy to share that things have been going well in district 5. I think we have two new groups that have started up. I'm also happy to say that we have gotten some new participation from some new gsrs, that's always great to see. And we've sent out and forwarded out the zoom link and information for all of the gsrs to have the ability to join us today for this ACM so we can share our group conscience votes with on the proposed agenda items. Also new in district 5 we have set in place a budget for literature so we can improve our literature inventory. We do still have all of our chair positions filled and all of our chair positions are hard-working individuals. Mark and corrections is always on the move making sure that we're trying to get meetings into jails in the prisons and it's amazing to watch all the things that he's constantly doing. Also, our CPC/PI chair has got us all set in the range to we are going to be at the Milaca County Fair as always. And he's been working hard to get all of the time slots filled and that's coming up just around the corner next week. Our treatment chair is busy as always getting those treatment centers meetings and people there to come and share their stories. I can't share enough how thankful I am to have the people that want to be helpful and serve to make all the things happen that have to be there to keep a district in good order. We also had Steve L down last week to share with us how things went this year at the conference in New York. I'm sure there may be things that I've missed that have been going on in district 5, in this report, but I'm thankful and happy to serve the district 5. And I'm looking forward to the upcoming fall assembly.

Yours in service, Jarrin V

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P

We had 6 in attendance in our committee meeting this morning. Tom, PI Chair for District 9, is working on a fall workshop in September on service. Using new QR code with webpage on literature and working with treatment.

Scott, PI Chair for Dist 6, said sign boards are up with info at 5 locations. They have a new speaking commitment and are tailgating at groups. New people are using the hotline and webpage is working well.

Jeri, GSR, Dist 21 has limited PI work. Using a hotline, working on a website and bringing meetings to jail. They have a monthly speaker meeting.

Sharla, Dist 11 has new QR code. Working with local clinic and others in medical community as well as the city of Sandstone.

Chad, Dist 13 using EVoice, more cost effective. Beginners meeting is going well. Webpage has 4-5,000 hits per month. Some meetings have shut down. Working on hotels, law enforcement and detox.

I have been healing following a major back surgery. I was unable to attend the Area 35/36 Comm Mtg due to post-surgical problems. I'm looking forward to the State Fair!

In Service, Nels

DISTRICT 2 –

No DCM

DISTRICT 4 – JAMES W

No report

TREATMENT – RICCO R

Area 35 Treatment Committee Report

Statewide Treatment Committee Meeting Report 7/9/2023 We had 7 committee members present: Patrick S. Area 36 Treatment Chair, Peggy M. Treatment Chair District 13, Dani L. GSR District 13, Statewide Treatment Coordinator (TTCC), Jeff T. Alt Treatment Chair, Alt DCM District 16, Tom T. CPC-PI Chair District 9, Diane R. DCM District 9, Ricco R. Area 35 Treatment Chair.

Patrick S. started the meeting off by giving a detailed route on what the Area 36 Treatment Program is doing with, for one making a revised Bridging the

Gap brochure, and other ways to overhaul their presence on the website. Patrick also had some visuals of his work on the website and a lot more information too much to mention. He has been a busy guy. Dani L. our Statewide Treatment Coordinator (TTCC) also gave the committee a detailed route she is taking on her new position within the Treatment Committee for Area 35. She is waiting to get her e-mail address from Kyle our Area 35 Webmaster and the approval from the Area. Dani is making some changes to update the Treatment Center Client Form and the brochure and updating the information on the website to make it geared more toward the treatment community – a place for them to go get more information and download the client form. Dani also had more information for us, but it is too much to mention. She has been very busy. Peggy M. was very helpful relating her work and expertise by sharing the past service work in treatment and multiple ways to approach our future endeavors to put together the Statewide Treatment Program.

The Committee after some discussion decided to put together an ad hoc committee to go over some ideas how we can put together some guidelines for our Statewide Treatment Committee. So now we have an ad hoc committee. This ad hoc committee has two big reasons to put the guidelines together. One is to put together some guidelines to operate efficiently on a continual basis. The other is to put together some guidelines to give to the new AA members who make the transition after we rotate out.

Draft of Guidelines 7/14/2023 This document is just a draft made up by Ricco, Area 35 Treatment Chair to simulate what the guidelines may look like if we decide to have guidelines for our already started Statewide Treatment Committee. The reason I made this draft was I have been sitting in on the Corrections Statewide Committee for a while to learn how they have been so successful with their statewide program and hoped we could do something similar if we were to start our own Statewide alright to use the corrections guidelines as a place to start to make our own Statewide treatment Committee. I talked with Mark the Corrections Statewide Committee Chair and asked if it was Committee guidelines. He was fine with what I requested. I basically just took the word corrections out of the guidelines and inserted the word treatment instead. These corrections guidelines fit our program like a glove. Of course, we on the Statewide Treatment Committee can change anything on the guidelines to fit our program. At least we are not reinventing the wheel and we have a very good start. My hope is the ad hoc committee we started will take these guidelines and come up with something we can call our own. Work on them and see what you come up with and we can discuss this new project at our next meeting. As you can see, we in Area 35 are still waiting for some issues to be solved for Dani's new service position as the coordinator for the Area 35 Treatment Committee. Getting an E-mail and the cost and approval from the Area mainly.

Statewide Treatment Committee ad hoc committee for guidelines 7/30/2023 - We had 5 members present Dani L. GSR District 13, Area 35 Treatment Committee, Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator, Peggy M. Treatment Chair District 13, Diane R. DCM District 9, Patrick S. Area 36 Treatment Chair, Ricco R. Area 35 Treatment Chair.

We formed some of the guidelines for the new Statewide Treatment Committee that will be rotating in next Jan. 2024. Mainly the procedure for putting a chairman, co-chair, and secretary on board right away. We also went over some wording from the guidelines the corrections committee let us use as a template and made some changes to fit our treatment program. Dani is putting all we have done in a draft so we can take it to the Statewide Treatment Committee meeting on 8/13/2023 at 4:30 pm to look over, put in ideas that would enhance the guidelines or tell us to get back to the drawing board.

Area 35 Treatment Committee 8/6/2023 We had 8 members present Bob N. District 7 DCM, Patti D. District 3 Treatment Chair, Dani L. District 13 GSR, Michele B. District 13 Alt. GSR, Lisa E. District 21 Alt GSR, Jeff J. District 9 GSR and Treatment Chair, Dennis N. District 6, Alt GSR, Ricco R. Area 35 Treatment Chair.

I made a motion to get an Area 35 email for the new Treatment Committee, Temporary Treatment Contact Coordinator. The discussion started about the motion by the Area 35 Body. After discussion from the Area 35 Body the belief of the conversation was, we don't need a coordinator and that role of coordinator should be taken up by the Area 35 Treatment Chair only. My motion was not passed but it was tabled. I put my e-mail (treatment@area35.org) on the Treatment Center Client form and will do that task because we must have a contact if someone wants help to find a volunteer to bring them to an AA meeting as soon as possible. Before that we were encouraging the DCM's or Treatment Chairs of the District to fill in that gap on the form so the request would go to the district nearest to the treatment client's residence. I will now fill that gap with my e-mail and contact the nearest DCM or District Treatment Chair where the client is going to have a residence. I sent a Treatment Center Client form to Kyle with my e-mail on it and called Kyle and he said he would put it in the system.

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Hello Northern Minnesota, Julie here from District 6. We have been busy working on the 3 legacies this year. We are currently working on the Recovery portion of the legacy. We have Greg M. coming out to do a three-day workshop on the Big Book and taking us through the steps. The date of workshop is September 15th, 16th, and 17th at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage Blvd. NE, Isanti MN 55040. We start Friday night covering step one and two. On Saturday we start at 8:30 to noon and we'll cover steps 3,4and 5. Lunch and dinner is provided. On Saturday evening we come back together at 7:00 PM covering steps 6,7,8, and 9. Sunday morning 9:00 AM to noon we'll cover steps 10,11 and 12. We hope for a great turn out. The unity part of the legacy has been amazing going out meeting new people at tail-gates. We have had 4 new GSRS that attended district this past month. We are getting excited to attend the West Central Regional forum. Well hope to

see you all in October at the Fall assembly. Tell then have a great day. Thank you for allowing me to serve Julie N

DISTRICT 7 – ROBERT N

Greetings from District 7, Our district meets the third Thursday of every month at First Congregational Church in Brainerd. Steve, our area delegate, was at our July meeting and discussed floor actions from the GSC this spring. We sponsored an AA booth at the Crow Wing county fair that ran from August 1-5, We had a good turnout of members signing up to sit at the booth for a couple hours at a time. We also sponsored a picnic in July, the usual suspects showed up for the food. Christine our Area Chair also came with her children and some friends. We had good turn out and the weather cooperated. District 7 & 18 will be jointly sponsoring a Big Book Study Jan 5-7, 2024 at the Fort Ripley town hall. More information and a flier to follow.

Thanks for letting me serve, Bob N

CPC – GREG C

It has been a relatively quiet summer in the CPC world for me. Mostly outreach work trying to network with Districts and regional groups of Professionals who share a history with Alcoholics Anonymous.

On the working-with-Districts front, I have to confess to a bit of disappointment. I took on the position of Contact with the Professional Community chair with a belief that to successfully work with groups throughout Area 35, I would need to first know and understand what, if anything was being done at the District level. So, over a year ago I began an effort to contact all the Districts in Area 35 to assess that level of involvement. I have sent many group emails and group text messages to District DCM's asking for CPC and/or PI contacts. I have sought out individuals at Area 35 events. I have worked with members of our Area 35 PI/CPC committee. To date, I have been successful in working directly with only 4 Districts in our Area; mostly thru contact within our PI/CPC committee. And have only received contact information from another 2 Districts. The world of contacting and working with Professional groups and the ability for THEM to contact AA has changed pretty dramatically over the years. We have to accept the fact that it starts and ends with our ability to communicate with OURSELVES. When we don't interact and share information within our own structure, it is pretty tough to present an effective and organized front to Professional groups we NEED to be working with. It is my opinion that within the geographical boundaries of Area 35, we have an alarming shortage of District contact points, i.e., websites, hot-lines, PI/CPC Chairs...all the modern day, relevant means by which Professionals and Professional Groups can reach us and interact with us. To try and coordinate regional programs or innovations becomes unsustainable without sufficient sources of permanent electronic communication. Now don't get me wrong, as an Area, we HAVE made great strides in adding numerous websites and hot-lines. But honestly, we are still woefully short. I am always so hopeful and excited working with the Area 35 PI/CPC committee. But frustrated trying to push beyond that point. This subject came up again when I attended the July Area 35/36 Joint Committee meeting via Zoom. Even with seemingly greater resources, Area 36 also seems to exhibit a shortage of contact points on a District-by-District basis. I am looking forward to working on the soon-to-be established ad-hoc committee looking into recommendations for aaminnesota.org website. I believe that in looking for ways to improve and expand the statewide resource of aaminnesota.org, we will identify the importance of offering this valuable electronic conduit in every District throughout the state. Sorry for ranting... and I am not casting shame on anyone or any District. Just trying to highlight the importance of bringing Alcoholics Anonymous fully up to speed in the electronic world we exist in. Thanks for listening and thanks forever for letting me serve you. Greg C

DISTRICT 18 – SCOTT S

No report.

DISTRICT 15 – LISA M

Greetings from District 15. Our district met in August and discussed upcoming open positions. We will have openings for DCM, Secretary, Treasurer and Literature/Grapevine. None of the current officers will be seeking reelection. If no one steps up to fill these positions, our District will go dark. This was discussed at the meeting. The struggles to find others to hold officer positions will be shared in the Northern Light and in our monthly minutes from the district meeting. We will continue to discuss this in our upcoming district meetings.

Literature totaling around \$700 was purchased and delivered to Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Centre. District 15 paid for the literature.

An unknown groups list was discussed at the meeting. A new updated meeting list was presented at the meeting. These will be widely distributed to the groups in District 15.

An Al-anon meeting was started on Sunday nights in New London. This meeting is run concurrently with the Sunday night New London AA meeting.

In service, Lisa M.

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

August 2023 ACM Combined Archives Committee Chair and Archivist Report

ACM Attendees: John M, Janet R, Steve E, Rodney S, Marc N, Jeff M
Joint Area 35/36 archive committee meeting discussion highlights
Attended by Archivist Area 35, Marc and Area 36, Dave and Meghana

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- History of AA in Minnesota presentation
- Slide show for display at districts, area meetings, events, etc.
 - ♦ Virtual presentation (websites)
 - ♦ Independent then combine... I am in favor of independent presentations that could be combined with other areas or events if desired.
 - ♦ Anonymity... this is a slippery slope, anonymity should be a simple concern but through the years issues of closed vs open meeting have allowed personal identities to be included with written as well as audio/video items.
 - ♦ Timeline... only early history or a continuous history
 - ♦ Outside issues... other recovery methods that led to AA, other recovery methods now, magazines, books, or movies, etc., that include recovery related topics

Area 35 suggested projects

- Area 35 archive content sorting guidelines
 - ♦ Duplication of GSO items... if it's archived by GSO and easily available via media do we need to keep a paper copy (examples: Box 459, GV magazine, founders stories)
 - ♦ Area 35 only
 - ♦ Outside issues
 - ♦ Temperance, Washingtonians, Oxford Group
 - ♦ Other methods for sobriety... chemical, medicinal, cognitive,
 - ♦ Magazines and books with recovery articles
 - ♦ Magazines and books about alcohol problems
 - ♦ Roundups, celebrations of sobriety
 - ♦ Not related to alcoholism or recovery

How to “carry the message”

- Target audience
 - ♦ GSRs
 - ♦ Active AA members
 - ♦ Public
- Virtual archive... must be anonymous and must not be copyright protected
 - ♦ Many times in the past speakers identifies by first and last name and their talk was recorded. At the time there were no considerations for anonymity as the recordings were only sold, not presented via public media. My first experience with an anonymity break was at a celebration of sober living (an outside issue) it was at Freedom Fest '76 in 1976, held at the old Met Stadium in Bloomington, MN. The first speaker stood at mic and said “Hello, I’m Dick and I’m an alcoholic, I’m Dick VanDyke”. This was an anonymity break because it was an “outside of AA” event. The recording has been published; it is on a website now.
- Zonal workshops... organized by DCMs of districts for purpose of presenting info by Area Committee Members to an audience of interested AA members who don’t typically attend area assemblies.

ARCHIVES – RENELL P

See Combined Archives and Archivist report above.

DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M

No report.

DISTRICT 14 –

No DCM

GRAPEVINE – MIKE U

No Report

DISTRICT 1 –

No DCM

DISTRICT 13 – JIM R

District 13 meets the 1st Monday of each month at the St Cloud Alano Club from 7:30-9:00PM.

St Cloud is hosting the fall assembly and we are getting volunteers to help with the assembly, which will be held at the Rivers Edge Convention Center in St Cloud. Dani L has agreed to help me find volunteers & she is doing a fantastic job.

Our PI & Treatment committees are still very active, our literature chair resigned recently & I continue to be the contact person for our vacant corrections chair position.

This Oct we will have the project connect & stand down tables that will need to be manned, I will have more info as we get closer to the dates.

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 15-20. We have a monthly potluck open speaker meeting on the last Saturday of the month.

We have registered a new group, reactivated a couple unknown groups and registered some new GSR's in district 21.

Since the last business meeting, we have had both our area corrections chair in June and our delegate present in July. We have had a robust turnout resulting in 9 attending this August area business meeting and visiting committee meetings for correction, treatment and CPC/PI.

We are expecting our Northern Light chair to visit our district this month and our area archivist to visit in September along with district 21 AA history by our district member Brent T.

We have a district website mnaadistrict21.org connected to area 35.

We have open Corrections and CPC/PI positions.

CORRECTIONS – MARK R
AUGUST 2023 ACM ACTION CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MARK R

Mark R. (District 5 Corrections Chair): There were eight of us in attendance today, awesome to have such a large group! Meetings going strong in my District 5 at Sherburne & Mille Lacs County jails. I have 6 volunteers at Mille Lacs County and 5 at Sherburne. 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.

Diane R. (District 9 DCM & Corrections): There are no corrections facilities in District 9. Diane attended the joint Area 35/Area 36 Committee meeting. Thanks Diane for taking notes for our Corrections Break-Out meeting! Diane & Ricco have volunteered and are scheduled to represent SWCC at the MCF Moose Lake Transition Fair.

Jim R. (District 13 DCM and Corrections Contact): Men & Women are bringing A.A. meetings into Benton County jail. There are only women bringing meetings into Stearns County jail – need more volunteers and need men!. There is a new Chaplain at St Cloud Prison – at this time, no one in District 13 has approved background checks in order to bring meetings in – Mark told Jim he would be available to help out as he is approved to go into the Prison (Mark attended the Transition Fair).

Cathy (District 6 GSR in North Branch): Currently helping to bring A.A. meetings into Isanti County jail.

Julie (GSR District 21): This was Julie’s first time attending the ACM and is looking for more information and insight on Corrections at the District and Area levels. Welcome Julie, awesome to have you with us! Several of us share information with Julie on bringing meetings into County jails and the format. Julie will reach out to Mark to get more information. Cathy volunteered to assist Julie as well. Again, welcome Julie, we hope you decide to get more involved in Corrections and even take on the Corrections Chair position for District 21.

Aaron A. (District 6 Alt-DCM & Corrections Chair): Continues to bring A.A. meetings into Isanti County jail and is active as a volunteer for CTCP (Thanks Aaron!). Aaron has been going to the groups in District 6 spreading the importance of corrections service work and the Big Book.

Tim V. (District 7 Corrections Chair): Tim spoke about the success of the Crow Wing County jail Transition Fair (Very few, if any other County Jails hold Transition Fairs). Both Crow Wing & Aitkin County jails have A.A. members bring meetings to those in custody.

AREA 35 CORRECTIONS CHAIR REPORT – MARK R

Weekly I attend the International Corrections Meetings. I have continued to pass out the A.A. Corrections Workbook from AA.ORG to A.A. members and corrections volunteers in and out of District 5. If anyone would like one, please contact me as I have a few left.

Attended District 21’s monthly meeting at the Alano Club in Bemidji in June. Presented on what it involves to be a District Corrections Chair as well as how valuable this Special Service work is to those less fortunate in custody. Left several A.A. Corrections pamphlets and other literature. It was an awesome turnout – 13 GSR’s! Thanks for inviting me up Jennifer.

Attended the joint Area 35 and Area 36 Committee meeting last month. It was great to meet some of the other folks from Area 36 I have not met! We had a very good Corrections session with those from Area 35 & Area 36. Since we meet monthly, it was a good opportunity to cover some additional items for the upcoming SWCC Corrections Workshop. Special Thanks to Diane R (District 9 DCM) for taking notes!

Have received the revised CTCP request forms for both on the INSIDE, and volunteers on the OUTSIDE – I have some of both with me today. I would appreciate all DCMs in attendance today to take a few of the OUTSIDE forms back with them to their Districts and Groups within. Monthly attend the Statewide Corrections Committee meeting. Working on volunteers for the remaining MCF Transition Fairs as well as the SWCC Annual Corrections Workshop November 18 at Jack & Jim’s Event Center.

Yours in Service, Mark R

DISTRICT 9 – DIANE R

Hi. In District 9 we have our district meeting the last Sunday of the month. We do not meet in July.

Thank you to Steve for doing The Report from the Conference in June.

Our CPC Chair, Tom, has been active. He is putting together packets of literature to targeted audiences such as the medical facilities, probation personnel and clergy. He would like to give some direction to those willing to take literature to the facilities, so they can properly explain what we are and what we are not. He has also put together an 8” by 5” card that can be posted on bulletin boards in businesses. Phyllis, our web manager, does an excellent job keeping our website current. Jeff is our chairperson for both treatment and corrections. His Bridging the Gap contacts have been listed on the website. Our Alternate DCM, Chuck, continues to be active attending groups and other A.A. functions. Chuck also is doing the district inventory, three questions every district meeting. We had 9 A.A. group reports.

Proposal 1. We propose the Twelve Steps from the book Alcoholics Anonymous in the First, Second, Third, and Fourth editions remain as originally written in the First, Second, Third and Fourth editions; and that the proposed side by side comparison in the current draft of the Plain and Simple translation of the Twelve Steps be removed; and that no other translation of the Twelve Steps be written for the proposed Plain and Simple Book. A motion was made and second to submit the proposal to Area 35. Discussion followed. Motion approved unanimously.

Proposal 2. We propose that changes made by the 71st General Service Conference: Advisory Action 18 for changes to page 117 phrase “opposite sex with the word “partner” Advisory Action 19 changes to page 66, “No one wants to be angry enough to murder, lustful enough to rape, gluttonous enough to ruin his health” with “no one want to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony” in the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be returned to their original text. Note: This would include the Introduction be returned to its original text.

Motion was made and seconded to forward the proposal as written to Area 35. Discussion followed: There is a comment in the new 12x12 they like Bill’s writing. Motion passed with substantial unanimity. The minority was given an opportunity to speak and did not.

The Tri-District workshop met in June and we continue to make progress. If you like a flyer, please let me know. Christine will tell her service story, talk about Rules of Order and the Third Legacy Procedure.

I attended the Area 35 and Area 36 Joint Committee Meeting on July 22 on Zoom and attended the breakout Corrections Committee Meeting. Because the Statewide Corrections Committee meets monthly, I have gotten to know Area 36 A.A. committee members quite well and we work well together. At our next district meeting we will start to have nominations for the next rotation with elections to be held in September. I am reminded by my sponsor that we have to have committed A.A.s in our district even though they could stand area positions. Keeping our districts going and health will keep our area going and healthy.

In Service Diane R.

DISTRICT 8 – HEATHER L

No report.

12:00 lunch break. Reconvened at 12:45

OLD BUSINESS

February ACM Discussion

A motion was made at the June ACM to move the February ACM to the first Sunday of the month. The motion was made by a non-voting member and was therefore invalid. We would need a motion brought forward by a voting member.

Vicki R. made a motion “To move the February ACM to the first Sunday in February.” Jim R. seconded.

Discussion

- It gives more time for completing the minutes, and for getting the Northern Light to the printer to make sure it is printed in time for the Spring Assembly.
- It is cold in the first part of February, also darker.
- How do we get printed agenda items to people who want them?
- When did we decide not to print hard copies of agenda items? Is the Delegate responsible for printing? We should think about this some more and table until the Fall Assembly.

Pat M. made a motion to table the discussion of the February Area Committee Meeting until the Fall Assembly. Seconded by Kyle H.

VOTE – 11 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstentions. MOTION PASSED

Steve L. provided some information about the history of agenda items distribution. Delegates at first only saw the items when they got to the Conference. In 1990, agenda item lists were sent to groups with no background. In 1995, the delegates got agenda items plus background and the Area decided to move the ACM to the end of February to allow time for printing out the agenda items to distribute to DCMs. In recent years, we had the items available on CDs, then thumb drives, and now we can download them from our website.

NEW BUSINESS

State Fair Booth – There are 58 different kinds of food on a stick at the Fair! All Saturday slots are filled, there are 3 open slots on Sunday the 27th. It’s a great way to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Treatment Committee Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator

Email - Treatment Chair Ricco R. – The Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator will need an email address to put on the client forms that are given to the treatment centers. The treatment center will send an email client form request for an AA volunteer to match up with the client. The email address will be given to the rotating-in new Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator to keep the ball rolling.

Ricco R. made a motion to get an email address for the new Treatment Committee Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator. The cost per month will be \$5.50.

Discussion

- Has the Area created the position of Coordinator?
- It is not an Area position, it is a Coordinator for the Treatment committee.
- Why do we need a separate position? Will Area have to fund travel for this position? Why can’t the Treatment Chair do it?
- Trying to do it the way Area 36 does it. This is a statewide service, and we need to coordinate with Area 36 and have similar setups.
- Corrections uses email which is free. Do we have to do what Area 36 does?
- The treatment committee is doing things – seeing action.
- Treatment should be allowed to do what they need to do.
- Treatment Committee had lot of discussion about this role (not a position). Decided it makes sense to have an Area Coordinator. It makes it easier for the districts and for the treatment centers.
- Need to maintain continuity of discussion. It makes sense technically and it is a good idea.
- Isn’t this position the Area Treatment committee’s responsibility?
- Corrections Committee coordinates with Area 36. Mark R. as Statewide Corrections Chair is the liaison between the two Areas. Area 36 created the Temporary Contact Coordinator position to solve the problem of who gets what emails.
- Is a separate person going to manage the email? YES
- Are we going to use MS Office for this? Why add an account? It adds to Area expenses.
- We will use MS Office for this.
- It makes sense to have only one contact email for the whole Area rather than one for each district.
- It makes it less likely for emails to be missed.

Denise R. made a “Motion to Table.” Seconded by Bob N. Vote – 14 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion Tabled

Statewide Corrections Budget

Mark R. – There is a statewide Corrections Workshop coming up in November. The current budget for the workshop is \$500. Costs have gone up, and he would like to have \$650 in the budget. He needs approval to exceed the current budget.

Jim R. made a Motion to approve \$150 additional funds for the Statewide Corrections Workshop. Diane R. seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACMs/Assemblies on Zoom Discussion

- Mike U. – At the Spring Assembly we passed a motion to not have hybrid or Zoom at ACMs. A Committee chair zoomed someone into their committee meeting at June’s ACM. This was not approved or even asked about prior to the meeting. Today we could easily have fit the 12 people who Zoomed in for the Agenda Items/Assembly portion of today’s meeting. The Area is allowing things to happen, and this is unacceptable. The Area is going against our wishes.
- Denise R. attended the June ACM morning committee meeting on Zoom because that was the only way she could attend. She did ask permission and got the okay from the Area Chair, the Webmaster, and the Northern Light editor. Are we going to prohibit Zoom entirely?
- Area voted to not have Zoom or hybrid. The Area subcommittee is a part of the Area. The 4th Tradition was violated. We need to make decisions collectively and not have people doing their own thing.
- People can’t vote if they are not allowed to participate.
- Area Chair stated that we voted at the Fall Assembly in 2021 “that for the years 2022 and 2023, we allow GSR’s voting privileges at the August ACM for proposed agenda items only.” Used the right of decision to have today’s assembly portion virtually to make GSR voting more accessible. Didn’t intend to go against Area’s wishes. We have virtual use included in our inclement weather policy.
- We need to rethink not having virtual meetings. It’s an accessibility issue.
- It is hard for some to travel due to physical issues.
- It is hard to hear everything on Zoom.
- Didn’t understand that by passing that motion we would be prohibiting the use of Zoom.
- One person stated that when we used Zoom before, he couldn’t hear anything, and it was a mess.

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- ♦ Having the virtual option is a plus. We need a motion at the Assembly.
- ♦ The more people we can get involved, the better. Use whatever methods to achieve that.
- ♦ We voted to not have Zoom, we used Zoom today.
- ♦ One small group (8 to 10 people) sends their GSR wherever they can. Their GSR did not think it was practical to travel just to cast two votes. She attended via Zoom.
- ♦ This meeting was an assembly. Didn't think we voted not to have virtual assembly. We need to discuss this at the Assembly with the GSRs in attendance.

Alternate Delegate Position

Area Chair – Can we get a sense of the meeting about do we need to fill the Alternate Delegate position?

- ♦ The Alternate Delegate has the job of putting on the January workshop. There are only four months left in this rotation. The next Assembly is a voting Assembly. Delegate Steve said he has been the Alternate Delegate and can put on the workshop. Do we want to vote on a replacement, or can we have someone fill in to do the workshop?
- ♦ Find someone who has experience putting on the workshop.
- ♦ Maybe we have someone here who would be willing to do the workshop and fill position for four months.
- ♦ Kelly D. said she is willing to step in.
- ♦ Would the Alternate Delegate replacement be a liaison for whoever steps forward? Could we have a subcommittee to do the workshop? Else we would need to have vetting process and vote on it at the Assembly.
- ♦ Alternate Delegate is a voting position and needs to be voted on at a voting assembly.
- ♦ We need to read the Action Book about Structure. In the Action Book it says under Area Officers, Area Structure, June 1, 1997, "If Delegate cannot fulfill responsibilities, Alt. Delegate replaces until election can be scheduled. If Alt. Delegate cannot fulfill responsibilities, Area Committee decides if need to be replaced, depending on the length of rotation left."

The sense of the meeting was to leave the Alternate Delegate position open until the Fall Assembly when the Area Chair has more information about open tasks.

Articles of Association

Steve L. – Articles of Association were filled out with the State because we needed an EIN for tax forms. We filed as a non-profit organization, and we file the tax form 99-EN every year. We also needed the EIN for our checking account. Groups need an EIN for checking accounts. We did the original filing in 1988, and the Area Officers thought we needed to update the Articles. Proposed changes are shown in the Articles of Association on the back table. The changes include describing all voting positions at the Area, including GSRs. The original Articles had no provision for what happened when someone took over a position mid-rotation. It said the new person could only fulfill the remainder of the term, not that they could have their own full term after that if they were asked to do so or were voted in by the Assembly. Please discuss these proposed changes with your groups so we can vote on them at the Fall Assembly.

ACMs/Assemblies on Zoom Discussion – revisited

- ♦ Why did we not have a vote to end the previous discussion?
- ♦ Clarification is needed as to what the voting process was like at the Spring Assembly. Did we vote to not have Zoom or hybrid at the ACMs?
- ♦ Area Chair – We moved on because there were no more people at the microphone. We don't usually vote to end discussion; we just proceed with business.

From the April 2023 Spring Assembly minutes:

- ♦ **Tabled motion: "Area 35 will host ACMs virtually going forward and offer hybrid assemblies and workshops."**
- ♦ **Nels P. made a friendly amendment to the motion – "For 2023 only, Area 35 will hold ACMs virtually, and offer hybrid Assemblies and workshops."** Denise R. seconded. Kyle H. accepted the friendly amendment.
- ♦ **VOTE: "For 2023 only, Area 35 will hold ACMs virtually, and offer hybrid Assemblies and workshops."** MOTION FAILED UNANIMOUSLY

What the motion at the Spring Assembly meant will be defined at the Fall Assembly. It will be on the agenda.

Calendar of Events was read.

Motion to adjourn – Jim R. made a motion to adjourn, Aaron seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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.*

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.

**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 treat-
ment center or correctional facili-
ty? Please tell us about it. Send an
email to:
northernlight@area35.org.**

****All submissions must be approved by
the Northern Light committee.****

	<u>Jun - Jul 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 23</u>		<u>Jun - Jul 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income				307923 · Daily Reprieve Group	30.00		130.00
4000 · Group Contributions				349376 · Saturday Night First 164	0.00		50.00
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions				672898 · 70426-Simple Not Easy BB Group	0.00		60.00
107697-100508 Crookston AA Grou	0.00	150.00		680382 · 100899-Dalbo A.A. Group	0.00		26.00
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	0.00	150.00		684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	80.00		196.00
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions				684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00		30.00
111111 Dist 2 Other Group Contr	0.00	200.00		699264 · 14361-Long Lake AA	75.00		115.00
117847 · 110006-Helping HandsGroup	0.00	100.00		706816 · 59939-Rush City Fri Night Unity	75.00		75.00
122741 · 21298-Warroad AA	0.00	250.00		4000-06 · District 06 Contributions - Other	0.00		100.00
640338 · 7363-Thurs Night BB Thief River	0.00	435.00		Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	535.10		2,044.20
716253 · 10884-TRF Twin Rivers Recov- ery	0.00	200.00		4000-07 · District 07 Contributions			
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	0.00	1,185.00		324610 12 Steps for Women	0.00		50.00
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				398748 Bill & Teds Exc Book Adv	0.00		150.00
375632 Whiskey Road 12x12 Study	0.00	100.00		677064-97193 AA Brownbaggers	0.00		250.00
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	75.00	150.00		723452-112004 Isle Step & Trad	0.00		100.00
107884 · 48646-Perham Solutions Group	277.20	467.20		107698 · 100518-Crosby Ironton Group	0.00		200.00
147692 · 106426-Friday Noon Group-DL	0.00	200.00		107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	0.00		100.00
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	0.00	200.00		123531 · 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	0.00		225.00
727916 · 224029-DL Monday Eye Opener	0.00	400.00		129660 · 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason AA	38.00		127.67
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	352.20	1,517.20		130396 · 27321-McGregor Wed & Sat Night	0.00		100.00
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				179367 · 12589-New Hope Group	134.40		201.30
222222 Dist 4 Other Group Contr	0.00	50.00		609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	0.00		161.42
District 4 Service Fund	0.00	500.00		609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	75.00		225.00
107752 · 13822-Glenwood Tuesday Night	40.00	145.00		641020 · 10680-Life Begins Here Group	0.00		391.07
137624 · 5284-Kensington Wednesday Night	55.00	55.00		648541 · 99843-Our Common Welfare	400.00		700.00
171076 · 92690-Thurs As Bill Sees It	0.00	119.16		698134 · Lucky Eight Group	30.00		60.00
289926 · Lakes Area Primary Purpose	0.00	300.00		699168 · 23087 Mille Lacs Prim Purpose	0.00		111.50
327387 · Tuesday Lamplight	70.00	120.00		699424 · 6022 Thurs There Is A Solution	0.00		63.00
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	100.00	150.00		700249 · 700249-96685 Breakfast Club	0.00		400.00
661987 · 37888-Noon Step & Tradition Grp	0.00	100.00		710094 · 73044 Sober Sailors Group	75.00		75.00
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	0.00	75.00		712369 · 15165 Daily Tune-Up	0.00		600.00
672301 · 99006-Friday 1 P.M. A.A. Group	0.00	125.00		726095 · 109491 Happy Hour Group	0.00		50.00
690185 · 62983-Sat 10am BB Study Grp	50.00	250.00		727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	50.00		150.00
717046 · 90330-12 & 12 Step Trad Study	150.00	350.00		Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	802.40		4,490.96
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	465.00	2,339.16		4000-08 · District 08 Contributions			
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions				107486 · 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	150.00		292.00
107892-52595 Princeton Group	50.00	50.00		107523 · 27578 Mount Iron 12 x 12	0.00		125.00
122111-77677 Squad #2 Group	0.00	222.00		107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	50.00		300.00
167098-23914 Princeton Mon Nite	50.00	50.00		107732 · 103232 Ely Wed. Nite AA	75.00		75.00
451270 Hopes Up North	36.00	36.00		107876 · 45232 Orr Tues. Nite AA	0.00		50.00
777777-777777 Dist 5 Other Grou	300.00	800.00		107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	0.00		200.00
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	100.00	250.00		120255 · 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	135.67		308.84
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	200.00	200.00		121792 · 49288 Pike Sandy Group	0.00		100.00
164018 · 52610-Princeton AM Groups	70.00	220.00		126501 · 92589 Alango Friday Night AA	0.00		86.00
674610 · 96059-Big Lake BB Group	0.00	100.00		126625 · 235599 Gilbert Tues. AA	150.00		290.00
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	0.00	600.00		142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	0.00		300.00
705752 · 84634-Big Lake Sun Night Sol	0.00	137.51		171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	0.00		213.99
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	50.00	75.00		635763 · 19836 Virginia Monday Night BB	0.00		100.00
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	50.00	50.00		657631 · 12912 Mon-Fri-Sat AM Group	100.00		100.00
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	906.00	2,790.51		697556 · 94205 Babbitt Thursday Night	0.00		40.00
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions				699684 · 27081-Wed. Back To Basics AA	75.00		75.00
369901 Isanti 530 Thursday BB	40.00	160.00		Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	735.67		2,655.83
389013 North Branch BB Study Gr	0.00	113.00					
666666-666666 Dist 6 Other Grou	0.00	144.50					
678077-36774 Women's Gr Sq 14	35.10	35.10					
107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community Group	0.00	30.00					
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	0.00	129.20					
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	200.00	300.00					
137319 · 83177-Sun. Night Squad 4 Isanti	0.00	100.40					
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00	20.00					
167901 · 7282-Thursday Night 7 pm AA	0.00	200.00					
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	0.00	30.00					

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4000-09 · District 09 Contributions				4000-15 · District 15 Contributions			
107518 · Wed. Night Hibbing	0.00		50.00	102997 Eden Valley Mon Nite	25.00		25.00
107762 · Thursday Morning Downtown	0.00		100.00	142402-6711 Tuesday Night AA	0.00		100.00
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Down-town Hibb	0.00		50.00	323345-Womens Broad Highway	0.00		90.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	150.00		230.00	722310-99595 Cold Spring Grapev	0.00		100.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	60.00		140.00	St Stephen Alano Society	0.00		300.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	0.00		50.00	107693 · Cold Spring Friday Nite AA Grp	0.00		100.00
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	30.00		90.00	107767 · 110646 Holdingford Group	0.00		400.00
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	50.00		75.00	107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	300.00		300.00
138435 · 94618 Sun. Balkan Group	50.00		50.00	107951 · 65281 Tues Night AA Sauk Centre	0.00		75.00
179485 · As Bill Sees It - Hibbing	25.00		25.00	129112 · Friday Night AA Paynesville	0.00		134.40
634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	15.00		35.00	172029 · Cold Spring Wed. AA Group	0.00		100.00
646421 · 83126 Sun Morn Daily Reflec-tion	0.00		50.00	674373 · 83490 Cold Spring Sun. Night BB	50.00		50.00
677065 · 64685-Keep It Simple Hibbing	0.00		20.00	679438 · 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	75.00		175.00
694149 · 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	50.00		250.00	719372 · 71937-34287 New London Sunday G	200.00		200.00
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	40.00		60.00	4000-15 · District 15 Contributions - Other	0.00		150.00
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	470.00		1,275.00	Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	650.00		2,299.40
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions				4000-16 · District 16 Contributions			
685046-12729 Tues BB Group Mora	15.00		40.00	107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	0.00		80.00
724663-26190 Mora Open Speaker	0.00		100.00	117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	0.00		100.00
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00		250.00	118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	0.00		70.00
107949 · 93029 Sandstone Amethyst Group	0.00		100.00	120344 · 103049 Effie Group	0.00		160.00
122533 · 41787 Thurs Ogilvie AA	50.00		140.00	125990 · 86282 Lawrence Lake AA	138.00		138.00
141987 · 97036 Quamba Mon AA	0.00		200.00	259068 · Warba Discover AA	0.00		50.00
173665 · 24312 Saturday Sobriety Group	0.00		100.00	657490 · 13699 Tues Night Fireside Group	0.00		50.00
611169 · Hinckley Saturday Night Group	0.00		25.00	697943 · 63594 Saturday 6pm	0.00		67.00
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	0.00		20.00	719115 · Candlelight Group	50.00		100.00
647203 · 33873-Willow River AA	50.00		85.00	Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	188.00		815.00
685409 · 78656 - Mora Wed Morning Women	0.00		20.00	4000-17 · District 17 Contributions			
721276 · 65024 Sandstone Serenity Group	0.00		250.00	224034 Monday Night Mens	0.00		300.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	0.00		106.00	280429 Hackensack Library Group	0.00		200.80
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	115.00		1,436.00	294129-270179 Crosslake ThurN	25.00		50.00
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions				123762 · 100545 Crosslake Tuesday Night	0.00		250.00
107512 · 27049 Wed Afternoon Group	50.00		120.00	142736 · 8730 Thursdays Group	0.00		500.00
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	24.60		67.77	Total 4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	25.00		1,300.80
107708 · 239226 Phoenix AA Group	0.00		50.00	4000-18 · District 18 Contributions			
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	150.00		300.00	107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	100.00		100.00
125933 · Rule 62 Group	100.00		250.00	107785 · 19219 Little Falls AA Club	0.00		300.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	125.00		200.00	107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	0.00		50.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	55.00		55.00	132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	50.00		150.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	100.00		350.00	688753 · Back To The Basics Group	0.00		50.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	196.00		326.00	Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	150.00		650.00
140763 · 6615 Thurs.Noon Big book	200.00		200.00	4000-21 · District 21 Contributions			
164917 · Fri. Night Special Topic Group	0.00		30.00	720846-94574 Bagley Step Study	100.00		100.00
169328 · Finland AA Group	40.00		90.00	888888-888888 Dist 21 Other Gro	0.00		150.00
172668 · 78663 Tuesday Night AA Group	0.00		40.00	107511 · 94573 Bagley AA	0.00		50.00
635620 · 47870 Pattison Park Group	0.00		150.00	139141 · 76830 Spiritual Awareness Group	0.00		171.02
637117 · 42746 On Awakening Group	0.00		700.00	145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	140.00		290.00
697096 · Lutsen Thurs Topic Meeting Grp	0.00		100.00	172512 · Pine Tree, II Group	0.00		420.00
711810 · 94714 Barnum AA Group	30.00		105.00	662565 · 13687 Living Sober Group	0.00		140.00
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	1,070.60		3,133.77	663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	0.00		744.00
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions				679835 · 105769 Big Book Study Be-midji	900.00		900.00
107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	200.00		500.00	683774 · Women's Way Group	30.00		30.00
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00		75.00	697741 · Walker Women's Group	0.00		150.00
123219 · 105732 Fri Living Sober Grp	0.00		100.00	Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	1,170.00		3,145.02
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	0.00		125.00				
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	25.00		50.00				
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	100.00		175.00				
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	200.00		400.00				
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	0.00		75.00				
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	525.00		1,500.00				
4000-14 · District 14 Contributions							
631781 · 84047 Sunday Morning Open Group	700.00		700.00				
Total 4000-14 · District 14 Contributions	700.00		700.00				

	Jun - Jul 23	Budget	Jan - Jul 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	24,500.00	42,000.00
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	8,859.97	7,000.00	33,427.85	24,500.00	42,000.00
4100 · Birthday Contributions					
4100-15 · District 15 BDay Contributions	0.00		175.00		
4100-18 · District 18 BDay Contributions					
B688753 · Back to the Basics	105.00		105.00		
Total 4100-18 · District 18 BDay Contributions	105.00		105.00		
4100 · Birthday Contributions - Other	0.00		77.00		
Total 4100 · Birthday Contributions	105.00		357.00		
4200 · Special Contributions					
4207 · Red River Roundup	0.00		150.00		
4213 · Winter Rap-Up	0.00		1,052.00		
Total 4200 · Special Contributions	0.00		1,202.00		
4250 · Other-anonymous					
JM	75.00		1,325.00		
4253 · B-Day Contribution	0.00		866.70		
Total 4250 · Other-anonymous	75.00		2,191.70		
4500 · Service Workshop Registration	0.00		1,515.00		
4550 · Service Workshop Coffee	0.00		415.00		
4600 · Spring Assembly Coffee	0.00		423.00		
4700 · Grapevine Sales	0.00		807.44		
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	1,382.40		6,877.28		
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	180.00		405.00		
4800 · Interest on Deposits	0.75		9.70		
4801 · Bank Service Charge Reversal	0.00		-24.00		
Total Income	10,603.12	7,000.00	47,606.97	24,500.00	42,000.00

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Expense					
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	500.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	811.44		926.13		
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	2,211.78		8,883.69		
5200 · Service Workshop					
5201 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	490.07	100.00	100.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
5203 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	1,725.75	1,475.00	1,475.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	0.00	0.00	865.20	596.00	596.00
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	0.00	0.00	3,081.02	2,471.00	2,471.00
5300 · Spring Assembly					
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	1,655.95	1,500.00	1,500.00
5302 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5303 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	1,655.95	2,000.00	2,000.00
5360 · State Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
5400 · Fall Assembly					
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
5402 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
5403 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,050.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee					
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	5.00	0.00	10.00	20.00
6550-02 · Travel	0.00	79.09	0.00	158.18	316.36
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	0.00	84.09	0.00	168.18	336.36
Total Expense	3,123.22	184.09	14,646.79	4,839.18	9,057.36
Net Ordinary Income	7,479.90	6,815.91	32,960.18	19,660.82	32,942.64

	Jun - Jul 23	Budget	Jan - Jul 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Other Expense					
6100 · Delegate					
6100-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	198.00	539.00	1,078.00
6100-02 · Travel	15.00	43.00	253.09	1,831.00	4,247.00
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	444.27	1,235.00	2,169.00
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
6100-06 · Printing	0.00	200.00	142.82	1,400.00	1,700.00
6100-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>637.85</u>	<u>637.85</u>
Total 6100 · Delegate	15.00	250.00	2,838.18	5,742.85	9,931.85
6200 · Alternate Delegate					
6200-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	213.77	390.00	860.00
6200-02 · Travel	0.00	23.00	132.21	378.00	1,032.70
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	815.55	1,124.00	1,688.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6200-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	0.00	30.00	1,176.53	2,127.00	3,815.70
6300 · Chairperson					
6300-01 · Meals	5.00	7.00	34.18	299.00	668.00
6300-02 · Travel	25.33	45.00	68.44	371.00	1,211.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	223.37	950.00	1,754.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	45.00	0.00	90.00	135.00
6300-06 · Printing	0.00	20.00	278.10	340.00	1,010.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	67.00	35.00	35.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>34.42</u>	<u>34.00</u>	<u>86.13</u>	<u>119.00</u>	<u>204.00</u>
Total 6300 · Chairperson	64.75	151.00	757.22	2,204.00	5,017.00
6400 · Secretary					
6400-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	44.48	329.00	788.00
6400-02 · Travel	15.00	15.00	92.99	205.00	595.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	223.37	392.00	1,452.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	20.00	0.00	60.00	180.00
6400-07 · Postage	0.00		1.95		
6400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 6400 · Secretary	22.00	42.00	362.79	1,021.00	3,050.00
6500 · Treasurer					
6500-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	40.25	368.00	838.00
6500-02 · Travel	5.64	23.00	61.11	378.00	1,032.70
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	264.88	972.00	1,536.00
6500-05 · Supplies	279.82	0.00	522.97	0.00	319.95
6500-06 · Printing	35.00	150.00	105.22	475.00	950.00
6500-07 · Postage	88.20	0.00	214.20	0.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>43.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 6500 · Treasurer	415.66	180.00	1,251.63	2,228.00	4,951.65
7000 · Archives Chair					
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	30.00	224.00	498.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	24.40	26.36	298.20	756.40
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	167.44	627.00	1,213.00
7000-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	35.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>		<u>17.21</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	0.00	31.40	241.01	1,184.20	2,502.40
7100 · Archivist					
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	66.26	360.00	900.00
7100-02 · Travel	80.00	40.00	351.19	435.00	1,925.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	266.86	1,000.00	1,814.00
7100-05 · Supplies	19.36	0.00	19.36	0.00	1,370.00
7100-08 · Other	<u>1,025.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>3,608.46</u>	<u>3,610.00</u>	<u>6,265.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	1,124.36	1,100.00	4,312.13	5,405.00	12,274.00
7200 · Corrections					
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	14.00	33.00	421.00	868.00
7200-02 · Travel	59.39	0.00	118.28	210.00	620.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	90.83	1,047.00	1,863.00
7200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
7200-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>635.00</u>
Total 7200 · Corrections	59.39	14.00	257.11	1,713.00	4,086.00

	<u>Jun - Jul 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Jul 23</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
7300 · CPC					
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	0.00	139.00	428.00
7300-02 · Travel	101.70	63.00	176.70	256.25	1,500.25
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	393.72	380.00	984.00
7300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
7300-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>315.00</u>
Total 7300 · CPC	101.70	70.00	570.42	790.25	3,327.25
7400 · Grapevine					
7400-01 · Meals	0.00	10.00	0.00	360.00	770.00
7400-02 · Travel	0.00	40.00	65.97	480.00	1,650.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	322.86	1,000.00	2,212.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
7400-07 · Postage	30.00		30.00		
7400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7400 · Grapevine	30.00	50.00	418.83	1,875.00	5,167.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary					
7500-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	46.19	224.00	398.00
7500-02 · Travel	0.00	20.00	41.47	205.00	615.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	277.00	550.00	854.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	130.00
7500-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	42.74	40.00	200.00
7500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	0.00	27.00	415.40	1,104.00	2,232.00
7600 · Literature					
7600-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	67.00	219.00	363.00
7600-02 · Travel	20.00	30.00	136.00	285.00	1,030.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	507.20	950.00	1,514.00
7600-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	134.00	0.00	250.00
7600-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7600 · Literature	27.00	37.00	844.20	1,489.00	3,192.00
7700 · Northern Light					
7700-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	58.95	394.00	758.00
7700-02 · Travel	45.87	50.00	118.73	430.50	1,020.50
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	234.41	475.00	979.00
7700-06 · Printing	957.00	375.00	1,427.00	1,125.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	725.04	300.00	1,094.34	900.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	<u>18.90</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>106.19</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7700 · Northern Light	1,753.81	732.00	3,039.62	3,359.50	6,842.50
7800 · Public Information					
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	51.80	394.00	773.00
7800-02 · Travel	0.00	50.00	72.86	430.50	1,920.50
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	234.41	475.00	1,164.00
7800-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28.16</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7800 · Public Information	0.00	57.00	387.23	1,334.50	3,892.50
7900 · Treatment					
7900-01 · Meals	7.14	7.00	64.64	284.00	698.00
7900-02 · Travel	9.96	31.00	66.78	409.00	1,123.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	134.29	608.00	1,546.00
7900-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
7900-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	167.51	0.00	96.00
7900-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.00
7900-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>155.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
Total 7900 · Treatment	17.10	38.00	588.22	1,336.00	3,640.00
7950 · Webmaster					
7950-01 · Meals	15.00	15.00	74.00	230.00	460.00
7950-02 · Travel	91.85	77.00	158.84	544.00	1,618.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	363.72	836.00	1,552.00
7950-08 · Other	<u>52.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>67.32</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>455.00</u>
Total 7950 · Webmaster	159.17	92.00	663.88	1,665.00	4,085.00

	Jun - Jul 23	Budget	Jan - Jul 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
8000 · Web Technology					
8000-08 · Software Products	0.00		119.40		
Total 8000 · Web Technology	0.00		119.40		
8050 · Audio Technician					
8050-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	27.00	114.00	178.00
8050-02 · Travel	24.92	30.00	86.19	190.00	315.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	482.05	500.00	750.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	31.92	37.00	595.24	954.00	1,393.00
Total Other Expense	3,821.86	2,938.40	18,839.04	35,532.30	79,399.85
Net Other Income	-3,821.86	-2,938.40	-18,839.04	-35,532.30	-79,399.85
	3,658.04	3,877.51	14,121.14	-15,871.48	-46,457.21
Total Income	10,603.12	7,000.00	47,606.97	24,500.00	42,000.00
Total Expense	(6,945.08)	(3,122.49)	(33,485.83)	(40,371.48)	(88,457.21)
Net Income(Loss)	3,658.04	3,877.51	14,121.14	(15,871.48)	(46,457.21)

What About Members With Long-term Sobriety?

For all the good and right reasons, we pay a lot of attention to AA newcomers. They are the lifeblood of our fellowship, and tradition says they are the primary reason we have meetings. But what about members with long-term sobriety? We're taught the seeds of relapse are found in attitudes that precede the actual picking up of that first drink. While these might be easier to spot with new people, they seem much more difficult to detect in our friends with long-term sobriety.

Telling a new AA member to call us before picking up the first drink is excellent advice. But it almost never works for those who no longer have deep cravings for alcohol, because in a subtle, insidious way, they have entered into a private period (weeks, maybe even months) of irrational thinking about their lives, work, this program, loved ones, hobbies, the government or other drivers! In other words, a dangerous form of alcoholic insanity has emerged. With nothing in its path to prevent it, drinking is the natural, instinctive reaction. Fortunately, we have ways to prevent this from happening. The bond of trust we establish between each other in AA is a powerful ally. If we confront those fellow members closest to us suspected of having difficulties, and if we do this with compassion and a willingness to listen and help in a true 12th Step Spirit, the outcome may be lifesaving.

Following is a checklist of relapse symptoms we can watch for - and help a troubled friend explore in a sort of short-form 4th and 5th Step process. (1) Exhaustion - Allowing oneself to become overly tired; usually associated with work addiction as an excuse for not facing personal frustrations. (2) Dishonesty - Begins with pattern of little lies; escalated to self-delusion and making excuses for not doing what's called for. (3) Impatience - I want what I want NOW. Others aren't doing what I think they should or living the way I know is right. (4) Argumentative - No point is too small or insignificant not to be debated to the point of anger and submission. (5) Depression - All unreasonable, unaccountable despair should be exposed and discussed, not repressed: what is the "exact nature" of those feelings? (6) Frustration - Controlled anger/resentment when things don't go according to our plans. Lack of acceptance. See #3. (7)Self-pity - Feeling victimized, put-upon, used, unappreciated: convinced we are being singled out for bad luck. (8)Cockiness - Got it made. Know all there is to know. Can go anywhere, including frequent visits just to hangout at bars, carry out's, boozy parties. (9)Complacency - Like #8, no longer sees value of daily program, meetings, contact with other alcoholics, (especially sponsor!), feels healthy, on top of the world, things are going well. Heck may even be cured! (10) Expecting too much of others - Why can't they read my mind? I've changed, what's holding them up? If they just do what I know is best for them? Leads to feeling misunderstood, unappreciated. See #6. (11) Letting up on disciplines - Allowing established habits of recovery - meditations, prayer, spiritual reading, AA contact, daily inventory, meetings - to slip out of our routines; allowing recovery to get boring and no longer stimulating for growth. Why bother? (12) Using mood-altering chemicals - May have a valid medical reason, but misused to help avoid the real problems of impending alcoholic relapse. (13) Wanting too much - Setting unrealistic goals: not providing for short-term successes; placing too much value on material success, not enough on value of spiritual growth. (14) Forgetting gratitude - Because of several listed above, may lose sight of the abundant blessings in our everyday lives: too focused on # 13. (15) "It can't happen to me." - Feeling immune; forgetting what we know about the disease of alcoholism and its progressive nature. (16) Omnipotence - A combination of several attitudes listed above; leads to ignoring danger signs, disregarding warnings and advice from fellow members.

Excerpted from Akron Intergroup News, December 1998
Submitted by Marc N - Area 35 Archivist

DELEGATE – STEVEN L

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen, I made it back from the WCRF, held in Missoula MT. Missoula is nestled in a bowl, so you can see mountain peak vistas in any direction. There were 285 people present at the Forum, plus or minus a few. Roughly ¼ were first-time Forum attendees. I was pleasantly surprised that Area 35 had over a dozen people in attendance. Friday night started with a Forum introduction followed by opening remarks by Mike L., our Interim General Service Board Chair, and Bob W., our General Service Office Manager. This was followed by two presentations; the first one’s topic was on the Role of the Class A Trustees. Kerry Meyer, our acting WCR Trustee and a current Class A Trustee, spoke of the duties of the Class A Trustee. In Kerry’s presentation on her career as a Judge, she shared how people and family lives changed because of the importance of AA. Then Carolyn W., Class B AAWS Trustee Director, talked about the duties of the Class B Trustee. In the second presentation, we heard from Cindy F., AAGV Non-Trustee Director, about the importance of the GV and how the GV is changing to meet today’s world. Ending the evening was a general sharing session.

Saturday morning started the day off with four presentations by four current Delegates;

- Experiences from a Pandemic - Julie S., Area 24, Iowa
- Making Structure in AA - Steve L., Area 35, Northern Minnesota
- Leadership a Vital Need - Cara G., Area 41, Nebraska
- Bringing Newcomers into Service - Katie B., Area 63, South Dakota

I might be biased, but these presentations made the Forum. Throughout the morning we had a presentation from Chris C., Publisher of the AAGV. Chris had some big BIG news- The GV app for Apple and Android phones and tablets will be ready to download on Sept. 1st. The app is free but if you want to get the GV magazine and GV archival articles there is a cost of \$2.99 a month. I will talk further on this subject at the fall Assembly. Robert L., the new Trustee-at-Large Canada, gave an interesting talk on his trip to Mongolia and how AA has grown there. Gerry R., an Appointed Committee Member chairing the remaking of the pamphlet “*A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic.*”, gave a good history of the need for the remake of this pamphlet and stated stories will be accepted for review until late October. Gerry also said the committee has a workshop on how to write your story. It’s a PowerPoint presentation and it can be made available by way of online formats to anyone who would like to submit a story to this project. Kevin Prior, General Service Board Treasurer Class A Trustee, gave a financial report and received many interesting questions.

I was able to get everyone who wanted a seat at a dinner table with one of the GSB or GSO staff. Six people from Area 35 had lunch with Mike L., conversation flowed all through lunch and some questions got answered and some misunderstandings explained.

At one of the General Sharing sessions, I asked Bob W. a question someone had asked me on my post-GSC reports. “Why when I sign up to get notices about a new Box 459 being published, I don’t get one? I have to keep looking online at AA.org to see if a new issue is out.” I received two answers on this question. The short answer was there hadn’t been a new issue of Box 459 since March 2023. The long answer was a reorganizing of some duties at the GSO and the software that took care of putting people on the mailing list for Box 459 and other things was faulty and lower on the priority list. As of the Forum, Bob said the bugs were fixed and to please sign up again and you should be notified when a new issue is published.

Saturday was finished by an ice cream social. I got to help. Wow what a job that was! The ice cream came in 5-gallon containers and nobody thought to bring them out to soften until a half hour before serving the ice cream. They were harder than concrete to scoop out (yes there was a container of hot water to dip the scooper in, but that didn’t help). Everybody was patient and joking about the scooping difficulty, but it took its toll on me.

If you have read this far, I’m going to let you in on something I heard. I was attending an online meeting on August 20th about the plain and simple translation of the BB. At the very end, John W., Non-Trustee Director of AAWS, stated that the array of the 12 steps (original 12 steps in one column and a translation of the 12 steps in a side-by-side column) has been removed from the draft of the translation. There was a stipulation with his statement that a work around for the array might still be in the works (whatever that would look like). At the WCRF it was confirmed that the array was removed from the draft and that having the side-by-side array was a step too far). I believe Area 35’s voice was heard.

I have another interesting tidbit to share, but I’m going to wait until the fall Assembly to reveal that one. I want one more confirmation before saying anything.

I hope your District elections are going well. This fall Assembly is our voting Assembly. We vote on five officers; Delegate, Alt-Delegate, Area Chair, Area Secretary and Area Treasurer. Just three positions are nominated off the floor; Area Chair, Area Secretary and Area Treasurer. A reminder before you nominate someone, ask the person you wish to nominate in private first if they would like to stand for the job. See you in St. Cloud!

In Service, Steven L.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – OPEN

CHAIR – CHRISTINE G

Greetings Area 35, Since the August Area Committee meeting, I have been busy getting facilities for upcoming Area 35 events.

I received some information and files from our Alternate Delegate. I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for the service that Justin has provided to Area 35. Thank you.

The 2024 January Service Workshop is booked at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud and will be held January 13-14, 2024. Past Delegate, Kelly D., has been gracious enough to help with getting details together by making up the flier, agenda and contacting districts to present. I appreciate all your help. We had to get this lined up to meet deadlines for publishing the flier and to ensure that we had a facility. The third weekend was not available, so we had to move it up a weekend. Hotels are also in order, and you will have two to choose from.

I have also booked the 2025 Spring Assembly at the same location. The incoming chair may want to start looking to see if there are other options in Zone 3. It is limited and we know that the convention center meets our needs. There are some inconveniences, but we will do our best to work through them. We are not able to access the event rooms until 6am Saturday morning so we will need to plan accordingly, and we may need some volunteers to help our Grapevine, Literature and Archives in setting up.

On August 27, I was day captain for the State Fair Booth. This was a wonderful experience to see our program touching people’s lives. Individuals stopped and asked questions and also shared how the program has affected them.

On August 29th, we had our first joint area Ad Hoc committee meeting to review aaminnesota.org. The committee will review the current layout and may propose recommendation to make the website more useful. More to come.

I helped area Webmaster coordinate times and places for Office 365 training. Thank you to District 9 DCM, Diane, for your help in getting the Hibbing location set up. On September 2nd, I will be attending the training session offered by Area Webmaster to better understand Office 365.

On September 23, I will be presenting at the Tri District workshop in Hibbing at the Alano Club. I will present on Third Legacy voting, Robert’s Rules of Order and share my service story. I look forward to the workshop.

I have completed the agenda for the Fall Assembly and continue to work on coffee and ice cream details. Coffee will be more expensive than what we are used to because we do have to use outside caterers.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35. In Unity and Service, Christine G.

SECRETARY – SALLY L

Greetings, Area 35. Since the August ACM, all I have done is completed and sent out the minutes. In service, Sally

TREASURER – VICKI R

No report given

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – KYLE H

No report given

NORTHERN LIGHT – HEIDI B.

Pretty quiet in the newsletter world. I was looking forward to my visit with District 21 to chat about the Northern Light, but my husband (Nels P) was hospitalized and I was unable to do so. I’m currently working on the Northern Light while in his room at the Mayo in Rochester. It has been a long and complicated couple of months, but we’re hanging in there. Thanks for all of the love and prayers. I'll see you at Fall Assembly.

GROUP RECORDS – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, It has been another busy month working with DCM’s and Groups to verify their status and update GSR/Primary Contact information. We have until the end of September to clean up all our Area’s “unknown” Group Status. If I don’t get verification from DCM’s on these unknown groups, I will inactivate them.

I am told the next item we will be working on with Group Services is verifying Districts and DCM’S. In preparing for that I do see we have a few District’s with no DCM or representation and I imagine at some point we are going to have to decide if we inactivate those Districts or not so I am learning more on that process.

I have been asked to be part of the AdHoc Committee to discuss our aaminnesota.org website we share with Area 36. We have met once and can tell we have many things to discuss. I am looking forward to this committee and working with others in Area 36 on this project.

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We have had some strange things happening with the Northern Light mailings as some long time members that have lived at the same address for years and received the Newsletter, did not receive the last mailing because they were “undeliverable” or just didn’t show up when they should have. We are not sure if it is a glitch in the post office/delivery system or what the case is but we continue to do our best to maintain correct mailing addresses for proper and timely delivery. If you have a problem receiving them, please let me know. Please let me know if you have moved recently, or will be going away for the winter to warmer climates, or just do not care to receive the NL any longer. I will be happy to take care of any changes. If you have any problems receiving the Newsletter, please check with me. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Assembly here in St. Cloud.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise R

LITERATURE – PAT M
No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – NELS P
Due to health issues and hospitalization, Nels was unable to tend to the AA booth at the State Fair. Thank you to Jess S and Christine G for stepping in for him. He is currently hospitalized at Mayo Rochester and will be there for a couple of weeks. Thanks for all of your prayers and support. We are so grateful for our AA family. - Heidi B

TREATMENT – RICCO R
These are the two questions I asked at the West Central Forum held in Missoula, Montana on 8/26/2023 to 8/28/2023. The questions were taken out of THE A. A. SERVICE MANUAL by Bill W. Edition 2021-2023 revised and updated.

First Question: Taken from the **CURRENT CONFERENCE CHARTER (United States and Canada)** Page 119

Number 1. Purpose: The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous is the guardian of world Conference shall be a service body only, never a government for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Number 3. Conference Relation to A.A.: The Conference will act for A.A. in the perpetuation and guidance of its world services, and it will also be the vehicle by which the A.A. movement can express its view upon all matters of vital A.A. policy and all hazardous deviations from A.A. Tradition. Delegates should be free to vote as their conscience dictates; they should also be free to decide what questions should be taken to the group level, whether for information, discussion, or their own direct instruction. But no change in Article 12 of the Charter or in the Twelve Traditions of A.A. or in the Twelve Steps of A.A. may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention. Page 119

My question at the mic addressing Bob the General manager of GSO: Is GSO going to do what it says in Number 3. of the Charter that when there is a change made putting different wording in our 12 steps of recovery of the Twelve Steps in the printing of the new version of the plain and simple language Big Book and get the written consent of three quarters of the A. A. groups in the world to make the changes, Bob pointed out Carolyn W., Class B Trustee, to give the answer. Carolyn said no, we will not get the consent of three-quarters of the groups in the world because there has already been changes in the 12 Steps made in the pamphlet 12 Steps Illustrated so there is no need to get the consent of three quarters of the groups in the world in A.A. anymore to make changes in the Twelve Steps. So, I was left to believe that our A.A. Service Manual will no longer protect Bill Wilson’s Twelve Steps from being changed in any kind of pamphlet or book or anywhere the Twelve Steps are printed.

Appendix L: Page 123: Resolution offered by Bill W. and adopted at the 20th Anniversary Convention of A.A., in 1955. (This Resolution Authorizes the General Service Conference to Act for Alcoholics Anonymous and to Become the Successor to Its Co-Founders.) AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD: That neither the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous nor the warranties of Article XII of the Conference Charter shall ever be changed or amended by the General Service Conference except by first asking the consent of the registered A.A. groups of the world. [This would include all A.A. groups known to the general service offices around the world. 3 These groups shall be suitably notified of any proposal for change and shall be allowed no less than six months for consideration thereof. And before any such Conference action can be taken, there must first be received in writing within the time allotted the consent of at least three-quarters of all those registered groups who respond to such proposal.

Footnote: 3 Resolution: It was resolved by the 1976 General Service Conference that those instruments requiring consent of three-quarters of the responding groups for change or amendment would include the Twelve Steps of A.A., should any such change or amendment ever be proposed. Page 123 **APPENDIX O: BYLAWS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE BOARD OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, INC. Conference and Convention.**

TRUSTEE VACANCY: Except for Class B Regional Trustee vacancies, in the event that any member trustee shall resign, die, retire, be removed, become disqualified, or shall be otherwise unable to serve, the trustees may, at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees, elect a new member trustee to fill such vacancy, or, alternatively, permit such a vacancy to continue until the next annual Class meeting of the members of the General Service Board. With respect to Class B regional member trustee vacancies occa-

sioned by resignation, death, retirement, removal, disqualification or other inability to serve, an election, as set forth hereinafter may be held, depending on when the vacancy occurs, or the vacancy \may remain unfilled for the remainder of the term, and regional coverage may be provided by the trustee-at-large or the regional trustee from an adjacent region.

My question at the mic addressing Bob the General Manager of GSO was: After reading the above TRUSTEE VACANCY PARAGRAPH To Bob and the A.A.s present at the forum. I asked Bob why we need the Class A Trustee to take over the vacancy made by the previous Trustee Mike L., when it states in what I read about TRUSTEE VACANCY: above that the Trustee needs to be a Class B Trustee. Bob then asked Mike L. to address the Issue. Mike L. told me he was still the West Central Trustee. I was confused because Mike L. had said earlier in our session of the forum that he could not handle the job of having two trustee roles and he needed the Class A Trustee to fill in his old job. Mike L. took the role of the interim Trustee of the Board of trustees for the main board of Trustees. I didn’t know what to say because the earlier part and many other times in the forum the Class A Trustee was highly praised for taking on Mike L’s position as the West Central Trustee as he said he could not do the position of two trustees.

In closing, I was happy I got to ask my two questions. I tried to stick with principles rather than personalities. Maybe I made some sense to some of the fellowship. I got a little angry at times and it showed. I know I will be welcomed back because our fellowship is a forgiving bunch. All in all, it was a very informative forum and the fellowship seemed to have a good time. I had to scale back and could not get all I wanted to say or explain in what I copied out of the service manual but I put page numbers so you could look up the issues at hand and make your own conclusions. That’s all I got, so all I can say is I love our fellowship, I love being sober, and I hope to keep on doing different things in service work because that is our mission, to help the still suffering alcoholic. Ricco

CPC - GREG C
No report given

ARCHIVIST – MARC N
Hi, Marc here, an alcoholic, and your Area35 archivist. Near the end of August I attended the West Central Regional Forum. I was not impressed, rather I was a bit discouraged. The event was mostly business, very little discussion of the spiritual part of AA. As an archivist there was little that I could take away and little to contribute. I am not likely going to attend another WCRAAF. I am hoping that when I attend the National Alcoholics Anonymous Archive Workshop I will be able to contribute and to take away things spiritual that will help our area archives.

My life is like a book, the stories are told in the printed words, but life is/was lived in the white space. Yours is too. In that white space are the distant memories of good times, your first friend, your first dalliance with alcohol... But then, maybe not soon after the white space filled with memories that were wanting to be forgotten. Alcoholism had set its grip. For those of us who were fortunate we found a way out, we worked these 12 steps and let go of the old memories, ready to make new ones. One of the promises tells us that “we will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it”. As we move forward our white space once again fills, and a few words define our stories for others.

Our Area 35 Archives have a lot of history of AAs early days, a good amount of district and area business, and many books and recordings. Some of these books could be considered outside issues and per AA traditions we should not have any opinion of them. My observation is that we tend to remember the good points, the softer not so harsh realities of our alcoholism. The stories seldom delve into the really dark side, maybe because our blackouts really do blank out those bad times. Then the recovery process begins to make new memories. The stories of recovery are often the more comfortable experiences, DTs are not mentioned, aversion therapies are glossed over, “the cure” is mentioned but not the “jag farm”, jail or prison. Most of the books, recordings and personal stories are from many years ago, there is an immense white space left by stories untold. Please help to record Area 35 history as told by the people who are here. Your story will very likely help another person find sobriety and serenity.

Please remember when telling your story to remain anonymous, the stories you tell could be displayed with Area 35 virtual archives. Keep your stories related to alcoholism, singleness of purpose does matter. And also please no mention of treatment center name or place of incarceration where you found sobriety.

In humble service, Marc

ARCHIVES – RENELL P
No report given

GRAPEVINE – MIKE U
No report given


CORRECTIONS - MARK R
No report given

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Joint Minnesota Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee
CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP
November 18, 2023
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Jack & Jim's Event Center
11025 Duelm Road NE
Foley MN 56329
(15 miles Northeast of St Cloud)

ONLINE AND IN PERSON



Ken B, Past West Central Regional Trustee, Omaha NE

James N, A.A. Speaker, Minneapolis MN

David Kieke, Programs Coordinator, Benton County Jail

Panel of Corrections Trusted Servants Discuss:
• How to serve in correctional facilities from jails/detention centers to prisons
• The clearance paperwork process
• How to participate as a Corrections Temporary Contact volunteer

Online Registration
Go to www.area35.org/svcccorrectionsworkshop for workshop information or use the QR Code below.
As the day of the workshop nears, a login will be provided at this location that will link to the registration page.
Contents of the workshop folders and forms will also be provided at this link or QR code.

Onsite Lunch \$15
Sandwich & Soup Buffet
with Cold Salad & Chips.

Unlimited Coffee \$3

For more information, contact:
Mark R, corrections@area35.org or Craig H, corrections@area36.org

2023 Service Events

**October 7-8: Fall Assembly
St. Cloud, MN**

**December 3: Area Committee Mtg
Aitkin, MN**

District's 07 and 18 Present
12 STEP BIG BOOK STUDY

Speaker - Roger (Farmington)
AGENDA
January 5th 6 pm - 9 pm (Steps)
January 6th 10 am - 1 pm (Steps) 2 pm - 6 pm (Steps)
1 pm - 2 pm Lunch on your own Dinner
January 7th 10 am - 1 pm (Steps)
Ask It Basket

Fort Ripley Town Hall
5190 Legend Ln. Fort Ripley, MN 56449

• Everyone interested in enriching their recovery and being of maximum service to god and those about us are welcome

• Coffee and doughnuts available

• Lunch will be on your own

• Chicken from Coburns will be provided for dinner with potluck - Please bring something to share

• Please contact Rich A at 320 - 412 - 0070 for further information or questions


Life is Exponentially Better!

**40th Annual St. Cloud Roundup
October 20-21, 2023
St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center
10-4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301**

Speakers
Friday 7:00 p.m. **Betty A.** - Al-Anon, Marikato, MN
8:30 p.m. **Patrick M.** - AA, Ottawa, Ontario, CA

Saturday 1:30 p.m. **Stacy M.** - AA, Columbia Heights, MN
3:00 p.m. **Karla E.** - AA, Marikato, MN
7:00 p.m. **Lori G.** - Al-Anon, Oklahoma City, OK
8:30 p.m. **Chf G.** - AA, Oklahoma City, OK

Saturday Meetings & Workshops
Workshops 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Recovery
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. Unity Service
11:00 - 11:50 a.m. Meetings
8:00 a.m. Big Book Meeting
8:00 a.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Lodging
Kelly Inn
100-4th Ave S.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Phone: 320-253-0606
Room rate: \$119/night
Register under St. Cloud Roundup by 9/22/23

Parking
The ramp is located underneath the Convention Center. Enter through the Green Mill/Kelly Inn lots.
• Free parking after 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
• Free parking Saturday - Sunday

**Fellowship!!
Hospitality Rooms
Ice Cream**

Online Registration
Now Available with PayPal at <http://www.stcloudroundup.org/form-76144.html>

\$15.00 Pre-Registration Ends 10/16/23 • Make Checks payable to SCR

Information: 218-296-0670
Address: stcloudroundup@gmail.com
Registration: Pre-Registration \$15.00
Registration \$20.00
Mail To: St. Cloud Roundup
PO Box 125
St. Cloud, MN 56302


Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Address _____
Email (SCR use only) _____
Pre-Registration: \$15.00 AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Other _____
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Area 35 Fall Assembly
October 7th-8th, 2023
River's Edge Convention Center
10 4th Avenue South
St Cloud, MN 56301

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn 100 4 th Ave. S St Cloud, MN 56301 Room Rate: \$139 + tax per night Reservations: (320)253-0606 Reserve under: NMAA Cutoff Date: September 6, 2023	Courtyard by Marriott St Cloud 404 W. St Germain St St Cloud, MN 56301 Room Rate: \$149 + tax per night Reservations: (320) 654-1661 Online link: Book your group rate for NMAA Conference Reserve under: NMAA Conference Cutoff Date: September 7, 2023
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Saturday, October 7
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 8
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes




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

48th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop
"Connecting With Love, Unity and Service"
January 13-14, 2024
River's Edge Convention Center
100 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Best Western Plus Kelly Inn 100 4 th Ave. South St Cloud, MN 56301 (No Parking Fee) Room Rate: \$129 + tax per night 2 Queen Beds Or King Bed Reservations: (320) 253-0606 Reserve under: NMAA Area 35 Cutoff Date: December 12, 2023	Courtyard by Marriott St Cloud 404 W. St Germain Street St Cloud, MN 56301 (Parking Fee \$4.51 Daily) Room Rate: \$149 + tax per night 2 Queen Beds \$129 + tax per night King Bed Reservations: (320) 654-1661 Reserve under: NMAA Cutoff Date: December 13, 2023
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Saturday January 13th
8:00 AM Registration Begins
9:00 AM Workshop Convenes
Sunday January 14th
9:00 AM Workshop Convenes



The Area 35 Service Workshop is designated to be educational and attended by any and all members of Alcoholics Anonymous inside and outside of Area 35. These workshops allow an opportunity to see what services are being provided in Northern Minnesota to better carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Several Districts in Northern Minnesota will be presenting and allowing for sharing on topics pertinent to Area 35 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Please come and join us for this wonderful opportunity and weekend of Recovery, Unity and Service!

\$15.00 Registration to strive toward the area action of making the service workshop self-supporting.

**“Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks
of the world out of the darkness and into the light.**

**Instead, each of us has been given a candle that burns for a short while
with a flickering flame.**

If we stand together, the light will outshine the greatest torch.

**If we argue and bicker and blow at each other’s candle so that each of us
starts shielding our own little flame, then the alcoholics of the world
will continue to suffer in darkness, and so will we.”**

Gerry F, Western Canada Regional Trustee, 1995

Tradition Five
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Says the old proverb, “Shoemaker, stick to thy last.” Trite, yes. But very true for us of AA. How well we need to heed the principle that it is better to do one thing supremely well than many things badly.

Because it has now become plain enough that only a recovered alcoholic can do much for a sick alcoholic, a tremendous responsibility has descended upon us all, an obligation so great that it amounts to a sacred trust. For to our kind, those who suffer alcoholism, recovery is a matter of life or death. So the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous cannot, it dare not, ever be diverted from its primary purpose.

Temptation to do otherwise will come aplenty. Seeing fine works afoot in the field of alcohol, we shall be sorely tempted to loan out the name and credit of Alcoholics Anonymous to them; as a movement we shall be beset to finance and endorse other causes. Should our present success continue, people will commence to assert that AA is a brand-new way of life, maybe a new religion, capable of saving the world. We shall be told it is our bounden duty to show modern society how it ought to live.

Oh, how very attractive these projects and ideas can be! How flattering to imagine that we might be chosen to demonstrate that olden mystic promise: ‘The first shall be last and the last shall be first.’ Fantastic, you say. Yet some of our well-wishers have begun to say such things.

Fortunately, most of us are convinced that these are perilous speculations, alluring ingredients of that new heady wine we are now being offered, each bottle marked “Success”!

Of this subtle vintage may we never drink too deeply. May we never forget that we live by the grace of God — on borrowed time; that anonymity is better than acclaim; that for us as a movement poverty is better than wealth. And may we reflect with ever deepening conviction, that we shall never be at our best except when we hew only to the primary spiritual aim of AA. That of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers alcoholism.

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life—the one that did not work—for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Regardless of worldly success or failure, regardless of pain or joy, regardless of sickness or health or even of death itself, a new life of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue our awakening, through the practice of A.A.’s Twelve Steps.

~ **Bill W, GRAPEVINE, December 1957**



Area 35
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

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

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

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

Thank you for your help.

Agenda
Deadline Dates

September 15th

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

February 15th

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

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

4th Sunday in February

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

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT

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

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

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

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

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

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

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

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

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

Northern Light Editor, Heidi B

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

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

Cold Spring Record
PO Box 456
403 West Wind Court
Cold Spring, MN 56320
With an Attn: Northern Light on the mailing address
Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light
4. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are **1000 copies printed with 750 pieces to mail**. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings and assemblies.

Number of Copies	Printing Costs		Insertion Fee	Total Cost
	1 Sided	2 Sided		
750	\$ 68	\$ 90	\$ 30	\$ 98/120
1000	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 30	\$ 120/150
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

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!

RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

- ◆ Only Area 35 A.A. Members may submit a flier. Fliers must be for A.A. sponsored events only.
- ◆ Fliers needed—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

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

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

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

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

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

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

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

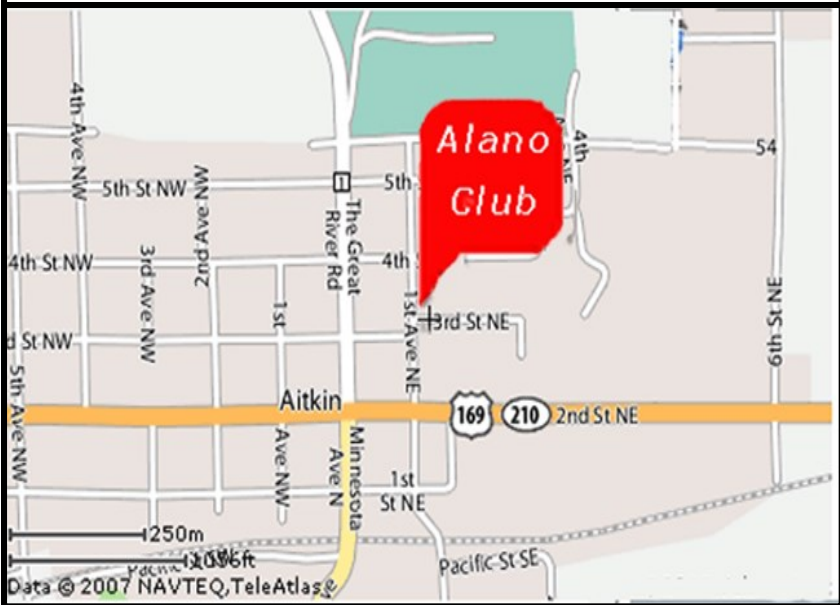
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

AREA 35
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?

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



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OUR PAST DELEGATES					
<u>Panel 70</u> 2020-2021 Jim S		<u>Panel 40</u> 1990-1991 Bob J		<u>Panel 16</u> 1966-1967 Arno A (deceased)	
<u>Panel 68</u> 2018-2019 Christine G		<u>Panel 38</u> 1988-1989 Scott J		<u>Panel 14</u> 1964-1965 Donald F (deceased)	
<u>Panel 66</u> 2016-2017 Kelly D		<u>Panel 36</u> 1986-1987 Louie H		<u>Panel 12</u> 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)	
<u>Panel 64</u> 2014-2015 Michael “Jake” J		<u>Panel 34</u> 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)		<u>Panel 10</u> 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)	
<u>Panel 62</u> 2012-2013 Jim K		<u>Panel 32</u> 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)		<u>Panel 8</u> 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)	
<u>Panel 60</u> 2010-2011 Jon C		<u>Panel 30</u> 1980-1981 Don M (deceased)		<u>Panel 6</u> 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 58</u> 2008-2009 JoAnne M N		<u>Panel 28</u> 1978-1979 Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)		<u>Panel 4</u> 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)	
<u>Panel 56</u> 2006-2007 Jerry S		<u>Panel 26</u> 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)		<u>Panel 2</u> 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)	
<u>Panel 54</u> 2004-2005 Charlie C		<u>Panel 24</u> 1974-1975 Gordon B. H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 52</u> 2002-2003 Tim C		<u>Panel 22</u> 1972-1973 Frank P. J (deceased)			
<u>Panel 50</u> 2000-2001 Tom A		<u>Panel 20</u> 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)			
<u>Panel 48</u> 1998-1999 Susie A		<u>Panel 18</u> 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)			
<u>Panel 46</u> 1996-1997 Bill P (deceased)					
<u>Panel 44</u> 1994-1995 Bruce B					
<u>Panel 42</u> 1992-1993 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	
<p>Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate’s job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7 - 8, 2023
River’s Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud, MN

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration</p> <p>_____ 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation (Herberger) & Action Chair Committee Meetings</p> <p>_____ 11:30 a.m. Lunch - on your own</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes</p> <p>_____ Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Why We Need a Conference</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Recognize GSRs</p> <p>_____ Add to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve 2023 Spring Assembly Minutes</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Steve L</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – OPEN</p> <p>_____ Chair – Christine G</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Sally L</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Vicki R</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ CPC – Greg C</p> <p>_____ District 18 – Scott S</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Lisa M</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE – Pat M</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Terry A</p> <p>_____ District 5 – Jarrin V</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Kyle H</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Heidi B</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Melvin S</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Denise R</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Dave C</p> <p>_____ TREATMENT – Ricco R</p> <p>_____ District 6 – Julie N</p> <p>_____ District 7 – Robert N</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Renell P</p> <p>_____ District 11 – Vicki R</p> <p>_____ District 14 -</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS/State Wide Update – Mark R</p> <p>_____ District 9 - Diane R</p> <p>_____ District 8 - Heather L</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION - Nels P</p> <p>_____ District 2 –</p> <p>_____ District 4 – James W</p> <p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Mike U</p> <p>_____ District 1 -</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Jim R</p> <p>_____ District 21 - Jennifer T</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Reports/Business</p> <p>3:45 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Reports/Business</p> <p>4:45 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session (Herberger)</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session (Schilplin)</p> <p>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs (Swisshelm)</p> <p>_____ Open AA Meeting (First American)</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner (On Your Own)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Finish Reports/Business</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting (Herberger)</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session Report</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session Report</p> <p>_____ Officers/Action Chair Session Report</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ Tabled Motion – “To get an email address for the new Treatment Committee Treatment Temporary Contact Coordinator. The cost per month will be \$5.50.”</p> <p>_____ Tabled Motion - “Move the February ACM to the first Sunday in February”</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate Position Update – Do we need to vote in a replacement?</p> <p>_____ Articles of Association</p> <p>_____ Area Inventory Recommendations</p> <p>_____</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>_____ Clarification on definition of Failed motion from Spring Assy 2023 “For 2023 only, Area 35 will hold ACMs virtually, and offer hybrid Assemblies and workshops.”</p> <p>_____ Support State Fair Booth 2024 with time and money?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____ WCR Trustee Nomination</p> <p>_____ Elections: Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer</p> <p>_____ Vote to allow incoming Area Chair to select standing committee Chairs approved at December Committee Meeting</p> <p>_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</p> <p>_____ Adjourn</p>
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